



IMPORTANT DATES

June

- 19 Father's Day
St. Pius Annual Golf Outing
20-24 Vacation Bible School Week
21 Summer Begins
25-26 SVDP Truck
27 Bereavement Meeting in
Parish Center at 7:00 p.m.

July

- 4 St. Louis Kitchen
5 SVDP Meeting in Parish
Center at 7:00 p.m.
12 St. Louis Kitchen
25 Bereavement Meeting in
Parish Center at 7:00 p.m.
30 Rummage Sale in Family
Life Center
30-31 SVDP Truck

August

- 1 St. Louis Kitchen
2 SVDP Meeting in Parish
Center at 7:00 p.m.
22 Bereavement Meeting in
Parish Center at 7:00 p.m.
25 St. Louis Kitchen
27-28 SVDP Truck

September

- 5 St. Louis Kitchen
6 SVDP Meeting in Parish
Center at 7:00 p.m.
24-25 SVDP Truck
26 Bereavement Meeting in
Parish Center at 7:00 p.m.
TBA Wine & Cheese in the
Courtyard
TBA Athletic Association
Reverse Raffle

Riding with Jesus

By Fr. James Sanford



The other day I was out driving my car. I was taking my dog for an "r-i-d-e." I can't take him for walks any more, so he's become accustomed to spins in my car. If I say the word he goes crazy in a way that only a terrier can express excitement. I'm afraid to even type the word for fear that he'll figure it out and disrupt the other staff here in the office! I have found that Frankie's enthusiasm for getting out to see and sniff the world can be infectious. Maybe it's just this time of year, but I also love to go for an "r-i-d-e." This can be analogous for the Christian journey. We hop on board with Jesus and let Him drive our car, or at least let Him give us the directions. There are great sights to see and interesting people with whom to interact. While out spinning our tires there are also dangers: bad drivers, stoplight cameras, as well as the allure of nicer and sportier cars. The longer we

drive our cars the more wear they experience. They need care. A well-maintained auto runs better with regular maintenance: fluids checked, oil changed, tires rotated, etc.

While out riding with Jesus we also need to be aware of possible complications that can occur on our faith journey. Sometimes people attack us simply because we're Roman Catholic. I guess they don't like our brand of Christianity. Sometimes another Christian tradition comes along that seems more exciting with greater thrills. We may be tempted to leave and ride with them instead. Sometimes we don't tend to the maintenance of our faith. Sin can act like rust and wear away our relationship with God. I honestly believe that without the regular practice of the sacraments our faith will eventually dry up and, like a car without oil, our engine will fail and our journey with Christ end. God supplies the necessary fuel we need: grace. All we have to do is let it in!

Since January 4th I have been running on low fuel and rusty fenders. I'm not talking about my car. To be honest, my first reaction to my physical setback was denial, anger, bitterness, and depression. After almost five months I'm beginning to



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accept and heal. This experience has opened my eyes and heart to the sufferings of so many of you. I'm not sure that this will improve my "driving," but now at least I'm more aware of the fact that Christ is in my car with me. I'm listening to his directions and trying to rely less on my own sense of direction. You know how some of us men can be: we even have trouble asking God for directions. At least I do.

I'm not sharing this with you for sympathy. I'm not sharing this in order to get you to give me a ride in your car. I'm not even asking you to be better drivers in your own spiritual journey, although it's a good idea. I simply want you to know where I am at this point in my spiritual life. Like most of you, I realize that I am flawed. My recent health issue has helped me to be a bit more introspective. I believe that God doesn't cause problems, but He does help us cope. He does show us the way! I've learned a lot over the last eleven months as your pastor. You have been very good to me. I realize that I have not always been the best pastor, but I've surely made the effort.

I recently had the oil changed on my car and the mechanic thought that I was driving a Jaguar. It's only a Sonata, but I did appreciate his confusion. Well, I'm not the pope, you're not the cardinals, and St Pius X Parish is not the Vatican, but we're still a pretty descent, and loving bunch of people. Thanks for being such great traveling companions.

Let's pray for an enlightening journey this summer. Let's enjoy this "r-i-d-e" together. Don't forget: keep your faith gassed up, lubricated, and ready for action.

News From the Director
of Religious Education

By Ann Etue



Baptism Preparation Ministry

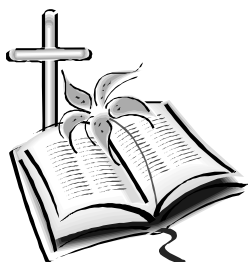
We are renewing a ministry in our parish which we hope will appeal to many young families. We are inviting any couple in the parish that would like to meet with a couple preparing for Baptism to be trained to present the preparation class to the couple. We will be setting up a training session soon-we don't have the date set as of this writing.

This is a wonderful ministry for couples who find it difficult to leave home for meetings and yet want to be involved in parish ministries. When a couple calls the parish to arrange for a Baptism, the parish secretary calls the next couple on the list to arrange for the preparation class. The mentoring couple then calls the family preparing for baptism and arranges a time that is convenient for both families. The class is held in the home of

the mentoring couple. Classes can take place during the week or on weekends, during the day or in the evening depending on the schedules of both families. Many of the young families in our parish have experienced the class themselves. We use a video called "Your Baby's Baptism" and there is a booklet that goes with the video. The video and booklets will be provided to the mentoring couple. If we get enough couples for this ministry, each family would only be asked to do this once or twice a year.

An added benefit to this program is that young families are connecting with one another so that if a family is new in the parish, the members will know someone when they come to Mass and they can get answers to some of their questions about the parish. Connecting families helps to build the community of St. Pius X Parish.

If you are interested in being part of this ministry or if you would like more information, please call Anne at the Parish Center (419-535-7672 x223). We look forward to making this an active ministry in our parish one again.



Vacation Bible School

We are very excited about this year's Vacation Bible School-Jerusalem Marketplace.

It will be held the week of June 20-24 from 5:30-8:30 p.m. the Jerusalem Marketplace will take place in the Family Life Center with some activities outdoors and in classrooms. We begin with supper and then the children go to the various shops in the marketplace for crafts and activities. Many, many people have been part of the preparation for this year's program and we are very grateful to everyone who has been a part of it. Very special thanks go to **Annette Lohman** who has spent countless hours planning and organizing for this special week. Registration forms are available in the narthex of the Church or you can call Ann at the Parish Center.



Liturgy of the Word with Children

This program will be discontinued during the summer months and will resume on Sunday, August 21. We thank all of our dedicated leaders of Liturgy of the Word with Children for their help during the past year.

Roving Reporter

By Mary Ann Niedzielski



Question: *What are your hopes and dreams for the Church now that we have a new Pope?*

Judi Sallah: My hope is that the Church is able to find a way to balance its adherence to Christ's teachings while developing solutions to concerns facing its followers in the 21st century. I have read that the new Pope is interested in spreading a robust version of the Catholic doctrine. I hope that this is not done at the expense of its less powerful members --- women, and all people living in poverty and/or Aids-stricken countries around the world.

Edward Nussel: Wouldn't it be wonderful if Pope Benedict XVI became known as the "Great Healer"? He has inherited a deeply divided Church. My hope is that he will be able to bring all Catholics together as we accept his love and his teachings and end the differences that plague us.

June Auth: I feel certain that Pope Benedict will follow very closely in Pope John Paul's footsteps, and I am very happy for that. However, we are

losing so many of our young adults to the more casual churches; I'd like to see Pope Benedict relax some of the Church-made rules and practices to create a more youth-appealing atmosphere.

Joanne Stechschulte: I hope that John Paul's legacy of working toward peace and reconciliation throughout the world will continue, and will include reconciliation within our own Church. My hope would be that our Church would be open to change. I love our Church, but there are many things about it that I feel do not reflect the original Church given to us by Jesus. Change, I feel, would fulfill my dream that our churches would be vibrant and filled with people again.

Garry Saccone: I find the new Pope most disheartening; I do not see Pope Benedict as a force for change within the Church. I hope that I am wrong, but I do not see this individual addressing the need for women in leadership roles in the Church, addressing the lack of a vibrant Church in Europe, or recognizing the need to remove the celibacy mandate for priests and nuns.

Gerald Tremblay: I would hope that Pope Benedict XVI will lead us out of the past controversies that have enveloped us and provide the universal Church with appropriate guidance. There is also a need to address the shortage of vocations from a global perspective.

Farewell and Godspeed!



Betsy Roberts, who has been our music teacher for 20 years, is saying goodbye to St. Pius X School at the end of the school year. Betsy and her husband John have been blessed (after a long time of waiting) with a beautiful granddaughter named Alexandra who is now about eight weeks old. Starting in late June, Betsy will be caring for her 3 days a week while their daughter Elizabeth is at work. She is really looking forward to spending this time with the baby, and feels very lucky for the opportunity. However, she said recently, "Leaving St. Pius is not easy, but it seems like the right thing to do".

Another loss to the school is **Mrs. Gwen Raupfer** who started in third grade, but switched to second grade when the opportunity presented itself. Mrs. Raupfer especially loved helping to prepare the children for their First Communion and their First Penance. She found the decision to leave a very difficult one after 16 years at St. Pius X. However, she and her husband, Edward, have the responsibility of helping to care for his parents, who live in Ft. Wayne, IN and her mother, who

lives in Napoleon. She felt that she could not do her best for her class while having to travel to Ft. Wayne every weekend, and will now be able to help with doctor appointments and other needs during the week.

Both of these dedicated teachers will be missed. Thank you for your years of caring for the students at St. Pius X School.

Know Your Parish Finances

By Paul Nungester



This is the first of a 3 part series to inform parishioners of St. Pius X on the financial workings of the parish. It is a factual presentation to enlighten and educate. This first article will cover the church operating section of our annual statements, which tracks the physical operations. The second installment will be about the non-operating section concerned with programs and religious studies. The third portion will deal with budgeting.

First, St. Pius X has a fiscal year end of June 30. Therefore all numbers relate to the time periods July 2001-June 2002, July 2002-June 2003, July 2003-June 2004 and July 2004-

June 2005 which is our current year under budget. For simplification the year-end will be used: 2002, 2003, etc.

Overall, church income has been \$576,534 in 2002, \$586,889 in 2003, and \$670,895 in 2004 and is budgeted at \$545,200. Basically, there are 3 parts to income: Offertory, Bequests & Gifts (B&G), and Other Income. Offertory has declined from \$480,100 in 2002 to \$438,704 in 2004 and is budgeted at \$405,000 for 2005. B&G increased from \$61,806 during 2002 to \$175,482 in 2004. Other income has been relatively steady. With Offertory down-trending and B&G moving up to become a significant portion of income, rising from 11% to 26%, more reliance is placed on B&G than weekly donations. B&G are by nature uncertain while contributions tend to be more reliable.

Expenses are comprised of familiar items like staff salaries and maintenance. Other components are the diocesan assessment and the cost of the school to the parish. In total, expenses have been relatively steady, ranging from \$561,470, \$538,162, \$605,013 during 2002, 2003, and 2004, respectively. The 2005 budget is \$540,779. Diocesan assessment is fairly constant. Salaries have risen from 42% to 47% of the total expenses while the school cost to parish has declined from 40% to 36% during the years of 2002 to 2004.

Now, if you have been ciphering on the side you will know the answer to this question. What is the net of income and expenses from 2002-2004? Church accounting is cash basis, like our own checkbooks, and does not have a profit or loss. It only has a net gain or loss on cash available. The answer is a gain for all 3 years of \$15,064 in 2002, \$48,727 in 2003 and \$65,882 for 2004. Our current budget is projected with a small gain of \$4,421. Keep in mind this is only the operating piece of the statements.

When the Israelites were wandering around the desert, God gave specific directions on supporting the church. He knew how important it was. Next issue will be on the non-operating portion.

Youth Group

by Jen Bine



The youth group is alive and doing well. First off, we would like to say a huge thank you to **Doc and Kathy Taraschke** for all their time and dedication to the youth group over the past seven years. They will be missed and will always be in our thoughts and prayers. As well as saying good-bye to Kathy and Doc, we also had a farewell celebration

for our seniors this past month.

The youth group has many events coming up. The weekend of June 4th and 5th we sponsored another car wash after masses. Proceeds from this will assist those going to the youth conference this summer.

June 14 is the annual diocesan youth and young adult day at Cedar Point. Those interested in going may pay \$48 and join St. Pats, St. Joe's, Maumee, and St. Rose on a chartered bus. If you go on your own that day, tickets are only \$30.

The annual youth conference is July 8-10 at Bluffton University in Bluffton, Ohio. Future freshmen and outgoing seniors are welcome. The famous Jesse Manibusan will be the MC at the conference. Jesse is an awesome musician/ comedian/ spiritual leader and he visited St. Pius this year. July 17 will be our official day to welcome in the graduated eighth graders. We will be having a pool party at **Kristen Keller's** house.

The Y.E.S. Project (Youth Elect Service) is August 3-6. St. Pius hosted this project 2 years ago and this year it is at St. Joe's, Maumee. It is a wonderful service opportunity for any incoming freshmen and outgoing seniors. For more information on all these events, please see flyers and applications on the youth group bulletin board outside church.

Pastoral Council

For your convenience we are including this list of the 2005 Pastoral Council members and their e-mail addresses if applicable. Phone numbers are not included in most cases, as they can easily be found in the Parish Directory.

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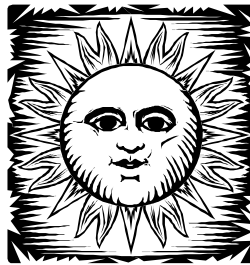
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Nurse Notes Outdoor Summertime Safety Tips

by Grace Czerniakowski



- ?? Drink plenty of water.
- ?? Schedule outings early or late in the day to beat the heat.
- ?? Reduce consumption of alcohol and caffeine when out in the sun.
- ?? Dress for the heat and wear sunscreen and bug repellent.
- ?? Know any medication interactions with the sun.
- ?? Curb outdoor activities during the heat and humidity.
- ?? Be aware of weather advisories and warnings

And...Have a Great Summer!

Scholarships, Grants, and Awards

St. Francis de Sales High School
Jeffrey M. Mallamad Scholarship
\$1000 Renewable
Alexander Michael Sobel

NotreDame Academy
Marian Award
\$500

Jacquelyn Morgan Litle
Alumnae Scholarship
\$500

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St. Ursula Academy
Academic Scholarship
\$3000 Renewable
Alison Christine Darr

Cardinal Stritch High School
Stritch Legacy Scholarship
\$1700

Emily Rose Pavlica
Music Boosters Scholarship
\$250

Emily Rose Pavlica

Central Catholic High School
Troy Simon Scholarship
\$500

Alexandra Nicole Schultz
Marching Band Scholarship
\$200

Raquel Stallworth
Legacy Grant
\$1000

Lauren Elizabeth Pfahler
Alexandria Nicole Schultz
Paul Alan Schabel
Alexandra Lynn Born
Thomas James Velker
President's Scholarship
\$1000 Renewable
Patrick Andrew Rediger

St. John's Jesuit High School
Hopkins Scholarship
\$500 Renewable
Santiago Mendez

CYO Leadership Scholarship
Alexander Michael Sobel

St. Pius X Parent Association
Scholarship
Alison Christine Darr
Alexander Michael Sobel

PIUS PEOPLE

The purpose of this page is to build community. Perhaps you could send a card, stop in for a visit, or remember these people in your prayers.

NEIGHBORS

Alice Amrhein Of Carskaddon	Roger and Marie Kerner Of Detwiler	Helen Szymanski Of Executive Parkway	Grant Zimmerly Son of M/M Craig Zimmerly
Lilly and Lillian Andrysek Of Farrington	Catherine Koslowski Of Executive Parkway	Jennifer Tallent Of Rushland	Nash Platz Son of M/M Phil Platz
Philip Baker Of Davewood	Marianne Lazar Of Larchmont	Jill Taylor Of Lambert	
Robert & Molly Brown Of Everwood	Angela Lemle Of Burnham	Steven and Allison Tucker Of Thoman	<u>DECEASED</u>
Daniel and Mary Bukowski Of Penridge	Gary and Sarah LeSage Of Belfair	Phillip and Jennifer Worley Of Robinwood	Clara Chmielowicz 02/11/05
Justin and Karen Burnard Of Bowen	Nick and Christie Lowe Of Grantley	Craig and Kara Zimmerly Of Woodmont	Mark Hallock 02/06/05
Christina Castle Of Crary	Joseph and Charissa Marconi Of Grantley		Robert Ireland 02/14/05
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John and Sheila Conway Of Rushland	Jeffery and Susan Myers Of Pemberton	Douglas Giovanni to Robin Cisek 05/07/05	Norma McPartland 03/15/05
Jeannine Crouse Of W. Central	Timothy and Barbara Petee Of Beaconsfield	<u>BAPTISMS</u>	Edwin Nieckarz 03/15/05
Gerard and Denise Culkowski Of Portsmouth	Donald and Janice Pickard Of Sherbrooke	Caleb Kochendoerfer Son of M/M Scott Kochendoerfer	Vincent Sodd 03/28/05
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Marty and Liz Dumas Of Lockwood	Luis and Cari Ramirez Of Sherbrooke	Matthew Menon Son of M/M Vijay Menon	Patricia Greenen 04/04/05
Stacy Edinger Of Berdan	Michael and Jeannette Rodenbeck Of Longfellow	Casey Brown Son of M/M Robert Brown	Rosemary Brown 04/18/05
Marie Therese Fischer Of Aldringham	Donald and Dorothy Schenck Of W. Central	Molly Thomas Daughter of M/M Robert Thomas	Adele Joseph 04/18/05
Robert and Lynn Fuller Of Goddard	Steven Schrag Of Fairfax	Grace Giannetti Daughter of M/M John Giannetti	Clarisa Heigel 05/06/05
Phil Hahn Of Argonne	Christopher and Allison Sniegowski of Wyckliffe	Cooper Hoyt Son of M/M Scott Hoyt	Lorine Perkins 05/11/05
Thomas and Sonya Inderrieden of Rockridge	Regis and Bridget Spielvogel of Goddard		Esther Burke 05/22/05

**New Principal Named
For St. Pius X School**



Recently, our principal search committee selected a new principal for our school. Her name is **Mrs. Debra O'Shea**. She is replacing **Mrs. Carolyn Savage** who is resigning in order to spend more time raising her family. Mrs. Savage did a lot in only three years to help improve the education of our children. She will certainly be missed!

Deb O'Shea comes to us from St. Jerome School in Walbridge, Ohio. She has taught there for eight years and served as assistant principal for four of those years. She received her undergraduate degree from the University of Toledo and has spent the last year finalizing her licensure as an elementary principal. Before teaching at St. Jerome, Deb spent ten years as a teacher/administrator of a pre-school and day-care program in Genoa, Ohio.

Mrs. O'Shea and her husband, Tom, have four children and five grandchildren. One of her greatest interests is music. She has been a church organist for thirty years and has taught piano and flute for over

twenty years. She also loves cross-stitch and reading. During the summer months she enjoys boating with her husband. They belong to the Indian Hills Boat Club and the Maumee River Yacht Club.

Deb's passion for her work is what inspired her to become an administrator. She is very excited and is looking forward to utilizing her education and skills at St. Pius X.

It is important to thank our committee who chose Deb from a long list of qualified applicants. Our committee was made up of **Lisa Burns, Bob Daiber, Angel Dandar, Larry Hack, and Kim White**.

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