

THE PARISH PRESS

The monthly newsletter of St. Pius X Parish Community



A Reflection from Fr. Paul

For some reason or other, “desert” has been on my mind this Lent. It started the first Sunday of Lent, when we read that Jesus went into the desert to be tempted by Satan. A particular verse from Isaiah, quoted by Matthew as he introduces us to John the Baptist (*A voice of one crying out in the desert, prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.*), keeps coming back over and over as I try to be quiet and let the Lord speak to me.

I go back to 1995 and my first year of pastoral work in Mexico, trying to learn Spanish and how to be a pastor in the Mexican culture, all in preparation for working with migrants in the United States. I was in El Pueblito, in the state of Querétaro, a very dry desert area northwest of Mexico City. Sunday mornings I would leave early to drive up into the desert mountains to say Mass in 6 different towns, returning to the parish about 6:00 pm. There were no paved roads, no directional signs, no markers of any kind. Someone went with me

for the first couple months, until I could find my way. I remember the first day thinking to myself, “I will NEVER be able to do this.” And yet, after the patient help of my guide (*look for the cactus with two arms to the left and three to the right and turn right there, etc.*), I was able to do it. He “made straight” the paths for me, in a sense.

Isn’t that an apt metaphor for our spiritual life? We want to be good disciples. We want to bring Christ’s love to the world, but when we look at the world around us and our lack of control over it, when we look at ourselves and our lack of control over some of our feelings and appetites, we can conclude I WILL NEVER BE ABLE TO DO THIS! But we are not alone. We can invite someone in the car with us to direct us, to tell us to turn at this cactus, to help us find our way through the desert. And that someone is Jesus! He wants to be our guide. He wants to help us. We just have to let Him.

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A Reflection from Fr. Paul, cont.

Our special time of Lent, a time to slow down and make sure we are allowing Jesus to guide us, is working up to a climax. We begin a special week on Palm Sunday, remembering Jesus' entry into Jerusalem to offer Himself in order to guide us through the desert. On Holy Thursday we are thankful for the example Jesus gave of washing the feet of others, as well as the food He gives to strengthen us, so that we can follow His example. On Good Friday we remember His ultimate sacrifice for us and, on Holy Saturday, we celebrate His victory over sin and death. Please join us for these special services (found on page 9).

A wonderful way to prepare for the celebrations of Holy Week is to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation at our service on Tuesday evening, April 5th, at 7:00 pm. Allow Jesus to prepare the way for you and make straight the paths.

May you have a spiritually fulfilling Holy Week and a joyous celebration of our Lord's resurrection. God bless.

Parish Updates from Fr. Paul

We Have a New Principal

Nicolle Schroeder will begin as principal of Wauwatosa Catholic on July 1st. We welcome her to our staff and accompany her in prayer. More information can be found elsewhere in this newsletter. Thank you for all your prayers, as we searched for a good leader for our school.

Adult Formation Staff Position

We have posted a job opportunity for a part-time Director of Adult Formation to help us move toward our parish goal of having "strong adult formation." Please keep the prayers going that we may find the right person for this ministry. Know of anyone who would be good? Find more information about the job and how to apply at bit.ly/346wfZA.

Discernment of Leadership

Our annual discernment process has started. We are discerning one trustee and four pastoral council members. Please consider nominating yourself or

others, while keeping this process in your prayers. Part of our stewardship obligation is offering time and talent for the good of the community. Nomination forms can be found in the back of church, the parish office and at bit.ly/3upuVKv.

Easter Booklets

The Little White Book for adults will be available in the back of church and the parish office starting April 2nd. Each day there is an interesting story or information on the left page and a reflection on the right page. It will be a great help in your spiritual journey through the Easter season.

Covid

The Parish Council continues to monitor the situation and two changes are being implemented: first, only the pews in the social distancing/mask required section will be cleaned. This change comes about because:

1. our county is in the GREEN or "low" risk/transmission category.
2. the chance of contagion from surfaces has been determined to be low.
3. we continue to clean in the one section for those who would feel more comfortable.

All the pews are cleaned three times a week, each time after Kingdom Prep High School uses the church for prayer. If there is a change in the risk factor, we will adjust accordingly. **I thank all those who faithfully cleaned after Masses over these last two years. What a wonderful service to our community!**

Second, **fellowship will return the Sunday after Easter**. Much has changed in the kitchen area since Covid suspended fellowship and the five Sundays between Easter and Memorial Day will give us a chance to try out and tweak new procedures. I know we have all missed fellowship; it will be good to have it back. I thank the Community Life Committee and all who have volunteered, enabling us to do this.

Synodality:

I urge each of us to read the information on page 6 in this newsletter about participation in Pope Francis' synod process by filling out the questionnaire found on the diocesan website.

We are also waiting for more information on participation through group discussion, in addition to our individual responses.

Wauwatosa Catholic School

Karen Scharrer-Erickson
IB Coordinator

On Wednesday, March 2nd, our school community observed Ash Wednesday. Students learned why ashes are distributed at Mass, and then received them that afternoon. They also discussed what they could do during this Lenten Season to help prepare themselves for Easter.

On March 9th, our sixth grade class presented their Cultural Fair. They each chose a different country and studied various aspects of that country including a popular food item. They studied the origins of the ingredients, sometimes drawing complex maps indicating where the ingredients originated. Attendance at this event was amazing—almost the entire 2nd grade class along with their parents came in support of the 6th graders. One popular stop at each country was the food samples!

The Trinity Irish Dancers visited our school and gifted us with a wonderful show. A current 8th grade student was absolutely wonderful and amazed our students with her high kicks and beautiful dress.

We hosted the Archdiocesan Accreditation Team on Wednesday, March 23rd and Thursday, March 24th. The team visited classrooms, studied the report compiled by the WCS staff and interviewed staff members, students, parents and available board members. This was an opportunity to highlight all that we do well as well as identify the areas we would like to improve. The team's final report will be shared with all upon its arrival!

On Friday, March 25th, Wauwatosa Catholic School joined Catholics around the world in prayer for peace in Ukraine. We gathered in St. Bernard Church to recite the rosary led by Carmelite Sisters from Kavanaugh Place.

As we continue to prepare for the Holy Season of Easter, please know that you are in our prayers. We all appreciate your continued support for our school.

Join Our Village!

WCS is now enrolling for grades K3 - 8 for the 2022-2023 school year! For more information on our school, and to schedule a tour and/or a shadow day for your child(ren), call the school office at (414) 258-9977 or visit www.wauwatosacatholic.org.

WCS offers:

- A rigorous & faith-based curriculum
- 2, 3 or 5 day options for K3
- Half or whole day K4
- & so much more!

Looking for childcare for the summer? WCS has a summer program on-site! Contact Tisa, our Child Care Director, for more information at childcare@wauwatosacatholic.org.

Let the Good Times Roll at Skate Night

Date: April 2nd

Time: 6:00 - 9:00 pm

Location: St. Pius X gym

Cost: \$5 per person, \$1 discount if you bring your own skates (no in-line, Sketchers or Heelys skates allowed)

Please note: ALL skaters, children and adults, must have a signed waiver (children by a parent or guardian) before they can skate.

Print out and sign the waiver at www.stpiusparish.org/skate-night.html or fill it out in the lobby when you arrive. One signed waiver is good for the entire season.

A Night at the Oscars!

Rolling out the red carpet for education
2022 WCS Auction

Date: Saturday, April 9th

Time: 6:00 pm

Location: Renaissance Hotel in Tosa



Scan for more information & to purchase tickets!

This year our event is an "Oscar"

Theme - so come dressed up! For more information, ways to donate, purchase tickets, bid on online items and view the catalog, visit bit.ly/WCSAuction2022 or scan the QR code.

Volunteers are needed! You can attend the auction and volunteer at the same time! Sign up at: bit.ly/3JsvAAY.

Children's Ministry

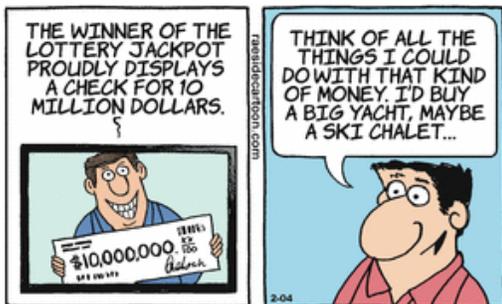
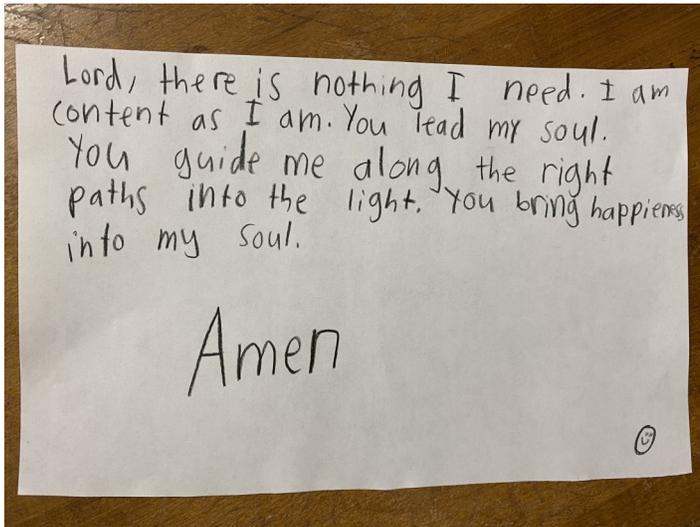
Sam El-Azem

Tri-Parish Director of Formation for Children

Sometimes we need to be reminded of the simplicity of childhood.

Two third graders in our Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program recently wrote the prayer pictured below. They used Psalm 23, which is a psalm focused on in the program during Lent. God is truly working through our children!

For more information on our Children's and Youth Ministry programs visit www.triparishfaithformation.org.



Catholic Identity

Holly Cartier

We are such an impatient people. One hour is too much to give even to a television show, so we DVR or stream it so we can watch it in 40 minutes. We shake the gifts under the Christmas tree to see if we can determine what is in the package. We need to know the sex of our new child or grandchild months before it born. We are not willing to wait for God to reveal things in His own time, so we try to rush Him. But there is no rushing God. Lent still lasts 40 days. These are days in which to prepare our souls, days in which to contemplate the course our lives are taking.

This Lent, I am trying to take time to listen to the voice of God by:

- Paying closer attention to the readings during Mass instead of letting my mind wander.
- Listening more closely to Father Paul's sermon (and not just for the joke).
- Listening more attentively to the words of the hymns we are singing during Mass.
- Looking for the messages God is sending me in my daily interactions with family, friends, and all that I meet.
- Finding the face of Jesus in all that I encounter.

I am hoping, praying, that at the end of 40 days, I will have grown in my faith and understanding, and find myself worthy to stand at the foot of the cross, wait outside the tomb, and rejoice in the resurrection. I think that this is what God wants for me, for all of us, to find His Son in each other, so we can find Him in ourselves.

*This is our Faith,
this is our Catholic identity.*

Holly welcomes your comments at hcartshc@gmail.com.

Health Ministry

Pat Bruce

Below is the first of two parts of an article from Nationwide Children's Hospital. The second part will be in next month's newsletter, or find the entire article on the hospital's website at: bit.ly/3tx8zqV.

Helping Children Feel Safe in Stressful Times

Every child will have stress in their life. Some experience more stress than others, and too much can be unhealthy. A stay in the hospital, new diagnosis, major change in the family, and separation from family and peers can all be very stressful for children. A child's age and maturity affect how they view and responds to stress. We can also teach children ways to better manage stress in their lives. If you understand how your child feels and copes with stress, you will be better able to help them deal with the stress.

What children think and fear at certain ages

Things that are stressful for children may not be the same as things that are stressful for adults. Children, at most ages, worry about separation from their parents or friends. While children develop at different rates, there are common concerns at certain ages:

Pre-school (3 to 5 years)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not fully able to tell the difference between fantasy and reality. Fear of a tragedy may be same as fear of monsters under the bed. • May feel guilty when bad things happen. Worry that they did something to cause a bad situation. • Very perceptive. Pick up on parents' fears and anxieties without anyone having to say a word
School-age (6 to 11 years)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concerned about their own safety and security and that of their family and friends. • Fears can cause emotional problems. Children understand the reality of a situation, but not the reasons for violence, death or other tragedy.
Adolescents/Teens (12 to 18 years)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Likely to understand many facts but have trouble accepting the disruption the event causes in their lives. • Have trouble seeing the long-term impact of their choices and experiences

Save the date for a Health Ministry Workshop!

Title: Complete Your Advanced Healthcare Directive for Free

Date: Tuesday, May 17th

Time: 6:30 pm

Location: St. Pius X, in the Francis Jordan Room (enter through parish office doors)

RSVP: St. Pius X parish office: (414) 453-3875

Adults of all ages should have an Advanced Health Care Directive, also known as Power of Attorney for Health Care. Do you need one or need to update your current document (due to deaths, divorce or marriage)? St. Pius X Health Ministry invites you to learn about them.

Take charge of your future health care decisions and put the worry of your loved ones aside. Parish member Lisa Marie Idzikowski, APSW, will explain your choices and the difference between a Living Will, Advanced Directive and a Wisconsin Health Care Power of Attorney as she walks you through the decision-making process. Lisa Marie will answer your questions and provide you with the forms you need to complete a legal document (that evening if you choose to). Come learn about this process for yourself or to help a family member, friend, or loved one. They are welcome as well. Please RSVP to the parish office at (414) 453-3875.

Signs of stress

During and after stressful events, children and teens may have a wide range of feelings and behavior changes. Here are some of the behaviors you might see during stressful times:

- Depressed mood, sadness
- Restless, fidgety, hyperactive
- Whiny, clingy with caregivers
- Angry, demanding
- Trouble sleeping
- Emotional outbursts
- Changes in appetite – eats more or less than usual
- Regression (like bedwetting for a child who is potty trained or a return to thumb-sucking)
- Physical symptoms, like abdominal pain, chest pain or headaches

Health Ministry, continued

Vanessa Harris

Outreach Manager, Milwaukee County

Eras Senior Network

Become a Volunteer Driver for Eras Senior Network

Volunteer drivers at Eras make it possible for local seniors and adults with disabilities to get to their medical appointments, as well as provide a way for clients to receive groceries and food pantry stock boxes through contactless delivery.

The pandemic has affected the number of volunteers able to help, but those with the capacity to continue volunteering have gone above and beyond to support our clients. Many volunteers have taken on double - or even triple - their normal amount of rides to ensure our clients receive the services they need. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a volunteer, please contact: (414) 488-6931 or VolunteerMilwaukee@eras.org (for Milwaukee County).

Eras Senior Network's Tapestry Event and Fundraiser

Our Tapestry Event is returning to an in-person format this year and will be held at the Sonesta Milwaukee West in Wauwatosa on April 28th from 5:30 to 9:00pm.

New This Year: Reduced Ticket Prices

In an effort to include as many guests as possible, we are offering a reduced early bird ticket price of \$75 per ticket now through March 31st. Ticket prices will increase to \$100 per ticket on April 1st. Tickets are available now through April 18th. Tickets may be purchased individually or in tables of eight.

What Do Tickets Cover?

Tickets to the Tapestry Event provide each guest with their choice of plated dinner. \$20 of each early bird ticket purchase and \$45 of each regular ticket goes directly towards supporting the programs of Eras Senior Network – with many more donation opportunities available throughout the evening.

In-person/Online Auction

Can't attend in person? You can still participate in our silent auction using our mobile bidding option!

Please direct any questions to Becca Snow, Development Manager, at Becca.Snow@Eras.org or by calling (262) 522-2409. Register online at <https://eras.org> or call (262) 522-2409.



On Sunday, October 10, 2021, Pope Francis opened a synod on journeying together as a Church and is asking for our participation.

Last month the process of consultation for this Synod began here in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. This consultation will include consultative gatherings with various groups, parish gatherings, and opportunities for individuals to submit feedback. This local consultation will take place between now and April 2022.

You can let your voice be heard at these events and by visiting bit.ly/3umsDvG.

Watch for more opportunities to participate in the near future! To learn more about the Synod, visit bit.ly/3D5wAJ2.

Stewardship Commission

Living Waters Update

Sue Haertel, SDS

Once again, St. Pius X Parishioners are celebrated by the grateful people in rural Tanzania. This month's well was placed at Mnazi Mmoja community which includes a secondary school. A letter and photo from Daniel Chuma of Safe Water for Life & Dignity (SWLD) are below.

This year we have the opportunity to continue our good work. So far, we have collected over \$13,000 in our 2022 Lenten project. Thank you to everyone who has already donated, either in person or through the website: www.stpiusparish.org/living-waters-project.html.

Dear all at St. Pius X,

I am delighted to report on the completion of another Living Water Project well at Mnazi Mmoja community. This project will benefit Mnazi Mmoja Secondary school with 670 students and 32 teachers as well as the community of about 700 people.

Before the well was built, the open and unprotected local wells and ponds were the main sources of water for the domestic uses. However, water collected from these sources was unreliable and contaminated. The new well will reduce the number of water borne diseases and will enhance peoples' economic development as the time spent in searching for and ultimately fetching water will be minimized.

The village water committee members who joined us for the pump installation and handover were very grateful to you for donating this well. Furthermore, they affirmed how important your donation is in mitigating water problems prevailing there before. At SWLD, we thank you for your most generous, continued, and vital support. We couldn't have done it without you, and we greatly appreciate your willingness to be a helping hand.

Kind regards,

Sincerely,
Daniel Chuma, SWLD

WELL COUNT

Living Waters Project 2022

- Each well costs \$5,000 to build
- Total raised as of March 28: \$15,007

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Stewardship Commission, continued...

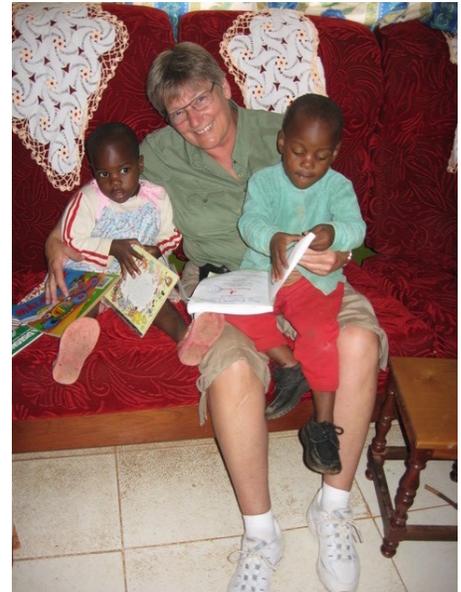
Tanzanian Encounter 2022

Dates: July 1st - 31st, 2022

Are you interested in visiting Tanzania to learn about the church and life there? Would you like to visit some of the wells we have donated in Tanzania? If so, consider joining the Encounter in 2022!

Every July, Salvatorians in the United States in collaboration with the Salvatorians in Tanzania sponsor an Encounter. The Encounter consists of a four-week informal tour of Salvatorian life. Participants will learn about the language, customs, culture and the Church in Tanzania.

For more information, take a brochure from the back of church, call parishioner and Lay Salvatorian, Sue Haertel, at (414) 520-8434 or email Fr. John Tigatiga, SDS, Director of Missions at sdsmissions@salvatorians.com.



Justice & Peace Commission

Joan Quinn

Doctrine of Discovery

Installment #3

The Catholic bishop of Syracuse, New York, Douglas J. Lucia, has spoken out against the Doctrine of Discovery and revealed plans to ask Pope Francis to repudiate theological teachings used for centuries to justify the subjugation of Indigenous peoples. In an interview with Religion News Service on June 30, 2021, Bishop Lucia explained he is exploring a possible meeting with the Holy See to discuss a series of 15th-century papal bulls, or decrees, used by European Christians to rationalize colonizing Indigenous people and their land.

Bishop Lucia learned about the doctrine after being appointed Bishop of Syracuse in 2019. He was invited by Rev. David McCallum, a Jesuit priest who worked in the region at the time, who suggested Lucia meet with leaders of the nearby Onondaga Nation on the topic. "I've been trying to bring attention to this question of how the church, if it really wants to seek restorative justice, can't just issue apologies," said McCallum, who now serves as executive director of the Discerning Leadership Program in Rome. "It has to reckon with this historical context."

More to come...

Support the Mission of St. Vincent de Paul

St. Pius X has supported the St. Vincent de Paul meal program for decades and we would like to continue our support by raising enough money to provide a catered meal on an ongoing basis. The cost to feed 100 guests is \$400-\$500 and we plan to start with delivering a catered meal 4 times/year. As funds permit (our current fund balance is \$3,089), we will increase to every other month or monthly. However, we can only accomplish this with your support!

You can donate online at www.stpiusparish.org/donate-now.html. Choose the "Misc Other Option" and NOTE your donation is for the SVdP meal program. You may also bring a check or cash to church or drop it off at the parish office.

Other ways to get involved include donating pre-packaged dessert items (we need 100 per month), or heading down to the meal site to help package to-go meals. *Thank you!*

How many meals can we cover in 2022?



Lent, Holy Week & Easter Schedule

Anointing of the Sick

(during Masses)

April 2nd at 5:00 pm

April 3rd at 8:00 & 10:30 am

Reconciliation Service

Tuesday, April 5th at 7:00 pm

Stations of the Cross

Good Friday at 12:00 pm

Palm Sunday Masses

April 9th at 5:00 pm

April 10th at 8:00 & 10:30 am

Holy Thursday Mass

April 14th at 7:00 pm

Good Friday Service

April 15th at 7:00 pm

Easter Vigil Mass

April 16th at 8:15 pm

Easter Masses

April 17th at 8:00 & 10:30 am

*Please note that the
parish office will be closed
on Good Friday.*



Pray, Reconcile & Rejoice
Lenten Day of
RECONCILIATION

Tuesday, April 5, 2022

Hosted by 13 parishes around the Archdiocese

For locations and times, visit

www.archmil.org/Pray-Reconcile-Rejoice.

The closest location to Pius is St. Margaret Mary (92nd & Capitol Drive)
which will be open from 8:00 am - 8:00 pm.

Obituary

Jesus Christ, 33, of Nazareth, died Friday on Mount Calvary, also known as Golgotha, the place of the skull. Jesus was crucified by the Romans, by order of Pontius Pilate. The cause of death was crucifixion.

Jesus Christ, a descendant of Abraham, was a member of the house of David. He was the Son of the late Joseph, a carpenter of Nazareth, and Mary, His devoted Mother. Jesus was born in the city of Bethlehem, Judea. He is survived by His mother Mary, his faithful Apostles, numerous disciples, and many other followers and friends.

Jesus was self-educated and spent most of his life working as a Carpenter and a Teacher. Up until the time of His death, Jesus was teaching and sharing the Good News, healing the sick, touching the lonely, feeding the hungry, and helping the poor.

Jesus was most noted for telling parables about His Father's Kingdom and performing miracles, such as feeding over 5,000 people with only five loaves of bread and two fish, and healing a man who was born blind.

A Memorial service will be observed at St. Pius X Parish Community at 2506 Wauwatosa Avenue in Wauwatosa on Friday, April 15th at 7:00 pm. Burial will take place in a tomb donated by Joseph from the town of Arimathea.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that everyone try to live as Jesus did. Donations may be used to aid anyone in need.

