

# 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.

## Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**July 19, 2015**

Behold, the days are coming,  
says the LORD, when I will raise up  
a righteous shoot to David.

— *Jeremiah 23:5a*

*Come away  
by yourselves  
and res  
a while*

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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**

**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME****July 19, 2015**

Most of us know the story of Sacred Heart Father Damien de Veuster—or, Damien the Leper. After years of ministering among leprosy sufferers on the island of Molokai'i, Father Damien contracted the disease himself. Recognizing the need for someone to replace him in this difficult assignment after his death, he reached out to Mother Marianne Cope and her band of Franciscan sisters in Honolulu. They were already working among leprosy sufferers isolated at a port hospital on Oahu.

We're all naturally reluctant to expose ourselves to contagion. When it comes to the potentially deadly variety—Ebola, AIDS, leprosy—our hesitation may reach the level of paralyzing fear. Yet when Mother Marianne and her sisters first landed in Hawaii to begin their service among the quarantined, they viewed the ruined, joyless facilities and desperately ill population they inherited and exclaimed: "How much good there is to do here!" Where many could see only impenetrable darkness, these women saw a place to bring their light.

According to the Bible, this is what God sees in every wilderness: not vacant wasteland, but a place for flowers to bloom. Not barren desert, but soil waiting for rain. It's a quiet space for tired disciples to take their rest, for hungry multitudes to be fed. Wilderness is where water can spring from a rock or bread might fall from heaven. Meat can be supplied by a passing flock of quail. To God, wilderness is a clean canvas on which to paint a beautiful future.

God sees the potential for light in darkness, for grace to rebound in landscapes full of sin. We might imagine what God sees in South Sudan and Haiti, places where most of us see only starvation and despair. When God looks at countries where diseases are decimating whole populations, does God foresee the power to heal? When God views battlegrounds and bombed cities, does the vision of peace and restoration show through? Does God look into our hardened hearts limited by prejudice and suspicion, and perceive the potential for these hearts of ours to break open with love and welcome? Does God watch the global crisis of climate change and anticipate our discovery of self-control to save our planet—and ourselves?

As Jesus views the vast crowd pursuing him around the lake, chasing after miracles and fantasies of an economic or political savior, he doesn't see deluded masses or leeches in search of a quick fix for their personal problems. He sees sheep in need of shepherding. He sees need and it moves his Sacred Heart. Is it possible for us to begin to view the world's wilderness of need differently? Not with: "It's too much! It's impossible!" But as: "What an opportunity to do good!" (Taken from PREPARE THE WORD)

**Love,**  
**Father Tony**

**16th Sunday in Ordinary Time****July 19, 2015**

*"...come away by yourselves to a lonely place and rest awhile) (Mark 6:31)*

Do you spend time listening for God? Most of the time, He speaks in soft whispers. Open your heart and hear the Lord. Take time in silence everyday and ask God what it is He wants you to do. Consider making a retreat this year.

**GOD WITHIN**

God dwells in a secret and hidden way in all souls, in their very substance, for if God did not, they could not exist at all. —St. John of the Cross

**RESPECT LIFE**

"In 1857, the U.S. Supreme Court looked at the slave, Dred Scott, and came up with the wrong decision, declaring the slave as "property" and not a "citizen"...The slave's life was still protected. In 1973, the U.S. Supreme Court got it wrong again and handed down decisions on abortion which declared "open season" on unborn children throughout the full nine months of pregnancy. Most people have not noticed that the population descended from U.S. African slaves, comprising around 12% of the population, making up about 35% of the abortion population. (Since 1973 more than 14 million unborn black children have died from abortion) Dr. Mildred Jefferson, M.D.

For all those involved in the pro-life movement that every action may begin and end with prayer, we pray.



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**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

**Monday, July 20, Weekday**

8:00 † Lorraine Augspurger req. Sonia Cruz  
 —Healing and blessings for Kai & Caitlin req.  
 Pauline Lindo

**Tuesday, July 21, Weekday**

8:00 † Poor Souls  
 † Martha Hillman req. R. Wozniak Family  
 † Jovana Valenzano req. Vito & Tania Griseta

**Wednesday, July 22, St. Mary Magdalene**

8:00 — Communion Service

**Thursday, July 23, Weekday**

8:00 † Eliseo & Celestina Corsino req. De la Vega Family  
 † Sister Ellen Cecelia Corsino req. De la Vega Family

**Friday, July 24, Weekday**

8:00 † Lorraine Augspurger req. Jan Kraly

**Saturday, July 25, Vigil: Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

5:00 † Terry Bollinger req. Birmingham Family  
 † Carol Matelski req. Birmingham Family  
 † Virginia Becker Michaels req. Marianne Schimel  
 † Lorraine Augspurger req. Mel Lozin &  
 Dee Gozdziaak  
 † Dolores Hess req. Lavern Gardner & Evelyn  
 Marsala

**Sunday, July 26, Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 † Julia Gustin req. Family & Friends  
 10:30 † Jack Pitelka  
 † Geri Soriano

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.

Adoration means entering the depths of our hearts in communion with the Lord, who makes Himself bodily present in the Eucharist. In the monstrance, He always entrusts Himself to us and asks us to be united with His Presence with His risen Body. Adoration is essentially an embrace with Jesus in which I say to him: "I am yours, and I ask you, please stay with me always." (Our Sunday Visitor)

**CONTRIBUTIONS**

**Sunday, July 12, 2015**

Sunday envelopes (162).....\$3,827.00  
 Loose Money..... 374.60  
**TOTAL REGULAR COLLECTION.....\$4,201.60**

Maintenance .....1,147.89  
 Balance Our Budget..... 35.00  
**TOTAL SUNDAY COLLECTION.....\$5,284.49**

Family Assistance Program.....\$84.00

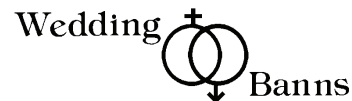
**Capital Repair Drive**

July 12, 2015 ..... \$ 120.00  
 Amount received to date ..... \$8,914.00

**GOD'S PEOPLE**

Pray for our sick and their families:

<b>Bernadette Worobey</b>	<b>Alice Zajac</b>
<b>Kai Gibbs</b>	<b>Sara Lozada</b>
<b>Stephanie Leadingham</b>	<b>Stanley Zajac</b>
<b>Lolene Veselsky</b>	<b>Bernadette Shannon</b>
<b>Pauline Lindo</b>	<b>Nathan Kucera</b>
<b>Don Looney</b>	<b>Lolene Veselsky</b>
<b>Sharon Batzkall</b>	<b>Trixie Rayner</b>
<b>Neftali Rodriguez</b>	<b>Mildred Noska</b>
<b>Luz Maria Rodriguez</b>	<b>Ginny Jashinski</b>
<b>Millie Broz</b>	<b>Tillie Koc-Kazicka</b>
<b>Feliksa Barabasz</b>	



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

With Christian joy, we celebrate the Baptisms of:

**Jacob Robert Brownell**  
**Robert John Brownell**  
**Elijah Jayden Castaneda**  
**Benicio Augustine Lozano**

Our sanctuary candle burns in honor of:

**FC 1 Arick S. Ramsden, USN**

**Joseph Zailskas**  
**At the request of**  
**Mary Ramsden**



**Ministers for 25/26****Lectors:**

5:00 —Jeanine Gouzeas  
 8:00 —Jenny Augspurger  
 10:30 —Peg Kocar

**Eucharistic Ministers:**

5:00 —Dawn Kapolnek, Marianne Schimel,  
 Candy Bucyk  
 8:00 —Frederick Hlavas, Jerry Przyzycki, Sr.  
 Sonia Estrella  
 10:30 —Jesus Hernandez, Maria C. Khalifeh,  
 Carlos Moreno

**Servers:**

5:00 —Tim Kapolnek, Vincent Cardenas  
 8:00 —Kathy Grego  
 10:30 —Valerie Hernandez, Julian Hernandez

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

When Catholicism encounters a culture, it tends to approach the culture with a measure of respect for its key customs, especially those touching family life. Around the world, these long-established customs are often received into the liturgy, sometimes with a new level of interpretation. From Old Mexico, the custom of the *lasso* (“cord”) has migrated across borders, and is now firmly established in the marriage liturgy of Spanish-speaking Catholics in the United States. It’s a large cord, sometimes resembling rosary beads, looped around the necks of the newlyweds in a figure-eight shape. It is a great honor for a person, normally a godparent or close relative, to place the *lasso* around the shoulders of the couple, groom first. The *lasso*, a symbol of profound unity, remains in place throughout the liturgy until removed, usually by the priest. The bride keeps the *lasso* as a memento of the day, a sign of her ties of love to her husband in heart and home. The tender ministry of the godparent in this ceremony clearly links this sacrament of vocation with baptism. It’s not unusual to see the *lasso* made of fragrant orange blossoms, harking back to very ancient pre-Christian rituals seeking the blessings of fertility and happiness.

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

**LIFE**

A well-spent life is the only passport to heaven.  
 —Pope Leo XIII

**CHRIST’S PRESENCE IN THE WORLD**

There’s a bit of a “missing link” in the first two sentences of today’s Gospel from Mark. In the first, the apostles return from having been sent out on mission two by two (“one who is sent” is the meaning of “apostle”). Their instructions were to preach repentance, drive out demons, and heal the sick in Jesus’ name. In the second sentence, Jesus tells them to come away with him and rest a while. It would be nice for us to imagine that, between those two sentences, a look of amazed gratitude and pleasure crossed the face of Jesus as he hears of the kingdom proclaimed in his name, and how they didn’t have to shake the dust off their feet anywhere. They deserved a rest! It might not be bad for us, when we gather together with Jesus as the apostles do today, to do this kind of debriefing, allowing the Lord to hear what we’ve sought to do in his name, our successes, our failures, our need to get away with him for a while to be fortified for further work in God’s name. For we, the baptized, are not only the flock of Jesus Christ; through water and the power of the Spirit we have also become the Body of Christ, the presence of the Shepherd for the life of the world.

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

According to the Letter to the Ephesians, Christ brings peace, gathers together those who were separated, breaks down divisions, and reconciles people with one another and with God. And he does all this through his death, which put hatred to death. What can you do to create unity with and among those around you—to make “one new person in place of the two”—even if this effort requires some sacrifice?



The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is a process by which one enters the Catholic Church through prayer, study and discussion.

The class is designed for those who are: not baptized; baptized in another denomination; or baptized Catholic but did not make their First Holy Communion or Confirmation.

We meet on Thursdays at 7 pm in the Meeting Room of the school from September through the Easter Vigil.

For more information please contact: Deacon Marvin Kocar 708-442-0306.

## 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 [spxrel@sbcglobal.net](mailto:spxrel@sbcglobal.net)

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

#### Family Assistance Ministry

The Family Assistance Ministry assists individuals and families that live in Stickney and Forest View communities that are in need. The first Sunday of each month non-perishable food items, personal care items and monetary gifts are collected to stock the food pantry. The first and third Friday of each month, pantry items are distributed to the qualifying individuals and families. Along with the St. Pius X Council of Catholic Women, the Family Assistance Ministry supplies families with Easter, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas food baskets and gifts for the children.

If you are interested in becoming a Family Assistance Minister Volunteer or for more information, please contact Roberta Birmingham, 708-484-7951 .

#### HOW DOES YOUR GARDEN GROW?

As one walks through Stickney and Forest View, one sees all of the beautiful summer flowers blooming in the neighborhood gardens. Is one of those gardens yours?

Why not share your flowers with St. Pius X parish. If you have an abundance of flowers in your garden, clip a few and bring them to church. They will be placed in a vase to decorate the church.

Thank you for sharing your talents and treasure with St. Pius X.

### CATHOLIC CHARITIES VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

For information e-mail:  
[volunteer@catholiccharities.net](mailto:volunteer@catholiccharities.net) or call 312-655-7322.



July 19/24	.Totus Tuus this week
July 20/24	.Totus Tuus this week .Mass at 8 am and 11:15 am each day
Aug. 7	.First Friday, 8 am Mass; 8:30 Exposition and Confession
Aug. 8	.Yard Sale, 9 am to 1 pm
Aug. 14	.9 am Mass-Feast of the Assumption
Aug. 14	.Movie Night, 7 pm Meeting Room "Encounter" Five strangers meet a man who might possess the answers to their problems—if they would trust him.

#### MARRIAGE



#### ENCOUNTER

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Sometimes it feels like we are "sheep without a shepherd."

Restore communication, rekindle romance and renew commitment by participating in one of the upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends: 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://wwwme-chicagoland.org>.

**ST. MARY OF CZESTOCHOWA** will celebrate a mass at 2:30 p.m. on **Sunday, July 26**, commemorating the 100 anniversary of the Eastland Disaster. Refreshments and brief video will follow. For information call 708-652-0948, ext. 220.

**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.

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

#### Why do Catholics start their prayers with the sign of the Cross?

This practice tends to be particularly uncomfortable and challenging for Protestants who are joining Catholics for worship (or joining the Catholic Church). As Catholics, there are a couple of reasons that we begin all our prayer “In the name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit” while making the sign of the Cross on our body. First of all, we are calling on the whole Being of God—the Trinity. We are reminded that when we pray, even if we single out one of the members of the Trinity (like praying specifically to Jesus or the Father), we are always engaging a whole God. All Three are always present, all three make up the One God. The other part of this is the act of making the sign of the cross on ourselves. We do this as a reminder that while we are addressing the Trinity in our prayer, we come to God in humility; understanding that we are only saved by the sacrifice that Jesus made for us on the Cross. Our whole relationship with God begins and ends with this selfless act of Jesus, and we are called to imitate the love He has for us, by making sacrifices for others. We communicate with God in the hope of becoming more like God; which means that we have to be as selfless as we can be—like Jesus

#### 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 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 on September 12.

#### MISSION

God has created me to do some definite service. God has committed some work to me which has not been committed to another. I have a mission.

—John Henry Newman

### ST. PIUS X CHURCH ANNUAL YARD SALE

Saturday, August 8, 2015

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. Reservations forms are on the back page of this bulletin or in the church foyer.

Remember that one man’s trash is another man’s treasure! For information call: Marianne @ (708) 749-4039 or e-mail to mariannek1970@att.net

### ST. JOACHIM FEAST DAY MASS & CELEBRATION

St. Joachim Parish has extended an invitation to the parishioners of St. Pius X to celebrate its Feast Day (St. Joachim & St. Anne) on Sunday, July 26th, at the 10:00 AM Liturgy. There will be a small reception after the Mass. St. Joachim is located at 700 E. 91st Street in Chicago. If you would like to attend and need a ride, please call Jeanine at 708-484-2401.

### HOPE OUT OF DARKNESS

“I was a stranger and you welcomed me.” (Matthew 25:35)  
Photo by John Moore, Getty Images

“We have repeatedly spoken of the Gospel imperative to protect the rights of refugees, to promote the reunification of families, and to honor the dignity of all persons, whatever their status.” ~(USCCB Committee on Migration, *Unlocking Human Dignity: A Plan to Transform the U.S. Immigrant Detention System*, 2015)

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops highlight the need to protect and honor the dignity of immigrant families in our country, especially those experiencing separation in detention facilities.

**ACTIONS:** Let us join our voices in prayer to pray for immigrants and refugees. Call the White House at 855-589-5698 and ask for an end to family detention. Read *Unlocking Human Dignity: A Plan to Transform the U.S. Immigrant Detention System* at:

[www.CatholicsAndImmigrants.org](http://www.CatholicsAndImmigrants.org)

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