

The Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time



In Chapter 23, Jesus speaks to the crowds and his disciples (v. 1), addressing the spiritual failure of the scribes and Pharisees. Have you ever felt like a spiritual failure? You know, speaking when you shouldn't, judging when you don't really know. The tongue does more harm to the soul than we will even know or comprehend. Read the words below from: *The Diary of St. Faustina*:

118- A talkative soul is empty inside. It lacks both the essential virtues and intimacy with God. A deeper interior life, one of gentle peace and of that silence where the Lord dwells, is quite out of the question. A soul that has never tasted the sweetness of inner silence is a restless spirit which disturbs the silence of others. I have seen many souls in the depths of hell for not having kept their silence; they told me so themselves when I asked them what was the cause of their undoing. These were souls of religious. My God, what an agony it is to think that not only might they have been in heaven, but they might even have become saints! O Jesus, have mercy! # 119- I tremble to think that I have to give an account of my tongue. There is life, but there is also death in the tongue. The utter destruction of the Holy City and its temple would be fresh in Matthew's mind as he writes this Gospel.



Welcome to our newest Catholic, Dominic Charles
baptized October 29, 2017

The Weekly Calendar

31st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (†Mass Intention)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5, Witness to Hope speakers

- 9:00 † The parish
 9:00 Adult Choir (church)
 11:00 † Joe Ann Schwartz by Judy Middleton
 (59th anniversary)
 3:00 Memorial daytime prayer service (church)
 6:00 Confirmation prep (youth room/comm room)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6

- 8:15 † Bryan McGovern by Dick and Sue Combetta
 1:00 Altar Society meeting (parish center)
 6:00 Divine Mercy (parish center)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7

- 8:15 † Joseph Zayac by the family
 8:45 Tuesday Toasters (parish center)
 12:30 Bible Study (parish center)
 5:30 Confessions
 7:00 K of C meeting (parish center)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, SCHOOL MASS

- 8:15 † Irene Starr by the family
 6:00 CCD (convent/parish center)
 6:00 Bible Study (parish center)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9

- 7:00 Adult Choir practice (church)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10

- 8:15 † James Messler by Kathleen Neumann
 (3rd anniversary)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11, Olive Wood sale in narthex

- 10:00 Worship Committee (teacher's lounge)
 3:00 Confessions
 4:30 † The parish
 5:30 Veteran's Day prayer service and concert
- SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12, Olive Wood sale in narthex**
- 9:00 † Ralph and Armella Fischer by Debbie Casadonte,
 Kent and Catherine
 9:00 Adult Choir (church)
 10:00 K of C pancake breakfast (comm room)
 11:00 † Theresa Boyer Walker by Sharon Guza family

Altar Servers for November 11 & 12

- 4:30 A Glynn, N Kaplan, volunteer
 9:00 D Dickson, D Mulligan, volunteer
 11:00 S VanCamp, A VanCamp, N VanCamp



Lectors for November 11 & 12

- 4:30 L Stephen 9:00 B Kessler
 11:00 A Jamison

OUR WEEKLY COLLECTION

Week of:	10/29/2017	Year-to-Date
Budgeted income	\$ 10,800.00	\$ 215,500.00
Actual income	\$ 8,004.00	\$ 185,624.30
Surplus (deficit)	\$ (2,796.00)	\$ (29,875.70)

Don Antonio's Dispatch...

About 2 months ago, I held a meeting for those interested in youth ministry (since Confirmation preparation will now happen primarily in 8th grade). We had three families show up, only one of whom had kids in high school. Based upon that response (a few others also called), I decided that it would be the best stewardship of our parish resources, and offer the best opportunities for our youth who want to be involved in youth ministry, that we would team up with another parish. After some discussions with the involved parties, I am happy to announce that St. Pius X will join with St. Robert Bellarmine parish in Flushing for Youth Ministry. This will give our students an opportunity to be in a larger-sized youth group, which will hopefully encourage attendance, and will have chances to participate in larger retreats and mission work that we couldn't offer by ourselves at St. Pius X. The Youth Minister, Nick Pobocik, will be introducing himself, and keeping us up-to-date on what our combined Youth Group is doing. For the foreseeable future, all meetings will take place at St. Robert in Flushing, but Fr. Gordon, the pastor of St. Robert, and I, along with Nick, will make annual evaluations of how best to run the combined program. I greatly encourage any of our high school youth to participate in these faith-building opportunities.

Also, I want to encourage people to continue to pray about their best sacrificial gift that they can give to the campaign. Our parish share will help to provide a much-needed new boiler/thermostat system for our school (our school boiler is currently 5 years past its life expectancy) and help us to switch over to Flint Township water. Your gifts can make these needed improvements a reality. Once you have prayed and decided on your gift, you can turn in your pledge card in the weekend collection basket, where Kim and/or I and the representative from the campaign company, Greater Mission, will open it.

Thank you for your generosity!

I also want to take this opportunity to thank the many veterans we have in our parish. Saturday is Veterans' Day, and after Mass we will have a prayer service to honor our veterans. Ron West is leading this effort, and I am very appreciative of his work. Make sure you thank our veterans for the great sacrifice they made to serve our country.

St. Pius X Altar Society—The Altar Society meeting will be held on Monday, November 6th at 1:00 PM in the Parish Center. Following the meeting we will play dominoes!! Please join our wonderful organization and meet fellow ladies of our Parish! Refreshments also provided!



**Don't forget to Fall Back—
Daylight Savings Time Ends at
2:00 am on Sunday, November 5th**

Witness to HOPE

The Catholic Diocese of Lansing

When you have prayed and decided on your best sacrificial gift for the campaign, make sure you turn in the pledge card in the Witness to Hope envelope in the weekend collection basket so that Kim and/or Fr. Anthony and our Witness to Hope campaign director can add your pledge to our parish total. 35% of all money raised up to our goal stays right here at St. Pius X, and some of the money being raised for the wider church will also benefit our parish (like Catholic Education and Catholic Charities endowments).

ALTAR CARE-Team 2

Linda Helmka, Kathy Hartner



Tuesday afternoon Bible Study meets 12:30 pm to 2:00 pm in the parish center—

November 7 & 28-Ephesians
December 12-Philippians
January 9 & 23- Colossians and 1 Thessalonians
February 6 & 20-2 Thessalonians and 1&2 Timothy



Wednesday evening Bible Study meets 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm in the Choir room. Please enter through the community room/gym doors between the parish center and the church. There is great parking there as well.

November 8 & 29-Ephesians, December 13-Philippians
January 10 & 24-Colossians and 1 Thessalonians
February 7 & 21-2 Thessalonians and 1&2 Timothy

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.**

Call 235-8574 to register. If you leave a voicemail, let us know if your information on file is current and a call back number. Remember, we offer our Wednesday evening program 6:00 pm—7:30 pm and online religion for busy families. Parents may register their children anytime. There is no deadline to learning about Jesus.



The Divine Mercy Apostolate is a Eucharist Apostolate now active at SPX. You may join this Apostolate at any time. The study does not build on the previous week. You will need the Catechism of the Catholic Church, a bible and the manual. To order your manual go to: <http://www.thedivinemercy.org/eadm/cenacle/> or find it

at Amazon. Our next cenacle meeting is Monday, November 6th from 6:00 pm-7:30 pm in the parish center. We will be in week 11 in the manual. 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.



What we’re doing for Advent: The next 33 Days to Morning Glory will begin on Tuesday, November 28th. If you are interested in being in our next group working towards a Consecrated life with Mary, registration begins now and ends on Tuesday, November 14th with an introductory meeting in the parish center at 6:30 p.m. Time is needed for ordering and receiving the kits by our starting date of November 28th. The cost of the kit is \$30.00. This is a retreat you do at home for 33 days. We gather once a week for a video and discussion. Please pray about making a commitment to Mary. She has so much to do through us. Having gone through it already I realize how much I have missed not understanding Mary’s mission that was given to her by her Son, Jesus. If you want to learn more and activate or reactivate your devotion to Mary, 33 Days to Morning Glory is a great place to begin. This group meets on Tuesday evening beginning on November 28th. We begin and end on or near very important Mary Feast Days. November 27th is the Miraculous Medal and December 29th is the Nativity of the Lord. What better time to honor Mary than during Advent when Mary said “yes” to become the Mother of God.

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

Website: www.spxpathish.com

New Developments in our Athletic Program

Our new athletic director, Tim Jamison, has brought some great new changes to our athletic program. This year's brand new cross country teams performed very well and our hope is that we can develop these runners at an early age so they are ready to go once they get to high school. Our girls 7th/8th basketball team finished 7-3 and the girls 5th/6th grade team finished 8-2. It has been an excellent beginning for our athletic program! Volleyball for girls is getting ready to kick-off soon as well as our skiing / snowboarding club. Yes- snow is coming.

One of the newest things we are trying to do is hold athletic fundraisers where people can buy items that they really would want or need. For the next three weeks we are selling our very own St. Pius X coffee! A 12oz. bag costs \$10 and we are selling two different flavors: our Chargers Blend or our Blue & Orange Powers dark roast blend. Along with that we are selling Hungry Howie's pizza coupons. For \$20 you get an entire sheet of coupons along with 2 free medium pizzas! Both fundraisers are a great deal.

Continuing to find new and exciting ways to raise money for our athletic department is essential to having extra-curricular activities to engage our students in. Our athletic program is an integral part of the teaching ministry of the Church for students in grades 5-8. Athletics within the Catholic school system are provided for all students of varying abilities and backgrounds. Through participation in athletics it should become apparent that students are growing in the virtues of prudence (good judgment), justice (fairness), temperance (self-control) and fortitude (courage). Student athletes, coaches, and parents work together to build up the Body of Christ at all moments. At St. Pius X Catholic School we do this each and every day and with each and every sport.

Please consider buying coffee and/or pizza to help our program continue the great work we do.

Keep the Faith (1 Timothy 6:12)

R.J. Kaplan
Principal



St. Pius X Athletic Department will be taking orders for Christmas Wreaths & Grave Blankets. Look for Order forms in this week's bulletin. Order forms will also be available in the school office. All Orders and payments must be turned into the St. Pius X school office **by Monday, November 20, 2017**. Items will be available for pick up at the St. Pius X Community Room on the weekend of December 1st through December 3rd. Please contact the school office at (810) 235-8572 with any questions. Proceeds to benefit St. Pius X Athletic Department.

Holiday Rolls and Stuffed Cabbage Sale—St. Michael Byzantine Catholic Church, Flushing will offer baked nut, poppy seed, apricot, and prune rolls, \$10 each, on Wednesdays from 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm beginning November 8th. Stuffed Cabbage orders are being taken, 2lb container, \$12. Pick up is Wednesday, November 15th from 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm. For more information, call (810) 659-4887.