



St. Pius X parish

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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.

Triduum Schedule

Holy Thursday, April 1

7:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

With Altar of Repose in the community room/Adoration until
 10:00 pm closing with Night Prayer and Reposition

Good Friday, April 2

12:00 pm Daytime prayer

12:30 pm Stations of the Cross

3:00 pm Good Friday Liturgy with Veneration of the Cross

8:00 pm Tenebrae

****No 8:00 am Mass****

Holy Saturday, April 3

8:30 am Office of Readings & Morning prayer

12:30 pm Blessing of Food

8:30 pm Easter Vigil Mass

****No Saturday 4:30 pm Mass/No Confessions****

Easter Sunday, April 4

8:30 am Morning prayer

Mass 9:00 am and 11:00 am



The Weekly Calendar

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

†Mass Intention)



SUNDAY, MARCH 28, 30% capacity Mass

- 8:30 Confessions
- 9:00 Morning prayer
- 9:30 † Garry Wilson by Kathleen Wilson
- 7:00 No Youth Group

MONDAY, MARCH 29, 30% capacity Mass

- 8:00 † Deacon Mark Simmon by St. Pius X parish
- 5:30 Divine Mercy (via Zoom)

TUESDAY, MARCH 30, 30% capacity Mass

- 7:40 Rosary (church)
- 8:00 (no intention)
- 8:30 Mother of Perpetual Help Devotion (church)
- 5:30 Confessions (church)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31, 30% capacity Mass

- 8:00 † Barbara and James Brophy by Joe Green and Jeanette Mansour
- 9:00 Decorate community room for Gethsemane garden

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 1

- 9:00 Easter Church cleaning
- 7:00 Mass of the Lord's Supper with Altar of Repose in the community room/Adoration until 10:00 pm closing with Night Prayer and Reposition
- 7:00 † Priests of the Diocese of Lansing

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 2, 30% capacity Mass

Parish offices closed

- 12:00 Daytime prayer (church)
- 12:30 Stations of the Cross
- 3:00 Good Friday Liturgy with Veneration of the Cross
- 8:00 Tenebrae (church)

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 3, 30% capacity Mass

- 8:30 Office of Readings & Morning prayer (church)
- 9:00 Decorate Church for Easter
- 12:30 Blessing of Food
- 8:30 Easter Vigil Mass
- 8:30 † Memorial Association

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 4, 30% capacity Mass

- 8:30 Morning prayer
- 9:00 † Christians in the Holy Land
- 11:00 † The parish
- 7:00 No Youth Group

Don Antonio's Dispatch...

Holy Week is my favorite week of the year. This is also probably the busiest week of the year (but that's not the reason it's my favorite). This week contains the most powerful Masses and liturgies of the entire Church year, and really our entire year should revolve around this week, because this was the week salvation was won for us.

This week, as I said in my homily, I want to encourage you to take advantage of the many opportunities that we'll have for prayer. Treat it like a retreat. I know that some, because of work, can't make it to everything, but try to make whatever you can. The more you enter into the prayer of the Church, the more you'll appreciate what we celebrate, and appreciate the great cost of our redemption that Christ accomplished.

FYI, our parish offices will be closed Good Friday and Easter Monday. We'll be back to regular office hours on Tuesday of the Octave of Easter (6 April).

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

Acclaimed as son of David, as the one who brings salvation (*Hosanna* means "Save!" Or "Give salvation!"), the "King of glory" enters his City "riding on an ass." Jesus conquers the Daughter of Zion, a figure of his Church, neither by ruse or by violence, but by the humility that bears witness to the truth. And so the subjects of his kingdom on that day are children and God's poor, who acclaim him as had the angels when they announced him to the shepherds. Their acclamation, "Blessed be he who comes in the name of the LORD," is taken up by the Church in the "*Sanctus*" of the Eucharistic liturgy that introduces the memorial of the Lord's Passover. (n. 559)

HELP! *Once again* we are in need of **help** to **decorate** the Community Room for **Gethsemane on Wednesday, March 31 at 9:00 am** and **also** on **Holy Saturday, April 3 at 9:00 am in the church to decorate for Easter**. More hands mean less work. No experience needed! Please call the church office at (810) 235-8574 if you can help!

Help is needed for our "Easter Church Cleaning" on Holy Thursday, April 1 at 9:00 am until the job is done. Come and stay as long as you can. Bring a bucket and some cleaning cloths. The more hands we have the shorter the time for cleaning. Please help us to make **YOUR** Church look its best this Easter Season!



Readings for March 28 - Palm Sunday

Procession with the Palms: Mark 11:1-19
Isaiah 50:4-7
Psalm 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24
Philippians 2:6-11
Mark 14:1-15:47 or 15:1-39

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

Thank you to everyone who has made a gift or pledge commitment to our Diocesan Services Appeal. Our gifts to DSA enable our diocese to provide services crucial to our parish. This week we reached **58.49%** of our DSA goal. Thus far **94 families** have contributed for a total of **\$24,818.00** to this year's appeal. I am grateful for these contributions. If you have not yet made a gift or a pledge, please do so today. Gift envelopes are available in the church and the parish office. Or you may submit your gift online at www.dioceseoflansing.org/dsa.



Lectors for April 3 & 4

We will refer to the sign-up sheets.
Thank you for your time!

OUR WEEKLY COLLECTION

Week of:	3/21/2021	2020-2021 Year-to-Date
Budgeted income	\$ 7,400.00	\$ 292,700.00
Actual income	\$ 8,125.00	\$ 298,599.86
Surplus (deficit)	\$ 725.00	\$ 5,899.86

Faith Formation

As we enter into Holy Week, it is a great time for Christians to come together as the unified Body of Christ. It is a time for us to consider the salvation and eternal life offered to all through Jesus Christ. This is not a time to become entrenched in our differences.

In the early 1960s, the Catholic Church had a tremendous gathering of the worldwide Church known as Vatican II. Out of it came several documents which were foundational to the writing of the *Catechism*, a compendium of the Church's teaching on faith and morals. Vatican II brought remarkable—valuable—insights, wisdom and growth to the Church. However, as Bishop Robert Barron and others have noted, "the documents of Vatican II are still widely unread, and if they are read, often misunderstood." Further, Barron said:

"On the one hand are 'radical traditionalists' who claim that Vatican II has betrayed authentic Catholicism and produced disastrous consequences in the life of the Church; on the other, 'progressives' who saw the council documents as a first step in the direction of a more radical reform of the Church, perpetuating the 'spirit' of Vatican II."

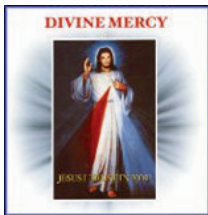
Let us come together as the unified Body of Christ, not separated by ideological camps, and walk together through the sufferings of Jesus to the rejoicing of Easter!

Janet Cassidy

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Lectionary Bible Study—No lectionary bible study on Holy Saturday. See you next week!



Save the Date! Divine Mercy Sunday, April 11, 2021—You are Invited! Did you know St. Pius X has a wonderful, faith-filled group that meets to study Scripture and the Catechism as it relates to the Diary of St. Faustina? They are known as the Divine Mercy group and their focus is on God's Mercy! (love and forgiveness) All are

welcome to visit the group to see what it is about—men and women both. Because **Sunday, April 11th is Divine Mercy Sunday**, we will be having a special, prayerful gathering at **3:00 p.m.** in the Church. All are welcome, including families with children! (Please bring your rosary if you have one.)

Here is a testimony by one of its members, Cathy Keroson:

The Divine Mercy group is a group I really look forward to. This group has helped enrich my faith life which has helped me share it with others. My prayer life has improved through our devotion, and I truly enjoy the friendly gatherings! For more information, contact Cathy Keroson cathyk148@yahoo.com

Thank you for your gift of \$460.00 to Catholic Charities North End Soup Kitchen! With your kindness and giving spirit, we are able to provide food, clothing, counseling, foster service, personal needs, a warming center and so much more! We cannot take all the credit for the thousands of lives we touch annually. It is only through the generous hearts of people like you that make it possible. I truly appreciate your generous support of our Soup Kitchen.

Many Blessings, Vicky Schultz



Prayers for the sick and homebound~

Please pray for the healing of:

Msgr. Richard Groshek, Bob Copeland, Kathleen Klein, Bob Esia, Sharon Guza, Judy Lancaster, Patrick Matlock, Ron Henige, Julia Partridge, Carol LaGrow, Maggie Espinoza, Gerald Sylvester, Mike Atkinson, Betty LaGuire, Shirley Brown, Howard Shand, Hilma Donohue, Ted Klopff, Joseph Earl, and Sondra Bigelow



May they fully recover to good health.

(Please call the parish office (810) 235-8574 if you or a family member is in need of prayer. Names will be removed after 3 weeks, but can be renewed with a phone call)

Join us for Faith Chat by Zoom! Mark your calendars! Faith Chat will resume the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays beginning April 7th at 7:00 pm via Zoom. To get the link, visit SPX Facebook close to the date, or email Janet Cassidy, Director of Adult Faith Formation at: dirfaithformationspx@gmail.com.



Monthly Parish Intention

Strengthen us Lord, that we may put our trust in your love for us within every circumstance.

Thank you to **Sandy Grades, Gina Davies and Kathy Vickrey** for donating cookies this week for the Warming Center at the *Center for Hope*.



Pontifical Good Friday Collection—Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Through the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you stand in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land as a witness of peace, supporting Catholics there in parishes and schools, maintaining shrines and caring for refugees in the Holy Land. Thank you for your generous support!

Diocese of Lansing Catholic Nurses, Shout for Joy: Calling all Catholic Nurses and Catholic Healthcare Professionals! **Membership is now open** and you are invited to join the newly formed Diocese of Lansing, Council of Catholic Nurses. Open to ALL Catholic nurses from student nurses through retired nurses and Catholic healthcare professionals. Council is an affiliate of the National Association of Catholic Nurses-USA. **Inaugural Mass** is planned for **Wednesday, May 5, 2021 (nurses' week) at 6:00 pm at St. Mary Star of the Sea Parish in Jackson, Michigan**. For more information, please contact nurse Cynthia Thelen at CatholicNurses.MI@gmail.com

"And sing the love amazing..."

If you attend the Good Friday Liturgy at 3 p.m. at St. Pius X, you might be surprised to hear this:

Hagios O Theos! Hagios Ischyros! Hagios Athanatos! Eleison Imas! You might think, "It sounds Greek to me!" And you would be correct. During the Veneration of the Cross, *The Reproaches* will be sung. One of the antiphons is this Greek prayer that dates back to the 4th Century. Translated, it means, *Holy God! Holy Mighty! Holy Immortal! Have mercy on us!* Why Greek? For the first four centuries, Christians worshipped entirely in Greek. Then, it was decided to use the language of the people—Latin. But, maybe for old time's sake, a few words of Greek were retained. This prayer, known as the Trisagion, takes on an extraordinary intensity on Good Friday.



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