



It is I, I, who wipe out,
for my own sake, your offenses;
your sins I remember no more.

— *Isaiah 43:25*

*Catholic Community of
St. Pius X*

FEBRUARY 19, 2012

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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YOUR SINS ARE FORGIVEN

The Scriptures at a Glance:

First Reading: Isaiah 43:18-19, 21-22, 24b-25

Remember not the events of the past, the things of long ago consider not; see, I am doing something new!

Psalm: Psalm 41

Lord, heal my soul, for I have sinned against you.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 1:18-22

God has given the Spirit in our hearts as a first installment.

The Gospel: Mark 2:1-12

They were all astounded and glorified God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this."



That must have sounded strange to the people, hearing Jesus say, "Your sins are forgiven." Since sins were an offense against God, only God could forgive them. Is Jesus saying the man was paralyzed as punishment for his sins?

No, Jesus says it to help the man, who probably was told too many times that he was a sinner. Jesus reassures the man--and scandalizes the scribes--by declaring him forgiven. Jesus' point is that if he can cure the paralyzed man, he can also forgive sins. He fulfills the promise of the first reading: God is doing something new--forgiving sins. The primary way we experience forgiveness is through the sacrament of reconciliation. The words of absolution are our guarantee that God has forgiven our sins. While there is nothing wrong with asking God's forgiveness in private prayer, we sometimes need to hear someone tell us we have been forgiven, especially when our sins are more serious.

Now you don't have to be a priest to forgive someone who hurts you. Jesus commands this when he tells us, "If you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to your brother; then come and offer your gift" (Matthew 5:23-24). If the brother is truly sorry, God will forgive him, too. And if you're the one who needs forgiveness, you've shown you are sorry by making up with your brother.

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR ADMINISTRATOR, FR. GEORGE ZIEBA, C.R.

DIocese of JOLIET 2012
CATHOLIC MINISTRIES ANNUAL APPEAL

To be grateful is to recognize the Love of God in everything

He has given us -- and He has given us everything.

*Every breath we draw is a gift of His love,
 every moment of existence is a grace,
 for it brings with it immense graces from Him.*

*Gratitude therefore takes nothing for granted,
 is never unresponsive,*

*is constantly awakening to new wonder
 and to praise of the goodness of God.*

*For the grateful person knows that God is good,
 not by hearsay but by experience.*

And that is what makes all the difference.

Thomas Merton



Dear Parishioners,

This year, the theme of the **Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal** is "*The Kingdom of God is at Hand.*" God constantly gives to us. His grace is ever present. His blessings are abundant. We can demonstrate our gratitude to God and help build the kingdom of God in our own parish and our own diocese by making a generous gift to the CMAA. We are a diocese that covers seven counties and serves approximately 660,000 Catholics. The importance of the CMAA is that it provides most, if not all, of the funding for the 31 ministries that serve hundreds of thousands of people in our diocese, throughout our country, and the world. Some of the funded ministries touch the parish, its staff, and the local community.

Catholic Charities receives funds that enable it to provide many services, including but not limited to: thousands of children are provided with school supplies and health-related services; more than 155,000 nights of shelter and housing are provided to the homeless; thousands of families received mortgage assistance, help with paying their utilities, and assistance in meeting their basic needs for food and clothing; over 225,000 meals were provided to individuals, and over

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1,300 households received vouchers for food and other necessities. The Catholic Schools Office, among its many responsibilities, provides oversight, assistance, and direction to our 48 elementary schools with over 16,000 students, and to the 7 high schools with over 5,500 students within our diocese. The Religious Education Office provides oversight, guidance, support, training, and services for Directors of Religious Education, Religious Education teachers, and Religious Education programs across the diocese that reach over 50,000 students a year. The Appeal provides for the funding of the Office of Vocations: for the tuition, education, and living expenses of seminarians—our future priests; Diaconate training and education; and clergy continuing education. The Appeal helps fund Young Adult and Youth Ministry programs that serve approximately 25,500 of our youth and young adults. And the Appeal is used to fund diocesan efforts that reach so many of those in need through its missions work, its Peace and Social Justice initiatives, and its many outreach programs.

This is not a “special collection.” This Appeal is for our diocese, of which we are all a part. The Appeal program allows for your donation to be made all at once, or you can make a pledge that allows for 10 monthly installments, should you wish to spread out your payments. As part of the Diocese of Joliet, we can multiply the expression of the Word of God and touch many thousands of people whom we could never reach on our own or as a parish.

A significant gift to the Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal will touch the lives of many others in a very positive way. The Annual Appeal provides a significant portion of the budget of the Diocese of Joliet. Most dioceses in the country conduct an appeal, once a year, to help with the costs of providing services and programs to their parishes and people. The Diocese of Joliet is no exception.

As you review the work enabled by your contribution to the CMAA, please reflect on God’s gifts to you. He has given you all that you have. Your gifts to our parish, to the diocese, and to the work of the church throughout the world should be given in gratitude for the continuing gifts that God gives you. He never forgets you.

Sometimes it is difficult to envision how one pledge can help an organization the size of our diocese, how it can make a real difference. But each pledge does make a difference because all parishes participate in the campaign and the gifts of many enable our diocese to deliver needed education, ministry and services. Our combined gifts not only signify our gratitude to God, they glorify Him by enabling the work of our diocese.

If you received your pledge form in the mail, please complete it and mail it back or bring it to Mass next weekend. For those of you that did not receive a mailing or have not had time to respond to it, we will conduct **our in-pew pledge process** at all Masses next weekend, **February 25-26**. Our parish goal is **\$ \$61,884**. With your support, we can reach and exceed this goal. After our parish exceeds its CMAA goal in paid pledges, 50% of any additional funds are returned for use in our parish.

I would like to thank you in advance for your great stewardship and your generous commitment to support our Diocesan Church Ministries. I also invite you to join me in offering this prayer:

Lord God, You alone are the source of every good gift, of the vast array of our universe, and the mystery of each human life. We praise you and we thank you for your great power and your tender, faithful love.

Everything we are and everything we have is your gift, and after having created us you have given us into the keeping of Your Son, *Jesus Christ*.

Fill our minds with His truth and our hearts with His love, that in His Spirit we may be bonded together into a community of faith, a parish family, a caring people.

In the Name and Spirit of Jesus, we commit ourselves to be good stewards of the gifts entrusted to us, to share our time, our talent, our material gifts as an outward sign *of the Treasure we hold in Jesus*.

With gratitude and prayer,



Fr. George Zieba, CR

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

DEACON SPEAKIN'



"We have never seen anything like this," and we NEVER ever will again.

In today's gospel, we hear the story of four men who go to extreme measures to get their paralytic friend in front of Jesus so that he could be healed. It

seems logical that the man would WANT to be healed, but no where in this gospel, is there any information about him except for his illness. What if he did not want to be healed? What if he had already dealt with his disability, accepted it and found a level of peace? What if he was not looking for forgiveness for his sins? What if he was comfortable in his world? What if he was comfortable with his sin? What if we are comfortable with our own sins?

The Jesuit priest, Max Oliva, once suggested that there are times when we may not want to be freed from our paralysis, from our sin. Our conscience may be gnawing at us, but in our minds we know we are paralyzed. We know our sin is wrong, but we may find ourselves in a situation where it is very comfortable to stay in a state of sin, and so we do. We may be paralyzed in greed, sexual lust, anger, dishonesty, gambling, drinking or drugs. We don't want to be there, but we are stuck. We are paralyzed. We confess our sin, and then do it again. The only realistic thing we can do about this paralysis is to approach God with our minds. Our hearts have not been converted from the desire to stay in our sin. We can ask God to do what we cannot do ourselves. We can ask Him to free us from our paralysis. We too can go through "the roof of the house" to get to Him if we need to. It may be that hard to accomplish. Persevere and do not lose hope. Before long we will realize that something new is going on in our lives. Isaiah points this out in the first reading. We find ourselves being freed from our sin, freed from our paralysis. Then, like the man on the mat in today's gospel, we find that the forces of life, the prayers of our friends, the prayers of the church brings us to God and His healing. Then, we too can get up and walk on our own, glorify God and realize that "we have never seen anything like this." What a way to start Lent 2012. Happy Lent.

Deacon Tom

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Monday February 20

Jas 3:13-18; Mk 9:14-29
8:30 am †Frances Sidor by Ebeling Family

Tuesday February 21

Jas 4:1-10; Mk 9:30-37
8:30 am †Helen Giblin by Dick Galvin

Wednesday February 22-Ash Wednesday

Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
8:00 am †Don, Mary, & Bob Younger by Younger Family
10:00 am Special Intentions of Stephanie Chodera
4:30 pm †Edward Zmuda & daughter Judy Reiss by family
7:00 pm St. Pius X Parish Family
8:30 pm Misa en español

Thursday February 23

Dt 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25
8:30 am †John Neal by Jan & Dave Crackel

Friday February 24

Is 58:1-9a; Mt 9:14-15
8:30 am Leo Reschak (anniv.) by family
6:30 pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday February 25

Is 58:9b-14; Lk 5:27-32
4:00-4:30 pm Reconciliation

Vigil—First Sunday of Lent

5:00 pm †Geri Draniczarek by John & Carol Corsini
†Margaret Coty by family
7:00 pm Misa en español

Sunday February 26

Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15
8:00 am †Ray Knoll by Knoll Family
St. Pius X Parish Family
9:30 am †Pete Murphy by Sue Krause
(Rite of Sending)
11:00 am †Teresa Chan by John & Lynnette Meyer
St. Pius X Parish Youth
(Youth & Family participating)

Pray for

the following parishioners
and friends who are ill:

Timothy Field
Fr. Herb Essig
Dolores Stroh
Joyce Watts

George McAloon
Kevin Blaney
John Ley

... YOU CAN'T BE BOTH

Every human life is of inestimable value to God's ongoing act of creation. Since the 1973 Supreme Court decision in *Roe v. Wade*, we have lost immeasurable benefits because of the killing of 53 million aborted babies in the United States alone. A battle against truth cannot be sustained, but it can cause a lot of collateral damage.

CONCERT CHOIR HERE AT ST. PIUS X

**Willowbrook High School
Concert Choir Tour Kickoff Concert**

See the 48 member Concert Choir perform their tour program before they head to Washington D.C.

**Sunday, February 26, 2012
3:00 PM in the church.**

A reception will follow. The concert is free, but free-will donations will be accepted for the new handicapped entrance.

Questions, please contact Dee Sulla at the parish office:
630-627-4526, ext. 212.



Choir Concert



Save the Date
St. Joseph's Table
Sunday, March 18th
12:30 – 3:30 PM

LENT BEGINS FEBRUARY 22

**Ash Wednesday
Mass Schedule**

- 8:00 am**
- 10:00 am** — St. Pius X students participating
- 4:30 pm** — Faith Formation students in attendance
- 7:00 pm** — Faith Formation students in attendance
- 8:30 pm** — Misa en Español



Lenten Parish Reconciliation Service
Thursday, March 15 at 7:00 pm
There will be 8 priests celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation that evening. Please plan on attending this service as part of your Lenten journey.



ST. PIUS X PARISH SCHOOL'S
2012 ANNUAL AUCTION

HONORARY GUEST:
Sister Pauline Schutz

WHEN—Next Weekend:
Saturday, Feb. 25th, 6 pm to 12 am

WHERE:
Montini Catholic High School

LAST CALL
Weber Gas Grill Raffle Tickets

Four stainless steel burners, LED tank scale, side burner, and Snap-Jet™ individual burner ignition system
Donated by Mike's Meat Market • 32 S. Villa Ave, Villa Park, IL • 630.832.1760
For the freshest and finest meats, deli, poultry, seafood and more.

Tickets are 1 for \$25 or 5 for \$100

RAFFLE AND EVENT TICKETS ON SALE AFTER EACH MASS OR FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE

Raffle winners will be drawn the night of the Auction, need not be present to win.
Questions, please call Laura Guerrero, 2012 Auction Chair, auction@stpiuslombard.org or 630.290.8540.

FROM THE DESK OF THE BUSINESS MANAGER

- **Handicapped Entrance** – we are still in the process of seeking donations for the new handicapped entrance. Your continued support using the church renovation envelopes is appreciated.
- **Parish Accounting** – Mary Jane Tadda who has been our Financial Assistant for the past three plus years has resigned from this position to spend more time with her family. We appreciate all of the hard work Mary Jane put into the position. She helped us get over a big hurdle in converting to the new Parish Soft accounting software last year. All parishes in the diocese are converting to this web based accounting software. The accounting functions have been restructured with Donna Perlowski doing all of the bookkeeping for the school and Donna Cooper the bookkeeping for the parish. I am producing all of the month end statements and coordinating the budgeting process. The Finance Council is working on getting an accounting person to audit the books on a monthly basis.
- **Snow Removal** – what a difference a year makes. Now I don't want to jinx us; so far this winter season our snow removal and salting costs are almost \$10,500 under what we paid at this time last year.
- **Live and Silent Auction** – I hope to see you at the Annual Auction on February 25 at Montini High School. This year we honor Sister Pauline for her many years of service at our parish. This is always a fun-filled night with a chance to spend social time with our fellow parishioners.
- **Slow Down** – we have added new street cones in the driveway going to the back of the Social Center. Please watch your speed; children as well as adults walk through that area not paying attention to traffic coming through.
- **Hymnal Memorials** – there are still hymnals available for memorial donations. A \$20 donation will give you a memorial nameplate added to the inside of a hymnal. This is a great way of remembering one of your loved ones. Memorials can be purchased at the Parish Office.

God's Peace, John Matyasik

DIOCESE OF JOLIET YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Young Adult Stations Experience

A Special Stations of the Cross Prayer Service for
Young Adult Catholics (18 to 39)

Friday, February 24, 2012, 7:00 p.m. Stations Service,
8:30 p.m. Dinner Outing Afterwards. St. Scholastica Catholic
Church, 7800 Janes Avenue, Woodridge.

Young Adult Spring Volleyball League

Sunday Afternoons: February 26 to April 1

Each Sunday, the volleyball games will be played from approx.
1:00 to 5:00 p.m. St. Scholastica Catholic Church,
7800 Janes Avenue, Woodridge. \$15 registration fee (\$10 for
college students). Forms available at www.catholicyac.net.

These events are open to all young adults: men and women who
are in college and those who are in their 20's and 30's, single
and married.

ACTS: THE SPREAD OF THE KINGDOM



Week of February 19 –
Session 7: *The First
Christian Martyr*



Readings: Acts 6-7, 1 Timothy 3:8-13,
Matthew 26:57-68, Genesis 12:1-3, Luke 23:34, 46 and
Catechism 2635

The events described in Acts 1-7 give us a picture of the first days of the Church in Jerusalem. The apostles were changed men following the descent of the Holy Spirit upon them. Fearless of following the Lord, they boldly proclaimed the Good News of His resurrection, calling the people to repentance and baptism. Converts followed and the community of faith formed with an emphasis on teaching, worship, fellowship, prayer and the Eucharist. The restored kingdom began taking shape under the authority of the apostles but not without opposition from the Jewish leadership. Stephen, one of the first deacons of the Church, challenges the people of Israel to turn away from the unfaithful ways of their ancestors and becomes the first Christian to die for his faith.

If you have any questions about the study, call Kelly Reznicek at 630-629-5954 or email KellyRez@comcast.net.

ST. JOSEPH'S DAY TABLE

It's that time again....

And we could use your help!

The St. Joseph's Day Table committees are busy putting this year's Table together, which will take place on Sunday, March 18th. With your support, last year's Table was a big success, with over \$4,000 in proceeds going to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.



We're looking for Volunteers in a few areas

Minimal commitment – see below:

- Assist with decorating the St. Joseph's Altar in the Social Center on Saturday evening, March 17th.
- Drivers to pick up food donations and supplies from local merchants on the morning of the event, Sunday, March 18th.
- Assistance needed Saturday evening 3/17 and/or Sunday morning & afternoon, 3/18, carrying food and supplies from cars/kitchen/social center and teardown as needed.

Please consider helping out – Contact:

Jeanette Reynolds: 630-627-1657,
bostonjan43@comcast.net

Lori Buscher: 630-205-9266, loribuscher@att.net



KNIGHTLIFE

what's happening at school . . .

630-627-2353 • www.stpiuslombard.org/school

Tournament Champions

Congratulations to the eighth grade girls basketball team. They took home the first place trophy in last weekend's Glenbard East High School Crossover Tournament.



Front Row (L to R): Erin O., Taylor M., kneeling: Isabella Y., Erin M., Megan L., and Meghan R. **Back Row:** Coach Lieberenz, Coach Owen, Megan M., Maria T., Alyssa S., Marian D., Kalyn K., Kristina M., Coach Konrath and Coach McCarthy



Mission Accomplished!

St. Pius X students along with the guidance of parent coordinator, Sue Williams and the gracious donations of school and parish families, easily packed fifty boxes of supplies and goodies for our much deserving men and women overseas! Thank you to all who donated and helped the students achieve their goal!

More and more it is becoming evident that an education rooted in the Catholic faith is vital to our society. We are called to keep God in our daily lives, and it is our responsibility to instill in our children the values and virtues to go out into the world and truly make a difference.



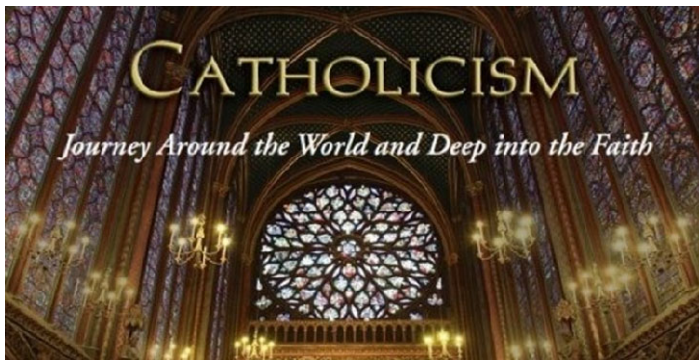
The St. Pius X Parish School FAITH IN OUR FUTURE FUND helps us establish a financial foundation for the students of St. Pius X Parish School, by offering our friends a chance to "invest" in our students and the faith-filled future they represent. *We're doing great things at St. Pius X Parish School. Please help us to continue in this important mission.*

Fund information and commitment forms can always be found in the hallway outside the O'Neill & Wagner rooms. You may also visit: www.stpiuslombard.org/school (click on the "Support our School" button) or email: bdawson@stpiuslombard.org for more information.



Pius Pride Shines

St. Pius Knights' fans showed up and displayed their school spirit during the annual 8th Grade Blackout Games, held over the past two weekends. The boys and girls eighth grade teams played their last home games on these days. Students and parents were encouraged to dress in black to show their support for the teams.



From the Archdiocese of Chicago

Join us for 3 sessions from the Catholicism series as Fr. Baron explains not only what Catholics believe and why, but also displays in breathtaking, visual detail the richness of the Church’s global culture.

Tuesday, February 21 from 7:00-8:30 pm in the Wagner Room
and

Sunday, February 26 after the 11:00 am Mass (12:15-1:45 pm) in the School Library. We will be showing episode 2 – “Happy Are We: The Teachings of Jesus” followed by a short discussion. All are welcome to attend! Bring a friend or your spouse and share your faith this Lent.

The next sessions will be Sunday, March 4 and Tuesday, March 6 – “Our Tainted Nature’s Solitary Boast: Mary the Mother of God.”

The final session will be Sunday, March 25 and Tuesday, March 27 – “Word Made Flesh, True Bread of Heaven: The Mystery of the Liturgy and the Eucharist.”

All Sunday sessions will be after the 11:00 am Mass at 12:15 in the School Library and all Tuesday sessions will be in the Wagner Room at 7:00 pm.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Director of Office of Child and Youth Protection

The Diocese of Joliet is establishing the position of *Director of Office of Child and Youth Protection*. To read a full description of this position, see the required qualifications as well as how to apply, go to Employment at www.dioceseofjoliet.org/hr/.

Seasonal Cemetery Worker

The Diocese of Joliet is seeking to fill a few positions for seasonal cemetery workers. A seasonal cemetery worker will do general cleanup of cemeteries of leaves, broken branches and other debris and assists with the placement and removal of seasonal grave decorations and maintenance of grass, bushes and trees. (See job description at www.dioceseofjoliet.org under employment) Qualifications: Must be a high school graduate with a valid Illinois Drivers license and be physically able to do lawn maintenance work. This is a seasonal position only with no benefits, with a normal work-week of 40 hours.

Qualified and interested applicants send resume to humanresources@dioceseofjoliet.org, Office of Human Resources, St. Charles Pastoral Center, 101 W. Airport Rd., Romeoville, IL 60446

Coordinator of Roman Catholic Religious Education Office

Seeking part-time coordinator of Roman Catholic Religious Education Office, K-8. Duties include oversight of volunteer catechists, sacramental preparation, and youth ministry. Roman Catholic academic training required, along with teaching experience, managerial skills, and computer literacy. Resumes with references accepted through 2/22 and sent to: resumes@olopdarien.org.

**Our Lady of Peace Catholic School
709 Plainfield Rd., Darien, IL 60561**

Part-time Director of Marketing

Seeking part-time Director of Marketing for Roman Catholic PS-8 school. Duties include designing, implementing, and developing marketing plan in collaboration with administration. Marketing background required. Resumes with references accepted through 2/22 and sent to: resumes@olopdarien.org.

**Our Lady of Peace Catholic School
709 Plainfield Rd., Darien, IL 60561**

OUT TO DINNER FUNDRAISER

BUONA BENEFIT DAY

For St. Pius X School

Tuesday, February 21, 2012

ALL DAY (10:30 AM — 10:00 PM)

Buona in Lombard, 498 E. Roosevelt Road, (630-792-1133)

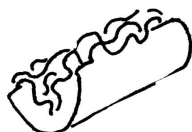
15-25% of all sales (dine in, carry out, drive-thru, and Buona by the pound) as a result of your participation will be donated directly to St. Pius X School.

Flyer must be presented when ordering.

Buona gift certificates/cards and coupons will not be honored.

A variety of BUONA-fied menu choices:

- BUONA’s Italian Beef
- Hand-Tossed Salads
- Grilled Panini
- Burgers, Hot Dogs & Ribs
- Café Sandwiches
- Kids Meals and Desserts



Visit www.BUONA.com to view our complete menu

ALTAR SERVER DAILY SCHEDULE

Monday 2/20	8:30	J. Braddock, C. Chiamonti, T. Georgitsis
Tuesday 2/21		K. Bjorklund, J. Schneider
Wednesday 2/22	—Ash Wednesday	
	8:00	K. Bjorklund, P. Crossland, G. Guthrie
	10:00	School assigned
	4:30	H. Konrath, A. Sanchez
	7:00	K. Trapp, S. Trapp, A. Treado
Thursday 2/23	8:30	J. Pantano, D. Trimarco, M. Trimarco
Friday 2/24	8:30	M. Bajda, J. Braddock, E. Malab
	6:30	E. Crotty, J. Guthrie, J. Schneider

MINISTRY SCHEDULE—FEBRUARY 25/26

Saturday 5:00 pm	E/M: F. Birner, B. Kramer, K. Kustra, S. Lechtenberg, B. Sutton, C. Sutton Lectors: P. Mancione, J. Lissak A/S: M. Ryan, A. Sousa, I. Walsh, R. Wiedman G: C. Devito, F. Krawczyk Cantor: A. Wallace
Saturday 7:00 pm Español	Acolitos: M. Gamboa, M. Mora, C. Ruiz Ministros: L. Tolentino, J. Tolentino, H. Torres, B. Torres, I. Rodriguez Hospitalidad: F. Garcia, D. Morales, M. Lagunas, R. Segura Lectores: L. Mora, K. Ortega
Sunday 8:00 am	E/M: S. Cerone, C. Gawenda, J. Gosmire, P. Kohler, T. Lanigan, D. May Lectors: S. Kwak, D. Fowler A/S: R. Fagan, I. Ledonne, S. Poirier, A. Wolf G: J. Nelson, C. Wilson Cantor: B. Zalas
Sunday 9:30 am	E/M: B. & D. Conlin, V. McClelland, L. & P. Warda Lectors: J. Molenda, C. D'Acquisto A/S: H. Konrath, K. Konrath G: D. Stoltman, J. Sullivan Music: Adult Choir
Sunday 11:00 am	E/M: J. Brechin, K. Hogan, M. Reznicek, Youth Lectors: Youth A/S: I. D'Alessandro, G. & J. Guthrie, K. Reznicek G: J. Delaney, D. Norman Music: Praise Choir

PATRIOTIC ROSARY

Sacred Heart Parish in Lombard invites all concerned Catholics to attend a Patriotic Rosary on Saturday, February 25 at 2 pm in the church located at 114 South Elizabeth Street in Lombard.

Each rosary bead is for one of the 50 states. Come and join in this devotion and pray especially for the conversion of our nation and for the upcoming elections, that our nation choose leaders who will return our nation to the Constitution and the Laws of God.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday-February 20-Presidents Day

Parish Office and Facilities closed

Tuesday-February 21

Boy Scouts	7:00 p.m.	Social Center
Catholicism Series	7:00 p.m.	Wagner Room

Wednesday-February 22—Ash Wednesday

Masses: 8:00 am, 10:00 a.m., 4:30 p.m., and 7:00 p.m.

Misa en español 8:30 p.m.

Thursday-February 23

Brownies #835	3:00 p.m.	Wagner Room
School Board	7:00 p.m.	School Library

Friday-February 24

Girl Scouts #3002	3:00 p.m.	Wagner Room
Stations of the Cross	6:30 p.m.	Church

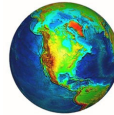
Saturday-February 25

Parish Auction 6:00 p.m. Montini

Sunday-February 26

Willowbrook Choir 3:00 p.m. Church

FROM THE ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS COMMITTEE



Firewood...Know Where It Came From

Now is the time of year when truckload after truckload of firewood is cut, delivered, stacked and burned in fireplaces and wood burners. A nice stack of firewood can provide warmth and enjoyment all winter. However, caution must be taken when dealing with firewood due to an accidental infestation that can be caused from the transference of an invasive insect via firewood. The Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) is an exotic, invasive beetle from Asia capable of destroying Ash trees. Therefore, a ban has been placed on moving firewood outside of many states due to the federal EAB quarantine as a result of the mass destruction on ash trees this insect can cause.

For more information visit the Illinois Department of Natural Resources [Firewood Information web page](#), or the Illinois Department of Agriculture's web page on [Emerald Ash Borer](#).

Remember, a recycling container is located in the O'Neill Room for discarded cell phones, batteries, ink cartridges, eyeglasses and small electronic items for your convenience.

S.P.R.E.D.

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LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Hago algo nuevo: Borro, por amor a mí mismo, sus ofensas; sus pecados no recordaré jamás (Isaías 43:18-19, 21-22, 24b-25).

Salmo — Sáname, Señor, porque he pecado contra ti (Salmo 41 [40]).

Segunda lectura — Dios ha puesto su sello sobre nosotros y ha enviado el Espíritu a nuestros corazones (2 Corintios 1:18-22).

Evangelio — Jesús perdona los pecados del hombre parálítico (Marcos 2:1-12).

EL PERDÓN DE LOS PECADOS

Isaías anunció la palabra del Señor: “Yo voy a realizar algo nuevo” (Isaías 43:19). ¿Y qué era esta cosa nueva? Una promesa para un pueblo que “no me [ha] invocado” y que “me [cansó]” (43:22); una promesa de perdón. “Si he borrado tus... crímenes y no he querido acordarme de tus pecados” (43:25).

Pablo dijo a los corintios —y nos dice a nosotros— que Jesús es el “sí” de Dios, y que todas las promesas de Dios se cumplen en Jesús. ¿Incluye esto la promesa de Dios de perdonar los pecados? Marcos da la respuesta cuando relata cómo algunas personas bajaron a un parálítico a través de un agujero en el techo, en busca de curación.

Por lo que sabemos, nadie pidió que se le perdonaran los pecados al hombre. Pero eso es lo que Jesús hizo, tal y como había anunciado Isaías. Entonces, para que no quedara duda de su autoridad en la Tierra para perdonar los pecados, Jesús le dijo: “Recoge tu camilla y vete a tu casa” (Marcos 2:11). El hombre “se levantó inmediatamente, recogió su camilla y salió de allí” (2:12).

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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.

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Misa en Español: Sábado 7 PM
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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.

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