



**St. Pius X Women's Group Meeting Notes**  
**Tuesday, March 4, 2008**

*The mission of the St. Pius X Women's Group is to offer all women of St. Pius X, regardless of age or marital status, a setting in which to meet, socialize, share interests, provide service, and become more involved in their parish and their faith.*

**For questions or concerns contact:**

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**Social** (6:30 – 7:00 pm.)

Fresh fruit and beverage was provided by Margaret Hadley

**Opening Prayer** – Carrie Kools

Lenten Prayer

Also shared 10 Ways to Pray/10 Minutes a Day & Lenten Prayer for Spiritual Renewal; copies are on pages 3 & 4 of the minutes.

**Ice Breaker** – Janet Beauvais

“Peculiarities” – Janet asked several questions about peculiar things and those present were to raise their hands if the answer was a “yes” for them. We were able to see what peculiar things we all had in common, if any.

**Faith Sharing**

Janet Beauvais shared a little booklet she recently picked up at St. Pat's bookstore entitled “Uplifting Thoughts for Everyday”.

**Business** - Toni Binzak led the business section of the meeting.

There were 9 women in attendance. Welcome new member Margaret Hadley.

**Women's Awards**

If was decided to present the awards at the Women's Breakfast. It was suggested by Sandy Buchanich to have the Women's Awards recipients, be recognized during a mass as well, the weekend following the Women's Breakfast.

**Fr. Girotti March 13<sup>th</sup> Session**

The Women's group will be donating snacks again for the March 13<sup>th</sup> **Know Your Faith Series**. We need to provide about 8 snacks (some sweet, some healthy). So far we have donations for 3 sweet snacks (need 1 more) and 1 healthy snack-fruit (need 3 more).

If you can provide a snack on March 13, please contact Carrie Kools (email: the [kools@ameritech.net](mailto:kools@ameritech.net), phone: 739-4614) by Tuesday, March 11 (next Tuesday). Let her know if it will be “sweet” or “healthy”.

**Fr. Girotti Thank You**

The Women's group will be putting together a Thank You Basket for Fr. Girotti to thank him for presenting the **Know Your Faith Series** at St. Pius. The basket will be given to him at the last session, Thursday, March 27<sup>th</sup>. The last session is entitled “10 Reasons to Be Catholic”.

The items for the basket will be donated by members of the women's group. The theme will be “Italian” because rumor has it, Fr. Girotti loves Italian food. So far the following items will be included: an assortment of Italian foods from Bella Deli, bottled “Italian” water and a Chris Botti Italia CD

If you would like to donate and item or money to help with the cost of items to be included in the basket, contact Toni Binzak (email: [tbinzak@new.rr.com](mailto:tbinzak@new.rr.com), phone: 832-0909). All items need to be given to Toni by Monday, March 24<sup>th</sup>. If you want to drop something off at the parish office to be picked up by Toni, please let her know.

## **Breakfast with the Girls Summary**

### **Comment Cards**

- Reflected an overall rating of 4.4 out of 5.
- We received many positive comments and great suggestions for next year.

### **What went well?**

- Scouts did a fantastic job serving and cleaning up.
- We were able to cover our expenses and made a small profit of \$232.91. That money will be set aside and used to help with minor expenses, if needed, which the group may be involved, in the future.

### **What didn't go well?**

- Entertainment was a little long towards the end and could have been a bit more interactive.
- It would have been nice to have music in the background and an ice breaker activity for women/girls to get to know the others at their table. We will remember to implement those ideas when planning for next year.
- We sold 101 tickets and planned for 150. Because of the extremely cold weather, attendance was a little less than expected. Had weather not been a factor, we probably would have had 150 attend.

### **Will we do again next year?**

- Yes in February 2009. Planning will start in the Fall.
- We would like to plan a simple menu and look into Carrie's brother-in-law, who is the Food Service Director at the Heritage Woods Assisted Living Center and also does catering for Theda Care, to supply the food for a reasonable cost, i.e. est. \$4-5 per person. Suggested menu could be: Assortment of scones, mini muffins, mini danish, fresh fruit, bagels & cream cheese, meat for protein (ham, sausage or bacon) flavored coffees and teas, juice and milk. He would order and bring all food, on platters, set up and be on hand to help serve.
- Include choices and options for those with special dietary needs.
- Look for more upbeat entertainment. If anyone has any ideas, let Toni Binzak know.

### **Other**

- Those who headed up one of the logistical tasks, if you haven't already done so, please get your documentation to Toni Binzak, so we have it for future reference.
- We received a thank you card from the Emergency Shelter for donating the extra food and from Shirley Ardell, recipient of the 2008 Appreciation Award.

## **Closing Prayer** - Carrie Kools

### **Next Meeting –April 1, 2008 (April Fools Day)**

**Social 6:30 – 7:00 Meeting 7:00 – 8:30**

- ✠ Social – beverage/snack provided by: *Contact Tony Binzak if you would like to do*
- ✠ Ice Breaker – *Contact Tony Binzak if you would like to bring one*
- ✠ Faith Sharing – *Contact Tony Binzak with your thoughts or ideas*
- ✠ Business – *Contact Tony Binzak with your thoughts or ideas*
- ✠ Opening and Closing Prayer – *Contact Tony Binzak if you would like to do*

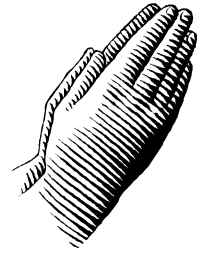
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## 10 Ways to Pray in 10 Minutes a Day

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- ✝ When you hear a siren or see a fire truck or ambulance, say a prayer for the person(s) who has been hurt or ill.
- ✝ At a red light, say a short prayer for the person in the car in front of you and behind you.
- ✝ When standing in line at the grocery store, say a prayer for those who have no money to buy food.
- ✝ Park at the end of a parking lot, and thank God for your ability to walk as you approach the door of your destination.
- ✝ Keep a small notebook by your bed. Each night think back on the day and write one thing you are grateful for.
- ✝ Go out of your way to smile and greet people as you pass them on the halls at work or on the street.
- ✝ Tell your spouse, kids, or dear friends that you love them!
- ✝ When you say “Why me, God?” take time to listen for an answer.
- ✝ Say a short prayer of thanks before and after every meal.
- ✝ Pick a family member or friend each day and say a short prayer for them as you brush your teeth.

## LENTEN PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL RENEWAL

God, heavenly Father,  
look upon me and hear my prayer  
during this holy Season of Lent.  
By the good works you inspire,  
help me to discipline my body  
and to be renewed in spirit.

Without You I can do nothing.  
By Your Spirit help me to know what is right  
and to be eager in doing Your will.  
Teach me to find new life through penance.  
Keep me from sin, and help me live  
by Your commandment of love.  
God of love, bring me back to you.  
Send Your Spirit to make me strong  
in faith and active in good works.  
May my acts of penance bring me Your forgiveness,  
open my heart to Your love,  
and prepare me for the coming feast  
of the Resurrection of Jesus.

Lord, during this Lenten Season,  
nourish me with Your Word of life  
and make me one  
with You in love and prayer.

Fill my heart with your love  
and keep me faithful to the Gospel of Christ.  
Give me the grace to rise above my human weakness.  
Give me new life by Your Sacraments, especially the Mass.

Father, our source of life,  
I reach out with joy to grasp your hand;  
let me walk more readily in Your ways.  
Guide me in your gentle mercy,  
for left to myself I cannot do Your Will.

Father of love, source of all blessings,  
help me to pass from my old life of sin  
to the new life of grace.  
Prepare me for the glory of Your Kingdom.  
I ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son,  
Who lives and reigns with you  
and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever.

Amen.