

*Catholic Community of
St. Pius X*

DECEMBER 11, 2011

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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ADVENT ~ A JOYFUL COMING ~ RENEWING OUR SPIRIT
DECEMBER 11, 2011
WEEK THREE: REJOICE IN THE LORD ~ THE LIGHT IS NEAR

The Scriptures of the Third Sunday of Advent:

The First Reading: Isaiah 61: 1-2a, 10-11

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me;"
"I rejoice heartily in the Lord, in my God is the joy of my soul."
Isaiah rejoices in the Lord, even as he finds joy as he is sent to proclaim glad tidings and the time of favor and vindication.

The Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5: 16-24

"Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing."
"May the God of peace make you perfectly holy."
Paul calls for the entire person (body, spirit, soul) to be preserved blameless for the coming of the Lord.

The Gospel: John 1: 6-8, 19-28

"A man named John was sent from God."
"He was not the light, but came to testify to the light."
He proclaimed: "I am the voice of one crying in the desert, make straight the way of the Lord."
John announces the coming of Christ.



Advent Reflections by Father Tom:

The words of the Scriptures jump from the pages of this sacred book this week and evoke the images of salvation and joy. Isaiah speaks the words that Jesus himself will later proclaim as he begins his public ministry and the words that Mary will later echo in her magnificat. These are words of Spirit and joy. These are words of mission and hope. These are images of salvation by our God and cause for joy. These are words of glad tidings, favor and vindication, as we prepare for the coming of the Lord. How enlightening and how awesome. The good news, the glad tidings of the angels echo this joy in their announcement of the birth of the Savior to shepherds in the hills, a message to all and to the common person, not the wealthy and privileged. Glad tidings that a Savior is born.

We, the latter day crowds, hear the cry of John the Baptist, the time of his coming is near. We, the latter day shepherds, hear the song of the angels, the glad tidings, the good news, that a Savior is born. We, the common people, not the wealthy and the privileged, rejoice in salvation in his name. We prepare by praying without ceasing as we rejoice in the power of Christ to make us perfectly holy and to preserve us as blameless in his blood as we await his return. Yes, the light is near and we need not embrace the darkness for we are children of the light. Challenged and even opposed, we are strengthened and enlightened for the journey, even as we await his return in glory. We celebrate with joy and inner peace, the coming of our God, in Jesus Christ. As we await his return, we are made new and perfected in his Spirit. This is great cause to rejoice heartily in the Lord as we too are sent forth into the world to proclaim his glad tidings, his Good News, by our words and in our deeds.

Humbly, we walk with God as we walk in the light of Christ. Like John, we announce the coming of Christ. Like John we are the voices in the desert calling all to prepare for the coming of the Lord. We are not the one, but we point to the one. By Baptism in water and the Holy Spirit, we are his Living Body, pointing to him, testifying to all, that we have been saved and await the fullness of joy on the day of his return.

We remember and give thanks for our salvation and as we await his Second Coming, even as we prepare to mark the celebration of his Birth. Truly we find joy in God, our Savior. "Rejoice in the Lord always, again I say rejoice."

PASTORAL SHARINGS

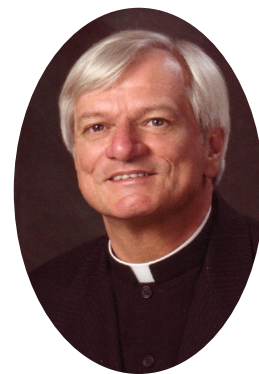
Parish Reconciliation: Our Advent Penance Service will be on Monday, December 19, at 7:00 pm. Since we had no access to the church for a month, we did not have a Faith Formation Reconciliation Service. We invite our wonderful Faith Formation families to join us for this Penance Service. We will schedule services for Faith Formation in January and for Lent.

New Roman Missal: Thanks for your support and patience as we transition to the new format of the Revised Roman Missal. There are many beautiful prayers and expressions of faith even with a few that may be a bit confusing. Over all, it is prayerful and challenging. Singing more and the revised prayers can and will enhance the beauty and prayerfulness of our worship.

+Advent Peace



Father Tom



*Today is the
Elizabeth Ministry Gift Shop
CLEARANCE SALE!
Shimanek Hall after all Masses*



OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2011

On Monday, December 12, 2011, we mark the celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of Mexico and Patroness of the Americas. Our Lady appears as an expectant native mother and speaks to a humble Saint Juan Diego in his native language. She brings hope to Mexico and the spread of the faith as Mexico takes an honored place among the Christian nations and in the Holy Church. Our Lady of Guadalupe is a most appropriate Advent image for God's people, the Church, and as a bride awaiting One who will through his birth bring salvation, justice, and peace to the world transcending race, nation, culture, and diversity.

The Scriptures of the Feast: These are chosen for the various celebrations at 7:00 pm Saturday, December 10, followed by festivities in the Social Center. On the Feast, Monday, December 12, at 5:30, the Mananitas will be celebrated in the church followed by a Mass at 6:30 (in Spanish) with Father Jesus and at 10:00 am with the grade school (bi-lingual), celebrated by Father Bill Conway, former Head of the Office of Hispanic Ministry and pastor of Divine Savior in Downers Grove. All are invited to any of these celebration of our Patroness of North, South, and Central America

The First Reading:

Zechariah 2: 14- 17 ~ The Lord comes to dwell among us
or Revelation 11: 19a; 12: 1-6a, 10 ab ~ A sign appeared in the sky.

The Gospel:

Luke 1: 26-38 ~ The Annunciation
or Luke: 1: 39-47 ~ The Visitation

Blessings on our Hispanic Ministry here at Saint Pius X, Father Jesus, Laura Mora, and Abraham Rodriguez and the other members of the Hispanic ministry. Congratulations to all our Hispanic sisters and brothers on this special day in honor of our Lady of Guadalupe.



ST. PIUS X PRAYER CHAPEL



The Prayer Chapel is open Sunday through Friday evenings, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. Please come and adore Him. Use Door #8 on east side of church building. Would you like to sign up for an hour per week in the Prayer Chapel? Please contact our leaders to pledge your hour.

Sunday	Estelle Soger	630-627-8310
Monday	Cathy 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

DIOCESE OF JOLIET CATHOLIC CONSTRUCTION CORPS

Mission to the Navajo Reservation Ever wanted to go on a mission?

Then please join us at the St. Charles Pastoral Center in Romeoville at 7:00 pm on either Tuesday, January 17, 2012 or Thursday, January 26, 2012 for an information session on the eleventh annual mission to the Navajo Reservation. The trip is planned for June 9-22, 2012. We repair homes for the poor of the Navajo Reservation around Chinle, Arizona as well as other meaningful work that is identified by the people on the reservation.

Although it is helpful to have carpentry, plumbing, painting, electrical and/or general construction skills or experience it is not necessary. Anyone who is willing to learn and assist in a variety of construction tasks should apply. There will be opportunities to meet the people and to learn the local culture during this mission.

For more information: Sr. Mary Carr, Missions Coordinator at 815-834-4072 or contact (evenings) either Deacon Tom Goebel (630-782-9577) or Deacon Larry Lissak (630-629-9234).

CCW RIGHT TO LIFE BABY SHOWER

Once again the St. Pius X Council of Catholic Women will sponsor the Right to Life Baby Shower in conjunction with Friendship weekend January 7/8, 2012. The beneficiaries of this shower are our own Elizabeth Ministry, First Things First, Woman's Choice and Catholic Charities. Please keep the shower in mind while you are doing your Christmas Shopping. The organizations accept new and GENTLY used baby clothes. Also needed are pampers, baby wipes, powdered formula, blankets and some small baby equipment items. They will not accept car seats and cribs with drop down sides. CASH DONATIONS ARE ALWAYS THE RIGHT SIZE AND COLOR. The community of St. Pius has always been very generous in this endeavor. If you have any questions, please call Carol Gawenda at 630-833-3211. Thank You.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Monday December 12-Our Lady of Guadalupe
Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47
5:30 am Mananitas
6:30 am Misa en español
10:00 am Children and Young People of St. Pius X

Tuesday December 13-Saint Lucy
2 Cor 10: 17 — 11:2; Mt 25:1-13
8:30 am Katherine Ryan by Soger Family
Antoinette Campo by Jean Leaf

Wednesday December 14-Saint John of the Cross
1 Cor 2:1-10a; Lk 14:25-33
8:30 am John Collin by Loretta Grass
Thomas Enright (anniv.) by family

Thursday December 15
Is 54:1-10; Lk 7:24-30
8:30 am Edward Brinn (anniv.) by family
Roman Strzelecki by family

Friday December 16
Is 56:1-3a, 6-8; Jn 5:33-36
8:30 am Larry Piet by family
Ron Marten by family

Saturday December 17
Gn 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17
2:00 pm Wedding Ceremony (Butt/Galloro)

Vigil—Fourth Sunday of Advent
5:00 pm Irene Strzelecki by children
Don Tenkash by family
7:00 pm Misa en español

Sunday December 18
2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38
8:00 am Antonio Calzetini by Giovenco Family
St. Pius X Parish Family
9:30 am Jerry Clettenberg (anniv.) by Dorothy Lucas
Sandra Perek Nugent by Perek Family
11:00 am St. Pius X Youth


Pray for the following parishioners
and friends who are ill:

Leslie Gotko
James Steinbrenner
Geri Draniczarek
Lori Powers

Jack Schank
Robert Spilker
Kevin Blaney
John Michael Reilly

Timothy Field
Ralph Faillo
John Brach
Fr. Herb Essig

**OUR PARISH FAMILY STEWARDSHIP. . .
A STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**

	November	Year-to-Date	Year-to-Date Budget
Envelope Contributions	\$41,131.00	\$211,500.00	
E-Share Contributions	17,529.33	85,178.65	
Loose Currency	<u>2,948.66</u>	<u>16,104.28</u>	
Total Actual Contributions	\$61,608.99	\$312,782.93	\$352,000.00
Over (Under) Budget			(\$39,217.07)

	November	Year-to-Date	
Golden Touch—Envelope	\$1,884.00	\$8,767.00	
Golden Touch E-Share	<u>322.00</u>	<u>1,620.00</u>	
Total Golden Touch Contrib.	2,206.00	\$10,387.00	

Thank you for your continued support.



O Antiphons

Beginning on December 17, we begin the immediate preparation for the celebration of the Birth of Jesus with the traditional, "O Antiphons." These titles of Jesus are celebrated each day, leading to our celebration of Christmas. They are incorporated into the Advent Hymn, O Come, O Come, Emmanuel.

December 17:	O Wisdom
December 18:	O Sacred Lord (Adonai)
December 19:	O Flower of Jesse's stem
December 20:	O Key of David
December 21:	O Radiant Dawn
December 22:	O King of all nations
December 23:	O Emmanuel (God is with us)



ACTS: THE SPREAD OF THE KINGDOM

Materials for our next Great Adventure bible study, *Acts: The Spread of the Kingdom*, have arrived. They may be picked up after all Masses this weekend.



For more information about the study, call Kelly Reznicek at 630-629-5954 or email KellyRez@comcast.net.

ST. PIUS X TEA PARTY

Sunday, January 15, 2012
Carlisle—Lombard 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Tickets available after weekend Masses:
December 10/11, 17/18, December 31/January 1, 7/8
Stop by our table in the Shimanek Hall
Questions: Carol 630-495-2647

HOLIDAY EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINE

January 1 Bulletin Articles due by December 21



Please send bulletin articles to Donna Cooper at bulletin@stpiuslombard.org.

Tickets would make a great Christmas Gift!!



DEACON SPEAKIN'



My sisters and brothers, I would like you to meet John the Baptist, the cousin of our Lord Jesus Christ. St. John could have started today's gospel just like that, but he didn't. He thought it was important for us, the followers of Jesus Christ, to know this man. This is the

same man Jesus Himself described as the greatest man ever born of a woman. So who is this man, John the Baptist? Today's gospel tells us that "he came to testify to the light, *so that all might believe through him*. He was NOT the light, but came to testify to the light." His life put the focus on Jesus, the light of the world. While fulfilling his mission, John the Baptist attracted a lot of followers, one of which we know was the soon to be apostle, Andrew. These followers were very taken by his message of redemption from a dark and sinful world, so that he became very popular with a large number of loyal followers. In fact, he was so popular and so effective, that his followers wanted to believe that he was the light promised in the writings of Isaiah. When Jesus finally appeared on earth, John knew that his mission was completed. He knew that he had to fade out of the salvation scene and let Jesus complete His work. From a human standpoint, after many years of hard work, John had created a great following. Now, still in his prime, had to give it up...or rather surrender it to Jesus. The spotlight that was on John now had to go to Jesus.

We, the followers of Jesus Christ, have a mission similar to John the Baptist. Jesus told us that we are the light of the world and have to let our light shine in a dark world that is getting even darker. At the same time that we are the light, we, like John the Baptist, have to surrender that light, shift it to Jesus and always give the glory to God. However, when you look at world headlines, crime in our own neighborhoods, pastors getting robbed in their own bedrooms, and all of the ever increasing greed in corporate America, self-centeredness in our governmental leaders and the celebration of immorality in our culture, the world seems to be getting darker. It will continue to grow dark until we turn on the light. If we, the Christian community, were taking our responsibility to be the light, things could change. A new and different world would come to light if we start imitating John the Baptist and testify to Jesus with all the actions of our life. Fewer and fewer of our brothers would be lost in the darkness of poverty, injustice, abortion, and moral decay. The old and the simple people would be valued, instead of disdained. There would be no way to rationalize the need for war. Greed and hoarding would be futile. Oppression and aggression in the world, and in our personal lives, would be things of the past. As long as the world remains dark, the "blind" have to grope around in the darkness of greed, sin, sexual immorality, anger, aggression etc. Let us use this Advent season 2011 and the introduction to St. John the Baptist, as a motivator to turn on the light that may have dimmed, and put it on in its brightest setting, so that through us, a dark world can see the light, and we can all bask in the peace and joy that comes from it.

DIOCESE OF JOLIET YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

**Special Holiday Event for
All Young Adults (18 to 39)
Advent Candlelight Vespers**

**Bishop Daniel Conlon, Bishop of the Diocese of Joliet
Monday, December 19, 2011**

7:00 p.m. Prayer Service, 8:00 p.m. Dessert Potluck
Please bring a dessert dish to share with others.

St. Procopius Abbey - Lisle

5601 College Road · Lisle, Illinois 60532

This event is open to all young adults: men and women who are in college and those who are in their 20s & 30s, single and married, and their families.

For more details, contact Paul Jarzembowski at the Diocese of Joliet by calling 815-834-4047 or emailing

pjarzembowski@dioceseofjoliet.org,
or go to www.dioceseofjoliet.org/yam/AdventVespers2011.asp.

Sponsored by Diocese of Joliet Young Adult Ministry Office

ADVENT PRAYER SERVICE

In the Spirit of Taizé
Wednesday, December 14
7:30 pm

St. Joseph Church
4801 Main Street, Downers Grove

As a community of faith,
surrounded in candlelight,
we sing simple songs and chants;
we enter into silence allowing
the Lord to speak to us
and to draw us closer to his heart.

We pray for a true spirit of reconciliation
within our household,
within our communities,
within our world:
that all hearts may know love
that all peoples may know freedom,
that all lands may know peace.
Come, experience the presence of the Lord.
among his people.



NEW HYMNALS

New hymnals have been purchased. The new hymnal, *Gather*, contains the new translations of the people's parts of the Mass and musical settings of the revised Mass acclamations. It also contains the hymns, psalms, and canticles that our parish community already knows well. *Gather* will serve us for many years.

Do you want to donate the cost of one or several assembly hymnals? The cost is \$20, which will include a donor plate on the inside front cover. These can be personalized in many ways. Please call Donna at the Parish Office for details. 630-627-4526.



KNIGHTLIFE

what's happening at school . . .

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We're very thankful!

Pius students of all ages celebrated Thanksgiving in many ways including creating "friendship" fruit salads and sharing with their fellow classmates. While visiting the school during Thanksgiving week, Sister Pauline, received an impromptu invitation to join Mrs. Damitz' kindergarten class as they sat down to enjoy their yummy feast.



Barnes & Noble Day Huge Success!

Thank you to all who came out and supported us on Barnes & Noble Day last Tuesday. Both parents and students enjoyed the festivities. Special thanks to Pius parents Anne Goodhart and Sue Williams for organizing the event.

TOP PHOTO: Third Grade Girl Scouts (L to R): Hailey B., Caitlin B., Jenna L., Abigail S., Emily R., Lily G. (front) Hannah G., Alexis R., Madeline C., Lindsey K., and Franca F. **BOTTOM LEFT:** Margaret H. recites a humorous poem. **BOTTOM RIGHT:** Sisters, Elizabeth and Melissa F. share a piano performance.



Civil War Studies

Eighth grade students in Mrs. Georgitsis' history class recently completed their six week study of the Civil War. As part of their assignments, the students were put into several groups and asked to research many different topics including art, literature, music, and entertainment of that era. They then provided a written report and visual representation of their findings. Their reports were then shared with the class. (Photo: Margaret S. shows her poster on photography during the war.)



School families are invited to celebrate the true meaning of Christmas with St. Pius X Parish students (preschool through 5th grade) at their annual Christmas Program Thursday, December 15th at 7:00 p.m. in the Social Center (doors open at 6:30 p.m.)



Drawing by
Caitlin Y.
4th Grade

FAITH FORMATION CORNER



Our Faith Formation program is off to a great start this year. Our children are all settled into their classes and working hard with our catechists and aides. We've been busy preparing the children for the New Roman Missal and are now hard at work preparing for the Sacraments. Many classes have really been delving into the

Bible to learn about Scriptures and how to use the Bible. Our 8th graders are busy with their Discipleship hours by doing activities like sending out Thanksgiving cards to our Troops—who, by the way, sent them a thank you card back!! Some of our catechists have been using episodes from the *Catholicism* series by Fr. Robert Baron as an extension of learning about our faith. We are still in need of catechist aides for Tuesday night classes, so call the FF office at 630-627-1551 to find out more.

ST. PIUS X SCHOOL DINNER NIGHT OUT

Wednesday December 14 and December 21.

All Day! 10 am to 9 pm

If you are going to be shopping at Yorktown, we hope you can join us for 2 nights of food & fun with your **St Pius X** friends.

Tom & Eddies will donate 10% of net proceeds

That's why the more we go the more we get



Yorktown Shopping Center

(Please present this flyer to cashier)

St. Pius X School

**Wednesday, December 14 &
December 21 10am to 9pm**



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ST. PIUS X MANNA PROGRAM

Every time you make a purchase, you are earning tuition credit and helping our school.

Our last regular manna order before Christmas (and for this year!) is Sunday, December 18, 2011. As noted below, we will keep quick manna open the following week on Wednesday as normal, but we cannot guarantee quantities of your favorite gift cards. So please plan ahead, and shop early and often to ensure you get what you need to make your Christmas merry and bright! The first regular manna order for 2012 is due by 11:00 am Sunday, January 8, 2012.

December/January Quick Manna Schedule

Sunday, December 11	9:00 am to 11:00 am	O'Neill Room
Friday, December 16	8:30 am to 9:15 am	School Lobby
Sunday, December 18	9:00 am to 11:00 am	O'Neill Room
Wednesday, Dec. 21	8:30 am to 9:15 am	School Lobby
Friday, January 13	8:30 am to 9:15 am	School Lobby
Sunday, January 15	9:00 am to 11:00 am	O'Neill Room

Updates

As always, we have added several new vendors for the holidays – Aeropostale, Brio, Burlington Coat Factory, Buy Buy Baby, Dairy Queen, DSW, Groupon, L. L. Bean, Qdoba, REI, Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory, Sephora, Shutterfly, Steak and Shake, Walker Bros., and Yankee Candle. Please see the back of the new order forms for the denominations and discounts.

We need your help

DISTRIBUTING MANNA.

It's time to volunteer for the January through April 2012 **distribution schedule**. Please volunteer approximately 60 to 90 minutes of your time every 4-5 weeks to distribute manna orders. Manna is distributed to student classrooms on **Wednesdays between 2:00 and 2:50 PM and on Sundays between 9:00 and 11:30 AM in the O'Neill Room.**

We need your help SORTING MANNA.

It is time to volunteer for the January through April 2012 **sorting schedule**. **Sorters are very important to the Manna Program, and we are in great need of some additional sorting teams.** Please volunteer 3-4 hours of your time every 5-6 weeks to sort the weekly manna orders. The sorting process goes quicker when two individuals team up. The more teams we have, the fewer times you will need to be scheduled. If you do not have a partner in mind, we can pair you with a veteran sorter, and you may make a new friend! Sorting involves picking up the weekly manna order from the parish office on Tuesdays at approximately 11:00 AM, counting the certificates/cards for verification, and then sorting the certificates/cards into each manna envelope using a sorter's list. The completed orders are then returned to the coordinator's home.

If you can volunteer or if you have any questions, please contact Karen Crotty at 630 495-1127 or Suzanne Wolf at 630-261-9045. Thanks for your consideration!

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday-December 12

Mananitas 5:30 a.m. Church
All School Mass-Our Lady of Guadalupe 10:00 a.m.
Daisy-Kdg 3:00 p.m. Wagner Room

Tuesday-December 13

V.I.P. Luncheon at Weber Grill 11:30 a.m.
Brownies #835 3:00 p.m. Wagner Room
Boy Scouts 7:00 p.m. Social Center

Wednesday-December 14

CCW Holiday Party 6:30 p.m. Wagner Room
Bear Scouts 6:30 p.m.
Rosary/Prayer/Benediction 8:00 p.m. Prayer Chapel

Thursday-December 15

Finance Meeting 5:00 p.m. Parish Office
Knights of Columbus 7:30 p.m. Wagner Room

Friday-December 16

Girl Scouts #3002 3:00 p.m. Wagner Room
Cub Scout Pack Night 6:30 p.m. Social Center
Boy Scouts Court of Honor 7:00 p.m. Church

Sunday-December 18

St. Vincent de Paul Gathering 1:00 p.m. Wagner Room

MINISTRY SCHEDULE—DECEMBER 17/18

Saturday 5:00 pm	E/M: F. Birner, K. Kustra, T. Lanigan, P. Mancione, R. Pitello, D. Trapp Lectors: C. D'Acquisto, J. Dowling A/S: K. Trapp, A. Treado, L. & R. Wiedman G: C. Devito, F. Krawczyk
Saturday 7:00 pm Español	Acolitos: M. Gamboa, K. Ortega, C. Torres Ministros: L. Tolentino, J. Tolentino, H. Torres, B. Torres, F. Diaz Hospitalidad: F. Garcia, D. Morales, M. Lagunas, R. Segura Lectores: Adriana & Ana Segura
Sunday 8:00 am	E/M: C. & K. Grafton, P. Kohler, L. Newman, S. Trefilek, C. Walsh Lectors: D. Galvin, S. Rakowski A/S: K. Konrath, J. Pantano, I. Walsh, A. Wolf G: T. & C. Blaszkak, D. Hakes
Sunday 9:30 am	E/M: M. Burns, J. Gosmire, M. LoCoco, C. Monckton, L. & P. Warda Lectors: W. Braunshausen, D. Fowler A/S: C. Chiamonti, E. Crotty, E. Malab, J. Schneider G: R. & M. Olbrysh, B. & H. Grant
Sunday 11:00 am	E/M: Youth & Family Lectors: Youth & Family A/S: Youth & Family G: J. & M. Gerlesits

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Prayer Service to Honor Catholic Charities' Foster Care and Adoption

Were you a foster parent with Catholic Charities? Did you adopt a child through Catholic Charities? If so, please join Catholic Charities for a prayer service to honor 50 years of providing loving foster care and adoption services. The service will be held on Thursday, December 15, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. at St. Paul the Apostle Church (18 Woodlawn Ave.) in Joliet. The prayer service will be celebrated by Bishop R. Daniel Conlon and Fr. Greg Rothfuchs of St. Paul the Apostle and will feature the St. Paul choir. A reception will follow the prayer service and a light meal and refreshments will be served. RSVP by December 12 to Angela at amehalek@cc-doj.org or 815-724-1139.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR P.A.D.S.

We need volunteers scheduled for the upcoming, January, February, March, and April Dinners and Breakfasts. St. Pius X is committed through P.A.D.S. (www.dupagepads.org) to provide and serve dinner for the homeless on the 4th Friday of each month from October through April at Grace Lutheran Church in Villa Park. Breakfast and a sack lunch are also provided the following morning. 3 to 4 Families for Dinner and 1 to 2 Families for Breakfast
Contact Deacon Larry at 630-629-9234

There is an opening in the early morning shift from 3:00 am to 7:00 am Saturday morning to watch the guests.
Thanks to the many families for filling the need for the October, November and December P.A.D.S.!!!



OPLATKI WAFERS

Oplatki Wafers are a holiday tradition in many families. They are available in the Wagner Room. Suggested donation is still only \$1 each.



MINISTERIO HISPANO

Misa en Español

Sacerdote

Coordinador Educación Religiosa

Secretaria

Sábado 7:00 pm

Jesús M. Reyes

Abraham Rodríguez

Laura Mora

Matrimonios, Bautizos e Intenciones de misa

Hable a la Rectoría para mas información

Horario de Oficina

Jueves y Viernes

1:00 a 4:00 p.m.

Teléfono

630-627-4526 X205

Email

spxhispano@aol.com

JUAN EL BAUTISTA

En una casa abierta de la escuela se escuchó a una mujer presentando a su marido a algunos de los otros padres. “Oh, José, me gustaría que conozcas al padre de Juanito. Y aquí, esta es la mamá de María, ya sabes la niña que juega fútbol con nuestra Elena”.

Con satisfecha resignación Bill se presentó no por su nombre sino: “Soy el padre de Elena”.

Es bueno saber quién es uno. Si somos el padre o la madre de alguien, hijo o hija, esposo o esposa, es importante que aceptemos el sentido pleno de nuestras diferentes funciones.

Juan Bautista sabe quién es. Y quién no es. No es el Cristo. No es Elías. Tampoco igual a ningún otro profeta que el pueblo de Dios hubiese visto.

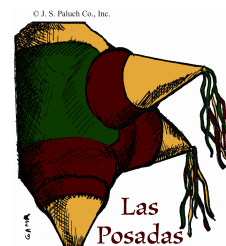
Juan Bautista sabe que su misión es divina. Está más que satisfecho de ser el que anuncia la venida del Reino de Dios. El Cristo está cerca. Enderecen sus caminos.



TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

El día 16 de diciembre comienza la Novena de Aguinaldos en Colombia y otras partes de Latinoamérica. La novena consiste en 9 partes que se repiten por 9 noches:

- 1- Oración inicial
- 2- Oración Mariana
- 3- Oración de José
- 4- Reflexión del día
- 5- Gozos
- 6- Oración al Niño Jesús
- 7- Un Salmo
- 8- Invocación final
- 9- Villancicos (cantos navideños)



Los participantes buscan aguinaldo (regalo). Para esto los Colombianos tienen la costumbre de jugar “pajita en boca” buscando quien no trae una pajita en boca. La persona que no pueda mostrar que trae pajita en boca tiene que dar un regalo a quien lo descubrió. Los aguinaldos son recuerdo del regalo que nos dio Dios en su Hijo Jesús, prenda de su amor. Y si Dios nos da un aguinaldo tan grande es porque Dios no tiene pajita en boca cuando nos dice que nos ama.

En el corazón de la Novena está el refrán de Gozos:

Dulce Jesús mío / mi niño adorado

ven a nuestras almas / ven no tardes tanto.

Muy buen mensaje para el Adviento.

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We the people of St. Pius X Church, a faith community in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Joliet, Illinois, accept the challenge to restore all things in Christ through the use of our gifts and ministry. Guided by the Father, nourished by the Eucharist, and inspired by the Holy Spirit we embrace all through our commitment to worship, education, service, and stewardship.

MASSES

Saturday: 5:00 PM Anticipation of Sunday

Misa en Español: Sábado 7 PM

Sunday: 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM, and 11:00 AM

Mass interpreted in sign language: 5 PM Saturday

Holy Days: see previous Sunday Bulletin

Weekdays: 8:30 AM Monday through Friday

Saturday: 8:30 AM First Saturday of each month

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 4:00 to 4:30 PM (check bulletin) or by appointment.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The Sacrament of Baptism is usually celebrated on the second and third Sundays at 12:30 PM or at a Mass by request from the family. No Baptisms are celebrated during Lent. Parent preparation is required. The parent meeting for Baptism is generally on the first Monday of the month at 7:00 PM. Please call the Parish Office for more information (630-627-4526).

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Please call the Parish Office at least 6 months before your desired wedding date, to check availability.

FUNERALS

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SICK CALLS

Homebound because of sickness or age, please call the Parish Office (630-627-4526) to arrange a visit with a Minister of Care.

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick available after Mass upon request. Please ask or call Fr. Tom.

Because of HIPAA Privacy regulations, hospitals can no longer contact the parish without family consent. When you are in the hospital and want someone from St. Pius X to visit you or would like your name added to the Prayers of the Faithful, your family should notify the Parish Office.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday

9:00 AM—12:30 PM; 1:00 PM—4:00 PM

Friday: 9:00 AM—12:30 PM; 1:00 PM—3:00 PM

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For questions and instruction in the faith or to become a part of the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults), call the Parish Office.

NEW PARISHIONERS

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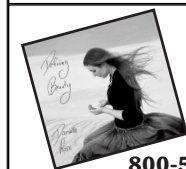
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