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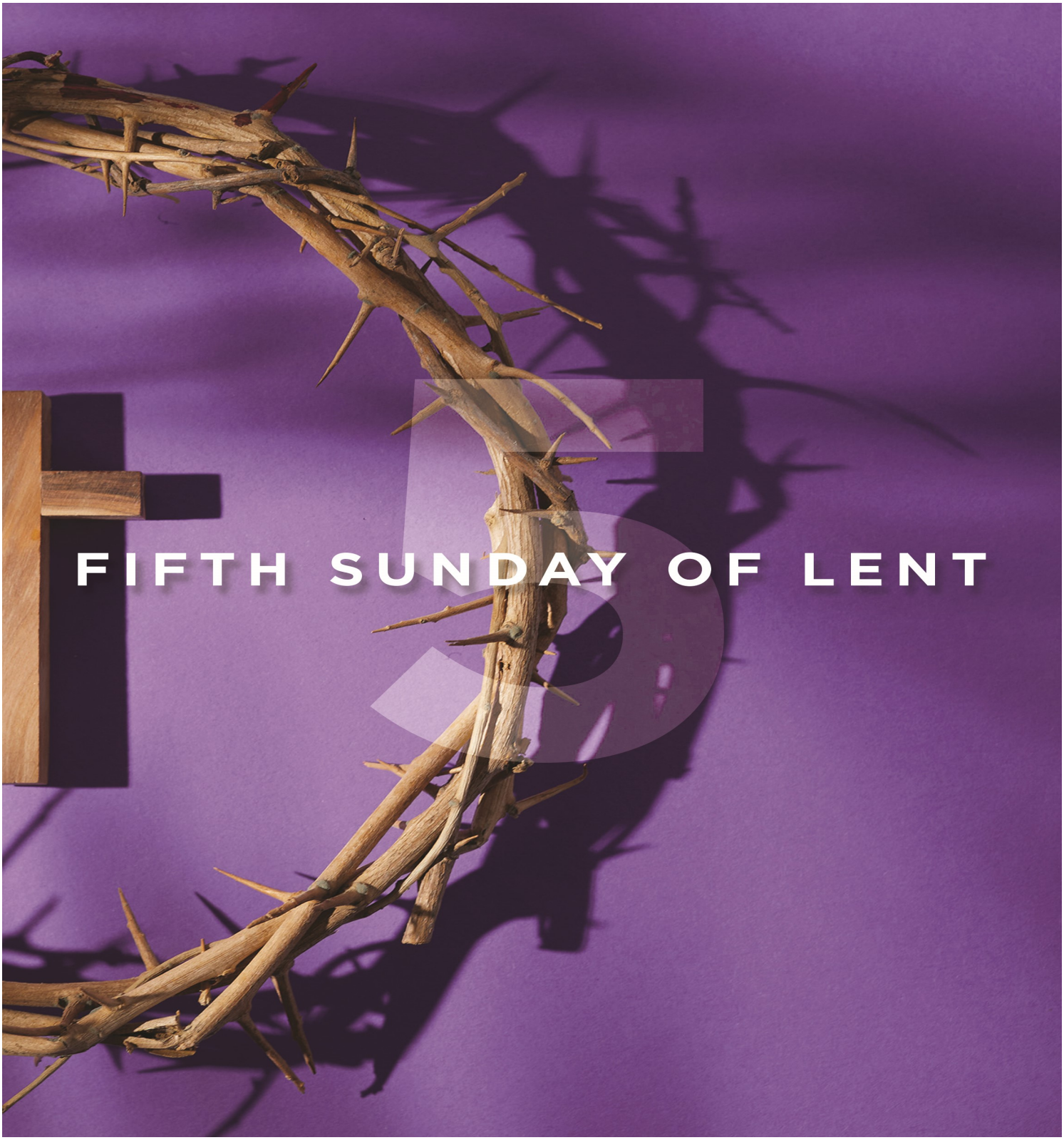


Fr. Russ

5th Sunday of Lent

Jesus says to Martha in today's gospel: "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this? These are very confrontive words by Jesus to Martha. Jesus is challenging her to "live" and "believe" in Him. You see, Jesus only raises Lazarus back to mortal life. Lazarus had to die again to inherit immortal life, a life forever with God in heaven. Martha is stuck in her grief, and she behaves as if her brother's death is so final! Much like we can on the death of a loved one. In these times of grief and sorrow, Jesus invites us as well to "take away the stone…"

"I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever lives and believes in me… Do you believe this?" Our belief in Christ must lead us onto "living in Him!" Our Lenten Season is a time for us to get ready to renew our Baptismal Promises at Easter. Our Lenten practices of prayer, fasting, and charity are proven "spiritual exercises" that can enable us to live in Christ. How have we fared so far? What stones have we tried to remove from the sepulcher of our hearts for Christ's life and love to get in there and come out for the good of our brothers and sisters? During our remaining days of Lent, may we continue to prepare our hearts for the life promised us in Christ Jesus. God bless and have a good week.

New Parishioners

Please welcome our newest registered members joining the St. Pius community:

Michael and Brittany Ellena and Family
Phil and Pam Wackel and Family
Jane Hein
Joseph and Karen Krych
Vermelina and Reynoel Suarez-Manuel and Family
Chad Hergott and Katheryn Mayo

Sacramental Life

In Sympathy

Please remember in your prayers,

Mary Arendt†

Parishioner

May Mary and all the souls of the faithfully departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Newly Baptized

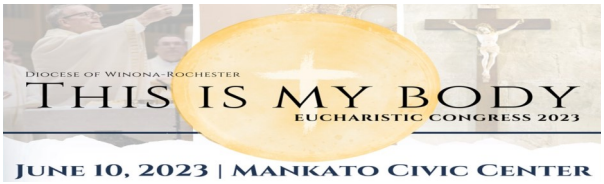
May the waters of baptism call to mind our baptism into Christ who has redeemed us by his death and resurrection. We welcome in baptism:

Elowynn Rose Bohach

Daughter of: Garrett and Kennidee Bohach

Our Congratulations!

"A baby is God's opinion that the world should go on."



Have you signed up yet? This family-friendly event will take place on Saturday, June 10th. The day will include a special Eucharistic procession, great talks, music, and the celebration of Mass. We want to see you there! Sign up online at eucharist.dowr.org. Registration *(Processing fee required)* is $35 per adult and $15 for youth ages 8-17. St. Pius will provide (coach bus) transportation for the first 100 registrants. Please contact the parish office if you have any questions. We hope to see you there!

Friday, March 31st is the last day to ta ke advantage of the discount.

Event information and registration links can be found on our parish website: www.piusx.org.

Financial assistance for St. Pius X parishioners is available.

Parish Life

Knights Flower Sale Pickup Reminder: If you purchased tickets for flowers in this year's Knight's spring flower sale, remember to pick up your bouquet[s] at "Flowers by Jerry" this Thursday, Friday or Saturday [March 30 and 31 and April 1] or next week on Monday [April 3]. Your tickets must be redeemed on those days. The Knights had a very successful sale again this year and thank everyone who purchased flowers. We hope you enjoy them !

St. Pius X Spaghetti Dinner

The St. Pius X Knights and Youth Group are co-sponsoring their annual Spaghetti Dinner Saturday, April 29. The dinner is catered by Victoria's Restaurant. The menu includes spaghetti, meat ball, salad, roll, beverages and sherbet. Serving begins in Kennedy Hall right after the 4 pm Mass and continues until 6:30 pm. All proceeds go to the St. Pius X Youth Group to fund their summer mission trips. Purchase your tickets in advance to save [adults ($9), children ages 6 through 11 ($6) and family ($25). Children 5 and under are free]. Tickets are available from members of the youth group, or in the parish office or by calling Mike Sheehan at 288-3767 for "Will Call" pickup that evening. Tickets will also be able to be purchased at the April Donut Sunday and Pancake Breakfast events.

Society of St Vincent de Paul

We thank all our parishioners and supporters of St Vincent de Paul. May your Lenten journey be one of prayer and renewal. You have been very generous in enabling us to help our friends in need this past year.

In February we were able to make 21 visits and help 48 people with $3837 for rent/deposit, $520.50 for utilities, $50 for gas, $122 for clothing and personal items, $42 for bus pass, $300 for car repair, and $210 in gift cards. Plus we provided In-kind goods valued at $275 for food. THANK YOU for your prayers and support. If you have questions or want to find out more about this rewarding ministry, contact John Klaus, 507 250-6451, or Bill Doucette, 507 254-9991.

Flower Ministry

Do have a love for gardening? Would you like to meet others who share that love? The Floral Ministry at St. Pius cares for the flowers all around the church and grounds. If you would like more information to get connected with this group, contact the parish office at 288-8238.

Lenten Project

Throughout Lent, St. Pius X has been collecting donations to support Family Promise of Rochester. Family Promise is a local non-profit that helps families experiencing homelessness.

Funds may be donated in the weekly collection baskets (please indicate "Lenten Project" or "Family Promise"). Online donations may be made by scanning the QR code.

Family Promise has also provided an Amazon wish list at:

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2HCSU80F8M9MX?ref=wlshare

Items purchased from this list may be shipped directly to Family Promise from Amazon or dropped off in the receptacles in the church entrances.

Family Promise - Did you know? Family Promise provides monthly updates about its activities, mission and volunteer opportunities. If you are interested in staying connected to Family Promise Rochester. Visit their website and add your email to their distribution list:

www.fprochestermn.org

City Wide Lenten 2023 Reconciliation Services

Sunday, Apr 2nd — 3:30 pm

St. John/St. Pius Joint Parish Service at St. John

Tuesday, March 28th – 5:00 pm

Holy Spirit - Lenten Holy Hour

FEBRUARY 2023 FINANCE CORNER

Revenue		2023 February	2023 YTD	2022 YTD
Adult Envelopes		45,385	341,548	319,582
Children		206	987	0
Direct Bank Giving		27,685	223,301	223,898
Offertory		4,549	39,199	28,377
Online Giving		11,390	83,095	83,753
Stock Donation		0	8,856	10,417
Bequests		0	0	10,000
Holy Days & Holidays		0	21,643	23,643
Charitable Outreach		1,145	11,106	10,256
All Other		2,543	94,454	447,785
Total Revenue	$	92,903	824,189	1,157,711

Expense		2022 February	2023 YTD	2022 YTD
Wages & Benefits		37,822	305,056	286,636
Buildings & Grounds		7,031	83,617	83,904
Catholic School Subsidy		29,785	238,057	225,101
Diocesan Assessment		4,988	39,904	39,111
Parish Programs		3,430	50,413	30,917
Charitable Outreach		1,000	21,437	5,759
All Other		3,051	28,113	46,259
Capital Improvements		0	11,359	103,351
Total Expense	$	87,107	777,956	821,038
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Direct Bank Giving (checking/savings)

Sign up is available any time. Please contact the Parish Office with questions.

Electronic Giving (credit card)

Scan the QR code to link directly to the St. Pius X online giving site. There you will be able to navigate all of the church's giving opportunities. Contact Doug in the Parish Office at 288-8238 with any questions.

Thank you for your continued support of St. Pius X!

Finance Corner questions? Rectory 507-288-8238 or chaugh@piusx.org

PARISH CENSUS

Registered Active Families	Registered Active Members
857	**1923**

Mass Intentions

Monday, March 27, 2023
8:00 am **NO DAILY MASS**

Tuesday, March 28, 2023
8:00 am Joyce† and Phyllis† Wieseler
Jolus Feind Sr.†

Wednesday, March 29, 2023
8:45 am Cora Gana†
Gricelda Blanck†

Thursday, March 30, 2023
8:00 am Matthew Klaus†
Cecilia† and Sanford† Kelly

Friday, March 31, 2023
8:00 am Mike Timmerman†
Ed Miller†
Jerilyn Arendt†

Saturday, April 1, 2023
8:00 am Maria Lieng Ngo†
Richard Pihart†
4:00 pm Arthur† and Helen Mueller
Clair Wagner†

Sunday, April 2, 2023 (Palm Sunday)
8:00 Oscar J† and Emely† Ugueto
10:00 am Darrell and Gearldine Sturgis
Paul Sohm†

Parish Health Team

March: National Nutrition Month

It is a good time to reflect on healthy and wholistic eating habits. Eating has provided for physical needs, social needs, and has spiritual implications. The sharing of food historically has been associated with generosity and fellowship. Jesus used the common diet ingredients of bread and wine when he shared the Last Supper with his disciples. God has provided food for nourishment and invites us to share our food with others. Eating supports our bodies, emotions and spirits!

May the Lord richly bless all your health choices and may you show healthy examples to your family and friends.

Sunday, April 2 **Palm Sunday Masses**
(livestreamed)
St. Pius X Church - Sat. 4 pm Sun. 8 and 10 am

Sunday, April 2 **Communal Reconciliation**
Co-Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist 3:30 pm

Thursday, April 6 **Holy Thursday Mass**
(livestreamed)
St. Pius X Church - 7 pm
(Perpetual Adoration will be offered at the Altar of Repose up until 1 hour prior to Good Friday service)

Friday, April 7 **Good Friday Service**
(livestreamed)
St. Pius X Church - 12:15 pm

Saturday, April 8 **Easter Vigil**
(livestreamed)
St. Pius X Church - 8 pm

Sunday, April 9 **Easter Sunday**
(livestreamed)
St. Pius X Church - 8 am and 10 am

Easter Flower Memorials

We invite you to remember or honor a loved one by making an offering for the flowers that will adorn our parish during the Easter season. Donations may be placed in the collection basket or delivered to the parish office. A memorial insert will be inserted in the bulletin on Easter Sunday.

Thank you for helping to create a beautiful environment for prayer and worship.

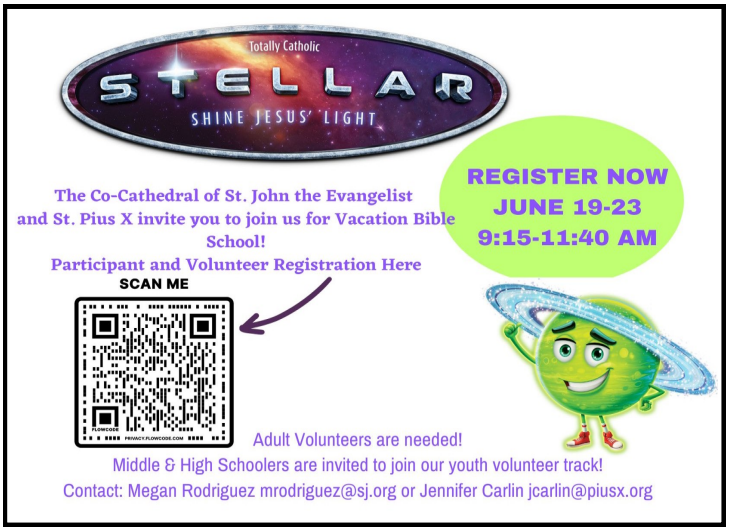
Youth and Family Ministry

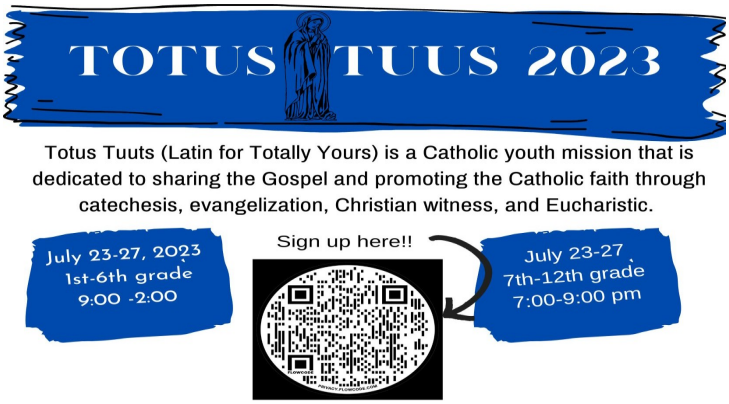
Family Adoration

Perpetual Adoration will be offered at the Altar of Repose (located in the school gym) following Holy Thursday Mass and continuing until 1 hour prior to the 12:15 pm Good Friday service. We would like to offer a special invitation to all Families, Friday, April 7 during the hours 8:00-11:00 am, to join us for Family Adoration. Eucharistic Adoration is a sign of devotion to and worship of Jesus Christ, who is believed to be present in body, blood, soul, and divinity, in the Blessed Sacrament. What a great way to introduce your family to Adoration in this family friendly environment. Mass bags, coloring sheets, and adoration activity book will be available. 20 minute time slots have been set aside. You may sign up at https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/10c0e4caca72ba7ffc16-good.

Remember, Jesus said, "bring the little children unto me" (Matthew 19:14)

If you have questions or would like additional support, please feel free to reach Jennifer Carlin at (jcarlin@piusx.org).





Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of March 26, 2023

Sunday: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7)/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b 4, 5, 6/Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21/Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7/Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11 12abcd, 13/Jn 11:45-56

Next Sunday: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14 Jn 12:1-11

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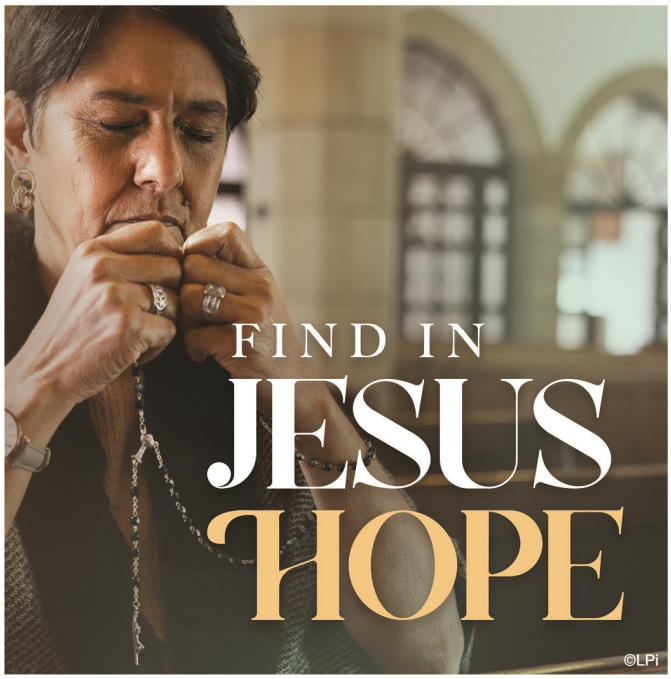

Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Of all Jesus' miracles, the most unsettling might be when he made a dead person alive. We know of three times when he did so: a girl, a young man, and Lazarus. The miracle teaches us he has the power of life and death. He anticipates his resurrection. Sin hurts us. Some sin kills us, spiritually. The three miracles reveal to us that no matter our circumstances, Jesus can give life to us.

The three miracles are instructive of the three ways we feel dead. The little dead girl symbolizes sin before it has time to mature. She's in bed and, once alive, gets right back to her life. The young man is lying in his casket in a funeral procession. This is sin allowed to fester, to grow and become somewhat normalized. Once raised, he has a short walk back home. Lazarus, a full-grown dead man, lies wrapped in burial bands in the tomb. Once he is raised, much needs to be done. He'll need to remove those bands, find new clothes, and travel all the way back home. That is sin allowed to go all the way, unchecked for months or years. It's the most spectacular of the three and reveals Jesus' glory more than the others.

What hope that should give us, for us and those whom we love! Jesus knows our sin hurts us and can even kill us spiritually. No matter the extent of the damage, he is always ready for the miracle of making the dead fully alive.

— Father John Muir

Community

The Lourdes High School Concert Choir will be hosting a concert with 29:11 International Exchange Choir on Monday, March 27 at 7:00 pm in the Lourdes High School Auditorium. 29:11 International Exchange is a choir from South Africa that is touring the Midwest sharing a message of forgiveness and the rich culture of South Africa and its musical styles. It is going to be an experience you will not want to miss! Admission is free, with a free-will offering to benefit the group's tour efforts.

Tenebrae Service

Pax Christi will present a Tenebrae service featuring music by Pepper Choplin and Joseph Martin on Wednesday, April 5th at 7:00 pm. This dramatic work reflects on the life of Christ from his entrance into Jerusalem to His passion on the cross. This service includes powerful music by choir, orchestra and soloists with dramatic readings which presents a great opportunity to prepare for the Sacred Triduum.

Way of the Cross Please join in the Way of the Cross procession through the streets of Downtown Rochester, with scripture, poetry, song, and silence. The procession will stop at four stations throughout the city on Good Friday, **April 7, 2023,** at 4:00 pm (gather at 3:50). The procession will start at the Main Entrance to the Government Center at 201 Fourth Street SE and will proceed to the Co-Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, 11 Fourth Avenue SW, where a Good Friday Service will follow at 5:30. All are welcome to attend and participation is free.

Divine Mercy

Divine Mercy Sunday Celebration
April 16, 2023 Church of the Resurrection
1600 11th Ave. SE, Rochester
Knights of Columbus Breakfast following
10:30 am Mass in Fr. Zenk Hall
"Face of Mercy" – movie 12:45 – 1:45 pm
Divine Mercy Celebration in the Sanctuary
2:00 – 4:00 pm
Confessions 2:00 – 3:00 pm
More information at www.rescathroch.org or call 507–288-5528

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