

**A NOTE FROM FR. JIM**

As we approach the end of 2006 many people are completing their tax planning and making final decisions on 2006 charitable giving. Please remember St. Pius Parish in your plans as any contributions to St. Pius Church are generally tax deductible. In addition, if you are in the fortunate position of having stock or real estate that has increased in value, contributing a portion of these directly to St. Pius Church may have significant tax advantages. Contributions to St. Pius Church are needed for the general operating fund. Contributions can also be earmarked toward paying off Fitzsimon Center or to our Capital Fund for impending projects such as repairing our beautiful windows, our Church heating system, or our parking lot. Please don't hesitate to call me or visit the Parish Center if you would like to discuss or get more information on these ideas. Your prayerful consideration and generosity to our St. Pius family is greatly appreciated.

**Annual Men's Retreat for St. Pius**

The annual Men's Retreat will be held at Vallombrosa Retreat Center, at 5:30pm on Friday, **Feb. 2, until mid-day on Sunday, February 4th.** Watch the bulletin for more information.

**DONATIONS - CHURCH FLOWERS**

If anyone would like to make a donation to help pay for the flowers for the church during the Christmas season we would be very appreciative. Please put your donation in an envelope and indicate that it is for "**flowers**". Thank you very much.

**SUNDAY COLLECTIONS**

2006-2007 Fiscal Year as of 12/18/06  
 Budgeted \$264,706.00  
 Actually received \$260,835.25  
 Shortfall (\$3,870.75)

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:**

Tony Sanchez	Dianne Peavler	Jim Steffan
Dave Tinsley	Angelo Morisi	Deacon Steve
Madison Kitz	Jocelyn Maroun	
Brent Dorensburg		

**ALL NAMES WILL REMAIN ON THIS LIST FOR ONE MONTH. PLEASE CALL AFTER THAT TIME IF YOU WOULD LIKE A NAME TO REMAIN ON THE LIST, 361-1411. IF WE DO NOT RECEIVE A CALL THE NAME WILL BE REMOVED.**

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***SPY: St. Pius Junior High Youth Ministry***  
**"Seven Is Never Enough" Mt 18:21-22**

Open to all 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students. More info and permission slips at [www.pius.org](http://www.pius.org). For more information, contact Kevin at 365-0140 or [Kevin@pius.org](mailto:Kevin@pius.org)

**5th SUNDAY COLLECTION - ST. VINCENT**

This collection is **December 30th & 31st.** The money collected is used to help the less fortunate families and individuals who live in the Parish boundaries. Since the last collection you have served over 60 families (150 individuals) which includes Thanksgiving and Christmas. We have provided rent assistance and helped with P.G. & E. Thanks for your continued support and generosity.

**A MESSAGE FROM DEACON STEVE**

Thank you for your continued support, concern, prayers, cards and e-mails. I am very grateful. I am halfway through my treatment for Hepatitis C. Treatment will continue until the end of May. On my recent visit with my doctor I was told the virus is undetectable in my system. We pray that will continue. I continue to suffer from the many side effects of medication and treatment, especially fatigue and anemia. Stanford carefully monitors my blood each week through a outpatient clinic here. I am in good spirits and being well cared for at home. Cherie and I continue to be with you in spirit and prayer. I miss you all! If you would like to contact me: Steve [michaelson62@yahoo.com](mailto:michaelson62@yahoo.com) or mail: P. O. Box 172, Templeton, CA 93465  
 Merry Christmas!

**ST. PIUS SCHOOL GRADUATES**

If you're a graduate of St. Pius School we would love to hear from you. The St. Pius School Board has established and e-mail in hopes of re-connecting with its alumni. So please send your current name, address, year graduated, and any other information you would like to share : [alumni@stpiusschool.org](mailto:alumni@stpiusschool.org)

**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING A**

**PRIEST ?** Single, Catholic men, 21 years of age or older, are invited to a ***Discernment Retreat, Friday, Jan. 26, through Sunday, Jan. 28, at St. Patrick's Seminary.*** Questions? Talk to your parish priest.



## CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE 2006

### CHRISTMAS EVE

**Sunday, December 24th**

5:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass  
Special Christmas Music Program at 4:45 pm.  
10:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass  
Special Christmas Music Program at 9:45 pm.

### CHRISTMAS DAY

**Monday, December 25th**

Masses: 8:00, 9:30 and 11:30 am  
**No 5:00 pm Mass**

**Saturday, December 30th**

3:30 to 4:30 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation  
5:00 pm Mass

**Sunday, December 31st**

**Feast of the Holy Family**

Masses: 8:00, 9:30, 11:30 am and 5:00 pm

### NEW YEAR'S DAY

**Feast of Mary, the Mother of God**

**Monday, January 1st**

Masses: 8:00 and 11:30 am

### EPIPHANY

**Saturday, January 6th**

Vigil for Sunday: 5:00 pm

**Sunday, January 7th**

Masses: 8:00, 9:30 and 11:30 am, 5:00 pm

## Mission Trip 2007

Each year, the youth of St. Pius & Mt. Carmel travel to Tijuana, Mexico to build houses for several families. Next year's trip will take place June 9-16, 2007. The trip is open to youth who will be in 10th, 11th or 12th grades in September 2007 and adults (over 25) who are willing to chaperone. An information meeting for youth (and parents of interested youth) & adults who are interested in being chaperones will take place at St. Pius on Tuesday, January 16, 2007 @ 7pm. For more information, contact Kevin Staszko at 650-365-0140 or Kevin@pius.org.

### High School Youth Ministry

Open to all 9-12<sup>th</sup> graders. More info and permission slips at [www.pius.org](http://www.pius.org). For more information, contact Kevin at 365-0140 or Kevin@pius.org

## DEEPEN YOUR FAITH SPEAKER SERIES -

St. Pius Adult Faith Formation invites you to challenge yourself and grow in your faith. Join us in Homer Crouse Hall for an engaging speaker, delicious food, and in-depth discussion. Join us each month to DEEPEN YOUR FAITH.

Also join us for: Fr. Kevin Mullins (1/21/07), Fr. Mark Weisner (2/26-28/07), Sr. Pam Chiesa (3/21/07), TBA (4/25/07), TBA (5/23/07)

**For more information, contact Kevin @ Kevin@pius.org or 365-0140**

## ST. PIUS SCHOOL REGISTRATION

St. Pius School is accepting registration for new students for the 2007-2008 school year on **Tuesday, January 30, from 8:00 am - 10:30 am**, in Room 5. There is a non-refundable application/testing fee of \$35.00 per student. Please bring your child's birth and baptismal certificates, social security number and also copies of the most recent report cards for students entering grades 1-8. Students applying for Kindergarten must be five years of age by September 1, 2007. St. Pius School, mindful of its mission to be witness to the love of Christ for all, admits students of any race, color, and national and/or ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded to or made available to students at this school. St. Pius School does not unlawfully discriminate on the basis of race, color, and national and/or ethnic origin, age, sex or disability in the administration of educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs. Applications for grades 1-8 will be accepted on an on-going basis.

## LIGHTS, CAMERA, FAITH!

**Tuesday, December 19th @ 7pm**  
**"Tuesdays With Morrie"**

Who says the movies have nothing to do with your faith? Join us for popcorn and beer. The third Tuesday of every month at St. Pius Parish, 1100 Woodside Rd, Redwood City in the Rock House (room 4 in the school) at 7pm for a current movie and discussion

**January 16 - Ordinary People, February 20 - A Time To Kill, March 20 - American Beauty, April 17 - Glen-garry Glen Ross, May 15 -- Liar, Liar**

**For more information, contact Kevin @ Kevin@pius.org or 365-0140**

## Men's Club Cracked Crab Feed

**January 13, 2007** - Doors open 6:30 pm  
Price \$35.00 - Raffle Prizes  
Call Mark Engelhart for tickets 365-4029  
No sales at the door.

**Question for Adults:**

Describe a time you felt the presence of the Holy Spirit?

**Question for Youths:**

When have you experienced the presence of the Holy Spirit?

**Question for Children:**

Tell about a time when you felt great joy.

**A NEW ORDER**

“O, Little Town of Bethlehem.” A Philadelphia clergyman named Phillips Brooks penned these popular words back in the mid-1800s, but the prophet Micah could have used them first. Micah knew that from small packages great treasures come. In today’s first reading, he knew that from tiny Bethlehem would come the Lord.

The writer in Hebrews explains that Christ came to us to do the will of God by establishing a new order and by becoming our perfect sacrifice. And Luke tells us that Elizabeth and John, the infant in her womb, understand that great and wondrous things are at hand with the coming of the Lord.

This is the Fourth Sunday of Advent. Tomorrow we celebrate anew the fruit of Mary’s womb. As we are told in Hebrews, Jesus’ new order is being established even today. And as Micah proclaims, his greatness is reaching even now to the ends of the earth.

**TODAY’S READINGS**

**First Reading** — From Bethlehem-Ephrathah shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel (Micah 5:1-4a).

**Psalm** — Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved (Psalm 80).

**Second Reading** — We have been consecrated through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all (Hebrews 10:5-10).

**Gospel** — Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken by the Lord would be fulfilled (Luke 1:39-45).

**SCHEDULED MASSES**

Sat.	Dec. 23	5 pm	Dora Torres
Sun.	Dec. 24	8 am	Annie Rahilly
		9:30	Cameron MacKenzie
		11:30	Pat & Lyna Coates(INT)
		5 pm	Norma Zan
		10pm	Rich Herbst
Mon.	Dec. 25	8 am	Charles & Louise Fragulia
		9:30	Martin Etcheverry
		11:30	Randy Cardellini
Tues.	Dec. 26	8 am	Debra Schultz
Wed.	Dec. 27	8 am	Gail Roach
Thurs.	Dec. 28	8 am	Olga Cignetti
Fri.	Dec. 29	8 am	Bettye Wright Glavich
Sat.	Dec. 30	8 am	Alberto Tomalino