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St. Pius X Catholic Church

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Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time February 23, 2025



***Eucharist:
The Mystery,
The Excitement,
The Awe***

***Thursday, Feb. 27
6pm in the church***

The Body of Christ - food for our faith journey. Come be enriched. All current Eucharistic ministers and those interested in becoming Eucharistic ministers are encouraged to attend.

**Living Our Faith, Building Community, Welcoming the Stranger
Organizing Meeting: Monday, Feb. 24
at 5:30 pm in the Hopi Room**

**Civic Academy: March 6 at 5:30 pm in
Tanque Verde Room**

Parish ID's issued:

March 23 in the AZ Room (gym)

St. Pius Seniors March Happy Hour

Wednesday, March 5 at 4pm.

**Canyon's Crown, 6958 E. Tanque
Verde. RSVP to Nancy at
wardn@earthlink.net**



COMMUNITY BREAKFAST & BLOOD DRIVE



**Pancakes
Scrambled Eggs
Hashbrowns
Sausage
Coffee
Juice**

March 2nd

Breakfast: 7:30 - 11:00 AM

Arizona Room (Gym)

Blood Drive: 7:30 - 1:00 PM

Desert Hall

Contact 1-800-733-2767

or log on to redcrossblood.org

and enter sponsor code: piusx for scheduling



St. Pius CarePortal Ministry
means the love and generosity of the parishioners help families in crisis stay together. There is a real need for a storage space to manage the inflow and outflow of donations. Ministry Contact:
Deborah Amash, 520-519-9891
stpiusx2fosterlove@gmail.com
To see current needs in real time go to the St. Pius web page: <https://system.careportal.org/church/11907>

Immediate needs:

- *10 Sleeping pillows*
- 4 sets queen beds AND 4 sets queen comforter/blanket & sheets
- Small *portable washer* and *electric dryer*
- *1 Bunk bed frames (\$108 @Walmart Mainstays Small Spaces Twin over Twin Low Profile Junior Bunk Bed)*
- *Rice cooker, (3) Blender, large non-electric tea kettle*
- *5 Couches* clean, no wear and tear
- *8 like-new area rugs*
- *1 TV's *(Thank you for the donation!)
- *Special request for a 6 year old girl: White vanity with mirror*
(Thank you for donating a pink area rug!)



ST PATRICK'S DAY DINNER & DANCE

MARCH 15, 2025

ARIZONA ROOM DINNER: 6 - 7 PM
IRISH SING-ALONG & DANCE 7 - 9 PM

TICKETS

ADULTS (13+) - \$25

CHILDREN - \$13

UNDER 6 - FREE

MENU

CORNER BEEF (BOILED OR SWEET, CABBAGE
POTATOES, CARROTS, BREAD, DESSERT &
ICED TEA, LEMONADE, COFFEE

NO TICKETS AT THE DOOR

TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED ONLINE AT
WWW.KOFCTUCSON.ORG, IN THE CHURCH OFFICE OR
DONUT TABLE FROM FEB 16 TO MAR 10

MORE INFORMATION

WAYNE-520-203-1465 MIKOLAJEWSKI@AOL.COM





FOOD PANTRY NEEDS:
PEANUT BUTTER & JELLY
TUNA & OTHER CANNED MEATS
CANNED READY TO EAT PASTAS
PASTA & SAUCE
MACARONI & CHEESE
RAMEN
CANNED VEGETABLES
CANNED FRUIT
CEREAL
SOUP

We are thankful for your donations! Many people are in need of our assistance. Donations may be dropped off in the foyer during weekend Masses or at the office during the week. Thank you for your continued generosity!

ALUMINUM CAN COLLECTION

**The Knights of
Columbus will be
collecting aluminum
cans the 1st Sunday
of each month.**



Drop them off with a Knight at the front of the church!

Thank you St Pius for your support!

Parish IDs are an invitation to live our faith, build community, and welcome the stranger. Here's a story about how St Pius responded to "strangers" who arrived in our city in 2018 in need of help. Next week, we'll delve directly into the IDs: Why and how to get one. See more: <https://stpiusxtucson.org/parish-id-program>

...I was a stranger, and you welcomed me...

Matthew 25:35

It had been a long and dangerous journey for Dani and her four-year-old daughter. They had joined a group of refugees from Guatemala that walked almost 2500 miles from their troubled homeland to the border of the United States. They were arrested by the Border Patrol at the border and bused to Tucson.

Dani knew that some of the refugees who had come before her had been robbed, raped, and otherwise mistreated along their route. Yet, she and hundreds of others risked their lives and the lives of their loved ones to escape the abject poverty in which they lived.

In Guatemala, Dani and her daughter lived with her mother in a small wooden house with a dirt floor and no electricity. Some days they ate, and some days they didn't. She was hoping to earn enough money in the United States to care for her daughter and to send some money to her mother.

Part of the processing of refugees included stopovers in certain cities on the way to their destination where they would await their asylum hearings. The U.S. government asked the Diocese of Tucson and Casa Alitas for help housing and feeding the refugees. Casa Alitas administrators contacted Paul Flores, St. Pius X media ministry director, for help. Paul went to Fr. Harry and Kim with the request. Fr. Harry said, "Let's do it!" and the wheels began to turn.

St. Pius X volunteers responded with energy and joy. They immediately began planning and executing a comprehensive response to humanitarian needs. Cots came from the Red Cross, while parishioners sent in shoes of all sizes, set up tables, recruited doctors and nurses to establish a small medical clinic, readied a working kitchen, and prepared food. A host of parishioners greeted their guests from Central America. Some parishioners spoke Spanish, others improvised with the international language of love.

We transformed the gym into a dormitory, medical clinic, dining room, and pantry.

Some St. Pius X volunteers took clothes that needed cleaning to their own homes to launder and bring back for the refugee guests. Our church provided showers and supper.

Clothes and shoes were plentiful for those who needed them.

The press wanted to publicize what the parishioners of St. Pius X were doing, but they were turned away. Those in charge of the St. Pius X effort told the press, "We are doing what we are called to do as people of faith." St. Pius X is built on faith and community.

Dani's response to the welcome she and her daughter received was heartfelt,

"Thank God for those who are looking after us."

*...just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family,
you did it to me...*

Matthew 25:40



Knights of Columbus



LENTEN DINNERS

MARCH 7, 14, 21, 28, APRIL 4, 11

4:00PM TO 7:00 PM

ARIZONA ROOM



Conversations on Spirituality
Saturday, March 8, 2025

10:00 - 11:15 am

Rincon Room

SOON

*The most imprecise
word in the world*

Occurrence • When •

Duration • Scripture Mystery

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

February 23 - March 2

Sunday: 1 Sam 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23;
Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13;
1 Cor 15:45-49; Lk 6:27-38

Monday: Sir 1:1-10; Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2,
5; Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday: Sir 2:1-11; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19,
27-28, 39-40; Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday: Sir 4:11-19; Ps 119:165,
168, 171, 172, 174, 175; Mk 9:38-40

Thursday: Sir 5:1-8; Ps 1:1-4, 6;
Mk 9:41-50

Friday: Sir 6:5-17; Ps 119:12, 16, 18,
27, 34, 35; Mk 10:1-12

Saturday: Sir 17:1-15; Ps 103:13-14,
15-16, 17-18; Mk 10:13-16

Sunday: Sir 27:4-7; Ps 92:2-3, 13-14,
15-16; 1 Cor 15:54-58; Lk 6:39-45

AN INVITATION - PARISH ID'S WILL SOON BE AVAILABLE!

We can “show off” our gratitude and pride at being a part of our St. Pius Community! We serve each other in so many ways. Having the new Parish ID will allow us to let others in our larger community know about St. Pius. It can open the door to a conversation about how we live and share our faith. With the encouragement of Fr. Dennis, Bishop Weisenburger and the Diocese, we join other parishes and faith communities in beginning this process. Everyone is invited to have an ID! Along with OUR gratitude for our identity as part of the larger Body of Christ, it allows us to stand with individuals and families who live with fear, exploitation, and mistreatment. <https://stpiusxtucson.org/parish-id-program> for more information!



Do you know someone who needs a little extra help?

Wednesday: 1pm - 3pm

Friday: 10am - 12pm

Picture ID required.



Our children's choir is seeking new members! The children sing monthly during the 11am Mass. Contact Kathy at kspencer@email.arizona.edu or call the office!

DID YOU KNOW?

You are able to set-up one-time, monthly, or weekly donations on-line using your checking account or credit card. Need help? Call Linda in the office 885-3573 ext. 13.

Did you know that you may be able to donate to St. Pius X directly from your IRA and reduce your RMD taxable income? See you tax accountant about the positive benefits of donating this way.

Blessing Bags

Our ministry provides “blessing bags” filled with essential items, including water, snacks, hygiene kits, and socks, specifically for individuals experiencing homelessness in our local community.

Walmart



Amazon



Do you have a family member struggling with mental illness?

Do you need support? Join us!

Monthly NAMI meeting

Every fourth Tuesday

5:30 pm - 7pm; Kino Room

No need to sign up, come join us and be supported. There is no fee to attend. Find out more about the family support meetings at www.namisa.org



Caregivers Support Group

Caregivers are invited to attend the St. Pius Caregivers Support Group that meets from 4-5:30pm on the second and fourth **Thursday** of the month. Please call the parish office if you're interested in attending.

Join us in praying for Archbishop-elect Edward J. Weisenburger

Pope Francis has appointed
Bishop Edward J.
Weisenburger as the sixth
Archbishop of Detroit,
Michigan. Archbishop-elect
Weisenburger's installation
will take place on March 18,
2025, and his farewell Mass
in Tucson will be celebrated
at St. Augustine Cathedral
on March 2 at 2 p.m.

