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The Monthly Newsletter of St. Pius X Parish Community



A Reflection from Fr. Paul

Fr. Paul Portland, SDS

Jesus was never turned in on himself: he was always able to think of the needs of others. Some examples: when Jesus raised Jairus' daughter from the dead, his first thought was that she be given something to eat; though he was tired and went off to rest and pray by himself, Jesus immediately attended to the needs of the crowd who found him and needed him; when he was arrested, he told the soldiers they had him, so they should let his followers go; and so on.

As Christians who want to live as Christ did, we need to strive not to be turned in on ourselves but to be concerned for others. Unfortunately, sometimes the Church turns in on itself. For example, when I was growing up, the emphasis of my religious training was to go to Mass and not break the commandments so I would get to heaven. It was about ME and MY getting to heaven. There wasn't much emphasis on reaching out and helping others. It was turned in: be good so you get to heaven.

My friends, we want to get to heaven. However, if we want to live as Jesus did, our focus has to include reaching out and helping others. That is how he lived his life! As the reality is that, if we make helping others a cornerstone of our life, we WILL get to heaven, for we will be living the law of love. We need to live Gospel values to bring love and peace into the world, not just to get to heaven. If we do it, we will get to heaven. However, we can't be focused just on ourselves.

The ultimate example of Jesus not being turned in on himself was his suffering and death for our salvation. As we remember his suffering and death and celebrate resurrection in the coming days, let us resolve to live a life open to the needs of others. May you have a blessed Holy Week and Easter.

Paul James Portland, SDS

Parish Updates

Welcome, Margaux Veilleux!

As of March 31, our Office Manager / Communications Coordinator is Margaux ("MAR-go") Veilleux. We welcome her to our parish staff. Stop by the parish office to introduce yourself to her. We pray that her service at Pius may be spiritually fulfilling for her. You can learn more about Margaux on page 6.

Leadership Discernment

Our discernment process for new leadership for 2025-2026 is underway. The nomination process will conclude on April 20th. The form that explains our discernment process for a trustee and three pastoral council members can be found on our website and in the back of church, if you have misplaced the one that was in the March newsletter. Please prayerfully consider nominating yourself or a fellow parishioner.

April Volunteer Opportunity of the Month

Each month, I am highlighting an opportunity for involvement in our community. For April, it is being an acolyte (a fancy church term for being an altar server). Anyone who has received first communion (children, teens, adults) can be acolytes. Acolytes have control over when they will serve, signing up for the Masses at which they wish to serve. We particularly need volunteers for the 4:30 PM and 8 AM Masses. Training will be given. I repeat the motto of Kingdom Prep High School: **The strength of the wolf is the pack, and the strength of the pack is the wolf.** It is important to contribute to the community, not just benefit from all the ministry of others. Please consider being an acolyte or joining another parish ministry. For more information, or to volunteer, please contact Kathy Wellenstein at kwellenstein@stpiousparish.org. Thank you.

Lenten Opportunities

I pray you are using this season of Lent for a little "spring cleaning of the soul." I urge you to participate reflectively in our Holy Week Services (Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday), as we walk with Jesus through His death and resurrection. God bless.



EASTER 2025 - LETTER FROM ARCHBISHOP JEFFREY S. GROB

Why do you seek the living one among the dead?

- Luke 24:5

Hello Everyone,

As you may recall, some women who followed Jesus awoken with a plan that first Easter Sunday morning — to prepare his body properly for eternal rest. They gather the customary supplies and set out for the tomb. If they were concerned about moving the heavy stone at the tomb's entrance, it's unknown to us.

We do know this — two angels greet them with a question: "Why do you seek the living one among the dead?" What a strange and somewhat chiding thing to say to these poor, grieving, well-intentioned women.

However, it is the key question of the first Easter morning and the key question we should ask ourselves as believers every morning: **Why do we seek the living One among the dead?**

In a moment of graced insight, the women remember Jesus' words, and that remembrance — along with the empty tomb — became the impetus for their new plans: to go and tell his story, to tell their/our story.

He is risen! It is not over. In fact, it has only begun. Don't think that you can go and hide in the empty tomb. He is living in our midst. Go into the streets and look for him! Go to the prisons and soup kitchens, to the ghettos and the fringe areas of life. Go home to your families and acquaintances. He is there among your spouses and children, your coworkers and friends, your classmates and teammates.

In other words — like the women — remember what he told you.

And please realize — like the women — the best part of the story is ahead of you! Happy Easter!

As I do for you, please pray for me,

Most Reverend Jeffrey S. Grob
Archbishop of Milwaukee

Catholic Identity

Holly Cartier

I was able to attend Mass on the feast of St. Joseph and was struck by the line in the Gospel of Matthew 1:19: "Joseph was a righteous man."

It occurred to me that I never learned much about Joseph and not much is said about him. Yet he took a young, pregnant woman as his wife, protecting her and her child, and raised her child to be a righteous, religious man, all because of an angelic dream. His faith was deep and strong. It also made me reflect on my father and the fathers that my brothers and nephews have become. A common theme in all of their lives is the deep faith they have and are willing to share with their children. Joseph, too, must have cradled the child Jesus, held his hands as he learned to walk, taught him to use a saw and fashion wood, and taught him to pray.

My dad knelt with us at our bedsides, took us to Mass, stood with us as we received the sacraments, read us stories, told us that we need to look at a situation and make sure we are acting correctly, and showed us how to hold a saw. My dad, like Joseph, was a woodworker. And like Jesus' disciples, he was a fisherman who taught us many things. Like Joseph, Dad was a righteous man, a man of faith. I know Father's Day is a couple months away, but I hope we can honor all fathers every day for the tireless work they do to raise their children in the faith. We become righteous because of their example.

This is our faith. This is our Catholic identity.

Holly welcomes comments by email at hcartshc@gmail.com.



Francisco Herrera the Elder: *San José y el Niño Jesús*, 1648. Lázaro Galdiano Museum, Madrid, Spain.

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Living Our Faith

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

You can find the podcast on Spotify or iTunes, or go to <https://www.archmil.org/Living-Our-Faith/Current-Radio-Show.htm> for all of the episodes.

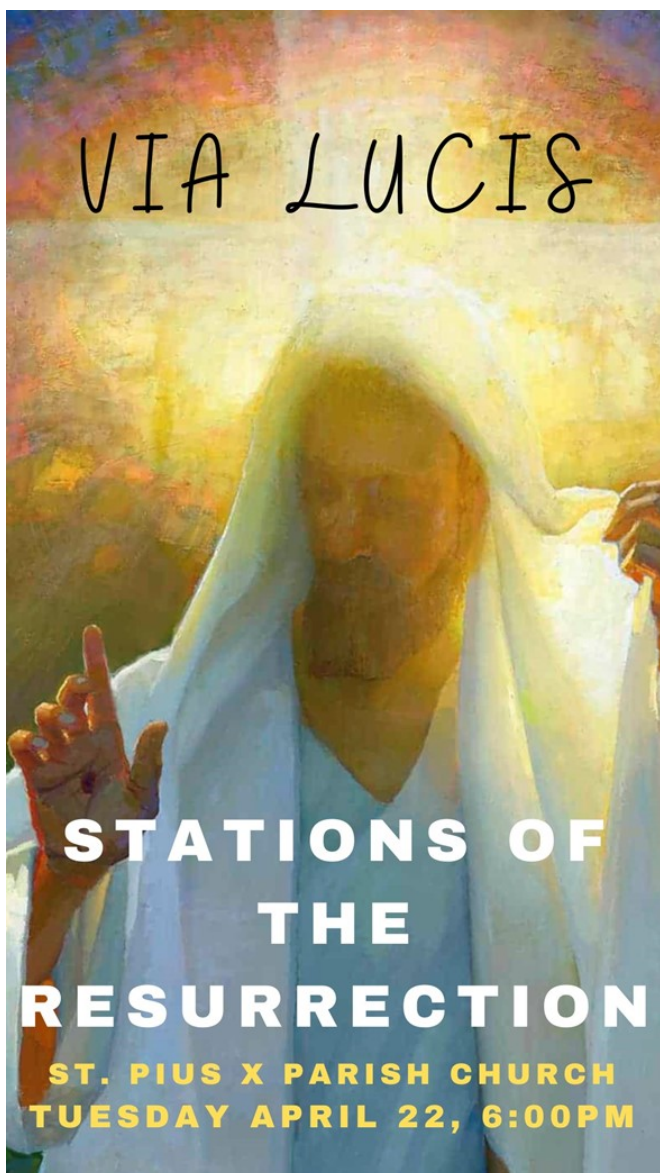
Adult Faith Formation

Rob Hoffmann

Director of Adult Formation

In 2025, we are celebrating the Jubilee year called “Pilgrims of Hope,” a pilgrimage taking the form of a physical journey or a spiritual journey.

This month we have the rare opportunity of a ready made, easy to use, just show up pilgrimage that is both physical and spiritual: Holy Week and Easter!



A “Pilgrims of Hope” Faith Opportunity

Palm Sunday

The Palm Sunday liturgy starts with a pilgrim’s procession, as we take palms and reenact Jesus’ grand entry into Jerusalem.

Holy Thursday

We continue our pilgrimage on Thursday evening during the Mass of the Last Supper. Watch while representatives of our community wash each other’s feet (or join in to have your foot washed too). Then, in community we celebrate the Eucharist, just as the earliest Christian community did over 2,000 years ago. Finally, we get another chance to join a pilgrim’s procession, as together we move the Eucharist to the Altar of Repose in the chapel.

Good Friday

On Friday evening, join another pilgrimage opportunity as we gather to walk with Jesus as He carries His cross, during the Good Friday service.

Holy Saturday

On Saturday evening, we will walk through another ancient Catholic service called the Easter Vigil. We start outside, in darkness, and witness together the resurrection of the Light. We will have the opportunity to walk in pilgrimage to our church, spread that light, and go on a spiritual pilgrimage, as we hear scripture readings some 3,500 years old. We will witness a baptism, confirmation and first Eucharist.

Easter Sunday

Sunday morning we return to our beloved Church transformed physically and spiritually in community, having completed a pilgrimage of hope!

Please join us on these pilgrimages!

Justice & Peace

Joan Quinn

Habitat for Humanity Progress Update

Help support families who will be moving into their very own Habitat homes in the Milwaukee area! Habitat for Humanity has asked if our parish would donate welcome baskets to give to two families as their homes are blessed and they move in. Each family will receive two baskets: one that includes items to use inside the home (e.g., a broom, a bucket and cleaning supplies), and a second basket that includes items to use outside the home (e.g., a rake, a snow shovel, and gardening supplies).

We will kick off this project on the weekend of April 5th-6th. In the back of church, there will be a model home with two trees beside it. Each tree will have items for parishioners to choose what they'd like to buy for the homeowners (only new items please). There will be boxes in the back of church for donations. We would like donated items for the first home to be brought to church by April 21st. Donations for the second home will be collected into May.

Thank you in advance for your continued generosity to those whose needs are great!

St. Vincent de Paul Meal Program

For the last four months, St. Pius has increased the amount of food we bring to the St. Vincent de Paul Meal Program. We've added enough pulled pork, buns, and coleslaw for 50 people. This extra food is packed into individual meals and distributed to several warming shelters throughout the city. Your generosity to the Special Needs Fund on the 4th Sunday of the month is what funds our ability to do this. Thank you!

MacCanon Brown's Transforming Lives Gala

Twenty parishioners from St. Pius attended the Transforming Lives Gala to benefit MacCanon Brown Homeless Sanctuary. It was a wonderful night; close to \$100,000 was raised for the Sanctuary. We are grateful to those who attended the Gala, to those who support the Sanctuary with their prayers, time, talent, and treasure, and *especially* for the amazing, transforming work that is being done at the Sanctuary every day!





ST. PIUS X HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SUNDAY SCHEDULE

HOLY THURSDAY - APRIL 17TH

MASS - 7:00 PM

GOOD FRIDAY - APRIL 18TH

SERVICE - 7:00 PM

HOLY SATURDAY - APRIL 19TH

EASTER VIGIL MASS - 8:00 PM

EASTER SUNDAY - APRIL 20TH

MASS - 8:00 & 10:30 AM

Hello, St. Pius X Parish!

Margaux Veilleux

Office Manager / Communications Coordinator



I'm Margaux, the newest member of the St. Pius X Parish family. I'll be proudly and diligently serving you as your new OMCC and--prayerfully--helping to make every tomorrow better than today!

As an active member of the Church, I have long been passionate about serving the local Catholic community. During my time at All Saints, I served as lector and catechist, preparing older teens and young adults for confirmation. I have also sung in choirs in Milwaukee, New Orleans, and Baton Rouge, where my family is from.

Last November, I made the bold move to leave my 20-year career in cybersecurity behind to pursue something where I could give back to my friends and neighbors with all my time and effort. Having lived near St. Pius X as a teen, I was thrilled to learn I had a shot at finally becoming a part of the family. And, well, here I am!

This coming fall, I'll be starting my second graduate degree in Theology--the Cor Unum program at Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology in Hales Corners. I hope this will enable me to serve you even more.

Thank you for the warm welcome. My heartfelt love and gratitude to you. Come say hi anytime.

Stewardship

Sue Haertel

We have received another letter from Dr. James Nyangas, the president of Safe Water for Life & Dignity (SWLD)! In this letter, he describes the new well built in the Kwaluwambo community and how it has helped the villagers.

Dear Sue and all,

I am delighted to inform you that SWLD has successfully completed a living water project in the Kwaluwambo community. This well sits about 35 km south-east of Morogoro. Currently, there are about 600 people benefiting from this well, the majority of them are smallholder farmers. Despite the presence of arable land for farming and good rock formations for underground water, for many years, the villagers were poor and living without clean water. They have been fetching water from dirty sources, which included unprotected traditional shallow wells and seasonal rivers.

The rate of water-borne diseases and infections was very high in this community. Typhoid and cholera were common diseases in this area. Stomach diseases, often caused by the use of unsafe water, frequently hospitalized the villagers. The situation used to deteriorate significantly during the dry seasons, when many of the community's former water sources completely dried up. Villagers had to walk for several miles searching for water. Both of these conditions significantly impacted the quality of livelihoods and the overall well-being of the villagers.

SWLD determined the need to intervene and enhance the living conditions of the people in this village by installing one of the Living water project wells from this year funds. Thanks to St. Pius for supporting us. This well has transformed the lives of the villagers by increasing accessibility to clean and safe water. During the handing over ceremony, villagers expressed much gratitude and appreciation to the St. Pius community for the provision of living water funds, which made this project a reality.

Thanks so much.

Dr. James



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

For more information, contact the St. Pius X Parish office.

Programs & Events Around the Parish

April 2025

The Saints: The Original Social Influencers

Dates: Every Sunday
Time: 9:15 - 10:15 AM
Location: Francis Jordan Room

Let's learn more about the saints! Join us between the Sunday Masses as we explore the lives of the saints whose feast days are celebrated that week.

Bible Study: Psalms Part 2

Dates: Now through August 14th
Zoom Option: Every Tuesday at 7:00 PM
In-person Option: Every Wednesday at 8:30 AM, Francis Jordan Room

Join us in exploring and enjoying these beautiful 3,000-year-old poems, prayers, and songs. Didn't attend Psalms Part 1? That's okay! It's not a requirement; everyone is welcome!

Anointing of the Sick

Dates: Saturday, April 5th & Sunday, April 6th
Time: During each weekend Mass
Location: Church

Lenten Reconciliation Service

Date: Tuesday, April 8th
Time: 7:00 PM
Location: Church

Senior Mass & Luncheon

Date: Tuesday, April 15th
Time: 10:00 AM
Location: Church and Francis Jordan Room

Stations of the Resurrection

Date: Tuesday, April 22nd
Time: 7:00 PM
Location: Church

May 2025 and Beyond

Show and Tell Time!

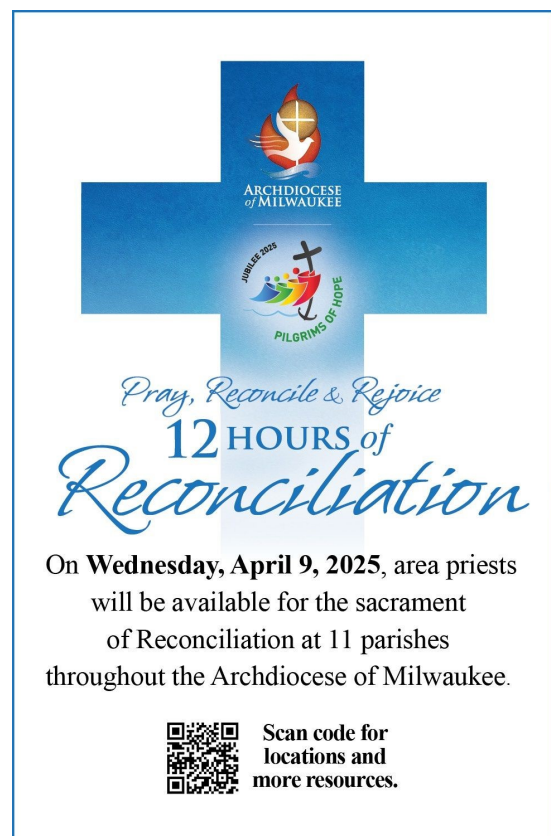
Dates: Saturday, May 3rd & Sunday, May 4th
Time: Following each weekend Mass
Location: Back of the church, right side as you exit

Curious about how the AED works and when to use it or how to help? What about the Hearing Loop? We listen to an announcement about "the Loop" at the beginning of every Mass. Several members of the Health Ministry team will be providing introductions to both items. Attend one or both sessions to learn about these valuable aids.

Pizza & How to Make a Rosary

Date: Wednesday, July 24th
Time: 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM
Location: Francis Jordan Room

Come enjoy some delicious pizza and learn how to make your own rosary! More details to come.



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JULY 2025
PILGRIMS OF HOPE

Pray, Reconcile & Rejoice
12 HOURS of
Reconciliation

On **Wednesday, April 9, 2025**, area priests will be available for the sacrament of Reconciliation at 11 parishes throughout the Archdiocese of Milwaukee.

Scan code for locations and more resources.



St. Pius X Parish Community

April 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Key</p> <p>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</p>	<p>Fellowship Sundays</p> <p>Join us for donuts, juice and coffee served after the Sunday Masses in the cafeteria</p>	<p>1</p> <p>Seniors Club Board Mtg., 10:30am, MA</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Mass, 8:00am Bible Study, 8:30am, FJ Formation & Evangelization, 6:00pm, Zoom Bible Study, 7:00pm, Zoom</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Choir Rehearsal, 7:00pm, Church</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Mass, 8:00am Reflection on Sunday Scriptures, 8:30am, FJ</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Reconciliation 3:30-4pm, Church Mass, 4:30pm</p>
<p>6 - Fellowship Sunday</p> <p>Mass, 8:00am CGS 1, 2 & 3, 9:00-10:15am, CK The Saints, 9:15-10:15am, FJ Mass, 10:30am CGS 2/3, 1-2:30pm, CK Middle School YM, 4:30-5:45pm, CK</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Mass, 8:00am Rosary, 8:30am, Chapel Yoga, 8:45-9:45am, 101 CGS 2, 4:15-5:45, CK Health Ministry, 6:00pm, Zoom</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Reconciliation, 7:00pm, Church Justice & Peace, 7:00pm, FJ</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Mass, 8:00am Bible Study, 8:30am, FJ CGS 1, 2 & 3, 4:15-5:45pm, CK Bible Study, 7:00pm, Zoom Pastoral Council, 7:00pm, FJ</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Choir Rehearsal, 7:00pm, Church</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Mass, 8:00am Reflection on Sunday Scriptures, 8:30am, FJ CGS 1, 10:00-11:30pm, CK</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Reconciliation, 3:30-4:00pm, Church Mass, 4:30pm</p>
<p>13 - Palm Sunday</p> <p>Mass, 8:00am Pancake Breakfast, 8am-12pm, Cafeteria Mass, 10:30am Middle School YM, 6:30-7:45pm, CK Alpha, 6:30-7:45pm, CK</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Mass, 8:00am Rosary, 8:30am, Chapel Yoga, 8:45-9:45am, 101</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Seniors Club Mass & Luncheon, 10:00am, Church, FJ & MA</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Mass, 8:00am Reflection on Sunday Scriptures, 8:30am, FJ</p>	<p>17 - Holy Thursday</p> <p>Holy Thursday Mass, 7:00pm Altar of Repose following Mass</p>	<p>18 - Good Friday</p> <p>Good Friday Service, 7:00pm</p>	<p>19 - Holy Saturday</p> <p>Holy Saturday Mass, 8:00pm</p>
<p>20 - Easter Sunday</p> <p>Mass, 8:00am Mass, 10:30am</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Mass, 8:00am Rosary, 8:30am, Chapel Yoga, 8:45-9:45am, 101</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Stations of the Resurrection, 6:00pm, Church</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Mass, 8:00am Bible Study, 8:30am, FJ Bible Study, 7:00pm,</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Mass, 8:00am Reflection on Sunday Scriptures, 8:30am, FJ</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Reconciliation, 3:30-4:00pm, Church Mass, 4:30pm</p>
<p>27 - Fellowship Sunday</p> <p>Mass, 8:00am CGS 1, 2 & 3, 9:00-10:15am, CK Mass, 10:30am CGS 2/3, 1-2:30pm, CK</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Mass, 8:00am Rosary, 8:30am, Chapel CGS 2, 4:15-5:45, CK Finance Council, 6pm, FJ J4J Rehearsal, 7:00pm, Church</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Mass, 8:00am CGS 1, 2 & 3, 4:15-5:45pm, CK</p>			