

The Dialogue

St. Pius X Catholic Church

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Reverend
William Burks,
Pastor

*Listen to the sound of my cry, my King and
my God, for to you I pray.*

Psalm 5:2

DEEPEST GRATITUDE IN THE DEEPEST WINTER

The Pastor's Letter

Advent and the Christmas season give us the metaphors of light and peace and joy that lift us out of the bone-chilling weather and offer us a reason for hope. The hope is for the renewal of the human family; a renewal where God's mercy and compassion come together to unite more of the peoples of the Earth. Each year we are filled with joy at the birthday of Jesus Christ. But each year we also see how far we are from the fulfillment of God's plan for us. One way of uniting us more closely together is to express how grateful we are for what the Lord allows us to do. We as a family of faith are given a clear privilege to acknowledge the source of our gratitude: Christ in our midst.

I wish to express my deepest gratitude to so many people who live their faith day in and day out. We often times see people doing this in ways large and small. But there are many more that we never know who are extending God's compassion, working for Christian justice and healing the brokenness that exists between peoples. More than anything else, I thank God for so many here at St. Pius who are active in their faith, believe in the mission of our parish and labor to make us an even better Catholic community.

2010 will bring new opportunities for us to see the hand of God guiding our future. May each of us hear the call and deepen our commitment to our parish and the broader Church

God's Blessings to you!!
Fr. Bill

Reflections on Summer, Time for Fall and Winter

By: Kathaleen Stout, Director of Religious
Education and Spiritual Formation

Autumn's harvest and fall homecoming is quickly passing us by as we busy ourselves with thoughts of Thanksgiving and Christmas Celebrations. I just want to comment on some of our most exciting summer events these past few months as we go through a fabulous fall and winter!

Our summer started by encouraging our youth to read faith filled books through out the summer. Additional children's and youth books were bought for our Parish Lending Library. The Summer Religion Reading Program ended on August 23rd with a celebration for the top participants. Our top readers were awarded a leather bound BIBLE, certificate, and a gift card to Chili's Restaurant; they were Ian Choi having read 23 books, Marie Choi having read 36 books, Adam Wright having read 50 books, and Hannah Choi having read 86 books! Although summer has ended, our PARISH LIBRARY is still open and there are books for all ages! Take time to read more about our fascinating faith!

To celebrate the feasts of Saints Anne and Joachim, the maternal grandparents of Jesus, we had our second annual Grandparent and Grandchild/ren Celebration. This year we had a picnic using the lawn by the Mary Grotto. After the picnic, everyone played Bingo for some exciting prizes. The most important part of the day was the time spent between the grandparents and grandchildren. Families are the first teachers in religion as many aspects of our faith are modeled and are easily picked up by children. As adults, we need to remember to always make faith first in our lives and live by example!

August 14, the whole parish was invited to get lost in the fifties as we had our first annual Sock Hop Fundraiser. We were blessed with gracious community sponsors such as Rally's, Ratterman Funeral Home, Ken Buehner and Sons Air Conditioning and Heating, I've Got Rhythm Dance Studio, Wildwood Country Club, and many more. We raised \$800 and over 500 pairs of socks; all of which were divided equally among BoysHaven, Maryhurst, St. Joseph's Orphanage, and Catholic Charities. It was a fun evening for some great organizations. See ya at our next hop!

Lights, camera, action Our monthly faithful film series has really taken off. Each month an inspirational movie is featured in the Sarto House. The night is made complete as we offer Dinner and a Movie; dinner starts at 6 PM with a guest speaker talking about the evening's theme followed with the movie starting at 7 PM. Check the movie sign for the next showing!

St. Pius X Church is dedicated to reaching out to Catholic Young Adults throughout the Archdiocese by being the host parish of CAM (Catholic Adult Ministry) for Catholics in their 20s, 30s, and a few in their 40s from different parishes. On September 26, we had a Wine and Cheese Reception and on October 11, we had an Oktoberfest for this new and exciting area of Ministry. In addition to social gatherings, CAM is rooted in Spiritual and Service events! As a parish, we need to pray for the future of our faith and encourage young adults to become more involved in the CHURCH!

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Congratulations to Mr. Glen Hollingsworth for finishing instruction on becoming a Catholic as he was brought into the full communion of the Roman Catholic Church on September 26. We are so proud of his accomplishment!

Fall brought a flurry of Sacramental Preparation as our second graders have participated in their First Reconciliation and have been preparing for First Communion and as our eighth graders have started on becoming fully involved in the Catholic faith as they study and prepare for Confirmation.

Fall has quickly passed by and making way for the excitement of Thanksgiving, the anticipation of Advent, and the miracle of Christmas! On the first Sunday of Advent we explored opportunities to deepen our Advent Season in between the masses in the cafeteria.



When May We Kill?

By: Dick Baker

On Tuesday evening, October 6, we were treated to an inspiring presentation by Father Patrick Delahanty concerning capital punishment. It was inspiring because he pointed out that we could help to bring about change by making our views known.

He mentioned that many people believe that capital punishment is a deterrent, but many criminals don't think the same as normal people, and it does not act as a deterrent to them, much less to others.

An important point he brought out is that a great many people have been convicted by eye witnesses who really believe that they saw something that they did not see. Occasionally, we see instances where innocent people have spent many years in prison for a crime they did not commit. These years can never be replaced, and the damage to their reputation can never be corrected. How much worse if the death penalty has been applied! It goes without saying that we cannot bring them back to life.

Father quoted many theologians and also the Vatican on their opinion about the death penalty. Although it is true that church opinion has changed through the centuries, at present the consensus is that the death penalty is seldom, if ever justified.

Father Delahanty also brought out that a great number of states have done away with capital punishment. Another important point that Father made was that many people believe that it costs less money to execute a person than to keep them in prison and care for them. He pointed out, however, that this is not true, because the cost of appeals and the cost of all of the defense lawyers and court costs are more than the costs of caring for them in prison.

One final and important point that he made is that if we step in and take a person's life before God is ready to do so, we may very well end their life before they are able to repent. This is a very important point to consider. Father Delahanty said that he has in act seen cases when there is a definite change of attitude and a true remorse.

Father Patrick Delahanty is a Louisville Archdiocesan priest who is presently serving at St. Martin de Porres. He is the chairman of the Kentucky Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty, a position he has held since 1986. He has been known for many years for his advocacy work, especially for his efforts to end the death penalty in Kentucky.

He has received much recognition for his efforts, and has testified before the US House Judiciary Committee and various committees of the Kentucky General Assembly. He has traveled and worked worldwide.

The Respect Life Committee felt very privileged to have him speak here at St. Pius X. We will soon present you with an opportunity to speak out by sending postcards to elected officials and to receive updates from the Kentucky Coalition to End the Death Penalty.



PARISH NEWS

NEW PARISHIONERS



June

Jay Denham
Nick
Gardiner Lane

Lisa Riggs
Leisure Court

Jerry & Janet Hilliard
Ellis Way

Kevin & Christine Wells
Bruce Avenue

July

Jason Long & Gina Gogan
Wellingmoor Avenue

August

Ron & Christi Graves
Macy
Derby Avenue

John & Shannon McKeehan
Kathryn & Alice
Arlington Road

August

Michael & Kimberly Eades
Michaela & Jake
Park Laureate Drive

September

Mark Jackson & Barbara Dolchan
Lisbon Lane

Anthony Scott
Masemure Court

Zachary & Annie Eckert
Gabriel
Country Side Trace

October

Joshua & Kimberly Goode
Taylor & Nicholas
Freestone Court



BEREAVEMENT

June

Phyllis Beyerle
Mother of Karen Stephens;
Grandmother of AJ & Ryan

Edward Albert Boyer
Uncle of Alisa Pifine;
Great Uncle of Savannah Pellas & Julia Pifine

Leona Mae Caswell
Mother of John;
Grandmother of Jennifer Graft & David Sullivan

July

Edward Clem
Brother of Adele Barry; Uncle of Tim

Raymond E. Nolan
Parishioner; Husband of Carolyn

Tom Raney
Father of Kelly Reeves;
Grandfather of Sam, Jonathan & Alex

Charles Roth, Sr.
Father of Charles

Shirley "Ann" Tyree
Parishioner

August

Teresa Mattingly
Aunt of Darlene Early; Great Aunt of Todd;
Great, Great Aunt of Chris & Ryan

August

William Louis Stout
Father of Kathaleen Stout (St. Pius X DRE)

Paul Edward "Ed" Walter
Parishioner; Husband of Mary June;
Father of Cathy Parker

September

Georgia Ann House
Mother of Mary Tudor; Grandmother of Joel,
John & Beth;
Aunt of Patty Raley;
Great Aunt of Ann-Marie, Andrew & Darby

Carl "Skip" Koch, Jr.
Son of Carl & Loraine

Alma Schmitt
Parishioner; Wife of Ed; Sister of Imelda Kargl;
Aunt of Sue Kargl; Great Aunt of Tommy & Willy

Maurine "Mine" Stone
Sister of Mary Ann Bonar; Aunt of Gail Young

Gilbert A. Wentzel, Sr.
Parishioner; Husband of Patricia

Joseph R. "Ronnie" Milliner
Parishioner; Husband of Susan;
Father of Marci O'Shea & Christy Sangalli;
Grandfather of Cassie, Jacob & Sydney O'Shea,
Sarah & Brooke Sangalli;
Son-in-law of Vertie Cutrera

BEREAVEMENT

September

Cecelia Mae Karem Siegel
Parishioner; Mother of Chris McCullough;
of Kelly Tamagni & Mike Siegel;
Great Grandmother of Madison, Jack & Olivia Tamagni
and Serena, Grace & Isabella Siegel

October

Stephanie Back
Sister of Rachel Reccius;
Aunt of Savannah & Rebecca

Charles Cooper, Sr.
Father of Chuck; Great-Grandfather of Chase

October

Ruth DeSpain
Mother of Kevin; Grandmother of Taylor
& Ethan

Daisy Eckenfels
Parishioner; Wife of Bob

Jenny Gilmore
Daughter of Mary Ann Bonar; Sister of
Gail Young

Vivian Mann
Parishioner; Mother of Kenny

BAPTISMS

June

Bryce Kevin Abrahamson
Son of Kendall & Jennifer

Michael Thomas Huber
Son of Matthew

Addison Nicole Randol
Daughter of Doug & Amanda

July

Taylor Rose Berger
Daughter of Chad & Lauren

Lauren Rose Brown
Daughter of Terry & Kary

Rebecca Lynn Cordaro
Daughter of Joseph & Heather

July

Cadence Leah Sorendo
Daughter of Anthony & Amy

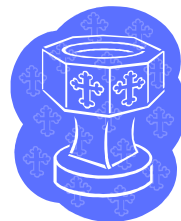
Spencer Thomas Willis
Son of Steve & Laura

August

Katelyn Elizabeth Bissinger
Daughter of Chris & Erin

September

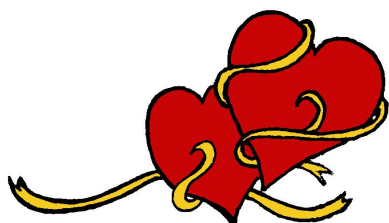
Emma Caitlin Prescott
Daughter of Joshua & Samantha



WEDDINGS

Bryan Todd Cavanaugh & Lauren Elizabeth Kenney
July 18

Charles Terry Hile, Jr. & Narvy Nancy Salazar
August 21



50th WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Gene & Diane Young
June 27th

Charles & Sara Roth
August 3rd



25th WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Carl & Donna Dennis
August 18th

Jerry & Lisa Hermes
August 18th

Ron & Sarah Nagel
September 8th

Doug & Kathy Roser
September 8th

John & Nancy Schuler
September 16th

Finley & Chris Tapp
October 19th

Jeff & Jeannine Wise
November 17th

