

Parish Office Phone

920-733-0575

Weekend Mass Times

Saturdays: 4:00 pm

Sundays: 8:30 am | 10:30 am | 6:00 pm

Weekday Mass Times

Mondays: 8:00 am Tuesdays: 5:30 pm Wednesdays: 8:00 am

Thursdays: 8:00 am | 5:30 pm

Fridays: 8:00 am Saturdays: 8:00 am

Confession Times

Tuesdays: 4:30 pm - 5:20 pm Thursdays: 7:20 am - 7:50 am Saturdays: 8:40 am - 10:00 am Dear Friends,

As we continue to move through this liturgical year, I am always amazed at one surprising thing about the New Testament: its honesty. Take this Sunday's Gospel passage, for example. We have the Twelve Apostles, Christ's closest companions, making a very poor showing. They have been traveling with the Lord along the dusty roads of Galilee. Jesus has been explaining to them that he will soon be arrested, unjustly condemned, mocked, and crucified, as we also heard in last Sunday's Gospel. But after the explanation again, the apostles start talking among themselves about his Kingdom as if he were going to lead a successful political rebellion against the occupying Roman regime. They actually argue about who is going to get which positions - who will be prime minister, who will be secretary of the treasury, who will be defense minister...etc.

This reveals to us clearly that the apostles do not understand the real nature of Christ's Kingdom. Christ's Kingdom is not a political, military reality. When we pray "Thy Kingdom Come!" in the Lord's Prayer, we are not praying for political victories. Christ's Kingdom is a spiritual reality, the reign of God's will in the hearts of his followers. That is why Christ's sacrifice on the cross is not a terrible failure, but an eternal triumph.

So Christ's Kingdom is spiritual, not political. That we know. However, this does not mean that Christ's followers have nothing to say about politics. This is a common misunderstanding in today's world. We hear a lot of talk about the separation between Church and state. Nevertheless, that phrase can be taken in two different ways. In the first place, it can mean that the government of a country does not try to run the Church, and that, in turn, the Church doesn't try to run the government. That is the right way to understand separation of Church and state. However, there is also a wrong way to understand it.

The wrong viewpoint says that religion is just a private hobby, like butterfly collecting, and so has nothing to

contribute to the public life of a community or country. In fact, there is one area of life where politics and faith do overlap: morality. Governments, in order to do their job well and make just laws, have to respect the natural moral law - the Ten Commandments, for example. This natural moral law is built into human nature. It exists prior to politics and provides healthy parameters for political activity, just like the laws of physics existed prior to the invention of rockets and provided the parameters for space travel. Governments need clear knowledge of the natural moral law to do their job as much as engineers need clear knowledge of natural physical laws to do theirs. God has made the Church a sure teacher and guide on questions of natural moral law. Therefore, we as Catholics have a lot to contribute to the discussion of public affairs; it is up to us to be the conscience of our country.

As we approach the elections this November, we need to ask God to grant us the grace not only to allow his spiritual Kingdom to spread in our hearts, but also to give us the wisdom and courage to be his messengers to the world around us, which is in such dire need of moral guidance. Our country and world are in dire need of our prayers, God's help, and our witness. May the Holy Spirit auide us.

Mary, Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, pray for our nation

God bless, Fr. lim



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Parish Office Hours

Monday - Thursday: 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Fridays: 8:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Mass Intentions September 21 - September 28

SAT 21 4:00 pm + Edward Dobkoski

SUN 22 8:30 am L/D Mbrs. Ron McCann Family

10:30 am + Marilyn Court

6:00 pm L/D Mbrs. St. Pius X

MON 23 8:00 am + Rock & Anita Rodrigues

TUES 24 5:30 pm Gerry & Pat Romenesko

73rd Wedding Anniversary

WED 25 8:00 am + Bernard Finnegan

THU 26 8:00 am + Roland Gohl

5:30 pm + Mary Morlock

FRI 27 8:00 am + Brett Stephens & + Ed Gentzen

SAT 28 8:00 am Joan Neton

L/D Mbrs: Living and Deceased Members

+ Deceased

Chapel of Divine Mercy

We are blessed to have a 24-hour adoration chapel at our parish. Everyone is welcome. To sign up for a time to adore Jesus, just go to stpiusx.weadorehim.com, or the link on the St. Pius X website. You can also call (920)310-3660 or e-mail spxdivinemercy@stpiusxappleton.com

Open Hours GOLD Indicates Urgent Need

SUN 2-3 am, 1-2pm, 2-3pm, 3-4 pm, 6-7 pm bi-weekly, 8-9pm

MON no current openings

TUE **7-8am, 4:30-5pm, 9-10pm**

WED 1-2am, 3-4pm

THU 9-10am, 12 noon-1pm, 3-4pm

FRI 11am-12noon, 5-6pm bi-weekly, 7-8pm bi-weekly

SAT **2-3pm**, **3-4pm**

Midday Prayer Time

Come and re-center your mind and heart by joining the staff of St. Pius X in the church for daily prayer. We pray Monday through Friday from 11:30 AM to 12:00 noon in front of the Blessed Sacrament. This time includes 20 minutes of silent prayer and 10 minutes of group prayer using the Liturgy of the Hours and the Angelus.

Hospital Visits

If a loved one is in the hospital and would like a visit from the priests or deacons, please call the parish office to let us know.

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Night of Hope Featuring Eric Genuis

All are invited to a night of hope and healing on October 10th featuring acclaimed pianist, composer, and speaker Eric Genuis. This is a night you don't want to miss! Eric has an incredible mission of bringing world class music to people and places that are oftentimes void of beauty and hope. Accompanied by world-class violinists, cellists, and vocalists, Eric has a mission to share his gift of music with the less fortunate and suffering of the world, or as he calls them, "the forgotten". Through Eric's foundation, Concerts for Hope, he and his accompanists go into rehab centers for PTSD veterans, memory care facilities, inner-city schools, and even prisons. These are places that would otherwise have no access to uplifting and memorable experiences.

This event will take place Thursday, October 10th, 2024 at 6:30pm at the Xavier Fine Arts Theater (1600 W Prospect Ave - Appleton, WI). This event is sponsored by GIFT, a collaborative ministry of various Fox Valley Area parishes. Reserve your seat today by visiting the GIFT website at: www.growinginfaithtogether.com

OFFICE NEWS

Parish Tithing Envelopes

It's that time again! We will soon be needing to re-order our parish tithing envelopes. If you do not use or want your envelopes, please let Donna know in the parish office by 9/24. Notifying us that you do not need your envelopes really helps the parish to save on costs, thank you!

Spiritual Bouquet for Priesthood Sunday

Priesthood Sunday is coming up at the end of the month (9-28/29). We would like to give Fr. Jim and Fr. Juan-Carlos a spiritual bouquet. Here is the link to the sign-up genius or you can fill out a paper slip in the Narthex. Help us pray for our priests!

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080C4 CA5A82FA5FE3-51279026-spiritual

Mass Aid Sponsorship

We have several dates in January/February 2025 that are open for Mass Aid sponsorship. The cost of sponsorship is \$30. Please contact Donna in the office if you would like to be a sponsor.

1/19/2025 2/2/2025 2/16/2025 1/26/2025 2/9/2025 2/23/2025

I Thirst Garden

What a blessing it is to volunteer, right? Or is it the draw of service hours? Here are some opportunities to help in the I Thirst Garden:

Thursday October 10: 3:00-6:00 pm

Garden Fall clean-up and bedding of the Spring bulbs. Please bring: garden gloves, a trowel, kneel pad and a snippers (if you have one)

Sunday December 1: 9:30-11:30 am

Hanging ornaments outside in the I Thirst Garden trees and bushes. Wear a warm coat, hat, gloves and boots. Hot cider will be served. May go to 8:30 Mass before volunteering.

Saturday | anuary 11, 2025: 9:00-11:00 am

Taking down ornaments in the I Thirst Garden, sorting and putting them away. Dress accordingly. Hot Chocolate served.

Thank you for your caring interest in strengthening the volunteer spirit at St. Pius and our Catholic community!

Matthew: The King and His Kingdom Fall Adult Faith Formation Study

Jeff Cavins shows how Jesus fulfills God's promises to Israel and establishes his kingdom on earth.

"Once you start learning, he makes you hunger for more. Jeff pulls everything you need to know out of the Bible, and it all starts to make sense like it never did before."—Margaret

The 24-week study will start the week of October 14th - Sessions available:

Monday, October 14th 8:45 AM North Narthex Thursday, October 10th 6:30 PM Fr. Keller Room

Sign up online with this link or by using the QR code: https://www.stpiusappleton.org/bible-studies



MINISTRY UPDATES

Seeking Childcare Assistance

Appleton Catholic Women's Group is looking for volunteer child care assistance on Friday mornings from 9:30-11:00 at St. Pius Parish. This is a group of mostly moms from all parishes that get together on Friday mornings for prayer, Bible Study and a little bit of fellowship. We plan to have 2 adults at a time as attendance can vary and all need to be VIRTUS trained. We run throughout the school year, starting September 13th and follow the Xavier Elementary Schedule for days off. We would be grateful to anyone able and willing to help weekly or even alternating weeks. God Bless.

If you have any interest or questions please reach out to Kelyn O'Brien at (920) 475-2235 or kelyn.obrien@gmail.com

Greetings from St. Francis Xavier Catholic Schools!

St. Francis Xavier Catholic School system is seeking its next
President to lead the formation of young people in spirit, mind,
and body for the Kingdom of God. Please pray for patience and
God's will in the search process. Please use the scan code to
view the Xavier President position posting and
share with qualified candidates who may be

interested in applying.

Access Xavier's website to stay apprised of important milestones in the search process over the coming months:

President Search | About (xaviercatholicschools.org)

Christmas Stars Tickets On Sale

Christmas Stars ticket sales are open online and at the Xavier Fine Arts Theatre box office. Box office hours are Mondays and Wednesdays from noon until 3pm. Come and be delighted by a spectacular Broadway-style revue featuring religious and secular holiday music performed by a cast of singers, dancers and actors ages five to senior citizen. Experience the dazzling Christmas parade, a visit from Santa and the breathtaking "Living Nativity" finale.

All performances will be held at the Xavier Fine Arts Theatre, 1600 Prospect Avenue, Appleton, December 5-8 & 12-15. An American Sign Language interpreter will be provided at the 1pm performance on December 7th.

The fully accessible theatre is equipped with a hearing loop. For performance times, ticket purchases or questions, please call 920-733-8840 or visit www.christmasstars.org. To visit the Xavier Theatre box office, please use the main theatre entrance, door #1, located under the arched canopy. 10 minute courtesy parking along the curb is available during box office hours.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS



Vavier High School Preview Night Mon., October 14, 6:30 pm





STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Weekly Sacrificial Giving

Sacrificial giving received as of 08-06-24 - 08-12-24 \$19,233.56 Sacrificial giving received as of 08-20-24 - 08-26-24 \$28,938.05 Sacrificial giving received as of 08-27-24 - 09-02-24 \$26,373.41 Sacrificial giving received as of 09-03-24 - 09-09-24 \$15,736.86

Year to date income as of 7/31/24 \$ 163,041.95 Year to date needed \$ 166,571.02 Year to date over \$ -3,529.07

Kwik Trip Gas Card Sales for August

Sales - \$4,640.00 Profit - \$464.00

Ytd Profit \$881.00

Calendar Raffle Winners

Please allow 3 to 4 weeks for processing of your check; it will arrive in the mail. Any questions please email Kathie at bookkeeper@stpiusxappleton.com or call her.

09/07/24	Sophia	Darmogray	\$ 25.00
09/08/24	Deanna	Loberger	\$ 25.00
09/09/24	Donna	Armstrong	\$ 25.00
09/10/24	Maripat	Fitzgerald	\$ 25.00
09/11/24	Danielle	Cline	\$ 25.00
09/12/24	Barbara	Vander Putten	\$ 25.00
09/13/24	Linda	Bound	\$ 25.00
09/14/24	Peg	Ziglinski	\$ 25.00
09/15/24	Amy	Van Hammond	\$ 25.00



Fri 5:30 PM-

Sat 5:00 PM

DATE: SEP 20-21

Cost \$25

We will start on

Friday at 5:30 PM

with games and

prayer, and end

on Saturday at

5:00 PM with Holy

Mass.

Meals will be provided. Please

bring a snack to

share. Bring your

own sleeping

bag/bedding.

YOU ARE INVITED! **AGES 13-18**

Come join us at St. Pius x Parish for a Overnight Lock-in Filled with Talks, games, crafts

and more!

Questions - Please contact: Michelle Paul

m.flute.paul@gmail.com







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