



September 5, 2021  
Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

**WORSHIP GUIDE**

**Missalette** "Celebrate the Eucharist": Pg. 70

**First Reading** — Isaiah 35:4-7a

**Psalm** — Psalm 146

Praise the Lord, my soul!

**Second Reading** — James 2:1-5

**Gospel** — Mark 7:31-37

**MASS SCHEDULE**

<b>Monday</b> ( <i>Labor Day</i> )	7:30 a.m.
<b>Tuesday—Friday</b>	6 a.m. & 12:05 p.m.
<b>Saturday</b> ( <i>Morning</i> )	7:30 a.m.
<b>Saturday</b> ( <i>Sunday Vigil</i> )	5 p.m.
<b>Sunday</b>	7:30 a.m.; 9 a.m.; 10:30 a.m. & 5 p.m.

Live streamed Masses can be viewed at:  
<https://stpiusxchurch.org/live>

**RECONCILIATION**

<b>Monday</b> ( <i>Labor Day</i> )	7 a.m.*
<b>Tuesday—Friday</b>	5:30 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.*
<b>Saturday</b>	3—4:30 p.m. and by appointment.

**CHURCH HOURS**

30 minutes before Mass (or 15 minutes before Confession) until 6 p.m. daily (or after evening activities).

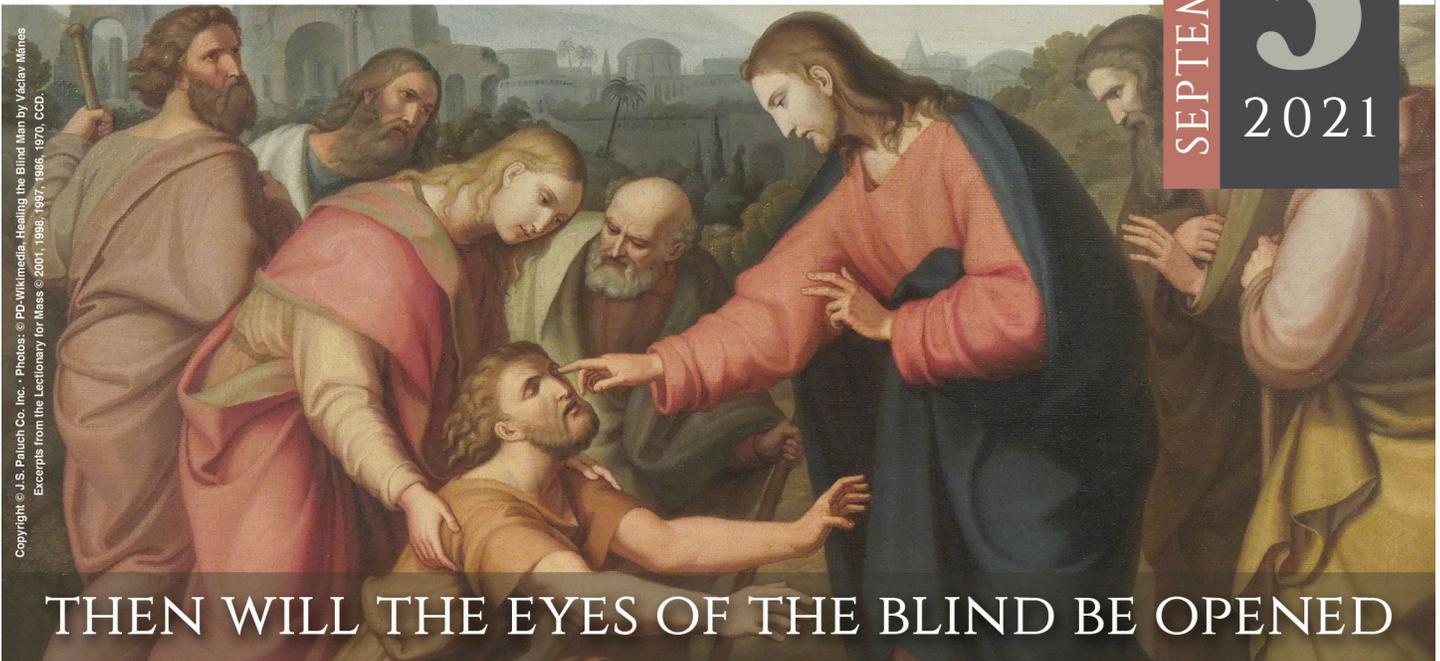
# St. Pius X Catholic Church

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Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

SEPTEMBER

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2021



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**THEN WILL THE EYES OF THE BLIND BE OPENED**

the ears of the deaf be cleared; then will the lame leap like a stag,  
then the tongue of the mute will sing.

Isaiah 35:5-6

# At Your Service

## ST. PIUS X CATHOLIC CHURCH

Welcome all members and visitors to St Pius X Church! Thank you for joining us today. Please let us know how to better serve you, and don't hesitate to ask anyone if you have a question or need help. We are glad you are here and are here to serve you! We are a large community with many activities. We look forward to helping you discern your gifts once you feel called to participate.

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Lafayette, LA 70598-0489

### Office Hours

Monday –Thursday: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.  
Friday: 8 a.m. – 12 p.m.

[www.stpiusxchurch.org](http://www.stpiusxchurch.org)

The office will be closed on Monday, September 6th for the Labor Day holiday.

## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

### MASS SCHEDULE

**Monday (Labor Day):** 7:30 a.m.

**Tuesday – Friday:** 6 a.m. & 12:05 p.m.

**Saturday:** 7:30 a.m. & 5 p.m.

**Sunday:** 7:30 a.m.; 9 a.m.;

10:30 a.m. (Fr. Poirrier); & 5 p.m. (Fr. Poirrier)

• Fr. James Brady will celebrate Mass the weekend of September 11-12th except where otherwise noted.

### RECONCILIATION

**Monday (Labor Day):** 7 a.m.

**Tuesday – Friday:** 5:30 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.

**Saturday:** 3–4:30 p.m. and by appointment.

### CHURCH HOURS

30 minutes before Mass (or 15 minutes before Confession) until 6 p.m. daily (or after evening activities).

## PARISH OFFICE

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Live Stream: <https://stpiusxchurch.org/live/>

## SACRAMENTS & MINISTRY

† The Adoration Chapel is open daily with the Eucharist exposed from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.

† Most Ministries, Devotions, Events & Activities remain suspended.

† Anointing of the Sick will be available by appointment.

## CLERGY

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## HELPFUL LINKS

### General Information

[info@stpiusxchurch.org](mailto:info@stpiusxchurch.org)

### Parishioner Registration

<https://stpiusxchurch.org/join-the-parish/>

join-the-parish/

### Adoration Sign-up

<http://stpiusxchurch.org/adoration/>

### Sacramental Record Request

<https://stpiusxchurch.org/sacramental-record-request/>

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### Baptism

<https://stpiusxchurch.org/sacraments/baptism/>

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### Weddings

<https://stpiusxchurch.org/sacraments/marriage/>

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### First Communion

<https://stpiusxchurch.org/sacraments/eucharist/>

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### Confirmation

<https://stpiusxchurch.org/sacraments/confirmation/>

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### Adult Confirmation

<https://stpiusxchurch.org/adult-confirmation/>

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### Online Giving

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## OFFICE HOURS & DAILY MASS CHANGES

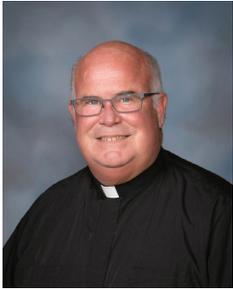
### Office Hours

Monday –Thursday: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Friday: 8 a.m. – 12 p.m.

12:05 p.m. Mass (11:30 a.m. Confession) will be offered Monday – Friday beginning September 3, 2021

# Pastor's Corner



Tomorrow we celebrate Labor Day, and we hope you have a good holiday. This secular holiday is a good time for us to reflect on what the Church and Sacred

Scripture convey to us about the work and responsibilities entrusted to us in our daily lives. In the Old Testament, work was considered a result of The Fall of Adam and Eve, and therefore considered a punishment and oppressive. However, in the Salvation brought by Jesus, labor has been redeemed, and can be a necessary, liberating, fruitful and fulfilling part of our lives if done with the right attitude and perspective.

When we are living out our vocations according to God's Will (that is, His Plan of Salvation), we become God's instruments helping to build His Kingdom by the gift of His Grace. This weekend's Readings remind us to serve those who are less fortunate or vulnerable. One thing necessary to adopt the right attitude of service is having true humility.

When we realize we are created in God's image to fulfill His mission of salvation, and all that we are and have has been given to us by Him, it is impossible to take ourselves so seriously

to the point of pompousness, selfishness or pride. Actually, when we live our true identity in Christ, the opposite happens. We can't help but help others and recognize that they are also reflections of God who help us to know Jesus more deeply. We live in solidarity with them and work towards the common good of all. When we do that, we help our brothers and sisters and respect their God given dignity, and they do the same. In the end, the giver is given the same gift from the receiver, a deeper appreciation and knowledge of Jesus.

The following is a short examination for reflection regarding the work entrusted to us by God. Although it is intended for business leaders, it is certainly applicable to others, including parents, employees, homemakers, volunteers or any other work we do in our daily lives:

- † Do I see my work as a gift from God?
- † How is this reflected in my attitude at work?
- † Do I see my work as a vocation?
- † Do I promote a culture of life through my work?
- † Do I live a divided life, where I separate the Gospel principles from my work?
- † Do I receive the sacraments regularly and with attention to how they support and inform my work

practices?

- † Am I sharing my spiritual life/ understanding of work with others in my work life?
- † Am I taking seriously the dignity of the person in my work?
- † Am I being just in my attentiveness to my personal performance?

In an effort to surround in prayer our brothers and sisters who are unemployed or without work, let us pray that God will provide for their needs and that their economic vitality be restored as soon as possible.

## LABOR DAY SCHEDULE CHANGES



Please note the following changes on Monday, September 6th (Labor Day):

- The 6 a.m. Mass will be held at 7:30 a.m. (the holiday schedule).
- The 12:05 p.m. Mass will be cancelled.
- The Parish Office will be closed.

## Daily Mass

### 12:05 PM MASS SOON TO BE HELD MONDAY—FRIDAY

Please note that beginning Friday, September 3rd, the 12:05 p.m. Mass will be held Monday through Friday each week, except on holidays (Labor Day).

*Confession begins 30 minutes before Mass.*



## Special Mass

### St. Pius ACTS

*Would like to invite you to a special Mass*

**Sunday, September 5th 12 p.m.**

All parishioners are invited to a special Mass held to welcome the Women's ACTS retreatants back home. The retreat allows all who attend to experience the St. Pius X parish community as the Body of Christ. Please join them in attending Mass as a gesture of encouragement for their continued journey of faith and discipleship that helps to make the parish a beacon of the presence of Christ.



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# Mother's Ministry Kick-Off Event

## ST. PIUS X MOTHER'S MINISTRY KICK OFF EVENT

Saturday September 11, 2021

9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

St. Pius X Church- Parish Life Center

Debbie Haydell- DH Designs, Beth Guidry - Mary & Me Designs, and Holly Klock - BeeStill Design



Mother's Ministry T-shirts will be available for sale along with various Catholic themed shirts. We will also be offering Catholic Holiday themed T-shirts throughout the year. This will help support Mother's Ministry events.

Please remember to be courteous of others when attending this event due to COVID. Masks will be available and Hand Sanitizers will be by food and doors.

### REGISTRATION FOR THIS EVENT:



Follow the QR code for details and to sign up, or go to <https://forms.gle/8t85MDQgK2AzJ8gc9>

Please join our Facebook group- <https://www.facebook.com/groups/mothersministry/>! There you will find Encouragement, prayer requests, announcements, and additional fellowship information. Please email [mothers@stpiusxchurch.org](mailto:mothers@stpiusxchurch.org) to sign up for our email list to receive all the community updates throughout the year. If you have any questions, please contact the Mother's Ministry via email.

**Special THANK YOU to our Sponsor that made this event possible:**



COMPANIES

*For more events hosted by the Mother's Ministry, please see page 5 of this bulletin.*



St. Pius X Church

Mother's Ministry

Breakfast, treats, coffee and refreshments will be provided. Whether you are already attending Mother's Ministry programs, or have never attended Mother's Ministry Events; we have EXCITING NEW UPCOMING EVENTS to

share with you during this event! We will briefly explain all the ways to get involved with Mother's ministry, and provide you with our Fall newsletter with events through December 2021. We will also be announcing the foundation our Ministry has selected to dedicate community service efforts to this year! All women 18 years or older are welcome. Whether you're single, married, mother, or grandmother. Please know that you do not need to be a mother to join our community and attend events!

Catholic Guest Speaker Erin Franco will be speaking on:

- † Spiritual & practical tools for tackling guilt, fear, discouragement, and comparison.
- † Creating Litany of Truths as a mom.

### GUEST SPEAKER- ERIN FRANCO

Erin Franco lives in Baton Rouge and is the mother of five children ages 11 to 3 years old. She met her husband, Michael, at Christ the King Catholic Student Center while attending LSU; they have been married for 13 years. She and Michael currently serve together at the national level for Domestic Church, a Polish lay movement for Catholic married couples that they brought to the Diocese of Baton Rouge in 2014. After staying home and homeschooling for many years, Erin founded Red Stick Visual Solutions, a drone services and 3D laser scanning company, with Michael in 2020. Erin hosts 'The Catholic Mom Minute' on Catholic Community Radio, and has been blogging and speaking about faith, marriage, and family life since 2009 at [ErinFranco.com](http://ErinFranco.com).



### CATHOLIC GIVEAWAY ITEMS:

Kick off event attendees will be eligible to win giveaway items. Six winners will be selected by random draw at the kick off event! Check out giveaway items from our generous donors:



# Mother's Ministry

## BIBLE STUDIES



Opening Your Heart, our foundational study, is designed for a woman who is new to the Walking With Purpose series (with or without Bible study experience). All women are welcome to come as you are and learn how Scripture applies to your everyday life. Our second study, Touching the Divine, is a study of the Gospel of John designed for women who have participated in WWP in the past. In this study, we learn how to know Christ in a deeper, more intimate way.



 We start the week of September 12 with sessions available on Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m., Thursdays at 5:30 p.m., and Fridays at 1 p.m. Follow the QR code for details and to sign up, or go to <https://forms.gle/8jpF6ZpFpRfU1Y5pZ>. If you have any questions, please reach out to our coordinator, Ashley David at [ashleyadavid@gmail.com](mailto:ashleyadavid@gmail.com). We hope to see you!

## BOOK CLUB MEETING



**Saturday,  
September 18th  
10 am -12 pm  
St. Pius X Church  
(St. Cecilia Room)**



We will discuss *The Friendship Project: The Catholic Woman's Guide to Making and Keeping Fabulous, Faith-Filled Friends* by Michele Faehnle and Emily Jaminet. Many of us feel the need for friendship after being six feet apart for what seems like the longest year and a half ever! Please attend whether you have read the book, didn't finish reading, or have not even read the book. Our discussion on friendships will be fruitful! We hope to see you there!

We will provide Muffins, Scones, Treats, Coffee and Water. All women 18 years or older are welcome! Whether you're single, married, mother, or grandmother! Please know that you do not need to be a mother to join our community!

 Follow the QR code for details & to sign up, or go to <https://forms.gle/MYVsc7PdUj3a1MP76>. Please join our Facebook group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/mothersministry/>

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# Safe Environment

The St. Pius X Safe Environment Program provides education and resources for children, employees and volunteers for the prevention of and recognition of child abuse. Parishioners who would like to volunteer for any activity at St. Pius X Catholic Church that involves children are required to be Safe Environment-certified. The initial certification process requires attending an in-person training session. Four (4) Initial Training sessions will be provided in September. Each session takes about an hour and a half. To be Safe Environment Certified, the diocese requires a background check on each individual, so those interested should come prepared to fill out paperwork including your social security number, and the names and addresses of (1) professional and (1) personal reference. After being initially Safe Environment certified, if you continue to be involved at St. Pius, an annual RE-certification is required. This is easily done online. Instructions will be given at the initial session. Packets will be provided for all who attend. You should register online at:



<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdb09NNVKFLex7PBKnXYFjomTG2wAb6KSWkbERQ7lrfGDYmw/viewform>

## INITIAL Certification TRAINING

Parish Life Center - Thursday, September 9, 2021 at 7:45 AM  
SPES Auditorium - Wednesday, September 1, 2021 at 6 PM  
SPES Auditorium - Thursday, September 9, 2021 at 6 PM  
SPES Auditorium - Tuesday, September 21, 2021 at 6 PM

## RE-Certification TRAINING

Parish Life Center - Monday, September 20, 2021 at 12 PM  
(for those not wanting to use a computer for training)  
Parishioners who do not have access to a computer can register by calling Barbara Abshire at the Parish Office (337) 232-4656 ext. 216.

# Adoration

## ADORATION & BENEDICTION

### 1st Wednesday of the Month

**Adoration** |

After 6 a.m. Mass—7 p.m.

**Adoration & Benediction** |

6 p.m.

## ADORATION CHAPEL

Open from 6 a.m. – 10 p.m. To sign up, please visit: <https://stpiusxchurch.org/adoration/>.



There, you'll also find the updated list of the hours still in need of adorers. Or, email [adoration@stpiusxchurch.org](mailto:adoration@stpiusxchurch.org).

# Knights of Columbus

## SUNDAY BREAKFAST

**Sunday, September 12th**  
*(held on the 2nd Sunday of the Month unless otherwise noted.)*

**After the 7:30 a.m. & 9 a.m. Masses**

Breakfast includes: Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs, Sausage Patties, Fruit, Juice, Milk & Coffee. Breakfast will be served in the Parish Life Center.



# SPES

## ADMISSIONS

The first few weeks of school have been fun and exciting for St. Pius Elementary School students. Everyone is back in the school routine and enjoying being together again. Looking ahead, St. Pius Elementary School would like to encourage all St. Pius X parishioners to mark their calendars for Wednesday, September 15th when Applications for Admissions for the 2022-



2023 school year will be accepted from church parishioners and currently enrolled families. Any family that has been a registered, active St. Pius X church parishioner for six months or more may submit an application beginning on September 15th. For those interested in learning more about the school and/or making arrangements for a tour of the school after Labor Day, contact Admissions Coordinator, Brooke Richard at [brooke\\_richard@stpiuselementary.org](mailto:brooke_richard@stpiuselementary.org) or by calling 337-237-3139. St. Pius Elementary School does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, gender, ethnic or national origin in its educational programs, activities or employment policies.

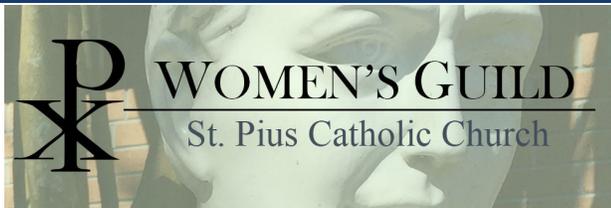
# Music Ministry

## ADULT & CHILDREN'S CHOIRS

Please note that the adult & children's choir rehearsals are postponed due to COVID. Stay tuned here or online for when they will resume. For questions, please contact Karen Melancon at [karenm@stpiusxchurch.org](mailto:karenm@stpiusxchurch.org).



# Women's Guild



## MEMBERSHIP MEETING Potential New Members Invited!

The next meeting of the Women's Guild will be Thursday, September 23, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Life Center.

All women over the age of 18 years are invited to attend. Membership forms can be picked up and returned to the parish office or brought to the September meeting. Annual dues are \$10.00. The Guild is an active service ministry that takes care of the immediate needs of the altar and hosts parish activities. Our activities include: receptions after Sacramental Rites such as First Communion, Confirmation and RCIA, Passover Meal, Coffee and Donuts as well as other events throughout the year. Please consider joining the guild to serve our church community.

**Questions? Call Nanette Cazayoux at 337-349-7867.**

## AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM JOB OPPORTUNITY

St. Pius Elementary School of Lafayette, La. is looking for energetic, dependable adults (18 and over) who are interested in working with the school's After School program from 2:50 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. We are looking for employees who love children and would like to spend afternoons working, and playing, with different ages (PreK - 8th grade) and supervising them during snack, homework and play times. St. Pius Elementary School does not discriminate on the basis of race, gender, national or ethnic origin in its admissions policies, employment practices or educational activities. Applicants who are hired will begin work immediately after receiving the Diocese of Lafayette's Safe Environment certification. Interested parties should visit the school website at [www.stpiuselementary.org](http://www.stpiuselementary.org), click on the Employment link at the top of the home page, complete the St. Pius Non-Certified Personnel Application and submit to Katie Falgout, Asst. to the Principal, at [katie\\_falgout@stpiuselementary.org](mailto:katie_falgout@stpiuselementary.org).



# ACTS Men's Retreat

Are you interested in deepening your faith and finding a community of faith to help support you on your faith journey? If so, consider signing up for the next **St. Pius X Men's ACTS Retreat** which will be held November 11-14, 2021. The retreat begins Thursday evening, November 11th with check-in at 5:00 p.m. Retreatants will return to St. Pius X for Mass on Sunday, November 14th.



Community, Theology and Service, began in the 1980's in San Antonio, Texas. The retreat's goals are to strengthen our faith and its application in our daily life, to renew ourselves spiritually, to build strong, lasting friendships, and to grow in our relationship with our Lord, our parish and one another.

**Registration opened on August 8th at noon** and will remain open until all spots have been filled. You may register online at <https://forms.gle/MydKqUG4zp272gYA7> by filling out an application. The cost will be \$295.00 per person. You will be given payment instructions once it is confirmed that you have been accepted for the retreat. For more information, call the Parish Office at 337-232-4656.

ACTS is a parish-based retreat in which parishioners serve parishioners. The ACTS Retreat, an acronym for Adoration,

The ACTS weekend is presented by lay Catholics, with support provided by a Spiritual Director/companion or clergy. Parishioners who serve on ACTS retreats strive to provide the opportunity for our parish community to experience, become, and share the Body of Christ. Once parishioners attend a St. Pius X Parish ACTS Retreat, they can help serve in future retreats. Please consider this wonderful gift for yourself or someone you love.

## New Podcast



### BEYOND THE HOMILY

Tune in to the new Beyond the Homily podcast where Fr. Connor Poirrier and John Ray explain the prior week's Readings in more detail to help us apply the Gospel to our everyday lives.



You can also access links to the above platforms by visiting the online version of this bulletin:

<http://stpiusxchurch.org/bulletin/>

## RCIA

Become Catholic • Learn more about the Faith • Come Home



Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

RCIA is open to those persons who are:

- † Unbaptized and wish to join the Catholic Church.
- † Baptized Christians who are not Catholic, and wish to join the Catholic Church.
- † Baptized Catholics who have not received instruction in the faith, and wish to receive the Sacraments of Confession, Holy Eucharist and Confirmation.

If you wish to join the Catholic Church, or learn more about receiving the sacraments, contact John Ray Perkins, Director of RCIA, at [johnray@stpiusxchurch.org](mailto:johnray@stpiusxchurch.org) more information.



[www.stpiusxchurch.org](http://www.stpiusxchurch.org)

# Pray, Serve & Give

## ALTAR SERVERS

<u>Time</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>
Saturday 7:30 a.m.	Contact Mallory Wainwright
Saturday 5:00 p.m.	Contact Mallory Wainwright
<u>Time</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>
Sunday 7:00 a.m.	Contact Mallory Wainwright
Sunday 9:00 a.m.	Contact Mallory Wainwright
Sunday 11:00 a.m.	Contact Mallory Wainwright
Sunday 5:00 p.m.	Contact Mallory Wainwright
Sunday 7:00 p.m.	Contact Mallory Wainwright

*When there are four servers, one of them on Book side holds the book and rings the bells; the other carries the cross.*

## Sacrificial Gifts

	<u>August 21-22, 2021</u>	
Envelopes	214	\$18,880
Online Giving	202	\$14,479
Loose Checks/Cash	62	\$8,326
<b>Total:</b>		<b>\$41,685</b>

## Special Collections

### **THIS WEEKEND: MISSION CLUB**

Contributing to the Mission Club allows St. Pius X Church to provide emergency financial assistance, food baskets, and Christmas gifts to those in need, as well as support the missionary and altruistic efforts of several charitable causes including Faith House, Meals on Wheels, disaster relief efforts and specific programs of Catholic Charities.

### **NEXT WEEKEND: CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY**

Provides funding for academic scholarships at The Catholic University of America in Washington, DC in response to the commitment made by the bishops at its foundation in 1887. It is the only U.S. university with Pontifical faculties. Students are enrolled from all 50 states and almost 100 countries in 12 schools.



## VOCATION CHALICE

Vocation Chalice is suspended until further notice.

## Adoration Chapel Open



Our adoration chapel is open with limited capacity. The Chapel will be open daily, with the Eucharist exposed, from 6 AM to 10 PM. Please remember to sign in. To sign up, please visit: <https://stpiusxchurch.org/adoration/>. There, you'll also find the updated list of the hours still in need of adorers. You may also email: [adoration@stpiusxchurch.org](mailto:adoration@stpiusxchurch.org).

## Online Giving

If you'd like to continue your generosity through your offertory giving, you may do so by using your envelopes, which can be mailed or dropped off in the night Drop Box outside of our office. You can also give online through our website at <https://stpiusxchurch.org/online-giving>.



## SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER

My Jesus, I believe that You are present  
in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things,  
and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive  
You sacramentally, come at least  
spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there  
and unite myself wholly to You.  
Never permit me to be separated from You.  
Amen.

# Pray, Serve & Give

## MASS INTENTIONS

Week of: 9/4/2021 through 9/11/2021

- Saturday, September 4, 2021**  
5:00 p.m. Mildred & Hubert Cortez; Chris & Jonathan Daly, Neal Whipp; Anna Choi, Maria Nga, Anton Ly; Romain Theo Laborde & family, Simon & Ella Gilbert; Maria, Yeng, Tin
- Sunday, September 5, 2021**  
7:30 a.m. Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Gaudet & Hilda, Mr. & Mrs. Billy Fontenot; Monique Meaux; Francis Xavier Nguyen P. Thanh; Teddy Mumme; Guy Morin; James M. Higginbotham II; Holy Souls in Purgatory, World Peace, for those who have no one to pray for them; Mount Carmel Class of 1960; Peter Graham, Mark Graham, Special Intention; Vance John Rodriguez & Albert Rodriguez; James Bedore; Paul Boriskie; Chuchin, Chuphap, Ogthoi; Kristy, Thuan, Trung; Beulah Martin  
9 a.m. *St. Pius X Families*  
10:30 a.m. Mildred Huval Desormeaux; all living & deceased members of the Women's Guild; Adam Scott Pecoraro; Sandra F. Menard, Dalton & Rosita Menard; Jeffrey Durio, Rick Durio; Joey Garzotto; Special Intentions; Mr. & Mrs. Freddie Waguespack, Mr. & Mrs. Felix Robichaux & family, Mr. & Mrs. Wallace Waguespack & family; Evan Grant Meche, Kelly Brooke Desormeaux, Yvette Guillory Soileau; Catherine "Cacky" Riley, Rosalie Wichers; Guong, Thai, Mung  
5 p.m. Ashton & Colen Hennigan; Dien, Thien, Lien  
**Monday, September 6, 2021**  
7:30 a.m. Mr. & Mrs. Joseph P. Segura, Sr.; Holy Souls in Purgatory, World Peace, for those who have no one to pray for them; Cue, Ty, Dinh; Special Intentions; Larry, Ngoc, Nhu; Bathoi, Kinh, Ongnam; Kristy, Thuan, Trung  
**Tuesday, September 7, 2021**  
6 a.m. Anna Choi, Maria Nga, Anton Ly; Holy Souls in Purgatory, World Peace, for those who have no one to pray for them; Huyen, Pham, Tran; Special Intentions; Fram, Nghia, Danh; Nam, Ongngoai, Ngoaihai; Kristy, Thuan, Trung  
12:05 p.m. LeBlanc & Thibodeaux families, Special Intention; Montesano & Schoelen families; Cuc, Ty, Dinh; Msgr. Donald L. Ledet, Lee Ledet, Gary Ledet; Special Intentions, Anthony & Lettie Boutin, Wilson & Leola Garber  
**Wednesday, September 8, 2021**  
6 a.m. *Holy Souls List*  
12:05 p.m. Msgr. Donald L. Ledet, Lee Ledet, Gary Ledet; Velma Reed; Alice Barkett  
**Thursday, September 9, 2021**  
6 a.m. Jeremi Ron Gary, Mr. & Mrs. Alee Clement, Curt & Greg LeBlanc; Vance John & Albert Rodriguez; Holy Souls in Purgatory, World Peace, for those who have no one to pray for them; Uy, Tu, Kieu; Special Intentions; Kim Anh, Long, Yen; Giba, Duongba, Mosau; Kristy, Thuan, Trung  
12:05 p.m. Msgr. Donald L. Ledet, Lee Ledet, Gary Ledet; Huyen, Pham, Tran  
**Friday, September 10, 2021**  
6 a.m. Cam, Father Thanh, Frederick; Special Intentions; Holy Souls in Purgatory, World Peace, for those who have no one to pray for them; Tien, Andrea, Anna; Maria, Phung, Maria; Kristy, Thuan, Trung  
12:05 p.m. Msgr. Donald L. Ledet, Lee Ledet, Gary Ledet; Uy, Tu, Rieu  
**Saturday, September 11, 2021**  
7:30 a.m. Hung, Ky, Can; Holy Souls in Purgatory, World Peace, for those who have no one to pray for them; Medu, Thuong, Ina;

## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Say to those whose hearts are frightened: Be strong, fear not! Here is your God (Isaiah 35:4-7a).

**Psalms** — Praise the Lord, my soul! (Psalm 146).

**Second Reading** — Show no partiality as you adhere to the faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ (James 2:1-5).

**Gospel** — Jesus makes the deaf hear and the mute speak (Mark 7:31-37).

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## THIS WEEK'S READINGS

- † **Monday:** Col 1:24 — 2:3; Ps 62:6-7, 9; Lk 6:6-11, or, for Labor Day, any readings from the Mass "For the Blessing of Human Labor," nos. 907-911  
† **Tuesday:** Col 2:6-15; Ps 145:1b-2, 8-11; Lk 6:12-19  
† **Wednesday:** Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6 Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 [18-23]  
† **Thursday:** Col 3:12-17; Ps 150:1b-6; Lk 6:27-38  
† **Friday:** 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-8, 11; Lk 6:39-42  
† **Saturday:** 1 Tm 1:15-17; Ps 113:1b-7; Lk 6:43-49  
† **Sunday:** Is 50:5-9a; Ps 116:1-6, 8-9; Jas 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35

## CLERGY PRAYER LIST

Please pray for the following priests this week:

**Sunday:** Rev. Mark Kramer, SJ

**Monday:** Rev. Clifton Labbé, SVD

**Tuesday:** Rev. Donovan Labbé

**Wednesday:** Rev. Paul La Fleur

**Thursday:** Rev. Jeremy Lambert, LC

**Friday:** Rev. Keith Landry

**Saturday:** Rev. Oneil Landry

*Eternal Father, we lift up to You these and all the priests of this world. Sanctify them. Heal and guide them. Mold them into the likeness of Your Son, Jesus, the Eternal High Priest. May their lives be pleasing to You. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.*

Please visit <https://diolaf.org/prayer-calendars> to access prayer calendars for Deacons & Seminarians.

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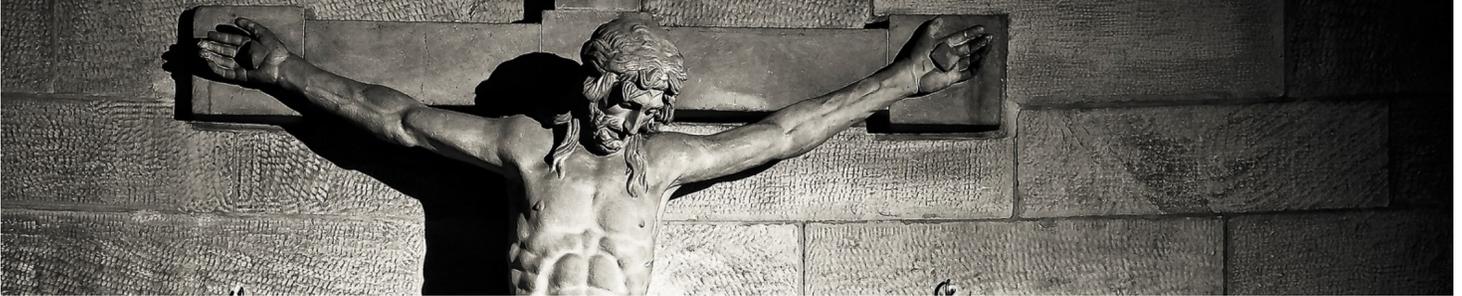
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# CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

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## Introduction

*He summoned the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. Mark 8:34*

In its sixth year of implementation at St. Pius X, this year's Call to Discipleship theme builds off of two of the previous years' themes. In 2015, you might recall the theme from Matthew 4:20:

*"At once they left their nets and followed him."*

That is when Jesus calls His first disciples and invites them to share in His mission. Without hesitation they left their life as they knew it to follow Him. This year's theme continues this invitation and also lays out the steps we must take in being a disciple. In Jesus' own words He instructs us to deny ourselves, take up our crosses and follow Him.

In denying ourselves, we can reflect back on what we learned from Ephesians 4:22-24:

*"..... in reference to your former manner of life, you lay aside the old self .....and put on the new self, which in the likeness of God has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth...."*

The first part of the passage speaks about our need to put aside our old nature, which refers to the former way we lived our lives. When speaking about our old way of life and way of living, it refers to not only our actions, but our attitudes and how we view life, people or possessions. In the second part of the passage, we're asked to be renewed in the spirit of our minds, and put on our new nature which is a perfectly crafted version of ourselves. This speaks to the

wonderful possibilities of a new life, a newer and better version of ourselves lived on entirely new principles.

To have such a fulfilled life, this year's theme reminds us that this can only be done when we reject our earthly ways and replace it with Jesus' way. We trust Him and accept His will for our lives instead of our own. Denying ourselves ultimately leads to our conversion and allows us to wholeheartedly choose a life of discipleship.

When we live our lives as true disciples, we are promised eternal life, the fruits of His Spirit, and a life in Him filled with joy. This year's theme also reminds us that the only way to live a life in Him, and He within us, is by the way of the cross. The term cross can take on many forms when applied to our lives depending on our own circumstances. In essence, it means we have to be willing to take on the mission He has assigned to us even if it is uncomfortable, difficult, or comes at a human cost. We accept the cost of discipleship when living out the Gospel in our personal and professional lives. When we take up our cross we are declaring God's dominion over our lives, our commitment in obeying Him, and acceptance of any challenges or obstacles along the way.

We choose to carry our cross because of love for Him and our neighbors. After all, He died on the cross for our salvation because of His love for us. Carrying our cross is our way of sharing in His suffering as He shares ours with us. It is also a way for us to share His way of living in service to others. When we live in this way, we selflessly give back to Him and others all He has

blessed us with out of our profound love of Him and gratitude for His blessings.

Jesus' invitation to follow Him is an invitation to partner with Him as a member of the Body of Christ and fulfill His mission here on earth through His Church. He is asking us to be His hands, eyes, ears and mouth to represent Him during the short time we're here on earth, and to be His feet on the ground serving others in His place. We are not in this journey alone though. He promises us that He will never forsake us and will be with us until the end of time. God sent us His Spirit to dwell within us and give us the Grace we need to persevere through the many temptations and obstacles we might face when we choose to live as His disciple. When all is said and done, we are transformed and so are our lives and the lives of those around us. We can find glory in the fact that our lives were not spent in vein, but for the betterment of others, our community and the world.

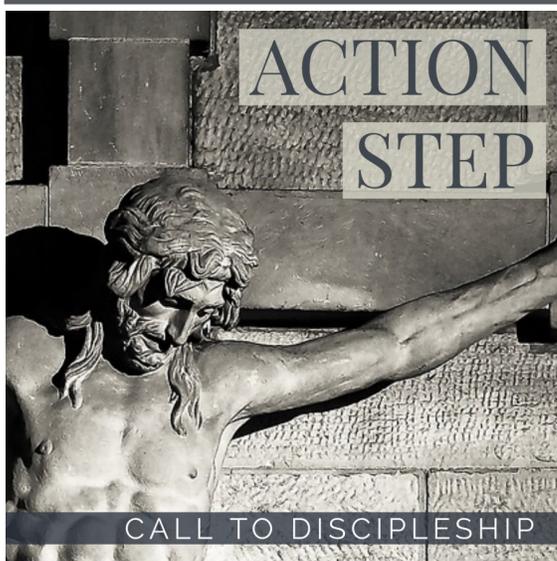
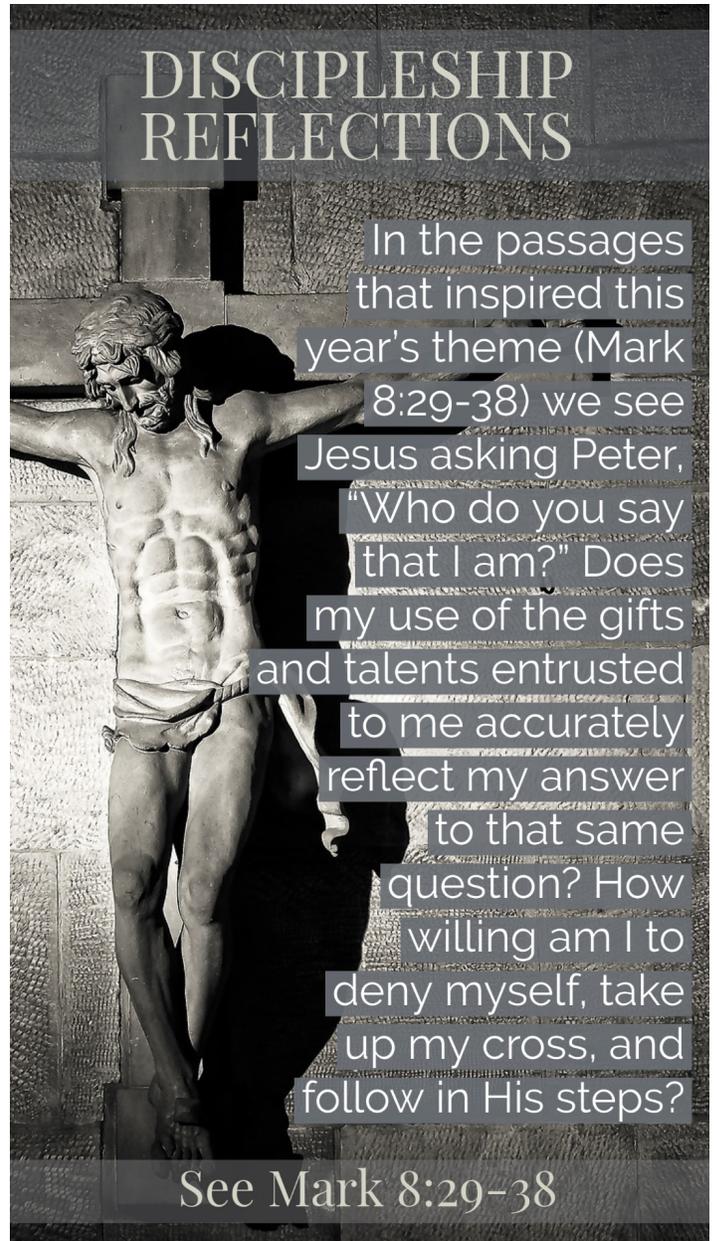
As we enter into the Call to Serve phase in September and Call to Give in October, weekly topics will be presented via homilies, bulletin articles, St. Pius' Facebook page and website. These messages are intended to inspire us to reflect on our own spirituality, evaluate our own level of faith, and encourage us to take our next step in discipleship. Let us allow this time to serve as an opportunity to reflect on what may be keeping us from wholeheartedly following Christ, what carrying our cross means in our own lives, and envision what our lives will look like once we make the decision to unreservedly follow Him.

## What Does A Parish Living A Life of Discipleship Look Like?

They say when the concept of stewardship is embraced, lives can be transformed. Imagine all of the possibilities if we all lived out our call to pray, serve or give:

- A free elementary school education is provided for all its students.
- Upon completing 8th Grade, the parish pays the tuition at a Catholic high school of the student's choosing.
- Mass attendance is at least 85% on Saturday and Sundays.
- Hundreds of people attend weekday Mass.
- After Mass, no one leaves their seats until the altar server blows out the last candle.
- There are no second collections or fundraisers, but the parish still has plenty of resources to help their parishioners in need, as well as those from other parishes.
- As one of its ministries, medical care is offered to underserved members of the community.
- After developing a Perpetual Adoration Chapel, 800 parishioners signed up to pray with the Eucharist.
- After developing a Perpetual Adoration Chapel, 10 priests and 8 men and women professed vows to a religious life.

Though that picture doesn't seem to be realistic, it very well could be as St. Francis of Assisi in Wichita, Kansas has proven it so (Excellent Catholic Parishes: The Guide to Best Places and Practices, Paul Wilkes, 2001). How? After St. Francis of Assisi adopted discipleship as a way of life, there was a sense of unity, harmony and spirituality as never before within the parish. A commitment to living life as His disciples became naturally ingrained in the parishioners providing them with a sense of ownership in the parish. This helped to develop not only the spirituality and on-going activities of the parish, but the ongoing conversion of parishioners and others that makes St. Francis a vibrant, growing, spirit-filled community of believers.



To deepen our faith, some of the activities we can participate in include:

Bible Studies (Mother's Ministry)  
**September 12, 2021** (weekly bible studies last 1.5 hours)  
**Tuesdays & Wednesdays:** 9:30 a.m.  
**Thursdays:** 5:30 p.m.  
**Fridays:** 1 p.m.  
 For details and to sign up, visit:  
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ACTS Retreats  
**Women's Retreat Dates**  
 Feb. 10-13, 2022 (registration opens Oct. 17, 2021)  
**Men's Retreat Dates**  
 Nov. 11-14, 2021 (registration is open now)

Adoration & Benediction  
 1st Wednesday of the Month  
 Adoration | After 6 a.m. Mass—7 p.m.  
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Online Activities  
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Call to Discipleship  
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**Call to Serve:** September 11-12, 2021  
**Call to Give:** October 9-10, 2021  
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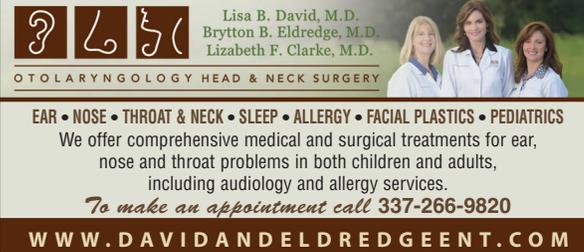


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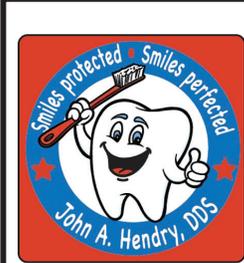
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