



Church of St. Pius X

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God, we thank you for all the priestly vocations you have given us. Especially, our Pastor Father Russ Scepaniak. Send your Holy Spirit to guard and guide these men. In Thanksgiving we asked your blessings upon those who have generously responded to your call through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



PRIESTHOOD
Sunday ©LPI

Priesthood Sunday

Each year, on the last Sunday in September -- Sunday the 24th -- we celebrate Priesthood Sunday. It is the Catholic Church's second "Fathers Day"; a special day in which we honor those who are called to be priests. Be sure to thank Father Russ, Father Linus, and Father Benjamin for all they have done for all of us at St. Pius X Parish.



Fr. Russ

Even though I am getting ready to move on it is still business as usual here at St. Pius. I am so appreciative of your goodness towards me and, like I said, "I hope you love the next guy the way you have loved me." Saying goodbye is always difficult. So, thank you all for your heartfelt thanks and gratitude. The main question I have been getting from people is if I can come back and officiate their funerals, etc. I cannot make that call. I need to respect the pastor who replaces me. Furthermore, I have no idea what awaits me in Winona. Also, many parishioners want to wine and dine me now and I am having difficulty trying to keep up with all the asks. If I cannot get you in until I leave for Winona, know that office staff and parishioners are planning a going away celebration for me on Sunday, October 15th from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. So, God bless you and let's keep things rolling here at St. Pius.



2023 Catholic Ministries Appeal

2023 Goal \$73,800

Pledged & Received \$66,811

90% of goal

Participants 252

AS OF 9/15/23

Remember, if St. Pius has enough participation, we make our goal. It is not how much one contributes but if there is participation in this annual Diocesan fund drive for our diocesan ministries that benefit our parishes and schools.

Baby Bottle Campaign

Help Catholic Charities provide assistance to new and expectant parents through the Mother and Child Assistance Fund by taking a baby bottle home on Respect Life Sunday, October 1st, and filling it with your spare change during the month of October. Donations go directly to assisting women across Southern Minnesota who are choosing life for their babies. Catholic Charities provides more than 200 women with financial assistance each year. Every gift makes a difference! Unable to pick up a bottle? Please mail your donation directly to Catholic Charities Baby Bottle Campaign, PO Box 379, Winona, MN 55987 or give online at www.ccsomn.org/donate and designate your donation to the Baby Bottle Campaign in the notes section.

"The Mother and Child Assistance Fund helped my family avoid an eviction by paying part of our rent when my baby was born. Thank you!" - Cami

Sacramental Life



In Sympathy

Our Deepest Sympathies
Please remember in your
prayers,

Gerald "Jerry" Lacher†

Husband of: Mary Lacher

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



In Sympathy

Our Deepest Sympathies
Please remember in your
prayers,

John Sexton†

Parishioner

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

Parish Life

Please join us for First Friday coffee and rolls Friday, October 6th after 8:00 am Mass in Founders Hall



Parish Life



Please Come Join Us For:

Father Russ's Farewell Party

Sunday, October 15th 11:00 am - 1:00 pm
Kennedy Hall at St. Pius X

RSVP on the St. Pius X Parish Website (piusx.org)

St. Pius Prays

"Prayer is not the least we can do for someone, it is the most we can do!"

In this year of the Eucharistic Revival, we are starting St. Pius Prays which is simply a prayer initiative in which parishioners hold each other up in prayer. If you would like to take part in this, write your name on one of the cards at the end of the pews and put it in the collection basket during the second collection this Sunday.

After Mass, you may take a card with someone's name on it from the baskets at each entrance and pray for them. This is also a way for our elderly and homebound to be involved with the parish community as their names will be in the baskets as well. In the words of one of our homebound, *"This is something I can do for/with the Parish, I can pray!"* And may it also bring you comfort to know, especially in those challenging moments in life that in somebody's wallet, on somebody's refrigerator or nightstand is a card with your name on it and they are praying for you.

These cards will also be at the back entrances of the church during the week.

Prayer is not the least we can do for someone, it is the most we can do!
I am praying for:

St. Pius X Prayer Companion

RCS

Join Lourdes High School's 10th Anniversary Homecoming Celebration!

10TH CELEBRATION *Building Our FUTURE EVERYDAY* LOURDES HIGH SCHOOL
HOMECOMING 2023!

Sunday, Sept. 24 - Sunday, Oct. 1 RCSMN.ORG/EVENTS/HOMECOMING

Sunday, September 24:

10th Anniversary Mass & Brunch at Lourdes High School

Fr. Tom Manahan, LHS
Class of '74 presiding at the 10 a.m. Mass
Brunch and tours of the high school to follow

Friday, September 29:

RCS Parade, 2:00 p.m. at Lourdes High School

KTTC Live Broadcast at Lourdes High School

4:00-5:00 p.m.

Alumni/RCS Parent Community Rally

4:30-7:00 p.m. Tailgating @ the Eagles Club

Football Game vs. Red Wing

7:00 p.m. @ Rochester Regional Sports Center

Sunday, October 1:

Lourdes Athletics Hall of Fame, 11:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

Register at: rctsmn.org/events/homecoming

Community

40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil

Join us for a peaceful prayer vigil on **Tuesday, September 26th at 7 pm** on the sidewalk in front of Rochester Planned Parenthood to begin the 40 Days of prayer and fasting on behalf of the unborn. Please park on side streets north of the shopping center. To cover other times of the campaign see the website at 40daysforlife.com/rochester.



The Winona-Rochester Diocesan Council of Catholic Women invites all women to register and plan to attend this Fall Convention Event Saturday, October 7th. It'll be held in Austin at Queen of Angels Catholic Church (1001 East Oakland Ave.) Registration Includes: Breakfast & Exhibits starting at 8am, Assembly at 9, Speaker on Our Lady of Good Help Shrine (only USA approved Shrine), Mass, Lunch at noon, & Religious Goods & Filled Purses Chances, Speaker on Pietra Fitness at 1 pm, Purse Drawings & Announcements at 2 pm. Any Donations, boxed and labeled, for Haiti and the Rochester Medical Missions, will be loaded on their trucks in church parking lot, from 7:30-8:30 am. Registration Forms will be available at your churches. All ladies are welcome!!



ASSISI HEIGHTS WELCOMES MORE VOLUNTEERS.

The Sisters of Saint Francis are looking for more volunteers! Some of our current needs consist of: assisting with the Friday morning "coffee hour," making popcorn on Fridays, decorating for holidays or special events, and assisting with the Evening Hostess Program (4:30-5:45pm) on the Healthcare floors. We are also in great need of volunteers who are willing to learn how to operate our "cameras" located in Lourdes Chapel and our Spirituality Center. The "camera techs" make it possible for Sisters to watch special events at Assisi Heights via livestream or from their own rooms. All volunteers must be fully vaccinated and have received at least one COVID-19 booster. Orientation will be provided for new volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering or want to know more, please contact Sister Sue Reif, Volunteer Coordinator, at 909-809-2842 (cell) sue.reif@rochesterfranciscan.org.

Mass Intentions

Monday, September 25, 2023
NO DAILY MASS

Tuesday, September 26, 2023
NO DAILY MASS

Wednesday, September 27, 2023
8:45 am Communion Service

Thursday, September 28, 2023
NO DAILY MASS

Friday, September 29, 2023
NO DAILY MASS

Saturday, September 30, 2023
8:00 am Maria Lieng Ngot
4:00 pm Arthurt and Helen Mueller / Harlan Hebigt
Susan Bernardt

Sunday, October 1, 2023
8:00 am Sadie Glynnt
10:00 am The Sneve Family

Please Note: The Mass intentions that were scheduled for September 26, 27, 28, 29 **have all been re-scheduled**. Please call the parish office if you have any questions at 288-8238.

"Come and See"—St. Joseph Lay Carmelites of Rochester

Join with Lay Carmelites in prayer and community on October 7, November 4, and December 2, 2023. We are open to all who are interested to pray and meet with us on these first Saturdays, 9:15 AM-12:15 PM in the Fellowship space at the Co-Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist in Rochester. For more information, contact Marie and mgoihl3@gmail.com or call 507-251-5012.



Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Don't try to change your spouse, just love them, love is what changes us. Please make the decision to enrich your marriage by attending the October 14-15 Marriage Encounter. Weekends are held at Mt. Olivet Retreat Center in Farmington, MN. Register at: www.marriages.org. If you have any questions, please call Mary Jackson at: 651-454-3238.

Youth and Family Ministry

Youth and Family Ministry

Programs will be starting this month!

Copies of the 2023-2024 catalog are available in:

- Both Church Entrances
 - In the parish office
- On-line version on our St. Pius X website at www.piusx.org.



Any Questions:

You can reach Jennifer Carlin, our Director of Faith Formation at jcarlin@piusx.org or call the parish office at 288-8238.

We have launched our Youth and Family Ministry Program. **We have several large needs to make our program successful.** All parents who are able to help with our programs have stepped up, but we are going to need help from our parish community.

2 Head Catechists - We need one for K/1st grade group and one for 2nd/3rd grade group meeting Sundays 9:05-9:55 am. No prep involved.

1 Assistant Catechist - 2nd/3rd grade group. Acting as a set of hands and eyes for the session. Group meets Sunday 9:05-9:55 am. No prep involved

2 Male Mentors - Needed to mentor 8th/9th grade boys group meets Wednesday from 7:00-8:30 pm.

Contact: Jennifer Carlin at jcarlin@piusx.org

Here are some Highlights of our Youth and Family Ministry Catalog:

- Sunday School** program begins Sunday, September 24th. It will be offered for our Kindergarten - 6th Graders. This will be held most Sundays from 9:05 to 9:55 am to accommodate Mass attendance.
- Y Disciple (Ignite Small Groups)** will begin on Wednesday, September 27th. This will be offered for our 7th-12th Graders. These groups will meet on Wednesday nights from 7:00 - 8:30 pm.

Confirmation—2 year Program (Typically 9th & 10th grade students)

10th Grade Parent Meeting: Monday, September 25th at 7:00 pm in Founders Hall

Youth and Family Ministry Events Calendar

✓ = Classes meet	Sunday School K-6th grade 9:05 - 9:55 AM	1st Sacraments 2nd Grade 6:30 - 7:30 PM	Y Disciple 7th - 12th Grade 7:00 - 8:30 PM	The Well 7th - 12th Grade 7:00 - 8:30 PM	RCIA 6:30 - 8:00 PM	Well Read Moms 7:00 - 8:30 PM	Martha and Mary Group 7:00 - 8:30 PM
Monday, September 25	Confirmation 2 Parent Meeting 7 PM Founders Hall			✓			
Tuesday, September 26						✓	
Wednesday, September 27			Kick Off				
Thursday, September 28					✓		
Sunday, October 1	✓						
Monday, October 2				✓			
Tuesday, October 3							
Wednesday, October 4		✓	✓				
Thursday, October 5							
Sunday, October 8							
Monday, October 9				✓			
Tuesday, October 10							✓
Wednesday, October 11			✓				
Thursday, October 12					✓		

The **Well Read Mom** and **Martha and Mary Group** will meet off-site. Please contact Jennifer Carlin for more information -- jcarlin@piusx.org

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of September 24, 2023

Sunday:

Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 (18a)/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a

Monday:

Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday:

Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday:

Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8/Lk 9:1-6

Thursday:

Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Lk 9:7-9

Friday:

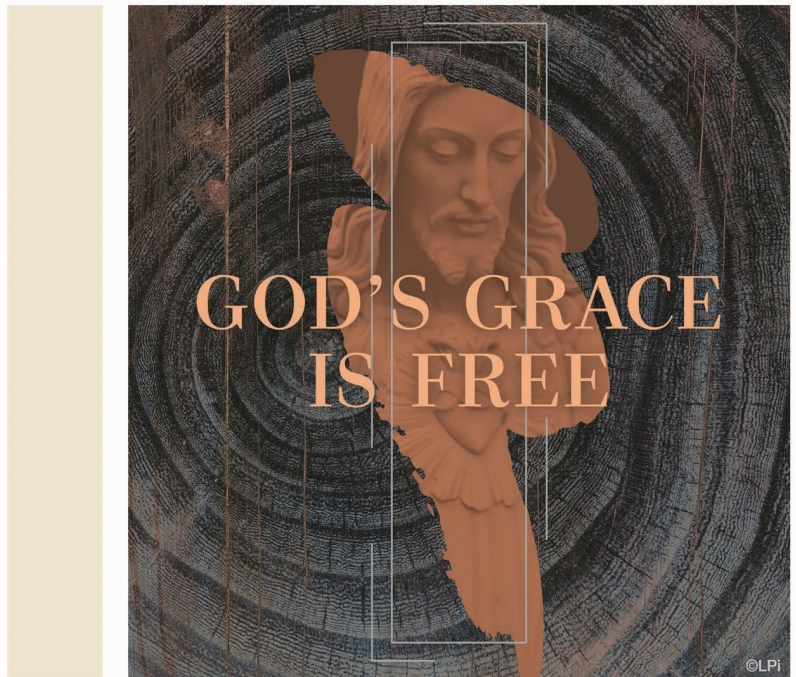
Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5/Jn 1:47-51

Saturday:

Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Lk 9:43b-45

Next Sunday:

Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9, (6a)/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32



Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Once I gave my three-year-old niece a certain toy for Christmas. When she opened it, she was happy. Shortly thereafter her five-year old sister opened another present from me: the same toy, along with some play jewelry. The three-year-old cried out: "That's not fair! Why'd she get the jewelry, too?!"

Let's face it: there's something about God's grace in our religion which bugs us. We love to look at others' blessings and cry out: "That's not fair!" Catholicism is not fair in the sense that it is a religion founded on God's grace which is *unmerited* favor. God pours his mercy, love, and divine life upon us not because we're good but because He is infinitely good.

If you think the "not fair" quality of grace is easy to accept, consider how typically angry we get when we hear the parable of the workers who get paid way more than they deserve. The hyper-generous landowner says to the indignant hard workers, "Are you envious because I am generous?" Well, yes, they are, and so are we! Therefore, we *have* to reckon with this painful truth in order to move into the divine sphere of gifts, which is the world of Christ and his Church. Then we are able to move beyond a tit-for-tat world and into one where gifts are poured forth on those who don't deserve it — namely, upon us.

— Father John Muir

Fall Festival

Fall Festival Volunteers

We are still in need of help with volunteers for selling Raffle Tickets on Saturday and Sunday of the Festival Weekend.



Volunteer Signup Genius is available on line. Please visit the parish website at www.piusx.org for the link to sign up online. Any questions - please call the parish office at 288-8238.

Fall Festival Feature of the Week...

Kids Games Galore!



Location: School Gym

When: Sunday, October 8

Time: 11:00am - 1:00pm



Cost: Wrist bands for \$10
\$30 for family



Win a Gift card of the Hyperspace Starcade Birthday Truck at our Silent Auction



Something NEW we just added to our Silent Auction! There will be a chance to bid on a Hyperspace Starcade Birthday Truck gift card.

A \$400 value

Searching for the best birthday idea? No more keeping track of dozen kids at bowling parties or other outside venue! We will come right to you!

This is Rochester's most exciting video game party. This game truck has 10 high definition screens, multiple video gaming stations, an "Action Station" for dancing and action games, a Virtual Reality Gaming station and Two Virtual Reality Racing Simulators, up to 34 can play at one time. We make it affordable! Your Game Coach will instruct, run the games and manage the fun... all while you relax and enjoy the special day! This will be a great gift card to win at our Fall Festival Auction!

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