



ST. PIUS X PARISH

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Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 11, 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
Parish Phone	203-255-6134
Religious Education	203-259-4800
Parish Email	secretary@st-pius.org

Parish Corporation

Kathryn Vogt	Lay Member
Arthur Wolf	Lay Member
Jeremy Joyce, Chair	Parish Finance Council

Art Credit: Poussin, Nicolas. *The Assumption of the Virgin*. c. 1630/1632, Oil on Canvas, National Gallery of Art, Washington DC.



Pastor's Note

Today's Readings

1st Reading:

1 Kgs 19:4-8

Res. Psalm:

34:2-3, 4-5,
6-7, 8-9

2nd Reading:

Eph 4:30-5:2

Gospel:

Jn 6:41-51

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Evangelist John continues on in his sixth chapter, and we find ourselves in the midst of the "Bread of Life discourse." Delving deeper and deeper in the mystery of the Eucharist that Christ is revealing before them, our Lord speaks quite plainly. Building upon the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves, he revealed that he is the Bread of Life who has come down from heaven to nourish us in faith, hope, and love, whereby we share more profoundly in the life of Christ. We understand the definition of grace as God's life within us, when we are in the 'state of grace' God is fully alive in us and we are united with him. It is the penalty and effect of mortal sin that ruptures that relationship and removes us from the 'state of grace' into the state of sin. We share in the life of Christ when we frequent his sacraments, to distance ourselves from those fonts of grace, namely Confession and the Eucharist, we distance ourselves from Christ. To put it plainly for us all, holiness and effective witness of the Gospel requires an ardent love of and frequent reception of the Eucharist.

This Bread of Life discourse reveals a new dimension of Jesus to this crowd following him. And this message carries an immense weight that almost demands of its recipients a thorough acceptance or rejection. Wholeheartedly, and in its entirety, we either believe these words to be true and trust that Christ is not deceiving us, or we reject this message which is to reject the person of Jesus Christ.

Jesus uses the direct description of, "I AM" repeatedly in this gospel. "I AM the bread of life." "I AM the bread that came down from heaven." While this is descriptive, it is also filled with authority. The way in which Christ is speaking of himself is directly meant to invoke the profound title of God that was revealed to Moses in the burning bush in Exodus 3:14. "I AM WHO I AM." While that may seem like the Almighty is not fully identifying himself (or trying to quote Popeye) it means "I AM existence itself", "I AM the very act of being." In the Gospel of John, Christ is employing the same phraseology by using the emphatic Greek "Ego eimi" (ἐγώ εἰμι) "I AM", as used by God in the burning bush. This is used almost as a name rather than a verb. When Christ declares "I AM" it carries such a heft of importance and distinction that cannot be overlooked.

While identifying himself as "the Bread of Life" Christ points toward the future, "The bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world." The use of the future tense by Christ points to the Redemption of the Cross and the institution of the Eucharist at the Last Supper. Through Christ's Paschal Mystery, his Passion, death, and Resurrection, redemption is offered for all of humanity. The holiness affected by the Eucharist brings life to the world. St. Padre Pio summarizes all of this theology and exegesis very effectively, "It would be easier for the world to survive without the sun than to do so without the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass."

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Brendan

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 10

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

5:15PM.....All Parishioners

Sunday, August 11

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

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

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

Monday, August 12

8:30AM.....+Larry G. Dunn.....E. Rauser

7PM.....+Ann Akel & Julio DeJesus.....T. DeJesus

Tuesday, August 13

8:30AM.....+Margaret Lori.....J. & J. Myers

Wednesday, August 14

8:30AM.....+Lillian, Gregory & Greg Patti

5:30PM.....All Parishioners

Thursday, August 15

8:30AM.....All Parishioners

5:30PM.....All Parishioners

Friday, August 16

8:30AM.....+Antoinette Patti.....K. Flynn

Saturday, August 17

8:30AM+Patricia Anthony.....Steinborn Family

5:15PM.....+Euly Meneses Cardozo...Lehmann Family

Sunday, August 18

7:30AM.....+Marion Mackie.....S. & R. Kremheller

9AM.....+Edward Mitola.....Mitola Family

11AM.....All Parishioners

STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Offertory

Offerings	July 21	July 28
Weekend	\$ 11,147	\$ 12,180
Monthly	\$ 341	\$ 1,605
Maintenance	\$ 280	\$ 321



We Stand With Christ Construction Loan

\$ 750,000 Outstanding Loan

\$ 78,507 Donated

150 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



Sanctuary Lights will burn

in the church for the Assumption of Our Lady
in the chapel for Larry Dunn



Baptisms

We welcome the newly baptized into the Church:

- Finn Gorton Silva
- James Carl Silva

SUN

11
AUG

Coffee Hour, After 9AM Mass, Community Room

THURS

15
AUG

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

SAT/SUN

24/25
AUG

St. Pius X Feast Day Celebrated

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION



Reni, Guido. *The Assumption of the Virgin Mary*. Circa 1597.

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Thursday, August 15

Masses:

Wednesday Vigil-5:30PM

Thursday-8:30AM, 5:30PM

“Finally, the Immaculate Virgin, preserved free from all stain of original sin, when the course of her earthly life was finished, was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory, and exalted by the Lord as Queen over all things, so that she might be more fully conformed to her Son, the Lord of lords and conqueror of sin and death” (Pope Pius XII, *Munificentissimus Deus*).

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, 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, or 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.



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!



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION OPEN!

Registration Deadlines

Friday, August 9 - Cohort 1 Confirmation Prep

Monday, September 23 - Grades 1-5 and Cohort 2 Confirmation Prep

For class offerings and start dates, visit www.st-pius.org/elementary-faith-formation/. Contact Shari Mellinger at sgarcia@st-pius.org or call the Parish Office at 203-255-6134 with questions.



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 hospitality, contact Genevieve Ritch at gfanelliritch@optonline.net or scan the QR code to contribute. All are welcome!



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OPERATION HOPE MEAL PREP

Last Monday of the Month, Community Kitchen

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.



ST. PIUS X SANDWICH MAKING

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

Join us this August as we continue making sandwiches for nOURish Bridgeport. We have all the supplies we need for this month. We just need volunteers to help set up, clean up and make sandwiches. Email stpiussandwichmaking@gmail.com if interested. 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

Wednesday, October 2, 2024 - January 29, 2025, 6:30-8PM OR

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/womens-groups/.

YOUNG @ HEART SUMMER FUN!



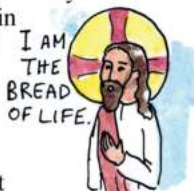
BELIEVING IN JESUS

JESUS DIDN'T
COME FROM
HEAVEN...



In today's Gospel reading some people were grumbling about Jesus when He said that He had come down from Heaven. They thought they knew who He was because they knew His family on earth, and they didn't want to listen to what He was saying.

Jesus told the people that He really is from Heaven - and He is the way to Heaven. He gives us His Body and Blood in Holy Communion. He is the food that our souls need to stay alive and get to Heaven.



Sometimes people around you might not believe in Jesus or what

WHO BELIEVES
IN JESUS NOW?



I STILL
BELIEVE
IN JESUS.

He says. If that happens, remember to trust Jesus. Even in His own time some people didn't believe in Him. But Jesus has given us faith to believe in Him and wants us to be happy with Him forever in Heaven!

Answers to Word-Find: Queen of my Heart
Answer to front page: He who believes has eternal life.



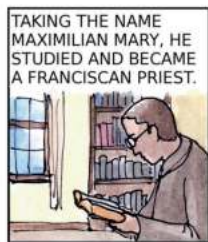
Jesus told the people that He was the Bread of Life. The people were confused and wondered what He was talking about. So He explained again, and told them this:

"-----"

(Use all the letters that you pass in the maze to fill in the blanks and find out what Jesus said) John 6:41-51

ST. MAXIMILIAN MARY KOLBE

FEAST DAY, AUGUST 14



ST. MAXIMILIAN KNEW THAT DOING EVERYTHING FOR GOD WAS THE MOST IMPORTANT THING. HE HELPED PEOPLE TO COME TO GOD THROUGH MARY, AND WHEN THE NAZIS WERE WORKING AGAINST GOD HE RISKED HIS LIFE TO TELL PEOPLE THE TRUTH. ARE YOU COURAGEOUS ENOUGH TO ALWAYS TELL THE TRUTH?

Queen of Heaven Word-Find

Find the words in CAPITALS and use the letters left over to fill in the blanks at the end.



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QQULEEJAA
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AHRYOURIH
TELISTENE
BLESSEDTT
APOSTLESS

When Our Lady's life was over, JESUS took her, body and soul, into HEAVEN. There He honours her as the Queen of Heaven and EARTH. She is the most PERFECT of all the SAINTS. MARY is the QUEEN of the APOSTLES, MARTYRS and PROPHETS. She rules beside her Son Jesus on His THRONE in Heaven.

But Our BLESSED MOTHER does not forget us. She is full of LOVE and CARES for us, and will always LISTEN when we PRAY to her. She is OUR greatest HELP and prays to God for us.

Here is a name that you can give Our LADY to remember how much she loves you:



ST. PIUS X 2024 Luxury Raffle

ONLY A FEW
WEEKS LEFT TO
BUY TICKETS!



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #16347

1st Prize: 2024 BMW X5 Midsize SUV

PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT ST. PIUS X CONSTRUCTION LOAN
& KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #16347 CHARITABLE OUTREACH

2nd Prize

\$10,000 AMEX Gift Card

3rd Prize

\$2,500 Grocery Card

4th Prize

\$2,000 Mobile Gas Card

Drawing

Sat., September 14, 2024
at 8:00 pm

*Ticket holder need not be
present to win*

TO PURCHASE TICKETS

- Scan the QR Code
- Visit tinyurl.com/spxluxuryraffle
- Mail form with payment to St. Pius X Church
- Email psposato@optonline.net or call 203-613-5520



SCAN ME



Name _____ # of Tickets _____ Total \$ _____

Address _____ Phone # _____

Email _____

Credit Card # _____ CVC # _____ Expires _____

MAIL CHECKS MADE OUT TO ST. PIUS X TO 834 BROOKSIDE DRIVE FAIRFIELD, CT 06824

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