St. Pius X Catholic Community



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ST. PIUS X CATHOLIC COMMUNITY



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DIOCESE OF JOLIET SERVED BY THE CONGREGATION OF THE RESURRECTION

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: Mary Ellen Upchurch

Hispanic Ministry - Coordinator / Secretary:

Laura Mora

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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 <u>at least</u> 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—12:30 PM; 1:00 PM—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 December 23-Saint John of Kanty
Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66
8:30 am †Fr. Thomas Enright by Michelle LoCoco

Tuesday December 24

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79

8:30 am St. Pius X Parish Family

Vigil-Nativity of the Lord

Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13;

Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14

4:00 pm †Ray Knoll by family

†Mary Washington by Therese Brossard

6:00 pm †Louise Tirio (anniv.) by Lamplot Family

8:00 pm Misa en espanol

12 midnight †Michael Vrona by family

Wednesday December 25-The Nativity of the Lord

Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 10:30 am †Irving Kirch by family

†Joseph & John Temborius by Joan Temborius

Thursday December 26-Saint Stephen

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17;

Mt 10:17-22

8:30 am **†**Kevin Regan by Pat & Mary Knoll

Friday December 27-Saint John

1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

8:30 am †Christopher Meyer by Giovenco Family

Saturday December 28-The Holy Innocents

1 Jn 1:5 -- 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 2:13-18

3:30-4:30 pm Reconciliation

Vigil—The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

5:00 pm †Don Tenkash by Jeanne Tenkash

†George Diener by Norabell Diener

7:00 pm Misa en español

Sunday December 29

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Ps 128:1-5; Col 3:12-21; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

7:30 am St. Pius X Parish Family

9:30 am 11:30 am †Ronald Storey by Dan & Ginny Kelly †Megan Soger by Anthony Glitto,

Stefanie Glitto, Amy Milarski, and Mark Wrobel

Ministry Schedule — December 28/29

Saturday 5:00 pm	E/M: M. Burns, F. & J. Enda, C. & K. Grafton, C. Holst Lectors: C. D'Acquisto, B. Whalen A/S: G. Burns, N. Giancana, C. & P. Lizasuain G: Please volunteer
Saturday 7:00 pm Español	Acolitos: H. Serna, E. Serna, D. Morgan Ministros: G. Rivera, F. Garcia, D. Lagunas, A. Rodriguez Hospitalidad: J. Gamboa, M. Vergara, G. Ruiz Lectores: F. Palma, I. Rodriguez
Sunday 7:30 am	E/M: S. Cerone, C. Gawenda, T. Lanigan, D. May-Carter, D. Pflum, B. Sutton Lectors: B. Whalen, D. Galvin A/S: K. Bjorklund, K. Fox, M. Hassler, L. King G: J. Nelson, C. Wilson
Sunday 9:30 am	E/M: B. & H. Grant, M. Koykar, B. Kramer, J. Meyer, N. Rigor Lectors: L. Meyer, M. Reaves A/S: A. Alandy, A. Sousa, D. & R. Trimarco G: D. Stoltman
Sunday 11:30 am	E/M: N. Canete, J. Caprio, P. Incrocci, H. Jaroszewski, D. Jennrich, S. Lechtenberg Lectors: C. Monckton, K. Reznicek A/S: I. D'Alessandro, N. Lechtenberg, A. Sanchez, C. Solch

Altar Server Weekday Schedule

Monday, December 23 at 8:30 am

A. Alandy, E. Ciaccio

Tuesday, December 24 at 8:30 am

H. Konrath, L. Matasek

Thursday, December 26 at 8:30 am

J. Long, S. Williams

Friday, December 27 at 8:30 am

M. & S. Poirier

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



the following parishioners and friends who are ill:

McKenna Tyszkiewicz John Johnson George McAloon Sharon Murphy John Brach Lori Patros Karl Gandt Audrey Lacour Bennie Lacour

Our Parish Family Christmas Celebrations

Christmas Eve Masses — The Nativity of Our Lord

Tuesday, December 24

4:00 pm Family Mass

6:00 pm Eve of Christmas Mass 8:00 pm Misa de Navidad 11:30 pm Carols — Choir

Midnight Parish Family Solemn Mass of Christmas

Christmas Day Mass

Wednesday, December 25 10:30 am Mass of Christmas Day



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.

Mortification in the life of the religious has, by reputation, had a very negative connotation. For the Congregation, however, it is a concept of gracious surrender to Christ, accepting the course of events without rancor, or bitterness.

For the perfect fulfillment of our vows and in order to truly die together with Christ, the spirit of mortification is necessary. It consists in this, that we make our own the spirit of Saint Paul:

"It makes me happy to suffer for you, as I am suffering now, and in my own body to do what I can to make up all that has still to be undergone by Christ for the sake of his body, the Church" (Col: 24). Therefore, we will carry out everything properly and faithfully, courageously face all adversities and lovingly and eagerly conquer all difficulties and anything that can turn us away from God.

Youth Ministry Program

Are you looking for some great ways to get your teens more active in their faith? Try checking out our parish web page at this link, http://stpiuslombard.org/grow/youth-ministry/ to locate current and upcoming events, gathering nights, and Joyful Outreach opportunities. Also, go to our Facebook page at JC2 - St. Pius X Youth Ministry to get up to the minute videos, resources, information, and activities. For more information, contact Gina at youthministry@stpiuslombard.org.

Ministry Schedule- December 24/25

Tuesday Dec. 24 4:00 pm	E/M: F. & J. Birner, D. Conlin, C. Monckton, A. Stoltman, D. Trapp Lectors: B. Hocking, R. Cello A/S: M. & P. Florey, J. Guthrie, M. Hassler, B. McGovern G: D. Stoltman
Tuesday Dec. 24 6:00 pm	E/M: C. Devito, B. Kramer, F. Krawczyk, V. McClelland, M. Reznicek, E. Soger Lectors: K. Reznicek, P. Mancione A/S: A. Alandy, K. Bjorklund, I. D'Alessandro, K. Reznicek G: C. Devito, F. Krawczyk
Tuesday Dec. 24 8:00 pm Español	Acolitos: E. Gutierrez, D. Garcia, J. Acuna Ministros: V. Ortega, A. Gamboa, F. Diaz, T. Aguirre Hospitalidad: M. Vergara, G. Ruiz, R. Serna, J. Gamboa Lectores: L. Serna, R. Acuna
Wed. Dec. 25 12:00 am	E/M: L. Fontana, M. LoCoco, L. Newman, C. Sutton, C. & S. Trefilek Lectors: C. Weiland, J. Lissak A/S: N. Lechtenberg, J. & L. Matasek, J. Schneider
Wed. Dec. 25 10:30 am	E/M: K. Kustra, D. May-Carter, J. Miulli, L. Thurman, C. Walsh, L. & P. Warda Lectors: J. Molenda, E. Morris A/S: L. Harazin, H. Konrath, J. Walsh, S. Williams

St. Pius X Catholic Community extends congratulations and prayers to **Paul Hernandez** and **Luke Owen** who received First Holy Communion on December 21, 2013.



Christmas Message from Fr. George

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Warmest wishes for a Merry Christmas! As we go about our traditional gift-giving, I have to tell you about my favorite gift. It is an extravagant Christmas gift that exceeded all my expectations. It is something I can use everyday, it will not wear out, and it will not get old or need to be replaced. And best of all, it is something I really need. Even better, each of you has been given the same gift, which you also need and will be able to use. There is no assembly required and we can use it right away.

What gift could you and I find so useful and need so much? God's grace. Grace that allows us to act humbly, authentically, and with loving and grateful hearts. The brilliance of this generous gift is that grace empowers us to do great things every day in our ordinary lives. It allows us to be the people we are meant to be. We simply have to accept this gift graciously and remember to use it. We can emulate the example of the Blessed Virgin Mary who so willingly accepted God's grace and brought Christ into our world. The Christmas season, when we celebrate the Incarnation of the Lord, is the perfect time to recommit ourselves to use this magnificent gift in our pattern of daily life. But it is not reserved only to the good cheer of Christmas; grace needs to be used every day, in every moment of our lives.

St. Paul has given us the instructions for using grace from God. In this letter to the Early Church, he makes it simple:

Brothers and Sisters:

we, though many, are one Body in Christ

and individually parts of one another.

Since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us,

let us exercise them:

if prophecy, in proportion to the faith;

if ministry, in ministering;

if one is a teacher, in teaching;

if one exhorts, in exhortation;

if one contributes, in generosity;

if one is over others, with diligence;

if one does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

Let love be sincere; hate what is evil,

hold on to what is good;

love one another with mutual affection:

anticipate one another in showing honor.

Do not grow slack in zeal,

be fervent in spirit,

serve the Lord.

Rejoice in hope.

endure in affliction,

persevere in prayer.

Contribute to the needs of the holy ones,

exercise hospitality.

Bless those who persecute you.

bless and do not curse them.

Rejoice with those who rejoice,

weep with those who weep.



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Have the same regard for one another; do not be haughty but associate with the lowly, do not be wise in your own estimation. Do not repay anyone evil for evil; be concerned for what is noble in the sight of all. If possible, on your part, live at peace with all.

Romans 12: 5-17

With God's grace, we can follow this simple blueprint for living and in doing so we can have the peace and joy of our Lord Jesus Christ, not only on Christmas but every day.

Indeed, I am so grateful to all of you who follow wholeheartedly this instruction of St. Paul and radiate God's grace in your faithful commitment to parish ministries and generous support of our parish community throughout the year. You are witnesses to Christ's love in all you do in this community, and I am blessed to have the opportunity to serve you as your pastor and to share this time of my life with you as your brother. To each of you, I wish peace and joy in the coming New Year 2014, and I pray that God will continue to bless you in every way. I look forward to growing in faith with you as we all come to know the hope, joy, and peace of Christ's Resurrection, which begins anew today with our Christmas celebration.

On behalf of all the Resurrectionists and the Staff of St. Pius X Parish, I wish you and your families a Happy and Holy Christmas!

With love and prayer,

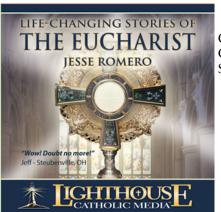
Rev. George Zieba, C.R.

Pastor

Lighthouse CD Spotlight

Life-Changing Stories of the Eucharist

In this talk, Jesse Romero shares numerous encounters of the stunning power of Christ's presence in the Eucharist in his own life and in the lives of others, and a convincing presentation of history and theology as witnesses to this most incredible mystery and gift! Jesse is a renowned professional Catholic apologist with a Masters in Theology, a retired L.A. Deputy Sheriff, and a former Police Olympic boxing champion and USA kickboxing champion. He speaks on the radio and at conferences around the country with a refreshing, straightforward, pull no punches, high-energy style, and with passion for the Catholic Faith and our Eucharistic Lord.



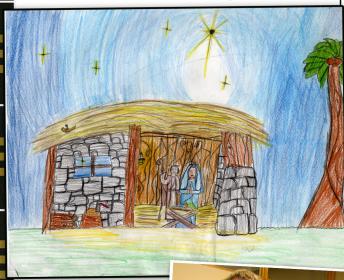
CD's available in the Gathering Space for \$3.00 each.





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Student's Artwork Wins Her the Christmas Card Design Contest



Fourth grader, Emerson N., was very excited to hear the news! Her Christmas card design was chosen among all of fourth grade entrants as the winning design for this year's St. Pius X Parish School Christmas card. The card is mailed out to all school families in December.

Each year, fourth graders are asked to submit designs with the hopes that theirs will be chosen for the card.

"We have many talented young artists at St. Pius," said Daniel Flaherty, Principal. "It's always such a tough decision." He has the final vote on which drawing wins. In the end, it is the drawing which best portrays the true meaning of Christmas, that is chosen.

"Emerson should be very proud of her work," added Mr. Flaherty "We are honored to have her drawing represent our school on our cards this year."

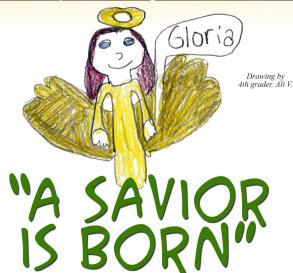
Photo above: Emerson proudly displays her artwork alongside Principal Daniel Flaherty.



Coming 1.31.14 challenge for charity

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MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM THE STUDENTS AND STAFF OF ST. PIUS X PARISH SCHOOL

Get Informed in 2014!



We have a brand new Facebook page! Please visit and "like us" to find out what's going on at school. (Click on the Facebook logo on our website's homepage.) We'll be posting fun photos and stories about our students as well as vital information about what's happening at school. Don't miss out. Visit us today!



Students took a break from shopping at this year's Santa's Secret Shop.

A Christmas Thank You!

Thank you co-chairs, Shannon Clements and Kim Kopec and all of their volunteer "elves" who helped to bring another exciting Santa's Secret Shop to our student shoppers this year! From personal shoppers and ornament designers, to button makers and gift wrappers, you have helped our students have a very Merry Christmas.

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
 1:00 pm—4:00 p.m.

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REFLEXION

1. La Encarnación del Hijo de Dios

- 1.1 A las puertas ya de la celebración de la Navidad este cuarto domingo de Adviento nos permite asomarnos al misterio de la Encarnación. Y como en el ciclo dominical propio de este año litúrgico leemos especialmente el Evangelio según san Mateo, el texto central de hoy nos habla de la Encarnación como lo hace este evangelista, es decir, más desde la perspectiva de José que de la de María. El relato más conocido, el de la Anunciación, se halla, como sabemos, en el texto de san Lucas. Nuestra oportunidad esta vez es mirar a Mateo, o mejor dicho, mirar cómo Mateo introduce el misterio de la Encarnación desde la óptica de José.
- 1.2 También aquí, como en el caso de Lucas, interviene un ángel, aunque no se da su nombre. El mensaje del ángel es importante en cada una de las palabras. Pido que atendamos muy bien a ellas, porque mi impresión es que no solemos captar unas resonancias fundamentales de la revelación que recibe José, y estas resonancias nos ayudan grandemente en la comprensión del misterio del Niño que ha de nacer y en la comprensión también de la misión absolutamente singular de José.

2. "María, tu Esposa, Dará a Luz un Hijo"

- 2.1 El mensaje central está en esta frase: "María, tu esposa... dará a luz un hijo." La clave está en dos cosas: primera, la reafirmación de que María es verdadera esposa de José; segunda, las condiciones en que ese Niño viene al mundo: "ella ha concebido por obra del Espíritu Santo." Estos dos puntos contienen lo esencial.
- 2.2 Los dos elementos del mensaje del ángel no se contradicen. No aparece ahí que ella es menos esposa porque el hijo venga del Espíritu Santo ni tampoco aparece duda de que el niño tenga tal origen único por que ellos vayan a convivir. Muy al contrario, las dos cosas se reafirman: "no dudes en recibir a María tu esposa, porque ella ha concebido por obra del Espíritu Santo." Ese PORQUE está en el texto griego original y muestra que no hay oposición sino reafirmación.
- 2.3 Lo primero que concluimos entonces es que el Espíritu Santo

NO reemplazó a José. Es bastante impropia en ese sentido la expresión piadosa que llama a María "Esposa del Espíritu Santo," a pesar de que tal expresión tiene su modo de entenderse rectamente. Si leemos a Mateo, decididamente algo así no cabe. María no tiene dos esposos. El ángel viene a decirle precisamente que la acción del Espíritu Santo lo confirma a él en su condición de esposo único, y en cierto modo, perpetuo, de la Santísima Virgen María.

3. Esposo y Padre Virginal

- 3.1 El ángel confirma a José, de parte de Dios, en su misión y vocación de verdadero esposo de María, y por consiguiente de verdadero padre de Jesús. Así como María no es menos madre por engendrar virginalmente, José no es menos padre por recibir sobre el amor que tiene a María una bendición de gracia como Dios no le ha dado a nadie más.
- 3.2 Y pronto José deberá actuar como verdadero padre. No hemos de llamarlo "padre putativo," expresión que significa "el que se pensaba que era padre," ni tampoco "padre adoptivo," como indicando "el que educa hijos ajenos." José es padre virginal por que Dios hace papás a algunos de una manera y a otros de otra. Obrando como auténtico papá debe darle un nombre a su hijo, el hijo que ha recibido desde su condición de amor virginal con María.
- 3.3 El modo como José llegó a ser papá fue a través de la unción del Espíritu Santo actuando en el amor de él y su esposa, pues la concepción de Cristo no sucedió en una persona soltera sino en una mujer desposada, y el desposado con ella se llama José. El Espíritu obró, pues, no solamente en el cuerpo de ella sino, incluso antes, en la relación entre ellos. Por eso José es modelo eximio de esposo y de padre y por eso Jesús le obedece como a imagen en esta tierra del Padre de los cielos.

Fr. Nelson Medina, OP

RECORDATORIO

Nuestra Misa de Navidad Será el próximo martes 24 de diciembre A las 8:00 PM



CATECISMO

<u>NO</u> habrá clases de Catecismo los próximos 28 de Diciembre y 4 de Enero.

Regresamos el próximo 11 de Enero a las 5:30 PM (Durante estos sábados que no hay catecismo <u>SI</u> tendremos nuestra Misa en Español a las 7:00 PM)

Adult Faith Formation Programs

What's Holding You *Back?*Do anger, fear, or envy get in the way of your relationship with Christ?

Are you ready for a *change?*

Walking Toward Eternity: Engaging the Struggles of Your Heart

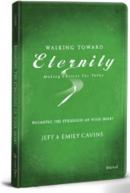
Wed Jan 29 and Feb 5 OR Tuesday Mar 18 and 25 from 8:30-10:00AM.

The program is free and requires only your time and an open heart.

By Jeff Cavins & Emily Cavins

Walking Toward Eternity, an 8 week study, is an inspiring series designed to help participants live their faith more fully. Through daily prayerful meditation with Scripture (lectio divina), you will be drawn into an intimate and life-changing encounter with Christ.

Engaging the Struggles of Your Heart, the second series in the Walking Toward Eternity Program, is a challenging study that can open our eyes to obstacles in our Christian walk such as greed, envy, fear and shame. Through prayer, reflection, guidance, and the aid of the Holy Spirit, we begin to engage these difficulties in a positive way as we continue toward our goal of union with Christ.



Cost for materials is \$20. Make checks payable to St. Pius X. Please return to Parish Office by Monday, December 30. Write, "Walking Toward Eternity" on envelope. Books will be distributed at first meeting. Classes will begin the week of January 13, 2014 through the week of March 3, 2014. NAME ____ Check____ EMAIL_ PHONE Choose your day: (circle one) Monday 7:00-9:00 PM Tuesday 7:00-9:00 PM Wednesday 9:15-11:15 AM Thursday 7:30-9:30PM The Adult Faith Formation Committee wishes you all a Blessed Merry Christmas! Christ is ALIVE... and Truly Present in the Eucharist! Delve into the central mystery of our Faith by taking a deeper look at this most Holy Sacrament. This dynamic program will give you a deeper understanding of the precious gift of Christ's Divine Life that you can receive at each and every Mass. If you've ever engaged in a conversation with other family members, non-catholic friends or co-workers, or even speaking to your own children about the Eucharist, and feel inadequate in your own understanding, then this program is for you! Explore the Catholic belief in the Eucharist as Sacred Meal, Sacrifice and Real Presence, in this multi-media series produced by Word On Fire Catholic Ministries and hosted by Father Robert Barron. Father Barron is an acclaimed author, theologian and podcasting priest who has been called "one of the Church's best messengers" by Cardinal Francis George, Archbishop of Chicago, and "possibly the most thoughtful and effective evangelist of culture" by George Weigel. Please join us as we discover and celebrate what Vatican II called the "source and summit of the Christian life." Jesus, present with us, in body, blood, soul and divinity. The program is a 2 part session, with multiple days and times to choose from: Monday Jan. 27 and Feb. 3 OR Thur Mar 20 and 27, from 6:30-8:00PM

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Diocesan Job Opportunities

Administrative Assistant Office of Hispanic Ministry / Ethnic Ministries

The Diocese of Joliet is seeking to hire an Administrative Assistant for the Office of Hispanic Ministry / Ethnic Ministries to provide general secretarial and office services. Coordinate the pastoral programs and assist the Director of Hispanic Ministry with workshops and meetings as assigned. Represents the office when the Director is not available. Minimum of a high school diploma, an associate degree preferred. Minimum of two years previous administrative secretarial experience required. Must possess good telephone and communication skills. Must be bi-lingual in Spanish and have excellent written and verbal communication skills in English and Spanish, and be able to translate English to Spanish and vise versa in verbal and written form. Must possess competent computer skills, including Microsoft Office; along with bookkeeping skills. Ability to maintain strict confidentiality. Applicants meeting the necessary qualifications please email cover letter, resume and salary requirements to: humanresources@dioceseofjoliet.org. To view a full job description, please visit our website at: www.dioceseofjoliet.org under "Employment".

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