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**PARISH MISSION STATEMENT:**

We, the community of St. Pius X in Flint rejoice in our communion with our bishop and brothers and sisters in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Lansing. Together, we worship, we teach, we serve.

**PARISH STAFF**

**Pastor:** Fr. Anthony J. Strouse  
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**PARISH PHONE NUMBERS**

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Powers Catholic	
High School	591-4741
E-Mail	spxparish@gmail.com
Prayer Warrior Ministry	(810) 235-8574

**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 3:00 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.

**Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Luke 16:19-31



The parable of the rich man and Lazarus again illustrates Luke's concern with Jesus' attitude toward the rich and the poor. The reversal of the fates of the rich man and Lazarus (Lk 16:22-23) illustrates the teachings of Jesus in Luke's "Sermon on the Plain" (Lk 6:20-21, 24-25).

REF: <http://www.usccb.org/bible/luke/16>



**SPECIAL EVENT:** Blessing of the Animals will be on Sunday, October 2 at 2:00 pm in front of church.



## The Weekly Calendar

### 26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

(†Mass Intention)

#### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

9:00 † Jane Milito by Neil and Nancy Frederick  
 9:00 SAVE SUNDAY/CCD (library/school)  
 9:00 RCIA begins (choir room)  
 9:00 Bible Study begins (library/school)  
 9:45 CAFÉ'  
 10:00 Catholic Challenge (church)  
 11:00 † The Parish  
 12:00 Bible Study begins (library/school)  
 12:30 **Lector training** (church)  
 6:00 Youth Group (youth room/comm room)

#### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

8:15 (no intention)  
 1:00 Altar Society meeting (parish center)

#### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

8:15 (no intention)  
 8:45 Tuesday Toasters  
 6:30 **Lector training** (church)

#### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, SCHOOL MASS

8:15 † Patricia May Grifka by Dan Grifka  
 10:30 Woodhaven Mass

#### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

8:15 Communion Service

#### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

8:15 (no intention)

#### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1

3:00 Confessions  
 4:30 † Memorial Association

#### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2

9:00 † Carolyn Snyder by SPX Food Pantry  
 9:00 SAVE SUNDAY/CCD (library/school)  
 9:00 Atrium 2 (convent)  
 9:00 Bible Study (library/school)  
 9:00 RCIA (choir room)  
 9:45 CAFÉ'  
 11:00 † The Parish  
 12:00 Bible Study (library/school)  
 2:00 **Blessing of Animals**, church parking lot  
 5:00 **K of C Dinner Theater** (comm room)  
 6:00 NO Youth Group

#### Altar Servers for October 1 & 2

4:30 Altar Servers for this weekend  
 9:00 will be contacted prior to  
 11:00 October 1 & 2



### OUR WEEKLY COLLECTION

Week of:	Sept 18, 2016	Year-to-Date
Budgeted income	\$ 13,452.88	\$ 161,434.56
Actual income	\$ 9,387.01	\$ 139,139.84
Surplus (deficit)	\$ (4,065.87)	\$ (22,294.72)



#### Lectors and Commentators October 1 & 2

4:30 C Marsh                      9:00 B Kessler  
 11:00 S Shaker

## Don Antonio's Dispatch.....

Happy Solemnity of the Anniversary of the Dedication of St. Pius X Church! Though it happened on 23 September 1956, I transferred the celebration to this weekend so that more people could celebrate. The anniversary of the dedication of a building is a more important liturgical celebration than almost any other celebration throughout the year (except Easter, Holy Week, and Christmas, among others). It is a great chance to recall and rejoice in the fact that the People of God in our parish have a place to worship and encounter God. We have special readings this weekend (1 Kings 8:22-23, 27-30; Psalm 84:3, 4, 5, 10, 11; 1 Peter 2:4-9; John 4:19-24) and special prayers at Mass, so we will not be observing the 26th week in Ordinary Time.

Next week we have the annual convocation of the priests of the Diocese of Lansing. From 3-6 October the priests of the Diocese will gather at Bay Valley to talk on human formation in the morning, and then fun activities in the afternoon and evening. The convocation starts Monday afternoon. So, we will have Mass on Monday, 3 October at 8:15 a.m., as usual. However, Tuesday through Thursday there will **not** be Mass. During those days, there will **not** be Communion Services, either. Fr. Karl Pung, a very respected and holy priest of the diocese, who is pastor of St. Patrick in Brighton, explains it this way: "Communion is reserved in the tabernacle for two purposes: Adoration and to be brought to the sick or those who cannot attend a Sunday celebration. We have Communion Services in nursing homes and other facilities for those who cannot make it to Mass on Sunday. The Communion Service is not meant to be a simple replacement for daily Mass.... Our bishop has reiterated this teaching and has asked that where the practice of Communion Services in place of daily Mass was going on, to cease. We are obedient to the Church and our bishop."

Bishop Boyea did ask, at least two years ago, for us to stop Communion Services that simply replaced Mass in the parish church (but to continue them in nursing homes and other facilities where people cannot make it to Mass). For that reason, the first week of October will also end the practices of Communion Services on Thursday. The Church will still be open in the morning until 3 p.m., but there will be no Mass or Communion Service. Of course, if people want to gather to pray a Rosary or a Divine Mercy Chaplet or anything else, they are more than welcome.

Except for the week of convocation, there is a Mass within a 10-minute drive of St. Pius X on Thursdays. St. John Vianney has Mass at 10:30 am (3 miles and a 9-minute drive from St. Pius X), and St. Matthew has Mass at 12:10 pm (3.2 miles and a 9-minute drive from St. Pius X) on Thursdays. It is also my hope that at some point a senior priest would be able to live in the guest apartment (as Fr. Bob did), and would get a free room in exchange for saying Mass on Thursdays and when I'm on vacation. I will let you know if that happens. We also can reflect on how, in many places, not only in Iraq and Syria, but even in our own United States, people only are able to have Mass once or twice a month. We're not moving in that direction, but it's good to think about to put things in perspective about having to drive a little farther for a Thursday Mass.

**St. Pius X Altar Society meeting** will be held on Monday, September 26th at 1:00 pm in the parish center. Please try to attend as we are making final plans for the **Fall Game Night on October 4, 2016**. Snacks will be provided and all Ladies of the parish are invited!!

#### ALTAR CARE-Team 4

Pat Fearon, Kathleen Wilson





Sunday Is  
God's Day  
"Save Sunday"

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Sunday Catechesis for everyone  
Adults: Bible study, RCIA  
Children: Traditional Catholic  
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### Religious Education Department

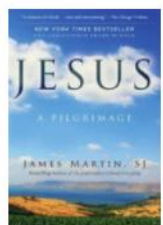
Students are getting their buzzer fingers back in shape with the first Catholic Challenge last week. This week, Gestures review and traditional faith formation. Pray for our children that they may live a virtuous life and stand for Christ each and every day.



**Rite of Initiation for Adults** is for those desiring baptism in the Catholic Church; Formation begins now. Call the office to register at 235-8574.



Adult Bible Study is in session this week. Next week come prepared having read Luke, Chapters 4-6. Times for Bible Study are 9:00 am—10:45 am in the parish center and 12:00 pm to 1:30 pm in the school library.



### Jesus: A Pilgrimage Chapter 5: Jordan

1. Using what scholars call the "criterion of embarrassment," the baptism of Jesus is often said to be one of the most historically attested events in the Gospels. Why do you think Jesus decided to be baptized?

2. At the Jordan River, Jesus received a dramatic revelation of his identity. He also

heard himself pronounced (according to the Synoptic Gospels) as "beloved." Have you ever had similar experiences—that is, of understanding who you are called to be and of feeling loved by God?

3. In the testing in the desert, Jesus was attempted to go against the person he was called to be, his "true self." Have you ever been tested in that way? *Reference: Questions from Online source-catholic.com*

### OBSERVATION BOX

*Who are St. Michael, St. Raphael and St. Gabriel?*

*What were they sent by God to do?*

*When is their Feast Day?*

**Help Spread the FAITH**—By supporting St. Pius X parish and our diocese in this Help Spread the FAITH Appeal, you will enable us to carry out evangelization efforts in St. Pius X parish, our diocese and the nation. Your support ensures that FAITH magazine will continue. You will ensure that the Outreach Mass will continue to be broadcast and that U.S. bishops will continue their national evangelization efforts.

**JOB OPENING**—The Charter Township of Flint Fire Department is hiring a part time administrative assistant. Applicants must have good communication skills, be good at typing and using a computer. Interested person should contact Assistant Chief Michael Burkley by phone at (810) 600-3206.



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### MATH TEACHER

St. Pius X Catholic School, Flint is accepting resumes for an upper elementary/middle school math teacher to instruct middle school math in grades 6-8 and also spend the other half of the day as a fifth grade classroom teacher. We are looking for a faith-filled and energetic person who is self-motivated and loves working with children. Applicant should hold a valid Michigan certification for elementary and a middle school math certificate that is not self-contained. Successful candidates must be enthusiastic, hardworking, and possess strong communication skills with students, parents, and staff alike. The ideal applicant will be a teacher who is able to take an already successful math program and take a high level group of students to the next level of academic success. Salary commensurate with experience. Interested candidates can email (in one complete file) their cover letter, resume, copy of certificate, references, and a minimum of 2-3 letters of recommendation to [principal@stpiusxcatholic.org](mailto:principal@stpiusxcatholic.org). Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

Keep the Faith (1 Timothy 6:12)  
R.J. Kaplan  
Principal

### REMINDER-FALL CLEAN UP TO BEGIN AT NEW AND OLD CALVARY CATHOLIC CEMETERIES:

Fall clean-up is scheduled to begin on Saturday, Oct 1 and continue through October 20 (weather permitting). We are asking all families to please remove all items they wish to keep before Oct 20, 2016. Following October 20th, the staff at New Calvary will begin removing and throwing away any remaining items. Any questions please contact the Cemetery Office at (810) 732-2620

### NUN RUN 2016—'Come & See' on September 30-

**October 1st.** Any women, 16 years of age and older are welcome to join us for an overnight adventure of visiting 5 convents throughout the Lansing Diocese and a home of a Consecrated Virgin. For more information or to register by September 26, please contact Dawn Hausmann at: [dhausmann@dioceseoflansing.org](mailto:dhausmann@dioceseoflansing.org) or (517) 342-2506.

**The Foundation - Men's Discernment Groups**—Any adult man from the Diocese of Lansing who is out of high school and is desiring to join a group of men who are not afraid to talk about priesthood and be open to God's call whatever it is. All meetings are held at the Catholic Men's House, 1216 W. 4th Ave., Flint, MI 48504 on September 28, 2016 from 8:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Please contact Fr. Zach Mabee (810) 232-4012 for more information or to attend a meeting.





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