

# WELCOME to St. Pius Parish!

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**SUNDAY,  
DECEMBER 14,  
2008  
THIRD SUNDAY OF  
ADVENT**



## Our Mission

The mission of Saint Pius Parish is to develop and nurture a faith filled, prayerful, generous and caring community rooted in the testimony of the gospel and the tradition of our faith.

We hope that your **family** will join our parish family as we strive to love like Jesus and build God's kingdom here on earth.

## Mass Schedule

**Daily Mass:** 8:00 am  
**Vigil Mass:** Saturday 5:00 pm  
**Sunday Masses:** 8:00, 9:30,  
11:30 am & 5:00 pm

Find Out How To Grow In Your Faith:  
[www.increaseourfaith.org](http://www.increaseourfaith.org)

## Parish Staff

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## Sacraments

**Reconciliation:** Saturdays 3:30-4:30 pm  
(Contact a priest if you wish to receive the sacrament on another day.)

**Baptism:** Baptisms are normally held on the second and fourth Sundays at 1:00 pm. Arrangements should be made at least three months in advance. Parents must attend baptismal instruction before the baptism of their child. This preparation may be done before the birth of the child.

**Marriage:** Arrangements should be made by the prospective bride and groom at least six months in advance. The parish marriage preparation program is required of all couples.

**Communion in the Home:** Eucharistic Ministers are available to bring Communion to those who are unable to attend Mass. Please call the Parish Center.

**Anointing of the Sick:** This sacrament is for those who are elderly, seriously sick or scheduled for surgery. Please call the Parish Center. For those in the hospital, contact the chaplain's office at that hospital.

# FAITH FORMATION AT ST. PIUS

## REJOICE

Isaiah proclaims truly good news to us! God's coming brings not sadness, guilt, fear, wrath, or condemnation. No, God's coming is a source of comfort and joy. Saying it once is not enough, for today's readings are full of joy. Mary's Magnificat substitutes for our psalm today, and our second reading encourages us to rejoice, to give thanks and praise. This is the root meaning of the Greek word for eucharist. We are urged to rejoice and give thanks, because the coming of the Lord brings joy, healing, liberty, release, vindication. It makes the very earth spring up with new life! Good tidings!

## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — As a garden makes its growth spring up, so will God make justice spring up before all the nations (Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11).

**Psalms** — My soul rejoices in my God (Luke 1:46-50, 53-54).

**Second Reading** — Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophetic utterances. Test everything; retain what is good (1 Thessalonians 5:16-24).

**Gospel** — I am the voice of one crying out in the desert, make straight the way of the Lord (John 1:6-8, 19-28).

Question for Children: As we get closer to Christmas, name one thing you really want for your home or the world, such as peace, friendship, or food for the poor.

Question for Youth: John tried to help people prepare their lives for the coming of the Messiah. What do you need to change about your life to be ready for Jesus' coming?

Question for Adults: If you were to write three suggestions for those who follow Jesus, to keep them strong in their faith, what would you write?

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

All of the people in today's readings -- the prophet Isaiah, the Virgin Mary, St. Paul, St. John the Baptist-- seemed to understand clearly and rejoice in what God was calling them to be and to do. Do I?

## Christmas Family Mass at 5pm:

Children, and teens, K-12th grade, who are interested in a liturgical role during the Mass as a greeter, gift bearer, usher, angel, shepherd or part of the choir, please email Maria Cornell at Maria@pius.org **no later than**

**December 16.**

## CCD CLASSES

Faith Formation Classes (CCD) will be held this week on Wednesday 12/17 and on Sunday 12/21, classes will then resume on Sunday, 1/4 and Wednesday 1/7. Enjoy time with your families this Advent/Christmas season.

## CONFIRMATION

**Large Group Meeting:** in Homer Crouse this Sunday, December 14 at 3:30 PM.

Our **Confirmation Retreat** is **January 11, 2009** at St. Patrick's Seminary 9:30AM – 6:00PM. Our guest musician will be Greg Walton (see below for more info about Greg). If you haven't paid yet, retreat fees (\$50) are due now! See our website for the complete schedule.

## YOUTH MINISTRY

To see the Youth Update article "**Advent: Four Ways to Pray the Wait**" **click on -**

<http://www.americancatholic.org/Newsletters/YU/ay1102.asp>

You are invited to a free Greg Walton concert on January 9th at 7:00 pm at St. Charles Parish in San Carlos. Greg is a recording artist with Spirit and Song, and has performed at Archdiocesan youth events. To find out more about Greg and to hear his music go to [www.gregwalton.com](http://www.gregwalton.com). For more informa-

## || COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE ||

" The priests from Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St. Pius will be available for confessions on **Monday, December 15th.** There will be a Communal Penance at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church at **10:30 am on Monday, December 15th** and at **St. Pius Church at 7:00 pm on Monday, December 15th.** ||

**ROLE OF THE COMMUNITY IN THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)**

*The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults* tells us that “the people of God, as represented by the local Church, should understand and show by their concern that the initiation of adults is the responsibility of all the baptized. Therefore the community must always be fully prepared in the pursuit of its apostolic vocation to give help to those who are searching for Christ. In the various circumstances of daily life, even as in the apostolate, all the followers of Christ have the obligation of spreading the faith according to their abilities. Hence, the entire community must help the candidates and the catechumens throughout the process of initiation.”

Let us pray for Annie Rathjen and Lisa Devine who begin their formal formation into the Catholic Church during the Rite of Welcoming this weekend at the Sunday 5:00 pm Mass. During this rite, the candidates, whom are already one with us in baptism, will publicly declare their intention to enter fully into our way of life through Eucharist and Confirmation. The Church represented by the St. Pius community will welcome the candidates and pledge to support them on their journey.

**“GETTING THROUGH THE HOLIDAYS”**

For those who have lost a loved one, the holidays can be difficult! St. Pius Grief Ministry is offering a “GETTING THROUGH THE HOLIDAYS” workshop **December 8 and 15, 2008, in the Parish Center at 7:00 PM.** Presenters are: Rich and Rita Morton and Sr. Suzanne Lassagne, RSCJ  
For more information contact grief ministry: 650-361-0655 or e mail: [grief\\_help@hotmail.com](mailto:grief_help@hotmail.com)

**CHRISTMAS TREE LOT**

The Men’s Club invites everyone to come to the tree lot & select your tree. Our volunteers are here to assist you on weekends 9 am - 9 pm and weekdays 3 pm - 9 pm. We have several large trees available and we deliver. All proceeds benefit the parish community. If you can help please call Tom Giannini at 207-0017.

**SENIOR FRIENDSHIP GROUP**

We will meet on Friday, December 19th. There is no meeting on Friday, December 26th. The next meeting will be on Friday, January 2nd. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

**COAT COLLECTION/ ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

Cooler weather has arrived. During December, St. Vincent de Paul will be collecting coats and jackets for the homeless men and women who come to the St. Vincent de Paul desk at the Fair Oaks Community Center. Last year’s donations helped a lot of people stay warm. We ask for donations of coats for adult men and women only. Especially needed are men’s large sizes (XL and XXL). Please place your donated items in the marked box at the entrance of the church. Thank you.



**ST. PIUS CRAB FEED**

This annual dinner is on **Saturday, January 24, 2009.** The doors open at 6:00 pm and dinner will be served at 8 pm. The cost is \$35.00 per person, the same as last year. Pasta will be available for those who do not eat crab. If you have questions or would like tickets call Mark at 365-4029.

**ST. PIUS MEN’S ANNUAL RETREAT**

Mark your calendars for the parish retreat for men to be held on **February 6th, 7th, & 8th** at Vallombrosa Retreat Center in Menlo Park. Additional information to come in the bulletin soon.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING WHO HAVE PASSED AWAY:**

Ruth Martin  
John Campos

**PLEASE REMEMBER THE SICK AND THEIR CAREGIVERS IN OUR COMMUNITY:**

|                      |               |                 |
|----------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Jim Cleary           | David Addiego | Deacon Steve    |
| Donald Theis         | Nancy Goold   | Patricia Kucker |
| Eddie Flores         | Dave Tinsley  | Sally Cody      |
| John Smith           | Tony Sanchez  | Ernie Perazzo   |
| Dee Dee Hacker       | Lloyd Knudsen | Madison Kitz    |
| Lorrie Perruso       | Mike Pieretti |                 |
| Sebastian Moustirats |               |                 |

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

**ST. PIUS YOUNG PEOPLE'S THEATER AUDITIONS (SPYPT)**

There will be a *mandatory* parent meeting on **Monday, January 5th, 2009, 7 - 7:45 pm**, in Homer Crouse Hall. A parent or guardian must be present in order for your child to participate in auditions on Thursday. There is a \$75.00 fee per child due at this meeting.

Auditions for SPYPT will be on **Thursday, January 8, 2009, 7 - 8 pm**, in the Fitzsimon Center gym. St. Pius Parish children in grades Third - Seniors in high school, are welcome. The performance will be **April 16th, 17th, 18th, & 19th**. If you have any questions or concerns, please call Meaghan Brennan at [x5brennans@yahoo.com](mailto:x5brennans@yahoo.com) or 299-9310.

**MASSES**

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| Sat.   | Dec. 13 | 5 pm  | Helen McCracken     |
| Sun.   | Dec. 14 | 8 am  | Gilbert Samano      |
|        |         | 9:30  | Harmon Burns        |
|        |         | 11:30 | Eric Schoenstein    |
|        |         | 5 pm  | Vince McLorg        |
| Mon.   | Dec. 15 | 8 am  | Romeo A. Lagunera   |
| Tues.  | Dec. 16 | 8 am  | Antonio Morales     |
| Wed.   | Dec. 17 | 8 am  | Matt & Micky Hannon |
| Thurs. | Dec. 18 | 8 am  | Michael Dixon       |
| Fri.   | Dec. 19 | 8 am  | Rip Jordan          |
| Sat.   | Dec. 20 | 8 am  | Cameron McKenzie    |
|        |         | 5 pm  | Dominico Luc        |
| Sun.   | Dec. 21 | 8 am  | Giovanni Salino     |
|        |         | 9:30  | People of St. Pius  |
|        |         | 11:30 | Tiogas family       |
|        |         | 5 pm  | Ryan Morrison (INT) |

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

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| Advent Penance Service    | December 15, 11 am |
|                           | Mt. Carmel         |
| Advent Penance Service    | December 15, 7 pm  |
|                           | St. Pius           |
| Men's Club Crab Feed      | January 24         |
| ICF Crab Cioppino Dinner  | January 31         |
| Men's Parish Retreat      | February 6 - 8     |
| Women's Club Retreat      | March 13 - 15      |
| Women's Club Fashion Show | March 28           |
| Confirmation              | April 25, 5 pm     |
| Parish Festival           | June 5,6,7         |

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

We need strong men and women for home visits. We meet **twice a month, on Tuesday at 7:30 pm**, in the Parish Center. We especially need the able bodied to help pick up food at the Food Bank a few hours a week during the day. We need help delivering food, often upstairs. Once a month, on any **Fifth Sunday**, two members go to the Veteran's Hospital and bring the "Vets" to Mass. Some volunteers staff the Homeless Help desk at the Fair Oaks Center. In these difficult times your financial help is needed by those who have no food or shelter. We need you! Call the Parish Center at 361-1411.

**SUNDAY COLLECTION**

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| 2008-2009 as of 12/7/08 (new fiscal year) |              |
| Last Sunday's collection                  | \$12,877.64  |
| Cumulative total for year                 | \$243,464.43 |
| Budgeted                                  | \$251,459.98 |
| Over/(Under) budget                       | (\$7,995.55) |

**NEW PARISH DIRECTORY**

A committee is being formed to explore ideas for a new, updated Parish Directory. If you are interested in working on the design, development, or implementation of this project please contact any member of the Parish Council or Bill McSweeney at 650-367-0405 or [wfmcsweeney@gmail.com](mailto:wfmcsweeney@gmail.com).

**COLLECTION OF YOPLAIT YOGURT LIDS**

Collect your **pink Yoplait Yogurt lids** and save lives. Yoplait donates 10 cents per lid to the Susan B. Komen for the Cure (Breast Cancer). You can bring the lids to the Parish Center **until December 19th**. Thank you.

**HOUSEBOUND, AWAY, ILL?**

We want to remind you that our bulletin can be accessed on our website each week at [www.pius.org](http://www.pius.org)

**MEN'S CLUB**

President: Tom Giannini  
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First VP: Tom Cortopassi  
Secretary: Brad Naylor  
Treasurer: Peter Dunlavey

**WOMEN'S CLUB**

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Second VP: Lisa Maskarich  
Rec. Secretary: Barbara Cage  
Treasurer: Michelle Ortiz

**PTG BOARD**

President: Siobhan Surraco  
VP: Kelli Crowley  
Secretary: Amy Reynolds  
Treasurer: Bridget West

**ST. PIUS SENIOR FRIENDSHIP CLUB**

Adele Sanchez, Coordinator  
Meets each Friday in the Senior Room at 10:00 am

**MEMBERS OF THE PARISH COUNCIL**

Kit Fragulia, Chair Sharon Geenen  
Mike Descalso, Co-Chair Joe Krauss  
Arcie Eppler Tom Lunzer  
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Mel Sigona Sue Burns  
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Elizabeth Rowan-Mitchell Mel Sigona  
Mary Houweling Katie Stafford-Eady  
Suzanne Lasseigne, RSCJ

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

Monday - Thursday 8:30 AM - 8 PM  
Friday 8:30 AM - 3 PM  
Saturday 2 PM - 6:30 PM  
Sunday 9 AM - 2 PM

**FESTIVAL CHAIRS**

Keith Hipsher Carol Sheetz