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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

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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.



The Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

I love these verses because it reminds me that I can tell Satan where to go and in the name of the Lord and he must flee. That's power!!

"Let us, looking at ourselves in this member of the Church, distinguish what is of God, and what of ourselves. *St Augustine*

The Weekly Calendar

22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

(†Mass Intention)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, Boy scouts selling popcorn after Masses

9:00 † The parish
11:00 † Theresa Vilaro by Pam and Tim Hoholik

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, Labor Day, No School

8:15 **No Mass/Offices Closed**

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

8:15 † Richard Cox by Michael Berry II and family
8:45 Tuesday Toasters
5:30 Confessions
7:00 K of C meeting (parish center)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, SCHOOL MASS

8:15 † Beth Combetta by Dick and Sue Combetta

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

10:00 Divine Mercy school/Cindee (church)
12:30 Morning Glory (parish center)
7:00 Adult Choir practice begins (church)
7:00 Back to School parent meeting (comm room)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

8:15 (no intention)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9,

Announcement weekend for Witness to Hope campaign

10:00 **Blue Mass with light reception following**

3:00 Confessions
3:00 Reconciliation Saturday (church)
4:30 † Terry Wells by Paul Wells and family

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

Announcement weekend for Witness to Hope campaign

9:00 † The parish
9:00 Adult Choir (church)
11:00 † Lucila Soriano by Ernesto and Clarinda Duterte

On Monday, September 4th, there will be no Mass and No School. All offices will be closed in observance of Labor Day

Altar Servers for September 9 & 10

4:30 A Glynn, T Weeks, G Weeks
9:00 D Stacy, J Rinoldo, T Rinoldo
11:00 L Danic, J Stephen, N Kaplan



Lectors for September 9 & 10

4:30 C Cramer 9:00 B Kessler
11:00 M Kaplan

OUR WEEKLY COLLECTION

Week of:	8/27/ 2017	Year-to-Date
Budgeted income	\$ 10,600.00	\$ 109,200.00
Actual income	\$ 10,664.00	\$ 97,148.85
Surplus (deficit)	\$ 64.00	\$ (12,051.15)

ALTAR CARE-Team 1

Ramona Ranville, Janet Graham,
Pam Warren



Don Antonio's Dispatch...

Happy Labor Day Weekend! This is traditionally the end of "cultural" summer, the time when so many families pull back on their vacations until Thanksgiving or Christmas. By the time you read this, we have been in school for four days at St. Pius X. It was great to welcome the kids (back) to the school and help them get used to their new classrooms, teachers, etc. I am very proud of the work that our entire school staff does. I am convinced that St. Pius X is the best school in Flint Township, and as a part of our wider Catholic School system in Genesee County, especially Powers Catholic High School, does a great job of forming the mind, body, and soul in a way that reflects our Catholic faith and values. If you know of someone who would like to have their child learn a virtuous way of life centered on Jesus, we'll be happy to welcome your child, even though we've already begun.

Labor Day weekend also calls to mind the great dignity of work. One of the challenges that we face in our area and across the United States is when people who are able to work and use their gifts and talents do not. All of society suffers when those who can work do not. Of course, there are other challenges, like unemployment and underemployment, and the complexity of this issue is more than I can explain in a bulletin article. But, the important thing for us as Catholics this weekend is that we are committed to using our gifts and talents for the building up of our community, both sacred and civil. Because Jesus chose to work for most of His life, work has been sanctified, and is not simply an effect of the Fall. We all have talents, and when we don't use them, Jesus promises that we will be called to account for that lack of good stewardship (see Matthew 25:14-30).

Last, but not least, this Saturday we celebrate our second annual Blue Mass to honor our First Responders. Even before I was a Michigan State Police chaplain, this was an important part of what I felt my parish should do. Law enforcement, firefighters, and EMTs work, day in and day out, to keep us safe in their own ways. They are often underpaid and under-appreciated. Some departments do not provide benefits after retirement, and some do not even get a chance to collect Social Security, because their departments do not put in to it. We owe them a debt of gratitude, and this is a small way to repay what they do for us. If you ever see a law enforcement officer, firefighter, or EMT, please always at least walk up to them (if it's not a crime or fire scene) and thank them for their service. Most people at least at one point in their life will need the assistance of a First Responder.

Please make sure and RSVP if you plan to attend the Blue Mass event. I hope to have a good number of first responders present, and it would be good if they could see our support as well. The Blue Mass will not count for your Sunday obligation, but I'm pretty sure that going to Mass twice in one weekend won't kill you (it hasn't killed me yet, and I usually have 3)!

Witness to
HOPE

The Catholic Diocese of Lansing

Fr. Anthony invites all parishioners involved in any ministry, activity, organization of the parish or school to attend one of two All - Ministry Meetings on Wednesday, September 6th at 12:00 pm or Friday, September 8th at 6:30 pm in the church. He will discuss plans for the **Witness to Hope** campaign

and other parish projects to be funded. Thank you all for the ways you serve the Church as disciples of our Lord, Jesus Christ." Please RSVP the parish office at (810) 235-8574 so that we can prepare refreshments accordingly.

Pope Francis Prayer Intentions for September—Parishes

That our parishes, animated by a missionary spirit, may be places where faith is communicated and charity is seen.



33 Days to Morning Glory meets Thursdays from 12:30 pm—2:00 pm in the parish center. This is a retreat that ends with a Consecration to Mary on Friday, September 15th after the morning Mass. We have nine members in this retreat.

Religious Education Department

A NEW SHAPE TO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN

“Keep your children connected to their faith” Please take a moment to sign your children up for Religious Education.

Please call (810) 235-8574 to register. If you leave a voicemail, let us know if your information on file is current and a call back number. First evening of class is Wednesday, September 13.



The Divine Mercy Apostolate is a Eucharist Apostolate now active at SPX. Anyone interested in observing or joining the cenacle are more than welcome to come anytime. The cenacle's first meeting this year is on September 11 at 6:00 p.m. in the parish center. One of the missions the members of a

DM cenacle are called to do is pray the chaplet at the last hour of a dying person. If you would like this done for someone you love during this time, please do not hesitate to call the office to request a cenacle member at (810) 235-8574.

From the Diary of St. Faustina:

“I will not allow myself to be so absorbed in the whirlwind of work as to forget about God. I will spend all my free moments at the feet of the Master hidden in the Blessed Sacrament.” (82, page 42)

Annual Weekend Retreat for the Women of St. Pius X parish—

will be held October 13-15, 2017. *“Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?”* Luke 24:32. Give your heart over and resolve that this will be the year you will answer God's call to attend a retreat at St. Francis Retreat Center. As God gently holds your heart and soul He will renew you, and through you He will renew the face of the earth. Register with Janice Roland at (810) 239-4749 or call St. Francis Retreat Center at (517) 669-8321. You can also register online at: www.stfrancis.ws See flyer in the Narthex for detailed information.

St. Pius X Altar Society Meeting is on Monday September 11th at 1:00 pm in the parish center. We will be discussing our fundraisers for the 2017-2018 year. We welcome fresh ideas! All Ladies of the parish are cordially invited! We hope to see you there! Refreshments are provided!

Knights of Columbus Spaghetti Dinner—Join the Knights of Columbus on Saturday, September 30, 2017 at 5:30 pm for a “Spaghetti dinner” with Frank Sinatra review providing entertainment for the evening. Dinner will include rolls, salad, dessert, beverages/drinks at \$2 donation. Tickets will be sold on Saturday, September 16 and Sunday, September 17 after all Masses at St. Pius X parish. Tickets are \$12.00 per person. (\$10 each when purchasing tickets for a table of 8).



**ST. PIUS X CATHOLIC SCHOOL
FAITH MOVING FORWARD**

Website: www.spxparish.com

The year has begun. It is without a doubt the smoothest start I've had in my 10 years of being a principal. Staff knows what to do, all positions have been filled, and kids know the expectations! We continue to carry-on a tradition from those before us as we prepare for the future. This is Father Anthony's second year so hopefully I don't have to pull all his extra weight (just kidding)! Please continue to pray for our students as well as our teachers as they begin this new year and we welcome you all to join us for our children's Mass on Wednesday.

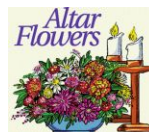
Keep the Faith (1 Timothy 6:12)

R.J. Kaplan

Principal

St. Pius X Catholic School is looking for an energetic, happy person to work in our extended care program. We need help on Monday - Friday from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm. The pay is minimum wage and no experience is necessary. Please contact Carrie Hatfield at: cjhatfieldspix@gmail.com to apply for the position.

The Holy Redeemer Council of Catholic Women would like to invite you to a fundraiser that provides a scholarship from Holy Redeemer parish to a High School Senior every year. There will be a spaghetti dinner at the Holy Redeemer Family Life Center (1227 E. Bristol Road, Burton) on Thursday, September 14, 2017 from 4-7pm. It is sponsored by the HR Knights of Columbus and the Council of Catholic Women. The proceeds will go toward the Holy Redeemer CCW High School Senior Scholarship Program. The cost is \$5 per person or \$15 per family. Reservations can be made by contacting Natalie Butler at (810) 938-7019 or email: natalie.butler05@gmail.com. Thank you for your support!



Do you want to **honor a loved one** or a **special occasion** by providing flowers for the altar? Visit or call the church office at (810) 235-8574. There are several openings in the coming months.

St. Mark Fall 2017 Scrapbook Crop - October 20 and 21—

St. Mark in Goodrich is sponsoring a Fall Scrapbook Crop from 6:00 pm to midnight on Friday, October 20 and 9:00 am to 9:00 pm on Saturday, October 21. Cost is \$12 Friday; \$35 for Saturday. Registration includes plenty of space, snacks and lots of prizes. There will be on-site vendors as well as snacks, Friday breakfast and lunch/dinner on Saturday. For more information, email Cindy Bell cabsandkids@aol.com or call Sue Griffith at (248) 627-3100.

Resurrection Church, Lansing—will be having its annual Ox Roast festival September 8 - 10, 2017 featuring the original Ox Roast sandwich and delicious homemade soup. This event includes children's games, baked goods, pub, hourly 50/50 drawings, raffles silent auction and live entertainment. The event will be held at Church of the Resurrection, 83rd Ox Road Festival, 1531 E. Michigan, Lansing, MI 48912. For more information please contact 482-4749.

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