

CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL

This week's second collection supports missions here in the United States. There are many places in America - Appalachia, the Deep South, the Southwest, the Rocky Mountain states - where the Catholic Church struggles just to keep parishes open and to educate children in the faith. Some dioceses are terribly short of priests, sisters, and the money needed to run parishes. We will be taking up the *Catholic Home Missions Appeal* in our second collection **Jan. 13th & 14th** to strengthen the Church here at home. Thank you for your generosity.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK: Jan. 28 - Feb. 3

Catholic schools offer children a Christ-centered foundation and academic excellence. Sunday, Jan. 28, will mark the beginning of the national Catholic Schools Week observance, the time each year when we celebrate Catholic School's excellence and honor everyone who contributes to its success. Please join the teachers, staff, and students of St. Pius School to celebrate Catholic Schools Week. We'll begin with the 9:30 am Mass on Sunday, Jan. 28. Following Mass there will be an Open House from 10:30 am until noon. There will be an opportunity to view the Science Fair in Homer Crouse Hall, visit the classrooms and computer lab and meet the teachers to learn more about curriculum and student life. There will be a Book Fair in Room 5. Come and hear about the: "Good News in Education".

ICF CRAB CIOPPINO DINNER This will be held **Jan. 27th**. The cost is \$35 per person. For tickets and information call Guido Zan at 369-8972, Romano Zan at 367-1142 or Jean Tomatis at 368-5486.

PINEWOOD DERBY All families from the Parish are invited to join in the fun on Jan. **28th at 1:30** in Fitzsimon Center. This is a great time for kindergarteners thru 4th grade to see what Cub Scouts is about. We will serve snacks and drinks. Call Jim Bujtor at 368-8818 or Larry Weber at 369-1302 for more information.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

Dianne Peavler	Jim Steffan	Deacon Steve
Dave Tinsley	Nancy Geenen	Candace Cain
Marie DeAngelis	Madison Kitz	Marie Morin & Family

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.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL COAT COLLECTION

The St. Vincent de Paul Society, who assist the homeless at Fair Oaks Community Center, is requesting donations of coats (good condition). Large sizes are especially welcome. Boxes will be available in the vestibule (front entrance of church) **January 8th until January 22nd.** Thank you.

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 in Homer Crouse Hall. Contact Kevin Stasz-kow at 365-0140.**

RECOGNITION OF PARISH MINISTERS

This weekend, **January 13 & 14**, at all Masses, there will be a blessing and recognition of all Parish Ministers. In this way we thank all those who are so very generous with their time and talents in service to the people of our parish. Let us thank them and remember them in our prayers.

THANK YOU ST. PIUS AND WOMEN'S CLUB

Our family would like to thank St. Pius for the hard work you put forth. It was a beautiful tribute to a loving wife, mother and "Meme".

The Pourrouquet and Giudicelli families.

BE IRISH FOR AN EVENING

Please join us for an evening of great food, terrific entertainment and lots of laughs. Our St. Patrick's Dinner is on Saturday, March 3, at 6 pm. Bagpipes will lead our Irish Dancers, an Irish tenor will croon, and food will be catered by The Carvery from the Hof Brau. Tickets at \$35 each can be obtained by contacting the Parish Center at 361-1411.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING PARISHIONERS WHO HAVE PASSED AWAY:

Bridget Archbold
Angelo Morisi

ST. Pius Men's Retreat

The Annual St. Pius Men's retreat will be held at Vallombrosa Center on February 2nd, beginning at 5:30 PM and ending at noon on Sunday, February 4th. The Retreat Master will be Fr. Dave Pettingill. The cost for a single room and all your meals is \$195.00 for the weekend, for a double room and all your meals the cost is \$170.00. Scholarships are available to assist with the fees. Mail your deposit of \$25.00 to: Vallombrosa Center, 250 Oak Grove Ave., Menlo Park, CA 94025-3218. Deposits must be received at Vallombrosa by January 29, 2007, to guarantee your room. If you need any additional information, contact John Clardy at 369-1620. Come join in the weekend and invite a friend.

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

2006-2007 Fiscal Year as of 1/1/07
Budgeted \$296,470.72
Actually received \$294,619.75
Shortfall (\$1,850.97)

ST. PIUS SENIORS

On Jan. 19th the 8th grade students are hosting a luncheon for the Seniors. We may plan a Casino trip in March. More details to come. Let Adele know if you would like to come, 366-3646.

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 ongoing basis.

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION **Do Something Intentionally** **Each Month To Grow In Your Faith**

GET THEOLOGICAL!

Five Great Catholic Ideas By Edward Wm. Clark
Monday Evenings – Jan 22, 29, Feb 5, 12 @ 7pm
Why are you Catholic? Join us for a four evening discussion of your faith in the chapel in the Parish Center. Discussion will be lead by Seminarian Michael Cox. Book available in the parish center for \$15. Please come prepared to discuss Ch. 1.

GET HISTORICAL!

Church History w/ Fr. Jim MacDonald
Monday Evenings – Mar 5, 12 & 26 @ 7pm
Join Fr. Jim as he presents church history by developing three important themes: Leadership, Freedom & Liturgy. Three Monday evenings in March in the Chapel.

GET FAMILY-FOCUSED!

Parent Book Club
"The Shelter of Each Other" By Mary Pipher, Ph.D.
Tues Afternoons at 1:45pm – Jan 16, 23, 30, Feb 6, 13
All parents & grandparents are welcome. Copies of this book are available in the Parish Center for \$15. Please come prepared to discuss pages 1-48. Hospitality 1:15-1:45pm, discussion from 1:45-2:45pm in the Chapel.

GET DEEPER!

Deepen Your Faith – Speaker Series
3rd or 4th Wednesday at 7pm
Join us in the parish center for an engaging speaker, delicious food, and in-depth discussion in the Parish Center. Fr. Kevin Mullins 1/31/07 @ 7pm, Fr. Mark Weisner: Parish Mission 2/26-28/07, Sr. Pam Chiesa 3/21/07 @ 7pm, TBA 4/25/07 @ 7pm, 5/23/07 @ 7pm

GET MOVED!

Lights, Camera, Faith! (3rd Tuesday at 7pm)
Who says the movies have nothing to do with your faith? Join us on the third Tuesday of every month in the Rock House (room 4 in the school) at 7pm for a current movie and discussion. Jan 16 – "Ordinary People," Feb 20 – "A Time To Kill"

"GET FAITHFUL IN 2007"

Adult Faith Formation

Contact Kevin 365-0140 * Kevin@pius.org

FESTIVAL SILENT AUCTION

We are looking for donations. Do you have any items you would like to donate to June's Silent Auction? Would you like to help out with the auction? We would love to here from you.
Call Kika Kilmartin at 367-6698 or kmck092488@comcast.net

Question for Adults:

God fills each of us with grace & gifts, what is one grace or gift that you have shared with your family?

Question for Youth:

Jesus got his start in ministry through the urging of his mother. Who urges you to pray, go to Church, and do good works?

Question for Children:

Who can I help this week and what can I do?

SURPRISE

Life is full of surprises, some pleasant, some not. The Scriptures are filled with stories of God's surprises cropping up where least expected: younger children obtaining the inheritance; the lowliest being seated up highest; an itinerant preacher, killed like a criminal, exalted to eternal, heavenly glory.

Anybody who has planned a wedding or similar event knows that they are filled with opportunities for surprises. For that bridegroom (who, in the Gospel story, has no direct contact with Jesus) the pleasant surprise came because somebody else had paid attention and had faith in Jesus.

We may think that the point of today's familiar story of the wedding at Cana is that when we have faith in Jesus, our lives will be pleasantly changed. A Christian, however, needs to have a broader perspective, and realize that to have faith in Christ means that somebody's life—maybe our own, maybe somebody else's—will be surprised for the better.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — As a bridegroom rejoices in his bride so shall your God rejoice in you (Isaiah 62:1-5).

Psalm — Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations

Second Reading — To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit (1 Corinthians 12:4-11).

Gospel — At a wedding at Cana in Galilee, Jesus revealed his glory, and his disciples began to believe in him (John 2:1-11).

SCHEDULED MASSES

Sat.	Jan. 13	5 pm	Flores Family (INT)
Sun.	Jan. 14	8 am	People of St. Pius
		9:30	Lou Geenen
		11:30	Penovich Family
		5:00	Judith Sabarez
Mon.	Jan. 15	8 am	Leo T. Englert
Tues.	Jan. 16	8 am	Niel Bettenbaugh
Wed.	Jan. 17	8 am	Bill McGrath
Thurs.	Jan. 18	8 am	John Wright
Fri.	Jan. 19	8 am	John Kucker
Sat.	Jan. 20	8 am	Jesus Dennis Labitan (INT)