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4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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Catholic Schools Week!

Jan. 28-Feb. 3, 2024



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Father Sauer

This is my last weekend as administrator of St. Pius Parish in addition to my role at Pax Christi and Sts. Peter and Paul. I want to extend a big thank you to everyone who made this work. The staff and volunteers at St. Pius really pulled together to keep things running smoothly. It has been a pleasure getting to know them and sharing ministry with them. Our staff and volunteers at Pax and Mazeppa made an extra effort so that everything could be covered. And the retired priests and those in the area were exceptionally generous with their time to help us cover almost everything. Fr. Starasinich should arrive on Thursday, February 1. Welcome, Fr. Jim.



One of the pleasures of the past few months has been the opportunity to celebrate Mass with the school children. For almost 25 years I had a school directly attached to my parish. And while all the parishes contribute to the support of the schools I have missed the more direct interaction with the students that being able to walk across the parking lot to the school offered. Fr. Michael and I have been celebrating with the students at Holy Spirit on occasion so I look forward to continuing that, and maybe subbing at St. Pius from time to time.

This week we observe Catholic Schools Week. We are proud of our Rochester Catholic Schools system. They work hard to provide both an excellent religious education for our students and a quality academic environment. I have been really impressed with the hard work of the teachers who give their lives to help us educate our children. Registration for the coming year is ongoing so, if you are looking for an excellent school for your child, please check out the Rochester Catholic Schools.

I am blessed to be a product of Catholic education. I joke that I am old enough that the only year I was not in a Catholic school was kindergarten since the Catholic schools generally did not offer it at the time. I remember with great fondness our parish school, Holy Spirit in St. Cloud. In my day we were taught by the Franciscan Sister of Little Falls and some excellent lay teachers. Later, the School Sisters of Notre Dame from Mankato, took over the staffing of the school. I then attended St. Cloud Cathedral High School and received an excellent education. I also made great friendships which have endured to today. In fact, last week I served my benefit dinner from the St. James Coffeehouse Brew Ha Ha. Terri, part of the couple who bought the dinner, was one of my sister's best friends in high school and I have been blessed to reconnect with her as an adult. Finally, I attended St. John's University in Collegeville. The Benedictine tradition had a lasting impact on me and I am grateful for the opportunity to study there.

I know my parents made great sacrifices to provide a Catholic education for my siblings and I. I am aware that parents today make the same kind of sacrifices. Thank you. It is the community working together that makes the success of RCS possible. Have a great Catholic Schools Week.

Sacramental Life

Couples Mass

Join the St. Pius X community in celebrating the sacrament of Marriage, **Saturday, February 10**. The evening will begin with a Couples Mass at **6 PM** at St. Pius X, presided by our new pastor, Fr. Jim Starasinich. The celebration will continue with a meal at Charlies Eatery and Pub, followed by a wedding style dance with a live band. Tickets for meal and dance are \$35 a couple, \$18 a person and \$20 at the door. Price includes tax and tip.

Menu: Baked Lasagna / Chicken Alfredo, garlic toast, Caesar salad, cookies and desert bar.

Please RSVP by clicking the QR code provided or by going to the parish website. This event is sponsored by St Pius X Catholic Church, the Knights of Columbus and the Rochester Sector of Teams of our Lady.



All are welcome!

Parish Life

Year end tax statements have been mailed. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your statement, please call the parish office at **288-8238**

END OF YEAR
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STATEMENTS

BOOKS FOR FREE!

Are you looking for a good read for these winter months or the new year? We are revamping our parish library so the books currently in the library located in the south entrance are available for you to take and enjoy. Stop by and check out this wonderful collection of books.



Do you like to knit or Crochet?

Would you like to teach others how to knit or learn to knit yourself? We have been gifted with some wonderful yarn and knitting needles. Call the Parish office if you would like some yarn or knows someone that can use it for special projects.



Please join us for First Friday
coffee and rolls.

Friday, February 2nd after
8:00 am Mass in
Founders Hall

Jesus in the Eucharist Morning Session

A morning session option for Jesus and the Eucharist will begin meeting Tuesday mornings from **8:45 am to 9:45 am**. Our third morning

session will be Tuesday, January 30th in Founders Hall. Please feel free to join us for either the morning or evening session. All are welcome!



Jesus and the Eucharist Evening Session

Our *next session is February 4th at 6:00 pm in Founder's Hall*. If you are interested in joining us we would love to have you!



2nd Collection

The 2nd collection this weekend is for Latin American and Catholic Communications. The Collection for the Church in Latin America supports pastoral programs as awarded by the Subcommittee on the Church in Latin America throughout Latin America and the Caribbean. The essential mission of the Catholic Communications Campaign is to contribute to the process of evangelization by fostering activities in relation to television, radio, internet, and other media, and through special projects of the Catholic press. Thank you for your support.

CATHOLIC APPEAL UPDATE

We are **\$575 short** on our Catholic Ministries Appeal goal. If we do not meet the goal we will need to make up the difference from general funds. We appreciate your support. Thank you!

2023 Goal	\$73,800
Pledged & Received	\$73,124
	<i>99% of goal</i>
Participants	280
2023	<i>AS OF 1/21/24</i>
Catholic Ministries Appeal	



Parish Life

Knights of Columbus Spring Flower Sale

The St. Pius X Knights and "Flowers by Jerry" are sponsoring a spring flower sale again this year. Two bouquets are available for sale; the classic "Respect Life" rose bouquet and a new mix of spring flowers called "Dazzling Spring". Flowers by Jerry tells us the new bouquet will have the same number of stems and be even brighter than last year's bouquet. The cost for either bouquet is \$16, the same as last year. You can purchase the bouquet(s) of your choice from any St. Pius X Knight. See the bulletin insert this weekend for more information and for the order form. That order form will also be available in flock notes during the sale. Instructions for ordering your flowers are on that form. Your orders must be in by March 10. Bouquet pickup at "Flowers by Jerry" will be April 4 through 8., just after Easter. Thanks for supporting the Knights and enjoy your beautiful spring flowers.



The World Day of Prayer for the Consecrated Life is Friday, February 2nd, which is also the feast of the Presentation Our Lord.

It highlights the gift of religious life and to pray for those discerning a religious vocation. St. John Paul II established this in 1997 to be celebrated in conjunction with the feast of the Presentation of Our Lord, which is also known as Candlemas Day, which highlights the fact that Christ is the Light of the World through the symbolic lighting of candles. Consecrated men and women are called to spread the light and love of Jesus Christ.



This prayer was written for World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life:

God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in Your Son's Kingdom as sisters, brothers, religious priests, consecrated virgins, and hermits, as well as members of Secular Institutes. Renew their knowledge and love of You and send your Holy Spirit to help them respond generously and courageously to Your will. We asked this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

Amen

Mass Intentions

Monday, January 29, 2024
No Mass

Tuesday, January 30, 2024
8:00 am Leo Streit†

Wednesday, January 31, 2024
8:00 am Adam Ellingson†

Thursday, February 1, 2024
8:00am Joe Buchert†

Friday, February 2, 2024
8:00 am Luella Beckert†

Saturday, February 3, 2024
8:00 am Curtis Kalmest†
4:00 pm Donald F. Penzat†

Sunday, February 4, 2024
8:00 am Mary Campion†
10:00 am Joe Sturgis†

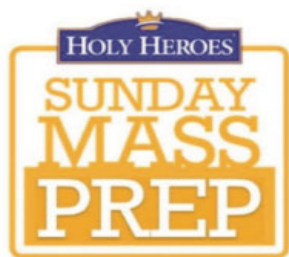


Pray for Vocations

Thanks to all the parishioners who have already agreed to pray the rosary for vocations. Everyone is invited to pray for vocations as your personal effort to increase the number of priests in our diocese. The Serra Club of Rochester, Serrans, promote vocations by reciting the Rosary and want you to join in this intention by agreeing to say the Rosary for vocations one day a month, the same date, each month of the year. The Serrans, "31 Club", was expanded to become a "St Pius X 31 Club. No meetings, no dues, just pray. What a powerful intercession to have St Pius X parishioners praying for vocations throughout the year. Please consider calling Berny Saletel 507-282-1722 and signing up for a specific day of the month.

Faith Formation

LOOKING FOR A WAY TO ENGAGE YOUR ELEMENTARY KIDS IN SUNDAY MASS?



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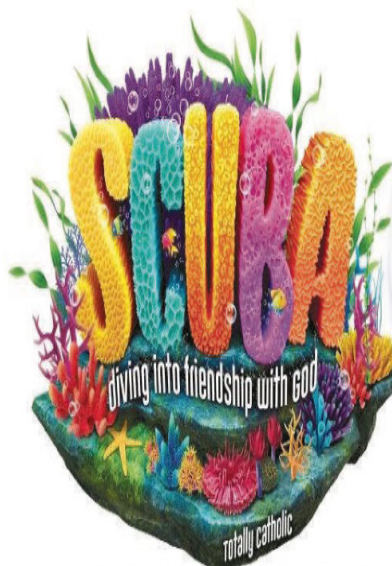
Family Adoration

Feb. 23, 2024
St. Pius X Catholic Church
6:30-7:30 pm



Please register using the QR code so we have enough materials available

"Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these." - Luke 18:16



Save the Date!

JUNE 17 - 23
2024
9:15-11:40am

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 lmliller@sj.org or Jennifer Carlin jcarlin@piusx.org



Catholic Community

40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil

Join us on Tuesday, February 13th at 5 pm on the sidewalk in front of Planned Parenthood at 1212 7th Street NW to begin the 40 Days of Life Spring Campaign. We will hold an ongoing prayer vigil from Feb. 14th to March 24th to pray for an end to abortion. To join in the campaign and sign up for vigil hours <https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/rochester>. Questions? Contact Margaret Mulligan 40daysfor-liferoch@gmail.com.

Youth and Family Ministry Events Calendar

= Classes meet	Sunday School	1st Sacraments	Y Disciple	Well Read	Martha and	Jesus and the Eucharist	
	K-6th grade	2nd Grade	7th - 12th Grade	Moms	Mary		
	9:05 - 9:55 AM	6:30 - 7:30 PM	7:00 - 8:30 PM	7:00 - 8:30 PM	7:00 - 8:30 PM	8:45 - 9:45 AM	6:00 - 8:00 PM
Sunday, January 28	✓						
Tuesday, January 30							✓
Wednesday, January 31							
Sunday, February 4	✓					✓	
Tuesday, February 6							✓
Wednesday, February 7		✓	✓				
Sunday, February 11	✓						
Tuesday, February 13					✓		✓
Wednesday, February 14		✓					

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 January 28, 2024

Sunday:

Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 (8)/
1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28

Monday:

2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5,
6-7/Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday:

2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3/
Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday:

2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/Mk 6:1-6

Thursday:

1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10, 11ab,
11d-12a, 12bcd/Mk 6:7-13

Friday:

Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/
Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Saturday:

1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14/
Mk 6:30-34

Next Sunday:

Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6
(see 3a)/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

I love movies about exorcisms. Apparently, so do many others. The 2023 movie “Nefarious” features a possibly possessed inmate on death row. Critics were not impressed, but audiences scored it at 97% on the website Rotten Tomatoes. Most people have an appreciation for the demonic realm, even if cultural elites are generally embarrassed about it. As is standard in exorcism movies, the afflicted person (in this case, a man named Edward Brady) thinks and acts like *multiple* persons. He is someone besides himself. We know what that is like. We feel *fake* sometimes, not ourselves.

The same dynamic is on dramatic display this week in the Gospel. Jesus the Exorcist approaches a possessed man who utters, “**What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth?**” Notice the plural, *us*. The basic effect of the demonic is division. The man’s identity is fractured, divided, and thus many. Jesus powerfully expels the spirit by saying, “**Quiet! Come out of him!**” Jesus’ word has the power to restore the man’s singularity — *him* — and indeed it does.

All this helps us to dismiss childish images of demons sporting red goat tails. Equally, it overcomes the cultured aloofness that dreams demons are mere metaphors for evil. We see instead that fallen angels are conscious and intelligent beings who orient their agency toward division. They bring about schism where there should be unity, e.g., in persons, families, communities, politics, and so on. Thankfully, Jesus commands demons to flee from all these places to restore wholeness and peace. What if we made room for his word where we need it?

— Father John Muir

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Rochester Catholic Schools Parish Tuition Grant

Our parish community values Catholic education and seeks to support you, our families, in your child's faith development. We invite your family to enroll with Rochester Catholic Schools. Because we believe in Catholic schools and this important ministry of our Church, we are pleased to offer your family the opportunity to apply for a parish grant to assist with tuition. Applications for the Parish Grant are completed yearly and due by February 1, 2024. The link for the online Tuition Grant Form can be found on the parish website at: www.piusx.org/st-pius-x-school.html.

St. Francis Book Fair Fundraiser

Come support the St. Francis of Assisi School library by attending the Ignatius Press Book Fair. It will be open to the public after school from 3:20- 4:00 PM Wednesday, January 31 through Friday February 2 and on Saturday, February 3 from 1:00-4:00 PM at the St. Francis of Assisi School Library. Guests are welcome to enter via the Library entrance, located on the east side of the school (not main school entrance). Ignatius Press has teamed with Ave Maria University and will provide both Catholic and non-religious books geared towards students in grades K-8. A convenient online option is also available that will have additional books for everyone from toddlers to adults. Visit <https://shop.ignatiusbookfairs.com> between January 29-February 10, create an account, and select St. Francis of Assisi School to shop. Most orders will ship for \$5 flat rate. The Ignatius Press Book Fair will be a great place to find captivating books that will feed your kids imagination and nourish their minds as well as Easter, First Communion, and Confirmation gifts. We look forward to seeing you!



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