

St. Pius X Catholic Community

MAY 12, 2013

ASCENSION OF THE LORD

*He was lifted up,
and a cloud took him from their sight.*

— Acts 1:9



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WELCOME TO

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 13-Our Lady of Fatima
Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; Jn 16:29-33
8:30 am †Estelle Bowen by D'Acquisto Family

Tuesday May 14-Saint Matthias
Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Ps 113:1-8; Jn 15:9-17
8:30 am †Joseph Ruffolo by Dan & Ginny Kelly

Wednesday May 15-Saint Isidore
Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-36ab; Jn 17:11b-19
8:30 am †Sandra Perek Nugent by Nancy & Walter Perek
(Mary Crowning with School children)

Thursday May 16-Easter Weekday
Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Jn 17:20-26
8:30 am †Heather & Lloyd Schuster by
Harold & Pat Streicher

Friday May 17-Easter Weekday
Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19
8:30 am St. Pius X Parish Family

Saturday May 18-Saint John I
Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5, 7; Jn 21:20-25
1:00 pm Primera Comunión
3:30-4:30 pm Reconciliation

Vigil—Pentecost Sunday
Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5; Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-30; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39
5:00 pm †Don Tenkash by Jeanne Tenkash
Baptism celebrated during Mass
7:00 pm Misa en español

Sunday May 19
Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or
Rom 8:8-17; Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26
7:30 am †Ralph Ciavarella by family
9:30 am †Ray & Dora Niccolai by family
11:30 am †Loretta Rieck by Wiegel Family
3 Baptisms celebrated during Mass

Ministry Schedule — May 18/19

Saturday 5:00 pm	E/M: F. Birner, B. Kramer, M. Reznicek, B. Sutton, C. Sutton, C. Trefilek Lectors: S. Rakowski, S. Kwak A/S: G., H., & J. Guthrie, K. Reznicek G: H. & P. Streicher
Saturday 7:00 pm Español	Acolitos: H. Serna, S. Mondragon, H. Cruz Ministros: J. & L. Tolentino, D. Lagunas, A. Rodriguez Hospitalidad: J. R. Serna, G. Ruiz, A. Mora, R. Segura Lectores: C. DeLaCruz, A. Segura
Sunday 7:30 am	E/M: D. May-Carter, J. Miulli, C. Monckton, B. Thomas, L. Thurman, C. Walsh Lectors: G. Hartz, C. D'Acquisto A/S: E. Grivetti, I. & J. Walsh, C. Yarusso G: T. & C. Blaszk, L. May
Sunday 9:30 am	E/M: B. & D. Conlin, K. Hogan, J. Meyer, L. & P. Warda Lectors: L. Meyer, J. Lissak A/S: M. & P. Florey, D. & R. Trimarco G: B. & H. Grant
Sunday 11:30 am	E/M: L. Fontana, C. & K. Grafton, S. Lechtenberg, M. LoCoco, N. Rigor Lectors: K. Gandt, D. Galvin A/S: L. & M. Guzik, L. King, N. Lechtenberg G: J. & R. Martinet

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.



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

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**

St. Pius X RCIA

Greg Wolf is a Catechist for our RCIA Program. He was familiar with the program, having gone through the RCIA process with his wife, Suzanne. "I really enjoyed going to the classes with her." Greg also noted that he joined the RCIA program "first and foremost (because) I was asked."

Although parishioners function as Catechists, they also learn through the process of preparing for the classes. "I taught the unit on the Holy Spirit. In preparing for this, I realized how much the Holy Spirit works through you if you let him and listen for guidance."

Greg's ministry as a Lector led him to share with the class that "I feel the Holy Spirit works through me and helps me proclaim the Word of God."



Greg and his wife Suzanne have been parishioners at St. Pius X since 1995. Their daughter, Abby is a seventh grader in the St. Pius X Grammar School. In addition to being Lector, he is also a member of the Stewardship Committee and Pastoral Council, and he and his wife help to run the Manna Program. He is a past School Board President and member, and ran the school Auction/Gala for two years.

RCIA is so grateful to have volunteers who offer their time and faith with the participants of the program. Without the dedication of these volunteers, the program would not be successful. Please pray for the RCIA participants and sponsors, as well as the Catechists. And thank Greg for his service when you see him!

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

Catechism Corner: "Incorporated into *Christ* by Baptism, Christians are 'dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus' and so participate in the life of the Risen Lord. Following Christ and united with him, Christians can strive to be 'imitators of God as beloved children, and walk in love' by conforming their thoughts, words, and actions to the 'mind... which is yours in Christ Jesus,' and by following his example." (CCC, n.1694)



Upcoming Events

Tuesday, May 14, 2013: 7:30 PM., St. Isaac Jogues Catholic Church, 306 West Fourth St., in Hinsdale. Fr. Robert Barron presents "The New Evangelization." Fr. Barron is the Rector/President of The University of St. Mary of the Lake/Mundelein Seminary and creator and host of the critically acclaimed series Catholicism: An Adult Study Program. Free will offering taken at the door. Contact the parish office for more information 630-323-1248.

Saturday, May 25, 2013: 9 AM– 3 PM, Christ the King Parish, 1501 S. Main St., in Lombard. Year of Faith Celebration "Our Response to the Trinity" with Dr. Scott Hahn. All are invited. Please see website for registration information (<http://ctklombard.org/CTKLombard/ScottHahn.html>), email Eileen Maggiore at eileen@ctklombard.org or call her at 630-396-6076.



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 second pillar of Resurrectionist spirituality expressed in the Charism of the Congregation of the Resurrection is the call to conversion, dying to ourselves and rising in Christ.

"We believe that in his love the Father calls us to conversion: to personal resurrection in union with Jesus, to a new life filled with the power of his Spirit. With Jesus, we die to ourselves when we surrender our lives to the Father, renouncing anything that separates us from him. The power of the Spirit forms Christ in us, and moves us to respond with love to the Father's great love for us."

PARISH NEWS

Our Stewardship of Sharing



Weekly Offering Income Report

Weekly Offering Contributions ~ May 2013

First Week Offering \$10,721

Electronic giving (5/1-5/7) 8,625

Budgeted Income for May \$59,385

Amount needed for May offering budget \$40,039

*Offering Income needed to meet budgeted expenses

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



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St. Pius X Catholic Community extends congratulations and prayers to our children who received First Holy Communion on May 11, 2013

Brianna Cecilia Alandy
Zachary Collin Alsobrook

Elijah Aquino

Christopher Bajda

Amelia Barrington

Emma Biewer

Fiona R. Bilkey

Matthew Boghosian

Lianna Bolivar

Giani Buscemi

Nicholas Chivilo

Tessa Ciatti

Natalie Cipriano

Grace Conley

Delaney E. Coulter

Faith Cummings

Michael P. Daut

Alexander Dean

Gabriella Deckys

Jacob Delaney

Nicholas Delaney

Sean Doyle

Michael Drayton

Charlie Drury

Adam J. Dynako

Owen Fairbairn

Madeleine Fisette

Justin P. Gabon

Lucas Gerlach

Sophia Gomez

Vanessa Gonzales

Jane Goodhart

Jacob E. Gosmire

Vincent Guajardo

Adrian Guerrero

Charles Hayes

Thomas Hayes

Daniel Hernandez

Kiran Hitzeman

Dimitri Hritz

Sophia E. Jara

Kaitlyn Jaskier

Owen Kingsbury

Kyra Kopec

Sarah Kosanda

Matthew F. Koykar

Nicholas Kubish

Angelina Lizasuain

Hannah Loftus

Michael Long

Dylan M. Lyons

Sean D. Maciejewski

Emily Maher

Alyssa McKenna

Randi Moraga

Luc Henry Neczek

Nina Nytko

Angelique Owen

Victoria Owen

Juliana Partida

William Passarelli

Julia Pate

Quinn Peterson

Christina Pettinger

Zachary Pfister

Katherine Pogorelec

Dominic Pope

Evan Raczowski

Caroline Radomski

Hope Reckamp

Cody Reilly

Judith C. Roelle

Elaine C. Roknich

Luke Saintmire

Anna Seelbach

John Seybold

Diana F. Singzon

Ava Sloan

Henry Sloan

Isaac Sobieszczyk

Amelia Tortorici

Joshua M. Turner

Jack Voss

Michael Wangler

Payton Weller

Caroline E. White

Mary Kate Wickstrom

Nathan Wiemerslage

Garrett Williams

Maxwell Zaccione

This Week's Calendar of Events

Monday-May 13

Fall Fest Meeting 6:00 pm Parish Office

Tuesday-May 14

V.I.P. Luncheon 11:30 am Social Center

Worship Commission 7:00 pm Parish Office

Service Commission 7:00 pm Mary Room

Wednesday-May 15

Grade School Mass 8:30 am Church

Administration Commission 1:30 pm Parish Office

Rosary/Prayer/Benediction 8:00 pm Prayer Chapel

Thursday-May 16

Market Day Pick Up 10:00 am Social Center

Finance Meeting 5:00 pm Parish Office

Friday-May 17

Cub Scout Pack meeting 7:00 pm Social Center

Saturday-May 18

Fundraiser for Charlie Drury 1 pm—4 pm Social Center

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!

From the Desk of the Business Manager

- **Stewardship of Treasure** – thank you to the 400 families who have returned their commitment cards. Cards returned by this Tuesday will be counted into results of the campaign. Return cards to the Parish Office. A summary of the campaign will be mailed to all parishioners by the end of May. Thank you for your financial support of your parish.
 - **Parish Projects** – an information meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 4 at 7 pm in the Martha Room. Projects that will be presented include the church restroom and Westmore entrance paver brick projects.
 - **Save the dates**
Ministry Volunteer Mass and Social - May 31
Fall Fest – September 20-22
Spirit of Life Concert – October 27
- God's Peace, John Matyasik**

A Prayer for Mothers By Heidi Busse

All-loving God,
we give you thanks and praise for mothers young and old.
We pray for young mothers who give life and count toes and tend to our every need;
May they be blessed with patience and tenderness to care for their families and themselves with great joy.
We pray for our own mothers who have nurtured and cared for us;
May they continue to guide in strong and gentle ways.
We remember mothers who are separated from their children because of war, poverty or conflict;
May they feel the loving embrace of our God who wipes every tear away.
We pray for women who are not mothers but still love and shape us with motherly care and compassion.
We remember mothers, grandmothers, and great grandmothers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love.

Results of Nominations for Parish Pastoral Council—2013

Four members of the Parish Pastoral Council will be rotating off the Council at the end of June and we thank you for your response to our request for nominees to fill these openings.

Congratulations to the following parishioners who were nominated to be discerned as members of the Council. Nominees who elect to go forward must participate in the Discernment Session that will take place in the Parish Office Meeting Room on Saturday, June 1 following the 8:30 AM Mass. All members of the parish are invited. If you have questions, please contact Betty Kramer at 630-629-2342 or bjk6292342@sbcglobal.net.

Rafella Biddle
Ceil D'Acquisto
Kevin Fitzpatrick
Carol Gawenda
Deanna Grivetti
Joseph Guthrie
Barb Harazin
Hope Jaroszewski
Susan Krause
Terry Lanigan

Joe Martinet
Abraham Rodriguez (currently on the Council)
Estelle Soger
John Tirio
D. Thurman
Cherie Trefilek
Spencer Trefilek (Youth Ministry)
Bob Wagner
Basil Weaver



KNIGHTLIFE

what's happening at school . . .

Happy Mother's Day!



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Pioneer Life Revisited

Every May, St. Pius fourth graders go back in time to the days of covered wagons and spinning wheels. The children look forward to Pioneer Day all year long and the celebration has been a tradition for the past eleven years. They are allowed to switch their usual school uniforms for western wear, calico aprons and bonnets.

The idea to commemorate the traditions of an "age gone by" was conceived by then fourth grade teacher, Mrs. Susan Pruyn. Although she is now teaching kindergarten, the tradition she began is still going strong.

The celebration is a day long affair and includes singing songs, playing pioneer games at gym and getting a lesson on weaving and spinning from librarian, Nanette Farina, an avid spinner.



Pioneers for a day:
Above: Tyler K. and Jack C. **Right:** Olivia S.

"They also made story quilts about pioneer life," explained teacher, Mrs. Diana Koch.

The students visited Naper Settlement earlier in the year. The visit gave them a taste of history and helped them learn about our country's past and how it relates to the present day.

The students are now back to wearing their normal school uniforms, but the memory of Pioneer Day at St. Pius will hopefully stay with them forever.

*What wonderful majesty! What stupendous
condescension! O sublime humility!
That the Lord of the whole universe,
God and the Son of God,
should humble Himself like this under
the form of a little bread, for our salvation."*

- St. Francis of Assisi

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL STUDENTS
MAKING THEIR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION
THIS WEEKEND.**



Front Row (L to R): Tommy N., Diana S., Kaitlyn R., Raquel D.
Back Row: Megan Ulczak, Ted K., Chris T., Diego T., Jamie C., Grace C. and Principal Daniel Flaherty. **Winners not in photo:** Clare W., Chloe D. and Jenna V.

Student Artwork Selected for Display

Each year, St. Pius holds an annual art fair to showcase a school year's worth of student masterpieces. The walls of the gym are draped in artistic creations of all levels and skills, and proud parents and friends are invited to attend the event. The show is arranged by art teacher, Megan Ulczak, with the support of volunteer parents.

During the fair, Father George, Principal Daniel Flaherty, and Assistant Principal Toni Miller, viewed each art piece and personally selected a few for permanent display on the walls of St. Pius.

This year's winners were quite happy to hear the news that their artwork had been selected for display. "It is quite an honor for students to have their artwork chosen to be eternally displayed at the school for future generations to admire," said Mr. Flaherty. "They should be quite proud of themselves."



*A very
special surprise!*

Third grader, Francesca M., enjoyed a very precious moment last Friday night at the school's annual Daddy Daughter Dance.

She was surprised with flowers and a 'spotlight dance' with her dad. The dance floor was cleared for the two to cherish their special moment.

Her parents bid on and won this unique auction item at the school sponsored Black and Gold Gala in February.

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.

630-627-4526 X203

spxhispano@aol.com

TODO CRISTIANO ESTÁ LLAMADO A SER TESTIGO

Las lecturas de la Palabra de Dios que acabamos de escuchar siempre guardan una relación entre sí, especialmente la primera lectura y el evangelio. Esa relación se ve hoy de una manera muy clara ya que el autor de las dos lecturas es el mismo. Es más, el texto que acabamos de escuchar es el final del evangelio de Lucas y la primera lectura es el principio de su segundo libro, los Hechos de los Apóstoles. Lucas nos muestra así una continuidad entre la vida de Jesús narrada en su evangelio y el nacimiento de la Iglesia, que nos cuenta en el libro de los Hechos de los Apóstoles. Y este libro comienza con el momento de la Ascensión de Jesús al cielo, que es la fiesta que estamos celebrando hoy.

También en el evangelio, Lucas nos ha narrado el momento de la Ascensión de Jesús. Jesús les cuenta que Él ha cumplido todo lo que estaba escrito sobre el Mesías: el anuncio del Reino, su pasión, su muerte y resurrección y ahora la ascensión y un nuevo anuncio del Reino, pero esta vez por parte de sus discípulos, porque ellos son ahora TESTIGOS de todo y, con la fuerza y la ayuda del Espíritu Santo, tienen que dar testimonio ante el mundo de lo que han visto y oído. De aquí sacamos la idea fundamental para nuestra reflexión de hoy: todo cristiano está llamado a ser testigo.

Nosotros hemos recibido el testimonio de los Apóstoles. Es más, hemos tenido (o así debe ser) experiencia en nuestra vida de la presencia de Jesús vivo y resucitado y del amor incondicional de Dios por nosotros. Un Dios que, como dice la Carta a los

Hebreos, “se ha manifestado una sola vez, al final de la historia, para destruir el pecado con el sacrificio de sí mismo”. Con su sacrificio, Jesús obtuvo la salvación para toda la humanidad. Fue una muerte solidaria con la humanidad, una muerte obediente y en consonancia con el proyecto salvador de Dios. Y Jesús, resucitado, ahora asciende al cielo “para ponerse ante Dios, intercediendo por nosotros”. Esa es la gran experiencia de la que daban testimonio los Apóstoles y que ha hecho posible que esa Buena Noticia llegue a nosotros 2000 años después. Y termina diciendo la Carta a los Hebreos: “acerquémonos con corazón sincero y llenos de fe... mantengámonos firmes en la esperanza que profesamos, porque es fiel quien hizo la promesa”. Porque el testigo pone el corazón en aquello que vive, anuncia y celebra.

Pero este testimonio no depende solo de nosotros mismos, ni de nuestras solas fuerzas. Hay una nueva fuerza entre nosotros que nos impulsa y que no viene de nosotros, sino del Espíritu Santo. “Cuando el Espíritu Santo descienda sobre vosotros, recibiréis fuerza para ser mis testigos”. Ahora la nueva presencia de Dios entre nosotros es su Espíritu Santo. Y Jesús asciende al cielo bendiciendo a sus discípulos y a toda la humanidad, que va a acoger a ese Espíritu en Pentecostés (lo celebraremos la próxima semana). La bendición de Jesús y la fuerza de su Espíritu nos harán capaces de ser sus testigos... “hasta los confines del mundo”. Pidamos que ese mismo Espíritu Santo venga a nosotros. Recemos todos los días diciendo: “Ven, Espíritu Santo”. Seamos testigos convencidos de la presencia de Dios en nuestra vida y en el mundo. Vivamos la vida nueva de Dios, que se nos da cada vez que nos acercamos a la Eucaristía.

Por Pedro Juan Díaz



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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

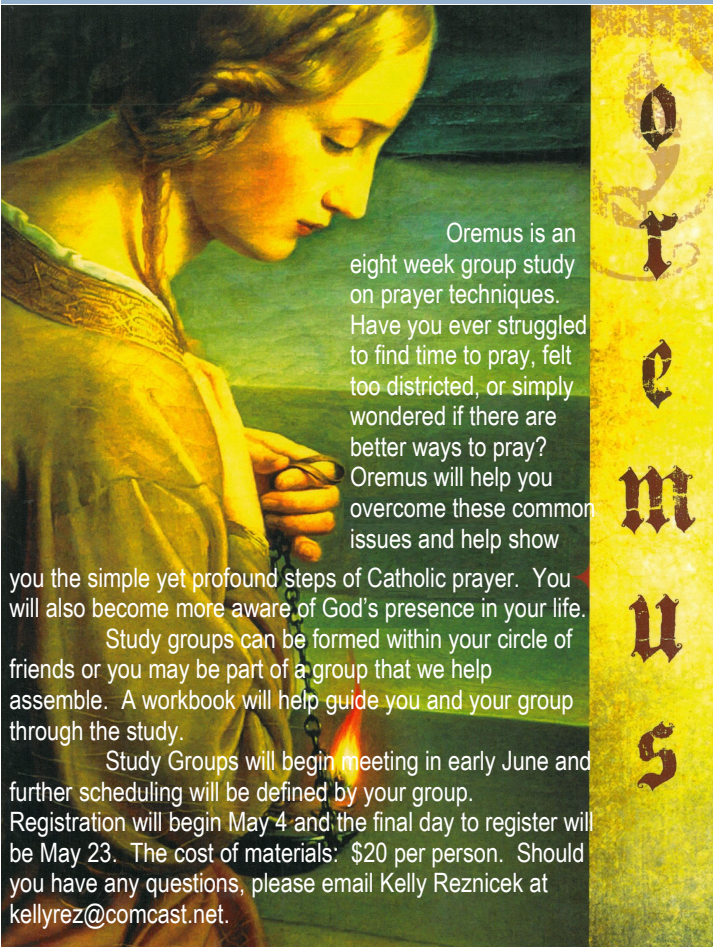
Would you be willing to host/facilitate a group at St. Pius?

___ Yes ___ Not at this time

Please include Materials Fee \$20.00: ___ CASH or

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Completed Registration Form and Materials Fee may be turned in after all Masses the weekends of May 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.

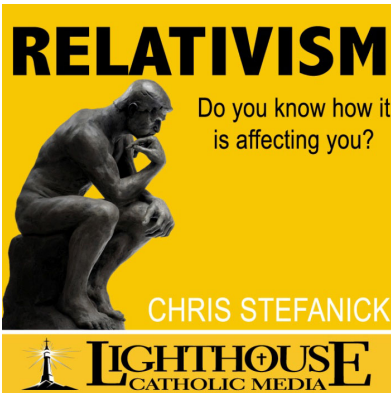
Study groups can be formed within your circle of friends or you may be part of a group that we help assemble. A workbook will help guide you and your group through the study.

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.

Lighthouse CD Spotlight

Relativism

Pope Benedict XVI considers Moral Relativism to be the most dangerous dictatorship existing in the world today. In this presentation, Chris Stefanick debunks the powerful and epidemic myth of relativism with honesty, relevance, humor, and logical validity, offering a much-needed perspective on the current status quo of morality.



This talk is proudly presented by Lighthouse Catholic Youth.

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

Cub Scout Pack 140 Fundraiser

Please join us on Saturday, May 18th between 1-4 pm in the Social Center!

Cub Scout Pack 140 is supporting one of our own parishioners, 8 year old Charlie Drury, with a silent auction, raffle, bake sale and carnival games.

All funds raised will be donated to The Drury Family as they seek treatment for a rare autoimmune disease Charlie is currently battling.

Joyful Again!

The Joyful Again Ministry program for widowed men and women offers understanding and hope.

Upcoming Dates/Locations:

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Website is: www.joyfulagain.org.

DIOCESAN NEWS

Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal

"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.

News from the Vocation Office

MEN'S DISCERNMENT GROUP – All men age 17 and older are welcome to our Men's Discernment Group. We will be using the book "To Save A Thousand Souls" by Fr. Brett Brannen to discuss relevant topics to discern a priestly vocation. Books will be provided for those who do not already have one. These meetings will take place at the John Paul II House, 430 N. Center St., Joliet, IL 60435.

Sunday, May 12, from 2 pm to 4 pm

(Practical Ideas for Discernment – chapter 10)

Please RSVP to Fr. Burke at vocations@dioceseofjoliet.org or (815 834-4004). If you don't have time to RSVP, come anyway.

ORDINATIONS - Bishop Conlon will be ordaining *five new priests* (Marek Herbut, John Lovitsch, Marcin Michalak, David Mowry, Michael Pawlowicz) and one transitional deacon (Maciej Stelmach) on **Saturday, May 18, 10:00 am at St. Raymond's Cathedral in Joliet**. All are welcome to this wonderful event! *No tickets* are required. Ordination Masses are powerful experiences for the whole family as you see these men literally laying down their lives for Jesus and the Church. Please come to support our newest priests in the Diocese! Our newly ordained priests will celebrate the following **Masses of Thanksgiving** on *Sunday, May 19, 2013*:

Fr. Marcin Michalak -9 am, Immaculate Conception, Elmhurst
Fr. Michael Pawlowicz -11:30 am, St. Joan of Arc, Lisle
Fr. John Lovitsch -12:15 pm, St. Mary Immaculate, Plainfield
Fr. David Mowry -3:00 pm, St. Petronille, Glen Ellyn
Fr. Marek Herbut -4:00 pm, Divine Savior, Downers Grove

LISTENING TO GOD'S CALL – All men and women, ages 18-40, are invited to gather with women and men religious to explore the possibility of religious life and priesthood. This is sponsored by JAVA (Joliet Area Vocation Association). The topic for May is "Bumps in the Road."

May 14, 2013 – 7 pm to 9 pm, Loretto Convent in Wheaton, Sr. Claire, 630-868-2904 or clvand@aol.com.

May 15, 2013 – 7 pm to 9 pm, St. Francis Woods in Frankfort, Sr. Maria, 815-464-3873 or vocations@fssh.net.

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