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The monthly newsletter of St. Pius X Parish Community

A Reflection from Fr. Paul

Fall is a beautiful time of year. The air is crisp and the color in the leaves can be stunning. In the cooling air and bright colors, we can see a beauty in the ending of summer and the dying of the leaves. We also have the experience that the leaves will become green and the air warm again. This death, we know, is not permanent: all will come alive again.

In one sense, fall presents to us a meditation on death and rebirth. We experience a family member dying and we experience the family growing with the new birth of a baby. We experience the changing of generations, just as nature does with fall and spring. But we have no experience of our own death and what will happen. And not many of us like the unknown – or maybe it is better to say many of us FEAR the unknown, especially something as critical to us as our very existence.

When I feel this way, unsure or even afraid of death and what will happen to me, I think of how God has created nature, how the dying in fall prepares the way for new life in the spring. And, as Jesus said, am I not more important than the birds of the air? I am also more important than the leaves on the tree. And the sunset that gives rise to sunrise. Yes, I am convinced that there is a place for me after this life and that the new life of eternal spring will be even more wonderful than this life.

As we move through this fast-paced, changing season into the stillness and darkness of winter, I invite us to take quiet time to reflect on the cycle of life and death and how our creator God always brings new life out of what appears to us as death and an ending. Certainly, God will do it for us! And let us support each other in prayer.

God bless.

Parish Updates

Fr. Paul Portland, SDS

All Parish Meeting

SAVE THE DATE! Our all parish meeting is set to take place after each Mass the weekend of November 11th & 12th in the cafeteria. This is our annual meeting where information on what is happening is shared with parishioners and you have an opportunity to ask questions. Please plan on staying 30 - 45 minutes after one of the Masses to hear what is happening at Pius.

Parish Survey

It has been four years since I distributed a questionnaire, asking for your input on our parish community. The results are helpful to me and our staff/councils, as we all work together to become more effective witnesses to Christ's love. This is your community and we need to hear what you have to say. Please fill out the questionnaire included in this newsletter by November 6th at the latest. I urge you to write comments that help us understand your rating, especially if it is low; any specific suggestions on how to improve would be very helpful. Feel free to comment on anything. You can bring your response to Mass (there are baskets in the back of church), drop it off at the parish office, or mail it so that it arrives by November 6th. The survey can also be filled out on our website.

I thank you in advance for your cooperation and look forward to reviewing your ideas. I will report on the results at the all-parish meeting the weekend of November 11th & 12th; a written summary will also be in the December Parish Press.

Pledge Drive for 2024

Our pledge drive has just begun. If you have not yet received the mailing, it should be arriving soon. The same information and a pledge form are also <u>available on our website</u>. Pledging helps us know how much we can plan to spend on ministries, staffing, etc., creating the most accurate budget possible for the coming fiscal year. I thank you for your generous support of our community and its ministries.

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Parish Updates, cont.

Sister Parish Collection

We are winding up our annual collection for our sister parish, Mother of the Savior in Tanzania. As of October 23rd, we've collected \$7,916. Including other donations received over the year, we have \$9,215 to send them. If you haven't yet participated, please do so ASAP. Thank you for your generosity. Pius parishioners Always Come Through!

Ministry Fair Results

Eleven parishioners signed up to participate in a ministry at our fair the weekend of October 14th & 15th. I thank them for being willing to share their time and talent with the community; I also thank those who worked to make both of this year's ministry fairs a success.

Thanksgiving

We certainly have been blessed by God in many ways and have much to be thankful for. Please join the community to thank God for all our blessings. Mass on Thanksgiving Day is at 9:00 am.

November Holy Day & Holiday Masses

All Saints Day

(Holy Day of Obligation)
Wednesday, November 1st
8:00 am & 7:00 pm

All Souls Day

Thursday, November 2nd 8:00 am & 7:00 pm

Thanksgiving

Thursday, November 23rd 9:00 am

A Thank You Note & Reminder

Thank you to the St. Pius X Seniors Club for purchasing gifts for some of the residents of St Anne's Home for Christmas! Please wrap your gifts and attach the gift card with the gift and return them to the parish office or to the next club party on November 28th. If you have any questions please call Bernie Bates at (414) 801-1795 or Pat Bruce at (414) 534-5554.

Upcoming Events

All Parish Meeting

Dates: Saturday, November 11th & Sunday, November 12th **Times:** Directly after the Masses for 30 - 45 minutes

Location: Cafeteria

As Fr. Paul stated in his updates, everyone is invited to our annual meeting to learn about what is happening in the parish and to ask questions.

Catholic Funeral & Cemetery Services

Date: Monday, November 13th

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: St. Pius X, Francis Jordan Room

The Outreach Team from Catholic Funeral & Cemetery Services (CFCS), a Ministry of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee will be here to discuss the spiritual and practical reasons for learning about CFCS programs, services and benefits for Catholic funerals, burials, and cremations. This includes preplanning, wishes, options, internment for ashes you may be holding on to and financial assistance for a Catholic burial.

Please join us for this presentation along with a question and answer session to better understand the Catholic funeral rites.

Seniors Club Mass & Holiday Luncheon

Date: Tuesday, November 28th

Time: Mass at 10:00am, followed by the luncheon

Location: Mass will be in church, and then we will make our way to the Francis Jordan room to enjoy a delicious lunch!

Watch for more information in upcoming bulletins and on our website!

St. Pius X Open Doors

Dates: Saturday, December 9th & Sunday, December 10th

Times: Directly after the Masses

Meeting Location: TBA

St Pius X Open Doors is coming! Where is the Salvatorian archive? Where Fr. Paul's office and is his desk clean or messy? Where were the horses stabled? Wait, there were horses in our building? Inquiring minds want to know! Join us for a tour of St. Pius X behind the scenes. Watch for more information in upcoming bulletins and on our website.

Liturgy and Music

Kathy Wellenstein

Christmas Singers

Love to sing? Come join the Celebration Singers as we prepare for our 10:00 pm Christmas Liturgy on December 24th. The Mass will be preceded by a Concert and Carols program starting at 9:40 pm.

Rehearsals will be held in church at 7:00 pm on the following Thursdays: November 16th and 30th, and December 7th and 21st. Instrumentalists are also welcome to participate! If you are interested or have any questions, please contact me at kwellenstein@stpiusparish.org or (414) 453-3875 x14.

Ministry Corner

I have been a Eucharistic Minister for 40 years and have found it to be a unique and rewarding calling. Each and every time I distribute the "Body of Christ", I feel it is a privilege. There is a special blessing that occurs for me between the recipient and myself which is a concrete feeling of shared faith. The mystical "Body of Christ" becomes a reality for me in this interaction.

Serving as a Eucharistic Minister has been a source of deepening faith and love for Jesus! I feel that it also provides a special opportunity to share Jesus's love of little children by blessing the little ones who come to the Eucharist in the arms of or next to their parents.

- Kathy Schneider

God gave me a clear voice for reading, and a deep love of the Sunday scriptures. Serving as a Lector at Sunday Masses is one way that I use these gifts to participate in creating a prayerful environment within the St. Pius X Parish community. Lectoring is a simple way to share a part of myself with the parish community.

When I am scheduled to serve as Lector, I take time during the week to pray with the upcoming Sunday readings. Praying with the readings

over several days allows the scriptures to inform my life, and my life to inform my reading of the scriptures.

Actually, I often pray from the Sunday scriptures even when I'm not scheduled to lector. If I sit to pray and don't know what exactly to pray about or what to pray for, the Sunday scriptures often give me a place to start. I don't mind being called to substitute as Lector at the last minute, because life and prayer help to shape my preparation as Lector. Serving as Lector is something that I do for the parish community that flows from my heart. I simply allow God's Spirit to use my voice and speak through me.

Catholic Identity

Holly Cartier

The world is becoming such a frightening place. The war in Ukraine is accelerating, Israel and Hamas are not just on the brink of war, but with over six thousand civilians now dead, it seems a war has already started.

Jesus says to us through His Apostles, "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid." (John 14:27) How can we, as Catholics, help bring God's peace to the world? Blessed Virgin Mary said, when she appeared at Fatima, "If you do what I tell you, many souls will be saved, and there will be peace." She also said that day, "Continue to say the Rosary every day in honor of Our Lady of the Rosary, to obtain the peace of the world and the end of war."

Even though October, the month of the Rosary, is over, we know the power of prayer in our lives and in the world. The Rosary is a powerful tool for all of us to utilize to help heal the world, to bring peace to our hearts, our lives, and to our world. Won't you join me in this great prayer?

This is our Faith. This is our Catholic Identity. Holly appreciates your comments at hcarts.hc@gmail.com.

This is the perfect place to add that every Monday at 8:30 am, a group gathers in the Chapel to pray the rosary.

All are welcome to join!

Adult Faith Formation

Rob Hoffmann
Director of Adult Formation

I'm still thinking about *awe* and what a spiritual emotion it can be. Could it be that the rate the leaves changed color this year was a little slower, allowing me time to absorb its beauty, or has my *awe* frame of mind gifted me with just a little more attentiveness. I invite you to take an *awe walk*, clearing your mind of the busyness and focusing on the beauty around you.

In November, faith formation will continue our bible study of the Psalms. It has been inspiring to hear the *awe* of God in each song! All are welcome to join in the rest of the sessions or to sit in on just one.

New this month is a series called "Eternal Rest". It's subtitled "the art of dying well" and "death is an end, but it's not the end". November is the month when we remember our faithful departed and it begins with the feasts of All Saints and All Souls. As the month continues, you are invited to add the names of your departed family and friends in the Book of Life at the back of church. I love that we call it the Book of Life as that's the premise of the series "Eternal Rest". We will take an honest look at the mystery of death and dying but also everlasting life. Can we find *awe* in the experience of leaving this world and moving to the other side?

Finally, in remembering our faithfully departed friends and family we invite you to participate in an experience called "Hello..." In the Chapel is a desk with paper, envelopes, pens, pencils, crayons and stamps. Spend some time in the Chapel writing a letter to yourself, your recently departed or long time departed friend or family member. Once completed, deposit the letter in the box on the desk. We will hold the letter for one year and in October 2024; we will mail it back to you. Experiences like this can help with grief and can foster good mental health; give it a try.

The list to the right and on the next page includes programs taking place in November through Advent. Everyone is welcome to join!

Psalms for All Seasons: A Bible Study

Zoom

Dates: Tuesdays, November 7th, 14th, 21st

Time: 7:00 - 8:30 pm

In-person

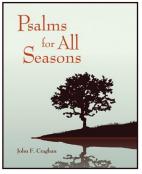
Dates: Wednesdays, November 8th, 15th, 22nd

Time: 8:30 -10:00 am

Location: Francis Jordan room

To register, contact Rob Hoffmann at (414) 453-3875 x 18,

or rhoffmann@stpiusparish.org.





Eternal Rest: The Art of Dying Well

700m

Dates: Thursdays, November 2nd, 9th, 16th & 30th

Time: 7:00 pm

In-person

Dates: Sundays between the Masses: November 5th, 12th,

19th & 26th

Time: 9:15 -10:15 am

Location: Francis Jordan room

To register, contact Rob Hoffmann at (414) 453-3875 x 18,

or rhoffmann@stpiusparish.org.

Adult Faith Formation Programs, continued

Join in our RCIA Classes

Have you already been confirmed, but want to learn more about Catholicism or get a refresher?

We have begun weekly sessions where we discuss different aspects of our faith with a group of adults preparing for Baptism and Confirmation, and everyone is welcome to join us for any or all of the sessions! It would be wonderful to have the community join these individuals as they journey through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults.

Dates: Mondays through March 25th

Time: 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Location: Francis Jordan room* No registration required.



*If the session changes to Zoom, it will be announced in the bulletin the weekend prior.

A complete listing of the session topics through March 2024 can be found in the faith formation section of our website, under "Adult Ministry". They will also be listed out for the current and next month in future newsletters and bulletins. Below is the schedule for November and December:

November 6th The Liturgy and Church Tour

November 13th Prayer

November 20th Jesus Human and Divine

November 27th No Session

December 4th Mary the Mother of Jesus

December 11th Angels and Saints

December 18th The Christmas Narratives

December 25th No Session

Save the Dates for Advent Nights of Reflection!

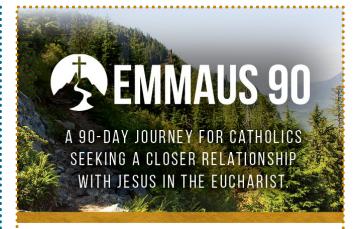
Dates: Wednesdays, December 6th, 13th & 20th

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: Chapel (enter the main church doors)

More information to come on our website, the December

Parish Press and in upcoming bulletins.



NEW YEARS TO EASTER

90 days to encounter Jesus Christ, grow more firm in your faith, and emerge more confident in sharing the Gospel than ever before.

Emmaus 90 "pilgrims" receive:

> daily prayer prompts

> challenges to grow in holiness

> robust formation sessions (by livestream on Thursday nights or recording)

> discussion questions for small groups and families

MORE INFO AND REGISTER BY DEC. 10 WWW.ARCHMIL.ORG/EMMAUS-90



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Click anywhere in the graphic above to be taken directly to the website for more information and to register.

There is a minimal fee for this program, but financial aid is available. For more information, contact Rob Hoffmann in the parish office at (414) 453-3875 x 18 or rhoffmann@stpiusparish.org.

Stewardship Commission

Sue Haertel, SDS

We have received an update from Dr. James Nyangas* about another well he and Safe Water for Life and Dignity (SWLD) built in Tanzania! Check out the letter and photos he sent below!

Dear St. Pius X Community,

Many greetings from SWLD and the people!

I am writing to let you know that SWLD has successfully completed a Living Waters Project well in the community of Dilongola. Currently, there are more than 800 people using this new well, with the majority of them being smallholder farmers.

The situation at Dilongola was quite appalling as villagers had been using dirty water from the traditional wells due to the lack of clean portable water. The shortage of water affected households' productivity and livelihoods. The use of water from traditional wells, which were unsafe, caused so many illnesses, such as typhoid and cholera, among the villagers. Additionally, school children had been struggling to get enough water for various school uses such as drinking, hygiene, gardening and cleanliness.

The village leadership wrote a letter to SWLD to ask for intervention. After examining the prevailing conditions in which villagers were living due to the lack of water, SWLD decided to help this community through the Living Waters Project funds. Thank you to the St. Pius X community for making this project a reality! This new well will contribute significantly towards poverty reduction and improving livelihoods. It will also help to reduce the rate and frequency of water born illness among the villagers. As the well sits near the primary school, many pupils are also benefiting from this well. Now the pupils have access to clean water, which is an important motivation for increasing their performance at school.

Many thanks to you, Dr. James





Advent Collections

Every year during Advent, we have three Sundays of collections. These collections help meet the needs of those in our community and spread Christmas cheer to them and to our homebound parishioners.

Listed below are the dates and a few details of each collection. Watch for more information on our website and in upcoming bulletins. If you have any questions, please contact the parish office.

Card Sunday

December 2nd & 3rd

This year for Card Sunday, we are requesting the assistance of the children of our parish. Beginning the weekend of November 4th & 5th, baskets will be located in the back of church with templates of Christmas pictures and designs.

Children are encouraged to take as many as they wish to color and decorate. They will be included with a plant and other cards from parish members that will be distributed to homebound parishioners.

This will be an excellent activity for the younger members of our Community! The completed cards can be placed back in the baskets anytime before or on Card Sunday.

For those looking to write or make their own cards for the homebound, a list of names will be available in the November bulletins.

Once collected, the cards are sorted and packaged together along with a beautiful plant. Both the plants and cards are so very much appreciated by the recipients. We thank you in anticipation for your participation!

Gift Sunday

December 9th & 10th

A list of organizations and the gifts they are requesting will be on a flyer included in the November 11th bulletin. The information will also be posted to our website and extra copies of the flyer will be in the back of church and at the parish office.

Food Sunday

December 16th & 17th

More information to come on what is needed the most and where the food will be donated!

Health Ministry

Vanessa Harris, Outreach Manager, Milwaukee County Eras Senior Network

Join Us For Our Annual Santa Fun Run/Walk!

Date: Saturday, December 2nd

Location: Rotary Building at Frame Park in Waukesha

Registration opens: 9:30 am Run/walk starts: 10:30 am

After party at Raised Grain: 11:30 am - 2:00 pm

The holiday season is fast approaching, and we are thrilled to invite you to join us for a festive and heartwarming event that promises to bring joy to your heart while making a meaningful impact in our community. Our Santa Run/Walk is more than just an event; it's an opportunity to come together, celebrate the community of Waukesha, and support a great cause. Learn more and register at www.eras.org/events/santa-run/.

November 2023

St. Pius X Parish Community



St. Plus X Parish Community								
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday		
Key 101 = Room 101 CGS = Catechesis of the Good Shepherd CK = Christ King FJ = Francis Jordan Room MA = Mary of the Apostles Room YM = Youth Ministry Fellowship Sundays = Join us for donuts, juice and coffee served after the Sunday Masses in the cafeteria *Contact the parish office or scan the QR code to request the Zoom link.			1 Mass, 8:00am Mass, 7:00pm	Mass, 8:00am Rosary, 6:00pm, Zoom* Mass, 7:00pm Eternal Rest, 7:00pm, Zoom	Mass, 8:00am Reflection on Sun. Scriptures, 8:30am, FJ CGS (1), 10-11:30am, CK	Reconciliation, 4:00- 4:30pm, Church Mass, 5:00pm		
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St. Pius X Parish Community Survey – 2023

About You								
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St Pius encourages Sharing Time, Talent, and Treasure	1	2	3	4				
St. Pius encourages participation in parish ministries								
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Human Concerns, Justice & Peace and	Human Concerns, Justice & Peace and Outreach							
Commitment to Social Justice	1	2	3	4	n/a			
Outreach Programs to Those in Need								
(sick/homebound, grieving, financial needs)								
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Parish Priority Provide in your opinion the top specific priorities the parish should focus on at this time:								
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Additional Comments								
Is there a way you would like to be involved? If so, how								
contact information, or reach out to Fr. Paul at (414)453 Comments:	3-38/5 e	ext.11 or	trpaul@	stpiuspari	sn.org.			
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Any other comments or suggestions?								