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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.

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

Remember that this Tuesday, 15 August, is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a Holy Day of Obligation. This means that, unless we are sick, or cannot make a Mass due to work, we need to attend Mass under pain of sin. But look at it this way: it's a way to honor our Blessed Mother. We come to Mass because we love her. Masses will be at 8:15 a.m. (no incense) and 6:00 p.m. (possibly incense).

Earlier this year I had an idea of a way to continue to beautify our church building. This desire had come from the fact that a generous parishioner kept replacing palm plants on the back wall of the sanctuary, the part that looks like stone around the tabernacle. Because of the angle, and the thickness and color of our stained-glass windows, not enough light comes in, and the plants would die after a few months. I wanted to add something that would last, and the first thing that came to mind were icons. My alma mater, Lansing Catholic, has icons of the four evangelists (pictured here).



I think that the benefit of adding the icons would be to remind us that we worship God with the angels and the saints. Our church does not have very many images of the saints, and almost none of them are in view during Mass to the majority of parishioners. It also is a sign that we are still alive. Dead things do not grow and adapt; living things are constantly growing and developing. Furthermore, when people are in their home, they usually like to do little or big projects ever year or every few years. Should we not do the same for God's house? I was cognizant of the fact that it would be an addition, but I was very particular that it would not be taking anything away from the church building. (cont. on page 2)

***The Weekly Calendar***  
**19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
 (†Mass Intention)

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 13**

9:00 † Richard Cox by Wayne & Julia Partridge  
 11:00 † Frank Sowa by Barb Cunningham  
 6:00 No Youth Group

**MONDAY, AUGUST 14**

8:15 † Robert J. Centala by the Ruth family  
 (birthday remembrance)

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 15, THE ASSUMPTION OF THE  
 BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, a Holyday of Obligation**  
**Parish Office closed**

8:15 † Patricia Strouse by Dick and Sue Combetta  
 8:45 Tuesday Toasters  
 5:30 NO Confessions  
 6:00 † The parish

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16**

8:15 † Joseph B. Schwartz by Judy Middleton  
 (43rd anniversary)

10:30 Woodhaven Mass

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 17**

9:30 Morning Glory begins (parish center)

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 18**

8:15 † Remi J. Rivard by Judy Middleton  
 (47th anniversary)

9:00 Adoration (church)

9:00 North End Soup Kitchen, Team 2

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 19, Feast of St. Pius X**  
**Ice cream social after Mass**

2:00 Victorious Missionaries (parish center)  
 3:00 Confessions  
 4:30 † Jeanne Barrett by Barbara J. Coates  
 (birthday remembrance)

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 20, Feast of St. Pius X****Ice cream social after all Masses**

9:00 † Thomas Hyde by his wife, Mary and family  
 11:00 † The parish  
 12:00 Youth Group meeting with Fr. Anthony (church)

**Altar Servers for August 19 & 20**

4:30 T Weeks, G Weeks, A Brady  
 9:00 G Taylor, R Banwell, D Mulligan  
 11:00 N Kaplan, V Mathew, (volunteer)

**Lectors for August 19 & 20**

4:30 C Cramer                      9:00 R Shand  
 11:00 J Love

**OUR WEEKLY COLLECTION**

**The weekly collections will be posted in  
 next weekend's bulletin, August 19/20**  
**Thank you!**

**ALTAR CARE-Team 2**

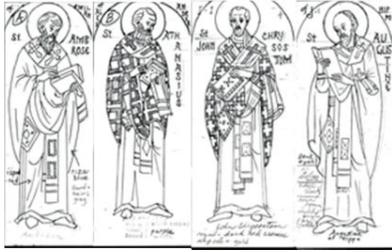
Linda Helmka, Kathy Hartner

***Don Antonio's Dispatch...cont. from cover***

I wanted to get the input of parishioners, so I brought up my idea and my explanation of the icons to the different groups in the parish. The Worship Committee was very much and unanimously in favor of the idea. I then presented the idea to the parish staff. They also unanimously were in favor of the idea. I also presented the idea to the Parish Pastoral Council. At first the Pastoral Council was split 50/50. But then, after a few weeks, one of the members who was not in favor, became in favor. In any case, all of the members of the Pastoral Council were in favor of it being presented to the parish, and, if the parishioners were in favor, the council would support the move. Lastly, I presented the idea to the Finance Council. They were very much in support, but wanted to make sure that we received donations for this project so it would not negatively impact our annual budget. After all of these groups were presented with the idea, and most of the groups were in favor of the idea, I presented it to general parish at the meeting I held to talk about parish beautification. There were around 50 people in attendance. There were a few couples that were not excited about the idea, and they were honest and told me that they didn't like it, and I appreciate their honesty. The overwhelming majority of those who attended (I put the number at 66-75%, others put the number at 75-90%) were in favor of the idea. Having the input of the parish and the general support of the parish (I realize that there will always be people who do not agree with particular items), I presented the idea to the Diocesan Liturgical Design Committee. From then it was presented to Alan Olsen, the Property Manager, and Bishop Boyea. They all approved the idea.

The icons are being written (created) by Janet Peters, a woman from Williamston, who did the icons for Lansing Catholic High School. She visited St. Pius X at the beginning of the process to help with knowing what colors to use and whether it would fit. The four icons are 7 ft. by 34 in. each and will cost a total of \$6,000, and we have already received donations to offset the costs. That cost, though, is a steal, as you can buy a small icon (36 in. by 36 in.) created authentically as these will be, that would cost \$800 or more each. The four saints who will be depicted are St. Ambrose, St. Athanasius, St. John Chrysostom, and St. Augustine of Hippo (sketches below). These four saints are doctors (teachers) of the church (connecting us to our mission of teaching the faith especially through the school) and are the four saints who hold up the Chair of St. Peter in St. Peter's Basilica in Rome (connecting us to our parish patron, Pope St. Pius X). Two will be on each side of the tabernacle. I know that these will help us in our celebration of the Mass, and remind us that when we come to Mass, we are also surrounded by angels and saints that we don't see. (*continue on p. 3*)

**Don Antonio's Dispatch...** (cont. from p. 2) As with anything, I know that not everyone will agree with these additions, but I am happy that, throughout the process, there was overwhelming support by parishioners who have been here since the beginning, and new parishioners. I think this will show people that we are continuing to grow and develop here, and may make us a church to visit as we will have something no one else will have in Genesee County. It is my hope that Bishop Boyea will come to bless these icons when they are installed.



**St. Pius X Catholic School, Flint is accepting resumes for a First Grade Teacher.** We are looking for a faith-filled and energetic person who is self-motivated and loves working with children. Applicant should be a practicing Catholic, and hold a valid Michigan certification. 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 embrace enrollment management initiatives, differentiate curriculum, and use technology as a tool to enhance their teaching through Smart boards, laptops, and iPads. Knowledge in writer's workshop is a plus. Interested candidates can email their cover letter, resume, and a minimum of 2-3 letters of recommendation to: [principal@stpiusxcatholic.org](mailto:principal@stpiusxcatholic.org). Applications will be accepted until position is filled.



**VBS "Lost at Sea"**

A special thank you to all our volunteers for their time and patience. Thank you to the parish for your many donations that helped cut cost for this worthwhile program for our children.

**Pope Francis Prayer Intentions for August- Artists**

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**Religious Education Department**

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**Morning Glory** first meeting is Thursday, August 17 from 12:30 pm-2:00 pm in the parish center.

The Divine Mercy Apostolate is a Eucharist Apostolate active at SPX. The cenacle meets on September 11, 2017 at 6:00 pm in the parish center. Please call (810) 235-8574 for more information or to join the cenacle.



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**A Lesson in Symbiosis**

Prior to becoming a principal, I was a high school biology teacher. In biology there are three defined types of symbiotic relationships among organisms: parasitism, commensalism, and mutualism. Not to bore you completely here with a lesson, but we (our church and school) have a mutualistic relationship. Our coexistence benefits each other. We are mutually in a relationship together and can be strengthened by one another's presence as well as harmed by the lack thereof. Of course, in nature mutualism occurs among organisms of different species and you could argue that we're the same species (which is true) but I think you get my point- we need each other to survive.

People no doubt look at the pews, a little less filled than a year ago, and know that change brought about the decline in parishioners. What is not so easily noticed is one's choice to not accept change affects the other things connected to it. Less parishioners = less money to help the school. Of course, this is a mutualistic relationship remember; less students = less future parishioners. Do we have fewer students? The answer is yes, we do. We are going through changes as complex as a water crisis and a declining Genesee County population, to things more simple like finding new ways to market and grow our school and in turn our church. I'm sure one could argue that my direction in leadership has hurt our enrollment. I have witnessed many people in my life who run from change and are afraid of it. As the leader of our school, I stand in the face of it and move forward into it. I lead a school where when change happens we decide to build new playgrounds, purchase new resources, update and paint classes, and slowly put together a team of strong Catholics ready to teach the children of today. Standing strong in the face of change ensures that the pews will be filled tomorrow. God's will, of course, is connected in every nuance of what we do. Still, after 22 years of being a parishioner and starting my 10<sup>th</sup> year as principal I try to make decisions that mutually benefit all of us. A few weeks ago, on August 1<sup>st</sup>, I came to work for my official back to work day. I started the new year with the most important task on my list first: attend Mass at 8:15 am. As I walked out of Mass, Father Anthony welcomed me to the new year (which is humorous because he knows I work a lot over the summer and he sees me often). I smiled back at him, shook his hand, and gave him a pat on the back and said, "let's do this thing one more time together!"

And so, the great circle of life continues.

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

**St. Pius X Catholic School Job Posting:** St. Pius X Catholic School is looking for a computer teacher (must be a certified teacher in any area) for the 2017-2018 school year. If interested, please send a resume, letter of interest, and three reference letters to: [principal@stpiusxcatholic.org](mailto:principal@stpiusxcatholic.org)



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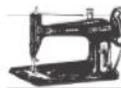
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