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#### SUNDAY MASSES

4:30 p.m. (Sat.); 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

#### WEEKDAY AND HOLYDAY MASSES

Consult weekly bulletin.

#### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Parents must be registered members of the parish and must attend a workshop in preparation for Baptism. Call the rectory office to make arrangements.

#### SACRAMENT OF PENANCE (RECONCILIATION)

Saturdays 3:30 to 4:00 p.m. and by appointment.

#### SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Contact the parish priest at least 9 months in advance. One of the couple must be a registered member of the parish.

#### SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Saturdays following the 4:30 p.m. Mass or call the rectory.

#### COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND

Call the rectory if you are aware of anyone who is homebound.

#### BULLETIN DEADLINE

Monday, 9:00 a.m., in writing!

#### Hearing difficulties?

Please ask an usher for a Personal PA receiver.

## St. Pius X Blue Mass

In honor of all our Law Enforcement Officers, Firefighters and other First Responders, we will be having a Blue Mass to thank them for all the sacrifices they have made for us and our country. The Mass will be on Friday, September 9, 2016 at 9:00 am.





## *The Weekly Calendar*

### 23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

(†Mass Intention)

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4**

Missionary to celebrate Mass, Fr. Vincent Petersen

9:00 † The Parish

11:00 † Jim Smith by Denise Smith

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, LABOR DAY**8:15 † NO MASS/NO COMMUNION SERVICE  
OFFICES CLOSED**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6**

8:15 † Nicholas Taylor by the family

8:45 Tuesday Toasters

2:00 Rosary Makers (parish center)

7:00 K of C Meeting (parish center)

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, SCHOOL MASS**

8:15 † Beth Combetta by Dick &amp; Sue Combetta

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8**

8:15 Communion Service

7:00 Back to School parent meeting (church)

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, BLUE MASS**

9:00 † Terry Wells by Paul Wells

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10**

3:00 Confessions

3:30 Reconciliation Saturday (church)

4:30 † Carrie Tomasik by Bob &amp; Delores Comeau

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11**9:00 † Lucila Soriano by Ernesto & Clarinda Duterte  
and family

9:00 SAVE SUNDAY/CCD begins (library/school)

9:00 K of C/Youth Group Pancake Breakfast

9:45 CAFÉ

11:00 † The Parish

12:00 Confirmation informational meeting (church)

12:15 Sacrament of Reconciliation parent meeting  
(library/school)

6:00 NO Youth Group

**On Monday, September 5th, there will be No Mass,  
No Communion Service and No School. All Offices  
will be closed in observance of Labor Day**

**Altar Servers for September 10 & 11**

4:30 A VanCamp, N VanCamp, S VanCamp

9:00 D Mulligan, G Birmingham, M Hendrickson

11:00 G Taylor, M Knight, J Stephen

**Lectors and Commentators Sept 10 & 11**

4:30 J McAvoy

9:00 E Fitzgerald

11:00 P DuBois

**OUR WEEKLY COLLECTION**

Week of:	Aug 28, 2016	Year-to-Date
<b>Budgeted income</b>	\$ 13,452.88	\$ 121,075.92
<b>Actual income</b>	\$ 9,686.61	\$ 106,932.84
<b>Surplus (deficit)</b>	\$ (3,766.27)	\$ (14,143.08)

***Don Antonio's Dispatch.....***

Happy Labor Day Weekend! Though this weekend gives us the unofficial end of summer, our students at St. Pius X and Powers schools have already completed their first week of class. I hope all of you, away on vacation like me or on a "staycation" here, enjoy the long weekend. As a reminder, **there is no Mass Monday morning.**

As a people of faith, we look to Jesus to help us to understand labor. Jesus sanctified work by working with his foster-father, St. Joseph, as a carpenter. For most of Jesus' adult life, he was probably doing carpentry. It was only in His last three years that He began His public ministry. May God sanctify the work that we do with our hands and with our minds, and give us rest from our labors in the Kingdom of Heaven.

On Friday, 16 September we will begin Eucharistic Adoration on the third Friday of each month. Adoration will immediately follow the 8:15 am Mass, and will continue until 3 pm, at which time we will have benediction and reposition. Eucharistic Adoration, also known as Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, is a venerable tradition in the Church of extending the time of the Mass and being able to spend time with Jesus in the Eucharist.

Many parishes that are growing offer time of Adoration. Parishes that offer this tend to grow because when we spend time on our relationship with Jesus by spending time with Jesus in the Eucharist, we are transformed by our time with Jesus more and more into the saints that God wants us to be. St. John Vianney parish offers Eucharistic Adoration every first Friday, and we didn't want to duplicate what they had. There is also a Perpetual (every day) Adoration chapel in Burton. But this will be our parish's opportunity to spend time with the Lord.

We always need to have at least one person with the Blessed Sacrament at all times during Adoration. Sandy Shaker is working on having people commit to either one half hour or one hour with Jesus. If you are interested in spending time with Jesus, please contact Sandy. During your time of prayer you can pray in silence (I know I could use some silent time in my day!), pray the Stations of the Cross, pray a Rosary or a Divine Mercy Chaplet, or just talk to Jesus in your own words. I have also encouraged our teachers to bring their students to spend some time with Jesus, even if only 15 minutes. I hope that this is something which will help us to grow in our relationship with Jesus. We will definitely continue this practice through December, and for as long as people are able to commit to it. Again, contact Sandy Shaker or the parish office if you are interested in helping.

**"Annual Senior Day of Appreciation"—will be held on Tuesday, September 20, 2016 at St. John the Evangelist, 404 Dayton Street, Davison, MI 48423. Mass at 11:00 am with luncheon to follow. The cost of the ticket is \$8.50. Please contact Ron West for tickets. Ron attends 9:00 am Mass at St. Pius X if you would like to buy a ticket at that time, or you may call him at (810) 644-2075.**



# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Sunday Is  
God's Day  
"Save Sunday"

## ALL ARE WELCOME

Save Sunday - Sunday Catechesis for children and adults.

Adults: Bible study

Children: Traditional Catholic Education, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd and Catholic Challenge.



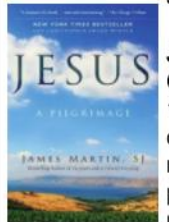
We're running out of time. We still need someone to teach our young children. If the Lord is nudging you, please call the office at 235-8574 and ask for Cindee. Classes begin September 11.



**Rite of Initiation for Adults** is for those desiring baptism in the Catholic Church; Formation begins on Sunday, September 18th. Call the office to register at 235-8574.



**Adult Bible Study:** It's going to be an exciting year studying Luke and the parables. Bible Study begins on September 25. If you are planning on joining the bible study, please call the church office and let us know. There are two times: 9:00 am to 10:45 am and 12:00 pm to 1:30 pm.



## Jesus: A Pilgrimage Chapter 2: Yes

1. The Annunciation is the first in-depth consideration of the miraculous in this book. The miracles are an essential part of Jesus's life, particularly his public ministry. If you remove the miracles, the framework of the gospels fall to

pieces. What place do miracles have in your conception of Jesus? 2. Mary is being "recovered" today not simply as the "Blessed Mother" but as Miriam of Nazareth, a young woman living in a backwater town. Is it easier to relate to the "Mother of God" or to the poor woman in Nazareth? 3. What have you said yes to God in the face of a confusing situation?

Reference: Questions from Online source-catholic.com

## OBSERVATION BOX

What is a missionary priest?

Who does he work for? Who does he help?

Do I need to help the missionary priest?

When can I help? How can I help him?

Do I know where the poor boxes are?

**Get your tickets! The Knights of Columbus** proudly present "Gangster's Ball" Dinner Theater at St. Pius X Parish to be held on Sunday, October 2, 2016 in the St. Pius X Parish Community Room. Doors open at 4:00 pm. Dinner starts at 5:00 pm. Cost for the play and dinner is \$20 per person. Tickets are now available for purchase in the church office. Thank you for your support!

## ALTAR CARE-Team 1

Ramona Ranville, Janet Graham,  
Pam Warren



## ST. PIUS X CATHOLIC SCHOOL FAITH MOVING FORWARD

Website: [www.spxparish.com](http://www.spxparish.com)

A lot has happened in the days and weeks since I last wrote a bulletin article. Most articles under my section were for job opportunities, and very little being said about our school. But, that doesn't mean *little* is happening in our school. We started a very big thing this week. We started the new school year and the kids are seeing a new priest for the first time. Sure they met Father Anthony last spring, but most kids can't remember what they did last night so for all intents and purposes this is their first time with him.

Father Anthony is doing a wonderful job with the children. He is visiting children in the classes and his first Mass with them was absolutely beautiful. I think it's easy for us as adults to view change and get ourselves all worked up over it. Change isn't easy for some adults, but it's remarkable how children adapt to change with such ease and with such an open heart. I am not trying to say that there is anything wrong with people resistant to change, but I am trying to bring light on the children and how they react to it.

Twenty-two years ago you welcomed me as a new parishioner when I came here with my then girlfriend, a parishioner her whole life. We were married here, had two children baptized here, and now I find myself beginning my ninth year as principal. I have loved every priest in our church and am excited to have Father Anthony as the leader of our school. Father Robert told me to "give him a chance", Monsignor Groshek told me to "not be resistant to change", and Jesus told me, "until you become like children..." Something tells me He knows what he's talking about.

Keep the Faith (1 Timothy 6:12)

R.J. Kaplan

Principal

**Confirmation/First Communion Meeting:** Those wishing to receive first communion/confirmation sacraments this school year, please attend the informational meetings on Sunday, September 11th after the 11:00 am Mass.

**Attention all parents of children who are planning to receive a sacrament for the first time during the 2017-2018 school year:** A new policy will begin starting now. Your child must either be enrolled in Catholic school **OR** be enrolled in religious education classes this year, 2016-2017 (the year before receiving the sacrament) in order to receive a sacrament the following year, 2017-2018.

**St. Pius X Parish**—Those interested in applying for the Director of Music here at St. Pius X parish can find more information at: [www.dioceseoflansing.org/employment](http://www.dioceseoflansing.org/employment)





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