

APRIL 20-21, 2024

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



# Church of St. Pius X

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CELEBRATING  
**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**  
FOR VOCATIONS



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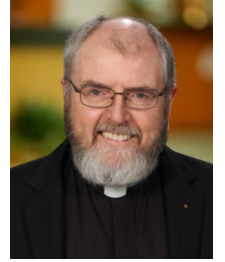
"I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep." - Jn 10:14-15

## Father Jim

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Today's Fourth Sunday of Easter, also known as "Good Shepherd Sunday", falls on the 61<sup>st</sup> World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Below are a few excerpts from Pope Francis, with thanks to the Holy See. (For full article, go to:

[Message for the 61st World Day of Prayer for Vocations 2024 | Francis \(vatican.va\)](#)



God Love You!!!

*Fr. Jim Staranich*

Dear brothers and sisters!

Each year, the World Day of Prayer for Vocations invites us to reflect on the precious gift of the Lord's call to each of us, as members of his faithful pilgrim people, to participate in his loving plan and to embody the beauty of the Gospel in different states of life. Hearing that divine call, which is far from being an imposed duty – even in the name of a religious ideal – is the surest way for us to fulfil our deepest desire for happiness. Our life finds fulfilment when we discover who we are, what our gifts are, where we can make them bear fruit, and what path we can follow to become signs and instruments of love, generous acceptance, beauty and peace, wherever we find ourselves...

To young people, and especially those who feel distant or uncertain about the Church, I want to say this: Let Jesus draw you to himself; bring him your important questions by reading the Gospels; let him challenge you by his presence, which always provokes in us a healthy crisis. More than anyone else, Jesus respects our freedom. He does not impose but proposes. Make room for him and you will find the way to happiness by following him. And, should he ask it of you, by giving yourself completely to him...

At this point in time, then, our common journey is bringing us to the Jubilee Year of 2025. Let us travel as *pilgrims of hope* towards the Holy Year, for by discovering our own vocation and its place amid the different gifts bestowed by the Spirit, we can become for our world messengers and witnesses of Jesus' dream of a single human family, united in God's love and in the bond of charity, cooperation and fraternity...

This is the ultimate meaning of our Christian pilgrimage: we set out on a journey to discover the love of God and at the same time to discover ourselves, thanks to an interior journey nourished by our relationships with others. We are *pilgrims because we have been called*: called to love God and to love one another. Our pilgrimage on this earth is far from a pointless journey or aimless wandering; on the contrary, each day, by responding to God's call, we try to take every step needed to advance towards a new world where people can live in peace, justice and love. We are pilgrims of hope because we are pressing forward towards a better future, committed at every step to bringing it about. This is, in the end, the goal of every vocation: to become men and women of hope. As individuals and as communities, amid the variety of charisms and ministries, all of us are called to embody and communicate the Gospel message of hope in a world marked by epochal challenges. These include the baneful spectre of a third world war fought piecemeal; the flood of migrants fleeing their homelands in search of a better future; the burgeoning numbers of the poor; the threat of irreversibly compromising the health of our planet. To say nothing of all the difficulties we encounter each day, which at times risk plunging us into resignation or defeatism...

To be pilgrims of hope and builders of peace, then, means to base our lives on the rock of Christ's resurrection, knowing that every effort made in the vocation that we have embraced and seek to live out, will never be in vain. Failures and obstacles may arise along the way, but the seeds of goodness we sow are quietly growing and nothing can separate us from the final goal: our encounter with Christ and the joy of living for eternity in fraternal love. This ultimate calling is one that we must anticipate daily: even now our loving relationship with God and our brothers and sisters is beginning to bring about God's dream of unity, peace and fraternity. May no one feel excluded from this calling! Each of us in our own small way, in our particular state of life, can, with the help of the Spirit, be a sower of seeds of hope and peace...

FRANCIS

**Sacramental Life**

**Newly Baptized**

May the waters of baptism call to mind our baptism into Christ who has redeemed us by his death and resurrection. We welcome in baptism:

**Adeline Jean Gehling**

**Daughter of:** Paul and Cassandra Gehling

Our Congratulations!

**Newly Baptized**

May the waters of baptism call to mind our baptism into Christ who has redeemed us by his death and resurrection. We welcome in baptism:

**Miles Ervin Sparks**

**Son of:** Michael and Denyle Sparks

Our Congratulations!

**Newly Baptized**

May the waters of baptism call to mind our baptism into Christ who has redeemed us by his death and resurrection. We welcome in baptism:

**Charlotte Robin Douglas**

**Daughter of:** Samuel Douglas and Lauren Greden

Our Congratulations!

**Jesus and the Eucharist Morning Session**

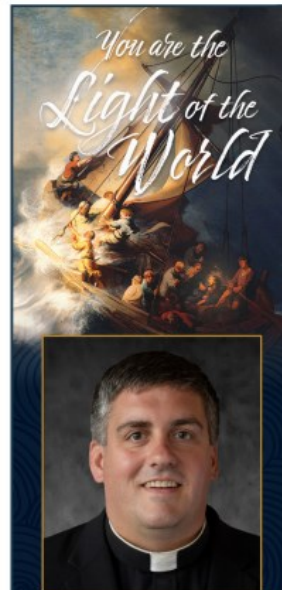
A Tuesday morning session option for Jesus and the Eucharist meets from 8:45 am to 9:45 am in Founders Hall. Our last and final morning session will be Tuesday, April 23rd in Founders Hall. Please feel free to join us. All are welcome!



**Parish Life**

**World Day of Prayer**

April 21st is dedicated as the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pray that God, our Father, gives us more holy vocations for the building up of His kingdom. Please, also pray for current seminarians, priests and all consecrated men and women. And that all will know God's will for their vocation they are being called to. Lord, send your Holy Spirit to help them respond generously and courageously to do Your will. We implore you to choose among us, your children, many priests and religious who will love you with their whole hearts and will gladly spend their lives making you known and loved by all. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen



**Fr. Jason Kern**

**Office of Vocations**

Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary, Winona

This is now my seventh year serving as the Vocations Director for the Diocese of Winona-Rochester. I am incredibly grateful and humbled when I consider how generous our diocese is when it comes to supporting the next generation of priests through the CMA. It demonstrates the deep faith in God and sincere love and appreciation our people have for the priests of this diocese. Our seminarians are being given a strong formation that roots them in a life of prayer and service for God's people, the Church. They are also being instilled with a greater awareness of the need to boldly live and proclaim the message of salvation that comes from Jesus Christ. Our seminarians are grateful for your support and giving to the CMA which every year assists in the formation of our twenty-four seminarians. We are blessed that three of them will be ordained priests this year and we already have five applications out for next fall. Your continued support from the annual CMA is greatly appreciated!

**Church of St. Pius X**

**2024 Goal** \$70,899

**Pledged & Received**  
\$23,896.94

34% of goal AS OF 4/3/24



2024  
Catholic Ministries Appeal



## Thank You

**The Shroud of Turin** exhibit at St. Pius X was a wonderful experience for so many who were able to attend. A special thank you to Father Jim, our pastor, for bringing this opportunity to our parish. Father Jim drove to Libertyville, Illinois to pick up and return the display. Thank you to the Knights of Columbus and Doug Crowley for setting up and taking down the display. We also would like to thank all of the volunteers that were hosts each day and night in being such a welcoming presence to visitors.

### Pancake Breakfast

It is our LAST Pancake Breakfast for the season. A big thank you to ALL of the volunteers that helped out each month. This would not be possible without all of your time and dedication! Also, A special thank you to our Pancake Coordinator, Lori Rogness. We plan to start up again on November 17, 2024 (3rd Sunday of November).

### Donut Sunday

Last weekend was our last Donut Sunday for the season. A big thank you to ALL of the volunteers that helped out each month. This would not be possible without all of your time and dedication! Also, A special thank you to our Donut Coordinator, Colin DeVilbiss. We will plan to start up again in November.

### Parish Staff Update

You will notice from the job postings in the bulletin, that St. Pius X is experiencing some staffing changes. Doug Crowley has resigned from his position as Office Coordinator to pursue opportunities at Mayo Clinic. His last day was Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup>. We wish him all the blessings we can impart, we hope his new pursuits will expand on the joys his discipleship brings to other areas of life and service.

Charlie Haugh, Finance Officer, is planning to retire once a replacement can be found to fill his position. He intends to remain on staff and to assist with a smooth transition.



## Mass Intentions

### Monday, April 22, 2024

8:00 am Linda Godsill

### Tuesday, April 23, 2024

8:00 am Jim Hausmant

### Wednesday, April 24, 2024

8:45 am Kevin M. Plummert

### Thursday, April 25, 2024

8:00 am Lois Douglast

### Friday, April 26, 2024

8:00 am Nguyen Dang and Hanh Luu

### Saturday, April 27, 2024

8:00 am Dennis Silvernail†

4:00 pm Ambrose† and Marge King†

### Sunday, April 28, 2024

8:00 am Micae Truoc Trant† and Maria Leing Ngot†

10:00 am Charlie Lonergan†

**Special note:** By the decree of Bishop Robert Barron, effective July 1, 2024, Mass stipends will increase to \$10 per Mass. All previously scheduled Masses and Masses scheduled before July 1, 2024 will be honored at the rate of \$5 per Mass.

### Job Opportunity at St. Pius X #1

St. Pius X Church is seeking a dedicated and organized individual to join our team as an Office Coordinator. The position is 40 hours a week and is located in the parish rectory. The Office Coordinator will play a key role in supporting the administrative functions of our parish office and assisting with various parish activities.

Responsibilities include: Greeting visitors, answering phones and responding to emails. Provide administrative support to our Pastor and staff as needed. Prepare and distribute communication materials such as bulletins and announcements. Job description upon request. Please send your resume and cover letter to Father Jim Starasinich, Pastor, St. Pius X Catholic Church 1315 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW, Rochester, MN, 55901, or [church@piusx.org](mailto:church@piusx.org), (507) 288-8238.

### Job Opportunity at St. Pius X #2

St. Pius X Church is seeking an experienced Finance Officer to join our staff. The hourly position is 32 hours a week and is located in the parish rectory office. The ideal candidate will have a strong understanding of accounting principles, excellent attention to detail, and the ability to manage multiple tasks efficiently. The Finance Officer will be responsible for maintaining accurate financial records, payroll and processing accounts payable and receivable, reconciling bank statements, and preparing financial reports. The Finance Officer provides support for the Pastor and Finance Council. A competitive wage and benefits are available. Please send your resume and cover letter to Father Jim Starasinich, Pastor, St. Pius X Catholic Church 1315 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW, Rochester, MN, 55901, or [church@piusx.org](mailto:church@piusx.org), (507) 288-8238.

## Youth and Family Ministry

### Camp Summit Volunteer

**Nurses / EMTs-** Camp Summit is in need of nurses/ EMTs for camp. The nursing team ensures the safety and care of all the middle school youth, high school youth, and adult volunteers at camp. The nursing team will provide general first aid, help youth through illnesses, injuries, homesickness, and help chaperones with medications and medical emergencies as needed. Visit our website at [campsommitwinona.org](http://campsommitwinona.org) to learn more about Camp Summit. Week one runs July 22-25th and week two runs July 29-31st. If interested or would like more information, please email [campsommitwinona@gmail.com](mailto:campsommitwinona@gmail.com).



Save the Date!  
**JUNE 17 - 21**  
2024  
**9:15-11:40am**

Sign Up Here!



**The Co-Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist  
and the Church of St. Pius X invite you to join us for  
Vacation Bible School!**

Adult volunteers needed; 7-12th grade leadership track available.  
Contact: Laura Miller [lmiller@sj.org](mailto:lmiller@sj.org) or Jennifer Carlin [jcarlin@piusx.org](mailto:jcarlin@piusx.org)



### Steubenville, Rochester July 12-14



Steubenville, Rochester is a weekend conference that evangelizes, equips and empowers 9th-12th grade youth to become radical, joyful disciples. Enjoy keynote speakers, praise and worship, Eucharistic Adoration, Reconciliation, and much more. If you would like more information, please contact Jennifer Carlin at [jcarlin@piusx.org](mailto:jcarlin@piusx.org).



JOIN US FOR AN



## Easter Egg Hunt

AGES 12 AND UNDER  
BRING YOUR OWN EASTER  
BASKET  
LIGHT REFRESHMENTS SERVED

AFTER 10:00 AM MASS  
APRIL 28, 2024  
MEET IN KENNEDY  
HALL

## Youth and Family Ministry Events Calendar

	Sunday School K-6th grade 9:05 - 9:55 AM	1st Sacraments 2nd Grade 6:30 - 7:30 PM	Y Disciple 7th - 12th Grade 7:00 - 8:30 PM	Well Read Moms 7:00 - 8:30 PM	Martha and Mary 7:00 - 8:30 PM	Jesus and the Eucharist 8:45 - 9:45 AM
☑ = Classes meet						
Sunday, April 21	☑					
Tuesday, April 23				☑		☑
Wednesday, April 24		☑	☑			
Friday, April 26	Confirmation 7:00 PM St. Pius X Church					
Sunday, April 28	☑					
	Easter Egg Hunt following 10:00 AM Mass					
Tuesday, April 30						
Wednesday, May 1	1st Communion Retreat 6:30 PM Founders Hall					
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Sunday, May 5	1st Communion Retreat 10:00 Mass					
Tuesday, May 7						
Wednesday, May 8			☑			

The **Well Read Mom** and **Martha and Mary** groups meet off-site. Please contact Jennifer Carlin for more information -- [jcarlin@piusx.org](mailto:jcarlin@piusx.org)

## Worship & Meditation

### Readings for the week of April 21, 2024

#### Sunday:

Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118: 1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 (22)/Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18

#### Monday:

Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/Jn 10:1-10

#### Tuesday:

Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/  
Jn 10:22-30

#### Wednesday:

Acts 12:24—13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/  
Jn 12:44-50

#### Thursday:

1 Pt 5:5b-14/Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/  
Mk 16:15-20

#### Friday:

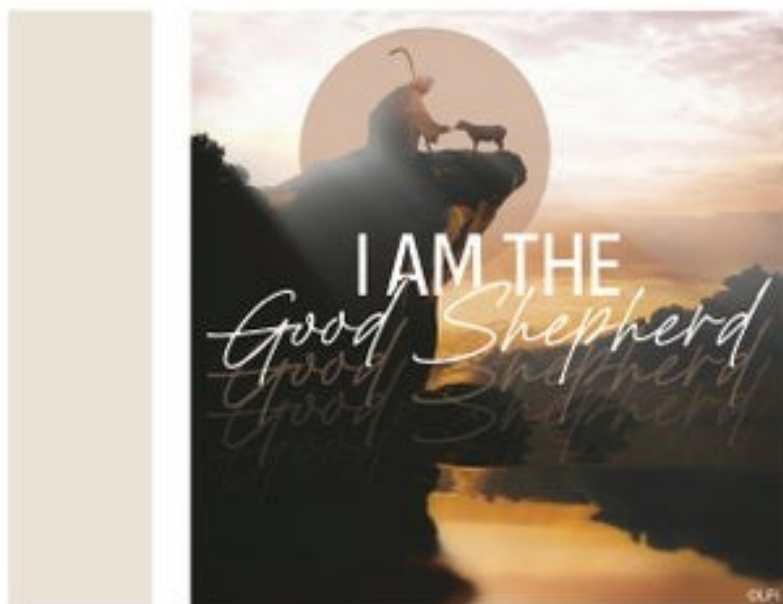
Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab/  
Jn 14:1-6

#### Saturday:

Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/  
Jn 14:7-14

#### Next Sunday:

Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32  
(26a)/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8



### Gospel Meditation

#### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Recently I was with my little dog Libby at a retreat center in the Arizona desert. I sat in a chair near a ravine filled with shrubs. Unbeknownst to me, Libby wandered down there and disappeared. Suddenly an animal's wild shriek erupted from the area. Without thinking, I bolted down into the ravine fully expecting to see coyotes, javelinas, or rattlesnakes. I didn't care. I desperately wanted to get Libby out of there, without any self-regard. Before I could face whatever danger lay hidden, my dog blissfully trotted out from an entirely different area, utterly unaware that I had (quite heroically) just placed my life on the line.

When the adrenaline wore off, I thought to myself: how far would I have been willing to go to save her? I don't know. But I do know, if I had literally died, my friends and family would have certainly thought me insane for dying for a dog. No offense, Libby.

How passionately Jesus wants us to know him and his willingness to die for us! This week he says, **"I know my own and my own know me,"** and **"I lay down my life for the sheep."** Here we encounter an insanely excessive love for us. Christianity is a relationship and not simply a religion or ethical code. In Jesus, God rescues and saves us. He laid down his life for you and me — and he has taken it up again. So often we are like Libby — blissfully ignorant of the reality of both our spiritual danger and his saving love. This Easter season, the risen Jesus calls us to be more conscious than ever before about his love. He never ceases to lay down his life for us.

— Father John Muir



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Parish Life



Rummage Sale News

As you are spring cleaning and decluttering, please keep the St. Pius X Church Rummage sale in mind, we would love to have your treasures on our sale.

Check your garages, storage closets, and other nooks and crannies for items to donate.

*Please watch the bulletin for details regarding the summer sale DATE, donations, item drop-off, and volunteering opportunities!*

**TWINS BASEBALL IN JUNE!**

Save the date - join us on a weekday afternoon to cheer on the TWINS. Join Fr. Jim on a bus trip to see the Minnesota Twins play the Colorado Rockies at **12:10 pm on Wednesday, June 12**. I also have tickets for those wanting to meet us there. **NEW THIS YEAR** – you can choose if you'd like to sit in the sun or in shade. Like last year, your ticket includes an all-inclusive menu of ballpark fare (popcorn, hotdogs, burgers, chicken tenders, beverages, other snacks). Tickets are on sale now! Scan the QR code to the left or visit the parish website ([www.piusx.org](http://www.piusx.org)). Call Ginny Amundson, 289-2357, for more information.



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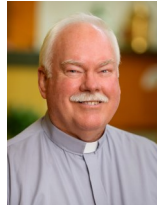
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Joe Trusty

**St. Pius X Spaghetti Dinner**

The St. Pius X Knights of Columbus invite you to the annual Spaghetti Dinner.

**Saturday, May 18 — 4:45 PM - 6:30 PM**

Catered by Victoria's Restaurant

**MENU**

- Spaghetti and Meatballs
- Salad
- Roll
- Beverages
- Dessert



Serving begins in Kennedy Hall right after the 4 pm Mass and continues until 6:30 pm.

Purchase your tickets in advance to save: Adults: \$10, Children ages 6 through 11: \$6 and Family: \$30. Children 5 and under are free.

Tickets are available in the parish office or by calling Mike Sheehan at 288-3767 for "Will Call" pickup that evening.

Tickets will also be on sale at Pancake Breakfast, April 21.

All proceeds support St. Pius X Youth Ministry.

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

Monday - Thursday 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM  
Friday 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM