

# *St. Pius X Catholic Community*

SEPTEMBER 1, 2013

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**LABOR DAY - MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2013**



**MONDAY MORNING MASS AT 9:00 AM**

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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 Sunday 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—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](mailto: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](http://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](http://www.Masstimes.org) or [parishesonline.com](http://parishesonline.com)

# LITURGICAL NEWS

## Liturgical Calendar

### Monday September 2-Labor Day

1 Thes 4:13-18; Ps 96:1, 3-5, 11-13; Lk 4:16-30  
9:00 am For all workers

### Tuesday September 3-Saint Gregory the Great

1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Lk 4:31-37  
8:30 am †Bruno Mangiantini (anniv.) by Niccolai Family

### Wednesday September 4-Weekday

Col 1:1-8; Ps 52:10-11; Lk 4:38-44  
8:30 am †Michael Bobak by family  
Grade School Participating

### Thursday September 5-Blessed Teresa of Calcutta

Col 1:9-14; Ps 98:2-6; Lk 5:1-11  
8:30 am †Bill Mueller by family

### Friday September 6-Weekday

Col 1:15-20; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 5:33-39  
8:30 am †Louise Schweih by Mike & Nancy Lawler

### Saturday September 7-Weekday

Col 1:21-23; Ps 54:3-4, 6, 8; Lk 6:1-5  
8:30 am †Harry Burns by Michelle LoCoco  
1:00 pm Wedding (Bisping/Swidorski)  
3:30-4:30 pm Reconciliation

### Vigil—Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 pm For all souls in purgatory  
7:00 pm Misa en español

### Sunday September 8

Wis 9:13-18b; Ps 90:3-6, 12-17; Phlm 9-10, 12-17; Lk 14:25-33

7:30 am †William Lundgren, Jr. by Terry Lyons  
Special Intentions—Jason Joseph  
9:30 am †Katherine & Edward Sebring by  
Bob & Nancy Sebring  
11:30 am †Irene Halicka by Beth Gemkow

## 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.

If you would like to sign up for one of the following hours, please contact Michelle LoCoco at 630-620-6283:

**Tuesdays 7-8 pm, 8-9 pm and 9-10 pm.**

Benediction and Rosary is held every Wednesday at 8 pm.

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

## Ministry Schedule — September 7/8

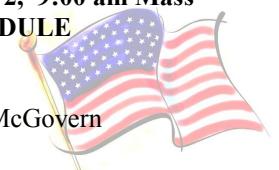
<b>Saturday 5:00 pm</b>	E/M: J. Plewa, C. Sutton, S. Trefilek, C. Walsh, L. & P. Warda <b>Lectors:</b> S. Rakowski, G. Wolf <b>A/S:</b> E. Flaherty, K. Fox, J. Walsh, A. Wolf <b>G:</b> Sr. Pauline
<b>Saturday 7:00 pm Español</b>	<b>Acolitos:</b> M. Serna, H. Serna, S. Mondragon <b>Ministros:</b> V. & J. Ortega, D. Lagunas, F. Garcia <b>Hospitalidad:</b> M. Vergara, A. Sosa, G. Ruiz, J. Gamboa <b>Lectores:</b> I. Rodriguez, F. Palma
<b>Sunday 7:30 am</b>	E/M: L. Bajda, S. Cerone, D. Czoher, C. Gawenda, J. Miulli, B. Sutton <b>Lectors:</b> G. Wiedman, D. Fowler <b>A/S:</b> D. & M. Bajda, E. Ciaccio, K. Reznicek <b>G:</b> P. & M. Knoll, R. Hakes
<b>Sunday 9:30 am</b>	E/M: M. Burns, K. Hogan, M. Koykar, S. Lechtenberg, V. McClelland, J. Meyer <b>Lectors:</b> L. Meyer, B. Whalen <b>A/S:</b> G. Burns, G. Castaneda, H. & J. Guthrie <b>G:</b> T. Brossard, K. Litos
<b>Sunday 11:30 am</b>	E/M: B. & D. Conlin, L. Fontana, H. Jaroszewski, J. Molenda, D. Trapp <b>Lectors:</b> M. Weaver, M. Reaves <b>A/S:</b> L. & M. Guzik, J. Schneider, J. Weaver <b>G:</b> Please volunteer

### LABOR DAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 9:00 am Mass MINISTRY SCHEDULE

E/M: C. Holst, B. Kramer

**Lector:** E. Morris

**Servers:** M. Hassler, H. Konrath, B. McGovern



### Server Schedule for Saturday, September 7

**8:30 am** M. Guzik and L. Harazin



the following parishioners  
and friends who are ill:

McKenna Tyszkiewicz  
John Johnson

George McAloon

## The RCIA is a spiritual journey of FAITH ... and CONVERSION

The RCIA is the process, established for the universal Church, for adults to become Catholics and receive the Sacraments of Initiation – Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist. The RCIA speaks of conversion as a “spiritual journey”. The conversion is centered on fostering a deep relationship with Jesus Christ and the Church he founded. The journey takes place through distinct periods in which inquirers receive instructions on the faith (catechesis) and experience life in a parish community and of her liturgy, worship and prayer. During the Easter Vigil, those who have completed their spiritual preparation may choose to receive the Sacraments of Christian Initiation, which are Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist.



**Pre-RCIA / Inquiry Session** is a drop-in Q&A session for anyone seeking to learn more about Christianity and the Catholic faith, but uncertain about joining the Catholic Church. The RCIA Inquiry session will be held on **September 4 at 7:00 pm in the Parish Office.**

Do you have family members, relatives and/or friends who have never been baptized or who have been baptized in a non-Catholic Christian tradition, as well as adult Catholics who have not been confirmed? Invite them to the RCIA. Or why not accompany them? Walk with them. Make a difference.

Please complete the contact form below and place it in the collection basket or mail to the parish office. Thank you for helping us to invite those who might be interested in the Catholic Faith or to complete their Christian Initiation.

### ST. PIUS X RCIA TEAM – PLEASE CONTACT:

NAME OF THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED & INVITED

#### WHO IS:

- ☐ Adult in need of Baptism.
- ☐ Adult baptized in another Christian tradition who desires to become Catholic.
- ☐ Adult baptized Catholic in need of First Communion and/or Confirmation.

ADDRESS

CITY/STATE / ZIP

( )

PHONE #

E-MAIL

MY NAME IS

MY RELATIONSHIP IS

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

**September Theme: Go Make Disciples: Mission Possible**

**Catechism Corner:** “The whole Church is apostolic, in that she remains, through the successors of St. Peter and the other apostles, in communion of faith and life with her origin: and in that she is ‘sent out’ into the whole world. All members of the Church share in this mission, though in various ways. ‘The Christian vocation is, of its nature, a vocation to the apostolate as well.’ Indeed, we call an apostolate ‘every activity of the Mystical Body’ that aims ‘to spread the Kingdom of Christ over all the earth.’” (CCC, n. 863)



**Diocese of Joliet website:** <http://www.dioceseofjoliet.org/yearoffaith/>



### **The Vision of Hope Congregation of the Resurrection**

*In 1999, the Congregation of the Resurrection created a new document entitled 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.*

One of the pillars of the Congregation of the Resurrection's prayer life is frequent Sacrament Reconciliation. *That a frequent encounter with the Risen Christ is the Sacrament of Reconciliation may form an essential part of our liturgical prayer because it is here that we acknowledge our complete dependence upon him and receive the power to die to sin and to become conformed to him.* (Art 58)



# PARISH NEWS

## Our Stewardship of Sharing



### Weekly Offering Report

#### Weekly Offering Contributions ~ August 2013

First Week Offering	\$11,017
First Week Electronic Giving	7,672
Second Week Offering	9,700
Second Week Electronic (8/7-8/13)	6,369
Third Week Offering	8,345
Third Week Electronic (8/14-8/20)	2,909
Fourth Week Offering	10,032
Fourth Week Electronic (8/21-8/27)	3,083

**Budgeted Income for August\* \$62,000**

**Amount needed for August offering budget \$2,873**

\*Budgeted Offering Income needed to meet monthly budgeted expenses

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



Online Giving

[www.stpiuslombard.org](http://www.stpiuslombard.org)

#### Year to Date Sunday Offering Budget

July 1, 2013 through July 31, 2013

Revenue	\$68,010
Budget through July 31	69,600
Over (under) Budget	(1,590)

#### Church Projects Collection

July 1, 2013 through August 27, 2013

Restroom Goal	\$77,000	Donations	\$6,433
Air Conditioning Goal	\$35,000	Donations	1,100
Paver Bricks		Donations	750



**Fall Fest 2013**

## FALL FEST IS BACK!

**Weekend of September 20, 21, and 22**

### What is Fall Fest?

Our 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Fest is right around the corner. This year's event will feature a weekend of activities and fun. Enjoy **Bingo** Friday night in the Social Center. Saturday evening will feature **Bunco, Bags & Babysitting** for an evening of fun and fellowship. Sunday will feature an outdoor **Polka Mass** and **Pig Roast**, along with **Raffles, Games, Hayrides, Pony Rides, Moon Jump, Cotton Candy, Crafts**, and more. An added feature this year is **Bears & Beer on Sunday night**. Watch the Bears beat the Steelers, and enjoy a brew with friends and family under the tent.

The Fall Fest committee, which is made up of many volunteers, is dedicated to bringing a festival to our Community that has something for everyone. There is no entrance fee; however, food tickets will be sold prior to the event and at the event. Enjoy a meal of Pork, Bratwurst, Bun, Sauerkraut, Potato Salad, Applesauce, Dessert and Beverage for \$8, or a smaller meal of Hot Dog, Potato Chips, Dessert, and Beverage for \$4. Purchase your Meal Tickets early since prices on the day of the event increase to \$12 and \$5 respectively. Beer and wine will be available at an extra charge.

We have some big Raffle prizes this year. Check them out in the gathering space. Tickets will be on sale after all Masses and at the Parish Office. Please support this event and plan to spend an enjoyable weekend with family and friends.



### The Kick-off to Fall Fest Sunday is the **Outdoor Polka Mass**

For those who have never attended a Polka Mass, it is quite an experience. For those new to this, the Polka Mass consists of the same basic worship service celebrated in the Roman Catholic tradition, but utilizing a unique mode of music. It is a joyous, inspiring worship service with the most unusual music and orchestration, presented in a manner of dignity that enhances the solemnity of the Mass. Christ encourages us to celebrate and we're supposed to imitate him. What better way than through music and fun – and in the celebration of the Mass, the greatest celebration there is.

### The Good Times Band will perform the **Outdoor Polka Mass**

Worship with us under the tent

at 10:30 am on September 22, and join in the excitement!

Please note that there will not be a 9:30 AM Mass that Sunday morning.

## This Week's Calendar of Events

### Monday-September 2

Labor Day Mass 9:00 am Church  
Parish facilities closed

### Tuesday-September 3

Fall Fest Meeting 5:30 pm Parish Office  
Catechist Training 7:00 pm Martha Room

### Wednesday-September 4

Grade School Mass 8:30 am Church  
Christian Life Meeting 7:00 pm Martha Room  
RCIA Inquiry Session 7:00 pm Parish Office  
Clothing/Toy Resale Registration 7:00 pm Shepherds' Hall  
Rosary/Prayer/Benediction 8:00 pm Prayer Chapel

**Saturday, September 7 and Sunday, September 8**  
**Fellowship Weekend Hospitality/Gathering after Masses**

## Council of Catholic Women Events

### St. Pius X Council of Catholic Women Salad Supper

All the women of the parish are invited to the CCW Salad Supper. This will be a great opportunity to reconnect after the long summer and enjoy a relaxing evening together. Please bring a salad to share and a friend. We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday, September 11, 2013 at 6:30 pm in the Martha Room.

### St. Pius X Council of Catholic Women Bake Sale

It's time to start your ovens for the St. Pius X CCW's annual Bake Sale on September 14 & 15 after all weekend Masses. Please help support us by baking your favorite cookies, cakes, breads, etc. Baked goods can be dropped off in Shepherds' Hall on Saturday, September 14 from 3 – 4:30 pm. With YOUR help this will be a fabulous Bake Sale.



## Children's Liturgy of the Word

### Children's Liturgy of the Word will resume at the 9:30 am Mass on September 8.

Are you looking for a way to help out our parish and make a difference? The Liturgy of the Word for Children is looking for people to assist the Catechists during the 9:30 Mass. You can sign up for as often as you like. It's a fun way to work with the children of St Pius X. During Mass, children ages 3 to 3rd grade are welcome to come, so sometimes we have quite a large group. Our catechists could really use an extra set of hands to help manage the children. The Liturgy of the Word for Children provides the younger children of the parish who attend Sunday Mass with their families the opportunity to hear



and respond at their age level. Thank you for your consideration! Please contact us for more details. This might be the perfect opportunity to share your time and talent! Contact: Parish Office 630-627-4526 or Jina Hoffmann at 630-519-4565 or at: jjbhoff@sbcglobal.net.

## Choir Corner

**With the summer months coming to an end, the choir will be starting rehearsals soon! If you are interested in lifting up your voice and singing out your joy to the Lord, please call the Parish Office at 630-627-4526. or email Ryan Rump at [rrump@stpiuslombard.org](mailto:rrump@stpiuslombard.org).**

Our Adult Choir sings at the 9:30 am Sunday Masses. Praise!, our more contemporary group, sings at the 11:30 am Sunday Masses. We are also beginning a youth choir for Grades 5 through 8.



## V.I.P. Seniors

### SEPTEMBER GATHERING!

Welcome to September! We are hosting the St. Pius Eighth Graders in the Social Center on **Tuesday, September 10**. We will begin at 11:30 am in the Social Center to welcome our 8th Grade Students. As is our custom, there will be bingo with prizes after lunch. Please RSVP to Sr. Pauline by September 3. 630-627-5810. Thank you.

**A Big Welcome to any seniors who would like to join the V.I.P. Group. Give Sr. Pauline a call.**



**Mow Food, Please**  
**COOKBOOKS ON SALE**  
**AFTER ALL MASSES**  
**\$5 each - Case of 6 for \$27**

## Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

### Training for New Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

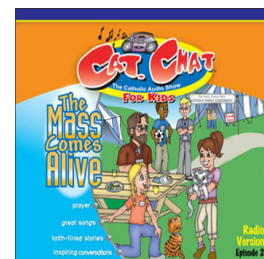
Have you ever thought of becoming an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, nourishing the assembly with the Body and the Blood of Christ?

This fall **Barb Keane** will begin training a new group of those interested in becoming Extraordinary Ministers. If you are interested, or know of anyone else who may be interested, please contact Barb at **630-627-9606** or [bakeane@att.net](mailto:bakeane@att.net).

## Lighthouse CD Spotlight

### The Mass Comes Alive - Episode 2

Cat.Chat is a Catholic Audio Show for kids ages 3-11 to help them learn and love their Faith like never before! Using prayer, great conversations, faith-filled stories, and catchy songs, each CD discusses the Catholic Faith while teaching kids powerful lessons for living out their Faith every day. Join Moses the Talking Cat, Papa, Josh, Hanna, and friends for an unforgettable experience! CD's are available in the Gathering Space for \$3.00 each.







# KNIGHTLIFE

*what's happening at school . . .*

630-627-2353 • [www.stpiuslombard.org/school](http://www.stpiuslombard.org/school)

## Parents and Students Welcome the New School Year!



*St. Pius X Parish School has begun its 57th school year!*

Students and parents gathered outside school last Tuesday to wait for the doors to open and for the 2013-2014 school year to begin. There was a mixture of joy, sadness, excitement, and reluctance . . . mostly among the parents!

Most students agreed that they were very excited to break in their brand new school supplies, make new friends, and experience many new adventures at school.

“Welcome back to all our families,” says school principal, Daniel Flaherty. He also extends a special welcome to all of our new families. “You have made a great choice in giving your child(ren) a Catholic education at St. Pius X Parish School.”

**Top left photo:** Parents take a few last photos of their children before the school doors opened last Tuesday. **Middle:** Brand new kindergarteners in Mrs. Damitz's class get ready to start their day. **Bottom:** Mrs. Alandy welcomes St. Pius' youngest students, 3 year old preschoolers, with a morning song.



## Join us for Curriculum Nights

St. Pius' Curriculum Nights provide school parents with the opportunity to meet the teachers, preview textbooks and learning materials, receive an overview of the grade level academic goals and ask questions about our curriculum, classroom expectations and daily schedule.

We will also provide an opportunity to sign up for our MANNA Tuition Savings Program, purchase school Spirit Wear, and learn more about the many volunteer opportunities during the school year.

Mark your calendar for these informative evenings  
(in the Social Center for parents only).

**Kindergarten through Fifth Grade Parents**  
**Thursday, September 12 (7:00 p.m.)**

**Sixth through Eighth Grade Parents**  
**Tuesday, September 17 (7:00 p.m.)**

## Get More Informed this School Year

**Want more Knightlife?** Visit our Facebook page and find out what's going on at school. (Click on the Facebook logo on our website homepage or search for St. Pius X Parish School Community Website.) We will not only be announcing important dates and upcoming event reminders, but we'll also be posting fun photos and stories about what our students are doing this year in class, lunch and recess, too!

Alumni can also visit our Alumni Facebook page at:  
[www.facebook.com/stpius.alumniassociation](http://www.facebook.com/stpius.alumniassociation).





# 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

9:00 am—1:00 pm

Jueves

12:30 pm—4:00 p.m.

Teléfono

630-627-4526 X203

Email

spxhispano@aol.com

## BUSCAR LA PENUMBRA, EL LUGAR MÁS BAJO, EL PASAR OCULTO

**SÍ, HUMILDAD.-** Son consejos de Ben Sirac, el sabio inspirado por Dios. Palabras llenas de ciencia, fórmulas cargadas de sabiduría. En este pasaje el maestro aconseja al discípulo la humildad. Si en su vida procede humildemente será querido por todos, se le estimará más que al hombre generoso. Y es cierto. La persona que es humilde, sinceramente humilde, es sencilla, afable. Por su trato se da a querer... Ser humilde, ser sencillo. Olvidarse de sí mismo, estar contento con lo poco o lo mucho que la vida trae consigo. Ser consciente de la propia limitación, atribuir a Dios todo lo bueno que se pueda tener o que se pueda ser. No considerarse más que los demás, tratar a todos con la misma sonrisa, sin mirar a nadie por encima del hombro... El hombre humilde no tiene complejos, no teme quedar mal; no le importa que noten sus limitaciones. El humilde es por eso un hombre realmente libre.

La fuerza de atracción de la humildad es tan grande, que ni Dios se resiste a ella. Sí, el Señor también se siente atraído por el que es humilde. Muchas veces vemos a Jesús inclinarse hacia el que es pequeño, pobre, enfermo, limitado, humilde.

La mujer que Dios escoge por madre es una muchacha oculta entre la gente de su tiempo, una muchacha sencilla que habita en un pueblecito olvidado en las montañas de Galilea. La Virgen lo comprende y exclama: "Porque has mirado la pequeñez de tu esclava, por eso me llamarán bienaventurada todas las generaciones". Sí, Dios ensalza al humilde y abate al soberbio, enriquece al pobre y despidе vacío al rico. Desprecia al que se cree justo y abraza al que se siente pecador... Luz, Señor, luz para descubrir la propia pequeñez. Valentía para aceptarla con sencillez. Humildad siempre, por muy alto que tú nos subas. Conscientes de que somos la nada, de que tú eres el todo.

**LOS PRIMEROS PUESTOS.-** El Señor no hizo distinción de personas. Ni siquiera tuvo prevención con los que le miraban con malos ojos, aquellos que le invitaban para observarle de cerca y espiarle a gusto. Jesús conocía sus intenciones, pero no les

esquiva ni se esconde. Él había venido para salvar a todos y a todos les da la posibilidad de que le conozcan y puedan amarle. Podemos decir que lo mismo ocurre ahora. En efecto, Jesucristo por medio de la Iglesia abre sus brazos a todos, no distingue entre rico o pobre, entre hombre o mujer, entre blanco o negro. El Señor quiere acercarse a la humanidad entera y se acerca de continuo de mil formas. Lo que ocurre a veces es que hay quienes no le acogen como se merece, quienes les cierran sus puertas, o se las abren a medias.

En aquella ocasión Jesús observa a los que han sido invitados a la boda, se da cuenta de cómo, a medida que van entrando, se colocan en los mejores puestos. Entonces el Maestro toma ocasión de este hecho para enseñarles cuál ha de ser la actitud y la conducta de un discípulo suyo. Quien quiera seguir su doctrina ha de actuar de una manera totalmente distinta. No ha de buscar el propio lucimiento, no ha de intentar ser el centro de la atención de los demás. Al contrario, ha de buscar la penumbra, el lugar más bajo, el pasar oculto. En un caso como el que están presenciando ha de elegir el último puesto, ser alzado a un sitio de más categoría por el dueño mismo de la casa. Porque todo el que se enaltece será humillado, y el que se humilla será enaltecido.

Es una enseñanza cuyo alcance va más allá del caso de una invitación a un banquete. El Señor está pensando en otro banquete de más trascendencia, el banquete de las moradas eternas. Allí cada uno tendrá su puesto, cada uno gozará de su propia categoría. Entonces no valdrán los empujones ni las zancadillas para colocarse en los primeros puestos, no servirán las mentiras ni las apariencias. Entonces cada uno ocupará el puesto que realmente le corresponde, el suyo propio, ese que sólo Dios conoce. Puesto muy distinto quizá del que los hombres asignamos a los demás, o nos escogemos para nosotros mismos. Por eso no nos ha de preocupar otra cosa que ser grandes a los ojos de Dios, merecer sólo ante él y no ante los hombres.

El Maestro sigue exponiendo su enseñanza apoyado en ese banquete del que toma parte. Al hombre que le ha invitado le dice que cuando dé una comida o una cena no invite a quienes les pueden corresponder con otra invitación semejante. Cuando des un banquete, le dice, invita a los pobres, a esos que no podrán corresponderte. Sólo así será Dios mismo el que les pague, el que recompense su buena acción. Es decir, Jesús nos enseña que hemos de hacer siempre el bien, buscando no la recompensa y la gratitud de los hombres, sino la recompensa eterna de Dios.

**Por Antonio García-Moreno**

## CATECISMO

Las clases de catecismo darán comienzo el próximo sábado 7 de Septiembre a las 5:30 pm.

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## From the Desk of the Business Manager

- **Parking lot sealing and striping:** Last week, I shared with you that we will be sealing and striping the Westmore and Madison parking lots. One of our parishioner families who read last week's bulletin gave us a \$5,000 donation to the Golden Touch Fund so that we can finish the project this year which includes sealing and striping of the driveway behind the Social Center. This was going to be done next year because of financial restraints. Thank you to this couple for the generous donation and to all the parishioners who donate to the Golden Touch. Golden Touch funds are used for projects that are not budgeted and unexpected expenses. Golden Touch envelopes can be found in your envelope packet or donations can be made online on our parish website.
- **Fall Fest:** It's hard to believe that the Fall Fest is less than a month away — September 20-22. Volunteer sign up sheets are available in back of church or at the Parish Office. We can use help in many areas. Why not give us a hand in one of these areas over that weekend. Meal and Raffle tickets are available after weekend Masses and something new this year: Tickets are available for purchase online on our parish website in the Online Giving link. Tickets will be mailed to you if you purchase tickets online.

God's Peace, John Matyasik



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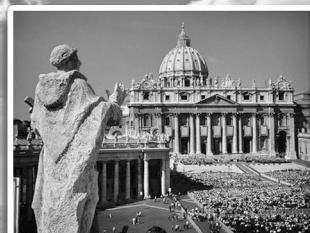
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