

**Pastor's Greetings**

This weekend Saint Pius X Parish celebrates the Eucharist with the First Holy Communion of many of our little children. Baptized earlier in life, they now have a child's real but simple faith in this Sacrament being Jesus himself, as a personal gift of himself to them. They join an unbroken continuity with the faith of the first Church, celebrating this belief in the Most Blessed Sacrament truly being the Body and Blood, the full humanity and divinity, of the Risen Lord Jesus Christ himself offered to us as food in Holy Communion. This faith originates at the Last Supper and is consummated on the Cross at Calvary, once and for all. It is witnessed variously in all four Gospels and in Saint Paul's First letter to the Corinthians. It has been proclaimed and taught by the Church in an unbroken tradition from then until now. Non-Christians and even some Christians have rejected the doctrine throughout the same time line. All Christians have struggled to grasp and to articulate the mystery. Humble faith before the word of Christ and a similarly humble acceptance of the Lord's invitation to "take and eat," "take and drink," continue to draw believers into a living union with Christ Jesus, our Lord and God.

**The Worthy Reception of Holy Communion:**

Saint Paul in First Corinthians points out that this communion offers and demands a full conversion of life: conversion to the Lord Jesus Christ in his death and resurrection; conversion to the love and respect of the neighbor; and conversion to the honoring of one's own body and person as belonging to God as a sacred temple. As long as one is approaching this Holy Communion, one is affirming a life-long conversion in the company of Jesus. If one approaches this Eucharistic communion without conversion, without "discerning the body and blood of Christ," one risks the guilt of dishonoring the body of Christ, of becoming guilty of his blood. In Paul it is quite clear that Holy Communion intimately joins one not only to Jesus, but also relates one inescapably to every human being as neighbor in Christ. Likewise, by becoming one flesh and blood with Christ, one's body and person becomes the dwelling place of the Holy Spirit. To commit immorality then, is paramount to idolatry, sacrilege, or even adultery, or so believes Saint Paul. For the sake of this conversion and discernment the Church invites all baptized and initiated Catholics to come to the Lord in Communion with faith, hope and love, with contrition for all venial sins, and to walk ever closer with the Lord. For that same reason of conversion to and discernment of the Blessed Sacrament, the Church solemnly advises others not to receive: those who are not baptized; those who are not Catholic Christians; those who are Catholic and married but not married in the Church; those who are intimately cohabiting but not married;

and any who are in a state of mortal sin. Conversion of life and the Sacraments of Baptism or Penance are required prior to Eucharistic communion.

One does not have to be perfect or sinless to approach Holy Communion. Freedom from grave sin and the humble desire for the victory of the transforming love and grace of Christ, the victory of God's will in one's life: this suffices. The Sacrament of Reconciliation helps the Christian persevere in excluding mortal sin from one's life. Daily examination of conscience, the daily embrace of the cross, daily commitment to charity in love of neighbor, daily faithfulness to prayer, even frequent Eucharistic Communion: these help preserve and extend the conversion suitable to a life of friendship with the Lord Jesus Christ.

There are even political ramifications of our Catholic faith in the Most Blessed Sacrament. Since Christ gives us communion in his Incarnation and God's purpose to redeem the human race, Holy Communion requires that we honor the sacredness of the human being to God. I cannot welcome Christ and ignore the cry of the poor. I cannot stand by silently and condone, let alone support, the destruction of innocent human life, e.g., in abortion or in embryonic stem cell research. I cannot even be indifferent to or smug about the unjust use of military force or the imposition of the death penalty in our society. Christ is the victim in every excessive use of force and in every act of terrorism. The victims are neither strangers nor faceless statistics, they are Christ who has a claim on me, a claim which I accept with each communion.

For my own sake too Christ made himself our communion food and drink. He claims each of us who accept him as his own flesh and blood. This reclaims us for God and renames us as Holy. By this honor Christ redeems us from the shame of our own dishonoring sin. His mercy makes us worthy and becomes the cause of our desire for and our aspiration to a moral life and of an assent to love. He himself said that the one forgiven much, loves much. It is imperative for those who claim the one ancient, holy, catholic and apostolic faith to bear witness to the Eucharistic Mystery of the Body and Blood of Christ. This Sunday is one prime occasion for us to do so with our children. Father Richard

**Old Fashion Tea Party for Ladies**

Attention Ladies: Let's have a **Fun Tea Party** Informational meeting, for any one interested in being a hostess or helping in any way, will be held May 12th at 6:45 in double room off from kitchen in Parish Hall. Any questions please call Alicia Wells 925-2146 or Mary Jo Westerfield 281-4771.

Gospel: John 13:31-33a, 34-35 (Love One Another)

### Adults

What are the obstacles in my life that hinder or impede me from freely loving as Jesus did—universally, completely, and without reserve?

### Children

When did I see Jesus' love in the actions or words of someone?

### Religious Education/Faith Formation May Schedule

May 2nd Regular session  
 May 9th No Session--Mother's Day  
 May 16th Regular session  
 May 23rd Regular session

### May Saints

May 3 St. Philip and St. James, Apostles	May 9 Mother's Day
May 13 Ascension of the Lord	May 14 St. Matthias, Apostle
May 15 St. Isidore the Farmer	May 18 St. John I, Pope
May 20 St. Bernardine of Siena	May 21 St. Christopher Magallanes & Companions
May 22 St. Rita of Cascia	May 23 Pentecost Sunday
May 25 St. Bede the Venerable; St. Gregory VII, Pope; St. Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi	
May 26 St. Philip Neri	May 27 St. Augustine of Canterbury

**The Online Assessment** period for St. Pius X Church is: April 19, 2010—May 19, 2010. St. Pius X Parishioners may complete the assessment during the time-frame mentioned above. Instructions for downloading the assessment software on your computer will be emailed to each person registered for completing the IFG online. The software may be downloaded on your computer and practice sessions may be completed anytime before the designated period of April 19th--May 19th. If you are not registered but would like to complete the assessment, please contact Nancy at the Parish Office. 684-4745 ext. 205

**First Communion** will be celebrated this weekend, May 2nd at 2:00 p.m.

### Dear Jesus

Thank You for inviting me to the table of the Eucharist. I want to receive Communion because I want to be closer to God. Love Joe

**Little Flower Girls Club and Blue Knights Boys Club** provide young boys and girls with the opportunity to learn about their Catholic heritage, faith, and traditions. In the meetings they will hear, read, share, and learn about the Blessed Mother (for the girls) and St. Joseph (for the boys) as well as lives of the saints--models of Christian virtues. Contact Nancy at the parish office, 684-4745 ext. 205.

### RCIA MAY SCHEDULE

<b>May 5th</b> Commandment of Love CCC#1823-1829	<b>May 12th</b> Divine Revelation CCC#74-87
<b>May 19th</b> Prayer CCC#2559-2565	<b>May 26th</b> Fruits and Gifts of the Holy Spirit CCC#790-791, 798, 951, 1267, 1830-1832

### Barbeque Festival May 7th & 8th, 2010

**Wednesday, May 5th—Need trucks & help to take pits & trailers to river.**

**Thursday, May 6th—Need help to load pits with sand & wood & cook meat for sandwiches.**

**Friday, May 7th—Finish setting up the area and get ready to sell sandwiches @ 12 Noon and Saturday until finished.**

**Need Ladies to help also, Sign-Up Sheets in Church . Please Help! We Need You!!!**

**ST. PIUS X  
YOUTH MINISTRY****Middle School F.L.I.G.H.T Night**

Sunday, May 2: Fishin for a Mission (4-5:30pm)

**Up Coming Middle School Dates**Sunday, May, 16: ODYO End of Year Bash at  
Precious Blood  
Time: TBA**High School E.P.I.C. Night**

Sunday, May 2: Fishin for a Mission (6-7:45pm)

**Up Coming High School Dates**Sunday, May 16: ODYO End of Year Bash at  
Precious Blood  
Time: TBA**Calling all VBS Skit Crew**

There is going to be a new addition to VBS this year. The program will be adding skits and many energetic youth are needed to play the parts. These skits are going to be off the wall and super funny. Some practices will be required. There will be an informational meeting on Wednesday, May 12 7:00-8:30 in the Youth Room.

**Power Week 2010  
June 21-25**

Power Week is a five day camping experience written and sponsored by the staff of Our Lady of Lourdes for the purpose of providing an experience of the power of God's love in the lives of young people. The week is for students entering 7 & 8 grade.

Forms are available in the Church or at the parish office.

**Gasper River Catholic Retreat Center &  
Youth Camp**

**The 2010 Camp Schedule is up and there are several camps for different age groups. To see the full schedule and cost, go to:**

<http://www.gasperriverretreatcenter.org/> or call  
(270) 781-2466

**For information on Youth Ministry events contact  
Matthew Hunt 270 684-4745 ext 206**

**"Don't let anyone think less of you because you are young.  
Be an example to all believers by what you say and do, in the way you live, in your love, your faith, and your purity."**

**I Timothy 4:12**

**ST. PIUS X Children/Youth Picnic  
June 6, 2010  
Noon-3:30 p.m.**

St. Pius X Children/youth and their families are invited to a picnic celebrating the ending of school and Religious Education Program and the beginning of summer youth events and Vacation Bible School.  
More details later!

**Musicians Schedule-May 8th & 9th**

5:00pm

8:00am Paula, Rosemary &amp; Tracie

11:00am Jubilation

**God's Housekeepers—May 3-8**

Velma Reed, Janet Rehrauer, Mary Roberts, Alisha Roberts, Nanette Pedley

**Vocation Crucifix-8th & 9th**

5:00pm Charles &amp; Beverly Aud

8:00am Bob &amp; Norma Bivins

11:00am Ted &amp; Maria Hoseli

**SCRIP Schedule May 8 & 9**5:00pm Brandon & Tammy Millay,  
Don & Linda Johnson

8:00am Wayne &amp; Doris Mattingly

Madison &amp; Amy Silvert

11:00am Robert &amp; Suzann Millay, Sara Beyke

**PICNIC** 

The picnic is quickly approaching! Please be thinking of an item (or two) that you would like to donate to the Country Store. Handmade items are always the first to go so we need plenty of these!! New items are also appreciated. We are also collecting stuffed animals for the Stuffed Toy Booth. These can be new or slightly used as well. These are 2 stands that are all profit because all the items are donated. Please help us to make these stands as appealing as possible! All items can be brought to the parish office during office hours. Most of all please help us in praying for a successful picnic! Feel free to contact us if you need a job during the picnic. This is a great way to meet the wonderful members of our parish! Thank you!!

Candice Lanham 314-0221 and Sean Lane 684-4555

We will be passing out the picnic yard signs after mass this weekend! We have yard signs or the new numbers to cover the yard signs you may still have at home from last year! Thanks!!

**The Parish American Flag**

The new flag now flying before the parish office building was made possible by Sam Potts. Thanks, Sam. Given our strong winds a polyester flag such as this (more durable than cotton) may survive nine months or more. When a flag is retired, Boy Scout Troop 120 conducts the ceremony lowering the old and raising the new. Periodically the troop conducts the incinerating ceremony for a proper disposal of worn out flags. The gromets of the flags are preserved and presented to the donors.

**Mass Intentions - May 3—9, 2010**

03-Mon.	8am	Marie Wheatley
04-Tue.	8am	Curt Calhoun
04-Wed.	6pm	Shawn Roberts (Birthday)
05-Thur	8am	Catherine Calhoun
06-Fri	8am	Betty Pedley
07-Sat	8am	Irvin & Lena Wathen
	5pm	Harvey & Marie Johnson
09-Sun	8am	Vincent & Mildred O'Bryan
	11am	Rose Head
	8pm	Parish Family

**Military Prayer List:** 1 SG. David Bernosky, Ft. Dix, New Jersey, L/CPL Jimmy Wolter, Afghanistan, Airman David M. Smith, T. Sgt. Kevin Payne, SGT John R. Zaremba, LTC Jason Jones, Sgt. Robert Timothy Wells-Afghanistan, Airman Kaleb Hedden—Iraq, SFC Erick Weber-Iraq, Third Tour, Daniel Scott Ft. Jackson, S.C.

**The Class of 1951 and 1952** would like to invite anyone who went to St. William High School to join them for a high school reunion at the Moonlite Bar-B-Q on May 16th for lunch at 12:00 noon. If interested call Anna Turner 281-4897 or Paul Haynes 684-9545 by May 9th for reservations.

**A Prayer**, by Jacob Hayden  
Lord, help families get along and believe in God, have faith, and share their faith. We give you our life, Lord. Help us bring our families closer than we are today. Amen.

**Census & Stewardship Update:** We had 35% of the Stewardship packets picked up last weekend. I appreciate all who have turned in their census information (we have even received a few Commitment Forms!). The Stewardship information is also available on our website at:  
<http://www.stpiustenthparish.org>.  
For those who choose, the online Commitment Form is interactive and is sent to my email address.  
I thank you again for your support to this effort.  
*Marisa Cooper, Parish Administrator*

**Tithing's-April 25th, 2010**

<b>Goal</b>	<b>Actual</b>
<b>13,360.00</b>	<b>13,390.63</b>
<b>Children's Coll.....</b>	<b>1.30</b>
<b>Parish Relief.....</b>	<b>15.00</b>
<b>St. Vincent de Paul.....</b>	<b>328.00</b>
<b>Home Missions.....</b>	<b>296.00</b>

**March 2010**

<b>Total Income.....</b>	<b>82,058.48</b>
<b>Total Expenses....</b>	<b>53,528.02</b>
<b>Difference.....</b>	<b>28,530.46</b>
<b>YTD Income.....</b>	<b>567,785.83</b>
<b>YTD Expenses....</b>	<b>559,734.38</b>
<b>Difference.....</b>	<b>8,051.45</b>

**Capital Campaign**

<b>Goal</b>	<b>Actual</b>
<b>3,000.00</b>	<b>1,229.50</b>

<b><u>March Total Income.....</u></b>	<b>8,079.10</b>
<b>Expenses.....</b>	<b>10,370.83</b>
<b>Difference.....</b>	<b>(2,291.73)</b>
<b>YTD Income.....</b>	<b>109,717.80</b>
<b>YTD Expenses.....</b>	<b>92,982.40</b>
<b>Difference.....</b>	<b>16,735.40</b>

**Daycare**

<b>Total Income.....</b>	<b>44,418.00</b>
<b>Total Expenses.....</b>	<b>29,938.77</b>
<b>Difference.....</b>	<b>14,479.23</b>
<b>YTD Income.....</b>	<b>331,461.48</b>
<b>YTD Expense.....</b>	<b>313,000.19</b>
<b>Difference.....</b>	<b>18,461.29</b>

**Stewardship: Fifth Sunday of Easter**

Jesus reminds us of the command God gave to the Israelites through Moses to *Love your neighbor as yourself.* (Leviticus 19:18 / Luke 10:27). Next, Jesus tells us to *Love your enemies. Do good to those who hate you.* (Matthew 5:43, Luke 6:27). Psychologists only recently discovered that we must love ourselves in order to be able to love others. That is how God created us. Sadly, many of us do not love ourselves enough to feel that we can be loved by others, or by God. And there is a risk that the only one that we love will be ourselves. Jesus takes love to a whole new dimension. *Love one another as I have loved you - unconditionally; without a pre-condition of recognition; without expectation of being loved in return.* God made us stewards of His love - for ourselves and for others. Are we ready to give an account of our stewardship - to answer the question, "What have you done with My love?"

**Praying Hands Prayer Chain-Call 929-4914,  
281-4729 or 686-8098, dgfas@earthlink.net**

Becky Howard, Louise Miles, Richard Horn, Charles Aud, Chann Harris, Mary Coy, Pat Yeckering, Christina Downing, Linda McKinney, Donna Powers, James Martin, Billy Brackett, Mandy Lloyd, Johnnie Muncey, Robin Spinks, Kenneth Wright, Susan Sweat, Barbara Alvey, Cody Cox, Mike Murphy, Tony Hamilton, Debra Morse, Billie Quisinberry, Louise McDaniels, Dale Greenwell, Wendy Phelps, Laura Donahue, Aline Garrett, Pam Kehr, Mary Collins, Ann & James Wood, Roger Warren, Barbara Stites, Terrence Miller, Morgan Young, Lukas Hall, Robert Massie, Robert Newton, Nancy Bickett, David Baker, Scott Carter, Sharon Clary, Marsha Bradley, Edward Dowdy, Marvin Morris, Brigit Jones, Allen Payne, Brian King, Carol & Gerald Head, Glenn Grigsley, Louis Payne, James Cummins, Ethel Larossa, Anna Clements, Becky Smith, Sue Willet, Kim Burcham, Deanna Wright, Tracy Blair, Norbert Smith, Jr., Larry Elliott, Paul Smith, Jo Ann Kimmel, Jane Smith, Dicki Conkright, Eleanor Richey, Theresa Wilkerson, Mary Hoover, Larry & Martha Stites, Preston Chappell, Dylan Evans, Jason Chambers, Lori Stanley, Eugenia Shultz, Easton Pedley, Christine Mulligan, Ray Riley, Mike Marsh, Jerry Clark, Anthony Clark, Bernice Bertke, James Barnett, Emily Storm, Harlan Best, Cayden Browning, Carol Atwell, Tom Franey, Deborah Watts, Joseph Roach, Mary Jo Jones, Kristi Rehrauer, Pamala Chapman, Sharri Browning, David Leach, Todd Melton, Helen McCarty, Kathleen Kirk, Amy Cox, Barbara Coomes, Barbara Carrico, Vicki Troutman, Joe McCrystal, Brooklyn Kessenger, Christina Booth, Tara Phelps, David Vanover, Rhonda Williams, Tim & Zoila Davis, Jan Mulligan, Kathleen Wettstain, Erika Vandiver, Ron Thomas, Neil Devine, Lisa Russellburg, Judy Byrer, Earl Cecil, Shane Isbill, Megan Boarman, Charles Mayfield, Margaret Fischer, Joe Raley, Mary Ellen Clark, Morgan Nave, Don Nonweiler, Sue Leeper, Nichole Gowen, Terra Stone, Melissa Manning, Wesley Cook, J.C. & Jeanette Mayfield, Linda Jackson, Kim & Kenny Terry, Jonathan Boarman, Larry Murphy, Jayden Hamilton, Mike Aud, Jennifer McDaniel, Gary Noel, Martha Froehlich, Crysta Morris, Gail Harrison, Jim Montgomery, Wade Montgomery, Natasha Brown.

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**OCS Pre-Registration**—The OCS pre-registration is currently being held for the 2010-2011 school year. If you would like more information about enrollment and financial aid, please contact Karen Gross at the Central Office at 686-8896 or log onto [www.owensborocatholic.org](http://www.owensborocatholic.org)

**May 8 5:00pm**

**Euch.** Laura Naviaux/B-1, Libby Johnson/C-1, Father/B-2, Tommy Velotta/C-2, Truby Velotta/B-3, Sandy Langdon/C-3, Lois Hoskins/B-4, Samantha Langdon/C-4, Peggy Castlen/Bal-B, Delores Turnage/Bal-C  
**Gifts** Robert & Alice Freels  
**Lectors** Bill Zambrano, Josie Krueger  
**Greeters** Jane Strehl/D-1, Doug Langdon/D-2, Martha Vanover/D-3, Boots Crowe/D-4  
**Servers** Neal Zoglmann, Nicholas Driskill  
**Ushers** Roger Kirk, Doug Langdon, Gene Naviaux, Tom Johnson

**May 9 8:00am**

**Euch.** Carol Payne/Capt.B-1, Maria Thompson /C-1, Father/B-2, Matt Hunt/C-2, Wil Storm/B-3, Sherman Roberts/C-3, Colton Roberts/B-4, Alicia Roberts/C-4, Dolores Roberts/Bal-B, Pat Storm/Bal-C  
**Gifts** Michael & Donna Richard  
**Lectors** Russell Payne, Emily Ferguson  
**Greeters** Mike & Donna Hamlet/D-1 & 2, Jerry Wells/ D-3, Jennifer Olssen/D-4  
**Servers** Brian Nealen, Alexis Payne  
**Ushers** Jerry Wells, Dan Higdon, Larry Murphy, Nick Howard

**May 9 11:00am**

**Euch** Doris Millay/Capt.B-1, Vince Millay/C-1, Father/B-2, Andy Lawless/C-2, Gary Noel /B-3, Nettie Noel/C-3, Karen Payne/B-4, Bettie Wagner/C-4, Michelle Jones/Bal-B, Amanda Jones/Bal-C  
**Gifts** Tim & Lindsey Payne  
**Lectors** Heather Lane, Karen Payne  
**Greeters** Mark & Donna Howard/D-1, Ted & Maria Hoseli/D-3 & 4  
**Servers** Jared Michael Millay, Cortney Hurst  
**Ushers** Paul Payne, Rob Edge, Tony & Adam Millay

**Revised Schedule:**

Bethlehem Christian Families plan to be with us the weekend of May 8-9.

**May 2 through May 9, 2010****Sunday:** Acts 14:21-27; Ps 145:8-13;

Rv 21:1-5a; Jn 13:31-33a,34-35

**Monday:** 1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-5; Jn 14:6-14**Tuesday:** Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13b,21;

Jn 14:27-31a

**Wednesday:** Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8**Thursday:** Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-3,10;

Jn 15:9-11

**Friday:** Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-10,12;

Jn 15:12-17

**Saturday:** Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-2,3,5;

Jn 15:18-21

**Sunday:** Acts 15:1-2,22-29; Ps 67:2-3,5-6,8;

Rv 21:10-14,22-23; Jn 14:23-29

*Rest in the Lord*

Deborah (Debby) Ann Stallings

Eternal Rest Grant Unto Her O Lord!

**Extra Help Program**

If your mother, or any special woman in your life, is covered by Medicare and has limited income and resources, she may be eligible for *extra help* to pay her monthly premiums, annual deductibles, and prescription co-payments. A fast and effortless way to save money is to determine if you or your loved ones could be eligible for Extra Help benefits offered by Social Security. Social Security and the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services continue to work together to get you extra help with your prescription drug costs. If you currently receive Medicare and you have limited income and resources, you may be able to get help paying for your monthly premiums, annual deductibles and prescription co-payments under the Medicare prescription drug program.

If you are interested in learning more about the Extra Help program, we have pamphlets available. For more information, you can call Social Security's toll free number at 1-800-772-1213 or you can also log on to Social Security's website at [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov).