



St. Pius Parish Community Midsummer Update

July 2020

A Letter From Fr. Paul

I hope this letter finds you staying safe and in good health. Because parishioners without internet service who cannot come to Mass have not been receiving news the last couple months, this summer update has two main parts:

1. A one sheet (two-sided) summary of services being offered and procedures in place during the pandemic. Hold onto this sheet and put it in a place where you can easily reference it, like on your refrigerator.
2. A summary of news and developments (titled "Fr. Paul's News Review") that have happened over the last four months.

You will see that, despite the pandemic, our community has remained vital.

The bishop has lifted the obligation to attend Sunday Mass through September 6th. I remind you that the weekend Mass is on our website and Facebook page every Saturday by 5:00 pm. A daily spiritual reflection and parish updates are also posted in those locations.

Thank you for your continued financial support of the parish which enables us to pay our bills. I appreciate it.

If you have not yet contributed to the Catholic Stewardship Appeal for 2020, please do so. This appeal supports social justice causes and diocesan services which we use as a parish.

There is no doubt that the state of our country is disturbing. The health and economic issues are real and need to be dealt with. But, the anger, inability to dialog and compromise, the selfishness – all of these make the situation much worse because we are not able to work TOGETHER for the common good. In other words, there is a dearth of Gospel values. I invite us to reflect on our attitudes, on what we say, and on how we act, asking ourselves if we would be comfortable with Jesus standing beside us. If every Christian lived Gospel values, our country would be in a better place. Let us pray for our country, while making every effort to live in the best way possible to bring about peace, justice, and equality.

God bless and stay safe,

Fr. Paul's News Review

Neil Krumenauer Retires

Congratulations to Neil Krumenauer, who retired on June 30th after 13 years as Maintenance Manager. We thank him for his many years of service with snow, lawns, cleaning, and repairs – not to mention volunteering (which will continue)! May God bless him in this new stage of his life. His work has been divided up in the following way: Dean Weyer has taken on some of the management; a cleaning service is being used; and a part-time, hourly maintenance man has been hired.

Fr. Paul's News Review, cont.

Grass Mass

I am sad to announce that, in consultation with the chairperson of the Community Life Committee, Sarah Willmering, and upon the recommendation of the Parish Leadership Team, I am cancelling the Grass Mass for this year. It is a wonderful event that "jump starts" the community after the summer months, but circumstances will make it difficult to have a meal, a choir, social distancing, etc. We look forward to having it again in 2021.

Change in Trustees

James Jaworowicz began a two-year term as trustee on July 1st. Dennis Myers finished 6 years of trustee service on June 30th. On behalf of our community, I thank them for their faithful service.

Pastoral Council Membership

The terms of office for Jack Cluka, Jane Koss, and Larry Weingarten have expired. On behalf of our entire community, I thank them for their dedicated service. Jack had been a liaison to Health Ministry and Parish Collaborative. Jane had been Vice Chairperson, a representative of Pius to the diocesan deanery meeting, and a liaison to the Justice and Peace Commission. Larry was a liaison to Health Ministry.

Beginning a three-year term are Jeff Ramsey, Nathan Kolbe, and Nick DeLeo. I thank them for their willingness to serve in this leadership capacity. You will learn more about them on page 4.

Pastoral Council Leadership 2020-2021

Chris Graham has accepted another term as Chairperson. Jeff Ramsey is the Vice Chairperson and Emily Wisniewski continues as Secretary. I thank them for their willingness to serve.

Pastoral Council Liaisons

The following are the liaison assignments for the coming year:

- Ron Skelton and Jeff Ramsey to the Finance Council
- Emily Wisniewski and Joanna Clementi to the Northwest Deanery meetings
- Nathan Kolbe to the Justice and Peace Commission
- Megan Gonzales to the Liturgy Committee
- Latonia Bird to the Stewardship Commission
- Lisa Marie Idzikowski to the Formation and Evangelization Commission
- Nick DeLeo to the Community Life Committee

Parish Goal

As a community, we set this goal for 2019-2020:

Energize and grow our membership by providing a welcoming environment with strong adult formation and activities for all ages to foster spiritual growth and a strong desire to make disciples of all people.

Upon the recommendation of the Formation and Evangelization Commission, the Pastoral Council reaffirmed this goal for 2020-2021. The Formation and Evangelization Commission's intention was to use the results of the Disciple Maker Index Survey, which many of you filled out during Lent, both to evaluate our progress on this year's goal and to plan a goal for 2020-2021. However, because of the pandemic, there has been a delay in receiving the results of the survey from the Catholic Leadership Institute. In addition, some of our programs, like The 99 Experience, have been interrupted indefinitely. Because of these two factors, the Pastoral Council made the decision to keep the same goal for another year.

Despite the interruption to normal functioning, we have continued to reach out and be welcoming with Masses, reflections, and updates online; telephone calls; resource information in the bulletin and on social media; and our newsletter.

Fr. Paul's News Review, cont.

Once we receive our report from the Disciple Maker Index Survey, the Commission will plan how to move forward as activities are allowed to resume. Certainly, The 99 Experience, which was off to a good start, will be continued. Please keep this process, which has the purpose of helping us to grow in our faith so that we can better share it with others, in your prayers.

Parish Budget for Fiscal Year 2020-2021

The Finance Council, in consultation with the Pastoral Council, passed a balanced budget for 2020-2021; the budget has been approved by the diocese. I thank our Director of Operations and Finance, Dean Weyer, for his work on the budget. A financial report for this year and the coming year's budget will be in the September Invitation.

Beatification of Francis Jordan

In June, Pope Francis gave his approval to the cure of a child in Brazil through the intercession of Father Francis Jordan, the Founder of the Salvatorian Family. That miracle was the last step in a long process leading to beatification. Now we just wait for the announcement of a date and place for the beatification ceremony. The members of the Salvatorian Family, who have served at Pius since the parish began, are pleased that the church is recognizing Jordan's holy life and apostolic charism in this way. I thank all who prayed for his beatification.

Notes From Terese

New Scrip Procedure

While the parish office remains closed we would still like to give those looking to buy Scrip the opportunity to do so.

Please see the new procedure on the second page of the "Status of Operations" sheet included with this newsletter. It will go into effect on Tuesday, August 4th.

Join our E-mail List

To receive the newsletter electronically, go to our parish website, www.stpiusparish.org, and click the "Sign-up for Emails" button at the bottom.

Follow Us on Facebook!

If you haven't already, please "like" our page to get updates, prayers, reflection videos and view photos from the parish.

www.facebook.com/stpiusparishwauwatosa

Parish Support

We are grateful for your continued support of St. Pius X during this difficult time.

Donations can be brought with you to Mass, mailed in, dropped off in the mailbox next to the parish office doors, or made online at <https://bit.ly/StPiusXDonations> or through the GivePlus phone app.

Prayers are also accepted!

Meet Your New Pastoral Council Members

Jeff Ramsey

Vice Chairperson & liaison to the Finance Council

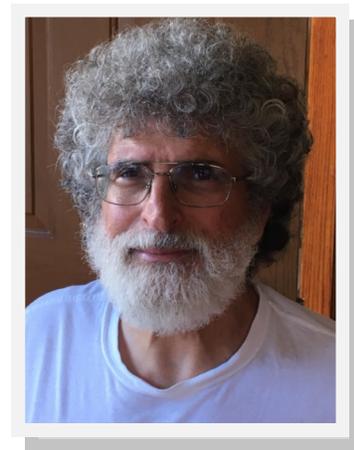
- Has been a member of St. Pius X for four years.
- This is his first significant volunteer role with the parish, but he is heavily involved with the Wauwatosa Catholic School Auction, serving as Chairperson for the last two years.
- Married to Christina and has two boys, Timothy (9) and Samuel (5).
- Works at Herzing University as the Director of Student Services for their online campus.



Nick De Leo

Liaison to the Community Life Committee

- Has been a member of St. Pius X for 30 years.
- Parish volunteer experiences include the Athletic Board, School Board and the choir.
- St. Pius X School parent of Lia (class of '99) and Nick (class of '01).
- Married to Maurine for 36 years.
- One grandson, Nico (4.5) and another grandchild on the way in December.



Nathan Kolbe

Liaison to the Justice and Peace Commission

- Member of St. Pius X for 13 years.
- Has participated in Jammin 4 Jesus for the last 10 years.



*Please keep them
and all our council
members in your
prayers!*

Mass & Prayer Resources

Sunday Mass from St. Pius X

- Available on our homepage by 5:00 pm each Saturday

Televised Masses

- Sundays at 5:30 am & 11:00 am (live) on WITI Fox 6
- Sundays at 7:00 & 9:00 am on WVTM, My24

Live-streamed Mass

- Sundays at 11:00 am from the Cathedral
 - www.stjohnscathedral.org/

Radio Masses

- Sundays at 9:00 am from the Cathedral on 920 am
- Sundays at 9:15 am & weekdays at 6:00 & 9:00 am from St. Patrick's Cathedral in NYC on Sirius XM 129

Jordan Ministry

Led by Br. Silas, this Salvatorian ministry program consists of online classes to help you grow in faith.

- jordanministryteam.org/upcoming-events

Resources from the Archdiocese

- www.archmil.org/Courageous-Communion

Masses, Daily Readings and Prayers

- www.CatholicCurrent.org/covid19
- www.heartofthenation.org

Baptism Classes - New Location

Due to COVID-19, Baptism classes will be held online for the time being. The first one will be on August 6th, and classes will be held online into spring 2021.

To register for a class visit www.triparishfaithformation.org/baptismprep.

Fall Faith Formation

Registration is now open for Tri-Parish Faith Formation fall activities. Visit www.triparishfaithformation.org for more information and to register.



Alpha

Every community is seeing the impact of COVID-19. During this time, you might be asking why God is allowing this to happen? Does God hear me? Or you may simply be seeking a community to process the day to day with. Wherever you are, we invite you to try Alpha. Join Alpha to be supported, be the support for another, and ask the genuine questions about Faith.

A new session is starting in August. Visit alphaintosa.com for more information.

Wauwatosa Catholic School

Wauwatosa Catholic School, sponsored by St. Pius X and St. Bernard Parishes, provides a loving family environment that helps students to be nourished and grow to be the successful children God intends.

Do you want to learn more about Wauwatosa Catholic School and the benefits of an International Baccalaureate Programme curriculum? To schedule a tour or request information, please call the school office at 414-258-9977 or email schooloffice@wauwatosacatholic.org.

Can You Help Those in Need?

Tosa Food Pantry

For the safety of their workers and clients, the pantry is no longer accepting food donations.

However, they will continue to accept monetary donations. If you are a regular donor or not, and have the financial means, consider sending any size monetary donations to:

Tosa Food Pantry
St. Bernard Parish
7474 Harwood Ave
Wauwatosa, WI 53213

St. Vincent de Paul

The St. Vincent de Paul meal program needs your help as they continue to serve to go meals at their south side location. Please drop off donations at the parish office between 9:00 am - 3:00 pm, Mondays - Thursdays or Fridays from 9:00 am - noon.

Their wish list includes:

- Gift cards for Meijers or GFS
- Bottled water & juice boxes
- Prepacked snacks (Jello or pudding cups, fruit snacks, granola bars, Nabisco Snack Packs, etc.)
- Prepacked fruit cups or applesauce
- Prepackaged silverware sets
- To go containers
- 4 or 6 oz portion cups with lids
- Sandwich or snack bags
- Fresh fruit (oranges or bananas)

If you would like to volunteer to help at the meal site preparing to-go meals, please contact Jen Sumiec at (262) 510-6683 or jensumiec@gmail.com.

Tosa Cares

During these trying times, many families are in need of basic supplies and food to put on their tables. When school starts back up, many children will be without school supplies.

There are three drop-off dates for the following items:

- July 26th – Food & personal care items
- August 9th – School supplies
- August 30th – Food & personal care items

The drop off events will take place from 10:00 am – 1:00 pm at the Mt. Zion parking lot. Simply drive up, leave your items on the tables and drive away. Mt. Zion is located at 12012 West North Avenue.

If you know someone who could use help from Tosa Cares, please have them call or text 414-861-4725, call 414-258-0456 x410 to leave a message, or email tosacares@gmail.com.

Help Our Local Healthcare Systems by Sewing Masks

Archbishop ListECKi invites all who have the gift of sewing and crafting to make home-made face masks for our local health care systems.

Visit www.archmil.org/Our-Faith/CoVID-19-Updates/Homemade-Masks.htm for more information including a list of hospitals and mask patterns.

Status of Operations at St. Pius X Parish Community, Wauwatosa, WI

As of July 26th, 2020

Resources

- Sunday Mass will be on our website & Facebook page by 5:00 pm each Saturday.
- Parish updates from Fr. Paul are available at www.stpiusparish.org/coronavirus-updates.
- Daily video reflections from Fr. Paul are available on our homepage.

Sunday Masses

- Mass times: Saturdays at 5:00 pm & Sundays at 8:00 & 10:30 am (capacity is limited).
- Advanced reservations are required to be made each week for the weekend Masses.
 - Call the parish office at (414) 453-3875 between noon on Sunday & noon on Friday.
 - If no one answers, please leave a message with the following information:
 - Your name, phone number, the Mass you will attend, & the number of people.

Daily Masses

- Mass times: Mondays, Wednesdays, & Fridays at 8:00 am.
- Registration is not required.
- Masses will be held in the main church will be opened at 7:45 am.
- Attendees will use the same seat for the week.

Liturgical Adaptations – All Masses

- A mask must be worn. We do have a limited number available if you need one.
- You may enter through the main center door, & exit out of any of the main doors.
- While hand sanitizer is available, please bring your own if possible.
- Liturgical & hospitality ministers are restricted in number to reduce interpersonal contact.
- When you arrive at Mass, you will be greeted by a hospitality minister who will check you in & direct you to where you will sit. Every third pew will be used & pews will be filled from the front of the church to the back. Please be respectful of where the hospitality ministers seat you.
- At the end of Mass, please wait for the hospitality ministers to excuse you from your pew. Do not congregate inside as the church needs to be cleaned before the next Mass.
- Some liturgical modifications are in place, including:
 - The Precious Blood is not available to the assembly. The fullness of Jesus Christ is present in the Body & Blood, whether one or both is received.
 - While the Sign of Peace remains, there should be no physical contact.
 - There will be only one Eucharistic Minister. You will be directed to go up for Communion by a Hospitality Minister. Please follow the blue lines on the floor for where to stand.
- When possible, doors will be kept open during Mass to allow for free air flow.
- Those who are sick or at high risk of contracting or passing on infectious diseases are asked to refrain from attending public celebrations.
- The obligation to attend Mass has been lifted through September 6th.

Mass Intentions

- Mass intentions will not be rescheduled, they are still being said by Fr. Paul. If you would like one rescheduled for a particular day, please contact the parish office.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

- Saturdays from 4:00 – 4:30 pm in the Reconciliation room in the Chapel.

Funerals

- Funeral Homes should call Fr. Paul directly in the event of a death.

Fr. Paul's Contact Information
Phone: (414) 453-3875 Ext. 11
Email: frpaul@stpiusparish.org

Weddings

- Newly engaged couples should contact Fr. Paul as soon as possible to start the process of marriage preparation & scheduling.

Baptisms

- To start the process of scheduling a baptism, contact Fr. Paul.
- Classes are required & are currently being offered online due to COVID-19. Visit www.triparishfaithformation.org/baptismprep for more information.

Anointing of the Sick

- To celebrate this sacrament, contact Fr. Paul.

Wauwatosa Catholic School (WCS)

- WCS plans to operate in person, 5 days a week, for the 2020-2021 academic year.
- To schedule a tour or to enroll contact the principal, Lori Suarez at (414) 258-9977 or principal@wauwatosacatholic.org.

Formation Programs for Children, Youth & High Schoolers

- Formation & sacramental preparation for children & youth will occur in 2020-2021 in person, with potential adaptations for video/remote formation & support to families.
- For information on the children's program, contact Sam El-Azem at (414) 258-2604 ext. 33 or elazems@christkingparish.org (prior to October 1st, contact Sarah Daszczuk).
- For information on the youth & high school programs, contact Sarah Daszczuk at (414) 258-2604 ext. 26 or daszczuks@christkingparish.org.

Parish Offices

- The parish office is closed to the public, but the staff is in to answer your emails & questions. To drop something off, either call ahead, or place it in the mailbox to the right of the entrance.

Other Parish Programs & Ministries

- Other parish programs & ministries are suspended or on hold pending the restrictions in place.

Scrip

- While the parish office remains closed we would still like to give those looking to buy Scrip the opportunity to do so. We have come up with the following procedure which will begin Tuesday, August 4th:
 - Contact Terese at (414) 453-3875 ext. 16 or tneureuther@stpiusparish.org in the parish office with your order request.
 - Terese will verify that gift cards you requested are in stock. If they are not, we will order them for you & will let you know when they are ready to be picked up.
 - A date will be agreed upon for picking up your order. Pick up hours currently are:
 - Sunday: 7:00 – 7:45 pm (August only)
 - Monday – Thursday: 9:00 am – 3:00 pm
 - Friday: 9:00 am – noon
- Payment can be made by cash or check. Scrip will only be offered from the parish office, pick up after Mass is not available.

Support

- The continuation & growth of parish ministries & outreach is entirely dependent on the voluntary stewardship of parishioners & friends of the parish. Please consider gifts to help the important mission of the parish to make our communities & the world a better place through discipleship to Jesus Christ.
- Donations can be made in the following ways:
 - Online at <https://bit.ly/StPiusXDonations>.
 - Through the GivePlus Church phone app.
 - By Electronic Funds Transfer (contact Dean Weyer to start this process).
 - With cash or a check. If you are not able to attend church, you may drop off your donation in the mailbox to the right of the parish office entrance.
- Visit www.stpiusparish.org/donate-now.html for more information on how to donate.

Stay Connected

- To receive our weekly email updates sign up at bit.ly/piusemailsignup.
- Follow us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/stpiusparishwauwatosa/>.

Questions?

- Please contact us with any questions. We are always happy to help!