



# The Proclaimer

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## Important Dates

### January

- 9 Parish Blood Drive  
FLC 1-6pm
- 17- 18 Women's CRHP
- 19 Parish Office Closed Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- 21 Mass for the Unborn 7pm

### February

- 1 Hospitality Sunday
- 5 Confirmation 7pm
- 8 Marriage Enrichment  
FLC-1pm
- 21- 22 VBS Bake Sale
- 25 Ash Wednesday Services  
7am 9am 12pm 7pm
- 29 "Rite of Sending" 11am  
"His Last Days" play 6:30pm

### March

- 7 Hospitality Sunday
- 7-10 Parish Mission  
Fr. Carl Arico 7pm
- 27 Friends of St. Pius X School  
"My Big Fat Greek Auction"  
Dinner and Auction 6pm

### April

- 4 Palm Sunday Penance  
Service 2pm
- 8 Holy Thursday Mass w/  
Dinner to follow 6pm
- 10 Vigil Mass 8:30pm
- 11 Easter Sunday
- 18 Hospitality Sunday

### May

- 1 Engaged Couples Day
- 2 First Communion 1 pm  
Hospitality Sunday
- 15-16 Men's CRHP

## Marriage Enrichment with a Family Perspective

By Deacon Tim Etue

This topic has come up again as a possible program that some married couples in our parish would like to get started. Yes, I think it would be good, as well. Many of us are married and would find such a program to be helpful as we each try to keep a focus on nourishing our marriages and our families.

During this very busy season of the year, and at other special holidays, it would be good for us to take some time to reflect on these topics. I want to suggest a starting point would be with our own families. Many questions have to be answered: Where will we spend the holiday? Who will host the meal? Which set of parents will we visit? What Mass will we attend and with whom? Sometimes we try so hard to keep the "Family of Origin" happy that we make it difficult for our own family who would just like to stay home and enjoy the day.

Yes, we need to keep all our families in mind as we make these decisions. The thing that my wife Anne and I finally decided on was to put our family first and then work in the rest of the "Family of Origin" concerns

### *Visiting Poverty*



*Fr. Tom and Marty McCabe visit Guatemala.  
See pages 4 and 5*

where they would fit. This took us some time to accomplish and is still going on as the family continues to change in size. I wish each of you the best in this process.

On the topic of marriage enrichment, I would like to invite you to attend a parish married couples retreat this winter. I know of one entitled, "Keeping Our Marriages Together and Growing". This will be offered here at St. Pius X on Sunday, February 8, from 1pm to 6pm with a meal included. The target group is all married couples, young, old, and in between, who want to enrich their marriages. Both husband and wife should come—but one spouse is better than none. We will arrange for childcare for the entire time. This would be a great spiritual exercise for us during Lent!

### *Lenten Devotions, 7pm*

*March 3, 17, 24, 31 and  
April 7 with Tenebrae*

### *May Devotions, 7pm*

*May 5, 12, 19, and 26*



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**From the Director of**  
**Religious Education**

By Anne Etue

**W**e recently celebrated a really wonderful ritual with the Candidates in our RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults). Since September 10 twelve people, many with their sponsors, have been gathering weekly to get their questions answered about our Catholic tradition and to study and learn about the Catholic faith.

The candidates completed the period of Inquiry that began in September and continues through the First Sunday of Advent. On the First Sunday of Advent, December 7, we celebrated the Rite of Acceptance with the candidates. It was a very moving ceremony as each of their senses was blessed by their sponsors with the prayer of the entire assembly the candidates will come to know Christ in a deeper way and be strengthened in their faith because of their deeper relationship with Jesus. It was a beautiful ceremony. The witness the candidates give to us is truly profound.

At that Rite of Acceptance **John Clark, Tom Hayes, Shamita Martin and Heidi Sawers** became Catechumens, which means that they are studying to be baptized into the Catholic tradition. Also at the Rite of Acceptance, **Nichole Bundy, Jeff and Johanna Crawford, Anne and Mark Leathers, and Shawn Vess** were accepted as

Candidates for Full Communion in the Catholic tradition. This means that they were baptized in other Christian traditions, but will make a Profession of Faith in the Catholic Church. They will also be confirmed and receive Eucharist at the Easter Vigil. Not included in the Rite of Acceptance, but Catholics who are baptized and need to complete the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation) are **Andrea Boudreaux and Russ Hitts**. We have a wonderful RCIA group and we are very blessed to have them with us. They are drawn to this parish community because of the goodness and welcoming that they have felt from you, our parishioners.

So, we ask for your continued prayers for and support of our Catechumens and Candidates for Full Communion. They are very enthusiastic and eager to be an active part of our parish. Please pray for them as they continue their Journey of Faith.

**Club 55+ Outreach**

By Mary Ann Niedzielski

**N**ot many in our parish are aware that members of the Club 55+ community are involved in an important outreach to local, national, and international charities. In support of these charities, Club 55+ members have donated almost \$1,400 over the past two years.

At each gathering of this parish group, many of those in attendance make an optional offering to a designated charity,

usually \$2. The donation is not required, but many do choose to give. The donation is not payment for services, nor does anyone keep track of who does or who does not place money into the basket.

Club 55+ members are very aware that they are recipients of the generosity of the late **Pat Miller**. A bequest from her estate pays for all the expenses of their social and educational events, including catered meals, decorations, lectures, and entertainment. Later, an outreach to charitable organizations was initiated. Seniors are able to “give back” in thanksgiving for what they have been given.

The following groups have been funded by Club 55+: American Red Cross Disaster (Sept. 11, 2001) Relief (\$80), St. Vincent de Paul Society / St. Pius X Conference (\$316), St. Louis Soup Kitchen (\$147), Fr. Bill Auth / Mayan Indian Missions (\$155), Catholic Charities (\$144), Oblates of St. Francis de Sales Retirement Fund (\$160), Catholic Relief Services (\$128), and Claver House Soup Kitchen (\$126).

On December 5, the last meeting for this year was held in the Family Life Center. **Kerry Clark**, a local musician and songwriter provided the entertainment after a delicious dinner. We are happy to report that another \$160 was donated to the St. Vincent de Paul Society, making the total given to that group \$476.

## Roving Reporter

By Tracey Joyce

### **W**hat did you like best about the parish's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration?

#### Larry and Karen Hack:

Neither Karen nor I attended Catholic schools growing up, but we heard many stories from our friends and relatives who did. The *Late Night Catechism* play was very humorous to us, but to see the crowd interaction and confirmation of the stories that are true made this a hilarious performance.

#### Lucille Howe:

There were so many wonderful events that it's really difficult to choose one. The production in January of *Late Night Catechism*, with the nun, was hilarious and everyone present thoroughly enjoyed it. The summer Mass and Pig Roast was great, as it brought together so many families and teachers who had been members of St. Pius X over the past 50 years. I recognized several of the nuns. The Sausage and Beer, Wine and Cheese party in the courtyard was a lot of fun. Music provided by **Bob Lemle** was outstanding. He has a great voice and the food was delicious!

Kathy McCabe: Of the events I attended, I think my favorite was the Wine and Cheese, Beer and Sausage party held this summer. I loved the way the courtyard looked, the food was great, and everyone there had a wonderful evening.

Colleen Taylor: First of all “Thanks” to the committee for such a great job. All the events were nice but my favorite thing was the presentation of the play, *Late Night Catechism*. The “sister” in charge was a riot. I, along with three of my real sisters, could not stop laughing. The fond memories of grade school came rushing into my head.

Sue Meyers: My family and I thoroughly enjoyed the entire year of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations. We attended several events but I think my favorite had to be the pig roast/picnic. There were so many people of all ages, new families and old timers, all enjoying the community spirit and just sharing a good time together. It was especially fun to have the former teachers and priests and to catch up on what they are doing now. We look forward to many other activities in this great community.

Bea Wolfe: The best thing about all the events and activities for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration was the fellowship. I met some charming people at the picnic and thoroughly enjoyed working with everyone on the cookbook committee. It's true that a parish isn't the building; it's the people.



## Visiting Poverty

By Fr. Tom Landgraff



I have been asked to share some of my thoughts and memories about the trip I, along with **Marty McCabe**, took to Guatemala and El Salvador. Actually, Marty and I were part of a larger group that traveled under the auspices of Central American Ministries. CAM is based at St. John's Jesuit High School and the Project Coordinator is **Brian Pelcin**. Marty had heard about this trip from Bishop Albert Ottenweller and Sr. Nance Westmeyer. When Marty told me he was thinking about going, I got interested myself, especially when I heard it was only for a few days.

I prayed a lot about going and finally said to God that if I could get some help with the funding, I would go. The Oblates came through and I was allowed to take some retreat money from the parish. These two sources plus some of my own funds made the whole trip possible. One of the CHRP ladies teams was also very helpful by giving me some cameras to take pictures and some money to help with the expenses. So on a Thursday morning, I found myself in the Detroit airport gathering with a group of about 15 people (including my very good friend,

Marty Donnelly) to start this adventure. I had some low level anxiety about it all, but really felt this was something God wanted me to do.

We flew from Detroit to Atlanta, had a long layover there, and then off to Guatemala City. We landed about 8pm Chicago time and were taken to a Retreat Center. The accommodations were adequate. I was pleasantly surprised to discover we each had a room and bath. There was no nozzle on the shower, but the water was warm. Who could ask for anymore?

The next morning we were taken to a huge garbage dump right in the middle of the Guatemala City. We were able to get off the bus and wander around for some time. There are people so poor that they live in the dump in very poor housing – no running water, no heat, no electricity. It seemed to me they found whatever material they could, patch together four walls and a roof and that was it. It just breaks your heart to see children living there. These people survive by searching through the garbage for things to sell and even food to eat. It is hard to imagine eating someone else's garbage, but we observed that happening. Of course, the odor in the air is not very pleasant to say the least and I was told we were there on a very good day because there was a constant breeze blowing.

I was told of a terrible tragedy that had happened in the dump a few years ago when

a man operating a bulldozer pushing garbage from one place to another inadvertently buries some small children in the garbage and they died.

This is not a pretty picture I write about. It is, as a matter of fact, quite ugly. It is real and it is how some people in our world live. The people were kind and some allowed us to take their picture. We were careful to ask first because some seem to really enjoy having their picture taken while others prefer we not do that. We tried to be very sensitive about that.



We left the dump and visited a nursery that is located right next to the dump. Some of the parents who work in the dump drop their children off at the nursery where they are given some food, clothing, and minimal medical care. The nursery is supported by Central American Ministries. The children are wonderful. They love to have their pictures taken and they are very affectionate. The nursery takes care of infants up to 2<sup>nd</sup> graders. Anyone would fall in love with the children; I know I did.

From the nursery, it is a short walk to a school that serves children up to the 6<sup>th</sup> grade. I am told that for the poor, 6<sup>th</sup> grade is about as far as

they go in school. The neighborhood was very poor and the housing was the bare minimum. The children in the school were really wonderful. They put on a little dance and play for us. The play reflected the violence that was so much a part of their history. Up until a few years ago, there was a terrible civil war in Guatemala and these children know about that. Their parents had to live most of their lives in a country that was very violent and very brutal. Many were killed because they had the courage to speak for the poor. Things are better now, but it was not very good at all in the very recent past. The play was about that violence and the sadness it can cause.



The most emotional moment for me happened at the school. To think of what their families have suffered and what these innocent children have had to live with was and is heartbreaking. I cried for them and still get choked up talking or writing about it all. I hope by helping others become more aware of these injustices, we can take some tiny steps toward a better life for them. I was very proud to give to the school a small gift from the children of St. Pius. It wasn't much but it was something. Cards and stickers for the school were

gratefully accepted. Perhaps we can do more in the future.



The next day, we were off to El Salvador. It took a long time to get across the border that is a river not much wider than the Ottawa River, but we did get to El Salvador the next afternoon. After visiting yet another school and another dump, we were taken to the campus of the Jesuit University in San Salvador. El Salvador had a terrible civil war as well. Many people were killed including four women from the Cleveland area, many priests, one Bishop (Oscar Romero) and in 1989, five Jesuits and two women. The five Jesuits and the women were all living a residence on the campus. The woman was like a housekeeper she had her daughter living with her. One terrible night, they were all murdered in the residence. The Jesuits had spoken for the poor while teaching their classes and the two women were in the wrong place at the wrong time. I remember reading about all of this while I lived in Denver.

The residence where all this happened is now a museum dedicated to the memory of all the people who lost their lives in those years. There is peace there now so the deaths of all these people were not in vain.

To stand in the garden where most of the killings took place was very emotional for me and to see some of the photographs of the bodies of the murdered Jesuits was also very emotional. I was very happy that I could go there and, in a sense, pay my respects to those brave people who really lived out their Christian commitment to the poor. I found it very inspiring.



I have tried to share with you some of the more memorable moments from the trip. I am still praying for some wisdom to know what I am being called to do about it all. I know I am not going to solve all the problems, but I want to be a part of some small step that helps. I intend to recommend to our Finance Committee that we donate \$100 a month to Central American Ministries to help the children in the schools and nursery we visited. You can show your support for this by giving a little extra once in awhile in the collection. You could, if you wish, drop an envelope in the collection with the letters CAM on it, and we would see to it that that goes to Central American Ministries.

I also ask you to pray for the poor of the world. In the meantime, God bless all of you.

## St. Pius Facelift

By Dave Wolfe

The Building and Grounds Committee is planning summer projects at this time. They include painting the Church and replacing the floor covering. The kneelers will be refurbished and the pews removed to accomplish the remainder of the work. Work is scheduled to start June 28, with completion anticipated by mid-August. Other improvements may be made pending the direction of the Liturgical Environment Committee's study of the worship space with the consultant, **Joanne Lopez Kepes**.

Many ideas were exchanged at the first meeting of this group. Following the design process, which may take several months, a presentation to the congregation is planned. Proposed improvements to the school involve replacement of carpeting in two classrooms, necessitating the removal of existing tile and mastic. Plans for shelving upgrades for the classrooms are being formulated. However, school improvements will be made only when funds become available.

The Building and Grounds Committee continues to identify the needs of the parish physical plant and responds with appropriate project suggestions and implementation. Our next meeting is scheduled for January.

## HIPAA: What Does It Mean To You?

By Lori Coyle and Ted Kurt

HIPAA is comprised of several rules and regulations passed by Congress, aimed at protecting the privacy of your medical records. Many of you have already been introduced to HIPAA via your physician and/or your pharmacy's Notice of Privacy Practices. The Notice advises you about their policies and practices concerning how they may use and disclose your health information. In addition, the Notice will advise you of your rights and responsibilities (and the provider's obligations) with respect to your health information.

The Notice will state that your information can be disclosed without your consent for purposes of treatment, payment and health care operations. For example, when your family doctor refers you to a specialist, she or he may convey your medical information to the specialist. In addition, your health information can be forwarded to your health insurance company for reimbursement purposes. Examples of health care operations include quality assessment review, transcription, and consulting services.

Besides treatment, payment, and health care operations, your health care provider is permitted, or in some cases, *required*, to

disclose limited health information about you without your consent or authorization. Some examples would be disclosures for public health activities (vital statistics, prevention of disease, etc.); for purposes of making required reports about victims of domestic violence and/or child abuse, other law enforcement purposes, such as reports of gunshot wounds; reports to cancer registries; and marketing (e.g., appointment reminders and announcements about benefits and services that might be of interest to you).

As a health care consumer, you have several rights with respect to your health information. You have the right to request in writing the manner in which you wish your health care provider to relate confidential communications to you. This will have far-reaching effects, as it will limit your provider from furnishing information in a manner other than that previously identified by you in writing.

You also have the right to request restrictions on certain uses of your health information; however, the provider does not have to honor your request. In most cases, you have the right to inspect your medical record and you can request your provider to change or amend your health information. If your provider discloses information not permitted under the rule or required by law, or not related to your treatment, payment, health care operations, or made without your authorization, you

have the right to be informed of those disclosures.

HIPAA requires your health care provider to: (1) provide you with a copy of their Notice, beginning on April 14, 2003, (2) follow the terms of the Notice and (3) inform you

of any changes they may make to their Notice. If you believe your privacy rights have been violated by one of your providers, you may file a written complaint with the health care provider's Privacy Officer and/or the Department of Health and Human Services,

Office of Civil Rights. The Notice must contain the contact information necessary to file your complaint and it must advise you that there will be no retaliation if a complaint is filed.

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