

## Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

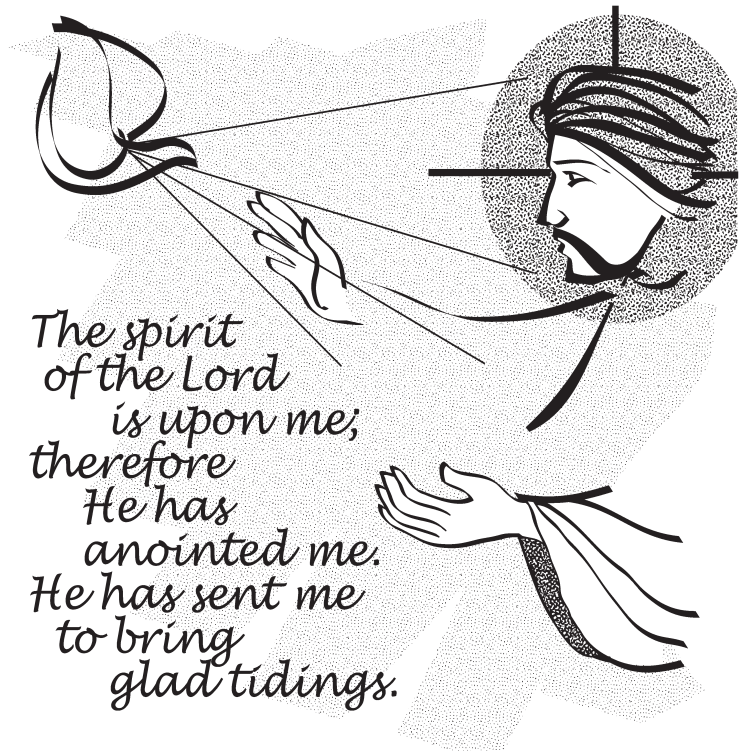
Dear Friends: Last weekend, many people were intrigued by the beautifully ornate statue of the Child Jesus that was displayed in the sanctuary of the church over the course of the weekend. Some thought that it was an image of the famed Infant of Prague or the Santo Niño de Atocha. While there are many similarities to these two, it is actually the image of the Santo Niño de Cebu, or Holy Child of Cebu, a devotion that comes from the Philippines. Because so many were curious about it, I thought that I would use this week's letter to give a little background.

This particular statue was enthroned in the church because last Saturday evening, the Catholic Filipino Community of Corpus Christi came together to celebrate the feast day of the Santo Niño, which falls on the third Sunday in January. It is a very prominent feast in the Philippines and has a large, colorful festival associated with it. People typically attend Masses for nine days leading up to the feast and then on the actual feast day, a festive Sunday Mass and a grand cultural parade in honor of the Child Jesus cap the celebration. I have personally participated in these festivities and can testify to the fact that literally millions of people come from all over the Philippines to join in the celebrations.

The history of the Santo Niño de Cebu is quite interesting. In the latter part of 1519, the Portuguese navigator, Ferdinand Magellan, set sail in search of the Spice Islands with five galleons at the service of the King and Queen of Spain. Not finding the Spice Islands, they arrived on Limasawa, a small island in the central part of the Philippines. Eventually, they made their way to the Island of Cebu where they found the people very hospitable. Magellan made this a base of his exploration, Christianization, and conquests. In 1521, King Humabon of Cebu decided to embrace Christianity. When his wife, Queen Juana was baptized by Father Pedro Valderama, a priest of the Magellan expedition, she was presented with a gift of the image of the Santo Niño. There is some question about whether the statue was presented by Magellan himself or by Magellan's clerk.

Not long after, Magellan, in gratitude for the hospitality he had received, agreed to join King Humabon in a battle against the neighboring tribe of Mactan. Unfortunately, Magellan was killed in that battle and his men returned to Spain.

Forty-four years later, Spain sent another expedition to the Far East with an Augustinian priest, Father Andres Urdaneta as an expedition leader. When this expedition arrived, the local Cebuanos thought they had come to exact retribution upon them for Magellan's death. A battle broke out and the village of Cebu was bombarded, causing the locals to flee to the mountains. When the Spanish entered the burning village, a soldier discovered a charred box underneath a pile of ashes that contained the statue of the Santo Niño unharmed. They constructed a chapel dedicated to the



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Santo Niño and devotion to the Child Jesus has grown ever since. Many favors attributed to the Santo Niño have been granted throughout the centuries. The church in which the Santo Niño of Cebu now resides was

named a minor basilica in 1965 during the 400th anniversary of the Christianization of the Philippines.

The statue that was on display in the sanctuary at St. Pius X was graciously provided by the Catholic Filipino community, and will reside here in our Saints chapel in the church tower for devotion and future celebrations of the Filipino community. God bless!

### Flowers at the Altar

The flowers at the Altar this weekend are in memory of Edmond Ford from his family.

Many  
though  
we are,  
we are  
**ONE in  
CHRIST**



### May They Rest in Peace

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Dorothy Lalor, Edmond Ford, and Rolando Pulido, who were buried through our church this past week, and for Bruce Krnavek, who will be laid to rest on Monday. Also, please pray for Alicia de Boza, mother of parishioner Antonio Boza and mother in law of Xenia Boza, who passed away on the 11th of this month in El Salvador.

### Old Blessed Palms

Please bring your old blessed palms from last year's Palm Sunday to the box in the vestibule of the church. Palms will be burned to become ashes for Ash Wednesday.

### Healing Mass Next Friday

Our parish will celebrate the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick at Mass this coming Friday, February 1st, at 5:30PM. All who are infirmed, preparing for surgery, or advanced in years are particularly encouraged to join us for the Sacrament of Healing.

### Update on Dorothy Krause

Dorothy has been moved to Wooldridge Place Nursing Center, 7352 Wooldridge Rd., for therapy.

Rectory Office Hours:

Monday-Friday, 9:00AM-5:00PM

### Schedule of Services

Masses: *First Friday: 5:30PM - Anointing of the Sick*

*First Saturday: 8:15AM Vigil at 5:30PM.*

*Sunday: 8AM, 10AM, 12PM, 5:30PM (Youth Mass)*

*(Babysitting at 10AM and 12 noon Sunday Masses - Ages 6mo-5yrs - in Parish Hall Nursery)*

*Weekdays: Monday through Friday 8:15AM,*

*Wednesday & Friday 5:30PM*

*Holy Days: 7AM, 12PM & 6:30PM (Vigil 5:30PM)*

*Confessions: Saturdays - 4-5PM and 6:30-7:30PM*

*Marriages: By appointment only and notice six months in advance.*

*Weddings take place on weekdays any time and on Saturdays no later than 3:00PM*

*Baptismal Instruction: Pre-register through the office.*

*Anointing of the Sick: On request and at the 5:30PM Mass on First Fridays*

## Irish Festival Planning

There will be a planning meeting of the Irish Festival next Sunday, Feb. 3rd at 1PM in the Parish Hall.

## Priests on Retreat

The priests of the diocese will be away on retreat from the afternoon of Feb. 4th to Feb. 8th. Please pray that they have a fruitful time of spiritual renewal.

## First Saturdays

Our Lady says: "Pray the Rosary every day! The Rosary can stop wars, the Rosary can bring world peace, the Rosary can convert hearts."

On the first Saturday of each month a Rosary will be said at 8AM before the 8:15 Mass. Our Blessed Mother asked us to make 5 first Saturdays for peace and the reparation of sins.

## Parishioners' Sweetheart Luncheon

The Sweetheart Luncheon for parishioners only, who are age 65 and older, will be held Sunday, Feb. 10th after the 12:00 noon Mass in the Parish Hall. Please call the rectory office to get your name on the list.

## Welcome New Parishioners

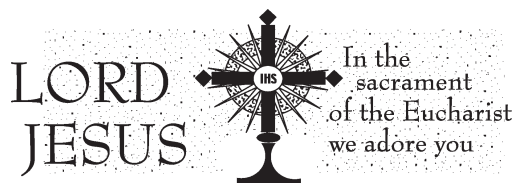
Please welcome Patricia (Pat) Baird and Cordelia (Cordy) Diaz, who recently registered. We invite them to become an active part of our growing faith community!

## French Toast Breakfast

As part of National Catholic Schools Week, our 6th grade class will be hosting a French Toast Breakfast by Hester's in the Parish Hall after the 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. Masses, Sunday, February 3rd. The plate will include French toast, bacon, sausage, fruit, coffee and juice. The cost is \$6.00 per place. You may purchase tickets at the door. We hope to see you there!

### Join Us For Adoration!

Have you hungered for a deeper, more personal relationship with the Lord? Join us for a Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament every Thursday from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. You won't regret it!



## Comings and Goings

*The Week at a Glance*



### Sunday, January 27

School sale of Waffle Breakfast tickets

8:00-10:00AM – RCIA – CC#2

10:00AM-12:00PM – Finance Seminar – CC#1

4:00-7:00PM – Scouts - PH

### Monday, January 28

3:00PM – Ballet class - PH

5:00-6:30PM – Confirmation class – YC

7:00-9:00PM – Church History – CC#2

7:00PM – Scouts - Cafeteria

8:00PM – Night Angels – CC#1

### Tuesday, January 29

6:00-8:00AM – Men's Journey – CC#1&2

8:00AM – 12:00PM – Spelling Bee - PH

9:00AM – 12:00PM – MAP

10:00AM- Journey – CC#2

2:00-4:00PM – Church History – CC#2

### Wednesday, January 30

7-8:00AM – Joyful Pillars – CC#2

9:00AM-12:00PM – MAP – CC#1

9:30AM – Schola – C/R

1:30PM – Talent Show practice - PH

3:30PM – Children's Choir – C/R

4:30PM – Youth Choir – C/R

6:30PM – CCD – CC#1&2 & Cafeteria

8:00PM – Youth Band practice -CH

### Thursday, January 31

8:00-12:00PM – Spelling Bee - PH

1:30PM – Bridge – CC#1&2

6:00PM – Bell Choir – C/R

7:00PM – Adoration – CH

7:30PM – Adult Choir – C/R

### Friday, February 1

First Friday Communion Calls

9:00-11:AM – Women of Faith – CC#2

12:00-4:00PM – Faculty Meeting – CC#1

5:30PM – Healing Mass - CH

### Saturday, February 2

8:00AM – 5:00PM – Scouts – PH

8:30-11:00AM – Journey - Cafeteria

10:00AM – Baptism - CH

### Sunday, February 3

8:00-10:00AM – RCIA – CC#2

8:00AM – 12:00PM – 6th Grade Waffle Breakfast – PH

10:00AM – Scouts at Mass - CH

10:00AM – 12:00PM – Finance Seminar – CC#1

1:00PM – Irish Fest Meeting – PH

1:30PM – Baptism class – CC#2

## YOUTH CORNER



6th-8th Graders

Thought the Christmas season was over? Well, like Justin Timberlake, we are bringing Christmas back. Come out to EDGE to find out what Christmas has to do with major life issues. Don't forget to bring a friend out to the Youth Center at 6:30 pm on Wednesday, January 30.



9th-12th Graders

**This Week** - After months of data collection and information gathering, Life Teen has come upon the prototype iPhone6. You won't believe your eyes when you see, and will it fit in anyone's pocket? Do you hear the call? Bring your friends out to Life Teen this Sunday, January 30 at 6:30 pm in the Youth Center to find out.

**Next Week** - It's the San Francisco 49ers versus the Baltimore Ravens in what is being called the Harbaugh Bowl. Come join Life Teen as we enjoy a night of fellowship, food and football. We will be showing the game after Mass at 6:30 pm in the Youth Center.

**Summer Trip 2013:** Sign-Up for the trip will end on February 3, 2013. Registration forms are available now at the Youth Center and online at [www.stpiusxcc.org](http://www.stpiusxcc.org).

**Mother Theresa Service Project:** Life Teen will be serving brunch at the Mother Theresa Shelter on Saturday, February 2. We will meet at the Youth Center at 9:30 am, then travel to Mother Theresa Shelter and give out food, until 12:00 pm, or until food runs out. ALL high school students are invited to attend and help.

**Recreation Night:** We will be having Rec Night on Thursday, January 31 outside on the basketball court. We invite ALL high school students to attend and join us in playing basketball. Lights will turn on at 6:30 pm!

## SAFE ENVIRONMENT (CMSE) CLASSES

All classes are in CC#1, 6:30 pm

Schedule for re-certification classes:

**February 12 March 12 April 9 May 14**

Please check your cards for expiration date and update if your card is expired.

## Altar Servers

### Feb. 1 – Healing Mass

5:30 p.m.

Christian Toren  
Benjamin Toren  
Joseph Toren  
Justin Gomez



Sun. 10:00 a.m.

Troop 157 will serve

Feb. 2 & 3

Sat. 5:30 p.m.

MC Brittany McCarty  
Dalton Zawicky  
Kyle Pekar

Sun. 12:00 p.m.

MC Joseph Tarin  
School will serve

Sun. 8:00 a.m.

MC Logan Campbell  
Kevin Beckwith  
Sophie Campbell  
Lucy Kainer

Sun. 5:30 p.m.

MC Hanah DeGaisch  
Taylor Skrobarczyk  
Amy Ayala  
Noelie Apolinario

## Lectors

FEB	2	SAT	5:30	P.M.	Fred McCutchon
FEB	2	SAT	5:30	P.M.	Dottie Hill
FEB	3	SUN	8:00	A.M.	Teresa Camacho
FEB	3	SUN	8:00	A.M.	Dennis Diersing
FEB	3	SUN	10:00	A.M.	Hester Rodriguez
FEB	3	SUN	10:00	A.M.	Ralph Rodriguez
FEB	3	SUN	12:00	NOON	School
FEB	3	SUN	12:00	NOON	School
FEB	3	SUN	5:30	P.M.	Alma Tamez
FEB	3	SUN	5:30	P.M.	Mike Winstead

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### CCD

**PERFECT ATTENDANCE**—we are getting back on track for perfect attendance in the CCD classes.



Kindergarten—Mrs. Quiroz/Ms. Gomez; Sacramental Prep IIa—Mr. & Mrs. Anzualda; Sacramental Prep IIc—Mrs. Quiroz/Mrs. Lopez; Third Grade—Ms. McKenna. Congratulations.

**RETREAT**—the retreat for the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be held on February 16th, 8:30 – 12:00. The child preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and a parent must be present. Please do not bring small children. We do not have a babysitter and it becomes a distraction from the retreat. Thank you.

## School News

By Principal Kathy Clark



Today marks the official beginning of National Catholic Schools Week all across our nation. It's a week in which all of the Catholic schools in the United States celebrate their existence. The theme this year is: "Catholic Schools Raise the Standards." In this day and time when many standards are sinking to a new low, Catholic schools stand tall because their standards are truly higher. Whether those standards are academic, moral or spiritual, Catholic schools keep raising the bar with their high expectations aimed at success on all levels.

And how are Catholic schools able to raise the standards when others are sinking? It's simple: they are God-centered. Catholic identity is present everywhere at St. Pius X Catholic School, from its office and classrooms to its courtyards and playground. People visiting the school often remark that they can feel the Holy Spirit when they enter our school. It's a friendly and welcoming place, a comfort zone for many, and a safe place to learn and grow. The faculty and staff are excellent, the children are bright, inquisitive and respectful, and the parents are involved, supportive, and generous with their time and talents. We start off each day together with morning prayer and we invite Jesus into our classrooms. We also pray before we eat lunch and before we leave school in the afternoon. It's difficult to have a bad day when you have Jesus by your side! Our faith is at the very center of everything we do.

So how are we celebrating this week? It will start with a parade through the neighborhood on Monday morning and end with a school Mass and breakfast next Sunday. The parade will feature the music of the John Paul II High School Band and a fire truck will lead the way. There will be dignitaries from the Office of Catholic Schools, as well as our Pastor, Fr Paul, and Parochial Vicar, Fr. Joseph. A Coast Guard helicopter is planning to land at the Dan Whitworth Park adjacent to the school, and one of our parents who is a Navy pilot may do a flyover. It will be an exciting morning, for sure.

Our school spelling bee takes place on Tuesday morning in the Parish Hall. Forty of our students will be competing for the championship. The winner's name will be published in next week's church bulletin. On Wednesday morning, we will have an Open House from 9:30 – 11:00 a.m. for anyone wanting to see our school. On Thursday we will have a Book Character Dress Day, as well as a Talent Show in the evening. We are excited to be able to use the new Youth Center with its state-of-the-art lighting and sound system! On Friday there will be a basketball game between our 6th graders and parents. We will finish the week with a French Toast Breakfast catered by Hester's Café, and a school Mass at 12:00. We invite our parishioners to visit our school during the week and join us for breakfast on Sunday, February 3.

Pre-registration for the 2013-14 school year begins the following week, so if you are thinking about enrolling your child in a Catholic school, come visit us during our Open House on Wednesday, January 30, from 9:30 – 11:00 a.m. You will see why we are a Blue Ribbon School. For more information, call the school office at 992-1343.

## One Minute Meditations

### A Christian's job

As followers of Christ, our primary job is to love. "Keep the joy of loving God in your heart and share this joy with all you meet especially your family. Be holy – let us pray." Blessed Teresa of Calcutta

### Help Catholics come home

Do you know someone who was baptized Catholic but has stopped attending Mass, is questioning the faith, or hasn't found a parish home? Why not help your friend to come home? Perhaps you can act as a resource or offer to attend Mass together. If you aren't sure how to help, ask your pastor or priest for advice.

### January saint

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton is the Year of Faith saint we celebrate in January. A wealthy American, St. Elizabeth became Catholic after her husband died. Despite much personal tragedy, she founded the Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph, a teaching order that established affordable schools.



## Mass Intentions



- Sat. 1/26 5:30PM Grace Gonzalez by Martha Saenz
- Sun. 1/27 8:00AM R. J. Shirley's Anniversary by Patricia Janosek  
 10:00AM Luis & Alicia Alvarado by Art & Mary Salinas  
 12:00PM Jean McCullough by Jim & Carolyn Buehrig  
 5:30PM For the Parishioners  
 7:30PM Gio A. Kim Nguyen by family
- Mon. 1/28 8:15AM Ray Whitmire's Anniv by Joannie Whitmire
- Tue. 1/29 8:15AM Willie Mae Shirley's 96th Birthday Intentions  
 by Art & Mary Salinas and family
- Wed. 1/30 8:15AM Jack Fodor by Mary Fodor  
 Lourdes Alderman by Bill & Jane Cheesman  
 5:30PM Roman V. Arevalo by family
- Thu. 1/31 8:15AM Mathews Family by Liz Sefcik
- Fri. 2/1 8:15AM Sister Patrick Bruen by Roseanne Conger  
 5:30PM Billy Ruth Scott's Anniv. by Emily & Fred  
 Dickinson  
 Bill McCaskill by Don & Corinne Leiser  
 Richard Habib by Don & Corinne Leiser  
 Nick Toledo by Mary Longoria
- Sat. 2/2 8:15AM Kenneth Gerdes by Angie Gerdes  
 5:30PM Jean McCullough by Anna Vrazel
- Sun. 2/3 8:00AM Charlie Gross by Chuck Gross  
 10:00AM For the Parishioners  
 12:00PM Alvino Campos by Stella Campos  
 5:30PM Leroy Kravek by family

### Please Pray for our Sick & Shut-Ins:

Alicia & Luis Alvarado, Manuel Balbin, Madison Beckwith, Ann Bednorz, Don Birt, Sgt. 1st Class William Boone, Bill Brumback, Bob Byrd, Stella & Michael Campos, Ashley Carroll, Reana Carter, Riana Carter, Sherry Coveyou, Jason Cox, Shirley Curry, Alicia de Boza, Florinda De La Garza, Mark DeGaish, Sandy DeGregorio, Minga DeLosSantos, Samantha Didear Deste, Liz Elovitz, Yolanda Escobar, Juan A. Flores, Bobby Floyd, Esperanza Garcia, Raymond Garcia, Jr., Terry Garza, Elida Gonzalez, Glenda Graham, Vickie Grainger, Maria Griffin, Charlotte & Tommy Groner, Jared Groner, Terry Groner, Coleen Habeeb, Marie Habeeb, Rose Marie Hand, James Hartman, Corina Herndon, Cathy Hervey, Chris Holland, Graham Hughes, Lucas Jean-Baptiste Ramirez, Matteo Jean-Baptiste Ramirez, Elizabeth Johnson, Martha Kaler, Mary Kelly, Dorothy Krause, Arlene Leep, Ed Lewis, Alois Lup, Arlene Lup, Cynthia Lup, Dorothy Mathews, Michael McCloskey, Virginia Medrano, Robert Miller, Johnnye Lee Mokry, John Morgan, Dan Murray, Blanca Neipert, Anna Nicolas, Toufic Nicolas, Patricia Paris, Phil Perabo, Robert M. Pope, Ron Randolph, Raymond Richter, Marguerite Ross, Luis Salazar, Tim Salch, Janie San Miguel & children, Amber Saylor, Terry Schacherl, Josephine Sheldon, Tina Shepherd, Msgr. Richard Shirley, Willie Mae Shirley, Mary Pat Slavik, Maxine Sommers, Adrian Sosa, Lydia Tey, Idolina Vela, Luz Villarreal, Melva Walet, Mary Lois Webster, Bea Wilson, Dolly Zihelli, Sarah Zuniga and all those who asked for and need our prayers.

## Financial Report for week ending 1/20/2013

### Operating Revenue:

Sunday Collection.....	\$ 23,105.13
Other Income.....	\$ 275.00
Donation.....	\$ 1,000.00
Filipino Mass Collection.....	\$ 1,079.00
Memorials.....	\$ 20.00
<b>Total Operating Revenue.....</b>	<b>\$ 25,479.13</b>

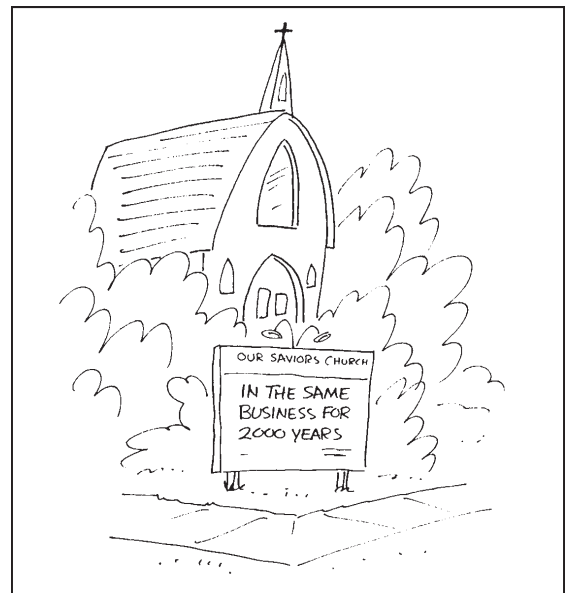
### Other Contributions:

Acts of Charity.....	\$ 3,605.55
Janosek Scholarship.....	\$ 25.00
Habeeb Scholarship.....	\$ 775.00
Catholic Charities.....	\$ 60.00
<b>Total Other Contributions.....</b>	<b>\$ 4,465.55</b>

**Total Contributions 1/20/2012.....** \$ 29,944.68

Loan balance on Youth Bldg

as of January 14, 2013.....\$ 947,060.21



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