

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.); 9:30 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

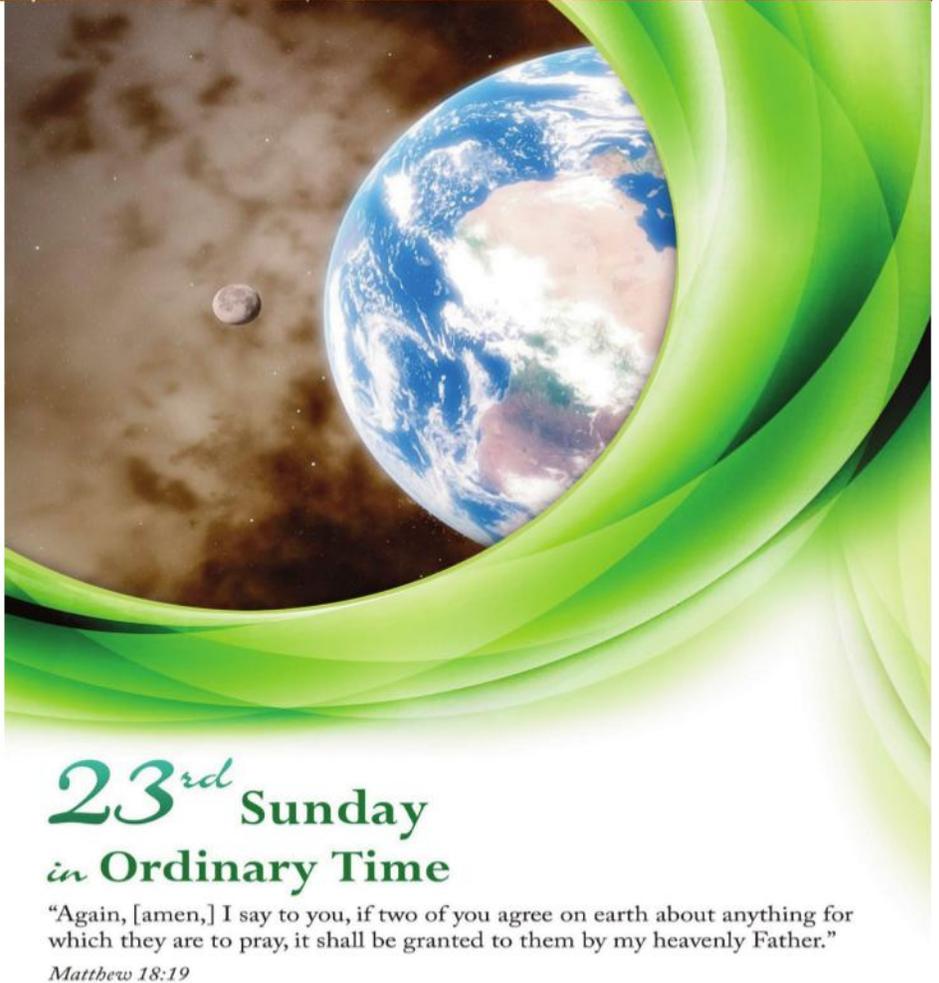
Call the rectory if you are aware of anyone who is homebound.

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Monday, 12:00 pm written or via email

Hearing difficulties?

Please ask an usher for a Personal PA receiver.



23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Again, [amen,] I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father.”

Matthew 18:19

The Weekly Calendar
23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 †Mass Intention)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 25% capacity Mass
 8:30 Confessions
 9:00 Morning prayer
 9:30 † Robert Cushman by the family
 7:00 No Youth Group
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, LABOR DAY
 8:00 **No Mass/Offices closed**
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 25% capacity Mass
 7:40 Rosary (church)
 8:00 † Roger Schlosser by the family
 8:45 No Tuesday Toasters
 5:30 Confessions (church)
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 25% capacity Mass
 8:00 Special Intentions in appreciation
 Fr. Anthony Strouse by the
 Ancient Order of Hibernians
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 25% capacity Mass
 7:00 Adoration
 8:00 † Betty Bissonnette by Joyce Grant
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 25% capacity Mass
Pontifical Holy Land Collection
 1:00 Liturgy Bible study *via Zoom*
 3:00 Confessions
 4:30 † Vera Hale by the Whiteside & Cassidy families
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 25% capacity Mass
Pontifical Holy Land Collection
 8:30 Confessions
 9:00 Morning prayer
 9:30 † The parish

Readings for September 6

*If today you hear his voice,
 harden not your hearts.* Ezekiel 33:7-9
 Psalm 95:1-2,6-7,8-9
 Romans 13:8-10
 Matthew 18:15-20



Lectors for September 12 & 13

4:30 J Love 9:30 M Danaho

ALTAR CARE-Team 2

Linda Helmka, Kathy Hartner



On Monday, September 7th, there will be no Mass and the offices will be closed in observance of Labor Day

OUR WEEKLY COLLECTION

Week of:	8/30/2020	2020-2021 Year-to-Date
Budgeted income	\$ 7,400.00	\$ 66,600.00
Actual income	\$ 5,085.52	\$ 67,451.09
Surplus (deficit)	\$ (2,314.48)	\$ 851.09

Don Antonio's Dispatch...

Happy Labor Day Weekend! This is the social beginning of fall, and one of the things I like about this time of year is our great Michigan apples (sometimes with a bit of caramel sauce). Remember that our office will be closed for Labor Day, and we won't have Mass.

We do have a group of parishioners who are going to start praying the rosary before our Tuesday morning Masses at 7:40 a.m. Everyone is welcome to join. The Rosary is a beautiful way to bring our needs and thanksgiving to Mary, who presents them to her Son and God, Jesus.

I know this is political season. I know that people hate talking about politics and religion, because they can, especially in our times, be so divisive. At the same time, our faith is not simply what we do on Sundays or in our homes. Catholicism means that *everything* we do is informed by what we believe. The Catholic Church does not endorse individual candidates or particular parties. The Michigan Catholic Conference is the Catholic Church's advocacy arm in the State of Michigan, and provides guidance on individual issues. You can check out their website at: <http://www.micatholic.org/advocacy/advocacy-issues/>. As the Holy Spirit moves me, I may be preaching on issues that connect with politics, like abortion, euthanasia, freedom of religion, care for the poor, health care, solidarity, subsidiarity, etc. I haven't planned anything out, but sometimes the Scriptures move me to talk about important faith issues in our day (which, as I said above, have consequences in our civic life). The biggest thing I like to remind myself and you is that, at the end of our life, we will be judged, among other things, on how we vote. So let's make sure we are formed by the Church on what values we want to see in our political leaders, and what policies we want them to promote or reject.

Here's our *Catechism* paragraph for the week:

The *fruits* of charity are joy, peace, and mercy; charity demands beneficence and fraternal correction; it is benevolence; it fosters reciprocity and remains disinterested and generous; it is friendship and communion: "Love is itself the fulfillment of all our works. There is the goal; that is why we run: we run toward it, and once we reach it, in it we shall find rest." (n. 1829)

Grow+Go Introduction-- This week, we are introducing *Grow+Go*, content designed to help parishioners understand what it means to be an evangelizing disciple of Christ. Using the Sunday Scriptures as the basis for reflection, *Grow+Go* offers insight into how we can all more fully GROW as disciples and then GO evangelize, fulfilling Christ's Great Commission to "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Spirit". (Matthew 28:19) The concept behind the weekly series is to make discipleship and evangelization simple, concrete and relatable. **Look for *Grow+Go* in our weekly bulletin and on our parish website and Facebook page.**

Our Lady of Lebanon, Flint -

Dear Fr. Anthony and the parishioners of St. Pius X:

Peace from Our Lady of Lebanon. First, allow me to thank you parishioners and you for the outpouring of love shown to your sister church and to the people of Lebanon during these most difficult of times. The unity of our churches in the Catholic Faith is a great comfort and powerful to show our care and support in coming together as one mystical body. May God bless our Shepherd Bishop Boyea and you, and all the priests and continue his work among us. Thank you again for your generosity. Let us keep praying for each other and, especially, those in Lebanon.

Yours in Christ, Fr. Pierre Bassil

Faith Formation

If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith or would like to become Catholic, please contact Janet Cassidy, Faith Formation department in the church office at (810) 235-8574.

Jesus began his ministry within a small group—the apostles. He developed close, personal relationships with that group of 12. They got to know him, and he knew them. Eventually he moved outward to larger groups, but the small group came first.

Living among his small group, Jesus taught them. He didn't give formal lessons, but he built communion with them. In that way he equipped them so they could carry on his work once he returned to the Father.

As part of the bigger group, you and I share in that responsibility to carry on his work today. The early disciples didn't come fully formed, knowing what to say and do. Just like us, they needed formation. We have many small groups that have risen up naturally from the relationships developed here at St. Pius X, however, one question remains:

Do we see in each of our groups the defining mission of carrying on the work of Jesus?

The mission of the church must include sharing the Word of God (especially with those who do not know Jesus), and caring for the poor. How are we doing? Let's talk!

Janet Cassidy
dirfaithformation@gmail.com



Lectionary Bible Study—Please join us via Zoom!

Deacon Dave will lead lectionary bible study on Saturdays from 1:00 pm to 1:30 pm. For those of you interested, please send your email address to get the Zoom link at spxparish@gmail.com. If you are new to Zoom, we can send you a test run before the group meeting.



The Divine Mercy Apostolate is a Eucharist Apostolate active at SPX. The cenacle meets on **Mondays (and will start at a later date. Please watch the bulletin)** from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm in the parish center. Bring your bible, the DM diary and the CCC. Due to state guidelines, **no more than 10** are to gather

in the parish center at this time; please watch the bulletin as change is happening day to day. When meeting please practice social distancing and a mask is required unless medically unable. Thank you for understanding. The parish center is sanitized after every gathering.

“And sing the love amazing...” Another of the saints “written” in one of the four icons in our sanctuary is Saint Ambrose of Milan (340 – 397). Of music, he wrote:



David thus taught us that we must sing an interior song of praise, like Saint Paul, who tells us: *I shall pray in spirit, and also with understanding; I shall sing in spirit, and also with understanding.* We must fashion our lives and shape our actions in the light of the things that are above. David told us that his songs of praise were to celebrate the freeing of his soul, when he said: *I shall sing to you, God, on the Lyre, holy one of Israel; my lips will rejoice when I have sung to you, and my soul also, which you have set free.*

Joseph Dobos, Director of Sacred Music,
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NEWS & NOTES—Resources for Mass—

It can be tough not having the readings in front of you to follow along with the lector. Each week we're putting the citation of the Sunday readings (book, chapter, verse) in case you want to bring your Bible to follow along. You can also find the daily readings at www.usccb.org/readings If you're looking for other resources, that have readings and devotionals, we recommend the following:

- 1) us.magnificat.net (Magnificat has daily readings and devotionals, and is offering a special subscription rate due to COVID-19); the booklet is mailed to your house.
- 2) wau.org (Word Among Us has daily readings and devotionals as well, and offers print or electronic versions with a subscription).
- 3) www.livingfaith.com (Living Faith offers a booklet that you can buy that has a daily reflection and the Bible citation for each daily reading).

We hope this helps you stay connected to your faith!



St. Pius X Youth Group: All High Schoolers can join High School Youth Group ministry from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm at St. Robert's, Flushing. **Our next session will be on Sunday, September 13th.**

Due to Covid-19, all sessions will be outdoors or in the Activity Center and Gym with proper social distancing for fellowship, small groups, and weekly teachings.

Ave Maria University Generous Scholarships & Opportunity for a Free College Visit: Attention high school seniors! **Ave Maria University** near Naples, FL is offering the **Michigan Scholarship (\$28,000** over 4 years) and the **Michigan Homeschool Scholarship (\$36,000** over 4 years) to local Catholic students, making an authentic Catholic education truly affordable. You are also invited to participate in the **2020 AMU Michigan Fly-In FREE college visit to AMU Oct 29 – Nov 1.** For more information or to apply for the Fly-In, please visit: www.avemariafoundation.org. (See flyer in the narthex)

Join the Knights of Columbus, St. Pius X parish—Any Catholic man, age 18 or older, that is interested in joining the Knights of Columbus, please contact the parish office (810) 235-8574 and they will provide you with the contact information for Tim Jamison, Grand Knight for St. Pius X parish.

St. Pius X parish COVID19 notes and guidelines— You can continue to watch **Sunday Mass via livestream** on the St. Pius X Facebook page at: www.facebook.com/spxparish if you are not ready to attend public Mass.



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