

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.

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 5, 2015

My grace is sufficient for you,
for power is made perfect in weakness.
— 2 Corinthians 12:9

*Many
who heard him
were
astonished*

Pastor

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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

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 5, 2015

I know you

Knowledge is power, according to Francis Bacon. This phrase is chiseled into the lintels of many a school to confirm that the pursuit of knowledge is worthwhile. Too often, however, we equate knowledge with the random acquisition of facts and figures. I personally recall memorizing the imports and exports of foreign countries as part of my homework. Olive oil and bananas, textiles and technology: What good did these frail and variable facts do us then, much less now? Without context and its attendant web of relationships, such charts of information remain quaint memorabilia of our school days, filed away and fairly useless.

Scriptural knowing isn't a matter of collecting facts but of intimate encounter. The phrase is applied narrowly to marital intimacy, but biblical knowledge concerns deep relationship. Knowing God, for example, doesn't mean knowing *about* God, that God exists, what the divine attributes might be, or being able to define God in theological terms. We might know "God" in these ways, but this isn't what the Bible means by knowledge of God. We need the personal encounter, the heart-to-heart connection, the deep understanding of God's ways that covenant relationship involves. Until then, we might recite the catechism front to back, but without the context of vital relationship, such knowledge is vain.

This is evident in the people of Nazareth who were quite convinced they knew Jesus. After all, he grew up in their town. They were acquainted with his family. They were aware of his background and his trade. Having assembled the facts about Jesus, they simply could not put them together with the man before them, teaching with such authority in their synagogue. *That* Jesus did not add up to *this* Jesus. They concluded he must be a poser, a phony. Jesus didn't fit their facts!

The great mistake of the citizens of Nazareth was trying to squeeze Jesus into their pre-established packet of facts. Instead of concluding that something's not right about Jesus, they might have considered that the fault was in their selective and limited facts about him. When it came to having an intimate encounter with Jesus himself, they were not showing up for the invitation. In Mark's Gospel these folks take their place along with the religious establishment, prepared to put Jesus to death on the basis of a few reports (3:6); and his family members, convinced he'd gone mad because they couldn't make sense of his actions (3:20). Consider: No one healed by Jesus, forgiven by him, or who took his teachings deeply to heart enough to follow him ever questioned his origins. For them, genuinely knowing Jesus in the sacred encounter was enough!

Love,

Father Tony

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 5, 2015

"As the Lord spoke to me, the spirit entered me and set me on my feet and I heard the one who was speaking say to me, 'Son of man, I am sending you...'" Ezekiel 2:2-3.

God asks each of us to do some special work for Him. He gives us the resources we need to do His work. However, do we listen to God when He calls? Do we get up on our feet and give our talent to do the work He asks of us? Remember God doesn't call the equipped, he equips the called.

IDLENESS

Idleness is the enemy of the soul.

—St. Benedict

RESPECT



LIFE

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"As we tinker with the beginning, the end, and even the intimate cell structure of life, we tinker with our own identity as a free nation dedicated to the dignity of the human person. When American political life becomes an experiment on people rather than for and by them it will no longer be worth conducting."
U.S. Bishops, *Living the Gospel of Life*

That we may use our country's freedom to defend the right to life of the elderly, the disabled, and the unborn, we pray.



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Sunday, July 5, Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 † Grace Piotrowski
- † Edwin Noska req. Mildred & Patty Noska
- † John Gurke req. Gurke Family
- 10:30 † Terry Bollinger req. Terry & Sheri Young
- † Dolores Hess req. Laverne Gardner & Evelyn Marsala

Monday, July 6, Weekday

- 8:00 † Lorraine Augspurger req. Wayne & Dorothy Vuko

Tuesday, July 7, Weekday

- 8:00 † Poor Souls
- † Rev. Neil Van Dyke, 2nd Anniversary
- Healing for Errol Lindo req. Pauline Lindo

Wednesday, July 8, Weekday

- 8:00 — Communion Service

Thursday, July 9, Weekday

- 8:00 † Vincent & Stella Jozwiak req. Don & Vivian

Friday, July 10, Weekday

- 8:00 † Margaret Lehmukuhle req. Deacon Frank and Marge Mamolella

Saturday, July 11, Vigil: Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 5:00 † Josephine Crnkovic req. Crnkovic Family
- † Ann D'Agostino req. Connie & Dan Christensen
- † Ray Buszkiewicz req. Buszkiewicz Family
- † Virginia Michaels Becker req. Dan & Maryanne O'Reilly
- † Ruth Munz req. John Perry Family

Sunday, July 12, Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 † Jack Pitelka
- † Margaret & Bernard Majeski req. McAdams Family
- 10:30 † William & Stephanie Schultz req. Noga Family
- † Galo & Nemesia Lindayao req. Family
- † Dolores Hess req. Lavern Gardner & Evelyn Marsala

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 28, 2015

Sunday envelopes (157)..... \$3,591.00
 Loose Money 441.00
TOTAL REGULAR COLLECTION..... \$4,032.00

Maintenance..... 5.00
 Balance Our Budget 1,084.54
TOTAL SUNDAY COLLECTION..... \$5,121.54

Family Assistance Program \$46.00



Capital Repair Drive

June 28, 2015..... \$ 18.00
 Amount received to date \$8,406.00

GOD'S PEOPLE

Pray for our sick and their families:

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| Bernadette Worobey | Alice Zajac |
| Kai Gibbs | Sara Lozada |
| Stephanie Leadingham | Stanley Zajac |
| Lolene Veselsky | Bernadette Shannon |
| Pauline Lindo | Nathan Kucera |
| Don Looney | Ginny Jashinski |
| Bob Nordahl | Anne Margaret Gust |
| Sharon Batzkall | Trixie Rayner |
| Neftali Rodriguez | Mildred Noska |
| Luz Maria Rodriguez | Ginny Jashinski |
| Millie Broz | Cheryl Augspurger |
| Barb Brackin | Olga Nunez |
| Felixsa Barabasz | |

Please welcome the following new parishioner:
Steven Kachlic



Our sanctuary candle burns in honor of:

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

Ministers for July 11/12**Lectors:**

5:00 —Jennifer Flanagan
 8:00 —Patrick Koren
 10:30 —Jeanine Gouzeas

Eucharistic Ministers:

5:00 —Dawn Kapolnek, Nancy Miller,
 Frederick Hlavas
 8:00 —John Torphy, Jerry Przyzycki, Sr.
 Sonia Estrella
 10:30 —Maria C. Khalifeh, Carlos Moreno,
 Debbie Young

Servers:

5:00 —Daniel Flores, Jack Flanagan
 8:00 —Kathy Grego
 10:30 —Valerie Hernandez, Julian Hernandez

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In the sixteenth century, the Council of Trent, which was otherwise devoted to liturgical uniformity, was very tolerant of age-old marriage customs. The Council singled out “praiseworthy” customs and hoped they would be retained. The Second Vatican Council likewise asked for a careful evaluation of customs, admitting that not everything about wedding practice is “praiseworthy.” In our revised liturgy, all of the prayers consistently stress the equality of the partners. Some familiar customs do not match this insight. Often, the groom remains hidden in a sacristy while the bride, accompanied only by her father, enters with her attendants. This is hardly equality, especially if it appears that her father is “giving her away” to her husband. This is a familiar enough scene, but increasingly couples are called to a different practice. Symbols and signs carry and communicate meaning. The challenge for couples today is to match the meaning to the symbol, and for the couple to be authentic in all they do and say on the day of their wedding. Having bride and groom both take part fully and equally in the entrance procession is exactly the kind of “praiseworthy” practice we’ve been looking for!

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

WAITING

Our Lord prefers to wait for the sinner for years rather than keep the sinner waiting one instant.

—St. Peter Julian Eymard

FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST

Mark’s Gospel account today is built on a double astonishment or amazement: the neighbors and family of Jesus are astonished that he taught in the synagogue with wisdom and worked powerful signs. Jesus, in turn, is amazed that they have no faith in him because they know his origins, not because of any fault with his teaching or ministry. As with many of Mark’s passages, we get a rather intimate glimpse here of the human part of Jesus’ two-fold nature. To reinforce his point, Mark tells of Jesus’ return to his native place, and further points out that he is in the midst of his own family members there. From the very people he expected the most, Jesus received the least. In the day of the Gospel’s writing, Mark was attempting to illustrate a lesson to the house of Israel: the God of the covenant expected the greatest faith from the house of Israel, but often received the least. This is a good source for reflection on our part, we who are Jesus’ followers today. For the wisdom of Christ to continue and for our lives to be seen as signs of his power, he must expect and be able to find great faith among us. Will he? Can he? Does he? Or is he, once again, amazed by its absence?

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RCIA...the process by which adults become Catholic or enter more fully into the church.

- ◆ Are you unbaptized, but recognize a need for spirituality in your life?
- ◆ Are you a baptized Catholic who never received your First Holy Communion or Confirmation?
- ◆ Were you baptized into another religion and wish to become a member of the Catholic Church?

Then RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is the place for you! There is no cost to you.

If you or someone you know is interested in being part of this year’s RCIA program, please call Deacon Marv at 708-442-0306.

ST. HUGH CATHOLIC CHURCH

Beginning July 1, Saint Hugh Parish will offer area Catholics the option of a daily mass in English at 10:30 a.m.

The church is located in Lyons on Joliet Avenue south of 43rd Street. www.sthughlyons.org

The inner word: *What's in your heart?*

When I am weak, Saint Paul said, “then I am strong.” Many have taken this apparently contradictory statement to mean that in weakness is strength—that weakness is strength. Paul, however, was not coming up with his own version of a Beatitude—“those who are weak will be strong”! Rather he was pointing out that *despite* his human weaknesses and what he has suffered, God’s power was still working in him as an apostle of Jesus. Ask *yourself*, then, how God works through you even with your limitations.

Questions Non-Catholics (and many cradle Catholics) Almost Always Ask When They Attend Mass
How does everyone seem to know what’s going on and what to expect?

This is one of the best things about Catholic Mass. The way we do it in America is the same way they do it everywhere in the world. And the way we do it today is pretty much the way it’s been done since the 1st Century. That’s a long time to get to know how to do something. From the prayers that we say to the Scripture readings that are read, to the postures and responses that we participate in—it’s all mapped out; and it’s all uniform in every language. This is awesome because, if you’re familiar with it, you can just sink in, let go of whatever was weighing you down on your way in, and let the ritual happen. There is a flow, a beauty and a comfort to the routine. Built in to the routine is a cycle of Scripture readings that change weekly (but we know what’s coming), songs that change weekly, a homily that should change according to the Gospel and some of the prayers (I’m thinking General Intercessions, here) that change weekly. So, it’s never exactly the same, but always the same format. It gets easier as you go along. Also, most parishes have a missalette in the pews that have the whole order of the Mass in it that you can follow along with. Many parishes use Breaking Bread missalette—look for the pages with the gray tips and follow along there.

CHUCKLE OR TWO

- I got a job at a bakery because I kneaded dough.
- When chemists die, apparently they barium.
- Broken pencils are pretty much pointless.
- Haunted French pancakes give me the crepes.



July 9	.Bible study each Thursday evening at 7 pm in the Meeting Room
July 10	.Religious Movie 7 pm Meeting room “In Her Footsteps” story of Kateri Takekwittha
July 18/24	.Totus Tuus Summer Youth Program
July 18	Car wash, church parking lot 9 am—1 p.m. \$5.00



Set off some fireworks in your marriage! Restore communication, rekindle romance and renew commitment by participating in one of the upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends on August 7-9, 2015 or October 9-11, 2015 all at Elk Grove Village, IL. For reservations/information, call Jim & Kris at 630-577-0778 or contact us through <http://wwme-chicagoland.org>.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES MATERNITY & ADOPTION SERVICES

If you are pregnant and in need of advice or help you can turn to Catholic Charities. Catholic Charities Maternity & Adoption Services has resources to serve teens, women and their families facing unplanned pregnancies. We are here to help. We can talk about your options as you plan for your child’s future. Whether you decided to parent your child, or make a plan of adoption, we are here to help. If you are not sure what to do, our 24-hour hotline has caring and professional counselors available. Our services are free and confidential. Call 1-800-CARE-002 or 312-454-1717. Visit www.facebook.com/CCofChicagoAdoptionServices for more information.

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.

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

Volunteers are needed!

We are need to provide some high school students and adults to assist in super-vising the children for bathroom breaks, during recess, and for those who may become ill. Volunteers are needed in the 1st and 2nd grade classroom to assist with crafts and supervision. The parish is responsible for ensuring volunteers comply with VIRTUS directives. (Suggestion: 1 high school student and 1 adult for every 15 children). To register or for more information please contact: Patrick Koren at 708-788-6090 or email at spxre1@sbcglobal.net

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

Prayer Shawl Ministry

This Ministry reaches out to those in need of comfort and solace, as well as in celebration and joy. Blessings and prayers are woven into each shawl. The shawl maker begins with prayers and blessings for the recipient. The intentions are continued throughout the creation of the shawl. Upon completion, a final blessing is offered before the shawl is sent on its way. Shawls are available to our parishioners, their families and friends. Shawl makers and recipients are always in need.

Contact the Parish Office, 484-7951.

**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 mariannek1970@att.net.

WE NEED YOU!

Volunteers are needed for the new season of BINGO beginning in September. If you are able to volunteer a few hours just one Saturday a month or once every other month, please consider donating your time to our parish.

You can check the sign-up sheet in the church foyer or contact **Joe at 630-363-0387** for more details.

BINGO resumes September 12th.

Join R. Tony for

Friday Movies

Second Friday of the Month

-7:00 p.m.-

(Light refreshments will be served.)

-SCHEDULE-

August 14

"Encounter"

Stranded at a diner in the middle of nowhere, five strangers meet a man who might possess the answer's to all their problems—if they would trust him.

September 11 "The Desperate"

A Jewish doctor in a WWII concentration camp is forced to make a decision in a story that reflects on the relationship between justice and mercy.

"St. Etheldreda's"

The journey through the history Of Britain's oldest Catholic church.



Dear Market Day Customer:

We wanted to let you know that World's Finest Chocolate, a family-owned business offering high quality fundraising products and programs, has agreed to acquire the Market Day brand. As a result, Market Day's monthly grocery and event fundraising programs will be retired.

A selection of Market Day products will continue to be sold at Gordon Food service Store locations while supplies last.

World's Finest Chocolate is committed to your organizations success, and will be in touch to assist with your fund raising needs.