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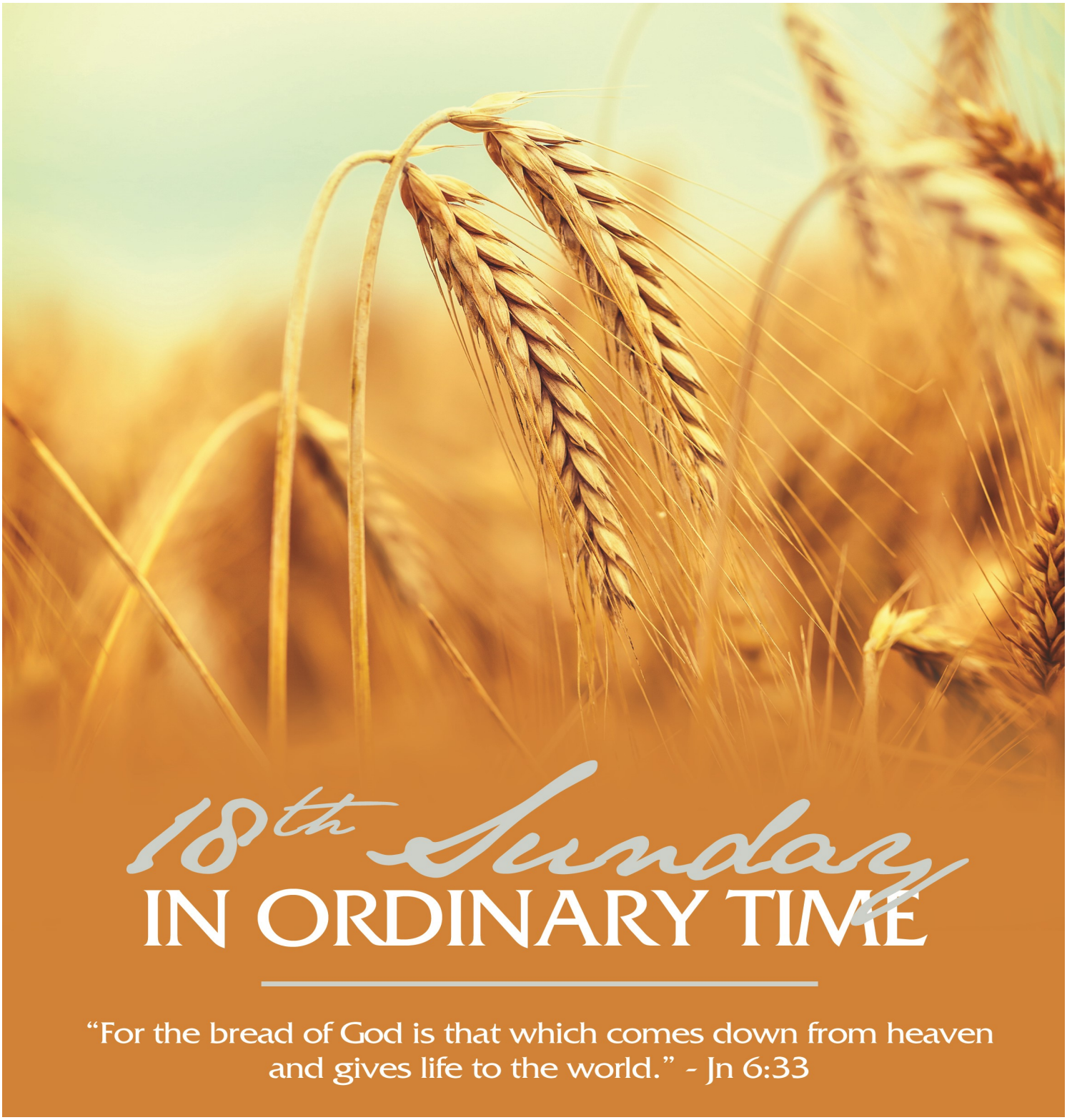

Gospel Meditation

"You cannot see the forest for the trees" is a widely known saying that can bring wisdom to our understanding of our journey. Often, our sight becomes limited to what is immediately before us. We lose touch with lessons and experiences from the past and promises and hope for the future. As human beings, we have the privilege of being able to choose things. What I like and don't like, want, and don't want can be major preoccupations of our minds and hearts. Our preferences and desires begin to define us more than the simple fact of our being. Who we are matters more than what we are or what we have. If we don't move beyond the external and superficial stuff to what really is of essence, we risk becoming very unsettled, disorientated, angry, and unhappy. We fail to see the bigger picture of hope and promise that lies ahead and the Divine Presence that has sustained and carried us before.

We like it when the "now" time of our lives satisfy us. Even the people who witnessed Jesus feed the five thousand got confused and distracted. It felt good when thousands of people were able to eat. They wanted to know what they could do to get this to happen again! But Jesus quickly reminds them that this is not the point of this sign. As much as the now time of our lives is of concern, it is not what is ultimately important. We need to learn the difference between being and doing, drawing more strength from who we are and who God is rather than what is happening around us and the choices we can make. Jesus is the true bread that came down from heaven. Jesus is the very incarnate presence of God who sustains life and assures us that we will not perish. This is not easy to understand and feel. We have to practice being in the presence of ourselves, others, creation, and God. We are brought to a holy place when we encounter the sacredness of being. This is real prayer.

Then, we learn to trust. It is when we cease trusting that we start to become afraid, uncertain, apprehensive, and doubtful, and overly self-concerned. We even start to grumble. God has our back. That is the essential powerful message of the living bread come down from heaven. God, who is alpha is also omega, the beginning and the end, and has everything in between in his care as well. A woman once remarked that her most powerful God moment happened when she and her husband cuddled with their new baby for a time. Without exchanging words and using only the affection communicated through sight and touch, they rested in being with each other. This brought them to the sacred, where they realized that a greater Being was with them. It was real. They knew that they were part of something bigger, intimate, and profound. When we rest in the Living Source of life, we will find that our souls are no longer hungry or thirsty.

Sacramental Life

60TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Don and Carol Hint

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Thursday, July 29

50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Jim and Marie Dylla

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Saturday, July 31

50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Mike and Deb Lawler

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Saturday, July 31

Parish Life

Save the dates for the....

ST. PIUS X FALL FESTIVAL

October 2-3

Beer and Brats, Karaoke,
Taste of St. Pius, Raffles, Silent Auction,
Carnival Games

More details to come in future bulletins

Funeral Lunch Ministry

As demand for Funeral Luncheons have increased, so too has the need for Funeral Luncheon volunteers. If you have served in this ministry previously we welcome you back. If or are looking for an opportunity to serve, please contact the parish office at 288-8238. We would be happy to share any information.

Bulletins

If you have been able to join us again for Mass in person and no longer need to receive the bulletin sent to you in the mail, please contact Julie or Doug in the parish office at 288-8238. Thank You!

Ministry Updates

Do you have information about a ministry you help organize or coordinate that you would like shared with the parish? Please contact Julie or Doug in the Parish Office. We would be happy to help spread the word.

Ladies Auxiliary Mum Sale

St. Pius Ladies Auxiliary is wrapping up their Mum sale this weekend. Orders are due Sunday, August 1st. Orders may be dropped off at the Parish Office. Forms may be accessed on the parish website.
Delivery is expected around September 11. You will be contacted when we know the exact pick-up date.
Thank you for the great support once again this year!

Sidewalk Repairs

The sidewalks around the St. Pius X campus are currently under construction and will likely be for another week. Please be cautious.

Church of St. Pius X Schedule

	Mass		Reconciliation	Indivdual Prayer
Monday 8/2				9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Tuesday 8/3	No Daily Mass			9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Wednesday 8/4	No Daily Mass			9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Thursday 8/5	No Daily Mass			9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Friday 8/6	No Daily Mass			9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Saturday 8/7	8:00 AM 4:00 PM	Public Public	7:30 - 7:55 AM 3:00 - 3:55 PM	
Sunday 8/8	8:00 AM 10:00 AM	Public and Livestreamed		

Daily Mass Schedule Changes

Please note, while Fr Russ is away on vacation, daily Mass will not be celebrated at St. Pius X. All changes will be reflected on the parish website and bulletin calendars. For an up to date schedule of Rochester area daily Masses, please see the Parish website or call the Parish Office.

Ladies Night Out Returns

Save the Date: Ladies Night Out, September 28th. More information to follow.

RCS Scrip Office Changes

The RCS Scrip Office will re-open on Monday, August 2 from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Monday -Thursday, at our new location behind Lourdes High School at 1710 Industrial Drive NW. For more information, visit rcsmn.org/scrip. For questions, please contact the RCS Central Office at 507-424-1817 or the Parish Office at 288-8238.

RCS Scrip can be used to support St. Pius X church and school or offset the cost of RCS tuition.

Sunday Evening Mass

The weekly 5:00 pm Sunday Mass will resume on Sunday, August 1 at the Co-Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist – All are welcome!

Parish Staff

Parish Office
Monday-Thursday _____ 8:00am - 4:30pm
Friday _____ 8:00am - 4:00pm
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Mike Sheehan, Grand Knight _____ 507-288-3767
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Mass Intentions

Monday, August 2, 2021
8:00 am **NO DAILY MASS**

Tuesday, August 3, 2021
8:00 am **NO DAILY MASS**

Wednesday August 4, 2021
8:00 am **NO DAILY MASS**

Thursday, August 5, 2021
8:00 am **NO DAILY MASS**

Friday, August 6, 2021
8:00 am **NO DAILY MASS**

Saturday, August 7, 2021
8:00 am Peter McKernan
4:00 pm Darrell Connelly †

Sunday, August 8, 2021
8:00 am Paul McKernan
10:00 am Kenneth † and Jamie † Bawek

To schedule Mass intentions, please contact the parish office at 288-8238.

Finance Corner

June 2021 FINANCE CORNER

Revenue	2021 June	2021 YTD	2020 YTD
Adult Envelopes	44,639	572,521	502,278
Children	0	0	1,788
Direct Bank Giving	28,077	348,392	348,605
Offertory	1,698	8,000	54,748
Online Giving	9,849	137,484	80,739
Stock Donation	1,234	21,943	13,584
Bequests	0	6,885	42,952
Holy Days & Holidays	5	29,328	34,115
Charitable Outreach	715	12,287	12,350
All Other	14,369	218,482	115,086
Total Revenue	$ 100,586	1,355,322	1,206,245

Expense	2021 June	2021 YTD	2020 YTD
Wages & Benefits	35,377	461,187	466,621
Buildings & Grounds	7,504	77,705	124,698
Catholic School Subsidy	27,936	335,096	311,750
Diocesan Assessment	4,520	54,242	53,689
Parish Programs	-1,136	50,243	95,132
Charitable Outreach	0	7,002	7,299
All Other	1,824	35,007	37,139
Capital Improvements	2,672	6,045	44,677
Total Expense	$ 78,697	1,026,527	1,141,005

Direct Bank Giving (checking/savings)
Sign up is available any time. Please contact the Parish Office with questions.

Electronic Giving (credit card)
Scan the QR code to link directly to the St. Pius X online giving site. There you will be able to navigate all of the church's giving opportunities. Contact Doug in the Parish Office at 288-8238 with any questions.

Thank you for your continued support of St. Pius X!

Finance Corner questions? Rectory 507-288-8238 or chaugh@piusx.org

PARISH CENSUS

Registered Active Families	Registered Active Members
851	1830

Community

Healing Adventures Camp

Mayo Clinic Hospice will once again offer Healing Adventures Camp to children and teens (5-17 years old) who are grieving the loss of a loved one. This free one-day camp will be held at Good Earth Village in Spring Valley, MN on **Saturday, September 25th, 2021 from 8:30 am - 4:00pm. Prior registration is required, which must be received by the hospice office on or before 9/3/2021.** Parent/guardians may contact the hospice office for an application packet by emailing RSTHOSPICEBEREAVEMENT@mayo.edu or calling 507-284-4002

Holy Land Pilgrimage

It is not too late to sign up to join St. James Coffee and Fr. Tom Loomis, spiritual guide, for a faith changing pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Pilgrimage is from Oct. 3-14, 2021. We will pray at the Mount of Beatitudes, travel across the Sea of Galilee, learn about the Dead Sea scrolls, step in the Jordan river where Jesus was baptized, experience Jerusalem and Bethlehem plus many more important places related to our faith. A brochure is available at stjamescoffee.com or stop by the coffee house 4156 18th Ave NW. To sign up or if you have Questions contact Ed Ventures Inc. at 507-289-3332.

Marriage Encounters

Awesome marriages don't just happen ~ couples create them! Begin creating the marriage of your dreams by attending the August 21-22 Marriage Encounter. Weekends are held at Mt Olivet Conference and Retreat Center in Farmington. Visit www.marriages.org for additional information or call 651.454.3238.

Back Rent Assistance

Do you know of a client in need of assistance with past due rent that is not eligible for Rent Help MN? Three Rivers currently has funding available to assist eligible households.

ThreeRivers COMMUNITY ACTION

- Funds can be used to assist clients in subsidized housing.
- Funds can be used to assist with past due Security Deposit

Please have the client contact Three Rivers at 507-316-0610 or 800-277-8418 and request a referral for assistance with past due rent.

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 1, 2021

Sunday: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54 [24b]/Eph 4:17, 20-24/ Jn 6:24-35

Monday: Nm 11:4b-15/Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [2a]/Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday: Nm 12:1-13/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13 [cf. 3a]/Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday: Nm 13:1-2, 25—14:1, 26-29a, 34-35/Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-22, 23 [4a]/Mt 15:21-28

Thursday: Nm 20:1-13/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Mt 16:13-23

Friday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9 [1a and 9a]/2 Pt 1:16-19/ Mk 9:2-10

Saturday: Dn 6:4-13/Ps 18: 28, 3-4. 47 and 51/Mk 17:14-20

Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:4-8/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [9a]/Eph 4:30—5:2/ Jn 6:41-51

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 1, 2021

Sunday: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop; St. Peter Julian Eymard, Priest

Wednesday: St. John Vianney, Priest

Thursday: The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major

Friday: The Transfiguration of the Lord

Saturday: St. Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs; St. Cajetan, Priest; BVM

Next Sunday: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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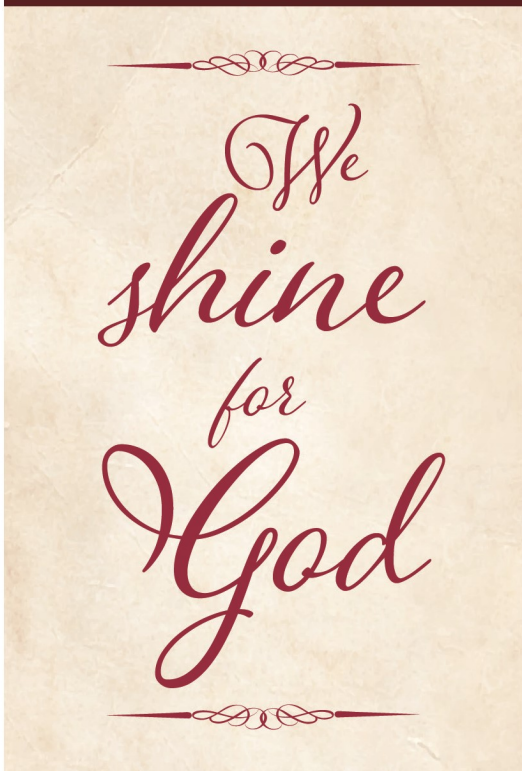
Inspiration for the week

When we lose our ability to trust, we become afraid. When we are afraid, we may begin to grumble and question whether where we are is where we need to be. For us who have faith, we even question whether God is who God says He is. Trust is so important to our success on our journey. Often, the road of our lives can become a bit treacherous. We may find ourselves feeling more unsettled than comfortable and less fulfilled than we would like to be. As much as we try, the pieces of our puzzle don't quite fit together as they ought. We wonder if we will ever experience happiness again. Then, something reminds us that God is very much present in this mess we call life. God is still bringing hope out of despair and life out of death. After all, God is the true bread that comes down from heaven to give life. All that is necessary is for us to trust in this truth, even when we may be lacking in some of life's essentials. The God who gives life is the same God who sustains it. He is also the same God who assures us that we will not perish.



Faith Formation

Register Now for 2021-2022 Faith Formation Classes

To help us plan more effectively for the upcoming year, we are beginning Faith Formation pre-registration for the 2021-2022 school year. You should register if any the following apply to you:

- You have a child or children in pre-K through 12th grade, enrolled in the public schools, private schools or home-school for upcoming school year.
- Your family values include faith, love of neighbor, forgiveness, and service to others.
- You want your child to not only learn *about* their Catholic faith, but have regular opportunities to practice it with prayer and service throughout the year.
- You want your child(ren) to have friends and adult role models/mentors that share a common faith.
- Your have a child who would like to prepare for the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Communion this year (typically in second grade).
- You have a teen who would like to prepare for the sacrament of Confirmation (typically a 2-year program starting in 9th or 10th grade).

A registration link can be found on the home page of the parish website. (www.piusx.org)

Support St. Pius X while shopping Amazon

Complete your back to school shopping and support St. Pius X, all in one. Log into smile.amazon.com and select St. Pius X as your favorite charity. A small portion of each purchase comes back to St. Pius X in the form of a quarterly rebate..

Thank you to the 31 families currently supporting St. Pius X through Amazon Smile.

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St. Pius Youth

Youth Group Bonfires

Hey teens! Join us at the Pax Christi Youth center on Wednesdays from 7:00 - 9:00pm this summer. Volleyball, ultimate Frisbee, s'mores and more. Friends are always welcome.

ROCHESTER CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULT UPDATE

Welcome Team

Building Community through Hospitality

Our Welcome Team seeks to connect young adults to all that we have going on here with Rochester Catholic, with all our parishes, and with other young adults. If you have a heart for outreach we would love to talk to you. Contact Philip for more information: plomneth@sj.org.

Core Teams

Leadership & Discipleship Opportunities

We have Core Leadership Teams for most of our major activities/events and efforts. We are always looking for fresh ideas, excitement, and enthusiasm. If you are interested in learning more about Core Leadership Team opportunities we'd love to answer your questions. Contact Zach for more information: zach.rawson@paxchristichurch.org