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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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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!

Hearing difficulties?

Please ask an usher for a Personal PA receiver.

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**Sixteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

Have you cracked the mysterious parable code? Well, don't despair! Even with Jesus around His teaching stumped the crowd. The good news is this: God always gives me a choice. So I wonder about the Gospel message today as I ask myself: Am I the wheat or the weed? Is my fruit healthy or weak? Am I the wheat being fruitful or am I simply a

weed of destruction. If you're not sure, that's ok! Chances are you'd like to think you're a stalk of wheat and being fruitful! But are there some areas where the flames are a little high? That's ok too; our God is the God of second chances. The chance here is to put our heart into action as expression of love to God and others. Choose good over evil. Just like the saints choose to follow Jesus. *Think of ways you can choose love even when there is little to love. Maybe there are two opportunities out there just waiting for your Christian response.*

**Sign up for
Lost at Sea today!!!**

Let's pray for smooth sailing and register today. Call (810) 235-8574. Leave your child's name and future grade with a call back number. Or, send out an email to spxdre@gmail.com and include the above information.

The voyage begins on Sunday, August 6 at 12:15 pm at the SPX dock-church. The journey of seek and find continues through the week Monday—Thursday from 6:00 pm -8:30 pm and will always begin and end in church. Invite your neighbors and cousins to come. We need help!! Jonah is Lost at Sea. Is anybody out there?? Parents, let us know if you would like to stay and volunteer.



The Weekly Calendar

16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

(†Mass Intention)

SUNDAY, JULY 23

9:00 † Jack Milito by Neil and Nancy Frederick
 11:00 † The parish
 6:00 No Youth Group

MONDAY, JULY 24

8:15 † P.J. Dennis by Vickey Dennis
 (8th anniversary)

TUESDAY, JULY 25

8:15 † Richard E. Cox by the family
 8:45 Tuesday Toasters
 5:30 Confessions

WEDNESDAY, JULY 26

8:15 † Deacon Lester Arquette by the parish
 10:30 Woodhaven Mass
 2:00 Funeral planning/presentation (parish center)

THURSDAY, JULY 27**FRIDAY, JULY 28**

8:15 † Cirilo Salas by Lourdes Calip and family

SATURDAY, JULY 29

3:00 Confessions
 4:30 † Jimmy Owens by Nancy and Wally Delecki

SUNDAY, JULY 30

9:00 † The parish
 11:00 † Richard Fata by Fr. Anthony Strouse
 6:00 No Youth Group

Altar Servers for July 29 & 30

4:30 A Glynn, T Weeks, G Weeks
 9:00 D Stacy, G Taylor, D Dickson
 11:00 N Kaplan, (volunteer) (volunteer)

**Lectors for July 29 & 30**

4:30 J McAvoy 9:00 R West
 11:00 RJ Kaplan

St. Agnes Alumni & Friends Golf Outing is on Monday, August 7, 2017 at Briar Ridge Golf Course, 11099 Dodge Road, Montrose, MI 48457. \$55 per person and includes 18 holes of golf with cart, coffee, donuts, sandwich at the turn and buffet dinner. Shotgun start at 9:30 am (check-in from 8:00 am to 9:00 am). Call Bob Roman (810) 686-7559 or Joe Sullivan (810) 406-2095 with questions or to make reservations.

ALTAR CARE-Team 3

Pam Warren

**OUR WEEKLY COLLECTION**

Week of:	July 16, 2017	Year-to-Date
Budgeted income	\$ 12,900.00	\$ 36,900.00
Actual income	\$ 11,073.00	\$ 30,934.00
Surplus (deficit)	\$ (1,827.00)	\$ (5,966.00)

Don Antonio's Dispatch.....

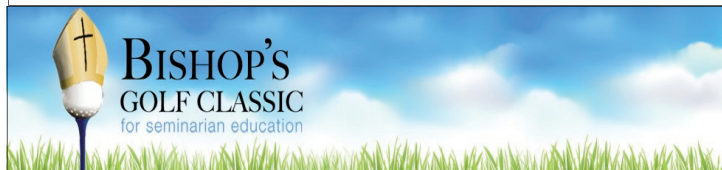
Here we are in the last full week of July already!! Before we know it (and I'm sure parents are starting to get excited about this) the kids will be going back to school. Summer for me has flown by, and even though we have a few weeks of August before everything really gets going again, I will probably blink and it will be here.

This week the Church in the Diocese of Lansing celebrates two joyous events in Ann Arbor: the perpetual and first vows of a number of Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist. This congregation of Dominican sisters is flourishing, so much so that they have to turn people away who want to join their community because they don't have enough room. They wear the Dominican habit and are very faithful to the Church's teaching, and are very joyous women. I would love to have them teach in our school some day (in addition to lay teachers), but there are many steps before we can get there. Still, it's a good reminder for us to pray for vocations to religious life, especially for women. Without women religious, many of our older parishioners would not have been able to attend a Catholic school and learn the faith (even if there are a few horror stories with teaching sisters!).

Wednesday at 2 p.m. we'll have our Funeral Planning Presentation. Please RSVP by Monday so that Sharp and Swartz Funeral Homes (who are providing refreshments) can have an accurate amount of food. I'll cover the theological aspects (the funeral rites, cremation questions, etc.), and the funeral homes will share the practical aspects of funeral planning, and the benefits of pre-planning. They will also have information about their own funeral homes in case you want to work with them. They are the two funeral homes that do the most funerals here and I am happy with both of their service to our parishioners. If you have questions about how the Church does funerals or what is involved when you go to a funeral home, please come (and **remember to RSVP!**)

Last, but not least, a number of you have asked about the Witness to Hope Diocesan Capital Campaign. We are in the planning stages of the campaign, and the director for our parish has been working with me since early July. The parish-wide appeal to parishioners will be rolled out in the Fall. We will start praying the prayer for the success of the campaign soon at all of our Sunday Masses. Stay tuned for more information!!

FREE SUMMER PRESCHOOL! On **August 8, 9 and 10, 2017** St. Pius X Catholic School will offer **Free Summer Preschool** from 9:00 am to 11:30 am. Come and see what a typical day in preschool is like, as well as meet the teacher and director. Parents are welcome to stay with their little one or they can leave. Reserve your child's spot in the Free Summer Preschool by **calling the school office at (810) 235-8572 by August 4th**. You can also email Carrie Hatfield, Early Childhood Director at: cjhatfieldspx@gmail.com with any questions. If you would like to set up a tour of the school, you may call the office any time Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.



Join Us For Golf on Wednesday, August 30, 2017 at Hawk Hollow and Eagle Eye Golf Classic for seminarian education, 15500 Chandler Rd., Bath Township, MI 48808. There is a 10:00 am shotgun start on both courses. For registration and sponsorships, call (517) 342-2535 or email: lweber@dioceseoflansing.org

Pope Francis Prayer Intentions for July-Lapsed Christians— that our brothers and sisters who have strayed from the faith, through our prayer and witness to the Gospel, may rediscover the merciful closeness of the Lord and the beauty of the Christian life.

Religious Education Department

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—We are moving per majority to Wednesday evening 6:00 pm-7:30 pm. Registration is open the month of August.

—We are offering online for students that travel or are consumed by too much homework but desire to understand their faith. Please inquire by August 31. You'll need directions to get connected.

—Registration is available at <https://spxparish.com/ccd> Download the form, mail in or drop in the offertory box or office, scan and fax or email to spxdre@gmail.com. It's that easy! Or...

—Call (810) 235-8574 to register. If you leave a voicemail, leave your name and a call back number.

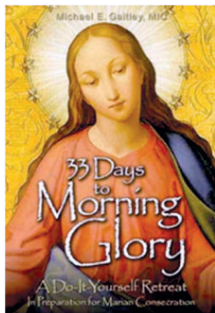
—A parent meeting is scheduled for September 20 for new and returning families.

Please look around. There's a lot to see on our website.

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. The cenacle will not meet again until August and hopefully with some new members. Anyone?



Please drop off your \$35.00 by July 30th so I can order the kits.



33 Days to Morning Glory is a 5 week Do-It - Yourself Retreat. It begins on August 14 and ends September 15. This retreat ends with a Consecration to Mary on Friday, September 15. If you are interested, and my hope is you are, please stop by the church office with your payment today.

Priesthood Discernment Dinner—Bishop Boyea invites any man who is entering his junior year of high school, or older, to a Priesthood Discernment Dinner with him and many of the priests and seminarians of the Diocese of Lansing on Sunday, August 20 and an optional day on Monday, August 21 at Bethany House. See flyer in the narthex for details and registration information.

Veneration of an image of Our Lady of Fatima is necessary for a Plenary Indulgence during the centennial of the Apparitions of Fatima in 1917. On August 13, 2017 Our Lady of Fatima statues will be available for veneration in the following parishes at the appointed times:

Church of the Holy Family, Grand Blanc	7:30 am	7:00 pm
Holy Rosary, Flint	8:00 am	1:00 pm
St. John the Evangelist, Davison	7:30 am	6:30 pm
St. Mary Queen of Angels, Swartz Creek	7:30 am	4:30 pm

Please contact Richard (810) 742-0773 with any questions.



ST. PIUS X CATHOLIC SCHOOL FAITH MOVING FORWARD

Website: www.spxparish.com

This weekend parishioners will see some dumpsters outside of the school building as we are in demolition mode of our oldest section of the playground. Hopefully, by the time you read this it is well under way and gone! I have watched children play on that playground for ten years. It was built some twenty years ago and it has seen its share of bumps, bruises, scrapes, and tears. There are a lot of memories on that thing but when the new one is built children will soon forget the old one and be excited with the new. The playground is not what our school is about. Our faith is.

It is exciting to see all the new things we have going on this summer; fresh paint, new Wi-Fi for the whole building, new playground, and a new science and engineering program. Still, all of these will come and go and eventually need to be updated but it is our faith that must remain consistent, aligned, and true to our Catholic identity. That identity must be passed on to our children so that they in turn pass it on to theirs. Our Catholic identity must not only be passed on to our loved ones but we must also use it as a witness to others of our belief in God and salvation through Christ His Son.

We truly have an amazing and blessed school that has also seen its fair share of bumps, bruises, scrapes, and yes - tears. But we persevere through because it is not about any one moment in our schools history, but rather our faith being in **all** of them.

Keep the Faith (1 Timothy 6:12)

R.J. Kaplan
Principal

Morning of Prayer and Reparation for World Peace—The World Apostolate of Fatima Diocesan Morning of Prayer and Reparation for World Peace will be held at Holy Family Church, 11804 S. Saginaw St., Grand Blanc on August 5, 2017 at 8:00 am. The morning will include Divine Liturgy, Investiture in the Brown Scapular, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Holy Hour of Prayer and Rosary.

St. Martha Catholic Church, Okemos, MI—St. Martha parish is soliciting for vendors to participate in our annual Holiday Heaven Arts & Craft Show on November 18, 2017 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Vendors who have handcrafted items to sell are welcome to apply for this show. Please contact Margo Vuchetich (517) 675-7355 or tvuchetich@gmail.com for further information.

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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