



ST. PIUS X PARISH

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Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 4, 2024

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MASS TIMES

Daily 8:30AM, Monday-Saturday, Church
Monday 7PM, Extraordinary Form, Chapel
Saturday 5:15PM, Vigil Mass, Church
Sunday 7:30AM, 9AM, 11AM, Church

Holy Days

Vigil 5:30PM, Church
Holy Day 8:30AM, 5:30PM, Church

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation

Saturday, 4-5PM, Church
Wednesday, 7-8PM, Church

Baptism

Pre-baptismal classes are on the first Sunday of every month. Call the Parish Office to register for the class and to schedule your child's baptism.

Marriage

Registered parishioners should make arrangements one year in advance with the Parish Office. Visit www.st-pius.org for more information or call the Parish Office.

Communion for the Homebound

If you or a loved one would like to receive Communion at home, contact Deacon Don Ross at dnross@diobpt.org.

Anointing of the Sick

If you or someone you know is ill and would like to be anointed, call the Parish Office.

Becoming Catholic

The Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA) is open to anyone who wants to learn more about our faith or complete their initiation as a Roman Catholic. Call the Parish Office for more information.

PARISH INFORMATION

Summer Office Hours Monday-Thursday, 9AM-4PM
Friday, closed with staff
available by email until 12PM

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Parish Corporation

Kathryn Vogt Lay Member
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Pastor's Note

Today's

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Readings

1st Reading:

Ex 16:2-4,
12-15

Res. Psalm:

78:3-4, 23-24,
25, 54

2nd Reading:

Eph 4:17,
20-24

Gospel:

Jn 6:24-35

Promised Land. And while that manna did come down to them from heaven, it only filled their bellies and nourished their body. Christ is revealing to them the greater revelation from God that he wishes to give us the gift of himself as the Bread of Life that nourishes the soul.

Jesus gives mention that the "Son of Man" will provide this food for eternal life, and it is upon him that "God has set his seal." "Son of Man" is another name or title of Jesus, and this understanding of "God's seal" is quite important, for all of us have experienced it. It is a symbol very close to that of anointing, indicating a permanent effect. The indelible "mark" or "character" that the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Orders leave on the recipient is called a "seal". Who knows what a soul would physically look like, but we know that those who have been sealed with an indelible mark will be different than those who have not. The seal of the Holy Spirit marks us for Christ, as belonging to to him, being strengthened by him, and being

committed to his service. Perhaps not the most beautiful analogy, but we the baptized have had our souls branded with the indelible mark of Christ. We are his, the sheep of his flock.

Jesus urges the people to not work for food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life. It is a parallel message we hear elsewhere in the Gospels; we do not fear that which kills the body, but that which kills the soul. The fact of our existence is that we are made up of both a body and a soul. We are not entirely one or the other, we are both. Even Aristotle understood this and described it as hylomorphism. Without getting too bogged down in Aristotelian metaphysics, we are made up of body and soul, and it is the fall of Adam and Eve, that original sin that has put them at odds with each other. We are so frequently tempted in the body toward activities or objects that are unhealthy for our soul. That disunity is meant to be overcome through Christ who has come to save us from our sin. He alone feeds body and soul, as he reveals himself as the bread come down from heaven. He is the Bread of Life. With what else would we rather be nourished?

This Gospel scene ends with Jesus declaring himself as the Bread of Life. We will see the response from the crowds. This becomes a point of demarcation for those who accept this message and those who deny it. The rift exists to this day. Praise God for every opportunity we have to worship, adore, and receive the Bread of Life.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Brendan

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 3

8:30AM.....+Clara Markovich.....Di Stassio Family

5:15PM.....+Teri Carr.....M. & H. Gleason

Sunday, August 4

7:30AM.....+Meghan Ravies.....B. & B. Scinto

9AM.....All Parishioners

11AM.....+Marjorie & Boniface D’Cunha

Monday, August 5

8:30AM.....+Jose Gomes.....F. Gomes & Family

7PM.....+Monika & Sidney Tobias.....T. DeJesus

Tuesday, August 6

8:30AM.....+Nicholas & Anne Fabian

Wednesday, August 7

8:30AM.....+Valerie Anne Coleman....McIntosh Family

Thursday, August 8

8:30AM.....+Antoinette Patti.....G. Rodriguez

Friday, August 9

8:30AM.....+Rosemarie Burke.....Lynch Family

Saturday, August 10

8:30AM..Thomas Matthew Coletti & Family Special Intentions

5:15PM.....All Parishioners

Sunday, August 11

7:30AM.....+Marie Guman.....B. Guman

9AM.....+Lyn Klein & Jane Martin.....Klein/Martin Family

11AM.....+Larry Dunn.....Carpanzano Family



Sanctuary Lights will burn

in the church for all priests and bishops
in the chapel for all those discerning their vocations

STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Offertory

Offerings	July 21	July 28
Weekend	\$ 11,147	\$ 10,366
Monthly	\$ 341	\$ 415
Maintenance	\$ 280	\$ 195
Votive Candles	N/A	\$ 425
Co-Op Mission	\$ 4,900	\$ 561



We Stand With Christ Construction Loan

\$ 750,000 Outstanding Loan

\$ 77,702 Donated

146 Number of Gifts

To give to the WSWC Construction Loan, scan the QR code, drop a check in the Sunday basket with Construction Loan in the memo or visit www.osvhub.com/st-piusfairfield/giving/funds and choose gift.



CONSTRUCTION
LOAN



Baptisms

We welcome the newly baptized into the Church:

- Carlo Vincenzo Gisolfi
- Nina Evelyn McDermott
- Delilah Rae Oakes

FRI

9

Young Adult Adoration & Bonfire

AUG

SUN

11

Coffee Hour, After 9AM Mass, Community Room

AUG

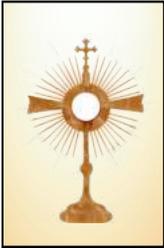
SAT/SUN

24/25

St. Pius X Feast Day Celebrated

AUG

PRAYER



ADORATION

Monday, 9AM - Friday, 9PM, Chapel

Adore our Lord truly present in the Blessed Sacrament! Consider signing up for:

- 1) Any hour with no adorer
 - Monday: 11PM
 - Tuesday: 12AM, 2PM, 4PM
 - Wednesday: 4AM, 8AM, 3PM
 - Thursday: 12AM, 2AM, 3AM, 5AM, 10AM
 - Friday: 1AM, 12PM
- 2) Any hour that has an adorer as we hope to have at least two adorers for each time slot.
- 3) A weekend hour. As soon as we have enough weekend commitments we will launch Perpetual Adoration, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

To sign up or to become a substitute visit www.st-pius.org/adore365/ or scan the QR code.



ROSARY AND CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY

Friday, 9AM, Church

Come pray the Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy lead by Pat Heile. All are welcome to attend!

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION

First Saturday, 9AM, Church

Join us for a devotion to Our Lady. We will pray the Rosary, Litany of Loreto, and follow with Benediction.



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. If you'd like to pray for others, let Pat know and she will add you to the Prayer Line Team.

EVENTS



ST. PIUS X FEAST DAY

August 24/25, After All Masses

To celebrate our patron saint's feast day, Saugatuck Sweets is dishing out a free scoop of ice cream to parishioners after every Mass. The party continues after the 9AM Mass with Coffee Hour in the Community Room. If you'd like to help scoop ice cream, email Cathy Coyle at ccoyle@st-pius.org.



ST. PIUS X LUXURY RAFFLE - LAST FEW WEEKS TO BUY TICKETS

Saturday, September 14, 8PM, Drawing at SPX

Take a chance on winning a 2024 BMW X5 SUV and other amazing prizes! For tickets, visit tinyurl.com/spxluxuryraffle, scan the code. You've got to be in it, to win it! All proceeds benefit the St. Pius X Construction Loan and Knights of Columbus Council # 16347 outreach efforts. Email Paul Sposato at psposato@optonline.net with questions.



EVENTS



ST. PIUS X BLOCK PARTY

Saturday, September 14, After the 5:15PM Mass

Pizza Truck | Ministry Fair | Games | DJ

Enjoy a night of fun with your family while you discover all the good things happening at your parish. At 8PM, the winning tickets will be pulled for the Luxury Raffle!

MINISTRIES

COMMUNITY, SERVICE AND FORMATION



MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Saturday, 6:30AM, 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!



SUNDAY COFFEE HOUR

August 11, After 9AM Mass, Community Room

Come to the Community Room after the 9AM Mass for coffee and treats. If you would like to help with the hospitality, contact Genevieve Ritch at gfanelliritch@optonline.net or scan the QR code to contribute. All are welcome!



YOUNG AT HEART SENIOR LUNCHEON

Monday, August 5, 12PM, Community Room

Don't miss the 3rd annual Super Duper Weenie food truck lunch. Hot dogs, burgers, all condiments made from scratch, and fries made daily. Come enjoy a relaxing summertime lunch and fellowship with friends. Lunch \$13 CASH ONLY, payable to Super Duper Weenie and includes your choice of two items (dog and burger, two dogs, or two burgers) and fries. Beverages provided by St. Pius X. **RSVP required** to Peter Carey at aandp1964@aol.com or 203-673-2081. Bring a friend (or two!) See you there!



OPERATION HOPE MEAL PREP

Last Monday of the Month, Community Kitchen

Our Operation Hope Meal Prep Team would love for you to join them. You're invited to help prepare and deliver a monthly meal for 50 of Operation Hope's clients. If you're interested in cooking, donating food or cash to this effort, scan the QR Code or contact Genevieve Ritch at gfanelliritch@optonline.net.



YOUNG AT HEART GAME DAY

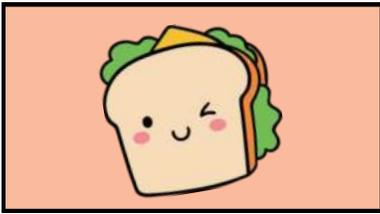
Tuesday, 10AM-12PM, Community Room, Mahjong

Wednesday, 10AM-12PM, Community Room, Canasta

Bring a friend and meet us in the Community Room. Learn how to play or just stop by for fellowship and conversation. Questions? Contact Margaret at blk125@msn.com or call her at 908-399-2945.

MINISTRIES

COMMUNITY, SERVICE AND FORMATION



ST. PIUS X SANDWICH MAKING

Wednesday, August 21, 7-8PM, Community Room & Kitchen

Join us this July as we continue making sandwiches for nOURish Bridgeport. We have most of the supplies we need but we could always use a few more granola bars and 8oz water bottles. If you're interested in donating items, setting up or making the lunches, please email stpiussandwichmaking@gmail.com. Thank you!



TASTEBUDS

Wednesday, August 21, 5-7PM, Community Room & Kitchen

Come to our Tastebuds gathering! Along with cooking demonstrations, we will review recipes, and enjoy the meal we created together. Our dinners may be paired with complimenting wines and beverages. The cost is \$15. Email catherinemacdonaldcake@gmail.com to RSVP and scan the QR code to pay.



SMALL GROUP LEADER WORKSHOP

Wednesday, August 28, 6:30-9PM, Community Room

God created us to be known and be in community. St. Pius X Small Groups provide the opportunity for us to experience both! If you are interested in leading a small group, visit, www.st-pius.org/smallgroups to apply for training or contact Paola Peña at ppena@st-pius.org.



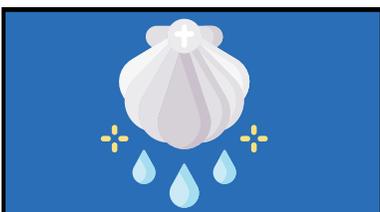
WALKING WITH PURPOSE

Thursday, October 3, 2024- January 30, 2025, 9:30-11:30AM

Rooted and Radiant. By studying the book of Colossians, we will realize the challenges the Colossians faced, are remarkably similar to our own challenges today.

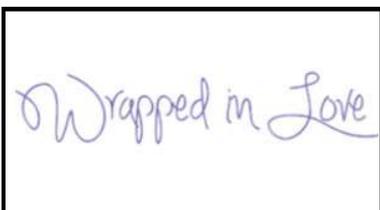
Thursdays, February 6, 2025 - May 8, 2025, 9:30-11:30AM

Passionate Discipleship. We will immerse ourselves in 2 Timothy, Paul's last and deeply personal letter to his beloved friend and mentee, Timothy. For more information, email dawnmariec@sbcglobal.net or visit www.st-pius.org/wwwp.



BAPTISMAL GARMENT MINISTRY

Every child baptized at St. Pius X receives a handmade baptismal garment that is lovingly created by this ministry. If you enjoy simple sewing and embroidery, email Eleanor Burke profefurke@optonline.net and join their efforts.



WRAPPED IN LOVE

This group crochets and knits blankets for our newly baptized babies as well as prayer shawls for those who are ill. Each stitch is infused with the crafter's prayers for the recipients. Once completed, the items are blessed by Fr. Brendan. If you would like to help with this ministry, contact Kim Leon at kleon@st-pius.org. We provide the yarn.

Elementary Faith Formation

2024-2025 REGISTRATION INFORMATION

GRADE	OPTION(S) AVAILABLE
1	At-home only. Weekly lessons from My Catholic Faith Delivered
2	First Reconciliation & First Communion Preparation. In-person only. Classes offered Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday from 4:30pm-5:30pm.
3	In-person only. Classes offered Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday from 4:30pm-5:30pm.
4	In-person only. Classes offered Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday from 4:30pm-5:30pm.
5	In-person only. Classes offered Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday from 4:30pm-5:30pm.
6	Confirmation Preparation. In-person only. Offered on Mondays from 4:30pm-5:30pm for 14 consecutive weeks. Monthly Edge Youth Ministry attendance required.

REGISTRATION DEADLINES & START DATES

Cohort 1 Confirmation Prep Deadline:

Friday, August 9

Grades 1-5 and Cohort 2 Deadline:

Monday, September 23

Start Dates

Grades 1-5

October 7, 2024

Confirmation Prep Cohort 1

September 9, 2024

Confirmation Prep Cohort 2

January 13, 2025



7 SESSIONS | \$75 PER COUPLE
VIDEOS + DISCUSSION
PRAYER + FELLOWSHIP

SERIES ONE
 Family, a Domestic Church

The first of seven series, couples will have the opportunity to participate in up to seven years of ongoing formation within their small communities.




HIGHLIGHTS

- A **meal** and time for **fellowship**
- **Short, compelling videos**
- Discussion facilitated by **Host Couple**
- A **Bring it Home** component that translates learning into living
- **Available for Spanish-speaking couples** through translated materials and captioned videos



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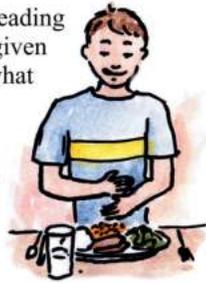
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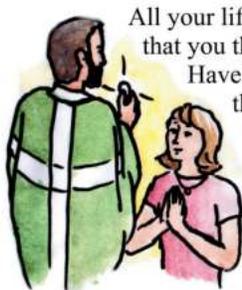
For more information, contact Paola Pena at ppena@st-pius.org

We are Hungry for Jesus

The people in today's Gospel reading followed Jesus because He had given them bread. He told them that what they really needed was not just ordinary food, but the food that God would give them. And that was Jesus Himself, the Bread of Life!

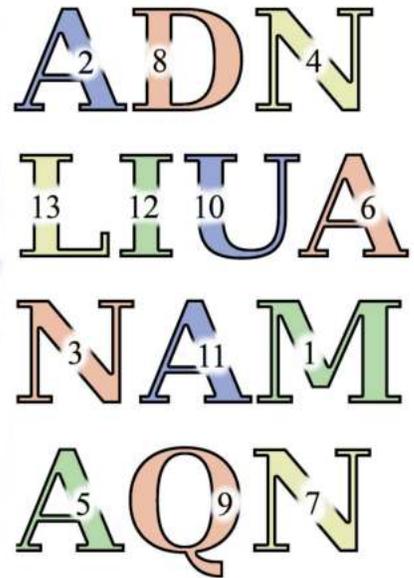


Have you ever been hungry? You know you need food and you want to eat. But did you know that your soul can be hungry too? The food for our souls is Jesus. We receive Him in Holy Communion. Just like our bodies need food to stay alive, our souls need God.



All your life there are things you want that you think will make you happy. Have you ever gotten something that you really wanted? It probably made you really happy for a while. But we can only be really satisfied if we have God living in us.

Answer to the front page: Manna and quail. Answers to word puzzle: ate, food, life, we, God.



Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15

In today's first reading the people of Israel were starving in the desert. When Moses prayed to God He sent them food. What was it? Sort out the letters by their numbers to find out!

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13

Saint Jean Marie Vianney August 4

JEAN MARIE VIANNEY WAS BORN IN 1786 IN FRANCE. WHEN HE WAS YOUNG HE LOOKED AFTER HIS FATHER'S SHEEP. HE LOVED TO PRAY OFTEN.

WHEN HE WAS 20 HE BEGAN HIS STUDIES TO BECOME A PRIEST, BUT HE HAD A HARD TIME LEARNING.

AT HIS FINAL EXAM HE WAS SO UPSET HE CRIED IN FRONT OF THE TEACHERS.

I don't have time for Mass. JEAN WAS ORDAINED AND SENT TO ARS, WHERE MOST PEOPLE DIDN'T GO TO MASS.

FATHER JEAN PRAYED AND SACRIFICED FOR HIS PEOPLE TO CHANGE. Have mercy on my people, Lord!

GRADUALLY THE PEOPLE CAME BACK TO CHURCH, STOPPED SWEARING AND STOPPED WORKING ON SUNDAY. Found time for Mass? Yeah, Father is right.

Bless me, Father... I haven't confessed in 40 years... HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE BEGAN COMING FROM EVERYWHERE TO GO TO CONFESSION TO FR. JEAN. HE HELPED MANY TO COME BACK TO GOD. HE WORKED IN ARS FOR 42 YEARS.

SAINT JEAN MARIE VIANNEY OFTEN SPENT 16 HOURS A DAY HEARING CONFESSIONS. THINK OF HOW MANY PEOPLE HE HELPED COME BACK TO GOD, EVEN THOUGH HE WAS NOT VERY GOOD IN SCHOOL. IS THERE SOMETHING YOU FIND HARD TO DO? DON'T LET IT STOP YOU FROM BRINGING PEOPLE TO GOD!

God Provides Bread word puzzle

John 6 24-35

Fill in the missing words. Use the letters in boxes to fill in the blanks at the bottom.

The people came looking for Jesus after the miracle of the loaves and fishes. Jesus said to them, "You are only looking for me because you the loaves and were filled. Don't work for food that perishes but for the that lasts for eternal .

The people asked, "What can do to do the works of ?" Jesus said to them, "This is the work of God, that you in the one he sent." So they asked him, "What can you show us so that we can believe in you? Our ancestors ate manna in the desert, like it is written in the Scriptures, "He gave them bread from Heaven to eat." So said to them, "It was not Moses who gave you bread from Heaven; my gives you the true bread from Heaven. The bread of God comes down from Heaven and gives life to the .

So the people said to Jesus, "Sir, give us this always!"

Jesus said to them, "I am the

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11



SCUBA AT VBS 2024



Thank you Kerry Sweeney & all our volunteers for making VBS possible!