

# St. Pius X Parish

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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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**Youth Ministry:** Anne MacDonald

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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 3:00 to 4:00 p.m., Tuesdays 5:30-6:00 p.m.

### 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!

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## Pentecost Sunday Holy Pentecost

In the Church's annual liturgical cycle, Pentecost is "the last and great day." It is the celebration by the Church of the coming of the Holy Spirit as the end—the achievement and fulfillment—of the entire history of salvation. For the same reason, however, it is also the celebration of the beginning: it is the "birthday" of the Church as the presence among us of the Holy Spirit, of the new life in Christ, of grace, knowledge, adoption to God and holiness. This double meaning and double joy is revealed to us, first of all, in the very name of the feast. Pentecost in Greek means fifty, and in the sacred biblical symbolism of numbers, the number fifty symbolizes both the fullness of time and that which is beyond time: the Kingdom of God itself. It symbolizes the fullness of time by its first component: 49, which is the fullness of seven (7 x 7): the number of time. And, it symbolizes that which is beyond

time by its second component: 49 + 1, this one being the new day, the "day without evening" of God's eternal Kingdom. With the descent of the Holy Spirit upon Christ's disciples, the time of salvation, the Divine work of redemption has been completed, the fullness revealed, all gifts bestowed: it belongs to us now to "appropriate" these gifts, to be that which we have become in Christ: participants and citizens of His Kingdom. "Let us celebrate Pentecost, the coming of the Holy Spirit, the appointed day of promise, and the fulfillment of hope, the mystery which is as great as it is precious." REF: <https://oca.org/saints/all-lives/2015/05/31>



Welcome to our newest  
 Catholic, Racheal Grace,  
 baptized May 28, 2017

## *The Weekly Calendar* **PENTECOST SUNDAY** (†Mass Intention)

**SUNDAY, JUNE 4**

9:00 † The parish  
11:00 † Mark Schwartz by Judy Middleton  
6:00 No Youth Group

**MONDAY, JUNE 5**

9:00 † Joseph Zayac by Janet Zayac  
1:00 Altar Society meeting (parish center)  
6:00 Cenacle (church)

**TUESDAY, JUNE 6**

8:15 † Catherine Grzesik by Bill and Marlene Krebs  
8:45 Tuesday Toasters (parish center)  
5:30 Confessions  
6:00 PPTA meeting (library)  
7:00 K of C meeting (parish center)

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7, LAST ALL SCHOOL MASS**

8:15 † Elizabeth VanCamp by the family  
7:00 † 8th Grade graduation Mass

**THURSDAY, JUNE 8, Last day of school, 11:30 dismissal**

9:15 JK and Kindergarten graduation (church)  
10:30 3 through 7 grade awards (church)

**FRIDAY, JUNE 9**

8:15 † Richard (Fred) Carroll by the family  
(birthday remembrance)

**SATURDAY, JUNE 10**

3:00 Confessions  
4:30 † Mark Schwartz by Karen Downs

**SUNDAY, JUNE 11**

9:00 † Ralph and Armella Fischer by Debbie, Kent and Catherine Casadonte  
11:00 † The parish

**Altar Servers for June 10 & 11**

4:30 A Glynn, T Weeks, G Weeks  
9:00 D Stacy, D Mulligan, G Taylor  
11:00 S VanCamp, A VanCamp, N VanCamp

**Lectors for June 10 & 11**

4:30 A Jamison      9:00 R West  
11:00 M Love

**Lector training at St. Pius X—For those who would like to be new lectors at Mass, training will be on Monday, June 12th from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm in the church.**

**St. Pius X Altar Society** meeting will be **Monday, June 5, 2017** at 1:00 pm in the parish center. There will be a potluck luncheon following the meeting. All ladies of the parish are invited and are kindly asked to bring a favorite dish to pass. Beverages will be provided. Come and enjoy the good food and friendship!

**ALTAR CARE-Team 4**

Kathleen Wilson, Pat Fearon, Clara Wylie



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

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of Pentecost. This celebration closes out our Easter celebration. We enter into the gift of the Holy Spirit to the Blessed Mother, Apostles, and disciples in the Upper Room. This gift allowed them to spread the Good News of Jesus Death and Resurrection, and has continued to guide the Church throughout our two millennia of history. We pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to be poured out upon us as individuals and as a parish so that we can live our faith and spread it to others. Just as the proclamation of the Gospel was proclaimed in the languages of the many Jews who were present in Jerusalem, so today the Gospel is proclaimed in Latin today, and we have individual petitions being proclaimed in languages that our petitioners speak including Malayalam (India), Arabic, Spanish, Italian, German, and Tagalog (Philippines). Even as the Gospel is proclaimed in many different languages, it is one Gospel, and does not change, even though the words that are used to proclaim it are so varied. Thank you to our parishioners who volunteered to read the petitions.

Now that the Easter Season is over (after Pentecost), the Paschal Candle will return to its spot near the baptismal font. We will keep 4 candles at the altar to highlight the fact that the altar represents Christ. Also, we light different candles for different levels of celebration. For example, most of our weekday Masses have only the front two candles lit, because those are smaller celebrations. Our Sunday Masses, as well as holydays, other solemnities (like Sts. Peter and Paul on 29 June), feast days, and days where we celebrate a sacrament have all four candles lit. The *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* (from the Vatican) and *Built of Living Stones* (from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops) are the two main documents which talk about how the sanctuary, the place where the ambo, altar, and tabernacle are situated. Neither of them talk about candles around the altar, except for the Paschal Candle during the Easter Season. Christ is certainly present in the Word of God, which is proclaimed from the ambo, but we especially want to highlight the altar as the place of sacrifice, and the sacred furniture which is itself a symbol of Christ. Our four candles will certainly set the altar apart as the pre-eminent part of our sanctuary.

Congratulations also to our graduates from Powers Catholic High School who graduate on 4 June from high school, and to our St. Pius X Catholic School eighth graders who graduate on 7 June from middle school. May the Holy Spirit guide your futures and help you to live your Catholic faith in all your endeavors.

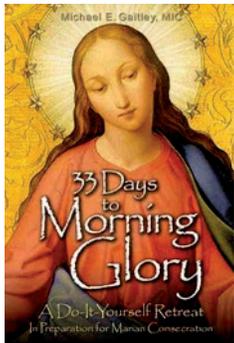
This weekend in the bulletin we are including an insert that the Diocese of Lansing has asked us to include. It covers a broad overview of financial policies. This is in response to alleged embezzlement by Fr. David Fisher (St. Joseph parish, Owosso), and Fr. Jon Wehrle (St. Martha parish, Okemos). The bad news is that the embezzlement already took place. The good news is that, in the past few years, the Diocese of Lansing updated their audit policies to make them more frequent, and to lessen the temptation and the effects of misuse of funds. You should know that at every parish at which I am a pastor I have made sure that practices which have been required by the Diocese are implemented, like better controls to make sure no one person is alone with money at any time and an annual stewardship report, which helps you to know how the money of the parish is being spent. I have always seen myself as the steward of the money which you entrust to the parish, and again promise that I will be the best steward that I can be to ensure that embezzlement never happens at any parish of which I am the pastor. If you have any questions or concerns, you should always feel free to let me know.

**Pope Francis Prayer Intentions for June-Universal National Leaders:** That national leaders may firmly commit themselves to ending the arms trade, which victimizes so many innocent people.

**Religious Education Department**



The Divine Mercy Apostolate is a Eucharist Apostolate now active at SPX. Anyone interested in observing or joining are more than welcome to come anytime. Our next meeting is *Monday, June 5 in the church*. Cenacle members should come prepared with having completed Week 8 in the manual.



Is anyone interested in participating in a 4 week Do-It -Yourself Retreat called "33 Days to Morning Glory?" The retreat would end with a Consecration to Mary. There are three phases in Stage One and there are three Stages if we are interested in more. I found this after hearing about it at our out-of-town church and the inviter made it sound so beautiful I just had to investigate. I actually found it under the Marian site which to my surprise includes Divine Mercy!! Please call the office for more information and ask for Cindee at 235-8574.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS-August 6-10**

"Lost at Sea." Be ready to set sail Sunday, August 6 right after the 11 a.m. Mass and until 3 p.m. We plan to reach our destination by Thursday, August 10. From August 7-10 we will gather from 6:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.



**St. Pius X Youth Group:** No Youth Group this evening. **MARK YOUR CALENDARS!** for the K of C/Youth Group **Koegel cook out on Saturday, June 17th after the 4:30 pm Mass.**

**"For this is the message you heard from the beginning: We should love one another." (1Jn:11)**

Dear Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Some of you have expressed a desire to participate in ministry to the homebound. Your help in this ministry is needed and appreciated. Those of you who are able to take Holy Communion to one or two parishioners per month are kindly asked to contact the parish office at (810) 235-8574. Your name and contact information will be given to me and I will follow through with you in this ministry to the homebound. Thank you for your continued cooperation.

Deacon Dave Jansen

**ARE YOU PLANNING A PARTY?** Looking for a hall for a graduation or anniversary party? Consider renting the Bishop Povish Community Room or the parish hall at St. Pius X. Call the parish office for availability and rental rates (810) 235-8574.



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**MUSIC TO MY EARS**

Two weeks ago I stood in church for the opening hymn and when I heard Hyeji hit those keys on the organ, I knew the Holy Spirit was moving through our church. She sounded fantastic! Now if you recall, about 10 months ago I wrote about how Father Anthony is part of a revolution occurring in our parish and school community- heck a revolution in the Catholic Church for that matter! I'm looking ahead to where our parish and school is going, NOT where we've been and I am so excited with the opportunities that await us.

Following that Mass Father Anthony announced that Maria Sutara was our new choir conductor! I practically cried I was so excited! She is an amazing singer with a beautiful voice and a sign of exactly where our parish is going. Maria is also our second grade teacher and without a doubt one of the best teachers in the entire county. Notice I didn't say school or even catholic schools-all schools in the county. When she came to our school three years ago she was a sign of the future and with her came some fantastic new teachers to take our community to a new place. And now, the church is getting a chance to experience this revolution that Father Anthony is bringing in! This is an absolutely exciting time to be a parishioner at St. Pius X. Whether you've been here for decades and are a part of our history, or you're sitting here for the first time and a part of our renewal, you can feel the Holy Spirit doing something great in this place and it is music to my ears. Oh, and if you don't believe me, ask the kids!

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

**Summer Scripture Days 2017**—The host of Summer Script Days this year will be St. Francis Retreat Center. They will help us discover how to "Live to Inspire", as we attempt to gather the "Lost Sheep". Attend August 15-17 at St. Francis Retreat Center, DeWitt. Registration is open until August 4, 2017. Space is limited. Brochures will be coming soon. Contact Sheila Rogers at (517)669-8321 or [srogers@stfrancis.ws](mailto:srogers@stfrancis.ws) for further information. Some brochures are available in the narthex.

**OUR WEEKLY COLLECTION**

Week of:	May 28, 2017	Year-to-Date
<b>Budgeted income</b>	<b>\$ 11,268.42</b>	<b>\$ 543,657.87</b>
<b>Actual income</b>	<b>\$ 9,454.69</b>	<b>\$ 556,004.67</b>
<b>Surplus (deficit)</b>	<b>\$ (1,814.73)</b>	<b>\$ 12,346.80</b>



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