



IMPORTANT DATES

March

- 4 First Friday Masses
8:45am and 5:30pm
- 13 Hospitality Sunday
Parish Mission begins
- 16 Closing of Parish Mission
- 20 Penance Service at 4pm
- 23 Tenebrae Service at
Gesu Church at 7pm
- 24 Holy Thursday Mass 6 pm
Dinner by Ticket to follow
- 25 Good Friday
Parish Office Closed
Stations at noon
Liturgy at 7pm
- 26 Easter Vigil at 8:30
- 27 Easter
Sunday Masses
at 8:00, 9:30, and 11:30am
- 28 Easter Monday
Parish Office Closed

April

- 3 Hospitality Sunday
- 23-24 Women's Christ Renews
His Parish Retreat

May

- 1 First Communion at 1pm
- 7 Engaged Couples Conference
Day
- 8 Mother's Day
- 15 Hospitality Sunday
- 30 Memorial Day
Parish Office Closed

June

- 1 Blood Drive
FLC-1-6pm
- 5 Hospitality Sunday
- 20-24 Vacation Bible School
in Family Life Center

The Pastoral Council

By Deacon Tim Etue

St. Pius X Pastoral Council is up and active again!



Back row l to r: Chris Velker, Marty McCabe, Greg Nusbaum, Paul Nungester, Tim Etue, Gene Canestrato. Front row: Pat Urbaniak, Grace Czerniakowski, Jane Butkowsky, Mary Ann Niedzielski and Sue Roskuski. Not pictured: Shawn Sobel, Eric Litle, Ann Etue, Colleen Rediger, Carolyn Savage and Lisa Burns.

Yes, we now have reestablished a Pastoral Council at St. Pius X Parish. All 14 positions are filled and our first meeting was held on February 8, 2005. There are a few questions parishioners have asked me that I thought it would be good to address in this article:

1. *How can a parishioner present a concern to the Pastoral Council?* Since we are just forming, I'm not sure that a specific format is established yet, but if you have a concern that you would like the Pastoral Council to address, please put it in writing and give it

to any of the members and we will be sure that it is discussed in a timely manner. Once we get our feet off the ground, I'm sure that we will have this put into a written format and sent out for everyone to read.

2. *Will the Pastoral Council meetings be open to everyone?* Yes, they are open to anyone who would like to come. At this time we will not have a time on the agenda for comments from the assembly, but anyone who would like to just come and see what takes place is more than welcome. In time, I do expect that we will also have something in writing on this topic as well.

3. *Will there be a regular schedule for the Pastoral Council to meet?* Yes, we will be meeting regularly in the Parish Center and the meetings will begin at 7:00 p.m. and close no later than 9:00 p.m. I'm sure that the dates will be established at our first meeting and then they will appear in the scheduled activities in the bulletin and on the parish web page, www.saint-pius.org

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4. *What will be on the agenda?* Agenda topics will be broken down into two categories. We will spend the first hour talking about “Current Issues/Concerns” and the second hour will be devoted to “Parish Planning.”

Fr. Jim and I are looking forward to having very meaningful Pastoral Council meetings. We do want your feedback as we give all our efforts to address and expand our spiritual and corporal presence in our neighborhood and beyond.



Editor's note: The first meeting was well attended and well planned by Deacon Tim. Unfortunately, Fr. Jim was too exhausted from a grueling physical therapy session and was not able to join us. All agenda items were covered, one of which was the naming of the President and the Recording Secretary. Greg Nusbaum volunteered for the former position; Chris Velker stepped up for the latter. Dates for the meetings until the end of the fiscal year are as follows: March 22, April 19, and May 24.

Mission Memo

By Pat Urbaniak

This Lent, rediscover your faith by attending our annual Parish Mission! Grounded in Scripture, the mission is based on a book by Marcus J. Borg: *The Heart of Christianity: Rediscovering a Life of Faith*. Come hear Sr. Kay Tardiff, SC, our presenter, challenge us and share with us how we can passionately live in today's world by practicing the timeless elements of the Christian faith.

Sr. Kay Tardiff, a Sister of Charity from Cincinnati, Ohio has been an educator and retreat presenter more than twenty years throughout the country. She received her Bachelor's degree from Mt. Saint Joseph in Cincinnati, a Master's in Theology from St. John's Seminary in Minnesota, and has studied Scripture in the Holy Land. Presently, Sr. Kay is Hospice Chaplain for Bay Area Hospice in Bay City, Michigan where she now resides. Sister will celebrate her golden jubilee as a Sister of Charity this summer.

The weekend liturgies will feature Sister Kay preaching the homily, giving us a glimpse of what we can look forward to the following four evenings. The opening and closing nights will be followed by hospitality. The schedule is elsewhere in this issue, and more information will be in upcoming parish bulletins and flyers. Mark your calendars!!

RCIA Candidates for 2004-2005

By Ann Etue

A **Catechumen** is a person who has never been baptized and has spent the year studying our Catholic traditions and practices. This person is Baptized, Confirmed and receives First Eucharist at the Easter Vigil.



Sally Marie Stephens

Sally is 21 years old, married to John Patrick Stephens and is a student. She enjoys softball and cats and dogs. They have two cats and two dogs in their household. Sally came to the RCIA because she wanted to join the Catholic faith. She came to St. Pius X Parish because she has relatives in the parish and the parish is close to their home. Sally's godparent is her husband, John Patrick Stephens.

A Candidate for Full Communion is a person who has been baptized in a tradition other than Catholic and wishes to complete the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation). The Candidate makes a profession of faith to the Catholic Church, is confirmed and receives First Eucharist at the Easter Vigil.



Brian Laberdee

Brian is 37 years old, married to Margie and father to J.P., Maggie, and Peter. His favorite hobby is his kids; he spends lots of time with them. He also likes working in the yard and watching TV (some down time). Brian and his family have been members of St. Pius X Parish for over ten years. He has been living his life as a Catholic and has reached a point in his life where he wants to and feels it is important to make the conversion to Catholicism official for his family and himself. The Laberdee family was drawn to this parish because of its size and the closeness of the church, community, and school. Brian's sponsor is his wife, Margie.



Jen Metzger

Jen is 34 years old, married to Mike and mother to Jake. Her favorite hobbies are gardening, sewing, and crocheting. Jen's husband, Mike, is Catholic and Jake is baptized Catholic so Jen

wanted her family to be of one faith. Their friends, Aaron and Meggin Radlinski, drew Jen and her family to St. Pius. Jen experiences a feeling of great peace when she is with this community. This is where her journey has brought her. Jen's sponsor is Meggin Radlinski.

St. Pius X Youth Group

By Jen Bine



The St. Pius youth group meets the third Sunday of every month from 6-8 in the Parish Center. Any high school age student is welcome and free pizza is provided. Some activities we have done in the past are hayrides, a game night, going to the Zoo to see the *Lights Before Christmas*, and a Christmas party. Some upcoming events that we have scheduled are an ice-skating party on Feb. 27, participating in the *Walk for Life* on March 25, and an open gym session on May 15. In the narthex outside the church entrance is the youth group bulletin board where pictures of past sessions and dates for and information about future events are posted.

For questions about upcoming events, please call Jen Bine at school, 535-7688, ext. 241.

School News

By Carolyn Savage



We are happy to report that all is well at St. Pius X School! The winter quarter is always very busy with several traditional activities for our school family! The students have already celebrated Catholic Schools Week, which emphasized "Faith in Every Student"! The children were treated with performances from the Toledo Opera, and Jessie Manibusan! The highlight of the week was our Math Carnival, where children and their parents engaged in some fun but educational math games! As we leave Catholic Schools Week and enter the Lenten season, our school will be joining the Toledo Diocese in raising money for Catholic Relief Services, which will benefit victims of the recent earthquake and tsunami in Asia. In addition to raising funds for tsunami victims, the entire school will be learning about all the geographical areas that were affected by the tsunami!

If you have been in our building during the school day recently, you may have noticed

the delicious smells wafting from our cafeteria! On January 10, 2005, we started a hot lunch program for all of our students. Our lunches are catered by Shaffer Catering and are available to all students for a minimal price. The lunch program has been very well received by our families! We are not sure if the food is really good, or families are just happy not to be packing lunches. We think it is both.

As we look forward to spring, we are excited about many events! Our annual Open House is scheduled for Sunday, March 6, 2005 from 12:00 – 2:30 pm. This event gives prospective families a chance to tour St. Pius X School! Registration for new families opens on Friday, February 18, 2005, and we are once again anticipating filling our kindergarten class in early spring! On March 19, 2005, we will be hosting our annual School Benefit Auction. This year's theme is "Be True to Your School", and will feature a focus on the rich history of St. Pius X School! Students will dismiss at 3:00 pm on Wednesday, March 23, 2005, for our Easter Break, and InterSessions will begin on Monday, March 28th at Blessed Sacrament School and St. Joseph School, Sylvania! As you can see, the next couple of months will bring a lot of fun activities for our school family! Hopefully, you will be able to join us!

School Benefit Auction

By Vicki Jagielski

It's time to dig out your spirit wear and practice raising your hand high! This year's Friends of St. Pius X School Benefit Auction, "Be True To Our School," will be held on **Saturday, March 19th**.

The evening will begin at 6:00 pm when the doors to the Family Life Center will open. And, back by popular demand, *Nick & Jimmy's* will be preparing another delicious buffet.

The evening will include Fishbowl Fun, Grab Bags, a Silent Auction, and our always-spirited Live Auction. Proceeds from this year's auction will go towards teacher and staff salaries and the school endowment fund.

If you wish to donate an auction item or gift certificate, or wish to volunteer to help, please contact Carolyn Savage or Vicki Jagielski in the school office at 419-535-7688.



Nurse Notes

By Grace Czerniakowski



February: Lent, St. Valentine's Day, and American Heart Month!

A heart attack refers to an interruption in blood supply to the heart, which is severe enough to cause death of heart muscle. Heart attacks can cause a variety of symptoms, but the following ones are commonly associated with a heart attack:

1. Uncomfortable pressure, squeezing or pain in the center of the chest that lasts more than a few minutes.
2. Pain or discomfort in one or both arms, the back, neck, jaw, or stomach.
3. Nausea, dizziness, or breaking out in a cold sweat.

Women can have the typical symptoms such as chest pain; however, many experience far subtler symptoms:

1. Shortness of breath often without chest pain of any kind.
2. Unexplained fatigue or weakness.
3. Feelings of anxiety and/or loss of appetite.

To reduce the risk of heart disease:

1. Quit smoking.
2. Control blood pressure.
3. Eat a balanced diet reduced in fat, cholesterol, and salt.
4. Exercise at least 3 times per week for 20 minutes or more.

Have a Happy Valentine's Day and a **Happy Heart Month!**

Lenten Devotions:

March 2 and 9 in church

Parish Mission:

March 13-16 from 7-8:30

March 14-16

in Parish Center

from 10-11am for repeat of the previous evening's session.

Hospitality will follow opening and closing nights.

Bereavement Meetings:

March 28, April 25, May 30,

and June 27 at 7pm in the Parish Center

St. Vincent de Paul

Meetings:

March 1, April 5, May 3, and June 7.

May Devotions

every Wednesday of the month at 7pm in the church.

Roving Reporter

By Helena Louviaux

How has the presence of the new crucifix in Church enhanced your celebration of the Liturgy?

Dorothy Hauser: I have mixed feelings. I would have liked the crucifix without the corpus. I like the wood rather than the previous metal cross.

Pat Stock: The presence of the crucifix has enhanced the celebration because it gives me a focal point to concentrate on when I'm distracted. It reminds me of what Jesus did for me.

Evelyn Sauter: It's very, very nice. I didn't realize that was going to be so big.

Mary Rosa: It really hasn't enhanced it. I liked the plain metal cross or a smaller version of the new one. I prefer to see something from Creation-based spirituality.

John Weisenberger: The crucifix has enhanced celebration of the Eucharist because it looks more like a church. And the pictures are gone!

Ed Pilzecker: The focus, like any other statue, as opposed to the metal cross before, raises your awareness of the presence of Christ.



Where in the World is ...?

By Mary Ann Niedzielski



Over the past twenty years or so, a number of Oblates and religious sisters have served the St. Pius X community and then moved on. Often parishioners have asked, "Whatever happened to...?" In response to that question, the following update is provided.

Sr. Pauline Burger, OSU, who was the DRE in the seventies and eighties, is retired from ministry and living in Lima, OH with her sister. After a difficult struggle with cancer, she is doing well and is still involved in her favorite activity: teaching scripture classes at a local parish in Lima.

Sr. Faith Cosky, OSF, also a former DRE, served as Director of Bethany House after leaving St. Pius in 1990. After several years ministering at this shelter for battered women, Sr. Faith decided to pursue a career in hospital ministry. She interned at Toledo area hospitals and is presently Catholic chaplain at St. Joseph's Hospital in Ann Arbor, MI.

Sr. Nadine Kashalk, CPPS, former teacher and Principal at St. Pius X School, resides in Dayton, OH, where she serves her religious community, Sisters of the Precious Blood, as one of its four councilors. She was elected to this position in 1999 and is currently serving her second four-year term. Sister Nadine meets with and counsels sisters in her community and is also involved in her community's strategic planning.

Fr. Roland Calvert, OSFS, a former Associate Pastor, moved to Adrian, MI, when he left St. Pius nearly 20 years ago. He serves as Chaplain to the Dominican Sisters at their Motherhouse in Adrian. Fr. Calvert also assists at Siena Heights, the Dominican college in Adrian.

Fr. Jim McHugh, OSFS, was a weekend assistant at St. Pius in the 80's and early 90's. He is presently living in Salt Lake City, UT, where he teaches at Judge Memorial High School. Fr. Jim often visits St. Pius when he travels to Toledo.

Fr. Stew Lindsay, OSFS, who also served as weekend assistant, is Pastor of St. Charles Borromeo Parish in Niagara Falls, NY - "the most beautiful place in the world", as Fr. Stew often remarked.



Fr. Richard Eberle, OSFS served as Associate Pastor at St. John the Baptist in Point Place after leaving St. Pius in 1996. Five years later, he was appointed Pastor at Sacred Heart Church, an Oblate parish in Hudson, MI. Sacred Heart has approximately 350 families and supports a school of 120 students, pre-K through sixth grade.

Fr. Sebastian Leitner, OSFS, who was our deacon in 1991-1992, is currently a member of the General Council of the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales, the international governing body of the Oblates. He is living in Keryla, India, where he serves as Regional Superior of the Oblates in Asia.

Dennis Kelsch, our pastor from 1996-1999, is no longer a member of the Oblate community. He resides in Salt Lake City, Utah with his wife Kathy. Dennis works for Catholic Charities in the Community Services Department. He provides assistance to the poor, the elderly, the homeless, and people with disabilities.

Fr. James Cryan, who ministered to St. Pius for thirty years as Associate Pastor, Pastor, and Weekend Assistant, is the only one on this list who is currently living in Toledo. After a year's sabbatical at DeSales University in Allentown, PA, Fr. Cryan returned to his hometown in November to serve as Pastor of Gesu Parish.

Money Matters

By Paul Nungester

The old adage, “The more things change, the more they stay the same,” definitely applies to St. Pius X. Much has changed here in the last 50-some years. One change is with priests and sisters. There used to be a pastor and 2-3 assistant priests; the school was staffed mostly by nuns. Today we have one pastor and no nuns in the school. The parish center was originally built as a convent. Also, there were up to 6 masses on the weekends and the school was filled to capacity. Parish offices were in the rectory and there was no Family Life Center (gym). Many generations of children took gym, put on school plays, and held other activities in the basement of the church.

Yet, with these changes come many of the same issues that we have always had. Issues

such as parishioner involvement, running programs for youth and elderly, religious and secular education, community outreach, and financial support are all challenges for SPX. St. Pius X has and is meeting these challenges head on. Parishioner involvement remains a key to the vibrant spirit of this community. Over the years it has been the people that have molded this Christian community of church, school, retreats, PSR, St. Vincent DePaul Society, pig roasts, music ministry, hospitality weekends, and many other events.

Underlying all programs is the reality that finances are the grease that keeps the wheels of SPX turning. Heating and cooling bills (the building was not air conditioned when built) need to be paid. Our very dedicated lay teachers’ salaries run at about 60% of public

school wages but are more than nuns were paid. More buildings mean more maintenance; many programs require some outlay of monies or use up other resources, and rising costs in general are difficult to budget.

However, the good news is: St. Pius X remains a vital parish in response to these challenges and continues to serve God by ministering his love. Some of these changes have been positive. Some have been challenging. But, most would agree that change is inevitable. Finances are important but not the focus of our ministry at St. Pius X. Rick Warren in his book, *The Purpose Driven Life*, says, “God watches how we use money to test how trustworthy we are.” He reminds us that God says, “If we are untrustworthy about worldly wealth, who will trust you with the true riches of heaven?”

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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.

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Of Oak Tree Place

Ms. Jennifer Bine
Of Pawnee

Ms. Christina Castle
Of Crary Drive

M/M Brad Chevalier
Of Ann Drive

Mrs. Jeanne Crouse
Of W. Central Ave.

Mr. Raymond Jablonski
Of W. Central Ave.

M/M Michael Konz
Of Yarmouth

Ms. Kelly Koperski
Of Almeda Dr.

Ms. Kristen Koperski
Of Almeda Dr.

Ms. Mary Anne Lopez
Of Pelham Rd.

M/M William Rabquer
Of Sadalia

M/M Michael Rodenbeck
Of Longfellow Dr.

M/M Craig Zimmerly
Of Woodmont

MARRIAGES

Robert Brown to
Molly Duggan
9/11/04

Ryan Whitman to
Michelle Deshuk
10/16/04

BAPTISMS

Elena Axe
Daughter of
Anna Axe

Elizabeth Axe
Daughter of
Julie Axe

Noah Chevalier
Son of
M/M Bradley Chevalier

Julia Martin
Daughter of
M/M Thomas Martin

Kyle Kelley
Son of
M/M Jay Kelley

Jackson Tucker
Son of
M/M William Tucker

Charles McAuliffe
Son of
M/M John McAuliffe

Myles Murphy
Son of
M/M Brian Murphy

Megan Lystad
Daughter of
M/M Todd Lystad

Marley Wilhelm
Daughter of
M/M Martin Wilhelm

DECEASED

John Jankowski
5/21/04

Lucille Donaldson
5/29/04

Robert Shull
6/19/04

Elva Forte Karpanty
9/13/04

Margaret Ireland
10/2/04

Ruth Mocek
10/15/04

Jospeh Daiber
10/17/04

Lucille Reischman
10/18/04

Marie Zurawski
10/26/04

Mary Frances Goodall
10/26/04

Elizabeth Fraszewski
10/28/04

Edith Kirschner
11/10/04

Michael Furfaro
11/23/04

Irene Zawisza
12/16/04

Luella Leow
1/2/05

Margaret Jones
1/16/05

Dorothy Batooche
1/24/05

Vincent Rapoza
1/24/05