

St. Pius X Catholic Community

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MISSION STATEMENT

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.

LEMA DE NUESTRA MISIÓN

Nosotros las personas de la Iglesia de San Pío X, una comunidad de fe Católica de la Diócesis de Joliet, Illinois, aceptamos los desafíos de restaurar todas las cosas en Cristo, por medio de nuestros talentos y ministerios. Guiados por el Padre, nutridos por la Eucaristía, e inspirados por el Espíritu Santo; unidos y comprometidos todos nosotros por medio de nuestros dones, educación y servicio.

Pastor:

Father George Zieba, CR

Deacons:

John Chan, Ron Knecht,
Larry Lissak, Tom Rachubinski

Hispanic Ministry Pastoral Assistant:

Fr. Fernando Cuevas, CS

Pastoral Care: Sr. Pauline Schutz, OSF

School Principal: Daniel Flaherty

Assistant Principal: Toni Miller

Youth Ministry - Director: Gina Wiedman

Faith Formation - Director: Dee Sulla

Music Ministry - Director: Ryan Rump

Hispanic Ministry - Coordinator / Secretary:

Laura Mora

Business Manager: John Matyasik

Administrative Assistant: Donna Cooper

Parish Secretary: Pam Matyasik

Maintenance Director: Sallie McGinn

Pastoral Council, Chair: Betty Kramer

Finance Council, Chair: Frank Enda

Stewardship Council, Chair: Ken Florey

Parish Office: 630-627-4526

Fax: 630-495-5926

Faith Formation: 630-627-1551

School: 630-627-2353

Fax: 630-627-1810

Convent: 630-627-5810

IMPORTANT TO KNOW

MASSES

Saturday: 5:00 PM Anticipation of Sunday

Misa en Español: Sábado 7 PM

Sunday: 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, and 11:30 AM

Mass interpreted in sign language: 5 PM Sat.

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: 3:30 to 4:30 PM or by appointment.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on the first and third Sundays at the 11:30 AM Mass. 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

Arrangements should be made at the Parish Office before publication in the newspaper.

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 or a priest.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please call the Parish Office for arrangements.

Because of HIPAA Privacy regulations, hospitals can no longer contact the parish. If you are hospitalized and would like a priest or minister from St. Pius X to visit or have your name added to the Prayers of the Faithful, your family should notify the Parish Office.

INFORMATION ABOUT OUR CATHOLIC FAITH

For questions and instruction in the faith or to become a part of the RCIA process (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults), call 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—12:00 PM; 12:30—3:00 PM

NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome! You are invited to come to or call the Parish Office to register. Forms are also available on the website.

MINISTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

If you are interested in one of our many ministries or wish to volunteer time or talent, please contact the Parish Office or see our website for more details.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

If you have a prayer intention that you would like the parish to pray for, write it in the Book of Prayer in Church.

BULLETIN ARTICLES

Due **ten** days prior to bulletin date. Attach Word file and email to bulletin@stpiuslombard.org. Please put a contact name and phone number on each article indicating the date(s) you would like the article to run. Every effort will be made to see that your request is granted.

As a general rule, we encourage using “bulletin space” instead of a separate insert whenever possible—this saves the cost of printing. The following guidelines should be observed if an insert is necessary: A proposed insert must be submitted for approval prior to bulletin insertion weekend. Approved inserts must be delivered by Thursday to the Parish Office.

Pregnant? Confused? Need Help? Please call **Woman's Choice Services** at 630-261-9221.

Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life:

www.vocations.com or call 815-834-4004.

Support Serra Vocations at the monthly Vocation Mass and dinner at St. Petronille Parish in Glen Ellyn. Please call 630-932-8098 for information.

Reporting Sexual Abuse: Anyone who has reasonable cause to suspect the sexual abuse of a minor by a member of the clergy or other Church personnel is urged to report the matter immediately. To inform the Diocese of Joliet, call Mrs. Judith Speckman (Victim Assistance Coordinator) at 815-263-6467 or write the Diocese of Joliet, 425 Summit Street, Joliet 60435. Contact DCFS at 1-800-252-2873 or call the local County States Attorney.

FREE ministry to traveling Catholics.

For nationwide Mass times and locations:

www.Masstimes.org. or parishesonline.com

LITURGICAL NEWS

Liturgical Calendar

Monday May 6-Easter Weekday

Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Jn 15:26 — 16:4a
8:30 am †Dolores Lulinski-Dybalski

Tuesday May 7-Easter Weekday

Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11
8:30 am †Eileen Galvin by family

Wednesday May 8-Easter Weekday

Acts 17:15, 22 — 18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14; Jn 16:12-15
8:30 am †Christopher Meyer by Parish Office Staff

Thursday May 9-Easter Weekday

Acts 18:1-8; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 16:16-20
8:30 am †Lucille Grass by Loretta Grass

Friday May 10-Saint Damien de Veuster

Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-7; Jn 16:20-23
8:30 am †Harriet Chodera by Stephanie Chodera

Saturday May 11

Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-10; Jn 16:23b-28
10:00 am First Communion Mass
1:30 pm First Communion Mass
3:30-4:30 pm Reconciliation

Vigil—Ascension of the Lord

5:00 pm †Frank Marinello by Pam Myregaard
7:00 pm Misa en español

Sunday May 12

Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28;
10:19-23; Lk 24:46-53
7:30 am †Lewis Monckton, Jr. by family
9:30 am †Jean Shragal by Shirley Cerone, daughter
11:30 am †Bernard Wawrzyniak by Ron & Norma Knecht

Ministry Schedule — May 11/12

Saturday 5:00 pm	E/M: T. Lanigan, S. Lechtenberg, J. Molenda, B. Sutton, L. & P. Warda Lectors: L. Kunzer, D. Fowler A/S: E. & J. Flaherty, N. Lechtenberg, A. Sousa G: C. Devito, F. Krawczyk
Saturday 7:00 pm Español	Acolitos: A. Cruz, V. Soto, S. Mondragon Ministros: F. Diaz, J. R. Serna, L. Serna Hospitalidad: J. Gamboa, M. Vergara, G. Ruiz Lectores: S. Sosa, J. Hernandez
Sunday 7:30 am	E/M: D. Czoher, C. Gawenda, K. Kustra, D. May-Carter, D. Pflum, S. Trefilek Lectors: G. Wolf, B. Hocking A/S: T. Georgitsis, N. Giancana, K. Reznicek A. Wolf G: C. Acosta
Sunday 9:30 am	E/M: S. Cerone, L. Fontana, B. & H. Grant, M. Koykar Lectors: K. Reznicek, J. Reznicek A/S: G. & H. Guthrie, B. McGovern G: W. & C. Stuercke
Sunday 11:30 am	E/M: F. & J. Enda, C. & K. Grafton, N. Rigor, D. Trapp Lectors: C. Weiland, M. Weaver A/S: J. Pantano, K. & S. Trapp, J. Weaver G: C. Earl, A. Angst

Saturday, May 11 — First Communion Masses

10:00 am E/M: J. Gosmire, H. Jaroszewski, E. Morris, L. Newman
Servers: G. Burns, I. D'Alessandro, I. Ledonne, E. Sulla
1:30 pm E/M: L. Bajda, M. Burns, K. Hogan, M. LoCoco
Servers: A. Alandy, D. & M. Bajda, P. Lizasuain, K. Tortorici



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.

New Schedules

Altar Servers – Extraordinary Ministers Hospitality - Lectors

June, July, and August 2013

We need to know your restrictions, vacations, unavailable time, requested Masses, etc. No restriction means you are available. Please resend any prior information given about these months.

Send to llissak@stpiuslombard.org

Or call Dn Larry at 630-627-4526 ext 207

**Absolute Deadline for bulletin
10 am on Friday, May 17, 2013**



**Pray for ... the following parishioners
and friends who are ill:**

McKenna Tyszkiewicz
Kevin Blaney
John Johnson
George McAloon

George O'Connor
Lena Munaretto
Edward Bajda
Edward Gomez

St. Pius X RCIA

Carol Gawenda is a Catechist for our RCIA Program. "Being a 'cradle Catholic', I am in awe of those who find becoming a Catholic a mental as well as Spiritual choice. They spend several months traveling the road to Catholicism with their Sponsors. I sometimes wonder how many of us, born to the faith, would be willing to do this." Carol led two classes this year.



Although parishioners function as Catechists, they also learn through the process of preparing for classes. When asked what Carol learned while reviewing her study material, she responded: "(One) presentation was on the Liturgy of the Word. It made me look deeper into the readings and the Mass, and how they apply to our daily lives." She also shared with the class her own experiences of not always understanding the readings right away; and the need she had to "go home and read them again." Carol explained to the class that reading the Bible passages "with prayer" really helped her.

Carol has been a member of St. Pius X Parish for forty-two years. She has one son, Rick, who attended St. Pius X School, as did her daughter-in-law, Bridget. She often brings her four-year-old granddaughter, Lauren, to Mass. Carol has been a fourth and fifth grade Catechist in the Faith Formation Program for thirty years. She is an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, the Friday Night Leader for the Prayer Chapel, and has been a part of CCW. We are so grateful to have generous parishioners like Carol to volunteer to share their faith with the RCIA class. Please be sure to thank Carol personally when you see her!

Year of Faith: October 11, 2012—November 24, 2013

In this month traditionally dedicated to the Queen of All Saints, we recall how Mary offered the perfect act of faith (in Luke 1:26-28) as well as how countless generations of holy men and women after her have said "yes" to the call of God in their lives. We strive to follow their example and imitate their actions, in hopes that we might also respond affirmatively when the Lord calls us (like the good son in Matt. 21:28-32). We pray that we might continue to say "yes" to God not only in church but in every aspect of our lives, in personal encounters and even in our digital experiences, as the Second Vatican Council encouraged us to do in its document on social communications, "Inter Mirifica." May the world hear our "yes" in whatever means we choose to communicate it.



Catechism Corner: "By her complete adherence to the Father's will, to his Son's redemptive work, and to every prompting of the Holy Spirit, the Virgin Mary is the Church's model of faith and charity. Thus she is a 'preeminent and... wholly unique member of the Church'; indeed, she is the 'exemplary realization' (*typus*) of the Church."

"Her role in relation to the Church and to all humanity goes further. 'In a wholly singular way she cooperated by her obedience, faith, hope, and burning charity in the Savior's work of restoring supernatural life to souls. For this reason she is a mother to us in the order of grace.'" (CCC, n.967-968)



The Vision of Hope Congregation of the Resurrection

In 1999, the Congregation of the Resurrection created a new document entitled the "The Vision of Hope". This document focuses on the theological, as well as the practical, dimensions of what it means to be a community of hope. This year we will focus on the Congregation's concept of this "Vision of Hope" and the related texts of the Order, and what this means for everyone who participates in this Resurrectionist spirituality.

The Charism Statement of the Congregation of the Resurrection describes the five pillars of the Resurrectionist spirituality. The first is our core belief in the unconditional love of God, fully available to us no matter what we do or who we are.

"We desire to be faithful to the grace received by our founder, a grace we now share by our call to the Congregation of the Resurrection. We recognize certain truths to be especially important for our life and work as Resurrectionists because they give expression to the grace and call.

We believe that God's love for us is merciful and unfailing. We have not earned his love. We are nothing, have nothing, and can do nothing without God. We are attracted to evil. We are sinners. Yet, God continues to draw us to himself."

PARISH NEWS

Our Stewardship of Sharing

Weekly Offering Income Report

Weekly Offering Contributions ~ April 2013

Offering (4/1-4/10)	\$19,998
Electronic giving (4/1-4/10)	12,162
Third Week Offering	9,585
Third Week Electronic Giving (4/11-4/17)	2,881
Fourth Week Offering	10,625
Fourth Week Electronic (4/18-4/24)	2,378
Fifth Week Offering	10,882
Fifth Week Electronic (thru 4/30)	1,951
Budgeted Income for April	\$74,230
Under budget	(3,768)



Year to Date Sunday Offering Budget

July 1, 2012 through April 30, 2013

Revenue	\$629,930
Budget through April 30	653,230
Over (under) Budget	(23,300)

Thank you to all parishioners who have completed and submitted your Commitment Card. As a reminder, all commitments need to be submitted no later than May 12 in order to be accounted for in the final Summary report. Please complete and submit your card to the church even if you are unable to make a change to your current level of giving. For those registered parishioners not currently supporting the church with regular offertory gifts, please consider a monthly gift to support the parish.

Thank you for your continued support of our ministries to the people of God.

Registration for New Group Study: Oremus

Oremus: A Guide to Catholic Prayer

NAME _____

PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____

E-MAIL _____

Do you have a group of friends who would like to form a group?

___ Yes; our group contact person is _____

___ Our group will be meeting on

___ M ___ T ___ W ___ Th in the ___ AM ___ PM

___ Our group will meet in someone's home OR

___ Our group will need to meet at St. Pius

___ No, I do not have a group; please place me in a group

meeting on ___ M ___ T ___ W ___ Th

I prefer to meet in the ___ AM ___ PM

If you are not currently a group facilitator or a member of a group, please respond to the following:

Would you be willing to host/facilitate a group in your home?

___ Yes ___ Not at this time

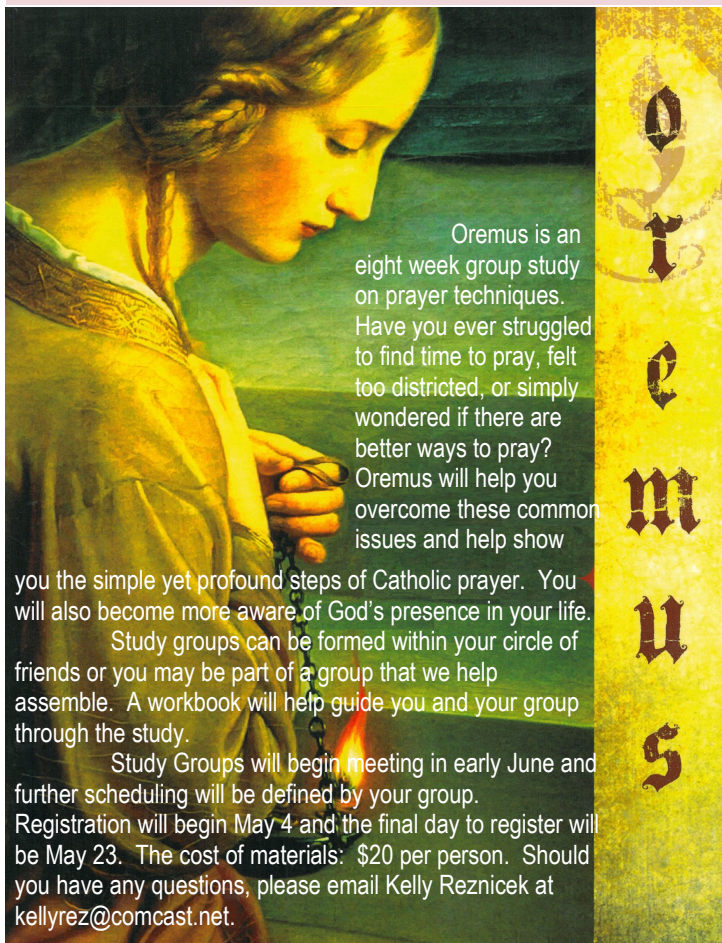
Would you be willing to host/facilitate a group at St. Pius?

___ Yes ___ Not at this time

Please include Materials Fee \$20.00: ___ CASH or

___ CHECK # _____ (Payable to St. Pius X Church)

Completed Registration Form and Materials Fee may be turned in after all Masses the weekends of May 4/5, 11/12 and 18/19 or to Parish Office, Attn: Oremus Summer 2013 Adult Faith Formation Study by May 23.



Oremus is an eight week group study on prayer techniques. Have you ever struggled to find time to pray, felt too distracted, or simply wondered if there are better ways to pray? Oremus will help you overcome these common issues and help show

you the simple yet profound steps of Catholic prayer. You will also become more aware of God's presence in your life.

Study groups can be formed within your circle of friends or you may be part of a group that we help assemble. A workbook will help guide you and your group through the study.

Study Groups will begin meeting in early June and further scheduling will be defined by your group.

Registration will begin May 4 and the final day to register will be May 23. The cost of materials: \$20 per person. Should you have any questions, please email Kelly Reznicek at kellyrez@comcast.net.

This Week's Calendar of Events

Monday-May 6

Baptismal Preparation 7:00 pm Martha Room

Tuesday-May 7

Protecting God's Children 10:00 am Martha Room

First Communion Rehearsal 6:30 pm Church

Liturgy Meeting 7:00 pm Parish Office

Wednesday-May 8

First Communion Rehearsal 6:30 pm Church

Christian Life Meeting 7:00 pm Mary Room

Rosary/Prayer/Benediction 8:00 pm Prayer Chapel

Thursday-May 9

Stewardship Meeting 6:00 pm Parish Office

Environmental Concerns 7:00 pm Convent

Saturday-May 11

First Communion Masses 10:00 am & 1:30 pm

Sunday-May 12

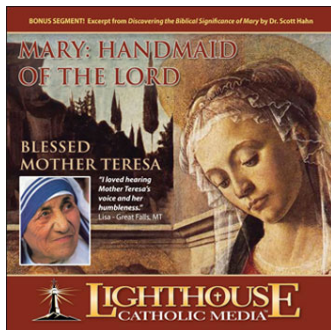
St. Vincent de Paul Meeting 9:00 am Convent

Lighthouse CD Spotlight

Mary: Handmaid of the Lord

Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta is known throughout the world as a woman who was totally committed to the Gospel. In this inspiring talk, she shares her insights on the Blessed Virgin Mary as a model of womanhood and perfect discipleship. She shows us that we, too, can do the will of God by saying "yes" to the Lord in the big and little things in our lives; nothing is too insignificant.

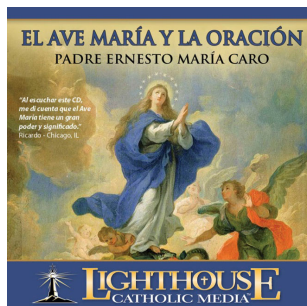
CD's are available in the Gathering Space for \$3.00 each.



Nuevo CD Este Mes!

El Ave Maria Y La Oración

El padre Ernesto María Caro nos ayuda a comprender en profundidad lo que significa rezar el Ave María. Analiza las palabras de la Ave Maria frase por frase y destaca también la importancia de la oración en el Rosario. El Padre Ernesto



espera que estas reflexiones nos ayudarán a regocijarse en la oportunidad que Dios nos ha dado a rezar esta oración.

Este CD se encuentra disponible en la entrada de la Iglesia el costo es de \$3.00 cada uno.

St. Vincent de Paul News

We Care – We Share

In the Gospel today, Jesus says to us:

“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.”

By your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul you say those same words to those who are poor:

“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.”

Items currently needed in the pantry include:

Canned meals

Canned Tuna

Canned fruit

Snacks

Thank you for all you continue to do!

The St. Pius X St. Vincent de Paul Society is here to help you! We have a food pantry and can offer assistance with rent & utilities. Do you need some financial assistance? Do you know a fellow parishioner who is struggling? All requests are confidential. The Food Pantry hours are Mondays & Fridays from 9:30-12:00 and on Wednesdays from 12:30-2:30. We are located in the Martha Room. No appointment is necessary, but please bring a photo id. Can't make those times? Please call our cell number & leave a message. Someone will call back to set up an appointment. 630-300-4353.



SPRED News

The Archdiocese of Chicago SPRED is pleased to announce that they have been chosen to receive The University of Notre Dame Laetare Medal, the oldest and most prestigious honor given to American Catholics.

Father McCarthy, Sisters Gallagher and Harrington will receive the medal on Sunday, May 19, 2013 at the university.

Congratulations Father James McCarthy, Sister Susanne Gallagher and Sister Mary Therese Harrington for your hard work and dedication to SPRED.

V.I.P. Seniors

The Eighth Grade Moms are providing lunch for us and for their 8th Grade graduating students. We always enjoy this day and thank the mothers in advance for including us. We will meet in the Social Center at 11:30 am on Tuesday, May 14. Bingo after lunch with the students.



Please RSVP to Sr. Pauline by May 8. (630-627-5810)

Thank you.



KNIGHTLIFE

what's happening at school . . .

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Congratulations to the 2013 Christian Servant Award Winner

Principal Daniel Flaherty and the students at St. Pius congratulated eighth grader, Rachel W., for winning this year's CCW Christian Servant Award. The award was presented after the 9:30 a.m. Mass last weekend by Father George and Janet Lissak, CCW Treasurer and President Elect.

Every spring, the St. Pius X Parish Council of Catholic Women (CCW) presents their Christian Servant Award to a well deserving eighth grade student from the parish. The award recognizes a student's outstanding service to the Church, school and community.

Eighth grade students in parish Faith Formation classes, and at the school, were invited to submit their applications for consideration.

Rachel's essay was chosen unanimously as the most impressive by all of the CCW judges.

Upon hearing the news of Rachel's award, teacher, Peg McMahon reflected on how she is reminded of St. Paul's exhortation to *"live in a manner worthy of the calling you have received."* She added, "Rachel has truly answered the call to faith and service and could not be more deserving of the CCW Christian Servant Award. How fortunate we are that her light is shining among us!"



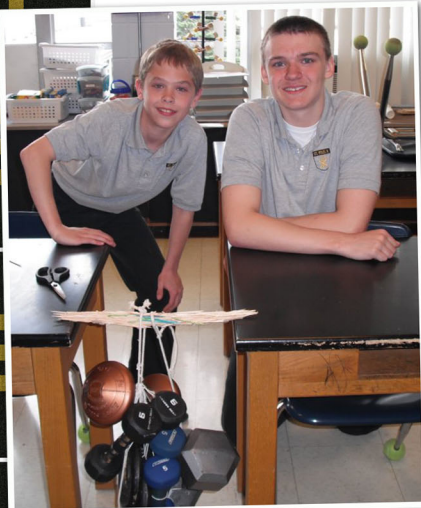
Principal Flaherty offers a congratulatory handshake to Rachel for her impressive achievement.



St. Pius Girl Scouts Learn and Grow Together

The St. Pius fifth grade Girl Scout troop recently invited Megan Butler to speak at their monthly meeting. Megan, who attended Faith Formation classes at St. Pius, spent four years in the Peace Corps in El Salvador. She talked to the girls about life in El Salvador and the work she did educating the residents about health issues and ecology. The girls spent the second half of their meeting making blankets for babies to be distributed by the Elizabeth Ministry. The ministry assists women in their child-bearing years. "The girls really enjoyed the event," said leader, Nuala Murphy. "They had lots of questions for Megan and really loved making the blankets."

Toothpick Bridges Amaze Students



Students in Mrs. Cummings' science class experimented with toothpicks during a recent classroom activity.

"The 8th graders built toothpick bridges in class," explained Mrs. Cummings. "We then attached weights to the bridges to see which was the strongest."

The winning bridge (pictured left) belonged to students Ryan L. (left) and Andy S. Their bridge held a whopping 101 pounds! "Our second strongest bridge failed at 70 pounds," said Mrs. Cummings.

Building toothpick bridges is a creative way for students to learn about stress, strain and structural tension.

CONGRATULATIONS to our Confirmandi



Sophia F., Alexandra N., Bethany L. and Olivia P. prior to their Confirmation Service on April 26th.

MINISTERIO HISPANO

Misa en Español

Sacerdote

Coordinadora de Ministerio Hispano

Coordinador Educación Religiosa

Sábado 7:00 pm

Fernando Cuevas

Laura Mora

Abraham Rodríguez

Bautizos

1er. Y 3er. Sábado del mes

Matrimonios, Visita a los enfermos, Quinceañeras e Intenciones de misa

Favor de hablar a la Rectoría para mas información

Horario de Oficina

Miércoles

Jueves

Teléfono

Email

9:00 am—1:00 pm

12:30 pm—4:00 p.m.

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spxhispano@aol.com

EL AMOR NOS HACE FUERTES EN LAS PRUEBAS

La voz del pueblo de Dios. El Libro los Hechos recoge las conclusiones del primer Concilio de la Iglesia, el Concilio de Jerusalén. Toda la iglesia, es decir, los apóstoles, los presbíteros y los hermanos, participan en la solución del problema y en nombre de toda la iglesia de Jerusalén se escribe la carta a las otras iglesias. Pero allí se encontraba también el Espíritu Santo, para iluminarles y ayudarles a tomar la decisión: “Hemos decidido, el Espíritu Santo y nosotros”. El tema que se debatía era sobre la necesidad de la circuncisión para salvarse “como mandaba la Ley de Moisés”, o si bastaba la fe en Jesucristo. La circuncisión era todo un símbolo de la Ley antigua. ¿Hay que seguir cumpliéndola o ya tenemos una Ley nueva? ¿Cristo es sólo un complemento de la Ley antigua o ya es él la Ley nueva? Pablo se muestra desde el principio partidario de la “libertad de los hijos de Dios”. La decisión fue renovadora y liberadora. No tenemos más Ley que Cristo.... Si exigieron todavía algunas tradiciones sobre la carne y la sangre fue por evitar la ruptura del grupo más conservador. La Iglesia actual debe tener en cuenta también hoy día la voz del pueblo de Dios y actuar conforme a “los signos de los tiempos”.

“Que todos los pueblos te alaben”. El salmo 66 que se hemos proclamado expresa el reconocimiento al Creador porque ha bendecido a la tierra con sus frutos, y llama a todos los pueblos a unirse en esta acción de gracias. Es un mensaje muy actual, pues implica superar odios y hostilidades para que todos los hombres puedan sentarse en la única mesa y alabar al Creador por tantos dones que nos ha hecho. El mensaje de la apertura a lo nuevo subyace en la lectura del Apocalipsis. El número total de puertas es de doce, recibiendo cada una de ellas el nombre de una de las doce tribus de Israel; y sobre cada uno de los doce basamentos que dan fortaleza y cohesión a las murallas, el nombre de un apóstol. Así quedan unidos los dos Testamentos con la realización de todas las promesas, pues el número doce indica plenitud.

“El que me ama guardará mi palabra”. Para que una persona se manifieste a otra se requiere que ésta demuestre interés, apertura, disponibilidad por aquélla. Estas actitudes se

dan en grado sumo en quien ama. Por eso, sólo quien ama está en condiciones de recibir y entender manifestaciones personales. Por eso Jesús no se manifiesta al mundo, porque el mundo en Juan es la noche, la cerrazón, todo aquél que no ama, todo aquél que odia, todo aquél cerrado en sí mismo y en sus

intereses. Hoy Jesús manifiesta que quien le ama a Él es también amado por el Padre, quien hace morada en esa persona. Jesús cambia el concepto antiguo de Dios y la relación del hombre con Él. El Padre no es ya un Dios lejano, sino el que se acerca al hombre y vive con él, formando comunidad con los hombres. Buscar a Dios no exige ir a encontrarlo fuera de uno mismo, sino dejarse encontrar por Él, descubrir y aceptar su presencia por una relación que ya no es de siervo-señor, sino la de Padre-hijo. Esta fue la experiencia de San Agustín, cuya conversión hemos celebrado la semana pasada. El amor ayuda a superar todas las pruebas. Nuestro corazón dejará de ser cobarde y de temblar, porque Dios permanece siempre con nosotros. El amor a Dios nos trae la paz verdadera y plena, no la paz que da el mundo. Si guardamos y practicamos la palabra de Jesús viviremos alegres en la práctica de las buenas obras. El santo obispo de Hipona, comentando este evangelio, escribió:

“Por tanto, hermanos, perseguid el amor, el dulce y saludable vínculo de las mentes sin el que el rico es pobre y con el que el pobre es rico. El amor da resistencia en las adversidades y moderación en la prosperidad; es fuerte en las pruebas duras, alegre en las buenas obras; confiado en la tentación, generoso en la hospitalidad; alegre entre los verdaderos hermanos, pacientísimo entre los falsos”. (San Agustín)

Por José María Martín OSA

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Nominations for Parish Pastoral Council

ST. PIUS X PARISH SEEKS FOUR (4) NEW MEMBERS FOR PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

This is the final weekend for nominations for four (4) new members of the Parish Pastoral Council. Prayerfully consider whether you or someone you know meets the qualifications for council membership. If so, fill out a nomination form and place it in the Ballot Box in the Gathering Space by May 5 or you may bring it to the Parish Office.

Nominees will be contacted by a member of the Parish Pastoral Council during the week of May 6 and be invited to participate in the Discernment Session; all members of the parish also are invited to participate. Discernment is a decision-making process involving dialogue and prayer. It is a time to call on the Holy Spirit to lead or give us direction, as well as a time for self-examination of our gifts and talents as we determine whether we are being called to serve.

DISCERNMENT SESSION:

June 1 - 9:15 – 11:45 AM - Parish Office Meeting Room

JOB DESCRIPTION FOR PASTORAL PARISH COUNCIL MEMBER:

- 3 year term beginning July 1, 2013
- 1 meeting per month, usually on the fourth Tuesday at 7:00 P.M
- Attendance at the Annual Leadership Meeting
- Attendance at the committee/ministry meeting where the member serves as an appointed chair/liaison

REQUIREMENTS:

- Baptized, practicing Catholic, 18 years of age or older, registered parishioner.
- The By-laws of the Pastoral Parish Council suggest that the list of nominees is to be both functional (respecting the gifts) and as representative of the parish community as possible.

MANNER OF COUNCIL OPERATION:

- The Pastoral Parish Council assists the Pastor in formulating policy and assisting in pastoral planning for the entire parish through communal discernment including prayerful reflection, gathering of information, and shared wisdom.

NOMINATION FORMS

Nomination forms are available in the Gathering Space and from the Parish Office.

QUESTIONS: Please call Betty Kramer at 630-629-2342. Thank you.

Attention: All Women of the Parish

St. Pius X Council of Catholic Women invites all ladies of the parish to attend our installation dinner and celebration of our woman of the year, Janet Lissak!

This event is being held on Thursday, May 23 at the Greek Islands Restaurant in Lombard beginning at 6:30 pm. Family style dinner will be served—everything from appetizers to dessert. \$30 per person. Payment will be accepted at the door. There will be a cash bar.

Please RSVP to Carol Weiland at 630-495-2647 or carolweiland@gmail.com by Sunday, May 19. We hope to see many ladies there!

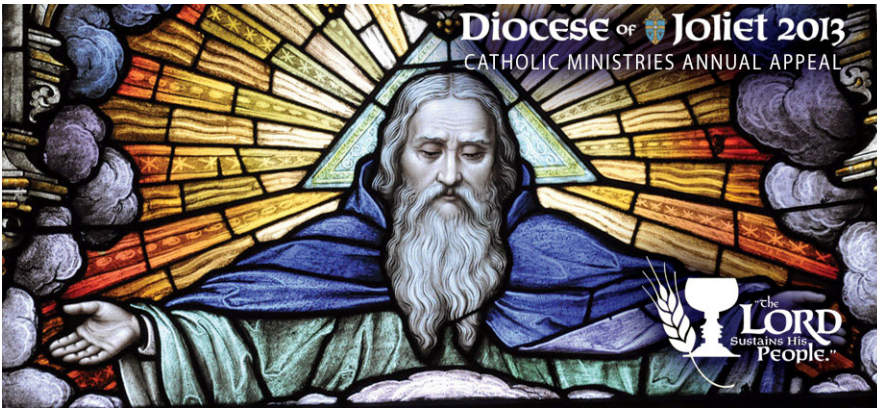
We are forming the **2013-2014 Council of Catholic Women** Board and are looking for women willing to give some of their time and talent to form a brand new board under the leadership of Janet Lissak who has come forward to be the President.

Please contact Janet by email at jmlissak@comcast.net or call 630-629-9234. Please prayerfully consider this opportunity; we can REALLY use your help.

Thank you for your consideration.



DIOCESAN NEWS



"The Lord Sustains His People"

The Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal provides crucial funding to the Diocese of Joliet. These funds help provide education, ministry and services that sustain the people of God.

From Catholic Charities to Catholic Schools, to Religious Education, seminarian education and vocations, money donated to the CMAA helps support the work of our diocese.

Bishop Conlon has sent a letter and a campaign brochure to past CMAA contributors asking that

they consider making a gift to the 2013 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal. We ask our parishioners who receive this mailing to read it carefully and to prayerfully consider a generous gift and/or pledge.

Please keep in mind that our parish receives a 50% rebate of all funds received over our parish goal. We can then use this money to support our parish priorities.

Thank you to all who have contributed to the 2013 CMAA and to all who are still paying their pledges.

2013 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal Pledge Report

Monthly pledge payments for the CMAA pledges should be made in the next few days. It is very important that these pledges be paid so that our parish will reach our goal. Once we have reached goal in paid pledges, 50% of the additional funds received will be returned to the parish for our use.

Parish Goal:	\$59,122
Amount Pledged:	\$51,999
Remaining Balance to be pledged:	\$7,123

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