



St. Pius X Parish

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.

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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.



Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

We sometimes forget that John had disciples of his own. They were a group set apart by his form of baptism. They had their own rules of fasting and their own prayers. Some of them continued as John's disciples after his death while others became Jesus' disciples like St. Andrew and perhaps the other disciple was St. John. This is the second time John identifies Jesus as a sacrificial lamb. The word used in the Greek is *amnos*. The word occurs in John only here and in verse 29. It appears nowhere else except in [Acts 8:32](#) and in [1Peter 1:19](#). The other word used for "lamb" in the New Testament is *arnion*, which can be translated "a little lamb". **Note:** *Arnion* is found once in John's Gospel and is used of Christ 30 times in the book of Revelation. It is a word specifically used by St. John to identify the glorified Redeemer, which may be the reason it is not used in the pre-glory narrative.

REF: http://www.agapebiblestudy.com/John_Gospel/Chapter%201%20part%20II.htm

Congratulations to
Tom and Cindy Kish
who celebrated their Convalidation
on December 22, 2017





Week of:	Jan 7, 2018	Year-to-Date
Budgeted income	\$ 9,900.00	\$ 342,500.00
Actual income	\$ 8,673.14	\$ 310,252.05
Surplus (deficit)	\$ (1,226.86)	\$ (32,247.95)

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

January 23- Colossians and 1 Thessalonians
February 6 & 20-2 Thessalonians and 1&2 Timothy

Come join us. Just prep for the class you plan to attend.



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.

January 24-Colossians and 1 Thessalonians
February 7 & 21-2 Thessalonians and 1&2 Timothy

Religious Education Department

“Keep your children connected to their faith” January study is: The Sacraments. Parents may register their children any time. There is no deadline to learning about Jesus. Please keep our second grade students in prayer as they begin their sacramental prep for Reconciliation and Eucharist.



The Divine Mercy Apostolate is a Eucharist Apostolate 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 first manual. And, of course, the Diary of St. Faustina.

To order a manual go to: <http://www.thedivinemercy.org/eadm/cenacle/> or find it at Amazon. Our next cenacle meeting is Monday January 22 from 6:00 pm -7:30 pm in the parish center. We will be in week 15 of 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 is New Years anyway? #Abunch of, “IwilldoandIwon’t do, thistimearound, #always fails anyway stuff?” Well, maybe consider something that never goes out of season—You can never lose but only gain more insight, more love, more patience and a lot less gray hair by thinking about Jesus this New Year.

Think about what you can do to get closer to Jesus, to help your children get closer to Him. Let’s think about filling your belly with warmth, the warm of Christ’s love. What’s in it for you? Well a whole lot of light and a lot less darkness. No more “kumbya” just down to earth daily living with Jesus as your guide. What? Jesus? Yes! Step out of the way and let the “light” guide your path. #Hewon’t disappoint you. Here’s to a Happy New Year!

January, 2018— Evangelization: Religious Minorities in Asia. That Christians, and other religious minorities in Asian countries, may be able to practice their faith in full freedom.



St. Pius X/St. Robert’s Youth Group: Join us for our annual Mission High School Retreat! All 9-12th graders are encouraged to attend. For more information and to register, please contact Nick Pobocik at (810) 659-2501 or at: npobocik@strobertschool.com (see flyer in the narthex)



ST. PIUS X CATHOLIC SCHOOL FAITH MOVING FORWARD

Website: www.spxparish.com

Eleven years ago my son purchased a gift for me from the school’s secret Santa workshop. My son came home at the age of three and was ecstatic to show me the gift he purchased. As I unwrapped the gift it became clear I was unwrapping an ornament. Slowly the paper began to fall away from the gift and I saw the gift he was so happy to give to me. He had given me a hanging angel ornament for our tree. She had wings, a musical horn, and a beautiful green dress. She was also a little black angel. I turned to my wife and chuckled that our son got me a little black angel. Our youngest quickly explained, “no daddy, it’s a **brown** angel- just like your students at school.” At the time I was still a teacher at Beecher High School and our boys were growing up in an environment where half of the people they came in contact with in any given day were black and the other half white. Without realizing it, our children were growing up in a beautifully and culturally diverse Christian world. Later, I asked Monica what I was to do with it. My wife explained that we were going to hang it on the tree because this is our children’s world and it is a beautiful thing that we can experience it through their eyes! So, I placed the ornament on the tree and that was the end of the story.

Eleven years later, it’s not Christmas at the Kaplan’s without our little brown angel sitting in the tree. She is always placed very high and front and center for all to see. I like to nestle her in with all the Star Wars ornaments because everyone always sees the Star Wars ornaments and they are more likely to see the angel as well. People ask and I get to tell my story and in turn create new encounters with people.

As we approach the celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King, I pray that we can continue to have encounters with diverse people that create the opportunities to see the content of one another’s character. It is those encounter’s that allow for a change in our direction, a change in our perception, and a change in our feelings that give life a new path and new meaning.

Over the next few months the staff and I will be working on ways to celebrate our diversity. We kicked off our diversity celebration last Thursday, January 11th. We will be learning about African American heritage during the month of February and Irish American heritage during the month of March. We have a newer statue in our school of Saint Therese of Lisieux: The patron saint of missions, which we will put in a special place in the school and children will be decorating flowers with prayers to symbolize our desire to embrace diversity and spread the news of Christ to all people. She is a great Saint for us to begin our culture and diversity lessons because she loved the missions and the work they did to spread the news of Jesus to people of all races. Come on in and see her!

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

8th Grade Visitation at Powers Catholic—8th grade students from area public schools are invited to come experience Powers Catholic on Friday, February 2, 2018 from 9:30 am to 2:00 pm. This is a great opportunity to help you and your student make a decision about high school. All students will be sent home with information and ways to reduce the cost of tuition. If interested, please RSVP by January 29th to Ms. Valaria Sunday, Director of Admissions, at (810) 591-4741 ext. 6 or admissions@powerscatholic.org. Please include student’s name, current school and parish. It will be a Spirit Day at PCHS, jeans are acceptable with an orange and/or blue top (no holes or tears please). Pizza lunch will be provided.

Powers Catholic HS has head coach openings for the following spring sports: JV Baseball, JV Softball, JV Girls Lacrosse, and JV Boys Golf. If you are interested in any of these positions, please send a cover letter, resume and references to Brian Sheeran, Athletic Director at: bsheeran@powerscatholic.org.