

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

PREPARE



During Advent we pray with hope; we live with hope. Hope is the gift from God that empowers us to take steps to bring about the kingdom of God in our world. It is expressed in the simple gift of bringing a meal to a sick or frail, elderly person, offering encouragement, cutting back on what we have in order to give to people in need, and making peace with those around us; through our giving, others receive hope, and we help bring about the kingdom of God.

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AN INVITATION

St. Pius X Woman's Club invites all women of the parish to attend our **Annual Christ Child Tea on Monday, December 12, 2005, from 1:00 to 3:00PM, in the Parish Hall.** Refreshments will be served and a musical program presented by the Music Department from Cardinal Gibbons High

School will entertain us for the afternoon.

Our "Silver Bowl" collection that afternoon will be forwarded to Providence Place, a local residence for abused mothers and children. Your generous donation at the tea will ensure our continuing to be "Guardian Angels" to these abused moms & children as they strive to get on with their lives.

Your charities committee has been gathering new toys for the children of the Migrant farm workers whose basic needs are being met through the Food Ministry at San Isidro Parish in Pompano. If you would like to participate in this toy drive, please bring a new, unwrapped toy to the tea.

Checks for either or both of these activities should be made out to "St. Pius X Woman's Club."

Come for the afternoon, have a delightful bite to eat, meet some old friends, and enjoy the music. We'd love to see lots of new and old, familiar faces.

Coming Soon....Garage Sale

Mark Your Calendar!....St. Pius X Parish will sponsor a Garage Sale on March 10-11, 2006. Look around your apartment or home; be sure to check your storage areas for long-forgotten items. Articles may be placed in the garage beneath the church any day of the week, near the doors to our storage/kitchen areas. Looking forward to receiving your treasures.

Christmas Flower Donations

For the celebration of the Birth of Our Lord, the floral display in our sanctuary this Christmas will be in memory of our departed loved ones and friends. Envelopes for this offering can be found at the church entrances.

CHURCH ENVELOPES FOR 2006

St. Pius X Church collection envelopes for the year 2006 are to be picked up by our registered parishioners. Please stop at the tables at the church main entrance to pick-up your envelopes.

Music Ministry News

As we enter the Advent season, the St. Pius X Choir will be singing at different Masses. Our Advent schedule is as follows:

2nd Week of Advent – Saturday, December 3 @ 4:00PM

3rd Week of Advent – Sunday, December 11 @ 12:30PM

4th Week of Advent – Sunday, December 18 @ 9:30AM

The Music Ministry Christmas Program is sure to be its most beautiful yet. Join the choir at Midnight Mass with a concert presentation beginning at 11:20PM. Also, the choir will be singing at 11:00AM Mass on Christmas Day with a short concert presentation at 10:45AM. Start your celebration of Christmas off the right way by joining us for this traditional Christmas concert and the Celebration of Mass commemorating the Birth of Our Lord and Savior.

On **Sunday, December 11, at 4:00PM**, the Music Ministry is proud to present the **second concert** in our 2005-2006 Concert Series. This month, we welcome the Music Department of Cardinal Gibbons High School, as they sing and play their way through some of the beautiful standards and concert pieces celebrating this season of Christmas. There will be four instrumental ensembles and two vocal ensembles each performing in their own unique way the music of Christmas. **Tickets** for this concert are **\$10** and all of the proceeds go to benefit the Music Ministry and the Parish. How wonderful it would be for these young men and women to walk out to perform in front of a full church. Tickets will be on sale at the entrances to the church after all Masses starting December 3, and will be available at the door starting at 3:30PM on December 11.

Anyone who is still interested in becoming a 2005-2006 Concert Series Benefactor, please see one of the Music Ministry representatives at the entrances to the church starting December 3 or mail a check to "St. Pius X Music Ministry" at the church office. Please include the name you would like included on the Concert program. There are plenty of wonderful perks associated with becoming a Benefactor. Please consider helping us by becoming a benefactor.

We have finally been able to add a few more names to our Benefactor's plaque in the Vestibule of the Church, we are still waiting for a few more plates to arrive and hopefully they will be here before Christmas. In the meantime, please stop by the Vestibule on your way in or out of church by the center entrance and take a look. These benefactors have been instrumental in the success and growth of the Music Ministry and we continue to pray for them in thanksgiving for their generosity and for their intentions. If you would like to be a Music Ministry Benefactor, please see Jim Stayton for details.

Jim Stayton, Music Director

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STEWARDSHIP NOTES

"No one shall appear before the Lord empty-handed, but each of you with as much as he can give, in proportion to the blessings which the Lord, God, has bestowed on you."

Deuteronomy 16: 10 16-17

St. Pius X is a Stewardship Parish ---

WE ARE STEWARDS

and this is how we live out our stewardship!

* **Time and Talent** – Recently a training session was held for all Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist and candidates for that Ministry. Thank you to the leaders of that class and to all the Extraordinary Ministers for the time they devote to this important Ministry within our Parish.

Congratulations to our new Eucharistic Ministers....Connie Mottle and Peg Corcoran.

* **Treasure** – The Sanctuary Lamp signals the Eucharistic presence of the Lord Jesus in the tabernacle and burns continuously for 7 days. You may have the sanctuary lamp memorialized for either a sick person, a deceased loved one, or a special intention for a weekly donation of \$10.00. Please call the parish office to reserve a specific date.

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week for the intention of **Lorriane Saheed**.

* From your treasure, could you provide a blanket for the migrant farm workers? Their homes are less than comfortable in the winter months. Blankets can be new or used. If used, please wash before donating. Place donations in the food baskets at the church doors.

We have received many very nice gifts for the Migrants. These are the poorest of the poor in our midst. Be assured that your donations to these people will not go unnoticed by our Blessed Lord. Thank you, one and all.

We thank the Pink Lady Thrift Shop at Holy Cross Hospital for their generosity during this time of extreme need of the Migrants. Their donations of work clothing, blankets & children's clothing has been appreciated.

*"For everything there is a season and
a time for every purpose under heaven..."*

a time to be born..... Gabrielle Goyette and
Ashley Christina Kisslan

a time to heal..... Deacon George Sutcavage,
Helen Quinlan, Roberta Insel, Robert Wilhelm,
Edward Schneider, Kenny Suppa, Ellen Meister,
Georgia Smith, Tori Taravella, Ann Lawless, Fr.
Tomas Lavelle, Lina DiCicco, Ann DeMaio, and Lisa
Holder.

a time to love..... Glen & Joan Tucker, united in
marriage, November 29, 2005.

and a time of peace..... Ecclesiastes 3:1-11

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, #3080

Knights of Columbus, Council 3080, Oakland Park is having a Membership Drive for men 18 years and older. Contact Frank Arthur (954) 646-1698 or Joe Scerbo (954) 401-6428.

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

This **Thursday, December 8th** is the **Feast of the Immaculate Conception**, the Patroness of our nation, and it is a **Holy Day of obligation**.

MASS SCHEDULE

VigilWednesday, December 7 5:30PM

Thursday, December 8th

..... 8:00AM, 10:00AM & 12:00Noon

CONFESSIONS... Wednesday, December 7 ... 4 - 4:30PM



SATURDAY – DECEMBER 3rd

4:00PM **Agnes Sippel**

5:30PM **Lena & Mike Pergola & Grace**

SUNDAY – DECEMBER 4th

8:00AM **Joseph Viglione, Sr.**

9:30AM **Deceased Members of St. Pius X**

Woman's Club

Mary Dollahan

Grace DeMaio

11:00AM

12:30PM

MONDAY – DECEMBER 5th

8:00AM **Doris Campbell**

9:00AM **Jim Rice**

TUESDAY – DECEMBER 6th

8:00AM **Mary Gillan**

9:00AM **Florence Bisbano**

WEDNESDAY – DECEMBER 7th

8:00AM **Marian & Edward Stitzell**

9:00AM **John Kish**

5:30PM **For Our Parish Community**

THURSDAY – DECEMBER 8th

8:00AM **Chris McDonald**

10:00AM **Mass of Thanksgiving**

12:00PM **Special Intention**

FRIDAY – DECEMBER 9th

8:00AM **Gertrude McArdle**

9:00AM **Priests & the Dying**

SATURDAY – DECEMBER 10th

8:00AM **Marian & Edward Stitzell**

9:00AM **Herta & Max Saurel**

WILMA DONATIONS

We are grateful to all the donations that have come in to help our church with needed repairs from hurricane "Wilma".

Total\$16,049.00

Any help that you can give toward these necessary repairs will be greatly appreciated. **God bless all the people of St. Pius X Parish.**

THANKSGIVING DINNER

Thanksgiving Dinner profit \$688.99... with this profit Publix coupons will be purchases to feed the hungry that come to our Rectory door.

Lectors Urgently Needed!

If you feel you can devote two weekend Masses per month to proclaim the readings to our parishioners, please contact the Parish Secretary at (954) 564-1763. The need is great, especially at the 11:00AM and 12:30PM Sunday Masses.