

# THE PARISH PRESS

*The monthly newsletter of St. Pius X Parish Community*

## A Reflection from Fr. Paul

One time someone said to me, "Father, I don't pray anymore. I used to pray, asking for things, and I never got what I asked for. Praying is a waste of my time."

As I reflected on that, I asked myself, "what do I gain by praying to God?" How different would my life be if I didn't pray? The answer that came to me was that maybe I was asking the wrong question. God has given me all that I have and would continue to bless me, prayers or not. The better question is, "what have I lost by praying?" Some of the things I have lost are anger, ego, depression, insecurity, and a crippling fear of death.

For example, when I have been hurt and am angry at someone, I will sit quietly and talk with God. I begin by looking at my life and the things God has forgiven me for. That helps me put things in perspective and I ask God to help me let go of my anger. It might not happen immediately, but eventually I lose my anger and I am a happier person.

Or when I am feeling insecure and not in control, I sit with God and reflect on the reality that I am not supposed to be in control and I never will be. But someone who loves me a lot is in control and all will be okay. I pray that God will help me trust more and my feelings of fear and insecurity gradually lessen.

One final example: I don't like the unknown and what is more "unknown" than what will happen when we die. Sitting with God and reflecting on his goodness help me to become less anxious about dying. I still don't like that I don't know what will happen, but I have lost the crippling fear of dying.

I repeat what was on our sign on Wauwatosa Avenue a few weeks ago: *Seven days without prayer makes one weak.* Sometimes the answers to our prayers is losing, not gaining, which is ultimately the gain. Make sure you are connecting with the Lord each day: you will lose a lot and that is a big gain! God bless.

## Parish Updates

*Fr. Paul Portland, SDS*

### Welcome Back Mass and Luncheon

Thank you to all who pitched in to make the Mass and luncheon such a wonderful experience! There was so much energy at the Mass and the luncheon was not only delicious, but a great community experience. May God bless all of you who made the day a success.

### Fellowship Sundays

Our Fellowship Sundays, along with Cranky Al's delicious donuts have started back up. Thanks to all the volunteers who make it happen. Please join us after the Sunday Masses!

### All-Parish Meeting

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

### Synodality

This month, the first session of the synod called by Pope Francis will be held in Rome. It is ground-breaking, for it has lay people as voting members.

The word "synodality" is used a lot. The first four Sundays of October there will be an insert in the bulletin and on our website/social media to help us understand what is meant by "synodality" and what is happening in Rome. Please take the time to read and reflect on these inserts, in order to better understand the news you will be hearing. Let us keep the success of the synod in our prayers.

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## Parish Updates, cont.

### Ministry Corner

We need many more parishioners to be involved in our ministries, including liturgical ministries (Eucharistic minister, lector, cantor, acolyte, hospitality) as well as councils/committees/commissions (Pastoral Council, Finance Council, Stewardship, Formation and Evangelization, Liturgy, Health Ministry, Justice and Peace, Community Life Committee, Building and Grounds, Garden Angels, etc.). At the suggestion of a minister, I am inviting those involved in any ministry or service in the parish to share what the ministry means to them in their lives. One reflection will be shared in each Parish Press under the title "Ministry Corner." The hope is that these reflections will inspire others to become involved. Please make sure to read and reflect on what our ministers are sharing (and to share your reflections, if you are a minister).

### Ministry Fair

Our Ministry Fair for liturgical ministries was held the weekend of September 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to the 21 parishioners who signed up to participate in our weekend worship and fellowship. Our Ministry Fair for all other volunteer opportunities (Community Life Commission, Stewardship Commission, Justice and Peace, Health Ministry, Building and Grounds, Garden Angels, Liturgy Commission, Formation and Evangelization Commission) will be held the weekend of October 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>. Just as in a family, all in a parish community need to contribute to make things go well. Please consider what gifts God has given you that can be shared with the community. Thank you.

### Parish Survey

Those of you who have been around a while will remember that approximately every two years I would put out a survey to all parishioners, asking what is going well, what could be better and how, and what needs to be added or dropped. The last survey was in 2019 and the Pastoral Council has decided it is time to do one again. It will be available online and at Mass beginning the weekend of October 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> and will be in the November Parish Press, which will go out the end of October. I plan to give a summary of what is learned from it at the parish meeting after Masses on November 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>. Please watch for the survey and fill it out. Thank you.

### WCS Teachers and Students

Our former Wauwatosa Catholic teachers and students are moving forward in their new situation. I hope all is going well and we continue to accompany them in prayer, Please remember that a Catholic education is a worthwhile investment for your children's future. Our parish is willing to help support parents financially to send their children to another parish's grade school. Please reach out to [Dean Weyer](#), our Director of Operations and Finances, for more information on assistance.

Have a great fall, and enjoy the vibrant colors nature gives us each year!

## Catholic Identity

*Holly Cartier*

I argued with a friend today. I left her in anger and didn't know when I will see her again. And when I got home, I started thinking; "What if I don't see her again?" So I called her and she answered the phone with an angry sounding "What do you want?" Before I could speak, I thought, I want our friendship repaired. So I replied with "I'm sorry." It was quiet for a second, then I heard, "Me, too."

Don't allow the failures of life to stand between us and our loved ones. Forgive AND forget the times our loved ones have failed us, hoping they will do likewise for our failures.

Have faith in the way that Jesus will lead you. He tells us He is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Place your trust and confidence in our Lord; He will lead you home. By grace you are saved through faith alone. The gift of salvation is given by Jesus' act of redemption. God's gift is paid for in FULL by Jesus' sacrifice. In receiving the gift of Jesus redeeming act, we are now claimed by God as his own. We can claim Jesus as our Savior, but our Father has already claimed us as His OWN.

Our faith is not in ourselves, not in our Church, but in God Himself. Turn to the belief in this faith, have confidence in Christ who bought our salvation. We can only find our way to eternal life through Him and that Faith He has given us.

This is our Faith. This is our Catholic Identity.  
Holly appreciates your comments at [hcartshc@gmail.com](mailto:hcartshc@gmail.com).

## Operations & Finance

Dean Weyer

Director of Operations & Finance

### Finances

Though the first three months of our fiscal year, our expenses are on pace to the budget, however our stewardship income is about \$6,000 behind both last year's September pace and the current year's budget.

### Facilities

One of the elements of our *Love One Another Capital Campaign Case Statement* is the advancement of evangelization and faith formation programs in the parish. A part of that is promotion. Our plan is to install an electronic sign in place of our outdated plastic letters at the corner of 76<sup>th</sup> & Wright. This will allow us to more effectively promote who we are as a parish community and more proactively (hopefully more successfully) invite others to join us. We will have to work within city guidelines. If you are in the sign business or know of someone who is, please contact me.

### Our Tenant:

#### Kingdom Prep Lutheran High School

There are a number of rituals that students are required to participate in to earn their Kingdom Prep (KP) colors. Each fall the incoming class of freshmen and transfers form packs of 5-8 under the direction of staff and dozens of volunteer adult leaders to tackle some item of facility repair or improvement in a program they call KP BUILD. Kingdom Prep believes that it is part of their mission to leave the place better than they found it. We are blessed to have found such a partner (most of the cost of these projects is absorbed by KP). The young men learn skills and, believe it or not, for some its simple things, like how to turn a screwdriver, work a paintbrush. For others it's the more complex operation of a jackhammer, skill saw, power drill, etc. There's demolition work, painting, dry walling, etc. To the right is a partial list of their projects. THANK YOU boys & KP for your efforts!

### Kingdom Prep's Projects:



Build a shop floor in the back of the cafeteria  
(have outgrown the garage)



Build a 20' wall to divide a  
classroom into two rooms



Sand & refinish one of our church pews  
(pilot project for possibly more)

#### Additional projects not pictured:

- Paint multiple spaces (virtually the entire school has been painted KP colors over the course of these five plus years)
- Install new flooring in two annex rooms that KP will be renting this year
- Build a new chicken coup for ongoing class projects (& keep coyote away!)



Remove the outside raised  
platform next to the back  
school exit



## Adult Faith Formation

Rob Hoffmann

Director of Adult Formation

### Stand in Awe of God and be Still

October can be a time of year to slow down and reflect on the greatness of God. How can you not as you witness the leaves turn from green, to gold, to orange and to red. I've been thinking about *Awe* and specifically everyday *Awe*. I pray that you can notice the neon orange tree in a field of green. Perhaps make time to take an *Awe Walk* absorbing the transformation that God is performing around us from the natural environment to the smiles on the faces of neighbors as they enjoy the cool weather.

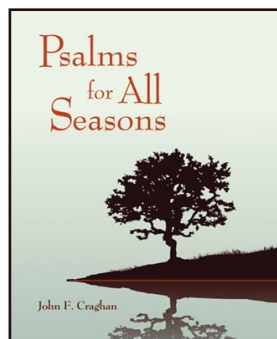
We have selected some faith formation options for you that also offer moments of *Awe*; the presence of Jesus in our lives, the spiritual songs of the Psalms, the beauty of passing on to the other side, the quiet chant of the Rosary prayer.

Below is a list of what is going on in October and beyond.



### ***Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist\****

This video series explores the radical mystery of God's love expressed in the Eucharist and shows how in this sacrament God is really present to help and strengthen us at every step of life's journey. By diving into the story of God's love for his people in Scripture and the Church's teaching on this sacrament, *Presence* invites each one of us into a deeper, more intimate union with God. He is ready and waiting for us - all we need to do is receive His gift.



### ***Psalms for All Seasons: A Bible Study\****

Dare to expect a new world through the power of prayer. That is the challenge offered by *Psalms for All Seasons*. By praying the Psalms, you will discover radical newness in your life as you align your heart with God's will. The Psalms are prayers of both praise and lament. They fill us with confidence and consolation. They teach us to be thankful and wise.



### **Celebrate the Month of the Rosary With Us!**

Every Monday after the 8:00 am Mass we meet to pray the Rosary together and you are welcome to join us! If you'd like to pray the Rosary with us from your home, we also meet on Thursday evenings at 6:00 pm on Zoom. Contact the parish office to request the link!

Please note that we pray the Rosary together every week, not just in October!



### **Eternal Rest: The Art of Dying Well**

While we may attempt to avoid it, death comes to each of us. Since the state of our soul at this critical moment will determine our eternity, death is actually something we should be thinking about during our life, something we should take pains to do well. This study takes a detailed look at death and dying so that we might learn the art of dying well and experience eternal rest in Christ. This program starts in November, so keep an eye out for more information in the bulletin, online and on social media!

*\*More information, including dates, times and how to register is on the next page.*

## Information on the Upcoming Adult Faith Formation Programs

### *Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist*

Join one of the following options:

#### On Zoom

**Dates:** Wednesdays, October 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** 7:00 to 8:00 pm

Register at [bit.ly/3PjDuRg](https://bit.ly/3PjDuRg) or scan the QR code.



#### In-person

**Dates:** Sundays, October 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** 9:15 to 10:15 am

**Location:** St. Pius X Francis Jordan room

No registration required, you are welcome to join us any or all of the days!

#### In-person Retreat

**Dates & Times:** Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup> from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm and Monday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> from 6:30 to 8:00 pm

**Location:** Christ King Parish Center

To register, call the Christ King parish office at (414) 258-2604, visit [bit.ly/3LjC6Nv](https://bit.ly/3LjC6Nv) or scan the QR code.



### *Psalms for All Seasons: A Bible Study*

Join one of the following options:

#### On Zoom

**Dates:** Tuesdays, Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>  
and Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>

**Time:** 7:00 - 8:30 pm

#### In-person

**Dates:** Wednesdays, Oct. 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>  
and Nov. 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>

**Time:** 8:30 -10:00 am

**Location:** St. Pius X Francis Jordan room

Register at [bit.ly/48aR8Ps](https://bit.ly/48aR8Ps) or scan the QR code.



## Ministry Corner

*Margie Schwantes*

I have been a member of St. Pius X since 1979. When my three children were young, I volunteered to teach religious education to second graders. It was a joy watching my precious students make their First Holy Communion. When I went back to full-time teaching, I taught at Pius for over 20 years.

During those busy years, I volunteered at bingo where I met and worked with many wonderful Pius members. This really made me feel like part of the community.

Later, I joined the Resurrection Singers. While I was working, I could only sing for evening and summer funerals. Now that I am retired, I can honor our deceased Pius members by singing at their funerals year round.

Thank you St. Pius X for providing me with these opportunities to grow in my faith!

## Justice & Peace

*Jane Koss*

### **Food Collection for the Tosa Food Pantry**

The Justice and Peace Commission will be collecting food for the Tosa Food Pantry on October 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>.

Please leave the food at the back of church (they do not accept any expired items). As always, thank you for your generosity in helping our neighbors in need!

### **Seniors Club Halloween Party**

**Date:** Tuesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>

**Time:** 12:00pm

**Location:** Francis Jordan Room

*Watch for more information in upcoming bulletins!*



## Stewardship Commission

Sue Haertel, SDS



Our donations to Living Waters has already benefited many people in rural Tanzania!

In September, I had the opportunity to visit a few villages with our wells and to be present at a well dedication and celebration. I wish you all could have been there to witness this life-giving joyful event. In each of the upcoming newsletters I will report on another well.

Know that your generosity is greatly appreciated!

*Here's how the well dedication went:*



In the morning, we got water from this traditional water source.



The well is completed and dedicated.



The villagers celebrated that they have plenty of fresh, safe water for everyone!



## Health Ministry

*Pat Bruce*

On this page you will find various resources, information and programs that you may find beneficial to you, your family, friends and neighbors.

### Catholic Funeral & Cemetery Services

**Date:** Monday, November 13<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** 7:00 pm

**Location:** St. Pius X, Francis Jordan Room

The Outreach Team from Catholic Funeral & Cemetery Services (CFCS), a Ministry of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee will be here to discuss the spiritual and practical reasons for learning about CFCS programs, services and benefits for Catholic funerals, burials, and cremations.

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

### Art of Aging Event

**Southside**

**Date:** Wednesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

**Location:** Wilson Park Senior Center  
(2601 W. Howard Ave., Milwaukee)

**Northside**

**Date:** Wednesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** 10:00 am – 2:00pm

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

Serving Older Adults (SOA) invites you to the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Art of Aging, a resource and lifestyle fair to celebrate aging well together. The event will feature a wide range of health, lifestyle, and active aging resources for older adults as well as demonstrations, vaccines, food and entertainment.

For more information reach out to [ArtofAging@servingolderadults.org](mailto:ArtofAging@servingolderadults.org) or call (414) 933-2332.

### Teen Drug Awareness

*From Wauwatosa Public Health*

The return to school can be a stressful time. Whether it's a transition to middle or high school, or just the end of the freedoms of summer, it's normal for children to feel anxious about these changes. It is also normal for teens to experience mood swings due to their changing hormones. But it's important to pay attention if you notice mood swings along with changes in behavior or appearance such as:

- Losing interest in activities they once enjoyed, low self-esteem, poor judgment, depression, or general lack of interest
- Dropping old friends for a new group
- Acting despondent, aggressive, or angry
- Sleeping more than usual
- Breaking rules, starting arguments, or withdrawing from the family
- Exhibiting physical changes like sudden weight loss, frequent nosebleeds, bloody or watery eyes, or shakes and tremors
- Decreased interest in school, negative attitude towards school, drop in grades, many absences, truancy, and discipline problems

These are behavioral and physical signs that your child could be misusing medications, or using drugs or alcohol. Knowing the signs and symptoms of teen drug use can help you better understand if —or when— you should consider an intervention.

For more information, visit our substance use webpage at [wauwatosa.net/substanceuse](http://wauwatosa.net/substanceuse) or contact Carmen Pangilinan, Public Health Strategist, at (414) 479-8936 or [cpangilinan@wauwatosa.net](mailto:cpangilinan@wauwatosa.net).

# October 2023

## St. Pius X Parish Community



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1 - Fellowship Sunday</b> Mass, 8:00am CGS (Toddlers, 1, 2 & 3), 9:15-10:00am, CK Mass, 10:30am CGS (1 & 2), 1:00-2:30pm, CK HS Small Groups 6:30-8:00pm, CK HS Alpha, 6:30- 8:00pm, CK	<b>2</b> Mass, 8:00am Rosary, 8:30am, Church CGS (2), 4:15-5:45pm, CK J4J Rehearsal, 7:00 pm, Church	<b>3</b> Seniors Club Board Mtg, 10:30am, FJ Health Ministry, 6:00pm, FJ	<b>4</b> Mass, 8:00am CGS (1, 2 & 3), 4:15-5:45pm CK CGS (3), 6:00-7:30pm, CK	<b>5</b> Rosary, 6:00pm, Zoom* Celebration Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 pm, Church	<b>6</b> Mass, 8:00am Reflection on Sun. Scriptures, 8:30am, FJ CGS (1), 10-11:30am, CK	<b>7</b> Reconciliation, 4:00- 4:30pm, Church Mass, 5:00pm
<b>8 - Fellowship Sunday</b> Mass, 8:00am CGS (Toddlers, 1, 2 & 3), 9:15-10:00am, CK Mass, 10:30am CGS (1 & 2), 1:00-2:30pm, CK	<b>9</b> Mass, 8:00am Rosary, 8:30am, Church CGS (2), 4:15-5:45pm, CK	<b>10</b> Boy Scouts, 6:30pm, 101 Justice & Peace, 7:00pm, FJ Bible Study: Psalms, 7:00-8:30pm, Zoom	<b>11</b> Mass, 8:00am Bible Study: Psalms, 8:30-10:00am, FJ CGS (1, 2 & 3), 4:15-5:45pm CK CGS (3), 6-7:30pm, CK Parish Council, 7pm, FJ Presence, 7-8pm, Zoom	<b>12</b> Rosary, 6:00pm, Zoom*	<b>13</b> Mass, 8:00am Reflection on Sun. Scriptures, 8:30am, FJ CGS (1), 10-11:30am, CK	<b>14</b> Reconciliation, 4:00- 4:30pm, Church Mass, followed by the Ministry Fair, 5:00pm, Church
<b>15 - Fellowship Sunday</b> Mass (Church), followed by the Ministry Fair (Church & Cafeteria), 8:00am Presence, 9:15-10:15am, FJ CGS (1, 2 & 3), 9:15-10:00am, CK Mass (Church), followed by the Ministry Fair (Church & Cafeteria). 10:30am Baptism Class, 11:30am-1pm, FJ CGS (1 & 2), 1-2:30pm, CK Middle School YM, 4:00-5:30pm, CK HS Small Groups, 6:30-8pm, CK HS Alpha, 6:30- 8:00pm, CK	<b>16</b> Mass, 8:00am Rosary, 8:30am, Church CGS (2), 4:15-5:45pm, CK Stewardship, 5:30pm, FJ J4J Rehearsal, 7:00 pm, Church	<b>17</b> Bible Study: Psalms, 7:00-8:30pm, Zoom	<b>18</b> Mass, 8:00am Bible Study: Psalms, 8:30-10:00am, FJ CGS (1, 2 & 3), 4:15-5:45pm CK CGS (3), 6:00-7:30pm, CK Presence, 7:00-8:00pm, Zoom	<b>19</b> Rosary, 6:00pm, Zoom*	<b>20</b> Mass, 8:00am Reflection on Sun. Scriptures, 8:30am, FJ CGS (1), 10-11:30am, CK	<b>21</b> Reconciliation, 4:00- 4:30pm, Church Presence Retreat, 8:30am-12:30pm, CK Mass, 5:00pm
<b>22 - Fellowship Sunday</b> Mass, 8:00am Presence, 9:15-10:15am, FJ CGS (1, 2 & 3), 9:15-10am, CK Mass, 10:30am CGS (1 & 2), 1-2:30pm, CK Middle School YM, 4:00-5:30pm, CK HS Small Groups, 6:30-8pm, CK HS Alpha, 6:30- 8:00pm, CK	<b>23</b> Mass, 8:00am Rosary, 8:30am, Church CGS (2), 4:15-5:45pm, CK Finance Council, 6:00pm, FJ Presence Retreat, 6:30-8:00pm, CK Parish Center	<b>24</b> Boy Scouts, 6:30pm, 101 Bible Study: Psalms, 7:00-8:30pm, Zoom	<b>25</b> Mass, 8:00am Bible Study: Psalms, 8:30-10:00am, FJ CGS (1, 2 & 3), 4:15-5:45pm CK CGS (3), 6:00-7:30pm, CK Presence, 7:00-8:00pm, Zoom	<b>26</b> Rosary, 6:00pm, Zoom*	<b>27</b> Mass, 8:00am Reflection on Sun. Scriptures, 8:30am, FJ	<b>28</b> Reconciliation, 4:00- 4:30pm, Church Mass, 5:00pm
<b>29 - Fellowship Sunday</b> Mass, 8:00am Presence, 9:15-10:15am, FJ Mass, 10:30am	<b>30</b> Mass, 8:00am Rosary, 8:30am, Church Formation & Evangelization, 7:00pm, FJ J4J Rehearsal, 7:00 pm, Church	<b>31</b> Seniors Club Halloween Party, 10:00am, FJ & MA	<b>Key</b> 101 = Room 101 CGS = Catechesis of the Good Shepherd CK = Christ King FJ = Francis Jordan Room MA = Mary of the Apostles Room YM = Youth Ministry Fellowship Sundays = Join us for donuts, juice and coffee served after the Sunday Masses in the cafeteria *Contact the parish office or scan the QR code to request the Zoom link.			

