

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

Dear Friends,

There is a **survey on the parish** with a cover letter from me in this newsletter. Please fill it out to help us move into the future as a vibrant, evangelizing community.

There are a couple things important for the health and growth of our community that I would like to bring to your attention. The first is spiritual: Tuesday evening, March 12, we will have a **reflection/adoration hour** to help us enter into the Lenten season. Entitled *Christianity is a Lifestyle*, it will include exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, a presentation on the theme, some reflection time, and benediction. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend between 7 and 8 pm. Child care will be available, to enable parents to attend. We will also have **booklets available for adults and children for Lent**. The adult booklet, *With Grace and Gladness*, includes stories and reflections for each day of Lent. The children's book, *Peeking through the Palms*, contains activities to help children experience the season of Lent. Please take these resources, when they are available, and use them for a spiritually fulfilling Lent.

The second concerns leadership in our community. The last weekend of February we will begin the **discernment process for one trustee and four members of the Pastoral Council**. Please begin to reflect on both your personal availability to offer this important leadership ministry to the community as well as others whom you might wish to nominate. Please keep this process in your prayers.

We have a **parish library with a lot of good spiritual reading**. It is located in the back of the chapel (the former cry room). Salvatorian sisters Denise and Rita have taken care of it for a number of years, but are "retiring" from this ministry. We thank them for their service. Holly Cartier, a professional librarian, has taken it over. You are welcome to take any books to read – no need to check them out. I invite you to go to the library to browse and make use of this resource. More information will be coming.

In the Church year, Christmas is over and Lent won't begin until March 6<sup>th</sup>. During these days we begin "Ordinary" time with the year of Luke. Luke's Gospel

was written for an audience with many non-Jewish members and stresses the universality of Jesus' call to follow Him. As we read Luke's Gospel this year, we often will hear him explaining Jewish customs, so that his audience would fully understand the significance of what was happening.

Our culture needs to hear this message of inclusivity, that every single person is a child of God made in His image. I had naively thought that we had made great progress in overcoming racism and other kinds of prejudices, but the rhetoric these days makes me wonder. It is contrary to the Gospel to call others names because of race, ethnicity, or any other reason. The issue is not "political correctness" but rather Gospel values.

As we listen to this wonderfully inclusive Gospel this year, let us reflect on any tendencies we may have to denigrate or exclude others, asking God to help us grow in our ability to be accepting of others. Thank you, God, for making each one of us in Your image and likeness!

I end with a laugh. I would like to put this on our display sign on Wauwatosa Avenue, but it is too long, so I share it with you here: *Church is the only place where you can arrive late and still get the best seats in the house!* Have a good month and let us support each other in prayer.

*Paul James Portland, SDS*

***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***

## Catholic Identity

### Holly Cartier

A New Year, and so many changes in our lives; new babies, newly turned teens, and adults, new graduates and new jobs. Change seems inevitable in our lives and is often hard for us. We have a hard time letting go and embracing the change. We LIKE the way our lives are, we like our old house, our old car, our old job. We hate to see the kids getting older (they were so sweet as babies).

But the one thing that never will change is our God. Aren't we lucky to have someone in our lives who knew us before we were born, and every moment since? We don't know what the year will bring, but no matter what it is, God is our unchanging refuge, delighting in pouring out his Love and Kindness upon us. He is faithful to us; it is not WHAT He does, it is WHO He is. *'Even if we are faithless, He remains faithful for He cannot deny himself.'* Timothy 2:11-13. This is our Faith, this is our Catholic Identity.

Holly welcomes comments at [hcarts.hc@gmail.com](mailto:hcarts.hc@gmail.com)

### Justice and Peace Commission

From the Justice and Peace Commission

Many are distressed by the hardships faced by federal employees impacted by the government shutdown and are wondering what might be done to help those people. Below are several ideas for those who might want to take action.

- Call, email or fax letters to Members of Congress letting them know you support federal workers and want them back to work with pay as soon as possible.
- Donate to the Government Shutdown Direct Relief Fund Money raised will be distributed to non-profit organizations across the country offering relief to government workers.
- Donate to organizations such as World Central Kitchen or the National Diaper Bank Network that are involved in getting help to federal employees around the country.
- Donate to the National Park Foundation. The NPF will use donated funds to restore National Parks that have suffered damage during the shutdown.

## Valentine Pancake Breakfast

Sunday February 10<sup>th</sup>

9 AM - 12 noon

Yummy Pancakes (Plain and Chocolate Chip)  
Sausages, Hot Syrup, Strawberries, Whipped Cream

\$7.00 – Adults

\$4.00 – Kids, 12 years and under

Free - under 5 years

Maximum \$20 per family

Sponsored by CLC

### Adult Formation Opportunities:

1) **Friday Morning Reflection on the Sunday readings:** Join the group that meets 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.

2) **Mother of Good Counsel lecture series.** Events take place at MGC, 6924 W Lisbon, from 1:30-2:30 pm. The presentations will be followed by a short Q&A period.

February 18 – Dr. Michael Donahue; *Women in the Bible*

March 10 – Janet and Richard Mason and Sue Haertel; *The History and Discipleship of the Lay Salvatorians*

April 28 – Randy Denk; *Mary, Mother of the Redeemer: Writings by Pope St. John Paul II*

### 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 or their 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 414-732-7295.

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.

## Health Ministry News

### “Welcome to the Real World” Computer, Internet and Technology Safety and Health

Computers entered our homes 32 years ago. The Internet celebrates its 25<sup>th</sup> birthday this year. Home gaming systems are in their 40's. That means we parents and our children have grown up with convenience and fun but also a daring ever evolving life in the world of technology. This far from stagnant “real world” requires understanding, changing and setting of boundaries for all ages. So, in the life of young people when do the responsibilities of the school stop in a day and the parents start? What's safe out there and where's the crime? What are the risks and benefits in the health of our children? How do we promote physical health, safety and responsibility for youth of all ages? What about us? Well, let's find out from two great experts! And...bring your questions.

Joel Kutz, Wauwatosa Police School Resource Officer  
and  
Dr. Matthew Jandrisevits, PhD, Pediatric Psychologist,  
Children's Hospital

Tuesday, February 19<sup>th</sup> at 7PM  
Wauwatosa Catholic School  
1500 Wauwatosa Ave.  
Follow the signs

*Sponsored by St. Pius X Health Ministry and  
Wauwatosa Catholic School  
Grandparents and any concerned adult are  
encouraged to attend.*

### Information about Marijuana from your Health Ministry

Legalization of Marijuana for medical use or adult recreational use in a growing number of states means we, as adults, need to make ourselves aware of just what it is, how it affects our bodies and whether we need to be cautious about its use. This will be a two-part article with the second part published in next month's edition of the newsletter.

**Just what is Marijuana?** According to the National Institute of Drug Abuse (NIH), marijuana refers to the dried leaves, flowers, stems, and seeds from the Cannabis Sativa or Cannabis Indica plant. The plant contains the mind-altering chemical THC and other similar compounds. It is the most commonly used illicit drug in the U.S.

**How do people use Marijuana?** People smoke marijuana in hand rolled cigarettes (joints) or in pipes or water pipes (bongs). They also smoke it in blunts or emptied cigars that have been partly or completely

refilled with marijuana. Some people use vaporizers, which pull the active ingredients including THC from the plant and collect it in a storage unit, then inhale the vapors, not the smoke. People can also mix marijuana in food, such as brownies, cookies or candy, or brew it as tea, or smoking or eating different forms of resins which can be extracted from the plant. This is called dabbing, and comes in various forms such as hash oil, wax or shatter. These extracts can deliver extremely large amount of THC to the body, and can be very dangerous to one's health.

### How does Marijuana affect a person's life?

Compared with those who don't use marijuana, those who frequently use large amounts report the following: Lower life satisfaction; poorer mental health; poorer physical health; and more relationship problems. People also report less academic and career success. For example, marijuana use is linked to a higher likelihood of dropping out of school, job absence, accidents and injuries.

This information was taken with permission from an article published by the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIH). The Health Ministry Committee hopes you find this article helpful.

### Yoga for You

Yoga is a powerful medicine but a slow medicine. With the practice of yoga, practitioners reflect a calm sense of well-being, a willingness to accept the differences of others, and an orientation toward peace that makes for a stronger, more flexible and healthier world.

All are welcome, women and men  
9:00 am – 10:00 am Room 101  
Bring your mat or a chair is available.

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

The current session runs until February 18th. Our last session will run March 4<sup>th</sup> to April 8th.

### Remember your Loved Ones with a Mass Intention

Consider having a Mass said for your loved ones or for a special intention you would like to make. Call the parish office at 453-3875 to select a specific date for your Mass. The offering for the Mass is \$10.00, which can be brought to the parish office or mailed to the parish with your request. What a wonderful opportunity to have the parish pray for your intention.

## News from our School Wauwatosa Catholic

Happy 2019! January at Wauwatosa Catholic was a true whirlwind of activity. Our Middle School students were working on their final assessments, as the first semester came to a close. Our fifth grade students are beginning their exit requirement for the Primary Years Programme. Every 5<sup>th</sup> grade IB student is required to complete an Exhibition project, in which they can show what they have truly gained from the PYP. This student driven project requires each student to choose an area of interest to research, coming up with an action portion of their project. Their projects will be highlighted in an IB Showcase in May.

Our 8<sup>th</sup> graders are also working on their exit requirement for the Middle Years Programme. They have been working on the research portion of their project. They were asked to choose what they considered to be the most significant event of the last century. They have completed their research, and now are developing a “community” based action project which flows from their findings. The thoughtful work they have submitted thus far shows a group of young people committed to scholarly research and extremely open-minded in their approach.

The sixth and seventh grade students presented a Cultural Fair on Tuesday, January 29. Their presentations were a result of their research on a country of their choice. Their presentations included visuals, such as a backboard, maps and artifacts of their country. They produced a piece of art related to their country. They were also asked to make a food item from their country of choice.

For our K5 students, Kindness Counts! The central idea for their last IB project was: Jesus’ teachings encourage people to help others. As their final assessment they developed a Kindness Project. One of the students, and her family made cookies for the members of the Fire and Police Departments in Menomonee Falls. Another family made sandwiches for the Guest House. The projects were thoughtful, creative, and showed how very caring our young people are.

Catholic Schools Week began with some very special Masses at both St. Pius X and St. Bernard. For the first time, we had student readers/participants at all six of the Masses. Students were quite excited about being given the opportunity to take part in a Saturday or Sunday Mass. They took their role very seriously, practicing at home, and participating in many practice sessions at school. In their words—they want to do a good job! All parishioners were invited to an Open House, which ran from 9:00—1:00 on Sunday, January 27. The entire week was filled with special days and events for the students.

Everyone in the WCS community truly appreciates your support. We know that we would not be able to do these amazing things without you!

### Email List – please join!

Each month the parish newsletter is sent to all members. We hope to be able to connect with parishioners through email.

If you have received a paper copy of this newsletter, please visit the parish website [www.stpiusparish.org](http://www.stpiusparish.org) and look for the **email sign-up link** to subscribe to our mailing list.

Using email saves us money for paper and postage and allows you to get the latest information sooner. Thank you.

### SCRIP

Thank you to everyone who purchases SCRIP for their shopping needs. SCRIP gift cards can be purchased after each Mass and in the church office Monday through Thursday, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

See the bulletin to track our SCRIP profit. In November and December, we made almost \$2000 for the parish. What a wonderful way to support our parish ministries. And it’s an easy safe place to write a check and using SCRIP instead of a credit card leaves you safe if a business is hacked.

### Volunteer Opportunities A Quick Look:

Here is a quick list of ways you can become involved this month. Our time and talents can be shared in a small opportunity or something larger, and always in prayer.

**Stewardship:** Share your gifts of time, talent and treasure. Attend Mass and support our many ministries.

**Food Pantry:** The poor and hungry in Wauwatosa need our donations of food for the Tosa Food Pantry. Place donations in the back of church each week!

**Parish Ministries:** Join one of our parish ministries and become involved in your parish community. Look for our Ministry Guide on the website It would be wonderful if each parishioner would be involved in at least one of our parish ministries. All are welcome. ([www.stpiusparish.org](http://www.stpiusparish.org)).

# INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

## BECOME LIKE LITTLE CHILDREN

We are familiar with the verse from Luke: "Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it."

To be like a child sounds nice, but what does it mean for us? Let's start by looking at what little children do:

First, they love their parents. This love is shown through their words and actions. They seek to be with their parents. They seek their parent's attention. They can't wait to talk with their parents when they come home and want to go with their parents when they leave the house.

No mother would look at her child and wish that child evil things. Likewise, our God loves us and wants only good for us. Loving parents sacrifice for their children, they want them to have only the best.

As long as parents are close by, little children are at peace and have confidence that they are cared for. They have unlimited trust in their parents. When little children wake in the night with fear in their hearts, they run to their parents for consolation and they trust their parents to love them.

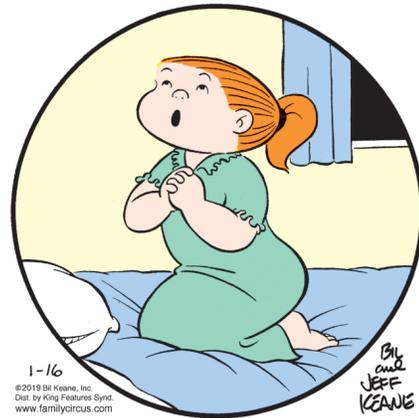
Children accept their parents' forgiveness. Children make mistakes and say they are sorry, and parents forgive in a heartbeat. The child runs off happy and does not dwell on it. How many of us carry guilt and struggle to believe in God's forgiveness for our mistakes?

Little children are joyful. They are happy with life. Each day is a new adventure to be enjoyed.

Young children listen to their parents, just like we need to take time in silence each day to listen to what God is asking of us.

This month, let us pray to love God as little children love. Let us pray, trust and listen to our loving parent! Let us become like little children in our faith.

(Ideas for this article are taken from My Other Self by Clarence Enzler. Any comments, additions or suggestions are encouraged. Contact Sue Haertel SDS, shaertel@wi.rr.com)



"I think we need to talk."

## PRAYER INTENTIONS

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

*That we may learn to believe, to trust, and to live with joy, as do little children.*

*That we may all grow in our relationship with our God.*

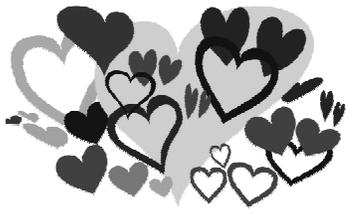
*For all the sick, the shut-in-members of our faith community and for all the intentions on our Wailing Wall in the rear of the church.*

## MONTHLY SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

Luke 18:15-17, "Now they were bringing even infants to him that he might touch them; and when the disciples saw it, they rebuked them. But Jesus called them to him, saying, "Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them; for to such belongs the kingdom of God. Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it." Luke 18:15-17

## PRAYER

Good and gracious God, I come before you in praise and thanksgiving, praising you for who you are and thanking you for all the blessings you bestow upon me. Help me, through your Holy Spirit, to grow closer to you each day. May I see the face of your Son Jesus in all I meet. And may I become like a little child in my faith.



# St. Pius X Community Calendar February, 2019



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Refl on Sun script 8:30 R/DR	2 Family Skate/Pizza 6 pm Café, Gym
3 Fellowship--J & P 9 am Café,	4 Yoga 9 am Rm 101 Liturgy 6 pm R/LR	5	6 J4J 7 pm Church Councils 6:30 pm @ CK	7 SG Sing/Ring 3:30 Choir Rm Health Ministry 6 pm Conf Rm Choir 7:15 pm Church	8 Refl on Sun script 8:30 am R/DR	9
10  Valentine Pancake Breakfast. 9-12 Cafe	11 Yoga 9 am 101	12 B Scouts 6:30 pm Rm 101	13 J4J 7 pm Churc Dartball 7 pm 101	14 SG Sing/Ring 3:30 Choir Rm Choir 7:15 Church	15 Refl on Sun script 8:30 am R/DR	16
17 NO Fellowship Family Program 12-2:30 pm Café <i>MS Edge Night</i> 4:15 pm St. B HS Form Night 6 pm Mass Church 7pm Class School	18 Yoga 9 am Rm 101 Steward 6pm R/LR	19 <i>Formation/Evangel Comm 6:30 R/LR</i>	20 J4J 7 pm Church Dartball 7 pm 101	21	22 Refl on Sun scrip 8:30 am R/DR	23
24 Fellowship Stew 9 am Café	25 Yoga 9 am Rm 101 Finance 6 pm R/LR	26 B Scouts 6:30 101 J & P 7 pm R/LR	27 J4J 7 pm Church	28 St Glass Sing/Ring 3:30 Choir Rm Choir 7:15 Church		