

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.

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 12, 2015

Truth shall spring out of the earth,
and justice shall look down from heaven.

— *Psalms 85:12*

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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

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 12, 2015

Let's get this show on the road

Last fall a young woman from another parish, Amanda, volunteered to serve a mission in Albania, the poorest and most neglected of European countries. Albania is a Muslim society, so Amanda's been missing a familiar Christian context. She missed Christmas and Easter decorations, the sense of a shared celebration. For the amusement of friends back home, she's been composing an ABC list of things you don't have on the mission trail. "C" includes churches, Captain Crunch, couches, crèches, candy bars, and Communion reliably on Sundays. "E" includes hearing English spoken. "P" includes peanut butter and her parents.

Our young missionary's deprivations range from the serious to the silly, but they all highlight our spectacularly privileged American lives. The ABCs of the mission trail and its sacrifices are what Jesus offers to the 12 apostles this week. The list in Mark doesn't always harmonize with mission supplies recorded elsewhere. Mark is softer on missionaries: Those sent get to take a walking stick and wear sandals. Luke nixes the stick and sandals (9:2, 10:4), as does Matthew (10:10). We can imagine the disciples making their own ABCs of deprivation: "P" is for no pillow on which to lay your head. "S" is for no sandals, stick, or guaranteed shelter for the night.

Of course, sacrifices are not what missionary service is about. Rabbinic tradition speaks of a figure known as the *shaliach*: one sent by a person of authority fully invested to do as that person wills. The *shaliach* perfectly embodies the one who sends him. Jesus echoes this role in saying, "Whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me" (Mark 9:37), and also in the great judgment of the nations: "Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these, you did for me" (Matt. 25:40).

It's clear from these sayings that Jesus invests his disciples with the power of the *shaliach*: not simply to deliver the gospel message far and wide, but to act in the place of Jesus *as if we are Jesus!*

That young missionary friend of ours isn't just bringing Christian-talk to Albania. Amanda brought her Christ-self there and is sharing that most radiant self with a community that hasn't met Jesus yet. Our parish sent a donation to the mission house recently, and the reply came swiftly: "Thank you for the money, which can surely be put to good use here. But we are grateful most of all for the gift of Amanda, who is a great light among us."

Which makes me wonder: Since we are all sent, how well do we bring our Christ-selves wherever we go? Do people see simply us, or do they catch a glimpse of the One who sends us? (Taken from PREPARE THE WORD)

Love,
Father Tony

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 12, 2015

"He instructed them to take nothing for the journey but a walking stick—no food, no sack, no money in their belts." (Mark 6:8)

How different we are from the Apostles who took nothing when they ventured out to serve God. Today, we make our journey through life more difficult because of all the material baggage that we drag along. Yet, the more we can let go of, the freer we are to serve God with love and joy.

UNFINISHED MISSION

Here's a simple test to find out whether your mission on earth is finished: If you're alive, it isn't.

—Anonymous



"I'm against abortion, but I don't want to impose my morality on someone else." What? How can you be against the killing of the unborn in one breath and then justify this by not wanting to tell others what do? "The problem is we are

allowing abortion to falling into a different category than every other act of homicide. But abortion is not a different act; it is a different method of the act of homicide in which one person kills another." Bryan Kemper of Stand True Ministries.

That unborn children may be welcomed as a unique gift from God, we pray.

Masses for the Week



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

Monday, July 13, Weekday

- 8:00 † Lorraine Augspurger req. Joe & Terri Hiller
 - Healing for Indira Redhead req. Pauline Lindo

Tuesday, July 14, St. Kateri Tekakwitha, virgin

- 8:00 † Poor Souls
 - † Julia Gustin req. Family & Friends
 - Continued healing for Errol Lindo, Sr. req. Pauline Lindo

Wednesday, July 15, St. Bonaventure, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

- 8:00 — Communion Service

Thursday, July 16, Our Lady of Mount Carmel

- 8:00 † Lorraine Augspurger req. Stickney Golden Agers
 - † Sr. Lucille Zebrauskas req. St. Terese Bernadette

Friday, July 17, Weekday

- 8:00 † Carl & Frances Carlman
 - † Wally Stellmack req. Agnes

Saturday, July 18, Vigil: Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 5:00 † Joseph Crnkovic req. Family
 - † Dorothy Dastice & John Widmer req. Dan & Connie Christensen
 - † Ann Lozin req. Mel Lozin
 - † William Becker req. Dan & Maryanne O'Reilly
 - † Lorraine Augspurger req. Mel Lozin & Del Gozdzik
 - † Dolores Hess req. Lavern Gardner & Evelyn Marsala

Sunday, July 19, Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 † Lorraine Augspurger req. Deacon Marv & Peg Kocar
- 10:30 † Mark Mullen req. Birmingham Family
 - † Charles Straka req. Family

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.

**SUNDAY HOLY HOUR
4:30—5:30 P.M.**

Prayers will be offered for the families of St. Pius X Parish. Come for the whole hour or part of the hour. Join us in prayer.

CONTRIBUTIONS

Sunday, July 5, 2015

Sunday envelopes (149)..... \$3,930.00
 Loose Money 497.42
TOTAL REGULAR COLLECTION..... \$4,427.42

Maintenance..... 50.00
Balance Our Budget..... 65.00
TOTAL SUNDAY COLLECTION..... \$4,542.42

Family Assistance Program \$380.00

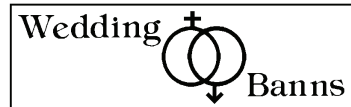
Capital Repair Drive

July 5, 2015..... \$ 388.00
 Amount received to date..... \$8,794.00

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 | Mildred Noska |
| Sharon Batzkall | Ginny Jashinski |
| Neftali Rodriguez | Tillie Koc-Kazicka |
| Felixsa Barabasz | |



There is a promise of marriage between:
Derek Sulo and Samantha Bucyk

Please welcome the following new parishioners:
Evelyn Marsala

Our sanctuary candle burns in honor of:



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

Ministers for JULY 18/19**Lectors:**

5:00 —Jenny Augspurger
 8:00 —Patti Trotsky
 10:30 —Karla Lebron

Eucharistic Ministers:

5:00 —Dawn Kapolnek, Nancy Miller,
 Candy Bucyk
 8:00 —John Torphy, Jerry Przyzycki, Sr.
 Susan Gondos
 10:30 —Jesus Hernandez, Lindsey Torphy,
 Maria C. Khalifeh

Servers:

5:00 —Keith Arndt, Vincent Cardenas
 8:00 —Kathy Grego, Maria Gondos
 10:30 —Gianina Montoro, Luis Hernandez

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Many marriage customs stand in tension with modern American attitudes and values, notably “giving away the bride,” which is no longer in the Catholic liturgy, and reminds us of a time when marriage was a contract between men (the groom and the bride’s father). A Mexican custom, now approved for use in the United States, has a very different message.

An ancient Roman custom called for smashing pieces of gold and silver so that bride and groom could each keep half. This is the origin of today’s Mexican practice of the groom giving thirteen gold coins to the bride, symbolically placing all his worldly goods into her care, and a sign of his unconditional trust. The coins are often given in beautiful gift boxes and are retained as an heirloom. Why thirteen? The standard explanation is that they represent Jesus and the apostles. The priest blesses the coins and pours them into the bride’s cupped hands. Then she entrusts them to the groom, who later pours them back into her hands. This enduring ritual is in such harmony with our tradition’s view of marriage that it is now increasingly performed by English-speaking Hispanic Catholics at weddings in the United States. —Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



“Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two...” Discern how God has sent you and your spouse by participating in a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend 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>.

SENT BY GOD

In Amos’ time the vocation of prophet had achieved a very formal status in Israel. The prophets had arisen, originally, to act as God’s voice when Israel was no longer led by the spiritual/civil figures known as “judges,” but by monarchs. Over time, the monarchy had appropriated the offices of priest and prophet, established them into companies, and reserved the right to appoint courtly prophets. Then, as now, when those in power also got to choose who would act as their official conscience, things sometimes went awry. At such times, God raised up prophets from unlikely places, and this is how Amos received his vocation as prophet. In last week’s Gospel we heard how Jesus was raised up as God’s anointed from a place many viewed as unlikely. As we continue to discern our own vocation as baptized disciples, we can be assured that we are, in Paul’s words, “chosen, destined in accord with the purpose of the One who accomplishes all things according to the intention of his will” (Ephesians 1:11). Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

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

Jesus’ “sending” of the apostles (in Greek: *apostolos*, “one who is sent”) to extend his mission of healing reflects the missionary strategy of the Early Church: travel light and keep moving, do what is good, and put your trust completely in God. Actually that’s a good approach for Christians of any time and place. Life is a journey, a pilgrimage to holiness. “To take nothing for your journey” brings home the truth that in the end the only thing you really have is God. To have “nothing,” then means to have everything. The less you have, the more you gain. The deepest security lies in not worrying about security. What can you unload from your life to bring you closer to God?

**AN INVITATION**

...To those unbaptized, but recognize a need for something more in their spiritual life.

...To those baptized Catholic, but never received the sacraments of Communion and

Confirmation.

...to those baptized in another faith, but are now interested in becoming a Catholic.

...to Catholics who are interested in learning more about their faith.

...To Catholics who no longer practice their faith. We need you and want you back with us.

...This invitation is for all who would like to share their faith and their spiritual way of life.

...The RCIA-Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults— can meet these needs.

We will be starting classes September 24. For more information call the St. Pius X office, 708-484-7951 or Deacon Marvin Kocar, 708-442-0306.

Questions Non-Catholics (and many cradle Catholics) Almost Always Ask When They Attend Mass

What is the wafer you all are receiving, and can I get one, too?

The Source and Summit of everything we do as Catholics is the Eucharist, aka: Holy Communion. Jesus said in the Gospel of **John 6:51**, "I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world." We take this very literally. At the Last Supper Jesus took bread and wine, blessed them and said, "This is my body" "This is my blood" and "Do this in memory of me." (**Luke 22**) We take this, with the Gospel of John very literally, too. Jesus' Sacrifice for us on the Cross is what we celebrate at Mass. He made that Sacrifice once and for all, but told us to participate in it, too. Our celebration of this Sacrifice isn't a new one; it brings the one and only Sacrifice into the present. The hosts and wine change from those elements to His True Presence—to the Body and Blood of Christ. It's not a symbol for us. It's a reality. And so, we ask that only those who are united with us in that belief through the Catholic Church participate in receiving Communion.



"I know you want to guarantee he'll be a great athlete, but I can't substitute Gatorade® for baptismal oil."



July 16	<i>.Bible study each Thursday evening at 7 pm In the Meeting Room</i>
July 18/24	<i>.Totus Tuus Summer Youth Program</i>
July 18	<i>.Car wash, church parking lot 9 am—1 p.m. \$5.00</i>

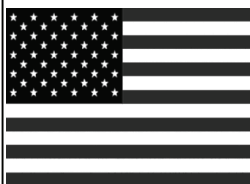
**ST. PIUS X PARISH CALL TO MINISTRY
"Reach Out in Faith"**

"Step by Step" Youth Ministry

The St. Pius X "Step by Step" Youth Ministry was organized in January 2007. Some simple objectives were set. The teen members are proactive in the following areas - Service Projects, Retreats, Movie Nights, Fundraiser, Field Trips, Holy Week Mission, and Mission Trips.

Members of this Ministry are currently teenagers and College students. New members are always welcome. Contact Patrick Koren, 708-788-6090 or email At spxrel@sbcglobal.net.

Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands.



Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform on our behalf.

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

We are looking for parishioners to provide drinks throughout the day. Water is a necessity, but we also encourage other drinks such as lemonade or Gatorade. The children will need drinks set out for them at three points during the day: at the 9:50am snack break, at 12:00pm lunch and after recess at 12:55pm. We also ask that the parish provide cookies at the morning break (participating children can be asked to provide one dozen cookies). For lunch, the children will bring sack lunches, but volunteers may be needed to prepare drinks.

After lunch, there is a recess break. Team sports are encouraged; therefore, children are invited to bring Frisbees, soccer balls and other balls. The 1:40pm break is not a snack break and will not require volunteers. To register or for more information please contact: Patrick Koren at 708-788-6090 or email at spxrel@sbcglobal.net

MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED

On Saturday, June 27 over 200 St. Pius X volunteers were invited to attend a "Thank You Mass and Dinner." We are blessed with a community that shares their time and talents with others. Even with so many volunteers, there is still a need for more volunteers!

BAPTISM PREPARATION MINISTRY

We are in need of several couples to prepare our Catholic parents who request Baptism for their children. Parents and Godparents are required to attend a preparation session regarding the Sacrament of Baptism before their child can be baptized.

Members of the Baptism Preparation Ministry meet with these couples and Godparents on a Tuesday evening for an hour or so to go over the Baptism process.

Become a Baptism Preparation volunteer ministry member. It would require one Tuesday evening a couple months of the year. For more information call Deacon Marv Kocar: (708) 484-0306.

INDIVIDUAL ATTENTION

God loves each one of us as if there were only one of us. —St. Augustine

BINGO! BINGO! BINGO!

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 you 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 on September 12.

CATHOLIC HOMESCHOOL CONFERENCE

July 24 & 25, 2015

The Immaculate Heart of Mary Chicago Homeschool Conference will be held at North Central College—RRC Building, 440 S. Brainard St., in Naperville, on Friday, July 24 (12:00pm—6:00pm) and on Saturday, July 25 (9:30am-3:30pm).

Confirmed speakers include: Dr. Bill Thierfelder, Mr. Nick Marmalejo, Mrs. Melissa Savage, Mrs. Krista Thomas, Mrs. Virginia Seuffert and Mr. Gary Zimak!

Admission is free and pre-registration is not required. For more information, please call 540-636-1946 or visit www.ihmconference.org, email: info@ihmconference.org

DIVINE PROVIDENCE SCHOOL & CHURCH GOLF OUTING

Divine Providence will hold its 5th Annual Golf Outing, Monday, September 14, 2015 at the Riverside Golf Club, 2520 S. Des Plaines Ave., North Riverside, IL.

12 noon Shotgun Golf, 5 pm Dinner/Raffle & Cash Bar
For more information contact Divine Providence Church, 708-562-3364

CHUCKLE OR TWO

- I didn't like my beard at first. Then it grew on me.
- I used to be a banker, but then I lost interest.
- I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. I just can't put it down.
- What do you call a dinosaur with an extensive vocabulary? A thesaurus.