



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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Choir Director
Organist

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SUNDAY MASSES

4:30 p.m. (Sat.); 9:30 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.; Sundays 8:30 to 9:00 a.m.;
 Tuesdays 5:30 to 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

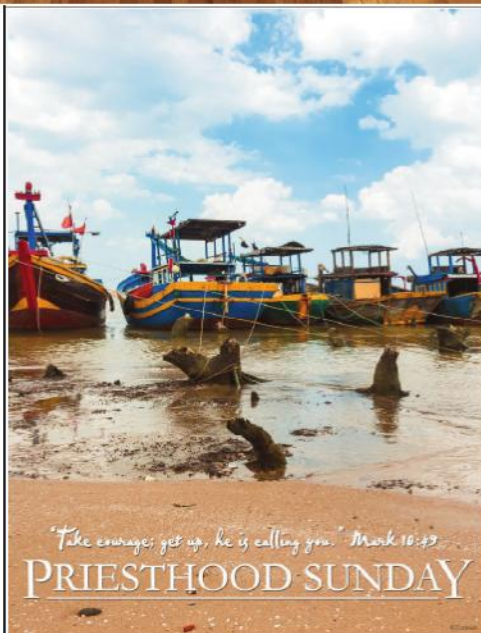
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BULLETIN DEADLINE

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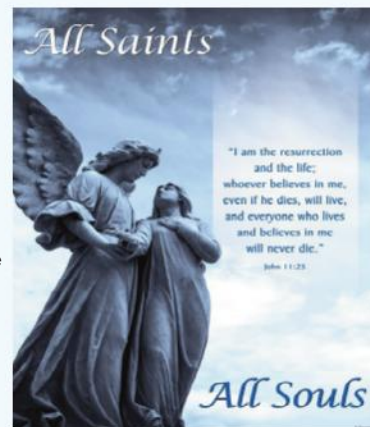
30th Sunday In Ordinary Time

"Go your way; your faith has saved you."
 Mark 10:46-52

Priesthood Sunday, October 28

Priesthood Sunday seeks to reaffirm the priesthood of Jesus Christ and its central place in the life of the Church. This day also specifically honors priests, without whom the Holy Sacraments could not be conferred, for a single day out of the 365 days of the year during which they tirelessly serve their parishes. Celebrate and thank a priest today!

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All Saints' Day is a solemn holy day of the Catholic Church celebrated annually on November 1. The day is dedicated to the saints of the Church, that is, all those who have attained heaven. All Saints' Day was formally started by Pope Boniface IV, who consecrated the Parthenon at Rome to the Virgin Mary and all the Martyrs on May 13 in 609 AD. Boniface IV also established All Souls' Day, which follows All Saints.

The Weekly Calendar

30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

(†Mass Intention)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28

- 8:30 Confessions
- 9:00 Morning prayer
- 9:30 Adult Choir (church)
- 9:30 † Thomas Regimbal by William and Marlene Krebs
- 9:30 † The parish
- 11:00 Lector refresher with Fr. Anthony (church)
- 7:00 Youth Group at St. Robert's youth room

MONDAY, OCTOBER 29

- 8:15 † Stella Hanacek by Barb and Dave Tripp
- 6:30 Lector refresher with Fr. Anthony (church)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 30

- 8:15 † Charlie Gilfeather by the Ruth family
- 8:45 Tuesday Toasters (parish center)
- 9:00 Lector refresher with Fr. Anthony (church)
- 5:30 Confessions

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31, 1/2 day of school, dismissal at 11:30am, Race for FAITH + Halloween Fun Run

- 8:15 † In thanksgiving by Laraine Tiong
- 10:00 "The Mass" by Bishop Barron DVD (parish center)
- 6:00 "The Mass" by Bishop Barron DVD (parish center)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1, ALL SAINTS DAY, School Mass a Holy day of obligation/Parish offices closed

- 8:15 † The parish
- 11:00 Consoling the Heart of Jesus (parish center)
- 6:00 † Terry Wells by Paul Wells

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2, All Souls' Day

- 7:00 Adoration
- 8:15 † Memorial Association

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3

- 9:00 † Memorial Association Mass
- 3:00 Confessions
- 4:30 † The parish

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4, Memorial Daytime prayer service Daylight Savings time ends, fall back

- 8:30 Confessions
- 9:00 Morning prayer
- 9:30 Adult Choir (church)
- 9:30 † Katherine Keehn by Bill and Marlene Krebs
- 10:30 K of C pancake breakfast (comm room)
- 3:00 Memorial Daytime prayer service
- 4:30 Catholic Schools meeting at Powers Catholic HS
- 7:00 Youth Group at St. Robert's (youth room)



Don't forget! Daylight savings time ends next
Sunday, November 4, 2018.
Remember to set your clocks back.

Altar Servers for November 3 & 4

- 4:30 D Dickson, T Weeks, G Weeks
- 9:30 J Stephen, N VanCamp, A VanCamp

**Lectors for November 3 & 4**

- 4:30 C Smith
- 9:30 J Love

ALTAR CARE-Team 1

Ramona Ranville, Janet Graham, Pam Warren

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

This Thursday we celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints. This celebrates all the saints (inventive name, I know) who are in heaven, especially those we don't know because they're not canonized. In addition to coming to Mass (because it's a Holyday of Obligation), it's a great practice to pray to our favorite and patron saints to help us to be the saints that God wants us to be through Baptism. We know that they pass our prayers along to the throne of God, and join our cause in asking for our holiness and every good gift that we need.

This Friday we celebrate the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls). We know that God desires all men and women to be saved, but we also know that we don't always respond to the graces God gives us. Those who die in a state of grace (no mortal sins), but who still have venial sins or who are still attached to their sins, need to be purified before they enter heaven, since heaven is only for those who have been perfected by the grace of God. So we pray for the Souls in Purgatory, asking God to bring their purification to an end so that they can enjoy the eternal peace and joy of heaven. I know it might seem odd to not consider our deceased loved ones in heaven, but I also think that we would want to help our loved ones get to heaven if we could. And we can, by offering Masses (\$10 per Mass) for them or enrolling them in our Memorial Association (\$50), as well as praying for them daily. This is not about the money (all proceeds benefit the parish), but about praying for those who can no longer pray for themselves. I know this year I have three people especially in mind for All Souls' Day (in addition to the deceased parishioners of St. Pius X): my grandmothers Patricia Strouse and Odilla Perez, and Trooper Timothy O'Neill. Who will you be praying for this year?

Speaking of deceased parishioners, we will have a special time of prayer for those parishioners who died in the past year. All parishioners are welcome and encouraged to attend. The prayer will be at 3:00 p.m. in the church and will last around 45 minutes. Each family of a deceased parishioner who died in the past year will be invited to light a candle in memory of their loved one who died.

From the Michigan Attorney General

As you likely know, the Department of the Attorney General has initiated an investigation into the sexual abuse and assault by Catholic priests of children and others as well as the concealment of these crimes. On 3 October 2018, investigators from the Department and the Michigan State Police executed a search warrant on the seven dioceses in Michigan obtaining relevant documents for this investigation going back to January 1950. All seven dioceses have pledged their cooperation with the investigation.

In light of this, the Department would like to give every victim of abuse by a priest, or those with information relating to the investigation of abuse and cover-up, the ability to share more information on the Attorney General toll-free hotline at 844-324-3374 (Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.) or send information by email through the link <https://www.michigan.gov/ag> and select "Learn More" in the Open Investigations section.

The identity and information provided by any victim shall remain confidential during the course of our investigation. The purpose of this investigation is to prosecute any crimes that occurred and to identify any and all perpetrators, whether or not they can be prosecuted, so that those who have survived these crimes may heal and to guarantee that no one will be victimized again.



Altar flowers for this weekend are
donated by Theresa and John Trecha
in celebration of their 65th wedding anniversary.
Together they have 6 sons and 17 grandchildren.

St. Pius X Altar Society will hold their meeting on Monday, November 5th at 1:00 pm in the parish center. Any ladies interested in joining this fine Parish Women's group, please come and join us. We plan fun activities and fundraisers which help to enrich the many needs of our beautiful church. It's such a nice way to meet other women in our parish. Light refreshments will be served. All ladies are welcome!

Veteran's Day prayer service at St. Pius X parish—On Saturday, November 10, 2018 after the 4:30 pm Mass, St. Pius X will hold its annual Veteran's Day prayer service. Please contact Ron West at (810) 644-2075 no later than October 31, 2018 with names, rank and location. Call the church office with any questions.

Faith Formation

Adult Faith Formation/RCIA at St. Pius X—RCIA is for someone who has never been baptized, or for someone who has been baptized in another faith, but would like to know more about being Catholic. If you know someone who expresses an interest exploring a new relationship with Jesus in the fullness of the Faith Community of St. Pius X parish, kindly contact the church office (810) 235-8574 or see Fr. Anthony or Deacon Dave.

CCD

Catechism for children in 2nd Grade who do not attend St. Pius X Catholic School will **begin next Sunday, November 4, 2018 following the 9:30 am Mass.** Please call the church office at (810) 235-8574 to enroll your child.

Consoling the Heart of Jesus—Our next meeting is Thursday, November 1 at 11:00 am in the parish center. Here is the link where you can pick up the book and workbook: <https://www.allheartsafire.org/consoling-the-heart-of-jesus/overview.html> or through Amazon.

Bishop Robert Barron's "The Mass" at St. Pius X—Join us next **Wednesday, October 31** in the parish center. The morning classes are 10:00 am until 11:30 am; the evening classes are 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm. Call the Church office to reserve your spot.

Lector refresher will be held this Sunday, October 28th at 11:00 am; Monday, October 29th at 6:30 pm and Tuesday, October 30th after the 8:15 am Mass. The refresher will last approximately 30-45 minutes for those who were commissioned as Lectors and need to attend a brief refresher in order to continue in that ministry. Thank you.



SPX/St. Robert's Youth Group: Join us this Sunday from 7:00-9:00 pm at St. Robert's youth room. Enjoy a faith-filled, fun evening. Check out our page on the St. Pius X website for more information.

Evangelization Committee at St. Pius X—St. Pius X parish is forming a committee on evangelization. Sometimes that can sound like a scary word, but at the heart it's simply about how to spread the Gospel, the good news of what Jesus did for us, so that others can find that joy and happiness that come from a relationship with Jesus. If you're interested in joining this new committee, please call (810-235-8574) or email (pastorspxparish@gmail.com) Fr. Anthony as soon as possible.

Women of the Magnificat - Elizabeth and Mary: A Contemplative Retreat for Women November 16-18, 2018—Come away and spend some quiet time with Mary and Elizabeth in preparation for the Advent and Christmas season at this silent retreat. Topics covered include Church Teaching on the Magnificat, The Annunciation, Mary's Fiat, and The Spiritual Direction. Cost is \$175 per person with \$25 due at registration as a non-refundable deposit. This includes all lodging, meals, and materials. Register online at: www.stfrancis.ws or call (517) 669-8321.

Felician Sisters of North America—From December 7-9, 2018, the Felician Sisters of North America will sponsor a guided retreat entitled, "Mary's Yes to God" at the Maryville Retreat Center in Holly, MI. Sr. Judith Blizzard, CSSF, will lead the retreat, which will explore the impact of Mary's "yes" to God on the world and on the Church. Participants will also reflect on what we can learn from our Blessed Mother about our personal "yes" to do God's Will throughout our lives. Cost is \$140 which includes retreat participation, overnight lodging, linens and meals. To register, please contact Sr. M. Catherine Ryzewicz at (248) 634-5566 or maryville@feliciansisters.org. **Deadline to register is Friday, November 30.**

The Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph invites you to "**Brunch with the Nuns and Associates**" as we approach the blessed season of Advent on Sunday, December 2, 2018 at the new Nazareth Center, 2929 Nazareth Road, Kalamazoo, MI. Mass begins at 9:15 am in the chapel (optional) followed by brunch and conversation about the Congregation and various relationship possibilities, as vowed members or as associates. Women and men of all ages are invited. Please RSVP by Wednesday, November 28th to Sr. Bernie Dean at (269) 967-1195 or email at: bdean@csjoseph.org.



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The Value

Last week, our 5th-8th graders went to Powers for our annual GCCS Mass. It is always refreshing to celebrate our faith with all of our partner schools. The welcome included the introduction of school leaders, thanking everyone for being there and making a point to recognize that we are all part of the Genesee County Catholic community. Of course, we are part of something even larger.

During Fr. Jim Rolph's homily, he asked groups of students how much various items cost. Pictures appeared on a large screen for everyone to see. Fr. Jim used the microphone so all could hear students guess. The first slide was a picture of a bag of ramen noodles. A 7th grade student guessed that the bag of ramen cost \$35. The general student reaction was fairly subdued, but I am certain the teachers really appreciated that response. Fr. Jim politely explained that was not accurate. Then, the slides showed progressively more expensive items. Students guessed the prices of sports cars, yachts, and then a plane. Some guesses were pretty good, but many missed the mark. Then, he had a picture of some Powers students. Then over the microphone, the sophomore, who may or may not have been prepared for the moment, said, "Priceless!" Instantly, the crowd applauded. If Fr. Jim did not coach her, she definitely deserved a free cookie from the lunch room for that response! Father explained that no amount of money or material good could be exchanged for God's love and friendship. He went on to show a picture of Jesus on the cross. The packed gym was quiet. In so many words, Fr. Jim explained how Jesus died for us and that could not be monetized. Some things in life just need to be recognized and appreciated. It was a great lesson to hear that love and relationships represent something more valuable than any material good. This Mass produced one of those moments about what a special gift Catholic education is. Lessons were clear and the feeling of faith and community were obviously present.

As area parishes and Diocesan leadership look at ideas to be sure Catholic education is sustainable for years to come, there is an important meeting on Sunday, November 4th at 4:30pm. Tom Maloney, the Superintendent of Lansing Diocese Schools, has invited parents, particularly from the Flint area elementary grade schools, to the Powers auditorium to learn more about school finances and trends. This meeting is intended to share information and eventually gain parent feedback to ensure the sustainability of Catholic education in the area. School parents are encouraged to attend, but it is not limited to just them. Everyone is welcome. Thanks for your continued support. Go Chargers!

God Bless,
Brian Sheeran
Principal, St. Pius X
www.spxchargers.org

Community Open House at Powers Catholic High School, Sunday, November 4th, 2018 from 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm at 1505 W. Court, Street, Flint MI 48503. Your invited to come visit our campus and learn about the possibility of a Catholic education for your student and to tour our beautiful campus. "With God, all things are possible" (Matthew 19:26), and we would like to give your student every advantage for their future, including an education grounded in faith. For more information, call (810) 591-4741, ext. 6.

OUR WEEKLY COLLECTION

Week of:	10/22/2018	Year-to-Date
Budgeted income	\$ 10,400.00	\$ 165,004.35
Actual income	\$ 7,865.30	\$ 163,908.97
Surplus (deficit)	\$ (2,534.70)	(1,095.38)

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