

People of Pius X

Newsletter for the Parish

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From the Pastor's Desk



My Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

We of the Catholic Community of Saint Pius X are blessed in so many ways. This is the time of the year when we tend to focus on our blessings and on the gift of family and friends. This also affords us the opportunity to reconnect with others and to share the many things that have taken place in our lives over the past year. This can be a joyful, if not hectic time, but also a great time of the year. However, for some, illness, death, the loss of a job, or some other family or personal circumstance may bring a difficult and

challenging time to this season. This is why it is so important that we be there for one another and supportive of one another. You will all be in our prayers and in our Mass intentions as we celebrate this special season of hope and promise.

This has been a year of growth and change in our parish community and we are grateful to all those who from staff to leadership and volunteers make so much happen. You can sense the Spirit moving in our prayer and worship and in a growing sense of community spirit as we strive together to pursue community building and mutual support. There is an increasingly positive spirit and the sense of a new era beginning as we build for the future. There is a new and refreshing "Pride in Pius."

In these difficult and challenging economic times, we see an increase in stewardship support for our many ministries, services, and ongoing parish maintenance. The challenges that we all face cause us to carefully evaluate our priorities and to make things happen. Your active financial support makes all this possible. Your sharing of your gifts and talents allows us to accomplish even more as so many share their unique talents and gifts. For example, our new music ministry is thriving as we develop choirs and establish a solid and prayerful atmosphere in our worship. Our school continues to grow and through the generosity of benefactors, we now have an updated Social Center and a new parish playground. We have a beautiful baptistery built by our own parishioners, and a Prayer Chapel donated by our own parishioners. In these and in so many other ways, we are truly a community on the move, guided by the Spirit.

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From the Pastor's Desk (continued)

As we celebrate the Christmas Season, we know that you will be generous in the support of the parish. We also know that you know that we are happy to be of assistance to you in any way that we can. We invite you to "Come Home" for Christmas and to join us in prayer, song, and fraternity. Together, as one in the Spirit, we all form this vibrant and active community of faith that has not only "Pride in Pius," but that also reaches out generously to those in need.

On behalf of our Parish Ministry Team and Staff and our wonderful parish leadership, we once again invite you to join us in the celebration of Christmas. Our Christmas Masses will be on Christmas Eve at 3:30 pm, 5:30 pm. and a Festival of Hymns with the Choir and Assembly at 10:30 pm followed by Mass at 11:00 pm and on Christmas Day at 8:30 and 10:30 am with a Spanish Mass at 7:00 pm for both prayer, song, and sharing as we celebrate the Birth of Christ.

We wish you all the many blessings of this Holy Season and a Blessed Christmas to you and your loved ones. We look forward to gathering together if you are able to join us and we will remember all of you in our prayers and Masses. May you all be abundantly blessed in the coming New Year. As your pastor, I am grateful to you and thankful for you, a wonderful and vibrant faith-filled community.

+Peace in Christ, Our Savior



Reverend Thomas A. Corbino
Pastor of the Saint Pius X Catholic Community



People of Pius CCW

January 2011 will be a busy month for the St. Pius X Council of Catholic Women. The weekend of January 8th and 9th, we will host Friendship Sunday. As part of this event, we will also hold our annual baby shower. Donation of new clothing, other baby items, and of course, cash would be greatly appreciated. Through your generosity we will help parents and young children.

On Sunday, January 16th, we will hold our annual Tea Party at the Carlisle in Lombard. The tea will run from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. The theme this year is The Mad Hatter's Tea Party. If you wish, please wear a fancy hat. Our raffle packages and favors will reflect this Alice in Wonderland theme. Tickets will be available after weekend Masses until January 9th. For more information you can contact Carol Weiland at 630.495.2647. We look forward to seeing many of you at our tea.



Wine and Unwind dinner will be held on Thursday, February 10, 2011, in memory of Sr. Helen Susan. Further information will be in the bulletin after the first of the year.

The Seder dinner is planned for Thursday, April 7, 2011 in the Wagner Room at 7 p.m. During the evening, the significance of the Seder meal will be explained. There will be limited seating. If you would like to attend, please contact Cheryl Sutton at 630.740.5838. There will be further announcements in the bulletin after the first of the year.



Parish to Honor Parishioner William “Bill” Mueller at Neon Knights Live and Silent Auction in February!

Plans are underway for our “Neon Knights - 80’s Revival for Education” Live and Silent Auction on Saturday, February 26, 2011, at Montini Catholic High School in Lombard. All are invited to enjoy a nostalgic evening of dining, reminiscing and live and silent bidding on fabulous prizes and deluxe gift baskets.

We are thrilled to announce that Lombard President and parishioner, William “Bill” Mueller will be this year’s honorary guest. Bill and his lovely wife, Eileen, have been active members of our parish and school community for over 45 years, since moving here in August of 1965. At that time they made a commitment to send their daughters Debbie and Donna to St. Pius X Parish School. Bill became involved in numerous parish and school activities including becoming an usher, joining the Knights of Columbus, Parish Council, Holy Name Society as well as the School Board and Cub Scouts (to name just a few). Both daughters were married at St. Pius X, and Bill and Eileen celebrated their 25th and 50th wedding anniversaries here. When asked if he would accept our invitation to be this year’s auction honorary guest, Bill happily agreed saying, “Our most wonderful memories of St. Pius will always be the friends we have made and the joy of being a part of the St. Pius X Parish family.” We are so excited to honor Bill and his ongoing dedication to our parish.



An 80’s style lip-sync contest, “Dignity For Dollars” — with courageous St. Pius parents as contestants, will provide the entertainment for the evening, with catering donated entirely by Anyways Restaurant and Pub of Oakbrook Terrace.

The students of St. Pius are also getting involved by participating in numerous contests including a “My Parents Looked Crazy in the 80s Photo Contest” where they are asked to bring in a “crazy” photo of their parents (from the 80s of course). The auction committee is also sponsoring an 80’s Essay contest for our Jr. High Students in the hopes of educating them on the events that shaped the decade. Winners will be announced February 4, 2011, during Catholic Schools’ Week Family Night. Students will also be “challenged” starting in January to raise money towards having school principal Mr. Flaherty perform a lip-sync act at the auction. If enough money is collected, Mr. Flaherty will perform!

This will truly be a night to remember. Tickets will go on sale in January and can be purchased during school hours in the school office, or online at www.stpiuslombard.org/school. Tickets purchased on or before February 1, 2011 are available at an early bird rate (\$5.00 discount per ticket) of \$49 for reserved table seating, \$39.00 for general seating and \$29 for seniors (general seating).

We will also be holding exciting raffles leading up to and during the auction — one of them (back by popular demand) being a chance to win a full year’s paid tuition for one lucky student (\$50.00 per ticket — only 200 tickets will be sold). More details regarding the auction and raffle tickets will be in the weekly bulletin.

Proceeds from Neon Knights Live and Silent Auction will directly support the educational services St. Pius has provided children from Lombard, Villa Park, and surrounding communities for more than five decades. Past auction funds have enhanced the school’s technology resources, made capital improvements to the facility, provided hands-on learning opportunities for the students as well as provided tuition assistance to struggling families.

St. Pius X Parish School provides an education filled with faith, service and academic excellence to more than 475 local children, encouraging intellectual, social and spiritual growth of the students. The continued success of our wonderful school is made possible by the support of parishioners, school families, local businesses and the community at large.

The auction committee is extremely grateful for any and all donations. Cash contributions and corporate sponsorships will be greatly appreciated. Businesses also have the opportunity to advertise in the Auction Bid Book. All donations are tax deductible. Interested parties may log onto www.neonknightsauction.com and download a Donation/Advertising Commitment Form or contact Barbara Dawson, 2011 Auction Chair, at donations@neonknightsauction.com or 630.758.0461.

Financial Report 2009-2010

Dear Parishioners:

Our parish Finance Council has prepared its annual Financial Report for your review, covering the period of July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010. It is an accounting of how your generous support enables our faith community to continue its mission of *“restoring all things in Christ.”* Capital Campaign and Golden Touch reports were published in the September issue of the People of Pius X Newsletter.

We are grateful for your sacrificial generosity to our recent Stewardship Appeal and promise that we will do our best to be good stewards of your gifts. It gives me pleasure to be able to tell you that we have no outstanding unpaid bills, with the exception of the Asbestos Loan. Our cash flow is positive and our reserve to pay bills is on deposits earning interest at the Diocese and at West Suburban Bank. Our Business Manager will gladly answer any questions you have about the report.

Thank you for all you do to show your Pride in Pius. I pray for you every day and ask that you continue to pray for me. God bless you in this joyful season as we celebrate the birth of our Lord.

Fr. Tom Corbino, Pastor

Catholic Community of St. Pius X - July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010 Financial Report

	Actuals				Budget
	Church	Faith Formation	School	Total	7/1/09-6/30/10
Unrestricted Revenue:					
Sunday Collections	816,311	0	0	816,311	840,542
Other Collections	92,184	0	0	92,184	115,500
Rental Income	4,800	0	0	4,800	0
Fundraisers	1,643	1,240	208,926	211,809	249,500
Tuition and Fees	7,097	62,011	1,454,439	1,523,547	1,506,245
Other Unrestricted Revenue	38,091	0	61,488	99,579	142,500
Total Unrestricted Revenue	960,126	63,251	1,724,853	2,748,230	2,854,287
Operating Expenses:					
Salaries	255,559	46,105	1,320,140	1,621,804	1,658,209
Fringe Benefits	82,290	6,062	474,551	562,903	620,561
Repairs & Maintenance	28,836	8,234	78,090	115,160	89,492
Services	11,927	958	36,951	49,836	53,630
Materials & Supplies	82,523	23,839	71,019	177,381	154,591
Insurance	6,417	3,002	21,912	31,331	29,636
Utilities	35,956	9,512	61,498	106,966	130,284
Diocesan Assessment	44,133	0	0	44,133	46,246
Other Operating Expense	1,643	0	60,976	62,619	45,622
Capital Expenditures	8,273	0	1,800	10,073	7,500
Asbestos Loan Principal	18,516	0	0	18,516	18,516
Total Operating Expenses	576,073	97,712	2,126,937	2,800,722	2,854,287
Revenue - Expenses	384,053	(34,461)	(402,084)	(52,492)	
Parish Subsidies	-	34,461	402,084	-	
TOTAL SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	0	0	0	(52,492)	

Additional Information

Asbestos Loan Balance	\$160,144.03	(1990 interest free loan from diocese)
Operating Funds on Deposit	\$185,054.96	

People of Pius – School News

This school year our principal, Mr. Daniel Flaherty, challenged our student population to raise a total of \$15,000 for our annual Run-A-Thon. As an extra incentive, the principal agreed to wear a kilt for the day if they achieved this goal. The students of St. Pius X rose to the challenge and exceeded the principal's goal. Our thanks to all our families and sponsors who supported this endeavor. Each of our students received a Run-A-Thon t-shirt that they can wear to school on the days they have gym.

Student Council

St. Pius X Parish School Student Council is comprised of students in sixth, seventh and eighth grade. These students meet monthly and support our school, parish and community through various service projects and events. This November, the Student Council sponsored a food drive to collect donations for our St. Vincent DePaul food pantry. Our thanks to all our school families for their generosity and for helping the many families and homeless people who depend on these donations.

In December, the Student Council will be collecting new and unwrapped toys for the United States Marine Corps annual Toys for Tots collection.

Open House

St. Pius X Parish School will be hosting a series of open houses to kick-off our annual Catholic Schools Week events. We welcome all prospective families to come and meet our teachers and principal, take a tour of our facilities and experience the wonderful learning environment at St. Pius.

Open Houses are scheduled as follows:

Sunday, January 30, 2011 from 12:30 pm until 2:30 pm

Monday, January 31, 2011 from 9:00 am until 11:00 am

Tuesday, February 1, 2011 from 9:00 am until 11:00 am

We welcome you to join our vibrant school community and experience the benefits of a Catholic education!

We are proud to offer:

- An average class size of 20-22, with two classes per grade level
- Full-day and morning half-day kindergarten programs
- Art, Music, Computer, Library and Physical Education
- State-of-the-art technology in use throughout the building
- Spanish curriculum that begins in third grade
- Daily hot lunch program available for full-day students
- Service projects
- No-cut athletic program for fifth to eighth grade students
- Wide variety of extracurricular activities including Chess Club, Art Club, Running Club, Drama Club, Student Council, Spanish Club, etc.
- Warm family atmosphere
- Extended care available before and after school

Have you heard the buzz about our Preschool Program?

Children are able to attend up to five mornings or five full days each week or a combination thereof. This “flexible” program was designed to help parents better meet the learning needs of their children. For additional information, please call 630.627.2353 or visit online at www.stpiuslombard.org/school!



**The new playground sign
is now in place!**

St. Pius X Prayer Chapel

This spring, Catholic Community of St. Pius X opened the Prayer Chapel with a dedicating blessing from our Pastor. This Chapel was constructed in response to the people of St. Pius' wish to have an Adoration Chapel, expressed in the questionnaires for the Capital Campaign.

A lot of work went into the creation of the space. The O'Neill Room was cut in half, with the back half becoming the sacred space for the Eucharist. Separate heating/cooling ductwork was put in, and a new altar constructed. Deacon John Chan took on a leadership role, in union with our Pastor, Fr. Corbino, to plan the construction and opening, and to recruit Leaders for each day the Chapel is open. A new doorbell was installed by the entrance opposite the playground, to obtain access to the space. So...the Chapel is open, and the Eucharist is available for Adoration Sunday through Friday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. What does this mean for you, and for the Parish as a whole?

"In a world where there is so much noise, so much bewilderment, there is a need for silent adoration of Jesus concealed in the Host. Be assiduous in the prayer of adoration and teach it to the faithful. It is a source of comfort and light, particularly to those who are suffering." Pope Benedict XVI, February 22, 2007, Sacramentum Caritas, Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation.

Our Pope is encouraging you to take advantage of the peace and grace available in Adoration. We all get tired because of the burdens, duties, and projects in our everyday life. *"It's easy to get caught up in all the demands of our physical world. With my hourly commitment to Adoration I am forced to step out of the world that surrounds me and enter into my spiritual world. If I didn't have Adoration 'in my schedule', it wouldn't happen. And the rewards are so wonderful!!!...He does just want to spend time with us. Everyone should 'schedule in' an hour with Jesus!"* Estelle Soger

Even when you feel distracted, desolate, and restless, the mere fact that you put your faith into practice by taking time out and choosing to visit Him brings indescribable delight to His Sacred Heart.

"Our Lord needs from us neither great deeds nor profound thoughts. Neither intelligence nor talents. He cherishes simplicity." St. Therese of Lisieux

Jesus is so grateful for every visit you make to Him that, because of your visit, each person on earth is blessed and experiences a new effect of His goodness, grace and mercy. Your sacrifice of time and love benefits every person in this Parish, as we are all the body of Christ. You do not have to pray in any special way, or any special prayers. Your faith, your sacrifice, your love will speak for you. Jesus can 'take' all your prayer, and wants to hear it, the bad and the good! *"Time flies in the Chapel. It is wonderful to see all the faithful, loving people who come to spend time with Jesus in such an intimate way...Don't be surprised if at first you are like I was and worry about not having warm, fuzzy feelings about sitting in silence and thinking you are not doing it right. Just remember that Jesus has been waiting to spend quality time with you, just the two of you. He can handle your whining and complaining and questioning what the heck is happening in your life."* Catherine Monckton

You so touch His heart by putting your faith into action that the whole world benefits, and great graces come to you.

"Yet when we look upon the Blessed Sacrament we behold in faith the very beauty of Paradise, the most exciting reality in our life, for contained in the Holy Eucharist is Jesus' personal love for you, which is all the love of heaven and earth combined." Mother Teresa of Calcutta, Rosary Meditations

Our Savior resides in our own Prayer Chapel at St. Pius, and He is looking very much forward to seeing you there. We believe as Catholics that the Eucharist is Jesus Christ's body, blood, soul and divinity; all that He is. If someone at the grocery store told you that Jesus was in the frozen food aisle, wouldn't you go there in a hurry, if only to be in His holy presence? Christ is quietly calling you to a new life with Him. Won't you answer His call?

"What should I do now? What direction should I take? These are questions that many of us have asked ourselves at one time or another. These questions hit me like a bolt of lightning when I was faced with problems beyond my capacity to handle alone. Many years earlier, I had fallen away from my faith and the Church. But fate stepped in and introduced me to a kind and caring Catholic chaplain.

So, week after week, I was inspired by the gospels and the words that Father Tom spoke. In time, I was moved to give some of the goodness that I received at St. Pius back. When I saw that the Adoration Chapel was looking for volunteers, I knew this would be my small way of helping the parishioners of St. Pius...It has become a wonderful time of reflection, meditation and motivation to be closer to Jesus."
Mary Pat Densmore

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St. Pius X Prayer Chapel (continued)

“Sanctify yourself and you will sanctify a society.” St. Francis of Assisi

“...I was asked to be a Leader by Deacon John. I agreed, because I could not refuse to help bring others into the Real Presence of Our Lord Jesus. (I am) able to run to the Lord and pour out my heart to Him about all my worries, sufferings AND joys and know He understands my spoken and unspoken words. When my ‘apron’ is full with all that is on my heart, I can come before Jesus and ‘empty’ it out at His feet and he turns all to flowers.” Michelle LoCoco

All we will ever need to face the storms and joys of our lives are contained in the power and mercy of God in His grace. Jesus asks us to come away with Him, as He said to His apostles “Come by yourselves to an out-of-the-way place and rest awhile.” (Mark 6:31)

This out-of-the-way place doesn’t have to be a deserted area that is hard to find! It can be a place where you can close out the cares of the world for a time, and rest in the presence of Christ. It is a place where you can open yourself to your Lord, while He opens up the storehouses of His riches to you. That place is the St. Pius X Prayer Chapel.

Please come and visit your Prayer Chapel. If you are able, we always need volunteers to commit to one hour a week in silent prayer before Jesus. These volunteers make having the Chapel open to all a reality. Take a look at your schedule and see if you can serve St. Pius in this meaningful way. The Leaders for each day and their contact information follows; but whatever you decide, decide today to make a visit. No one comes away from time with Jesus unchanged. What will God do for you?

Sunday	.....Estelle Soger	..... 630.627.8310
Monday	.....Catherine Monckton	..... 708.646.8067
Tuesday	.....Michelle LoCoco	..... 630.620.6283
Wednesday	.....Linda Chan	..... 630.941.8918
Thursday	.....Ceil D’Acquisto	..... 630.627.9472
Friday	.....Carol Gawenda	..... 630.833.3211

If you would like to support the Prayer Chapel in its mission to become self-sustaining, please place your donation in the box provided in the Chapel. Costs for candle fuel and heating and cooling are expensive. The Prayer Chapel would like to avoid becoming a drain on the Parish finances. You can help by your generous donation. Thank you!



Items from the new Prayer Chapel

Junior High and Youth Ministry

Junior High Faith Formation

Our junior high Faith Formation classes have been very busy deepening their catechesis. They are learning more types of prayer and how to pray, have taken a tour of our church to learn more of the traditions of our Catholic Faith, have been actively participating in our youth ministry program called The EDGE, and so much more.

As we move into a brand New Year soon, our 7th grade classes will begin their Sacramental Preparation toward Confirmation, and our 8th grade classes will begin a more intensive study of the Sacrament. Our 6th graders will develop a deeper knowledge of the Bible.

Youth Ministry

Our junior high youth ministry program has already had two evening sessions of The EDGE. This program is open to our junior high of both St. Pius X School as well as Faith Formation. It's an exciting program, which takes a look at different topics within our faith in a more hands on and sometimes, creative way. We have also participated in the Diocesan Junior High Day back in October. We moved between four stations that gave us some great games, teamwork, and active ways to learn more about the parts of the Mass. Coming up in March, the 5th graders from St. Pius X School will be participating in Cathedral Days in Joliet where they will participate in an interactive tour of the Cathedral of St. Raymond.

Our senior high program has been extremely busy. We've gone downtown and fed many homeless with sack lunches, deepened our faith by talking about some key issues, are becoming stronger prayer warriors, and are looking forward to an outstanding rest of this year. Our teens are taking on many more roles of leadership both within our parish as well as taking on roles of leadership in upcoming summer camps. We will be having some fun social events coming up at Vertical Endeavors and skating at Millennium Park. This January some of our teens will be heading to Washington DC to participate in the March for Life with our Diocese. Keep your eye out for our annual plant and flower sale coming up this spring.

Faith Formation: Kindergaren - Fifth Grade

Your Faith Formation K-5 is in full swing now and we are looking forward to many great events. The First Reconciliation for the second graders is taking place on January 22 and the 29th. First communion will be on May 14th. Please pray for all those receiving the sacraments. The First graders are also starting to prepare for the sacraments with learning the Mass.

All the catechists are doing wonderful jobs helping to make our Catholic Faith alive for all the children in the K-5 program. There are many wonderful projects that they undertake, for example our 5th grade Catechists make wonderful advent wreaths so that the children can take them home and use them during the season of advent. The children in K-5 also take many trips to the Church so that they can see the beauty of what it means to celebrate and worship as a community. Please pray for all our catechists and students!!

RCIA and RCIC

Your St. Pius X RCIA is pleased to announce that there are 20 people, both RCIA and RCIC, coming into full communion with the Catholic Church!! They have been through the Rite of Acceptance and the Call to Continuing Conversion.

The Rite of Sending and the Rite of Election will be taking place on March 12th and 13th. The Scrutinies will be taking place at the 5 p.m. Masses on Saturdays starting on the 26th of March. Please come out and support our Catechumens!!

More information can be found on the parish website www.Stpiuslombard.org under the RCIA section. Please pray for our new brothers and sisters in Christ!!

Society of St. Vincent DePaul Annual Report-Fiscal Year 2010

Through your generous support of St. Vincent DePaul this year, we were able to assist 1,844 clients using the money shown in the chart below (this included help with rent and utility bills, plus bus cards and gasoline, and grocery gift cards. In addition, we gave away \$31,869 worth of food from the pantry.

Thank you for all your help – it is because of your sharing that we can continue to help the poor and less fortunate in our community.



Beginning Balance			\$3,848
Donations	\$36,994		
Other SVDP	\$4,640		
Total Receipts		\$41,634	
Total Available			\$45,482
Spent on Clients	\$34,356		
Dues	\$243		
Office Expense	\$309		
Northern IL Food Depository	\$2,006		
Total Expenses		\$36,914	
Ending Balance			\$8,568

From the Desk of the Business Manager

- Pictorial Directory:** We still have several people who did not pick up their pictorial directories. The “Pride in Pius” pictorial directories are available at the Parish Office Monday through Friday. A limited number of directories are available for \$10 for anyone wanting an extra directory or for those who did not have a picture taken.



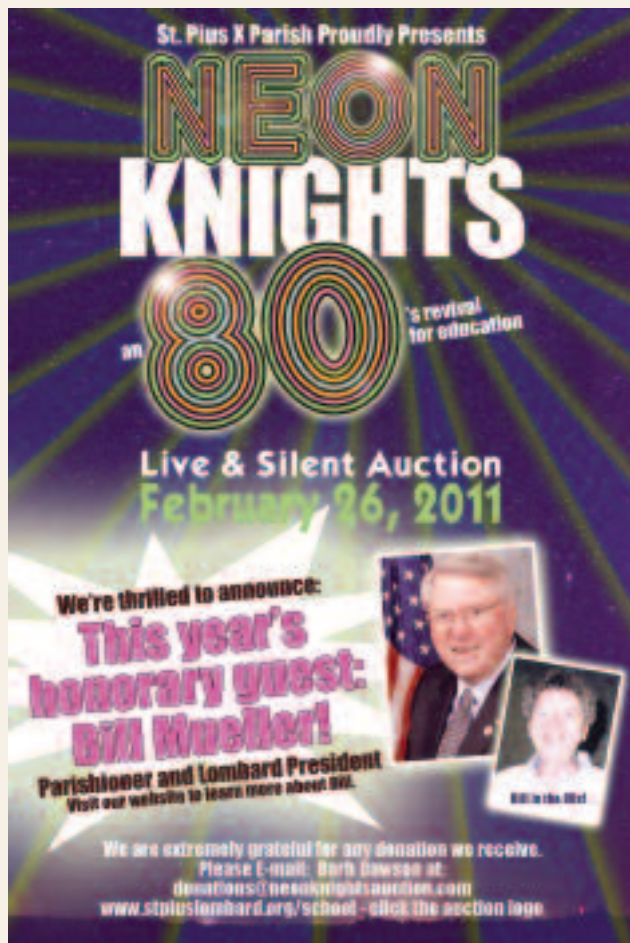
Thanksgiving: Our annual Thanksgiving Mass gave our parishioners and others in our community an opportunity to thank God for all the blessings in our lives. Again this year Turano Baking Company was very generous in donating loaves of bread that were blessed and distributed to take home and share with our extended families. Please remember Turano when you are purchasing bread items for your holiday get togethers and throughout the year.

- Mural:** A three scene mural at the entrance into our church by James Maas has been completed. Jesus Speaking to the Children, the Holy Spirit and the Good Shepherd are beautifully depicted. The scenes in the mural can be established as a memorial for yourself or a loved one. The Good shepherd has been memorialized; Jesus Speaking to the Children and the Holy Spirit scenes are still available. The donation for a scene is \$500. Contact the Parish Office for more information.



- Annual Finance Report:** The parish financial report is published in this newsletter as required by the diocese. Thank you to all who have graciously contributed to our parish. If you have any questions on your statement, please do not hesitate to contact me. A reminder that any donation that you would want to make for this calendar year 2010 must be received by the parish by December 31.
- Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!** May God bless you and your family with good health and happiness this Christmas Season and throughout the New Year!

God's Peace,
John Matyasik



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