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Pancakes this Sunday!

Sunday, November 19th

Following the 8am and 10am Masses



Please come join us in Kennedy Hall for our pancake breakfast!

Father Sauer

It has been more than 20 years since a parishioner shared Wilferd Peterson's "The Art of Thanksgiving" with me. I go back to it year after year as a wonderful reminder at this time of the year.



The Art of Thanksgiving by : Wilferd A. Peterson

The art of thanksgiving is thanksgiving. It is gratitude in action. It is applying Albert Schwietzer's philosophy:

'In gratitude for your own good fortune you must render in return some sacrifices of your life for other life.'

It is thanking God for the gifts of life by living it triumphantly.

It is thanking God for your talents and abilities by accepting them as obligations to be invested for the common good.

It is thanking God for all that men and women have done for you by doing things for others.

It is thanking God for opportunities by accepting them as a challenge to achievement,

It is thanking God for happiness by striving to make others happy.

It is thanking God for beauty by helping to make the world more beautiful.

It is thanking God for inspiration by trying to be an inspiration.

It is thanking God for health and strength by the care and reverence you show your body.

It is thanking God for the creative ideas that enrich life by adding your own creative contributions to human progress.

It is thanking God for each new day by living it to the fullest.

It is thanking God by giving hands, arms, legs, and voice to your thankful spirit.

It is adding to your prayers of thanksgiving, acts of thanksgiving.

My heart is filled with gratitude for all of the blessings I see in my life. (And even those I don't recognize as blessings!)

On behalf of the entire parish staff I wish you and your loved ones a Happy Thanksgiving.



Sacramental Life



Dedication Candle

Mary Freund Hauber†



Dedication Candle†

Stephanie Leigh Freund



Join us for First Friday coffee and rolls
Friday, December 1st
after 8:00 am Mass in Founders Hall

Parish Life



In observance of the Thanksgiving holiday the parish office will be closed, Thursday, November 23 and Friday, November 24.

Thanksgiving Baskets

St. Pius X parish will be assisting families in need with Thanksgiving Baskets. All recipient families will be kept confidential. If you know someone who is in need please call Julie or Doug at the parish office at 288-8238. We need names, address and phone numbers of Thanksgiving basket recipients no later than November 17th. Donations for Thanksgiving baskets may be sent to the parish office or dropped in the collection plate. Last year, we were able to help 16 families totaling 80 people celebrate Thanksgiving with a complete meal.



A Prayer for Thanksgiving

Loving God,
We turn our hearts to you on this
day for giving thanks, mindful of
your many gifts.
For each one, we are grateful.
For each one, we are blessed.
For each one we are opened to the
abundance of your love.
May this Thanksgiving Day offer a
reminder to be generous with others,
as you are with us.
We praise you.
We rejoice in you.
We give you thanks.
Amen.

2023 Goal \$73,800

Pledged & Received \$70,011

94% of goal

Participants 266

AS OF 11/10/23



2023
Catholic Ministries Appeal

Advent Offerings

Tuesday Mornings in Advent at St. Pius X

Join us for Advent prayer, reflection, and fellowship in Founders Hall on Tuesdays in Advent following 8:00 am Mass (8:45 – 9:45), starting Tuesday, December 5th. Please contact the parish office at 288-8238 with any questions.

Reconciliation Services during Advent

Dec. 5 (Tues.) at 6:30pm at **Resurrection**

Dec. 13 (Wed.) at 6:00 pm at **Christ the King, Byron**

Dec. 17 (Sun.) at 3:00 pm at **St. Pius X**

Dec. 19 (Tues) at 6:30 pm at **Pax Christi**

Weekly Reconciliation at St. Pius X

Sat 7:30-7:50am, 3:00-3:50pm

Holy Spirit Catholic Church, Rochester

Advent Holy Hour (Adoration & Reconciliation)

Dec. 5, Dec. 19 (Tues) at 5:00 pm

Dec. 14 (Thu) at 5:00 pm (Adoration & Reconciliation)

Advent

St. Pius X Advent Giving Tree

See details in next
week's bulletin.



Jesus and the Eucharist

When many of his disciples heard it, they said, 'This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?' (John 6:60)



Join your fellow St. Pius X Parishioners in



understanding this difficult teaching. Sunday evenings beginning December 3rd 6 – 8PM in Founders Hall. **Cost is FREE!** Scan the QR code to register.

Parish Life

Knights of Columbus Seeking Grant Applications

The Rochester Area Knights of Columbus, of which our parish Council is a member, is seeking grant applications to its donor advised fund.

Annually, the fund awards monetary grants to local non-profit projects and programs that are consistent with the Knight's mission and values.

Grant requests in the following areas are given priority, but all worthy causes are considered:

- Catholic Organizations
- Youth Programs: at risk, physical/mental challenges, or support for vocations
- Sanctity of Life - conception to natural death
- Relief from Suffering

Request can be for capital projects or program expense costs.

Complete details on the award process and guidelines, along with application forms and deadlines, are available on the Council #1013 website: <http://www.kofc1013.org/>.



Mass Intentions

Monday, November 20, 2023

NO DAILY MASS

Tuesday, November 21, 2023

8:00 am John Muehlenbient† / Mary Ellen Truemant†

Wednesday, November 22, 2023

8:00 am Jim Ward† / Dennis Hansont

Thursday, November 23, 2023

8:00 am Joan Regniert / Dennis Hansont

Friday, November 24, 2023

8:00 am Eileen Ottosont† / Michael Reed†

Saturday, November 25, 2023

8:00 am Micae Truoc Trant

4:00 pm Mary Ellen Truemant† / Denny Altont†
Harlan Hebig†

Sunday, November 26, 2023

8:00 am Margaret Bruggentheist

10:00 am Vernont† and Blanch† Brown / Jim Hessel†

St. Pius X Children's Christmas Choir

The St. Pius X Children's Christmas Choir will be singing for the 4 PM Mass on Sunday December 24th, Christmas Eve. We are looking for singers ages Kindergarten and up. Rehearsals will take place at the church following 10 am Mass on December 3, 10, and 17. Please sign up by emailing Kristi Penza klstrei@gmail.com.



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Parish Life

Christmas Tea

Saturday, December 2, 2023

Have you ever wanted to attend the Christmas Tea here at St. Pius X? Our 14th annual Christmas Tea will be Saturday, December 2nd at 11:00 am.

This is a beautiful Christmas event for the ladies of the parish and a wonderful way to begin the holidays. **Individual tickets are available for purchase at \$25 each . Seating is limited.** Please contact Ginny Amundson at 289-2357 if you are interested.

Christmas Tea Volunteers Needed

Help is needed for our 14th annual Christmas Tea. We are in need of volunteers for baking, decorating and set up of the dining room, Food prep and kitchen help, etc! **To sign up** please go to the **parish website piusx.org** and scroll down to the Christmas Tea information and "click here for volunteers" this will lead you to the sign up genius. You can also call the parish office at 288-8238 to sign up as well.

Holiday Themed Baskets The St. Pius X Christmas Tea Committee is looking for holiday themed baskets for the Christmas Tea Silent Auction. Please drop off your fully completed holiday basket at the St. Pius X Church Rectory starting November 30th and before 5pm on December 1st.

Gift Cards - Gift Cards or donations are needed from local stores or restaurants. A \$10 minimum up to \$50. Thank you for all of your support.



Youth and Family Ministry

Volunteers Needed

Ignite Small Group

has a need for 2 men who are willing to lead 4 freshmen young men. Wednesdays from 7:00 - 8:30 pm. Training and mentorship is provided. Weekly commitment is about 2 hours.

Sunday School

has a need for a Head Catechist for 2nd/3rd. There are 9 children in this group. Weekly commitment is 90 minutes. No sacrament prep.

Well Read Mom

Well Read Mom will meet Tuesday, November 28th from 7:00-8:30 PM. For location please contact Jennifer Carlin (jcarlin@piusx.org).

Family Adoration

Join Youth and Family Ministry for Family Adoration, Friday, December 1st from 6:30 - 7:30 pm. This event is geared toward families with children. Each family registered will receive a Family Adoration Pack which includes a children's adoration booklet, saint cards and advent activities. Please register using the QR code or contact Jennifer Carlin at jcarlin@piusx.org if you have any questions.



Youth and Family Ministry Events Calendar

☑ = Classes meet	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	The Well 7th - 12th Grade 7:00 - 8:30 PM	RCIA 6:30 - 8:00 PM	Well Read Moms 7:00 - 8:30 PM	Martha and Mary 7:00 - 8:30 PM
Sunday, November 19							
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Friday, December 1	Family Adoration 6:30 - 7:30 PM						
Sunday, December 3	☑						
Monday, December 4				☑			
Tuesday, December 5							
Wednesday, December 6		☑	☑				
Thursday, December 7							

The Well Read Mom and Martha and Mary groups meet off-site. Please contact Jennifer Carlin for more information -- jcarlin@piusx.org

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of November 19, 2023

Sunday:

Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 (see 1a)/1 Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21

Monday:

1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158/Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday:

2 Mc 6:18-31/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday:

2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b and 15/Lk 19:11-28

Thursday:

1 Mc 2:15-29/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/Lk 19:41-44

Friday:

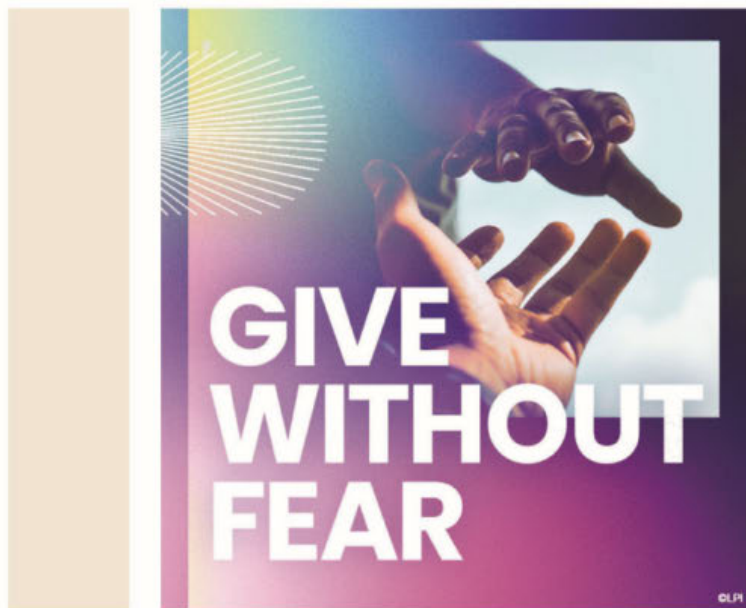
1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11abc, 11d-12a, 12bcd/Lk 19:45-48

Saturday:

1 Mc 6:1-13/Ps 9:2-3, 4 and 6, 16 and 19/Lk 20:27-40

Next Sunday:

Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/Ps 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6 (1)/1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46



Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

When I was a kid, I hated playing Monopoly because my siblings and friends always seemed to win. But worse was how it happened. Scared to risk my fake money on buying properties, I'd hold on to it. My opponents hungrily bought up the various real estate squares on the board. Then, inevitably, my poor, low-equity self would land on their spots, pay them rent, and my money would drain to zero. It seemed so unfair. The rich get richer, and the poor get poorer. I had to learn that monopoly money is meant to be spent. I was scared to lose some of it. So, I lost all of it.

How do we see what we possess? Jesus' parable about the talents is not really about economics but about the investability of everything he entrusts to us. How marvelous that everyone in the fable who places talents in the open market doubles their investment. The only one who doesn't is the man who fearfully buries his one talent. Jesus' success strategy for us seems to be, whatever we have, get it out of our *possession*. Risk it as quickly and as fully as we can.

You and I have precious gifts. We have valuable things to invest — time, talents, treasure. The Lord invites us to be brave and even somewhat reckless, to give as much away as possible. If we give it away in the direction of love and truth, it will grow. If we hold on to it in fear, the little we have will be taken away. Let me challenge you this week: find something in your life you're holding on to, and risk it by giving it away. It won't double if you hold on to it.

— Father John Muir



Community

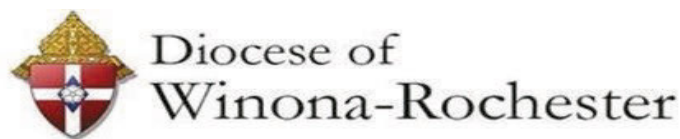
Lighting the Way to Christmas with St. Francis and the Animals

December 2nd | December 3rd
4:00 PM

Assisi Heights Spirituality Center



What do you think transpired as Saint Francis went about creating the first LIVE Nativity Scene 800 years ago? How did he find the animals to be present at the scene, and how did he get them to behave in a peaceful fashion? Come join us as we explore the possibilities and hear what the animals had to say! **For more information:** www.rochesterfranciscan.org/events/



Employment Opportunities

The Diocese of Winona-Rochester is currently accepting resumes for opportunities at the Pastoral Center in Winona, MN. These positions will be based out of Rochester, MN once construction of a new Pastoral Center is completed in the spring of 2024. Positions available are as follows:

Administrative Support: Candidates typically have a minimum of a High School Diploma (Associate's Degree preferred) along with a minimum 3 years in an administrative support role. Experience in Church and/or legal work also desired. Position openings currently available: Administrative Assistant – Finance/Human Resources Administrative Assistant/Notary – Tribunal

Director, Youth Ministry & Faith Formation:

Candidates typically have a Bachelor's degree in Theology, Pastoral Ministry, Youth Ministry, etc. and 5 years of experience in a youth ministry role. This position requires that the incumbent be a practicing and knowledgeable Roman Catholic with a strong knowledge and desire to promote Catholic teachings and catechesis.

Qualified candidates are encouraged to view our website at www.dowr.org. Please send resume, cover letter, references and salary requirements to hr@dowr.org

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