

ST. PIUS X CHURCH

Stickney, IL 60402-4497



Parish Mission Statement

We, the parish family of St. Pius X in Stickney, are called and empowered by the Spirit to continue the mission and the ministry of Jesus in the world today. With the gifts God has given each one of us, we strive to reach out in faith to the needs of our sisters and brothers in our parish, in our community and in our world.

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 14, 2015

They that are planted
in the house of the LORD
shall flourish in the courts of our God.

—Psalm 92:14

*The
Kingdom of
God
is like a
mustard seed*

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Mass Schedule:

Saturdays at 5:00 p.m.

Sundays at 8:00, 10:30 a.m.

Weekdays:

Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m.

Rosary before Mass at 7:30 a.m.

Holy Days at 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Holy Hour each First Friday, 8 a.m.

Mass at 7 p.m.

Reconciliation:

Saturday 4:00 to 4:30 p.m. or by

appointment.

Baptisms:

2nd Sunday of the month at 12

Noon. Parent preparation session

required. Please call beforehand.

Marriages:

Please consult parish Priest or

Deacon at least 6 months in advance

of wedding date.

Registration:

New parishioners are asked to

contact the rectory to register.

Bulletin Deadline: - Thursday

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

June 14, 2015

Give honor and praise where it's due

The sower sows the seed. But the seed becomes grain by mysterious means. The sower can't take credit for what happens once the seed pushes its first sprout into the soil. That's the work of the seed's Creator. And it merits praise. The liturgical year doesn't really have a designated "Praise Sunday." Praise is the forgotten sister of our prayer cycle. Most of us are eager to bring forth our petitions. There's so much need, and we have nowhere else to turn! Intercessory prayer, AKA supplication, is a good thing, and we should pray "asking prayers" daily.

Our Eucharist, although it contains many asking prayers, is itself a prayer of thanksgiving. If the story of the 10 lepers is statistically reliable, one in 10 of us remember to give thanks for the good that comes to us. But even if we forget gratitude momentarily in the rush of relief and celebration, our Eucharist stands in as the ultimate prayer of thanks.

Then there's lamentation. We don't usually think of this mode of prayer as prayer. It's so instinctual and doesn't seem like a very holy attitude at all. While it's neither holy nor unholy to lay down and weep, or to lift up a howl of rage or disappointment, the direction of our lament makes the difference. If we lift it up to God—even with its barbed edges and recriminations—it's a valid prayer. Read Psalms 6, 10, 42, 55, or the famous 22 if this seems dubious.

Contrition, often a component of intercession and lamentation, is the prayer of regret that admits wrongdoing. It's built into the sacrament of Reconciliation as well as into the Penitential Rite of the Mass.

Intercession, thanks, lamentation, and contrition have their place in the prayer life of the believer. So does praise, a component of the practice of Adoration. But we neglect this prayer for all sorts of reasons. Part of it could be pride. To offer praise requires humility. We have to bow and implicitly recognize our smallness. Also, in our competitive culture, we're quick to criticize but slow to give the glory away.

Another factor in neglecting praise may be our sense that our activity in prayer should accomplish something. Logging our petitions hopefully results in divine responsiveness. Thanks permits us to close the loop of obligation to a benefactor. Lamentation allows us space for venting. But praise? What does it do? What do we get for it, and frankly, what does God get out of it? Praise and adoration draw us deep into the heart of right relationship with God. As someone once said about Adoration: "I look at God. God looks at me." Deepening the intimacy of that relationship is accomplishment enough! (Taken from PREPARE THE WORD)

Love,
Father Tony



On behalf of Fr. Tony and the St. Pius X Parish community, we **"THANK"** Deacon Frank Mamolella for his service to St. Pius X parish.

We wish him well and pray for the Lord's blessings as he moves on to service others in his ministry.

HEARTFELT

I would rather say five words devoutly with my heart than five thousand which my soul does not relish with affection and understanding. —St. Edmund the Martyr

RESPECT LIFE

Commenting on a federal appeals court's decision to strike down North Carolina's Ultrasound Law, the executive director of North Carolina Right to Life observed "Turning the (ultrasound) screen at an angle where the mother may view it if she wishes is very little to ask, considering that a human life hangs in the balance. Ultrasound technology has made tremendous advancements and provides a window to the womb that allows mothers to see their unborn children in real time. It is absolutely vital that a woman, at this most crucial life-and-death juncture, be provided all the information possible about the abortion procedure and the development of her unborn child. Simply put, the abortion decision cannot be undone. Women deserve all the facts." NRL, 12/22/14



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Sunday, June 14, Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 † William Becker req. CCW of St. Pius X
- 10:30 † Margaret Lehmkuhle req. Dan & Maryanne O'Reilly
- † Galo & Nemesia Lindayao req. Family
- † Napoleon Quijano req. Family
- † Nick Pepe req. Mary Perry
- Intention of Shirley Redhead req. Pauline Lindo
- Intention of Joyce, Jackie, Dianne, Jasmin & Tiffany req. Pauline Lindo

Monday, June 15, Weekday

- 8:00 † Jack Pitelka
- † Margaret Lehmkuhle req. Lena Ramaglia

Tuesday, June 16, Weekday

- 8:00 † Poor Souls
- † Mary Zubavitch req. Family
- † Richard Kanser req. Helen Cermak

Wednesday, June 17, Weekday

- 8:00 — Communion Service

Thursday, June 18, Weekday

- 8:00 † Theresa Thompsen
- Health & Well Being req. David Murray

Friday, June 19, Weekday

- 8:00 † Julia Gustin req. Agnes Brumfield

Saturday, June 20, Vigil: Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 5:00 † Justina Dabrowski req. Frank Rapciak
- † Joseph Crnkovic req. Family
- † Federico Escobedo req. Wife
- † William Becker req. Birmingham
- † Robert Hayny req. Anna Hayny

Sunday, June 21, Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 † Justina & Edward Dabrowski req. Jerry & Sue Doczekalski
- † Anthony Crnkovic req. Family
- † Margaret & Bernard Majeski req. McAdams Family
- † Lorraine Augspurger req. Socy Angara
- 10:30 † Joseph Montoro req. Wife & Daughter
- † Tony Osipczuk req. St. Pius X Music Ministry
- † Edward Kelly req. Daughter
- † Rosalia & Domenico Scalici req. Vito & Tania Griseta
- † Nancy & Vito Griseta req. Vito & Tania Griseta

Remember your loved one, living or deceased with a Mass Intention. Mass cards are available. The usual donation is \$10. Schedule your intentions by calling the parish office: (708) 484-7951.

NO SUNDAY HOLY HOUR

CONTRIBUTIONS

Sunday, June 7, 2015

Sunday envelopes (167).....\$4,194.00
 Loose Money..... 503.13
TOTAL REGULAR COLLECTION.....\$4,697.13

Maintenance 50.00
 Balance Our Budget..... 35.00
TOTAL SUNDAY COLLECTION..... \$4,782

Family Assistance Program.....\$290.00

Capital Repair Drive

June 7, 2015.....\$ 419.00
 Amount received to date..... \$8,269.00

GOD'S PEOPLE

Pray for our sick and their families:

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| Bernadette Worobey | Alice Zajac |
| Kai Gibbs | Peggy Matelski |
| Stephanie Leadingham | Sara Lozada |
| Terry Koc | Stanley Zajac |
| Pauline Lindo | Bernadette Shannon |
| Feliksa Barabasz | Nathan Kucera |
| Kelly Lore | Anne Margaret Gust |
| Sharon Batszskall | Luz Maria Rodriguez |
| Errol Lindo | Trixie Rayner |
| Jim Lindwall | Bozena Smelko |
| David Zientek | Millie Broz |
| Ron Looney | Roger Holt |
| Bob Mordahl | Ginny Jashinski |
| Kelly Krajc | |

Please welcome the following new parishioners

Richard & Lupe Garza & Jocelyn



Our sanctuary candle burns in honor of:

FC 1 Arick S. Ramsden, USN
Joseph Zailskas
 At the request of
Mary Ramsden

Ministers for June 20/21**Lectors:**

5:00 —Ann Lindwall
 8:00 —Patti Trotsky
 10:30 —Wesley Lebron

Eucharistic Ministers:

5:00 —Candy Bucyk, Marianne Schimel
 8:00 —Frederick Hlavas, John Torphy,
 Jerry Przyzycki, Sr.
 10:30 —Lindsey Torphy, Carlos Moreno,
 Jesus Hernandez, Patrick Koren

Servers:

5:00 —Debbie Young, Keith Arndt, Tim Kapolnek
 8:00 —Kathy Grego, Maria Gondos,
 Angela Valdivieso
 10:30 —Gianina Montoro, Luis Hernandez

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

A wedding celebrated in the Eastern Church has a form that was fixed a thousand years ago. In the West, our story is more complicated by constant change and variation. As the world's structures tottered in the ninth century, bishops and priests stepped into the void left by collapsing civil structures. For the first time, marriage was referred to as a sacrament, and wedding ceremonies were to be in public (assuring the free consent of the bride) after an investigation of the couple by a priest. The custom of the blessing of the bridal room diminished, and was finally forbidden in 1012 by the Council of Rouen, although it continued for centuries. In the diocese of Perigueux in France, a ritual from 1827 had the parish priest clad in surplice and stole sprinkling the bridal couple as they stood modestly in their pajamas by the wedding bed. Next the bed and all those present were sprinkled, too! That's a tradition that few Americans, either the betrothed or the clergy, are ready to revive!

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

Next week our diocese will take up the Peter's Pence Collection, which provides Pope Francis with the funds he needs to carry out his charitable works around the world. The proceeds benefit the most disadvantaged: victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Join our Holy Father as a witness of charity to those who are suffering.

ALL IS GRACE

On Sundays in Ordinary Time, the Old Testament reading is selected for the light it sheds on the day's Gospel. Today, Ezekiel sees God lifting up the lowly tree and making the withered tree bloom. So in the second parable of today's Gospel, Jesus encourages us by promising that, as fragile seeds grow into an abundant harvest, and the tiny mustard seed into a hearty plant, so God will grow the kingdom from small beginnings to an instrument of salvation for all. In the first parable, the land yields fruit "of its own accord" (Mark 4:28). Not only is the initiative God's, but the parable teaches that the seed's growth, though invisible at first, is actually unstoppable! To be sure, those who depend on the impressive or dramatic in order to be convinced or encouraged will be disappointed in the slow unfolding of the kingdom that Jesus announces. But for those who do accept the kingdom, all is grace, and that grace is certain.

Though the second reading is not coordinated with either the first reading or Gospel on these Sundays, today's is thematically appropriate. Saint Paul argues that our experience of God's trustworthiness thus far should make us a people of undaunted courage and unshakeable faith. But at the same time Paul warns that faith should also make us aware of our responsibility to do good.

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YEAR OF THE SACRAMENTS . One Word at a Time
Stand

Although priests do many things—teach, celebrate sacraments, and govern the Church, their core identity, as the Second Vatican Council described it, means that they act in the name and person of Jesus Christ, the Head and Shepherd of the Church. In other words, they **stand** in the Church as a visible and effective sign of Jesus Christ present and active among us.

With every other member of the Church, priests embrace a path of discipleship. In that, there is no difference. Their ordination does not confer on them an additional dignity. As ordained ministers, they have not more dignity but greater responsibility toward their brothers and sisters in the Church. By standing for Jesus Christ, priests remind all of us that the Lord never abandons his people but continues, through his human instruments, to extend to all of us a shepherd's care.

POPE FRANCIS'S VISION OF HEALING AND COMMUNION
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The inner word: *What's in your heart?*

The readings this week show that what is small, hard to see, and even invisible can have vast importance. Whether it's the tender shoot of the cedar tree or the tiny seed of the mustard plant, what seems slight now will become something mighty. "We walk by faith, not by sight," the second letter to the Corinthians says; we hope in that what is unseen and in the future will come to pass. The important thing, though, is to realize how the present still matters. How you tend that invisible seed makes a difference; what you do "at home in the body" now has consequences for when you are at home in the Lord, so "aspire to please him" at all times. Think of the little seeds, shoots, and easy-to-miss places in your life where more attention and cultivation "shall bear fruit," as the psalmist says, in the kingdom of God.

TOTUS TUUS SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAM!
JULY 18-24, 2015

Registration is open after all the Masses in the foyer!

Totus Tuus is a Catholic summer youth program dedicated to sharing the Gospel through catechesis, Christian witness, Eucharistic worship, and Marian devotion. The goal of Totus Tuus is to help young people grow in their faith in Jesus Christ and have fun in the process. Registration forms are available in the church foyer. To register or for more information please contact: Patrick Koren at 708-788-6090 or email at spxre1@sbcglobal.net

SPX RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

For the month of June the Respect Life Ministry will be highlighting the Corporal Work of Mercy "**To bury the dead**". This is a good month to visit the cemetery and spruce up the graves of our loved ones. We can also have masses said as an act for this Work of Mercy. Consider it a Work of Mercy when you visit the wake of the deceased and extend your sympathies.

The Respect Life Ministry will be off for the months of July and August. See you in September.

HONESTY

The most important person to be honest with is myself.

—Anonymous



June 15	.Parish Council Meeting, 7 pm Mtg. Rm.
June 18	.Bible Study each Thursday, at 7 pm, Meeting Room
June 19	.Religious Movie, 7 pm Meeting Room
June 20	.Step-by-Step "CAR WASH," 9am-1pm
June 27	.Volunteer Thank you Dinner after 5 pm Mass
July 4	.Independence Day Mass 9:00 a.m.
July 10	.Religious Movie, 7 pm Meeting Room
July 18- July 24	.Totus Tuus Summer Youth Camp

ST. PIUS X PARISH CALL TO MINISTRY
"Reach Out in Faith"

Council of Catholic Women

The Council of Catholic Women is an organization of parish women whose purpose is to establish interest in all parish activities, activities of the Archdiocesan Council, and to cooperate with outside agencies for community welfare. Meetings are held frequently beginning in September and ending in June. Meetings begin with a prayer followed by a business meeting, then entertainment and fellowship. All women of the parish are invited to join.

Contact Jeanine Gouzeas, 484-2401 & Marianne Schimel, 749-4039

Are you registered with us? It's easy, all you have to do is fill out the form below and drop it in the collection basket or call the rectory at 484-7951.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Please note: Information is confidential, it is never given out.

**MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE**

Dear Ministers,

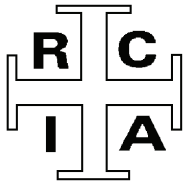
You are invited to a **“Thank You”** Mass and Dinner on **Saturday, June 27 at 5:00 p.m.** Dinner to follow in the parish hall. Please sit in the “Reserved pews at Mass on that day. Your **R.S.V.P.** is requested by **Thursday, June 18.** Please respond by checking your name off on the list in the church foyer. **I ask all to respond by checking, “I will attend” or “I will not attend.”** If you are a volunteer whose name is not on the list, please except our apology for the oversight and add your name to the list.

I thank you for all you do for our parish.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Tony Markus

If you are a volunteer minister involved with the following ministries: Parish Council, Finance Committee, Bingo, Environment, Lectors, Eucharistic Minister, Minister of Care, Adult, Teen and Children's Choirs, Collection Counter, Baptism Prep, Greeters, Mass Servers, Celebration of Life, Religious Education, Social Events, Ushers, Market Day, RCIA, Family Assistance Ministry, and Welcoming Committee, you are invited!!!



RCIA stands for the rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. It is a process that an adult man or woman goes through to become roman Catholic. It is also a program that enables adult Catholics who have not received their First Eucharist (communion) or who were

not confirmed the opportunity to do so.

If interested or for information, call Deacon Marv Kocar at (708) 442-0306.



The BINGO season has come to an end for the summer. We would like to extend a huge THANK YOU to all our loyal players for their continued support of St. Pius X BINGO throughout the year. We would also like to extend our deepest gratitude to the volunteers who give their time in making BINGO possible every week. On behalf of Father Tony and myself we wish everyone a safe and blessed summer. We will see you when BINGO resumes in September.

Joe Costabile

**ST. PIUS X CHURCH
ANNUAL YARD SALE
Saturday, August 8th
9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.**

Reserve your table(s) today! Each table is only \$25. You keep 100% of the profit from your sale. Reservation forms are in the church foyer.

Remember one man’s trash is another man’s treasure! For information call: Marianne @ (708) 749-4039 or e-mail to mariannek1070@att.net.



Check out this month’s Market Day order form for your summer cookouts.

**Order by Wednesday, June 17
Internet orders by Saturday, June 20
Pick up on Thursday, June 25
in the parish lobby. 4:30-5:30.**

Prepaid credit card orders and checks only. We thank you for supporting this St. Pius X fundraiser.