

THE PARISH PRESS

The monthly newsletter of St. Pius X Parish Community



A Reflection from Fr. Paul

I hope that all is going well for you and your family, as we end another school year and summer begins!

I was struck by an article by Fr. Ron Rolheiser, O.M.I., in which he claimed there are four essentials of Christian life. It made sense to me: two are focused inward and two outward.

The first inward element is “private prayer and morality.” Instead of “private prayer,” I would say “developing and maintaining a personal relationship with Jesus.” As we do that, His values will influence how we live and the choices we make (morality).

The second inward element is “mellowness of heart.” That I would translate as being compassionate, generous, forgiving, and loving. While “morality” encompasses the 10 commandments, “mellowness of heart” goes a step farther and encompasses the beatitudes.

The first outward element is “community as an element of worship.” We are not isolated individuals. We are a

community that is the Body of Christ and our time together at Mass helps us to support each other, as we struggle to build a close relationship with Christ and live Gospel values. Isolated, we wither.

The second outward element is “participation in the work of social justice.” It is not enough to be kind and forgiving to those we encounter in our daily lives; we need to work together to build just and equitable social systems and structures, so that all people are treated fairly and have access to the necessities of life.

All of this is difficult. But, if we are building a personal relationship with Christ and using the community as a support, we will do better at living Gospel values and working for social justice.

I invite us to spend some time this month reflecting on these four essentials of a Christian life. Where am I strongest? Where do I need to grow the most? How can I grow in each of the four areas?

And, as always, let us support each other in prayer as we struggle to grow. That is community! God bless and have a good and safe summer.

Parish Updates from Fr. Paul

Pastoral Council Membership

The term of office for 4 Pastoral Council members is expiring on June 30th. Lisa Marie Idzikowski has accepted a second 3-year term. I thank her for her continued service. On behalf of our entire community, I thank Latonia Bird, Joanna Clementi, and Emily Wisniewski for their service as they leave the Council. God bless. Christina Exner, Cathy Feierstein, and Mary Norman, SDS, will serve on the Council beginning July 1st. I thank them for their willingness to serve.

Father Simon Muema, SDS

Congratulations to Simon who was ordained on May 28th and celebrated his Mass of Thanksgiving at Pius on May 29th. He will leave shortly for Kenya to celebrate with his family. When he returns, he will be moving to Tucson, Arizona, where he will serve as an associate pastor in a parish. We accompany him in prayer, as he begins his priestly ministry.

Catholic Stewardship Appeal

As of May 15th, 52 families have contributed \$6,410 toward our parish goal of \$20,400. This annual diocesan appeal supports many worthwhile programs. If have not yet contributed, please do so at www.archmil.org/2022-Catholic-Stewardship-Appeal.htm. Thank you.

Fellowship

It was good to return to visiting after Mass during the month of May. Cranky AI donuts are as good as ever! We will start up fellowship again after Labor Day and the Grass Mass. Thank you to those who volunteered to make it happen.

Acolytes and Offertory Procession

I am hoping to begin using acolytes and have an offertory procession by the end of summer. I have been contacting those who were serving before Covid to find out if they wish to continue. All who have received First Communion can perform this ministry. If you would like your children to be involved, please let me know.

Synodality

Thank you to all who filled out a survey and/or attended our dialog and listening session. I thank Sue Haertel for leading this initiative.

Adult Formation Staff Position

We are still looking for a part time Director of Adult Formation. Please pray that we find the right person for this ministry.

Grass Mass Tradition

During the summer, I will be meeting with representatives of various parish ministries to discuss how we want to continue our Grass Mass tradition as we move into the future. We definitely want to continue the tradition of having a special celebration to move from the “lazy days” of summer to our normal pace of life. I will report on this in our next newsletter, which will come out the end of August.

Our Parish Synod Conversation

Sister Karlyn Cauley, SDS

Pius parishioners met Saturday, May 21st to pray together and discuss our response to Pope Francis for the upcoming Synod.

Here are some of the challenges we noted for the broader Church:

- Women’s roles in the Church need more visibility and support.
- Topics such as ordination for women/married men should not be “off-limits”.
- There should be an elimination of clericalism, so that the “voice of the people” may be heard more clearly.
- Make sure that we are passing our faith on to the younger generation.
- It would be helpful to give women and men an opportunity during Mass to share how they are living their faith, as well as how they relate to Jesus.

The faith and voice of the people are essential to decisions made for our future because laity live in the “field hospital,” as Pope Francis calls our Church. Our actions and service would leave fewer people at the margins.

Wauwatosa Catholic School

Karen Scharrer-Erickson
IB Coordinator

May was an exceptionally hectic, busy month at Wauwatosa Catholic School in which we saw 4 grades complete their end of the year presentations. Our 8th graders went first with their Community Showcase. Each of the students presented their individual action project while the entire class worked on a museum like display of the Holocaust. Their display included a timeline of the Holocaust, a history of propaganda, research on individuals who truly were a light in the dark, poetry and many other pieces of research. We had a huge attendance at the Community Showcase, with many people commenting on the action projects chosen by the students as well as the class project. This was a job exceptionally well done by the class of 2022.

Our 3rd, 4th and 5th graders displayed their IB Showcase on May 12th. The 3rd graders presented a living wax museum. After researching an individual, they created a display and dressed as that individual and explained "their life" to people stopping by their display. The 4th grade delved into art. They chose an artist, researched that person and created a piece of art in the style of their chosen artist. The 5th graders chose an event in American History. They presented that event in a variety of extremely creative ways. There were poems, dramatic readings, songs written by students, posters and art. This was an interesting way to summarize what they had learned.

Our 2nd grade students received their First Communion on May 14th, 15th and 22nd. They were so excited and just a little nervous! One of the things they mentioned afterwards was that now they can receive Communion during our school Masses.

Our 8th graders left for their class trip to Washington D.C. on Sunday, May 22nd. They met at the airport at 3:30 a.m. and participated in a whirlwind of activities upon landing in D.C. On Monday, they started their morning by paying respect to those who fought in WWII. The students made a wreath in Design Class that remembers the fallen from Wisconsin and is linked to a website they created to share their family stories of the war (<https://bit.ly/3wNjY6w>). Other stops included the Washington Monument, White House and Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial. They returned late Tuesday, exhausted but filled with memories which will last forever.



Now Enrolling for 2022-2023!

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 Summer Childcare?

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

Children's Ministry

Sam El-Azem

Tri-Parish Director of Formation for Children

The Sacraments:

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Approach

During the season of Easter, we witness of the joy of the Sacraments, especially when our youngest friends are invited to receive Jesus in the Sacrament of the Eucharist for the first time. This is always such a special time for the children and our parish communities.

I want to share with you the process to prepare for the Sacraments within the methodology of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. Beginning in Level 1 (K3-K5), the child is invited to consider their friendship with Jesus, the Good Shepherd. It is a friendship that, we believe children already have with God, and is rooted in love and security. Drawing on the Kingdom parables, these themes in the Scriptures are presented and the children are invited to respond.

Once in Level 2 (1st-3rd Grade), the children are starting to consider their place in the world, their families, their friendships, and their relationship with God. In Level 1, they grew in the foundational and unchanging love of God, and in Level 2, we ponder our response. We start to consider all of the amazing gifts that God has given to us, and that there is an even greater gift that God wants to give to us—Jesus in the Eucharist.

At the beginning of the year, we gather as a group and the children are invited to consider if this is their year to receive Jesus in this special way. When we think about child development, we discover that not all children develop at the same rate physically, emotionally, mentally, socially, and yes, even spiritually. Our mixed age group classes allow for children to be exposed to this process of discernment and to assess their own readiness to start preparing to receive these gifts of Reconciliation and the Eucharist for the first time. This is the first year that we approached preparation this way and the fruit of this is beyond words.

For the children who discern that this is their year, their focus shifts a bit when it comes to presentations and work with the materials in the Atrium. As their moral lives start to develop, we ponder the moral parables that Jesus gives to us like the Good Samaritan, the Found Coin, the Found Sheep, and the True Vine. We think about what it looks

like to love God with all of our hearts, our souls, and our strength and to love our neighbor as ourselves. Jesus also gives us Maxims in the Bible that help us think more deeply about these commandments—"love your enemies," "your body is temple of the Holy Spirit," "do not blow a trumpet before you," and more. These Maxims invite the children to consider their own lives and how they live (or do not live) these out. This is our response to the gifts we are given. We also study the Mass more intentionally and the children work on a big project of writing out certain prayers of the Mass to make their own first Missal, or guidebook to the Mass.

In April, we have three extra sessions that include the child and the parent(s) where we ponder the parable of the True Vine, being connected to Christ, the moments of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and the gift of the love of God. A highlight of this entire process, however, is the Sacrament retreat. The children and at least one parent attend a retreat, a time of intentional preparation, on Thursday evening, Friday evening, and most of Saturday. On Friday, we celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is deeply connected to the Sacrament of the Eucharist. This is why we celebrate the two of them so close together. When we link the Sacrament of God's mercy and healing with the celebration of the Eucharist, the children know the deep love of the Good Shepherd, a love that is their own, no matter what. That in renewing the Light within us, we can more fully receive all the love that God wants to give. What a gift!

These gifts are seen as a part of the whole gift of having a relationship with Christ and gifts that we continue to receive as a sheep in the flock of Christ. I encourage parents to not wait to sign their children up for formation when they are entering 2nd grade. Children have a deep friendship with Christ even from a youngest of ages. Consider enrolling them in our Level 1 Atrium (K3-K5 aged children) so they can spend time cultivating the foundation of Christ's love so that when they get to Level 2 (1st-3rd grade) and to Level 3 (4th-6th), they can build upon it.

To find out more about Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, please visit: www.triparishfaithformation.org/children. Sign up for our 6-week summer sessions is open now and fall registration will open in the middle of summer. Questions? E-mail me at elazems@christkingparish.org.

Stewardship Commission

Living Waters Update

Sue Haertel, SDS

We have collected over \$49,000 for the Living Waters Project, enough for 9 wells so far! Thank you to everyone who has donated!

Please note that while we accept donations throughout the year, the end of this drive is Pentecost Sunday. Donations can be mailed to the parish office, placed in the collection basket at Mass or made online at www.stpiusparish.org/living-waters-project.html. If you write a check, please note "Living Waters" on the memo line.

Below are letters from Daniel Chuma of Safe Water for Life & Dignity (SWLD). The one on the left describes the final well built from last years funds, and the one on the right is a thank you.

Dear all at St. Pius X,

Many greetings from SWLD and the beneficiaries of the living water projects here in Tanzania!

I am glad to send this email to you, reporting the completion of the last living water projects for this year. SWLD successfully installed a new well at Kwasadati village sitting about 121km NW of Morogoro.

Currently, there are more than 1,800 people who are benefiting from the new well. For many years the villagers in Kwasadati area have been living without clean water. Like many other rural communities, they had their traditional wells as sources of water for domestic uses. Water-borne diseases were very common in the area due to the use of unclean water. One of the village women, mama Ester revealed to us how her entire family was hospitalized last year due to diarrhea after drinking dirty water they collected from the uncovered traditional well. Similarly, on the application letter for a well, the village chairperson indicated that over 50% of the village population had contracted water-borne illnesses, which are believed to be caused by the use of unsafe water. The general prevalence of typhoid and diarrhea is relatively high in this area. The villagers are relieved to have this new well, funded by the living waters project.

Being the last living water project letter for this year, I would like to thank every one of you for participating and being very engaged with the project.

This year, the living water projects have had tremendous outcomes and have registered massive benefits to the communities here in Tanzania. Despite many challenges we have faced as a global community, including the pandemic, this year has been very successful in terms of the number of wells and the people to whom the living water projects have reached out and touched their lives. So many thanks to everyone at Pius. We feel so motivated by recognizing how the parish has been very supportive of us. This has doubled our zeal and commitment to the service of the poor. We count on you for your continuous generosity and support. This project transforms the lives of the poor in so many ways.



Catholic Identity

Holly Cartier

English is such an expressive, descriptive language. Except when it comes to LOVE. Then it is...I love pizza, I love french fries, I love cozy jammies, I love my neighbor, I love Jesus. I do wish we had other words for the feeling we are trying to express.

This came up in our Friday morning discussion of the Sunday scripture. (Please join us right after 8:00 am mass. There is always coffee and usually cookies) How can we love the person who is harming the innocent? How can we love the person making war? How can we feel the emotion for each other that we are supposed to feel for Our Father and for His Son? It is so difficult for even the most positive and optimistic of us to turn the other cheek, offer our tunic when someone takes our cloak or put out a loving hand to those who hurt us.

As Jesus was hours away from the crucifixion at the Last Supper, He told his apostles, "I give you a new commandment. Love one another." (John 13:34). How can we live this commandment? How does this translate in our lives?

While pondering this question, I was flipping through my prayer book, and my finger stopped on the Prayer of St. Gregory. In the prayer, St. Gregory talks about the loving-kindness of God to give us His only Son, and of Jesus' loving-kindness in his sacrifice to redeem us all. Perhaps this is the best definition of what we are to feel for one another and how we are supposed to treat each other. The loving-kindness that God and his Son bestowed on us and that we can bestow on one another is a gift and example of the Love Jesus is commanding us to give to one another. May you fill your summer and your lives with the loving-kindness of God.

*This is our Faith,
this is Our Catholic Identity.*

Holly welcomes your comments at
hcards.hc@gmail.com.

Health Ministry

Pat Bruce

Women's Health Webinar Series

Attend our free 1 hour virtual health education series on topics including:

- Advance care planning
- Nutrition
- Opioid misuse prevention
- Stress and journaling
- Sleep

To register and get more information visit www.wwhf.org/grapevine or call Chelsea Tibbetts, program manager at (608) 251-1675 x118.

Presented by Wisconsin Women's Health Foundation.

Live Well, Wauwatosa!

Want relief from aches, pains or fatigue? This six-week workshop helps participants gain control of their lives through manageable action plans and support from peers.

Date: Wednesdays, June 1st - July 6th

Time: 9:00 - 11:30 am

Location: City Hall, Upper Civic Center, 7725 W. North Ave.

Cost: Free

RSVP: Call Carmen at (414) 479-8947 or email
cpangilinan@wauwatosa.net

Topics include:

- Dealing with frustration, fatigue, pain and isolation
- Exercise for maintaining strength, flexibility and endurance
- Appropriate use of medications
- Communicating effectively with family, friends and health professionals
- Evaluating new treatment options
- Healthy eating

This program is developed by Stanford University & supported by Milwaukee County Aging and Disabilities Services.

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Health Ministry, continued

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day is an opportunity for communities around the world to promote a better understanding of abuse and neglect of older people by raising awareness of the cultural, social, economic, and demographic processes affecting elder abuse and neglect. It is a call-to-action to educate each other on how to identify, address and prevent abuse so we can all do our part to support everyone as we age.

Join us for a resource fair and walk in honor of World Elder Abuse Awareness Day. For more information call (414) 289-6533 or email Dinah.lacaze@milwaukeecountywi.gov.

Date: Wednesday, June 15th

Time: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Location: Clinton Rose Senior Center,
3045 N. Dr. Martin Luther King Drive

Presented by Milwaukee County DHHS Aging & Disabilities Services

Brain Health Resource Fair

Learn how you can keep your brain healthy!

Join us for this event that will feature information and resources around brain health, memory loss and dementia. During our fair, there will be free memory screenings and free blood pressure checks available! What is good for the heart is good for the brain!

To learn more about this event, please contact our Bilingual Dementia Care Specialist at (414) 514-4787 or

Cristina.Huitron@milwaukeecountywi.gov.

Date: Tuesday, June 21st

Time: 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Location: Washington Park Senior Center,
4420 W. Vliet St., Milwaukee

Presented by Milwaukee County DHHS Aging & Disabilities Services

Justice & Peace Commission

Joan Quinn & John Pandl

Doctrine of Discovery

Installment #5

Over the past several months, we have been learning about the Doctrine of Discovery, based on the 1493 religious and legal mandate by Pope Alexander VI, which granted the Spanish Empire dominion over lands they found not already under Christian rule. The legal doctrine became United States law in 1823 when the Supreme Court asserted the government's claim to the rights given by the church to European colonizing powers and has become the bedrock of United States property law. The Doctrine was used by Franciscan friars in Mexico in the mid 1500's who destroyed all evidence of the Mayan written scholarship and records because they "contained but superstition and lies of the devil." Pope Francis recently apologized to representatives of three Canadian Indian tribes whose ancestors were persecuted as a result of this doctrine. Bishop Douglas J. Lucia of the Diocese of Syracuse, New York has spoken out against the Doctrine of Discovery after meeting with indigenous activists in his diocese and is urging the pope and the US Conference of Catholic bishops to issue a formal apology.

We would like to propose the following action. Any parishioners who feel strongly about this issue may write a letter to Archbishop Jerome ListECKI of the Milwaukee Archdiocese. Urge him to join with the rest of his US bishops to draft and distribute a statement of apology to Native Americans and request that Pope Francis continue his efforts to rescind the Doctrine of Discovery and apologize to the descendants of those who have been harmed.

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 125 guests is \$450 and we plan to start with delivering a catered meal 4 times/year. As funds permit (our current fund balance is \$2,894), 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!*

St. Pius X Parish Community Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Key SB = St. Bernard's CK = Christ King MGC = Mother of Good Counsel FJ = Francis Jordan Room (R/LR) MA = Mary of the Apostles Room (R/DR)			1 Mass, 8:00 am	2 Cantor Rehearsal, 6:45-7:15 pm, Church Celebration Choir Rehearsal, 7:15- 8:45 pm, Church	3 Mass, 8:00 am Reflection on Sunday Scriptures, 8:30 am, FJ	4 Reconciliation, 4:00- 4:30 pm, Church Mass, 5:00 pm WCS Graduation Mass, 6:00 pm, SB
5 Mass, 8:00 am Mass, 10:30 am Baptism Preparation Class, 11:30 am, FJ <i>Pentecost</i>	6 Mass, 8:00 am	7	8 Mass, 8:00 am Pastoral Council, 7:00 pm, FJ	9	10 Mass, 8:00 am Reflection on Sunday Scriptures, 8:30 am, FJ	11 Reconciliation, 4:00- 4:30 pm, Church Mass, 5:00 pm
12 Mass, 8:00 am Mass, 10:30 am	13 Mass, 8:00 am	14 Seniors Club Board Meeting, 10:30 am, MA	15 Mass, 8:00 am Formation & Evangelization, 7:00 pm, FJ	16	17 Mass, 8:00 am Reflection on Sunday Scriptures, 8:30 am, FJ	18 Reconciliation, 4:00- 4:30 pm, Church Mass, 5:00 pm
19 Mass, 8:00 am Mass, 10:30 am	20 Mass, 8:00 am Stewardship Commission, 5:30 pm, FJ Finance Council, 6:00 pm, FJ	21 Seniors Club Mass & Breakfast, 10:00 am, Church	22 Mass, 8:00 am	23	24 Mass, 8:00 am Reflection on Sunday Scriptures, 8:30 am, FJ	25 Reconciliation, 4:00- 4:30 pm, Church Mass, 5:00 pm
26 Mass, 8:00 am Mass, 10:30 am	27 Mass, 8:00 am	28 J&P, 7:00 pm, FJ	29	30	<h1>June 2022</h1>	

