



St. Pius X Parish: A Roman Catholic Community

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Parish Office Hours

• 9AM-4PM (Mon-Thur)
• 9AM-12PM (Fri)

Parish Membership

We encourage every family in the parish to register as it is our only means of certifying you as a member of our parish family. Register online: www.st-pius.org.

Online Giving

Safe, Secure & Paper Free!
To sign up, go to www.st-pius.org/onlinegive

St. Pius X Church is wheelchair accessible with parking at the sides of church.

Thank you for turning off all personal electronic devices before entering the church.

Weekly Mass Schedule (Church)

• Monday-Saturday: 8:30AM
• Monday: 7PM (Extraordinary Form)
• Saturday Anticipated Mass: 5:15PM
• Sunday: 7:30AM, 9AM, and 11AM

Holy Day Mass Schedule (Church)

• Vigil: 5:30PM
• Holy Day: 8:30AM, 5:30PM, 7PM (Extraordinary Form)

Confession (Church)

• Saturdays: 4PM-5PM
• Wednesdays: 7PM-8PM

Communion for the Homebound

If you or a loved one would like to receive Communion at home, contact Larry Rollins at lksgcrollins5@gmail.com

Devotions (Church)

• Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is the First Friday of the month, 9AM-9PM
• Rosary and a Chaplet of the Divine Mercy is prayed 9AM, Fridays by parishioners in the Church.

Baptism

For information about Pre-Baptismal class and to schedule Baptisms, call the Parish Office.

Marriage

Registered parishioners should make arrangements one year in advance with the Parish Office.

Anointing of the Sick

If you know a parishioner who is seriously ill and would like to be anointed, call the Parish Office.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

RCIA is available year-round to anyone who wants to inquire about our faith, baptism, or completing their initiation as Roman Catholics with Eucharist and/or confirmation. Call the Parish Office for more information.





WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 31

8:30AM Samuel J. Teitell (*living*) C. Teitell
5:15PM Intentions of All Parishioners

Sunday, January 1

7:30AM Intentions of All Parishioners
9AM +Robert Lenihan S. Sargent
11AM +Phyllis Sarasin Carpanzano Family

Monday, January 2

8:30AM Thanksgiving & Intentions D'Cunha Family
7PM Missa Cantata

Tuesday, January 3

8:30AM +Bob Lenihan John & Liz Feeney

Wednesday, January 4

8:30AM +Tony Cacciola J. & A. Connaughton

Thursday, January 5

8:30AM +Connie & Anthony Mallozzi Gleason Family

Friday, January 6

8:30AM +Edward & Salome Gerosa E. & M. Huydic

Saturday, January 7

8:30AM Christine Ross C. & R. Earls
5:15PM Gloria Piccirillo L. & D. Gallo

Sunday, January 8

7:30AM +Mildred Merchant
9AM Intentions of All Parishioners
11AM +Mary Farren J. Kaner



Sanctuary Lights in the Church
will burn this week for
Special Intentions and Blessings
in the New Year

Sanctuary Lights in the Chapel
will burn this week in memory of
Graciela Maria Rodriguez

PRAYER REQUESTS

ST. PIUS X PRAYER LINE

We must never underestimate the power of prayer! Email your petitions and/or thanksgivings to Pat Heile, anytime, at stpiusxprayerln@aol.com.

“Sing a new song to the Lord,
for he has done marvelous deeds.
His right hand and holy arm
have won victory.”
— Psalm 98:1



STEWARDSHIP INSPIRATION

The Gospel today says that, having found the infant Jesus, the shepherds returned to their work, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen. We, too, have seen and celebrated the mystery of the Word made flesh. Will we follow their example when we return to work tomorrow?

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Due to an early print deadline for the Bulletin, Offertory Totals for the weekends of Sunday, December 25 will be reported in next weekend's Bulletin.

- December 18, 2022 Weekend Offertory: \$12,397
- 2021 Weekend Offering: \$17,437
- Mission Offering: \$82
- Monthly Offering: \$1,116
- Votives (Church & Chapel) Offering: \$522

SEE PAGE 5 FOR AN UPDATE ON OUR ANNUAL APPEAL.

Sign up for Online Giving:
www.st-pius.org/onlinegive



FRIDAY ROSARY

Come pray the rosary following the **8:30AM Mass, Fridays, in the Church**. After the rosary, Pat Heile will lead the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. Thank you to Pat for her dedication and service. All are welcome to attend!



PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Parish Office is open **9AM-4PM, Monday-Thursday** and **9AM-12Noon, Friday**. The staff works remotely when not in the office so you can email them anytime. Thank you and we look forward to seeing you!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we begin a new calendar year, I would like to share some words of thanks. First, thank you to all who made our celebration of the Nativity of the Lord so beautiful. I am grateful for our beautiful Christmas pageant and all who organized and prepared for it. Our Advent Giving Tree was a wonderful opportunity to care for our neighbors in need, and it was made possible by the hard work and organization of Doug and Cathy Van Tornhout and Ray and Ramona de Castro – thank you! To our church decorating team, our schola, our servers, our readers, our ushers, and everyone who helped to make our liturgical celebrations, especially on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, so beautiful, thank you! A very special thank you to all who volunteer here at St. Pius throughout the year, whether in a liturgical role, as catechists for our students, or with helping hands to organize community events. Finally, a word of thanks to the St. Pius X Parish staff, without whom I cannot imagine caring for this community.

With the New Year, we also have some new beginnings in the Parish Office. Terri Dawes, after nearly 20 years as our parish administrative assistant, wants a little more free time and asked to move to part time as our front desk receptionist. For me, this was easy to accommodate as we get to keep Terri with us just in a different capacity! As we know, Terri is as much a part of St. Pius X as anything or anyone. She was already hard at work here when I came as a seminarian in the summer of 2006, and she has been a truly devoted servant to our parish in all the years since. Hers is often the first voice you hear when you call, the first face you see when you come into the office. She has helped countless families arrange funerals and baptisms. Over the years, Terri has answered questions about Christmas or Easter Mass for days leading up to those holidays, and always with patience and kindness. Through her hard work, Terri has kept our office well organized and has made countless behind-the-scenes things function smoothly for the good of the whole parish. I am especially grateful to Terri for being a listening ear to many of my worst ideas and a few of the good ones. Her advice is invaluable. Most importantly, Terri's kindness and wisdom flow from a life of sincere prayer. You will continue to find her, most days, sitting in the neighborhood of the 10th Station of the Cross, for morning Mass. Thank you, Terri, for your many years of hard work and for staying on with us!

With Terri moving to the front desk, I am happy to welcome Cathy Coyle to the parish staff as our new parish administrative assistant. Cathy's past work experience with non-profits, as well as her past work here in our religious education office where she served as an assistant, will be a great asset as our parish staff continues to grow together in service to our parish community.

With the beginning of 2023, I find myself excited about the possibilities that God wants to open up for our community in this new year. I pray that all of us here may experience His grace and mercy more intensely each day, and we may be able to cooperate with and receive those blessings with gratitude. Thank you for being part of this parish community, for your prayers, and for all the ways that you allow God to work through you. Happy New Year!

Peace,

Fr. Sam



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Number 6:22-27
Second Reading: Galatians 4:4-7
The Gospel: Luke 2:16-21

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 1:19-28
Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:29-3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6; Jn 1:29-34
Wednesday: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9; Jn 1:35-42
Thursday: 1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Jn 1:43-51
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38 or Lk 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5-6a, 9b; Jn 2:1-11
Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12



CONGRATULATIONS!

We welcome these newly baptized children into our Family of Faith: Charlie Lynn Jenks.



MEMORIAL FOR OUR BELOVED DECEASED

As you pray, remember all deceased parishioners, and especially those recently deceased: Joseph Walsh, Robin Seymour, and Jerry Padula.



ST. PIUS X MEN'S FELLOWSHIP GROUP

Our weekly men's fellowship group meets **6:30AM, Saturday mornings in the Community Room**. Join the men of the parish for prayer, conversation, and fellowship! For more information, contact Mark Drexel at drexel2424@optonline.net. We look forward to welcoming you in!



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

We wish you health, happiness, and all God's blessings as we leap into a New Year!

A New Year Prayer

Lord, You make all things new.
You bring hope alive in our hearts and cause our spirits to be born again.
Thank you for this new year and all the potential it holds.
Come and kindle in us a mighty flame so that in our time, many will see the wonders of God and praise Your glorious name.
Amen

"See, I am doing something new!
Now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?"
—Isaiah 43:19



NEW YEAR'S DAY MESSAGE

"The year will be good in the measure that each one of us, with the help of God, seeks to do good... day after day."—Pope Francis



SOLEMNITY OF MARY—JANUARY 1, 2022

On this holy feast day, and as we start the new year, take a moment to pause and reflect on the Blessed Mother who said "yes" to God. Mary's "yes," should inspire us all to be open, courageous, and filled with faith.

January 1, 2023: Mary Mother of God
"And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart."—Luke 2:19



ST. PIUS X ANNUAL APPEAL NEEDS YOU

Donated to Date: \$114,700
of Donors: 217 out of 2,300+

This Year's Needs:
 \$275,000 for School building renovations
 \$1.2 Million to pay off construction loan

We're facing some very important financial challenges. Your gift, **no matter the size, will make a difference**.

- Our 60-year-old school building is used daily by parish students in faith formation/youth ministry and is also a source of income. Keeping it well maintained ensures it remains safe and is an attractive rental option for the community. Specific repairs/updates to the building are **approx. \$275,000**.
- We need to pay off our **\$1,215,700** bank loan related to the renovation of the church. While we continue to collect pledges from the We Stand with Christ Campaign, some pledges will not be redeemed as financial situations have changed, some have moved, and some have passed to their eternal reward.

We humbly ask ALL families to donate in some way.

TWO WAYS TO DONATE:

- **Online** at www.st-pius.org/onlinegive
- **Mail or Drop in Offertory** a check and put ANNUAL APPEAL in the memo

THANK YOU!



YOUNG AT HEART SENIORS LUNCHEONS

12Noon in the Community Room

• **January 9:** Lunch and fellowship with some music! Lunch is \$7 for sandwiches, chips, and beverages.
RSVP REQUIRED: Peter Carey
 at aandp1964@aol.com or 203-673-2081.

★ GAME DAY ★

YOUNG AT HEART SENIORS GAME DAY

Join us at **Young at Heart Seniors Game Day** to enjoy a variety of games or just come to meet new friends and have fellowship and conversation. See you in the Community Room **10AM-12Noon, on Tuesdays**. Questions? Contact **Margaret** at blk125@msn.com or **908-399-2945**. Stop by and check it out!

Adoration
 of the
 Blessed Sacrament



FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION: JANUARY 6

Visit the Chapel of Mary, Mother of God for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, **First Friday of every month (9AM-9PM.)** Spend time praying and reflecting in the presence of the Lord. This is a beautiful way to pause, be still, and connect with the Lord. Volunteer to sit in the Chapel and "keep watch" in one-hour increments, sign-up online via the email you receive.

WEEKLY ADORATION: TUESDAYS

Come spend some time with the Lord each week! Eucharistic Adoration is held **every Tuesday, 8PM-9PM**, in the **Church**. This is a wonderful way to take time away from the chaos of the world, quiet your mind, pray, and deepen your connection with the Lord.



FOOTBALL, BROTHERHOOD, AND FAITH

Sponsored by K of C Council 16347

All men are welcome to attend a meeting **7:30PM, January 11 in the Community Room** for a video presentation on Football, Brotherhood & Faith. Join us as we watch a powerful video and learn from the pros:

- Super Bowl Champ New Orleans Saints Coach Joe Lombardi (Grandson of Vince Lombardi)
- Super Bowl Champ New York Giants Offensive Coordinator Kevin Gilbride
- Kansas City Chief Top Kicker Harrison Butcher

Come early and say the rosary with us at 7:15PM.

"See, I am creating new heavens and a new earth; The former things shall not be remembered nor come to mind.

Instead, shout for joy and be glad forever in what I am creating."

—Isaiah 65:17-18



FAIRFIELD LIFE TEEN + EDGE STUDENT MINISTRIES

Fairfield Life Teen and Edge invites high school and middle school students in the local area into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Life Teen (High School Ministry) and Edge (Middle School Ministry) are hosted at St. Pius X and open to anyone one at any church. The mission of Fairfield Life Teen + Edge is to provide a space for students to rest, make new friends, and be reminded of God's love for them through the gift of their Catholic faith.

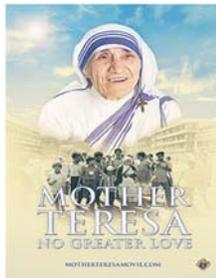
Join us for our Winter Kick-Offs:

- Life Teen: Sunday, January 8, 6:30-8pm
- Edge: Wednesday, January 11, 6:30-8pm

FAIRFIELD LIFE TEEN + EDGE CORE TEAM

We need adult volunteers to be a part of our CORE teams for both our middle and high school ministries. CORE team members are essential in making Fairfield Life Teen + Edge a safe and welcoming environment where the teens are SEEN, KNOWN, and LOVED. They attend our weekly Life/Edge Nights, as well as planning meetings 2-3 times per semester. We are looking for adults to help with the following at the Life/Edge Nights: • Set-up/clean-up • Lead opening/closing prayer • Prepare and give a short teaching on the topic for the night • Lead small groups • BE PRESENT with the teens.

For more info, visit www.fairfieldlt.com or contact Emily Rauser at erauser@st-pius.org.



FREE MOVIE NIGHT: MOTHER TERESA

All are invited to join us at **7:30PM, January 25 in the Community Room** for a free movie: Mother Teresa, No Greater Love, sponsored by Knights of Columbus St. Pius X Council 16347. Twenty-five years have passed since the death of Mother Teresa of Calcutta, sparking a renewed interest in this spiritual giant of the 20th century. Filmed on five continents and featuring unprecedented access to both institutional archives and the apostolates of the Missionaries of Charity, this film reveals not just who Mother Teresa was, but how her singular vision to serve Christ in the poor continues to be realized through the Missionaries of Charity today. This is far more than a documentary film. It is at once a soaring tribute to a spiritual icon, a powerful witness of authentic Christian charity, and a guidepost for all who seek hope in our turbulent times.



ST. PIUS X MASS LIVESTREAM INFO

- Mass Livestream: 8:30AM, Daily Mass and 11AM, Sunday Mass (posted on our Facebook and YouTube.)
- Follow us on Facebook/Instagram @st.piusx_church
- Like us and subscribe to St. Pius X on YouTube



ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS WEEKLY MEN'S BEGINNER/SPEAKERS MEETING AT ST. PIUS

Park City Men's Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) Beginners/Speakers Meeting, **7PM-8PM, Tuesdays, 2nd floor classroom, Religious Education Center (School.)** Enter via **left side exterior Door #2**. Meeting is **open to any man** seeking help with alcohol. The only requirement is a desire to stop drinking. If you, or someone you know, are trying to get help, stop by, or share this information.



SAFE ENVIRONMENT: PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN AWARENESS TRAINING

All parishioners of St Pius X Parish who volunteer within the parish **must enroll** in the Diocesan-mandated Safe Environment: Protecting God's Children Awareness Training Program. To register for an upcoming training session, visit the Virtus website at www.virtus.org/virtus or call Erin Neil at 203-416-1406. Once you've completed your training, St. Pius X will receive your certificate of completion. Thank you!





GIVING AT ST. PIUS X

There are many ways to give to our beautiful parish—the easiest and safest way is Online Giving.

Get started today or take a minute to review your scheduled donations.

“Give and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you.”

—Luke 6:38

Benefits of Online Giving

- Safe and secure.
- You control the amount and timing and can change at any time.
- No more writing checks or handling cash.



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Questions? Call the Parish Office at 203-255-6134