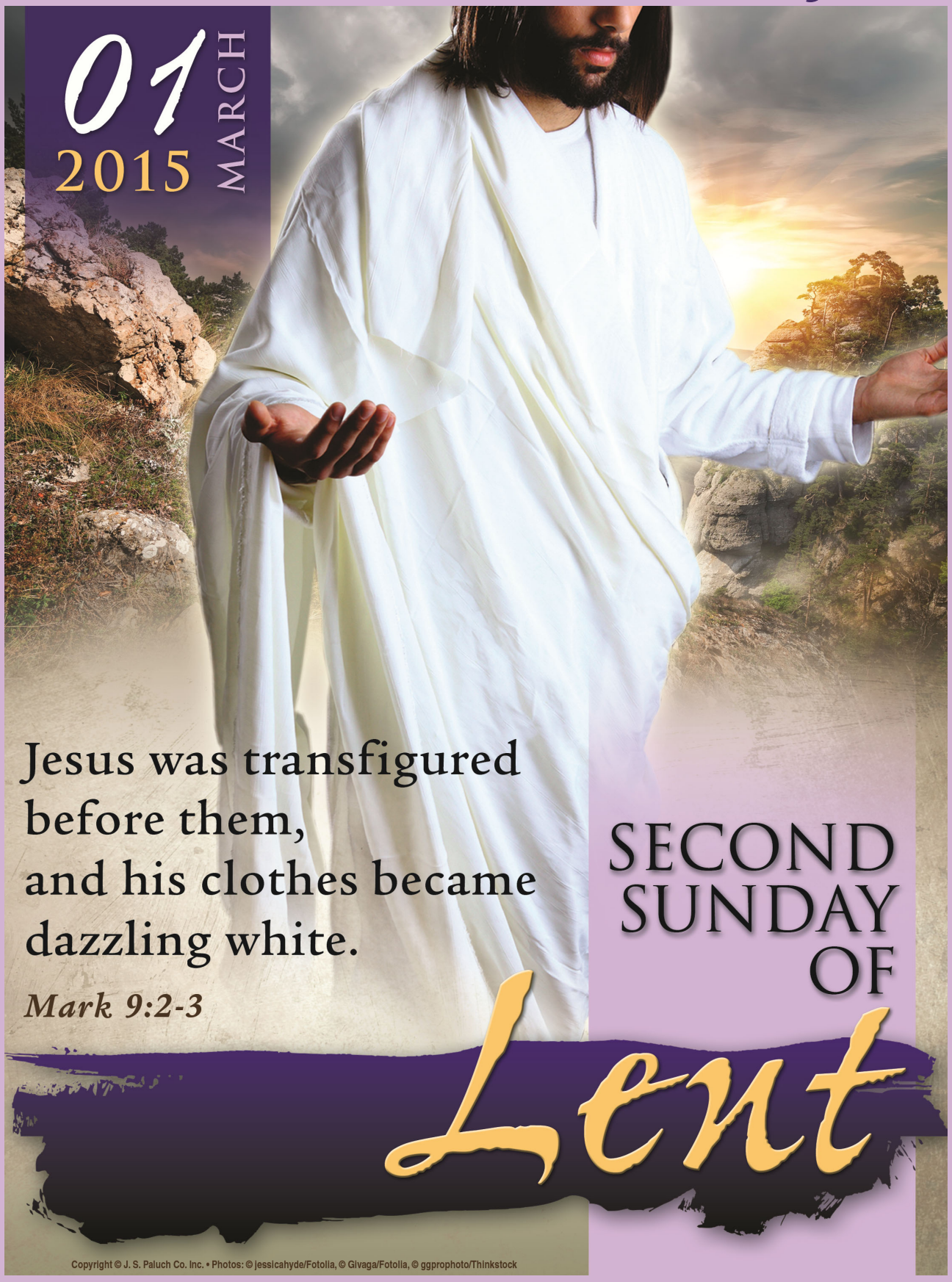
St. Pius X Catholic Community



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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: Mark Restaino

Faith Formation - Director: Colleen Lowery

Music Ministry - Director: Kirsten Currie

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: Leanne Newman

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School: 630-627-2353
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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.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL ASSISTANCE

Mon. & Fri. 9:30 am—Noon, Wed. 12:30-2:30 pm
Information: 630-300-4353

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.

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Restore all things in Christ.
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ANNIVERSARY

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.

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.

LITURGICAL NEWS

Liturgical Calendar

Monday March 2-Lenten Weekday
Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38
8:30 am †Anna & Joseph J. Timko and family by Joan Temborius

Tuesday March 3-Saint Katharine Drexel
Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12
8:30 am †James Krawisz by Janice Frankel

Wednesday March 4-Saint Casimir
Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28
8:30 am †Anna Niccolai (anniv.) by family
(Grade School Mass)

Thursday March 5-Lenten Weekday
Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31
8:30 am †Violet Homan by parents

Friday March 6-Lenten Weekday
World Day of Prayer
Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
8:30 am †Mary Gerlesits by Virginia Jablonsky
6:30 pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday March 7-Saints Perpetua and Felicity
Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
8:30 am †George Guertin by family
3:30-4:30 pm Reconciliation

Vigil—Third Sunday of Lent
5:00 pm †Helen Dime by Peter & Mary Jane Mastro
St. Pius X Parish Family
7:00 pm Misa en español

Sunday March 8
Ex 20:1-17 ; Ps 19:8-11; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25
7:30 am †Jack Smith by Pat & Mary Knoll
9:30 am †Phillip Gurgone by Johnson Family
†Albert Ciapponi by family
11:30 am †Joyce Gordon by St. Pius X Parish

St. Pius X Prayer Chapel

The Prayer Chapel is open Sunday through Friday evenings, 7 pm to 11 pm. Please come and adore Him. Use Door #8 on east side of church building. Would you like to sign up for an hour per week in the Prayer Chapel? Please contact our leaders to pledge your hour.

Sunday	Estelle Soger	630-627-8310
Monday	Linda Chan	630-202-2489
Tuesday	Michelle LoCoco	630-620-6283
Wednesday	John Chan	630-202-2943
Thursday	Ceil D'Acquisto	630-627-9472
Friday	Carol Gawenda	630-833-3211

Rosary/Prayer/Benediction-Wednesday 8 pm Prayer Chapel

Ministry Schedule — March 7/8

Saturday 5:00 pm	**E/M**: F. & J. Birner, J. Enda, C. Grafton, F. Krawczyk, C. Trefilek **Lectors:** P. Mancione, B. Hocking **A/S:** C. & D. Bajda, V. Guajardo, M. Wickstrom **G:** M. & B. Matson
Saturday 7:00 pm Español	**Acolitos:** V. Garcia, A. Acosta, H. Serna **Ministros:** D. Lagunas, F. Diaz, A. Gamboa, T. Aguirre **Hospitalidad:** M. Vergara, J. Gamboa **Lectores:** I. Rodriguez, F. Palma **Peticiones:** L. Serna
Sunday 7:30 am	**E/M:** N. Canete, D. Czocher, C. Gawenda, B. Kramer, J. Miulli, D. Pflum **Lectors:** E. Morris, G. Wolf **A/S:** A. & K. Bjorklund, E. & S. Grivetti **G:** P. & M. Knoll, D. Hakes
Sunday 9:30 am	**E/M:** B. & D. Conlin, M. & T. D'Alessandro, S. Lechtenberg, C. Walsh **Lectors:** S. Rakowski, M. Weaver **A/S:** O. Dew, N. & B. Lechtenberg, J. Walsh **G:** T. Brossard, K. Litos
Sunday 11:30 am	**E/M:** S. Cerone, H. Jaroszewski, B. Lyons, N. Rigor, B. & K. Sutton **Lectors:** M. LoCoco, J. Molenda **A/S:** L. King. H. Konrath, S. & E. Ryan **G:** Please volunteer

Altar Server Schedule
Monday, March 2 at 8:30 am
R. Popo, D. Singzon
Friday, March 6 at 6:30 pm (Stations of the Cross)
R. Fagan, J. Guthrie, K. Tyszkiewicz
Saturday, March 7 at 8:30 am
A. Guerrero, P. and A. Lizasuain

the following parishioners and friends who are ill:

Frank Cvach
Bob Heise
Karen Krystyan
Cindy Metz
Mark Furjanic
Marita Hooper
Violet Paddock
Kathy Phillips

Stations of the Cross and Simple Suppers

Please join our parish community for Stations of the Cross this Friday at 6:30 pm followed by a Simple Supper of soup, bread and water. Each week a different parish organization prepares the meal and serves the community. This week, Elizabeth Ministry is hosting. Fr. George is also available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation each Friday from 5:30 to 6:15 pm.

This beautiful tradition at St. Pius X brings us together in our Lenten mission to engage in prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Free will donations will be collected to benefit our St. Vincent De Paul Society.

If you have any questions, you may contact Leanne Newman at 630/638-8509 or newman.leanne@sbcglobal.net.

Reflecting on God's Word

LISTEN AND FOLLOW

"This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." And listen they did. From that moment on, Peter, James, and John were ardent followers, forsaking everything to follow in their Master's footsteps. Like the psalmist crying, "O Lord, I am your servant," the three disciples committed themselves to lives of incredible hardship and indescribable joy. After that day on the mountain, they never again wavered in their chosen vocation. Though our tests may not be as severe as Abraham's and our peak experiences not as dramatic as the Transfiguration, we all face the daily challenges of walking "before the Lord in the land of the living." As we follow our varied calls to love and serve, let's be comforted by Paul's reminder to the Romans: "If God is for us, who can be against us?"

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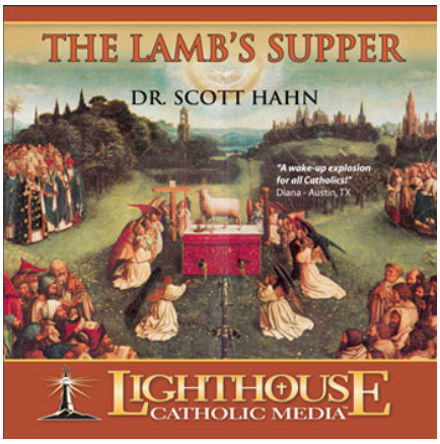
What We Can Do for Lent

There are positive things we can do for the Lenten season and beyond. Be happy. Be helpful. Volunteer at agencies that assist those in need. Practice being patient and kind to people at work or in your family. If you give up things for Lent, save the money to donate to a worthy cause. Help drive seniors or others to church, to appointments, or to other activities. Volunteer at the parish to assist with all the extra work that comes with Lent and Easter time. Smile and brighten the day of those you encounter.

Lighthouse CD Spotlight

The Lamb's Supper

Based on his best-selling book, Dr. Scott Hahn reveals the early Christians' key to understanding the Mass: the Book of Revelation. With its bizarre imagery, mystic visions of Heaven, and end-times prophecies, it mirrors the sacrifice and celebration of the Holy Eucharist. See the Mass with new eyes, pray the Liturgy with a renewed heart, and enter into the Mass more fully and enthusiastically!



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

Year of Consecrated Life

"Religious life is a form of consecrated life where members profess vows of poverty, chastity and obedience within a religious institute recognized by the Catholic Church," said Holy Cross Brother Paul Bednarczyk, executive director of the National Religious Vocation Conference. "These institutes consist of various forms, such as apostolic, monastic, or contemplative life."

Besides their vows, they all share in common a commitment to prayer, community and service to the Church and the world. "Men and women religious are the most numerous form of consecrated life," said Bishop Michael Burbidge of Raleigh, North Carolina. Bishop Burbidge is the chairman of the U.S. bishops' Committee on Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations.

While members indicate they were drawn to religious life to deepen their relationship with God, the various religious communities have offered the Church and the wider society the gifts of their charisms, ranging from education and health care to contemplative prayer and hospitality.

Read the rest of article at: https://www.osv.com/OSVNewsweekly/ByIssue/Article/TabId/735/ArtMID/13636/ArticleID/16797/Consecrated-life.aspx

PARISH NEWS

Our Stewardship of Sharing

Weekly Offering Report

Online Giving
www.stpiuslombard.org

Stewardship

Weekly Offering Contributions ~ February 2015	
First Week Offering	7,042
First Week Electronic Giving (2/1-2/3)	5,527
Second Week Offering	10,768
Second Week Electronic (2/4-2/10)	7,125
Third Week Offering	8,785
Third Week Electronic (2/11-2/17)	3,254
Fourth Week Offering	10,015
Fourth Week Electronic (2/18-2/24)	3,775
Budgeted Income for February*	**63,411**
Amount needed for Feb. Offering budget:	**$7,120**

*Budgeted offering income needed to meet monthly budgeted expenses.

Golden Touch Donations 7/1/14-2/24/15	$18,335

Year to Date Sunday Offering Budget
July 1, 2014 through January 31, 2015

Revenue	**$442,484**
Budget through January 31	**454,831**
Over (under) Budget for year	**(12,347)**

Church Projects Collection
July 1, 2013 through February 24, 2015

Air Conditioning Goal	$50,000	Donations	$27,033
Restroom Goal	$77,000	Donations	85,322
Parking Lot/Lights		Donations	7,040

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

St. Vincent de Paul Spring Clothing Drive

Saturday, March 14 & Sunday, March 15
All Clothing & Shoes—any condition
Housewares, Linens, Toys & Books

We'll be distributing donation bags after Masses on the weekend before the clothing drive

☺ Volunteers will unload donations from your vehicle

☺ Tax receipts gladly given.

☺ Your donations help supply our six resale stores in the Joliet Diocese that help people locally.

Questions? Call Wally Newman at 630-815-9434 or wwn127@sbcglobal.net

Thank you for helping us help others!!

For furniture or other large donations, please call for a home pick up at **630-231-4658** or email us at **saintvincentdonate@gmail.com.**

ST. PIUS X CATHOLIC COMMUNITY MEMORY PATH & GARDEN

COMMEMORATIVE PAVER BRICK ORDERS

Next Order Date March 6

Installation by the End of March

Order online: www.stpiuslombard.org or at Parish Office

Questions or online wording:
jmatyasik@stpiuslombard.org or 630-627-4526

Table with brochures in Gathering Space this Weekend

This Week's Calendar of Events

Monday-March 2		
School and Parish Office closed		
Baptism Preparation	7:00 pm	Martha Room
Tuesday-March 3		
Worship Commission	7:00 pm	Parish Office
Wednesday-March 4		
Grade School Mass	8:30 am	Church
Christian Life Commission	7:00 pm	Convent
Rosary/Prayer/Benediction	8:00 pm	Prayer Chapel
Thursday-March 5		
Choir rehearsal	6:00 pm	Church
Friday-March 6		
Stations of the Cross	6:30 pm	Church
Followed by Simple Supper		Martha Room
Saturday-March 7		
Confirmation Retreat	12:30 pm	Social Center
Confirmation candidates/parents at 5:00 pm Mass		

Students vs Parents Night
On Monday, March 2nd, from 6:30-8 pm, bring your parents to youth group. Create a delicious snack together at the waffle bar and go head to head with one another in dodge ball. Both parents are encouraged to attend, especially dads. Parents will meet their student's small group leader, eat and socialize with other youth group parents, have fun with the students, and see what youth group is all about. Hope to see you there!

Free Students Conference
All 7th, 8th, and 9th grade students, guys and girls, are invited to attend the *Here I Am Lord: Vocations and Discipleship Conference* on Tuesday, March 3, from 6-9 pm at St. Isaac Jogues in Hinsdale. The conference consists of engaging talks, discussions, Eucharistic adoration, music, vocations fair, and more! Originally $10 per student, now offered for free through the St. Pius X Youth Ministry. Meet at St. Pius X at 5:30 pm for carpooling. Please email mrestaino@stpiuslombard.org to sign up.

V.I.P. Seniors

Please join us for our Lenten Luncheon in the Martha Room on March 10 at 11:30 am. We will meet in church for prayer. Information about our April visit to College of DuPage will be handed out. After lunch, our angels will assist us in making a simple craft.

RSVP to Sr. Pauline by March 5 at 630-627-5810.

♫ ♫ Musical Notes ♫ ♫

Additional Rehearsals in March:

Thursday, March 5 from 6 pm to 8 pm to work on harmony parts for the new music as well as a few special pieces for Lent.

Thursday, March 26 from 6 pm to 9 pm for our Holy Week Triduum Rehearsal. If more time is needed, we may rehearse on Saturday, March 28 from 10 to 12 pm, so try to keep that open as well.

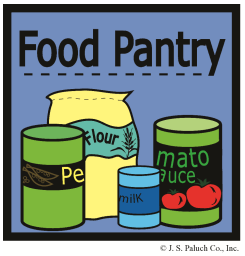
Kirsten Currie
kcurrie@stpiuslombard.org 630-386-5525 (call or text)

We Care/We Share

Lent is a call not just to "give up something" but more importantly to "give something for the poor." Wherever you live in the parish, there are poor families within walking distance of your home. When in need, they ring the pantry bell. They are, in effect, ringing your doorbell. Your donations to St. Vincent de Paul help the poor to celebrate the grace of God's love this Easter.

Current pantry needs include:
Bottled water
Juice boxes
Canned fruit
Laundry/dish soap

Thank you for all you continue to do!



From Your Environmental Awareness Committee

Spring is *Almost Here* and we will be collecting again. Before and after all the Masses on the weekend of March 21/22 we will be accepting expired and unused drugs & medications, medical equipment and eyeglasses as well as cell phones and ink / laser toner cartridges for recycling.

If you have questions about recycling or would like information about pricing or ordering remanufactured ink cartridges, please call 630-240-4595 or email Stpiusenvironmental@gmail.com.

St. Pius X Council of Catholic Women

Spring Craft/Vendor Show
Saturday, April 25, 2015 - Social Center
9 am to 3 pm

Crafters/Vendors Needed
Application available at www.stpiuslombard.org

Additional Questions? Contact Carol at 630-495-2647.

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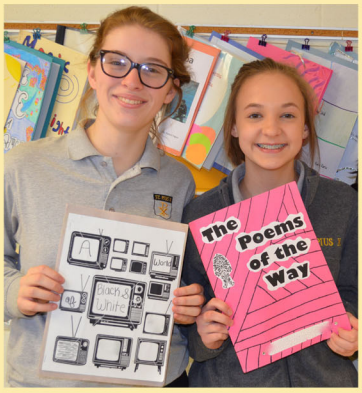
Brush Brush Brush

Mrs. Chiaramonti's preschoolers learned just how important it is to brush their teeth. The children soaked eggs in soda overnight, and then scrubbed them with tooth brushes to make them white and clean again. It was very exciting to see how all that brushing really makes a difference! The experiment included a visit from two of Dr. Mills' dental hygienists. They brought along giant tooth brushes and stuffed animal test subjects for practice.

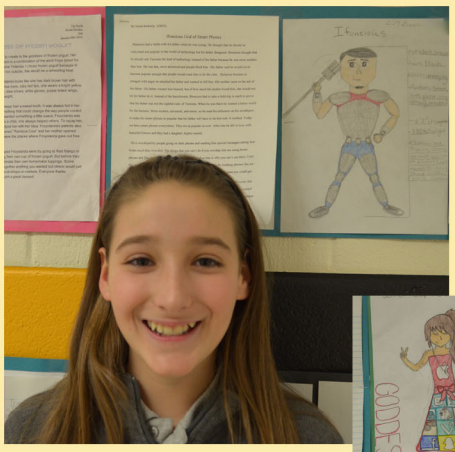
Talented Poets

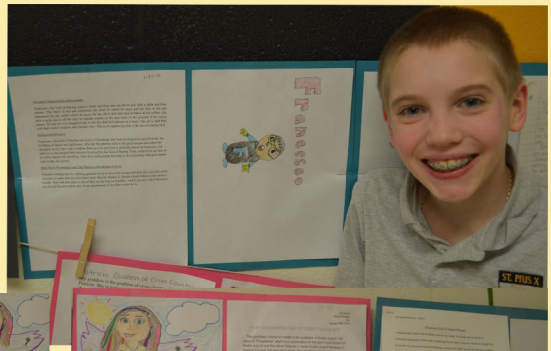


Our eighth grade is filled with talented poets and artists. The students created wonderful books of poetry, and read a few selections to their classmates. The photos above show just a few examples of the creative work put into the covers. But, the poems inside highlight how much thought and work was put into this project.

Gods and Goddesses

The sixth graders created our very own Greek gods and goddesses. The assignment had the students come up with physical characteristics, a personality, and a "look" for their prospective immortal. But that wasn't all. They also decided how each creation was to be worshipped. The rules of mythology were cleverly rewritten as each deity was concocted by a new generation.





MINISTERIO HISPANO

Misa en Español	Sábado 7:00 pm
Sacerdote	Fernando Cuevas
Coordinadora de Ministerio Hispano	Laura Mora
Coordinador Educación Religiosa	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.
Teléfono	630-627-4526 X203
Email	spxhispano@aol.com

JESÚS NO SE QUEDÓ EN EL BALCÓN. SE METIÓ EN EL MUNDO

1.- **La fe de Abraham**. La primera lectura nos presenta el sacrificio de Isaac. Dios no puede pedir, ni en broma, el sacrificio del hijo único y de ningún hijo. Dios tiene un gran humor, pero esto sería humor negro. Las horas que pasarían Abraham y Sara serían realmente mortales. Eso no lo puede pedir ni Dios. Ni necesita pruebas de este tipo… Pero la historia que cuenta el Génesis es no sólo hermosa, sino profunda y paradigmática. Se inspira en la costumbre de ciertas religiones primitivas. Abraham pudo llegar a sentir esa exigencia. El patriarca, camino del monte, es un modelo de obediencia y de fe.

Abraham con el cuchillo alzado es un campeón de la fe. Aquí se ganó de verdad esa paternidad millonaria de todos los creyentes. Si hubiese retenido al hijo, su semilla hubiera terminado agotándose. Al desprenderse de él, se lo devuelven con una bendición que traspasa los siglos, con una promesa de infinitud. "Retener es inferior modo de posesión a esperar", dice el sacerdote en el Misal de la Comunidad. La fe de Abraham es ésta: a Dios no se le discute ni regatea nada. Es verdad que le pide todo su amor y su esperanza; pero este hijo es más de Dios que suyo; y si Dios le ha dado un hijo en su vejez, puede seguir multiplicando su semilla.

2.- **Dios nos ama.** Los hombres siempre andamos exigiéndonos "pruebas de amor". Pero ninguna prueba nos satisface porque no existe ninguna definitiva. Dios comprobó la fe de Abrahán, porque no se puede pedir más. El Cristo crucificado es prueba de tal calibre que dudar luego de que Dios nos ama sería el colmo de la estupidez. Estamos seguros de muy pocas cosas. De una debemos estarlo del todo: Dios nos ama como nadie nos puede amar, está a nuestro favor. Ningún misterio, ningún desconcierto, ni el dolor ni la muerte, deben hacernos dudar de ese amor misterioso. Quien es capaz de morir literalmente por nosotros tiene derecho a nuestra confianza. Cualquier apariencia de desamor carece de sentido al lado del máximo amor. "El que no perdonó a su propio Hijo, sino que lo entregó a la muerte por nosotros, ¿cómo no nos dará todo con Él?", dice san Pablo. Nuestra ley, nuestra ciencia y nuestra fuerza, no son un código ni un libro ni unos ritos, sino una persona: Cristo Crucificado. Es el objeto de nuestra predicación, de nuestra catequesis, de nuestro estudio, de nuestra ascesis, de nuestra espiritualidad, de toda nuestra vida.

3.- **"No balconeen la vida, métanse en ella como hizo Jesús."** ***(Papa Francisco)*****.** La tentación de "hacer tres tiendas" está siempre presente. Es curioso que el hombre se preocupe siempre por construirle una casa a Dios, cuando el mismo Dios ha bajado a la tierra para vivir en las casas de los hombres. Dios no tiene tanta necesidad de metros cuadrados para iglesias como de acogida en el corazón humano. Dios no quiere vivir en un "hotel para dioses" relegado como nuestros ancianos, en una especie de parkings. Dios quiere vivir en familia con los hombres, andar entre sus pucheros. Por ambientados que estén nuestros templos, siempre le resultarán fríos a un Dios que busca el cobijo de los hombres. El Dios-con-nosotros no puede quedar en una especie de producto situado en un mercado al que se acude cuando se necesitan servicios religiosos. Dios no es un objeto de consumo. Él es la vida misma del hombre, pero nosotros nos empeñamos en confinarlo en su casa en lugar de tenerlo como compañero en el camino de la vida. El Dios de Jesús no se mantiene en alturas celestiales, sino que nos señala en dirección al mundo y quiere que como él nos encarnemos en el mundo.

Recordemos las palabras del Papa Francisco a los jóvenes: *"Estos son los entrenamientos para seguir a Jesús: la oración, los sacramentos y la ayuda a los demás, el servicio a los demás. A ustedes les pido que también sean protagonistas de este cambio. Sigan superando la apatía y ofreciendo una respuesta cristiana a las inquietudes sociales y políticas que se van planteando en diversas partes del mundo. Les pido que sean constructores del futuro. Que se metan en el trabajo por un mundo mejor. Queridos jóvenes, por favor, ¡no balconeen la vida, métanse en ella! Jesús no se quedó en el balcón. Se metió. No balconeen la vida, métanse en ella como hizo Jesús."*

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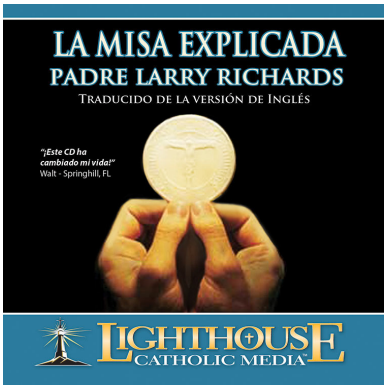

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DEANERY AND DIOCESAN NEWS

2015 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal — "Extending God's Mercy"

If you have not made your contribution to the 2015 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal, please consider doing so via mail, online at **jolietdiocese.org,** or by returning one of our Commitment/In-Pew Weekend envelopes available in the gathering space.

One pledge can make a difference, especially when combined with all of the other pledges made throughout the diocese. Please prayerfully consider providing your financial support to this Appeal. You can and will make a difference by *"Extending God's Mercy!"*

After our parish exceeds its CMAA goal of $62,766 in paid pledges, 65% of any additional funds are returned for use in our parish.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response.

From the Diocese of Joliet Vocation Office

OPERATION ANDREW DINNERS - These dinners with Bishop Conlon are open to all men who are in 8th grade and older. The evening begins at 6 pm and ends by 8 pm. Participants will have the chance to have dinner with Bishop Conlon and Fr. Burke, hear a vocation story, ask questions and meet other young men interested in knowing more about the priesthood. Please contact your pastor or RSVP to Fr. Burke at vocations@dioceseofjoliet.org or (815-221-6171) if you are interested in coming to the next Andrew Dinner:

- March 4, 2015 – St. Andrew, Romeoville, IL (Spanish/bilingual, grades 8+)
- April 22, 2015 – St. Francis, Bolingbrook, IL (in English, grades 8+)

HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS – Sacred Heart Parish in Lombard is hosting a Holy Hour for Vocations in conjunction with the Vocation Office. Fr. Burke Masters will preside and preach during the Holy Hour. There will be time for silent prayer, music and intercessory prayer. After the Holy Hour, Fr. Burke Masters and other priests and religious sisters will speak about their vocations and answer questions. There will be time to socialize after the Q&A.
Monday, March 9, 2015 – Sacred Heart Parish, Lombard, 7:00 pm (all are welcome)

SUPPER WITH THE SISTERS - As a single Catholic Teen or Young Adult Woman (Age 17 to 30) have you ever considered being a Sister? If you've had the slightest inkling that God may be calling you to religious life come and enjoy prayer, pizza, and possibilities and explore religious life with Bishop Conlon and the Sisters of the Joliet Diocese. RSVP by March 6, 2015. Contact Sr. Marie Mason at marie.mason@presencehealth.org or 815-370-7228. Sponsored by JAVA (Joliet Area Vocation Association) in collaboration with the Diocese of Joliet Vocation Office www.vocations.com.
Wednesday, March 11, 2015 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm, St. Martin of Tours Parish, Kankakee, IL

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Serra Mass and Dinner

The SERRA CLUB OF DUPAGE, a national organization supporting vocations to the priesthood and religious life, invites you to join them on Monday, March 9, 2015, at St Petronille Parish, 420 Glenwood Avenue, Glen Ellyn. The evening will begin at 6:00 pm with Rosary and Mass in the Church. Dinner will follow in the Parish Center. At the dinner, Fr Gerald Watt, CR, a priest of the Congregation of the Resurrection, will be the guest speaker.

Since his ordination to the priesthood in 1967, Father Watt has served in both educational and pastoral ministries. At one time he was director of the Congregation's clinic in southern Mexico where he also treated patients. Father "Jerry," who is bilingual and preaches in Spanish and English, represented Catholic Relief Services as a "Global Fellow" and gave talks for CRS before a serious leg injury in 2014.

To find out more about SERRA or to make a reservation for the dinner, please contact John Matyasik at 630-947-5672 or jmatyasik@stpiuslombard.org.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Today's gospel tells of the Transfiguration of Christ; make the time to renew and transform your relationship. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are April 17-19, 2015 or June 12-14, 2015 or August 7-9, 2015, all at Elk Grove Village, IL.

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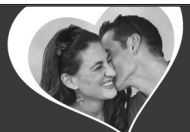
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