



# 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.**  
**G-3139 Hogarth Avenue, Flint, MI 48532**

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### PARISH STAFF

**Pastor** ..... Fr. Anthony J. Strouse  
**Deacon** ..... Dave Jansen  
**Principal**..... Brian Sheeran  
**Minister of Music** ..... Maria Sutara  
**Choir Director**..... Kelli Kelly  
**Organist**..... Aritta Oh

### PARISH PHONE NUMBERS

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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

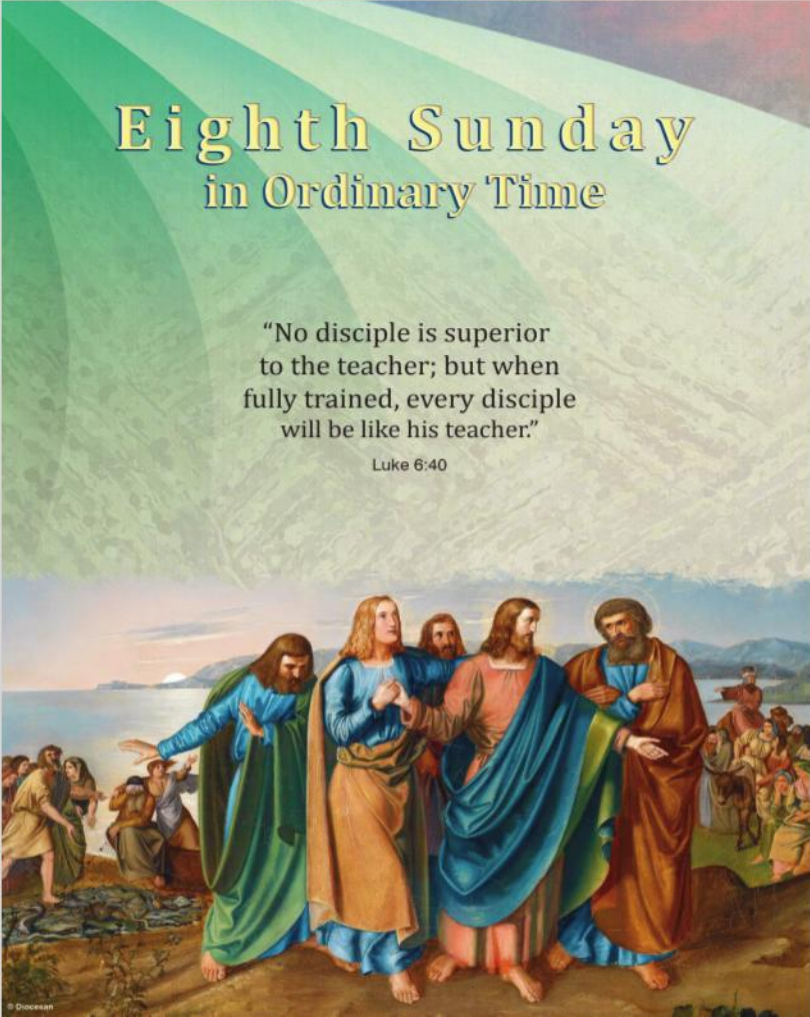
Call the rectory if you are aware of anyone who is homebound.

### BULLETIN DEADLINE

Monday, 12:00 pm written or via email

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## The Weekly Calendar

### 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

(†Mass Intention)

#### SUNDAY, MARCH 3, Girl Scout cookie sales after Mass

8:30 **No** Confessions  
 9:00 **No** Morning prayer  
 9:30 Adult Choir (church)  
 9:30 Rite of Sending  
 9:30 † Margaret A. Berry by Dolores Cox  
 10:30 K of C pancake breakfast (comm room)  
 7:00 Youth Group at St. Robert's

#### MONDAY, MARCH 4

8:15 † William Marrah by Teresa O'Brien  
 1:00 Altar Society meeting (parish center)  
 6:00 Divine Mercy (parish center)

#### TUESDAY, MARCH 5

8:15 † Nancy Ann Skrbec by Fr. Anthony Strouse  
 8:45 Tuesday Toasters (parish center)  
 5:30 Confessions  
 7:00 K of C meeting (youth room)

#### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, ASH WEDNESDAY, School Mass

##### A day of Fast and Abstinence

8:15 † Anthony Eustace by  
 the Christy family

6:00 † The parish

#### THURSDAY, MARCH 7

8:15 Traditional Stations (church)  
 7:00 Adult Choir practice (church)

#### FRIDAY, MARCH 8

7:00 Adoration (church)  
 8:15 Special Intentions for Vern Sturdy  
 by Annette Byrnes  
 5:30 Soup Supper begins (comm room)  
 6:15 Lenten Reflections  
 7:00 Stations (church)

#### SATURDAY, MARCH 9

3:00 Confessions  
 4:30 † The parish

#### SUNDAY, MARCH 10, FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

##### Daylight Savings Time begins

8:30 Confessions  
 9:00 Morning prayer  
 9:30 Adult Choir (church)  
 9:30 Special Intentions for Harry L. Parker  
 by Gloria Hourany  
 5:00 Confirmation Prep (school)  
 7:00 Youth Group at St. Robert's

#### Altar Servers for March 9 & 10

4:30 J Stephen, A Brady, K Schaezner  
 9:30 Volunteer, M Cole, B Danic



### OUR WEEKLY COLLECTION

Week of:	Feb 24, 2019	Year-to-Date
Budgeted income	\$ 10,800.00	\$ 349,989.62
Actual income	\$ 9,627.00	\$ 342,477.02
Surplus (deficit)	\$ (1,173.00)	\$ (7,512.60)

## Don Antonio's Dispatch...

This week begins our observance of Lent with Ash Wednesday. I know I do this every year, but I'll review our Catholic Lenten observances:

#### Ash Wednesday

Day of Abstinence. For everyone from the 14th birthday until death. No beef, pork, or chicken. Fish and reptile meat is allowed.

Day of Fasting. For everyone from the 18th birthday until the 59th birthday (inclusive). Exceptions can be made for health reasons. One regular meal; two smaller meals which combined do not equal the regular meal. No snacking.

#### Fridays of Lent

Day of Abstinence. Every Friday is a day of Penance where, if we don't abstain from meat, we are supposed to do some other penitential practice. During Lent, every Friday we are required to abstain from meat. Does not apply if a Solemnity is on a Friday (19 March, 25 March).

#### Good Friday

Day of Abstinence

Day of Fasting

#### Lenten Sacrifices

During Lent, we are encouraged to give up something and/or do something extra to unite ourselves with the suffering of Christ. Not a diet. Can add works of charity, prayer, daily Mass, etc.

We'll also be having our usual St. Pius X Lenten observances. Thursday mornings at 8:15 there will be Stations of the Cross (by St. Alphonsus Liguori). Friday evenings at 5:30 we will have soup suppers. After the soup supper (around 6:15 p.m.), I will give a reflection. This year my reflections will be on the Sacraments and how they impact our daily life. Then at 7:00 p.m. we will begin Stations of the Cross (by St. Alphonsus Liguori).

Mark your calendars, because on 12 April, after the soup supper at 5:30 p.m., with Stations of the Cross a little earlier (6:15 p.m.), the choir will be doing a Lenten Cantata at 7:00 p.m. Make sure you attend!

Last, but not least, our saint for this week is St. Casimir. He was born 3 October 1458 and died 4 March 1484. He was a prince (second oldest son) of the Kingdom of Poland and the Grand Duchy of Lithuania. He was known for his piety and generosity to the sick and the poor, and he likely died of tuberculosis. He is a witness of a public servant who, though he had great means, used them for helping others. His memorial day is 4 March and he is the patron of Poland and Lithuania. We have a church dedicated to St. Casimir in Lansing.



Please contact Kelli Kelly, Choir Director at: [kelli2kellyk@yahoo.com](mailto:kelli2kellyk@yahoo.com) or call the church office (810) 235-8574 if you are interested in participating in the Lenten Cantata "Once Upon a Tree". Regular rehearsals are at 7:00 pm.

Rehearsal for the Cantata starts at 8:00 pm.



#### Lectors for March 9 & 10

4:30 L Stephen 9:30 W Krebs

#### ALTAR CARE-Team 3

Pam Warren, Janet Matuszewski





## 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. Contact the church office (810) 235-8574 or see Fr. Anthony or Deacon Dave Jansen.



**Coming during Lent!** A book study on Wednesday nights in the parish center **beginning on Wednesday, March 13, 2019 at 6:00 pm** in the parish center. We will study the book that the parish gave us, "The Biggest Lie in the History of Christianity". This book study will be led by Denise Williams.

## In Our Parish



### Parishioners Corner-

It's getting to be that time of year again. Yes, Lent is coming March 6th. Instead of only giving up "something" this year, why not decide to do something to increase your faith. Spend some time on FORMED. That fridge magnet that came with the Matthew Kelly book at Christmas has the FORMED website address on it. You can sign up for daily Lenten reflections on your phone, iPad or computer. They last 3-4 minutes and are very inspiring. Or, you can kick-start the Lenten season with "Lady of Guadalupe", which is a great experience everyone should see. FORMED has a wide variety of subjects for the family. Simply go to: [spxparishflint.formed.org](http://spxparishflint.formed.org). Watching FORMED can be easier than giving up your nightly bowl of ice cream. Go to the website and give it a try. You will really like it! I know I do.

Bob Comeau, parish council representative

**Lenten Soup Suppers 2019—**Beginning on Friday, March 8th and the following Fridays of Lent, we will be having Soup Suppers in the community room at 5:30 pm. Following this time of socializing and good food, Fr. Anthony will share a Lenten Reflection at 6:15 pm and lead Stations of the Cross at 7:00 pm. All parishioners are welcome to come. If you would like to provide a soup for any of these six evenings, please call Alice Fritz at (810) 695-7990.

### St. Pius X parish Easter Flowers during the Easter season—

Acknowledge your loved ones with a gift of flowers to help beautify the church during the Easter season. You will be able to take the flower(s) home on May 4/5. You will find the Easter Flower Order Form inserted in this week's bulletin. **Orders must be received by March 18, 2019. Order forms will also be available in the church office.** Thank you!



**Daylight savings time begins next weekend, March 10th. Don't forget to spring forward!**



**SPX/St. Robert's Youth Group: All High Schoolers** join us this Sunday, March 3, 2019 for a faith-filled, fun evening at St. Robert's, in Flushing.

**St. Pius X Catholic School, Flint, MI** is accepting applications for a part-time Child Care/Teacher Assistant Position. Please attach your cover letter, resume and references to the online application at: [dioceseoflansing.org](http://dioceseoflansing.org). The position remains open until filled. If you have specific questions, please call St. Pius X school office (810) 235-8572 or email our Child Care Director, Katrina Karsten at: [kkarsten@stpiusxcatholic.org](mailto:kkarsten@stpiusxcatholic.org)



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## Moderation

Our virtue last week was moderation. We emphasized the need to create healthy balances in our lives. Some of the examples included time spent on video games, iPads, and social media. We also discussed the effects of eating too many sweets as well. We will be applying lessons of moderation as we prepare our upcoming Lenten promises.

Over the last couple weeks between snow days, we finished our standardized tests. Even though we did not have ideal testing conditions, the students performed very well. One of the many benefits of a Catholic School is understanding that standardized tests are just one tool for measuring academic growth, but does not tell the whole story of a child's formation.

Last week, we sent 2 SPX students from each grade 4-8 to the GCCS spelling bee. Special congratulations to Tommy Rinoldo! Tommy will represent SPX and the GCCS at the upcoming GISD spelling bee. Along with Tommy's excitement, one of the most entertaining competitions happened among 4th graders. It was a strong field that took a while to be thinned out to a heads up match between one of our students, Timmy Dion and another from St. John Vianney. They went back and forth for so long that the moderators ran out of words and had to go find another spelling list! The moderator came back with 7th grade words. The competition still continued for some time and eventually Timmy was eliminated. In talking with Timmy afterwards, he was so proud and excited. It was clear that it was not just about winning and losing, but it was about the challenge. His perspective and attitude was developed long before he walked into the spelling bee. Like many SPX students, his family, classmates and teachers have given him the tools which have provided him the understanding that he should be proud of his successes and complimentary of others.

This month, we are doing special events to celebrate March as national reading month, and will also begin preparing for our Auction on April 27th. Please mark your calendars! There will be more on our Auction in future bulletins.

Please continue to keep our school in your prayers as you will continue to be in ours.

God Bless,  
Brian Sheeran  
Principal, St. Pius X  
[www.spxchargers.org](http://www.spxchargers.org)

## SAVE THE DATE! St. Pius X Catholic School "Awesome 80's" Dinner Auction

will be held on Saturday, April 27, 2019 in the St. Pius X Community Room. Mark your calendars! Purchase your Super Draw tickets now on sale in the school office!



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