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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

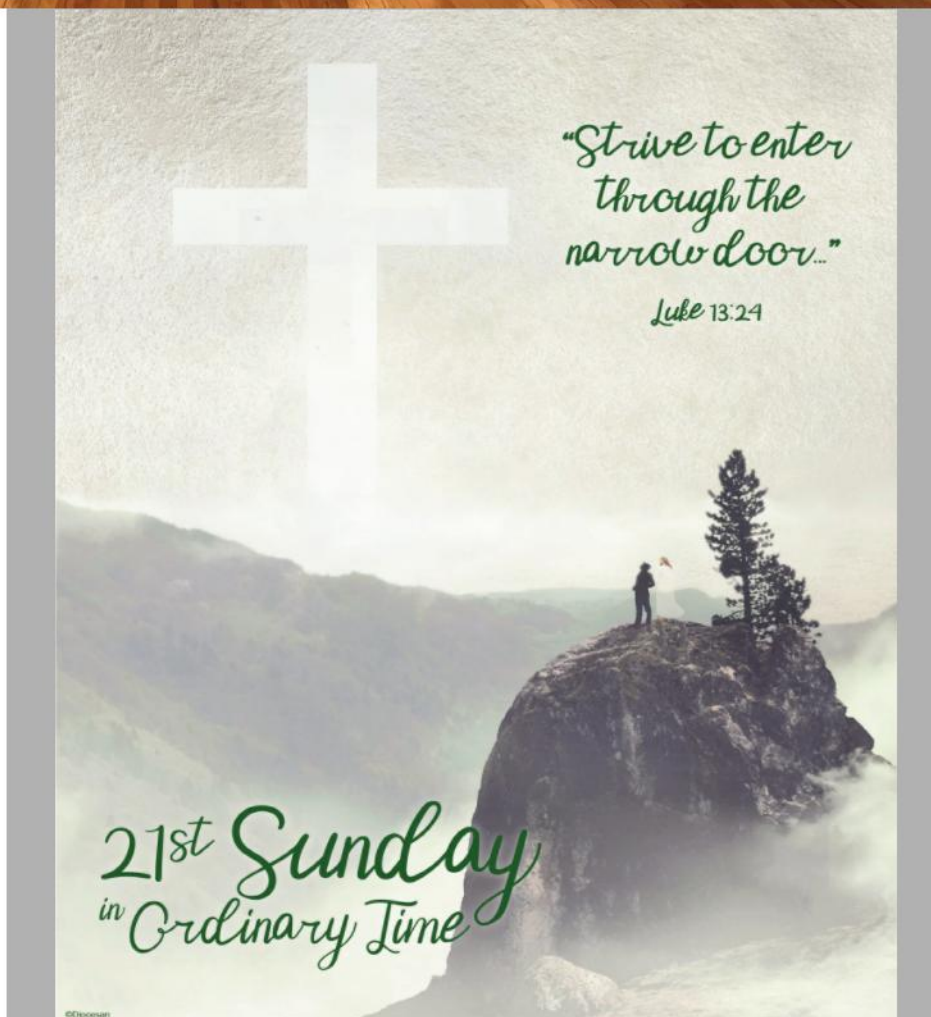
Call the rectory if you are aware of anyone who is homebound.

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Monday, 12:00 pm written or via email

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The Weekly Calendar

21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

(†Mass Intention)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25

8:30 Confessions
 9:00 Morning prayer
 9:30 † The parish
 7:00 Summer Youth Group, St. Robert's, Flushing

MONDAY, AUGUST 26, School begins, full day

8:00 † Mary Virginia Costello by SPX parish

TUESDAY, AUGUST 27

8:00 † Phil Carriere by Kathy Hartner
 8:30 Tuesday Toasters (parish center)
 5:30 No Confessions

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28, First School Mass of the year

8:00 (no intention)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 29**FRIDAY, AUGUST 30, No School**

7:00 No Adoration (church)
 8:00 † William Marrah by Janet George

SATURDAY, AUGUST 31

3:00 Confessions
 4:30 † Tom Hyde and Rita Alumbaugh by Mary Hyde and Gary & Amy Alumbaugh

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

8:30 Confessions
 9:00 Morning prayer
 9:30 † The parish

Altar Servers for August 31 & Sept 1

4:30 V Mathew, S Jamison, B Jamison
 9:30 Volunteer, G Taylor, R Davies

**Lectors for August 31 & Sept 1**

4:30 A Jamison 9:30 R West

"And sing the love amazing..."

One of the Holy Icons that we venerate in our church is that of Saint Augustine. He wrote "Cantare amantis est"— "Singing is a lover's thing." Because singing comes from the depths of love, it involves the whole person. More than just being a nice thing to have at Holy Mass, music is a necessary component to our worship. Whether we sing or listen to music that is beautiful, holy, and truthful, we give glory to God and sanctify ourselves. When we sing from love, we encounter Jesus. Please pray for me as I prepare to serve God and all of you through the gift of music.



Joseph Dobos, Director of Sacred Music

OUR WEEKLY COLLECTION

Week of:	8/15/2019 Assumption	8/18/2019	Year-to-Date
Budgeted income	\$ 1,076.00	\$ 9,100.00	\$ 70,336.10
Actual income	\$ 914.00	\$ 6,604.70	\$ 57,922.12
Surplus (deficit)	\$ (162.00)	\$ (2,495.30)	\$ (12,413.98)

Don Antonio's Dispatch...

Welcome to the first week of school! We welcome back our returning families and staff, and welcome to our parish and school family our new families and staff. St. Pius X is one of the great blessings for our parish. Please pray for our school that it may be a beacon of hope to Flint and that we may form disciples of Jesus Christ who commit their lives to following Him with all of who they are.

Safety is one of the highest priorities of our parish and school, and in that light I want to share with you a new policy that the Diocese of Lansing just released concerning registered sex offenders (RSO). The Diocesan policy requires me to place certain restrictions upon people I know to be a RSO, to make sure that they are complying with the laws of the State of Michigan and any parole or probation restrictions placed upon them as part of their sentence. We always want to ensure that our parish is a place of safety for minors and vulnerable adults, and these policies will help to ensure that this continues to be the case at St. Pius X Catholic Church and School.

The policy is too lengthy to reproduce here, but if you are an RSO, please contact me to set up a meeting with me so that we can go over them. Even if you are not an RSO, but would like to know the details, I can also meet with you to share them.

This week our parish rejoices in another step of Mark Danaho toward the permanent diaconate. Mark will be installed as a lector by Bishop Boyea. Instituted Lectors are given a permanent commission to preach the Word of God at Mass (but not the Gospel or preaching homilies), unlike our readers at Mass, who are commissioned for a 2-year period. Congratulations, Mark!

This weekend is Aritta's last weekend as our organist. I want to thank her for all her wonderful work in helping our parish worship God through sacred music. We all pray for you and wish you the best in your future endeavors. Our new Director of Sacred Music (who will be playing the organ, directing our choir, and picking out music), Mr. Joe Dobos, begins on Monday, 26 August. He will be playing at all the weekday Masses for the first week to introduce himself and introduce us to some new, but very easy to learn, Mass settings. Welcome, Joe!

This Wednesday I'll be leaving for a short trip to Dallas. A young man I taught in high school, Cooper Rush, is one of the back-up quarterbacks for the Dallas Cowboys, and I'm going down to see him in a pre-season game. I'll leave Wednesday after Mass, and return (hopefully) in time for Mass on Saturday. Fr. David Harvey will be hearing confessions Saturday from 3:00 pm -4:00 p.m., as usual. My flight is supposed to be back at 2:00 p.m., but if it's delayed, Fr. Harvey will take the Mass, too.

The saint this week is St. John the Baptist. We celebrate the Memorial of the Passion (Beheading) of St. John the Baptist on Thursday. We should all know the story: John had been imprisoned by King Herod, who didn't like John preaching against his immoral marriage, but didn't want to put John to death. Herodias, King Herod's illegitimate wife, was not as principled as King Herod, though, and wanted to put him to death. She got the opportunity when Salome danced for King Herod on his birthday, which so delighted him that he promised her anything, even to half his kingdom. Salmone conferred with Herodias, who asked for the head of St. John the Baptist. Herod buckled under the pressure, and had John beheaded. St. John the Baptist was the greatest prophet, as he prepared the people for Jesus, the Incarnate Word of God. But even with his exulted mission, he was not spared from pain and trial. Hopefully he will inspire us to proclaim the Word of God, even when it means persecution.

ALTAR CARE-Team 4

Kathleen Wilson, Pat Fearon, Clara Wylie



Faith Formation

If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith or would like to become Catholic, St. Pius X will be starting its RCIA program September 8th. For more information, please contact Colleen Ontko in the church office at (810) 235-8574.

Beginning in September we will offer some great, new bible studies at St. Pius X. Please check the bulletin for classes, dates and times that will soon begin.



Liturgy Bible Study: If you ever wanted to understand the Sunday readings or better understand the Catholic faith beyond the Baltimore Catechism, this class might be for you. We will meet directly after the Sunday Mass **beginning September 8, 2019 from 10:45 am to 11:45 am in the parish center.** Enjoy coffee and donuts and a great time of fellowship. This bible study will be led by Deacon Dave Jansen, Mark Danaho and Colleen Ontko.



The Second Greatest Story Ever Told. Come and learn about Divine Mercy in the Second Greatest Story Ever Told and how this is the time of Great Mercy! A 10 part series by Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC on how and

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Join us for a book study, **"The Book of Sirach" beginning on Wednesday, September 18, 2019 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm in the parish center.** This will be a time of informal sharing and discussions led by Denise Williams.



Altar flowers for this weekend are donated by Ken and Cheryl Pelletier in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary!

The Divine Mercy Apostolate is a Eucharist Apostolate active at SPX. Please watch the Bulletin for Fall classes to begin.



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Fellowship

The week before school gets started is always so important and as expected, it flew right by. We welcomed our staff back for our annual faculty kickoff meetings. Catching up with colleagues over coffee, sharing stories about summer travels and laughing with each other over cheesy icebreakers was time well-spent. It is obvious that everyone is ready to get things going. We covered the Diocesan mandated talking points, implemented our new scheduling ideas and took a critical look at our routines to create an even better experience for our students. Of course, changes to any routine brings another level of planning, but we resolved as much as we could before putting our plans into action. We accomplished our goals in reworking the class schedule to add more math and reading class time. Our educational goals are simple - teach kids to read, write, think and pray. Those critical skills will set children up for both short and long-term success!

At our Business Day event, we welcomed both new and returning families. To see the student's reactions as they saw friends they had not seen since the last school year is always special. The energy in the building was a strong indicator that everyone is ready for a new year! We are excited for what next week brings.

It was mentioned in last week's bulletin, but if you would like to support our school and enjoy back-to-school shopping, we have a list on our website of some wish list items as well as the traditional items. Even more importantly than any physical gift, please keep our school in your prayers. You will continue to be in ours.

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

St. Pius X Altar Server Training (for new altar servers; current servers are welcome to attend as a refresher) on Tuesday, September 10th from 3:20 pm to 4:50 pm. All males and females currently in grades 3-12 are welcome to attend altar server training. Parents are encouraged to attend if they want to. Thanks for volunteering and helping our parish!

St. Pius X Walking Group! Let's get moving together—Contact Gina Davies at (810) 865-9344 or (602) 696-1460. You may also email her at: gina.davies@nau.edu.



Altar Flowers Sign-Up—The sign-up sheet for weekend Altar Flowers is in the narthex. The standard arrangement is \$60. Payment is made to the church office. If you have any questions or need assistance, please call the church office (810) 235-8574.



SPX/St. Robert's Youth Group: All high schoolers join us this Sunday, **August 25th** from 7:00 pm to 9:30 pm at St. Robert's in Flushing for a faith-filled, fun evening of summer youth ministry.

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