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The Monthly Newsletter of St. Pius X Parish Community

A Reflection from Fr. Paul

May is a month in which we honor Mary, the Mother of God. She gave birth to our Lord and Savior and for that she deserves our admiration.

While we can't physically bring Christ into the world as she did, there are at least two other aspects of Mary that deserve our admiration, aspects which we CAN imitate.

Jesus points out the first in His interchange with the person who says to Him, Blessed is the womb that carried you and the breasts at which you nursed. Jesus replies, rather, blessed are those who hear the word of God and observe it. This is something we can do!

Mary seemed to spend quiet time talking and listening to the Lord. We are told she pondered things in her heart. That must have been what she was doing when God presented His plan to her and she said, "Thy will be done." We certainly can spend some quiet time each day, talking with the Lord and then being quiet to listen. He wants to lead us, as He did Mary. We just have to give Him the chance.

The second way we can imitate Mary is shown in the Visitation. Once she heard her older cousin was going to have a baby, Mary immediately left to go and help her. She didn't think only of herself and her good news: she put the needs of another first. We can imitate Mary by responding to the needs of others, the best that we can. When we do that, we ARE bringing Jesus into the world, not physically, as Mary did, but spiritually, as His love flows through us to others.

There is a lot we can learn by reflecting on Mary and her life. As we remember her this month, we pray: *Mary, our mother, help us to bring your Son to the world by bringing His love and concern to others. Amen.*

Paul ames Portland, 575



"My hope is in Christ, who strengthens the weakest by His divine help; I can do all in Him who strengthened me!"

- Pope St. Pius X

Parish Updates

2025 Catholic Stewardship Appeal

The 2025 Catholic Stewardship Appeal supports the ministries of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee.

It is important that we do our share for two reasons:

- 1. First, the St. Pius X family is a part of our local church, and through our local church we are connected to the universal Catholic Church.
- 2. Second, St. Pius X and its parishioners benefit directly from the archdiocese's ministries and services.

As of April 1st, 36 separate Pius parishioners have donated a total of \$9,142 toward our parish goal of \$31,823 for the 2025 campaign. We are grateful to those who have donated and those who will consider donating.

If you have not yet done so, please prayerfully consider what you can donate. If you have lost your donation envelope, there are extra envelopes in the back of church. There is also a link on the main page of our website that enables you to donate online directly to the Archdiocese.

Thank you for supporting our local church – and the greater Catholic Church – through this important campaign.

Accessing Fr. Paul's Daily Reflections and Sunday Homilies on YouTube

Did you know you can now access Fr. Paul's daily reflections and Sunday homilies right from our website's homepage?

Visit <u>www.stpiusparish.org</u>, scroll down, and you will see today's Mass readings as well as a video player where all you need to do is press play.

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Operations and Finance

Dean Weyer
Director of Operations and Finance

Kingdom Prep Lease

On April 16th we formally extended our relationship with our tenant, Kingdom Prep Lutheran High School (KP) with the signing of a **new five year lease!** (With provisions for up to three five-year extensions). KP will take on a little more space and we have agreed to invest in a share of some (to be determined) mutually agreed to facility improvements. While there are certainly challenges to having a tenant in the building, we are proud of our relationship with KP and happy for the part that we play in their mission of forming young men in a faith filled environment!



That School Roof

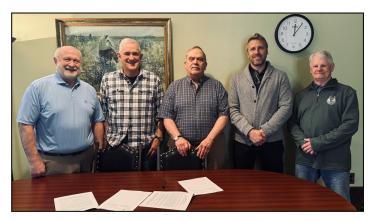
We've patched and patched and believe that it's time to consider replacing it. We're currently seeking bids. We will NOT need to hold a special appeal, as funds are available.

Bequests

We've been blessed to receive three Bequests this year totaling \$95,953. Our policy, for unspecified bequests is to split them: $1/3^{rd}$ to the Endowment Fund for the long term security of the parish, $1/3^{rd}$ to the Facilities, Buildings & Grounds Fund for the unexpected repairs and improvements that come up and $1/3^{rd}$ to a "Special Purpose Fund" for future facility and ministry needs.

Mass Attendance

It's up! We're seeing numbers at/above pre-COVID values. Easter attendance (454) was up 30%!



Dean Weyer, Fr. Paul, and the Kingdom Prep team at the lease signing.

Financials/Stewardship

We are now almost ten months into our fiscal year which will end June 30th. We have been fortunate to be able to efficiently "fix the things that break" and have managed a preventative maintenance program for our HVAC equipment, being able to deter any significant facility expenditures. Financial support is strong from a growing parishioner base. We are on pace to realize an operating surplus for the year in excess of \$75,000. THANK YOU to all who support the St. Pius X Parish Community with your financial support and prayers!

Love One Another Funds

So far, we have received \$112,798 (of the Pius pledged share \$288,000), earned \$1,200 interest, and spent \$50,543 (most recently \$7500 on our Adult Faith Formation programs and \$11,841 on boiler repairs). The balance of \$63,454 is being held pending expenditure on one of our stated cases (HVAC, roofs, formation).

Pius Supports Catholic Education

Do you have or want to place your child in a Catholic elementary school? Please be aware that our budget contains funds to financially assist St Pius families who choose to send their child(ren) to a Catholic elementary school at another parish. Pius will cover any school's "non-parishioner tuition penalty"! Additional assistance is also available for even the base tuition costs.

In addition, Pius families with children attending a Catholic high school are eligible to receive up to \$3,000 per student per year!

To apply for tuition assistance, contact me at (414) 453-3875 ext. 16 or email dweyer@stpiusparish.org for more information!

Catholic Identity

Holly Cartier

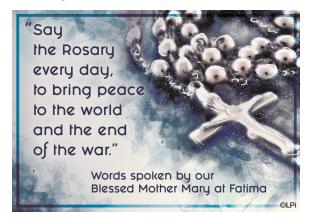
Just as we enter the Season of Joy with the resurrection of Christ and His saving grace, our hearts are broken with the loss of our beloved Holy Father. Pope Francis has been called "the People's Pope" and I think most of us believe he had a special concern for all of us, for all the parts of God's body. So many have written tributes to him because of his compassion and commitment to the environment, to the poor, and to all of our souls. The following, attributed to Francis while he was in the hospital, expresses his wishes for humankind as a whole and for each of us individually: "It is in these moments, when different worlds intersect, that we realize we are nothing by ourselves. This life will pass quickly, so do not waste it by fighting. You are waiting for too much, when everything will be perfect. Perfection does not exist. Here we are given an opportunity to learn. Respect yourself, respect others. Love more, forgive more, embrace more, live more intensely."

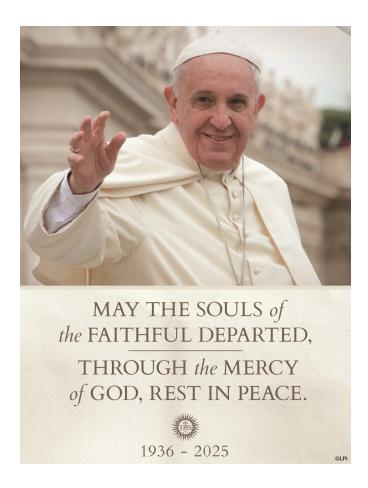
Among others who have given tributes to Pope Francis, the poet Bob Dylan said, "He walked with humility, spoke with fire, and dared to love the unloved. He reminded the world that compassion isn't weakness."

I can only imagine the celebration when Francis arrived in heaven and walked with our Savior. I pray that each of us and our Church can live Francis' mercy and commitment to all.

This is our Faith, this is our Catholic Identity.

Holly welcomes comments by email at hcarts.hc@gmail.com.





From This Month's Calendar

Thursday, May 1st

Saturday, May 31st

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Friday, May 2nd	St. Athanasius (Memorial)
Saturday, May 3rd	Ss. Philip and James (Apostles)
Tuesday, May 13th	Our Lady of Fatima (Memorial)
Wednesday, May 14th	St. Matthias (Apostle)
Thursday, May 22nd	St. Rita of Cascia (Memorial)
Monday, May 26th	St. Philip of Neri (Memorial)

St. Joseph the Worker

The Visitation of the Blessed

Virgin Mary (Feast)

Living Our Faith: You're invited to check out the new format of "Living Our Faith," the archdiocese's weekly audio program. Enjoy inspiring Catholic conversations with guests from around the archdiocese. Lydia LoCoco and Fr. Brad Krawczyk are the hosts and Archbishop Jeffrey Grob joins in as a special guest.

You can find the podcast on Spotify or iTunes, or go to: www.archmil.org/Living-Our-Faith/Current-Radio-Show.htm.

Office Management and Communications

Margaux Veilleux

Office Manager and Communications Coordinator

Thank you to those who have helped me settle into my role here with ideas, feedback, and regular coffee access. I wanted to share what my initial set of priorities has been while beginning my journey with this wonderful family.

Keeping Things Running

Parish Calendar Management

Sometime soon, we'll take a look at the parish calendar we have online to determine its effectiveness in keeping the parish community informed. In addition to making sure we're communicating what's happening, we want to make it easy for you subscribe to the parish calendar so you can easily access it on your phone or in your email app (or both – we'd love it if you did both!).

Parishioner Registration Updates

If you have moved recently, updated your phone number, or changed your email address, please contact us so we can ensure you will continue to receive parish communications and donation envelopes, if applicable.

Keeping You Informed

Updates to the Website

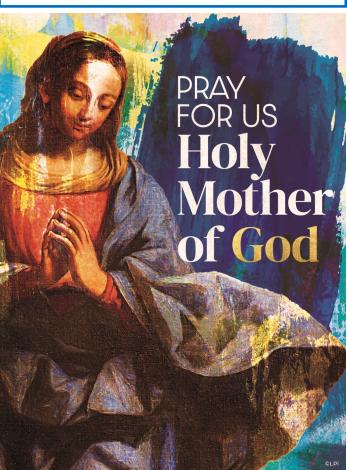
This is going to be a long-term project, but we've started making some updates. Mass times are now at the top of the homepage – no more guesswork when it comes to holy days of obligation. In addition, there are now automated "widgets" that will show today's daily Mass readings and Fr. Paul's daily reflection or homily. Because these are now automated, they will always be current – even on weekends.

Social Media Updates

We're planning to re-engage with social media (chiefly, Facebook and Instagram). For the time being, please subscribe to our weekly bulletin (the same thing available every Sunday at Mass) and our monthly newsletter, the Pius Press, via email.

These resources have the most current information, it's free to sign up, and you'll always be well informed. Go to bit.ly/PiusEmails to sign up to get the newsletter, bulletin, and other important updates straight to your email inbox.

Mother's Day is May 11th. May we all be grateful for Our Blessed Mother, who gave us the ultimate gift from heaven: her Son, our Brother, our Friend.



Your Feedback Makes Us Better

Please don't hesitate to reach out with your suggestions and... we'll say... the occasional "bold" opinion! What makes this parish community so remarkable is how involved and passionate its parishioners are. Your ongoing feedback is key to making sure we continuously step forward as a parish community.

How to Reach Me

Visit me in the parish office during normal business hours (9:00 am to 3:00 PM Monday – Thursday, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm Friday). You can also email me at mveilleux@stpiusparish.org at your convenience.

Justice & Peace

Joan Quinn
Justice & Peace Commission

Tackling Food Insecurity

As summer will soon be upon us, we would like to provide some opportunities to continue our consideration of food insecurity. There is a variety of opportunities to choose from depending on your personal interest and availability.

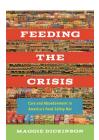
Tosa Food Pantry Food Drive

Thank you to those who grabbed donation bags at the weekend liturgies on May 3rd and 4th. Non-perishable food items should be returned to the back of the church on the weekend of May 10th and 11th. Thank you for your generosity!

Related Book Recommendations

To gain perspective, it can be helpful to read more about food and our relationship to it. Some book recommendations for increased awareness include:

- Barons: Money, Power, and the Corruption of America's Food Industry, Austin Frerick
- Big Hunger: The Unholy Alliance Between Corporate America and Anti-Hunger Groups, by Andrew Fisher
- Feeding the Crisis: Care and Abandonment in America's Food Safety Net, Maggie Dickinson
- How the Other Half Eats, Priya Fielding-Singh, Ph.D.
- Nickled and Dimed: On Not Getting by in America, Barbara Ehrenreich







Book Recommendations for Kids

- Ages 8-12 years: The Good Garden: How One Family Went from Hunger to Having Enough, Katie Smith-Milway and Sylvie Daigneaut
- Ages 3-7 years: Saturday at the Food Pantry, Diane O'Neill and Brizido Magro

"Under the Arches" Update

Last year we joined with Habitat for Humanity to write messages to Habitat homeowners on 2x4 wooden planks. It was under the arches outside of church, complete with a picnic meal.

We're planning another family opportunity this summer, to be announced, with a new name: "Under the Arches." Stay tuned for more!



Calling All Gardeners

As we did last year, we'll be collecting your extra homegrown vegetables to donate to various local food pantries. So, all you gardeners, get growing and grow some extra for those in need! This is a great way to provide fresh produce to those who may seldom have access to it.

Consider volunteering per your availability this summer at places like the following, or others you may know of:

Alice's Garden Urban Farm (alicesgardenmke.com)



Kinship Community Food Center (kinshipmke.org)



Victory Gardens (victorygardeninitiative.org)



Justice & Peace

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A Message from the Forward Latino Board of Directors



As people of faith, we are witnessing an attack on immigrant families on an

unprecedented scale. From unjust deportations of hardworking and law-abiding individuals to hate crimes on the innocent, enough is enough!

Forward Latino empowers affiliates to inspire and engage communities, strengthen our democracy, improve the lives of working families, protect the environment, and stand up for equality and civil rights. We cultivate, train, and support a diverse national network of Latina/o/x community leaders addressing the civic, economic, and political challenges of the 21st Century.



St. Pius X Soup and Stations

Our Soup and Stations attendees chose two local non-profit organizations to be the recipients of the events donations. Your donations totaled \$150 to each. Justice & Peace matched those collections and sent a \$300 check to Forward Latino and Tricklebee Café.

Thank you, St. Pius X Community!

A Message from Tricklebee Café



Tricklebee Café is a pay-what-you-can community café that offers healthy meals,

food-service training, and spiritual nourishment. We are a ministry of the Moravian Church in America.

We offer a space to foster community, connections, goodwill, and a love for real food with simple ingredients. By offering an inclusive and welcoming space, we bring health, positivity, and peace to our neighborhood.

By providing fresh, healthy, locally-grown food to anyone regardless of ability to pay, we address food insecurity by feeding the immediate need of hunger, while providing resources to educate and inspire people to make a habit of healthy eating. Access to healthy food helps people to better care for themselves and their neighbors, which heals and strengthens community.

We seek to be a peaceful gathering place in a neighborhood that has experienced violence and neglect. We are a safe, inviting place for neighbors to gather to promote reconciliation and peace. We work to eliminate prejudice and discrimination against the economically and socially marginalized by creating a space where individuals from all backgrounds may gather around the concept of a community table.

Tricklebee Café is part of the One World Everybody Eats Network along with dozens of cafés across the U.S.

We're located at 4424 W. North Ave. in the historic Uptown Crossing District of the Sherman Park neighborhood. Enjoy our plant-based freshly-made soups, sandwiches, salads, baked goods, and hot drinks. Gluten-free options available daily.

Tricklebee Cafe incorporated as a nonprofit Wisconsin business in December 2015, and after a full year of renovating a run-down storefront, opened its doors in November 2016. In 2020, after 4 years of renting the front unit, Tricklebee Cafe was able to buy the entire building, doubling the cafe dining capacity and providing staff housing.

We have served over 100,000 meals since opening.

Adult Faith Formation

Rob Hoffmann

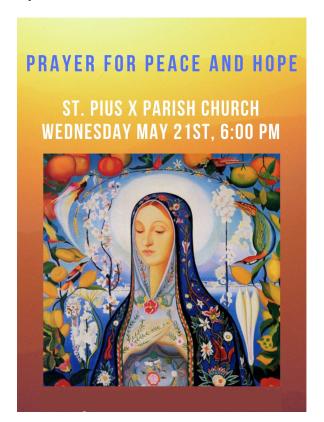
A Prayer for Peace and Hope

May is traditionally known as a Marian Month and is dedicated to Mary, Queen of Peace. The month begins with May Day; a day in some communities dedicated to celebrating spring with a special dance around a May Pole or a day dedicated to the "worker vs company owner." Others celebrate the day with a crowning of the Blessed Mother. For many Catholics, the May Day festivities of prayer and crowning is just the start of a month honoring Mary.

It is in this light that we once again offer our Prayer for Peace, but this time with an addition: Hope. World and national events call for us to have hope. Maybe you or someone you know is suffering an emotional, mental, or physical illness and could use hope.

And so, on Wednesday, May 21st at 6:00 pm, we will gather in our church to pray for peace: peace in our world, our nation, our neighborhoods, our families, and our inner selves. We gather in front of Mary, Queen of Peace. We also come as a community seeking hope, the hope of joy, comfort, healing and love.

Together we will offer a prayer for peace and hope. Please join us.



Under the Arches

Last year we gathered under the arches at the entrance to our church after a 4:30 pm Mass for a barbeque dinner, a special speaker from Habitat for Humanity, and an activity for kids of all ages. This year we are going to do it again and we have given this recurring event a new name: "Under the Arches." The date, menu and guest speaker will be announced soon.



Habitat for Humanity Homes in Milwaukee

Summer Faith Formation with Seniors and All Ages

Once again faith formation will host the Seniors' Club events in June, July, and August. These events are open to all ages. In the past years we have had Pizza and a Movie; Pizza and How to Make an Icon; Pizza and a Documentary; and Pizza and Rosary Making. In 2025 we will continue this format. Summer dates and topics will begin to be announced in the next month.

Summer Book Club

Summer and a good book seem to go well together. Add in small group discussions about the book and you have a trifecta! We make it easy to participate with books available at the back of church and discussion dates agreed upon by all of the participants.

Look for the next book club selection at the end of May.



Stewardship

Sue Haertel

Madamu "B" Community Letter

Dear Madam Sue and all,

I am pleased to let you know that SWLD has successfully finished the construction of the St. Pius well in the Madamu "B" community, which is about 40 km east of Morogoro. The well currently serves over 800 individuals; the majority of them are small-scale farmers. Despite having fertile areas for farming, the locals were still living in poverty. One of the contributing factors to villagers' poor living conditions is a shortage of clean and safe water.

Villagers have been without safe and clean water for a long time. They have been using traditional shallow wells, which were unsafe, to obtain water for their households. This has resulted in various health problems and hampered agricultural productivity. Villagers have claimed to have contracted typhoid and other diseases, including diarrhea and cholera, which they linked to drinking contaminated water.

Attempts by the village leadership to get donors to step in were futile as the problem persisted. A few months ago, the village leadership turned to us for help. We really appreciate the St. Pius community for their generous contributions that made the construction of this well possible. On behalf of SWLD and the villagers, I thank you for your outstanding contribution to alleviating poverty among our people.

Now that the new well is working, the villagers are optimistic that having access to clean water will enhance their farming endeavors and improve their quality of life, which will help them escape poverty. We also expect these farmers' health to significantly improve. This development not only meets a critical need but also provides hope for a more sustainable future and better living conditions for their families.

Thanks so much.

Dr. James

A parishioner donated this well in memory of her husband. Those who donate \$5,000 or more have the opportunity to create the wording for the plaque that is attached to the well, as pictured.





Programs & Events Around the Parish

May 2025

Fellowship Sundays

Dates: May 4th, 11th, and 18th

Time: After each Sunday Mass

Location: Cafeteria

The Saints

Dates: May 11th, 18th, and 25th

Time: 9:15 am (after 8:00 am Sunday Mass)

Location: Francis Jordan Room

Garden Angels

Date: Saturday, May 17th

Time: 9:30 am

Location: In front of the parish office

Baptism Class

Date: Sunday, May 18th

Time: 1:30 pm

Location: Francis Jordan Room

Seniors' Club Mass and Luncheon

Date: Tuesday, May 20th

Time: 10:00 am

Location: Church, Francis Jordan Room,

Mary of the Apostles Room

Prayer for Peace and Hope

Date: Wednesday, May 21st

Time: 6:00 PM

Location: Church

Health Ministry

Pat Bruce, Joann Corsten, and JoAnn Enders

Alcohol and Cancer

We want everyone to be aware of current research that reports a significant connection between alcohol consumption and the risk of developing several types of cancer.

The more alcohol someone drinks, the higher their risk. Even light or moderate drinking can elevate the risk for certain cancers. Alcohol can disrupt cell cycles, increase chronic inflammation, and damage DNA. Each year about 20,000 adults in the United States die from alcoholassociated cancers. Studies show that alcohol consumption increases the risk of developing cancers of the mouth, throat, esophagus, liver, breast, and colon. Breast cancer is the most common alcohol-associated cancer among women. Colorectal cancer is the most common among men.

Wisconsin ranks third-highest for adult alcohol consumption in the United States and has the highest excessive drinking rate in the country. You can lower your risk by drinking less alcohol or not drinking at all. Communities can create social and physical environments that support people in drinking less alcohol. That is one of the Health Ministry's goals.

For more information, visit Google (or your other favorite search engine) to search for "alcohol and cancer". We suggest getting started with the following articles:

- Alcohol Consumption Among Adults in Wisconsin (PubMed Center): <u>bit.ly/3EKVnr5</u>
- Alcohol-related deaths in Wisconsin tripled since 1999.
 Will a new warning from the surgeon general slow the trend? (Milwaukee Journal Sentinel): bit.ly/44g5ONM
- Drunkest States in America (24/7 Wall St.): bit.ly/3ET3CkN





St. Pius X Parish Community May 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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