

**The Pastor's Corner  
Fr. Paul Portland, SDS**

Last month I shared with you various elements that came together leading to a prayer/reflection evening for the Pastoral Council and leaders of other parish councils/ commissions/ committees. In this letter I want to follow up with you about that evening, which was held on April 24, as well as the preliminary plans the Task Force for Formation/Discipleship has made to continue our growth in discipleship as individuals and a community.

Twenty-seven parishioners attended the meeting: members of the Pastoral Council, staff members involved in ministry, chairpersons of various groups in the parish, and the nominees for pastoral council positions. Participants felt that it was inspiring to be together, to pray together, to discuss the future together, and to see all those involved in leading the parish in one place. It was also an opportunity to reflect on where we are going TOGETHER and pray for the gift of the Spirit. Sometimes we can be focused on our own group and its work, missing its relationship to other groups and the overall mission and direction of the community.

Reflecting on three questions each group had answered earlier, participants shared what was working well and what more could be done in terms of being a welcoming community; it was emphasized that we are not fixing something that is broken, but rather challenging ourselves to grow as disciples, bringing Christ's love to others.

The Task Force for Formation/Discipleship met this past week to evaluate the meeting. Everyone thought it went well and its success indicated we need to plan opportunities for individual groups to interact more often. To begin with, three specific tasks are being given to the groups that participated:

1. Evaluate the experience of the meeting on April 24<sup>th</sup> and make recommendations to the Task Force on how we can move forward.
2. Consider the possibility of a Common Meeting Night, that is, holding the meetings of a number of groups on the same night. The evening would begin with common prayer, each group would break for its meeting, and at the end

each group would give a short report of its meeting to the entire assembly (this is the format we have been using for the past year with the three parish councils of our cluster parishes).

3. Review your answers to the questions, discerning what actions could be accomplished with current resources, as well as whether these actions could be done by your group alone or would need the cooperation of other groups.

As you can see, this is a work in progress and you will be kept informed! I trust that soon all of us will feel challenged to be better disciples as our ministry groups work together intentionally to help us respond to Jesus' final command: *Go out to the whole world and spread the Gospel*. Thank you for supporting this process with your prayers: please keep them up.



**Tri Parish  
Memorial Day Mass  
Monday, May 28  
8:15 am  
at St. Bernard's Parish**

**There will be no 8:00am Mass at St. Pius  
See you at St. Bernard's**

***The Mission of St. Pius X Catholic Community  
is to nurture, deepen, celebrate and live out our  
identity as an apostolic community, a people  
who are called, gifted and sent by our God.***

***Served by the Society of the Divine Savior –  
Salvatorians***

## First Holy Communion

Congratulations to these children who received First Holy Communion on April 29, at our Parish:

Ana Elena Arce  
Dylan Bleskachek  
Jessica Bradach  
Rocco Clementi  
Nora Donohoo  
Nolan Fletcher  
Landon Hagland  
Layla Hawkins  
Nolan Hawkins  
Matt Joseph  
Michael Lambert  
Benjamin Ludwig  
Kennedy McGinty  
Mattingly McWalter  
Grace Monosso  
Nolan Monosso  
Mary Phillips  
Jeffrey Phillips  
Mikhail Rotar  
Joaquin Sanchez  
Gabriela Sandroni  
Jane Scheuing  
Mia Sparapani  
Amalia Stark  
Aiden Wilbur  
Samuel Wilson  
Hazel Woznick  
Parker Young  
Kaylie Ziarek

Thank you and congratulations to their parents and teachers!

## Sacrament of Confirmation

We congratulate these St. Pius X Parish members who received the sacrament of confirmation:

Evan Clossey  
Addison Devine  
Joshua Idzikowski  
Ryan McCarthy  
Martilia Marechal  
Celia O'Neil  
McKailey Poston  
Anna Rossner  
Mikhail Schaefer  
Abigail Schermerhorn  
Celia Venturi

May the Lord continue to bless you and your families.

### **Parish Collaborative is providing A Meal for Guest House Shelter for Men**

**Wednesday May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018  
5:00 to 8:00 PM**

The Guest House currently provides shelter for 86 adult men. It is the largest publicly funded emergency shelter in Milwaukee.

We need volunteers to donate or prepare food and or serve for this one-night commitment. This year we are preparing and serving a Brat/Hamburger picnic meal.

If you are interested in donating food or your time, please email:

Linda Swiderski at [soundfiddler@aol.com](mailto:soundfiddler@aol.com) or  
Tony Burkart at [burokart55@aol.com](mailto:burokart55@aol.com) for specifics.

Thank you for volunteering/donating for this worthwhile evening of service.

### **Friday Morning Prayer**

Join the group that meets with Br. Silas Henderson, SDS, after the 8:00 AM Mass in the rectory each Friday morning. Read and learn about the Mass readings for the next Sunday and share in discussion and prayer. All are welcome.

## **Archdiocesan Stewardship Appeal**

Hello, I'm Holly Cartier and I am here to share information about the Archdiocesan Stewardship Appeal. This past weekend you watched the Archdiocesan Stewardship Appeal video during Mass.

The theme this year is DECIDE TO LEAD. Our Archdiocese serves over a half a million Catholics in Southeastern Wisconsin.

When we work together to support the Appeal:

WE DECIDE TO LEAD in Service to Families, through Catholic Charities and other agencies;

WE DECIDE TO LEAD in Strengthening Parishes, which provides formation and resources for parish liturgical ministries;

WE DECIDE TO LEAD in Supporting Schools, (the 109 parish and high schools in our archdiocese serve over 31,000 children in daily attendance and an additional 30,000 in parish Christian formation programs);

And WE DECIDE TO LEAD in Forming Priests and parish leaders, including the 51 men currently attending the Seminary of St. Francis de Sales and those in the Diaconate Formation program.

Your donation and support will only be used to support these Appeal funded ministries.

You probably have received an envelope in the mail, but if it has been mislaid, we have additional envelopes in the back of church. You can also go directly to the website at [www.Archmil.org](http://www.Archmil.org) to contribute.

Thank you if you have already given to the appeal. Thank you for the support and the generosity you have shown through the years. If you have not yet given, please consider prayerfully how you can help by giving any amount, no matter how small.

Thank you in advance for joining me in supporting the Archdiocesan Stewardship appeal. YOU CAN DECIDE TO LEAD in transforming the lives of many.

MAY GOD BLESS YOU!

## **St. Pius Garden Angels**

The St. Pius Garden Angels are always looking for new people who would like to help keep the grounds looking pretty during the summer months. People come help when they can to clean the gardens, plant and water the annuals, weed, etc.

If you are interested in helping or finding out more, please contact Mary Nold-Klett at 414-453-1079, or Diana Krumenauer 453-7987. We're always looking for new energy and new ideas!

## **Catholic Identity Holly Cartier**

Sitting on the altar as a lector during Mass is sometimes more fun than it should be. I know I am supposed to be prayerful and immersed in Mass, but the other day I was swept away. A not-quite two-year old and his somewhat older sister came to the Altar to place in the basket an offering. The older sister, being an old hand, marched right up and dropped her change in the basket. Her little brother had a tougher time. He hesitated, looking at the pennies in his hand, approached the altar, backed away, then with encouragement, dropped the coins in the basket. He must have heard the coins jingle because he suddenly became very interested in the other coins in there.

I was chuckling, but also thought how it sometimes reflects my giving. I am sometimes reluctant, worried about what is in my account; sometimes give with encouragement; and sometimes am too interested in what others are giving or have given. I pray that I can give, marching forward and throwing my coins in the basket, like the older and much wiser sister. But I know that I often lag behind, hesitating and worried about what is already mine.

In our giving to the Catholic Archdiocesan Stewardship Appeal, please remember not only, "It is in giving we receive" (St. Francis of Assisi), but also, "While we do our good works, let us not forget that the real solution lies in a world in which charity will be unnecessary" (Chinua Achebe). This is our Faith, this is our Catholic Identity.

All comments are welcome. Please address them to [hcarts.hc@gmail.com](mailto:hcarts.hc@gmail.com).

## **Living Waters Update**

At the time this newsletter is being written, we have \$28,304 in our Living Waters Fund. That's just \$1,696 short of being able to donate six wells this year. We have until Pentecost, May 20. Thank you to everyone who contributes to this important project.

## **Scripture with Scholars**

Tuesday, May 29, 2018  
7:00 – 8:30 PM  
Cathedral of St. John Evangelist  
812 N. Jackson Street, Milwaukee

Daniel J. Scholz, Ph.D., Interim V.P. of Academic Affairs, Cardinal Stritch University, will be presenting an arm chair pilgrimage in the footsteps of St. Paul, leading us through the cradle of Christianity where Paul did his missionary work.

## **News from our School Wauwatosa Catholic**

May!! It seems as if the school year flew by! So much has been accomplished, so many things happening. Our seventh graduating class is busy not only preparing for their graduation, but also finishing some major projects. Our very first MYP Community Project is being constructed. The eighth graders studied the Holocaust and did a class project on this. They were then asked to choose what they thought was the most significant event of the 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> century. They researched their choice and created an action plan related to their event. Their Community Projects were on display on May 3. They are also preparing for their class trip to Washington D.C. In their Design class, they researched people from the Wauwatosa area who lost their lives during the Viet Nam War. They designed a memorial for these 6 soldiers, and an additional memorial for the great uncle of former students at WCS. They will be placing their memorials at the Viet Nam War Memorial Wall. These students are ending their experience at WCS in an extremely thoughtful way.

The class of 2017/18:

Annabelle Bannach  
Marina Fayas  
Madelyn Gross  
Jordyn Hawkins  
Andrew Kirchner  
Noah Poston  
Ryan Stanek  
Stella Vermeulen  
Joseph Warren

Our second graders received their First Holy Communion. St. Pius X communicants received the sacrament on Sunday, April 29; St. Bernard communicants received the sacrament on Sunday, May 6. This is a time of joy and celebration for our second graders. They are truly excited to have the opportunity to receive Communion during our all school Masses.

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> graders are busy preparing for our IB Showcase, on Thursday, May 24. Our 5<sup>th</sup> graders will present their Exhibition Project; our 4<sup>th</sup> graders have researched an artist and will present “their” artist; our 3<sup>rd</sup> graders will present a Living Wax Museum; and our 2<sup>nd</sup> graders will present a brand-new product which they invented and marketed. This is a special night for our students and our school. Please join us if you are able.

As we end one school year we look ahead to the 2018/2019 school year. August 20 –Family Picnic, August 22—Meet and Greet/Picture Day. The first day of school will be August 27. Please mark your calendars for the following dates: September 6—all

parent curriculum/IB Meeting; Sept. 21—World Peace Day; October 20—Soles for Catholic Education Walk; and November 3—Auction for Education. More information will be coming!

A huge thank you to all parishioners who attended this year’s Auction for Education, our Spaghetti Dinner, Shamrockin Eve and Abby Bunzel’s Skate Night. We appreciate all of your support. We could not do all of the great things we do at school without the support and prayers of our parishioners. You are always in our very grateful prayers.

### **April Family Skate Night May 12**

Even if you don’t skate, you’re welcome to come to the cafeteria for great homemade pizzas by Pius Pizza Pops, from 6-8 pm. A whole pizza – your choice of toppings is \$10.

Beginners’ Skating is from 6-7 PM  
Family Skating from 7-9 PM

Admission is \$5.00 – includes skates  
(\$1.00 discount with your own skates)

No in-line, Skechers or Heelys skates

Questions? Or to schedule a party –  
Call Wauwatosa Catholic’s school office  
414-258-9977

Next skate night date:  
June 2

### **Health Ministry News “Yoga for You”**

New six-week session starts May 21<sup>st</sup>. to June 25<sup>th</sup>.  
No class Memorial Day May 28<sup>th</sup>.

Strengthen your muscles, increase your flexibility, and improve your posture with yoga. Reap the benefits while developing an awareness of the body, mind and spirit connection. Develop a positive attitude toward life and a feeling of connectedness and compassion toward others.

Grab your yoga mat or a chair is available, wear comfortable clothing.

9:00 a.m. Room 101...Enter off 76<sup>th</sup>. Street by office.

Classes are free offered by a parish member, Mary Snow, a licensed and certified yoga teacher.

# INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

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## **\*STEWARDSHIP OF COMMUNITY\***

What does it mean to be a member of St. Pius X Faith Community? What are your expectations? What are your responsibilities? No doubt, the answers to these questions will vary from member to member, but what about some commonality?

Members who thoroughly read the parish weekly bulletin and this monthly publication are probably aware that our Faith Community, as most organizations, has a mission statement. Short in nature, a mission statement should provide the organization's members with the reason for the organization's existence as well as a shared understanding of its intended direction. In other words, who are we, what we do, and why we do it. For the rest of this article, it may help to locate our mission statement in this publication.

First and foremost, we identify ourselves as an *Apostolic* community. As such, we profess our common belief in Jesus's teachings as passed on to us through the apostles, the creed we profess at each Sunday's liturgy. And as Jesus's disciples, we continue in the mission He gave His apostles, to go and make disciples of all nations.

To live out this identity as an *Apostolic* community, we need to be nurtured in developing and increasing our faith. Aided through the charisms of the Salvatorians, we do this primarily through our communal worship, reception of the sacraments, and by participation in various faith formation programs, all grounded in a personal prayer life that includes some daily quiet time listening to our Lord. Hopefully, this spiritual nurturing also takes place between companion community members sharing, encouraging and praying with each other.

As our nurturing continues, we are called, gifted and sent by God, taking us back to that apostolic mission of growing the Kingdom of God, primarily within our own personal environment, i.e., family, friends, work.

## **\*PRAYER INTENTIONS\***

We encourage all parish members to include the following intentions in your daily prayers during the coming month.

*That all members of our faith community will be open to the guidance of the Holy Spirit and continue to grow in faith, hope and love.*

*For the protection of all who serve in our military and other organization which are responsible for securing our daily safety.*

*For all the sick and shut-in members of our faith community and for all the intentions on our Wailing Wall in the rear of our church.*

## **\*PRAYER NETWORK\***

If you, or if you have a relative or friend who is struggling with illness, loss of a loved one, a spiritual crisis or any of countless other life challenges, we have a group of parishioners who have committed to interceding in prayer on your behalf.

If you would like to have someone included in the daily prayers of the network members or if you would like to become a member of the network, interceding on behalf of others, contact John Kielich at [jkielich@wi.rr.com](mailto:jkielich@wi.rr.com) or at my home phone 414-449-5094.

Because of HIPAA policies, a hospital cannot notify the parish of admittance of a parishioner, so a family member must take the initiative. To arrange for a priest to visit a loved one in the hospital, please contact the parish office

## **\*MONTHLY REFLECTION\***

In lieu of the monthly scripture reflection, consider the following in terms of our mission statement.

- 1) How is St. Pius Faith Community nourishing my faith life? If not, why not?
- 2) What are my responsibilities to the community? How am I meeting those responsibilities?



# St. Pius X Community Calendar

## May, 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> Bldg & Grnds 5:45 pm R/LR  <i>KP 5-8pm Cafe</i>	<b>2</b> AA 12:15 pm 101, conf. rm. Tri P PC Agenda 6:15 R/LR/DR/Apt J4J 7 pm Church	<b>3</b> Stain Glass Sing 3:30 Choir Rm Health Min. 6 pm R/DR Choir 7:15 Church	<b>4</b> AA 11 am 101, Conf Rm AA 7:30 pm 101, Conf Rm	<b>5</b> AA 11 am 101, Conf Rm
<b>6</b> Fellowship–Finance 9 am Cafe	<b>7</b> Yoga 9 am 101 AA 11 am 101, Conf Rm Liturgy 6 pm R/LR	<b>8</b> Personnel 5:30 pm R/LR	<b>9</b> AA 12:15 pm 101, Conf Rm J4J 7 pm Church Child Ministry Mtg. 6:30 cafe	<b>10</b> B Scouts 6:30 101 Stain Glass Sing 3:30 Choir Rm Choir 7:15 Church	<b>11</b> AA 11 am 101, Conf Rm AA 7:30 pm 101, Conf Rm	<b>12</b> AA 11 am 101, Conf Rm Family Skate/Pizza 6 pm Café, Gym
<b>13</b> Fellowship–(CLC) 9 am	<b>14</b> AA 11 am 101, Conf Rm Stewardship 6 pm R/LR	<b>15</b> Senior Bd Mtg 10 am R/DR Rose So. 7 pm Rm 101  <i>KP 5-8 pm Cafe</i>	<b>16</b> AA 12:15 pm 101, Conf Rm	<b>17</b> Stained Glass Sing 3:30 Choir Rm Choir 7:15 Church R/LR/DR 3 pm	<b>18</b> AA 11 am 101, Conf Rm AA 7:30 pm 101, Conf Rm	<b>19</b> AA 11 am 101, Conf Rm
<b>20</b> Fellowship Steward 9 am Cafe	<b>21</b> Yoga 9 am Rm 101 AA 11 am 101, Conf Rm Finance C 6 pm R/LR	<b>22</b> Senior Mass 10 am Church, R/LR/DR, J&P 7 pm R/LR	<b>23</b> AA 12:15 pm 101, Conf Rm	<b>24</b> B Scouts 6:30 101	<b>25</b> AA 11 am 101, Conf Rm AA 7:30 pm 101, Conf Rm	<b>26</b> AA 11 am 101, Conf Rm  <i>KP 9 am– Noon            Cafe</i>
<b>27</b> Invitation 8 am R/DR	<b>28</b> AA 11 am 101, Conf Rm Tri-Parish 8:15 Mass @ St. Bernard (No Mass @ St Pius)	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> AA 12:15 pm 101	<b>31</b>		