

THE PIUS PRESS

The monthly newsletter of St. Pius X Parish Community

A Reflection from Fr. Paul

I suspect that all of us, at some time or another, find ourselves asking the question, “what is the meaning of life?” It might come at a pivotal point when we need to make a life-changing decision. Or maybe when there is an unexpected loss or tragedy. Or when what we are doing in life doesn’t seem to have the meaning it used to. It is a common part of what we call a “midlife crisis.” For those of us who believe in the Gospel, it can be experienced as a crisis of faith.

When someone comes to me and asks that question, I encourage them to tell me what is happening in their lives, to recount any recent changes or losses, etc. Then I suggest that maybe they are asking the wrong question. Instead of “what is the meaning of life?”, perhaps the better question would be, “What meaning can I give to my life?”

Why do I suggest that question?

First, it helps us realize that we have control over our lives and what gives it meaning. It is not outside of us. For example, one recently retired person, who felt life had no meaning, asked that question and in response began volunteering, both in tutoring ESL students and visiting a few elderly shut-ins on a regular basis. It was amazing to watch the change in that person’s demeanor as they gave meaning to their life by using their time and talents to help others.

Second, for those of us who are trying to live Gospel values, who have faith, it helps us put our faith into action. Faith isn’t just about me and Jesus and getting to heaven: it is about bringing his love and compassion to the world around us. That gives meaning both to our faith life and our life in general.

In this time between Christmas and Lent, I invite us to ask ourselves, “What meaning can I give to my life?” Then pay attention to what the Spirit might suggest to you.

Parish Updates

Fr. Paul Portland, SDS

Gift Sunday Thank You

I received the following from St. Vincent de Paul and would like to share it with you all:

“It is with heartfelt gratitude that I write you this email on behalf of the Central City St. Vincent de Paul Conferences that have been recipients of Christmas Gifts and gift cards from St. Pius X for many years. It is through donations from St. Pius X we were able to share your gifts with All Saints, St. Martin de Porres, Hands of Christ, and St. Francis St. Vincent de Paul Conferences; All Saints Meal site, St. Vincent de Paul Meal Program (10th and Madison), St. Francis of Assisi, and St. Anne Intergenerational Center. We received \$2,015 in gift cards and 7 large bags filled with gifts and personal care items.

Many of the people we provide assistance to share that often times these are the only gifts they or their children receive; and they are always extremely happy to share their excitement with our volunteers.

Sincere thanks to all of you for helping us continue to do the work God has called us to do.

Connie Misner, Society of St. Vincent de Paul Hands of Christ All Saints and St. Francis of Assisi Parish”

Card Sunday Thank You

Thank you to the Health Committee and all those who write Christmas cards for the homebound. One parishioner told me, “I read a couple every day and it brings the Christmas season alive for me.” The son of another parishioner told me that when he reads the cards to his mother, her eyes light up. As I visit the homebound, I get words of appreciation for the cards and often the plant is front and center in the room. It is a wonderful way of bringing Christ to those who cannot join us in person. THANK YOU for this ministry.

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Parish Updates, cont.

A Message from our Sister Parish

The pastor of our Sister Parish sent the following message to share with you:

“Here's to 2025—a year to thrive, grow, and shine. May your 2025 be full of love, light, and unforgettable moments. Wishing you the courage to chase your dreams and the wisdom to cherish your blessings. Here's to a New Year that's as brilliant as your aspirations. I wish you all the best and may almighty God bless you abundantly.
My regards,
Fr. Cuthbert“

Kingdom Prep High School Lease

Our current lease with Kingdom Prep Lutheran High School expires on June 30th. On January 9th, Dean Weyer, our Director of Operations and Finance, led a group of us in a meeting with representatives of the school to work out terms for a new lease. We were able to come to agreement and our lawyer is currently drafting a lease agreement for their review. I am pleased that it appears as though the school will continue here in the near future. They are doing a wonderful ministry that aligns very much with our values and goals. Please keep their staff and students in your prayers.

Volunteer Opportunity of the Month

Each month I am highlighting an opportunity for involvement in our community. This month it is **church environment**. There are two aspects of this that I am presenting. The first is to be willing to help when there is a call to change the liturgical environment (for example, from Advent to Christmas or Lent to Easter). This usually happens after the 10:30 am Mass and involves a half hour or so of time. Strong persons to carry things (like Christmas trees) are particularly needed. The announcement that a change will happen is always in a bulletin beforehand and announced that weekend.

The second is that we need someone to periodically mop/clean the church floor before weekend services, especially when the weather is bad. The person who has been doing it says it has been a valuable time to be alone with the Lord! For more information on this, please contact Dean Weyer in our office. These are wonderful ways to serve the community. Please consider helping out. Thank you.



Catholic Identity

Holly Cartier

My New Year started with the loss of people dear to me, as well as a couple of health scares. My mom used to say, “Life keeps us on our knees,” and this year is proving that to be true.

Just as I am wishing I could talk with my parents, I realize that I can talk to my heavenly Father, as His Son and our brother taught us... “Our Father who art in Heaven...” God has great things planned for us and holds us close. He wants us to be happy and not worry. We are told this over and over, both in the Old and New Testaments. “For I, the LORD your God, hold your right hand; it is I who say to you, ‘Do not fear, I will help you.’” (Isaiah 41:10) and again, “Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them.” (Matthew 6.26). I believe in the power of prayer to guide me during my time here on earth, through both the good and the difficult.

This is our Faith, this is our Catholic Identity.

Holly appreciates your comments at hcarts.hc@gmail.com.

Operations & Finance

Dean Weyer

Director of Operations & Finance

Finances

As is normally the case, with year-end & holiday giving and one of our quarterly Kingdom Prep rent checks, income in December was substantial (\$134,720). We're slightly ahead of pace to our budget through the first six months of our fiscal year. Our expenses are on pace to the budget. As for our parishioner giving, please see the table to the right.

What does that "substantial" December income cover? Well, some of our expenses this time of year include our:

- Annual property/liability insurance bill: \$29,281 (up \$3,690)
- Annual Arch assessment (based on last year's income): \$41,180.
- Average monthly payroll: about \$31,000
- Average monthly electricity bill: \$3,500
- Average monthly winter gas bill: \$6,500 - \$7,500

And so it goes. All this plus the many thousands spent in support of our numerous ministries. Blessings on your generosity!

Operations & Misc.

As you heard last month, we have added Nicole Blaser to the staff in the role of Administrative Assistant. Nicole is multi-talented and is already proving to be helpful to me and an asset to our operation.

The year-end tax letters acknowledging your 2024 donations to the parish will be mailed the last week of January. Please call me if you do not receive your letter or if there is an error.

FYI: 40+% of our donating families now utilize electronic funds transfer (EFT) and/or the (Vanco) online giving tool for their stewardship giving. This is a safe and easy way to donate. For more information, feel free to call me or visit www.stpiusparish.org/donate-now.html.

Is there something you'd like to know about our finances or operation? Send me an email or give me a call!

Stewardship of Treasure		
	Week Ending	Year To Date
	1/19/25	7/1/24-1/19/25
Envelope Donations:	\$12,181	\$237,970
Budgeted Amount:	<u>\$12,150</u>	<u>\$237,150</u>
Surplus (Deficit)	\$31	\$820

Pius Supports Catholic School Education!

We are in the middle of registration periods for Catholic schools for the 2025/26 school year. Do you have or want to place your child in a Catholic elementary school? Please be aware that we have funds to assist active, financially supportive St Pius X families who choose to send their child(ren) to a Catholic elementary school at another parish. Pius will cover any school's "non-parishioner tuition penalty"! Pius will also contribute \$3,000 toward Catholic high school tuition fees. Additional assistance may also be available for even the base tuition costs. PLEASE contact me directly for more information!

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Adult Faith Formation

Rob Hoffmann

Director of Adult Formation

Let's talk about Jubilee!

The Theme

The theme for this Jubilee is: "Pilgrims of Hope"



The following is what Pope Francis writes about hope in his official letter on the Jubilee.

"Everyone knows what it is to hope. In the heart of each person, **hope dwells as the desire and expectation of good things to come, despite our not knowing what the future may bring.**

Even so, uncertainty about the future may at times give rise to conflicting feelings, ranging from confident trust to apprehensiveness, from serenity to anxiety, from firm conviction to hesitation and doubt. Often we come across people who are discouraged, pessimistic and cynical about the future, as if nothing could possibly bring them happiness. For all of us, may the Jubilee be an opportunity to be renewed in hope. God's word helps us find reasons for that hope. Taking it as our guide, let us return to the message that the Apostle Paul wished to communicate to the Christians of Rome...Hope does not disappoint." (Rom 5:5)

So, how can I practice hope?

"Hope is the virtue that gives inward direction and purpose to the life of believers so that we may bear credible and attractive witness to the faith and love that dwell in our hearts; that our faith may be joyful and our charity enthusiastic; and that each of us may be able to offer **a smile, a small gesture of friendship, a kind look, a ready ear, a good deed, in the knowledge that, in the Spirit of Jesus, these can become, for those who receive them, rich seeds of hope.**" (Pope Francis)

How can I do a pilgrimage?

A pilgrimage is both an inner and outer journey. An inner pilgrimage to strengthen your faith and spirituality and an outer pilgrimage to destinations that sing of Christ.

Source: The quotes are from Pope Francis' official Jubilee letter, **Spes Non Conditit**.

Read the full document at www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/bulls/documents/20240509_spes-non-confundit_bolla-

Our St. Pius X community will join the universal church and begin this year as Pilgrims of Hope with:

- Faith and Wellness Circles: cleansing our minds, bodies and souls so we can be rejuvenated for the Jubilee year.
- Lenten programming focused on hope, mercy and reconciliation, beginning with an Ash Wednesday morning reflection, followed by weekly reflections.
- The Gospel of Luke Bible Study, looking to sacred scripture for hope and direction.
- Prayer for Peace services, Evenings of Reflection, Stations of the Cross and Resurrection services, Reconciliation services - all focused on hope.
- Information and opportunities to visit pilgrimage sites within our building, city, state, and world.
- Outreach and community engagement opportunities, expanding on what is a sacred pilgrimage site.

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Adult Faith Formation, cont.

The Logo

The logo shows four stylized figures, representing all of humanity, coming from the four corners of the earth. They embrace each other to indicate the solidarity and fraternity which should unite all peoples.

The figure at the front is holding onto the cross. It is not only the sign of the faith which this lead figure embraces, but also of hope, which can never be abandoned, because we are always in need of hope, especially in our moments of greatest need.

There are the rough waves under the figures, symbolizing the fact that life's pilgrimage does not always go smoothly in calm waters.

Often the circumstances of daily life and events in the wider world require a greater call to hope. That's why we should pay special attention to the lower part of the cross which has been elongated and turned into the shape of an anchor which is let down into the waves. The anchor is well known as a symbol of hope. In maritime jargon the 'anchor of hope' refers to the reserve anchor used by vessels involved in emergency maneuvers to stabilize the ship during storms.

It is worth noting that the image illustrates the pilgrim's journey not as an individual undertaking, but rather as something communal, marked by an increasing dynamism leading one ever closer to the cross. The cross in the logo is by no means static, but it is also dynamic. It bends down towards humanity, not leaving human beings alone, but stretching out to them to offer the certainty of its presence and the security of hope.


At the bottom of the logo is the motto of the 2025 Jubilee Year: Peregrinantes in Spem (Pilgrims in hope), represented in green letters.

Source: www.iubilaeum2025.va/en/giubileo-2025/logo.html





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SECTIO DE QUESTIONIBUS FUNDAMENTALIBUS
EVANGELIZATIONIS IN MUNDO





JUBILAEUM A. D. MCMXXV
PEREGRINANTES
IN SPEM

Christ King & St. Pius X Youth Ministry

Irene Tomasovic
Director of Youth Ministry

Join Youth Ministry at their upcoming events!

FUN FRIDAYS

Middle School Night, 4-5:15pm @ CK

Feb. 14	Valentine's Day Party	June 20	Water Balloon Fight
March 21	Minute to Win It (boys vs. girls)	July 11	Color War
April 25	Easter Scavenger Hunt	Aug. 29	Kickball
May 16	Giant Slip 'n Slide		

THURSDAY COMMUNITY NIGHTS

High School Night, 7-9pm @ JPll Room

Talk. Belong. Because that's what Community does. See old friends & make new friends. All high school students welcome.

Feb 20, March 20, April 24, May 15, June 19, July 10, & August 28

SUMMER MISSION TRIPS

A mission trip is an opportunity to transform a community and be transformed! Join us and 300+ other teens as we repair homes, serve the poor, worship, learn, and grow closer to Jesus Christ!

>> Middle School: June 16-June 19, Mequon, WI

\$150 (no fundraising), open to current 6-8th grade students.

>> High School: June 24-29 • Nashville, TN

\$300 (with fundraising), open to current 8-12th grade students.



Visit our website for more details and to register!

ENCOUNTER NIGHT

A night of prayer and fellowship for youth ministry families - bring your siblings and parents!

March 16
6:30 - 7:45 pm
St. Pius X

www.christkingparish.org/grow



MISSION TRIP INFO

DONUTS & DETAILS INFORMATION MEETING
SUN. FEB. 2, 9:15AM • CHRIST KING PARISH CENTER



Saint Pius X & Christ King Youth Ministry

Questions? Irene Tomasovic • 414-258-2604 • tomasovici@christkingparish.org

Programs & Events Around the Parish

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.

Open Doors Pius

Dates: Saturday, February 8th & Sunday, February 9th

Times: Directly after each Mass

Location: Meet at the foot of the altar steps

Was our building really once a Guernsey dairy?

What is the meaning of the Latin phrase above the Crucifix?

How do you get to the Francis Jordan and Mary of the Apostle rooms?

Whether you're a new parishioner or have been here for years, learn more about our parish at Open Doors Pius! During the tour, your guide will talk about the history of our parish, explain various elements in the church and will show you where rooms such as the library and chapel are located.

And you don't have to worry, you'll be done in time to still enjoy donuts and fellowship on Sunday!

Seniors Mass & Luncheon

Date: Tuesday, February 18th

Time: 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Location: Church & the Francis Jordan & Mary of the Apostles rooms

Join us for Mass in church at 10:00 am, followed by a guest speaker (TBA) and a delicious lunch! Watch for more information in upcoming bulletins!

Book Club

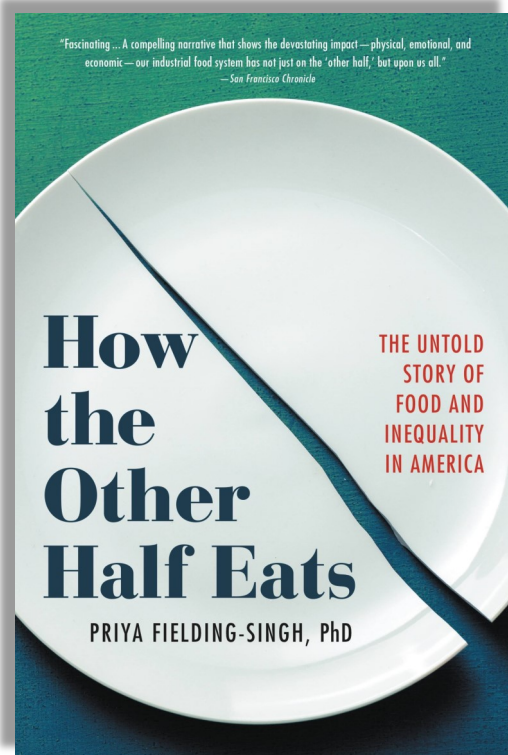
Dates: February 23rd and March 9th

Time: Between the Sunday Masses (9:15-10:15 am)

Location: In the cafeteria during Fellowship

Join the Justice & Peace Commission for a book discussion pertaining to the topic of *food insecurity*. The book is entitled, "How the Other Half Eats", by Priya Fielding-Singh. Copies will be available in the back of church; more will be provided as is necessary.

We hope you will take the opportunity to read this insightful book and join in the discussions! Contact Rob in the parish office with any questions. To sign up, visit bit.ly/4fEFos5, scan the QR code or call the parish office at (414) 453-3875.



Stewardship

Sue Haertel

Well Update

There's a newly completed well in Keakea & it's making a big difference for those that live there! Below is a letter I received from Dr. James Nyangas, the president of Safe Water for Life & Dignity (SWLD) about the new well.

Dear Madam Sue and all,

I'm writing to let you know that SWLD has successfully completed the St. Pius X Living Water Project in the Keakea community, which is about 35 kilometers east of Morogoro. Currently, approximately 700 people use this well, with the majority of them being small-holder farmers.

From their former sources, they got an inadequate quantity of water, which was being used primarily for cooking and drinking. On average, one household required around 120 liters each day. However, even after going through a lot of difficulty, they were only able to get less than 50 liters of water every day because of the scarcity. Frequently, individuals were forced to walk a long distance to get water for domestic purposes. Recognizing this circumstance, SWLD decided to support this community with Living Water Project funding.

The good news is that we finished the well a few days ago and turned it over to the community. This well has substantially improved everyone's living conditions in the village. Villagers consider it like a dream come true. During the turning over ceremony, the villagers gathered in huge numbers to thank everyone at Pius for your generous financial contributions. From SWLD, we extend our gratitude for your ongoing assistance.

*Thank you very much,
Dr. James Nyangas*



*It's always a joyous occasion when a well is completed!
Dr. James celebrates with the villagers of KeaKea!*

Health Ministry

Pat Bruce

Impact 211

IMPACT 211 provides a central access point for people who need help and/or community resources. During times of personal crisis or community disaster, the free, confidential helpline and online resource directory make it easy for residents of Southeastern Wisconsin to get connected to information and assistance. In Milwaukee, Waukesha, Kenosha, Racine, Ozaukee, Washington, Dodge, Jefferson, and Walworth counties, help is available by simply dialing 211. Or, you can text your ZIP Code to TXT-211 (898-211) and IMPACT 211 will respond promptly. You may also chat live at www.impactinc.org/impact-211 with a Community Resource Specialist. If you're out of the area or if your carrier does not recognize the three-digit number, call (877) 947-221 toll free. On the website, you can access the IMPACT 211 resource directory, an online guide to family, health, and social services in your area. 211 can connect you to information and resources throughout Wisconsin and other parts of the country.

IMPACT 211 is also the "front door" for people who are homeless or who are at risk for homelessness; they work to ensure that all people experiencing a housing crisis have fair and equitable access and are quickly identified, assessed for, and connected to housing and other services based on their strengths and needs.

IMPACT is a private non-profit organization that has served Southeastern Wisconsin since 1960. They help people take the first step toward changing their life, for good. They assess and guide those experiencing personal crisis toward resources to achieve stability; and collaborate with community partners to foster system improvement. They do this through:

- Comprehensive assessment of complex problems
- Expert navigation and connection to appropriate resources
- Collection, analysis and interpretation of data
- Implementation of research-based planning and process evaluation

Visit www.impactinc.org for more information.

Save the Date for *Stepping On*

Stepping On, a workshop to stay strong and prevent falls is back through the Wauwatosa Health Department! The workshop will be on Wednesdays from April 2nd to May 14th, 2025 from 9:30 - 11:30 am at Hart Park Senior Center. This program is proven to reduce falls by 31%! Space is limited. Contact the Tosa Health Department at (414) 479-8936 to register and with questions. Voluntary donations accepted.

Justice & Peace

Joan Quinn

Food Sunday Thank you

Our thanks to all parishioners who generously contributed to the Advent Food Sunday. We collected over 600 pounds of food for the Hunger Task Force which will certainly make a difference in the lives of many. Pius Parishioners Always Come Through!!

Gala Invite

The Justice & Peace Commission invites you to MacCanon Brown's Transforming Lives Gala on Saturday, March 1st at 5:00 pm at the Hilton Hotel City Center. St. Pius X has been a long-time supporter of MacCanon Brown and the transformational work she and her team have been doing in the 53206 zip code. The evening will include a silent auction, delicious dinner followed by a program highlighting the many successes of the Sanctuary. The cost is \$125 per person and financial assistance is available if needed. Please contact Joan Quinn (414-736-2516) or John Pandl (262-442-9451) if you have questions or are interested in attending. We hope you'll join us!

Looking Ahead

We will be providing detailed information on the Great Grocery Challenge later in February. It will be a chance to experience what it is like to eat on a SNAP (food stamp) budget. Our hope is that it might be a meaningful Lenten experience for you and your family.



St. Pius X Parish Community

February 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Key 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</p>						<p>1 Reconciliation 3:30-4:00pm, Church Mass 4:30pm</p>
<p>2 - Fellowship Sunday Mass, 8:00am CGS 1, 2 & 3, 9-10:15am, CK The Saints, 9:15-10:15am, FJ Mass, 10:30am Faith & Wellness Circles, 11:30am, FJ CGS 2/3, 1-2:30pm, CK Middle School YM, 6:30-7:45pm, CK High School YM & Alpha, 6:30-7:45pm, CK</p>	<p>3 Mass, 8:00am Rosary, 8:30am, Chapel Yoga, 8:30-9:30am, 101 CGS 2, 4:15-5:45, CK Liturgy Commission, 6:00pm, FJ</p>	<p>4 Seniors Club Board Mtg., 10:30am, MA Health Ministry, 6:00pm, Zoom</p>	<p>5 Mass, 8:00am CGS 1, 2 & 3, 4:15-5:45pm, CK Faith & Wellness Circles, 6:00pm, Zoom Formation & Evangelization, 7:00pm, FJ</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7 Mass, 8:00am Reflection on Sunday Scriptures, 8:30am, FJ CGS 1, 10:00-11:30pm, CK</p>	<p>8 Reconciliation 3:30-4:00pm, Church Mass 4:30pm</p>
<p>9 Mass, 8:00am Pancake Breakfast, 8am-12pm, Cafeteria CGS 1, 2 & 3, 9-10:15am, CK The Saints, 9:15-10:15am, FJ Mass, 10:30am Faith & Wellness Circles, 11:30am, FJ CGS 2/3, 1-2:30pm, CK</p>	<p>10 Mass, 8:00am Rosary, 8:30am, Chapel Yoga, 8:30-9:30am, 101 CGS 2, 4:15-5:45, CK J4J Rehearsal, 7:00pm, Church</p>	<p>11 Health Ministry, 6:00pm, Zoom Justice & Peace, 7:00pm, FJ</p>	<p>12 Mass, 8:00am CGS 1, 2 & 3, 4:15-5:45pm, CK Faith & Wellness Circles, 6:00pm, Zoom Pastoral Council, 7:00pm, FJ</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14 Mass, 8:00am Reflection on Sunday Scriptures, 8:30am, FJ CGS 1, 10:00-11:30pm, CK</p>	<p>15 Reconciliation 3:30-4:00pm, Church Mass 4:30pm</p>
<p>16 - Fellowship Sunday Mass, 8:00am CGS 1, 2 & 3, 9-10:15am, CK The Saints, 9:15-10:15am, FJ Mass, 10:30am Faith & Wellness Circles, 11:30am, FJ Baptism Class, 11:30am-1:00pm, MA CGS 2/3, 1-2:30pm, CK Middle School YM, 6:30-7:45pm, CK High School YM & Alpha, 6:30-7:45pm, CK</p>	<p>17 Mass, 8:00am Rosary, 8:30am, Chapel Yoga, 8:30-9:30am, 101 CGS 2, 4:15-5:45, CK</p>	<p>18 Seniors Club Mass & Luncheon, 10:00am, Church, FJ & MA</p>	<p>19 Mass, 8:00am CGS 1, 2 & 3, 4:15-5:45pm, CK Faith & Wellness Circles, 6:00pm, Zoom</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21 Mass, 8:00am Reflection on Sunday Scriptures, 8:30am, FJ CGS 1, 10:00-11:30pm, CK</p>	<p>22 Reconciliation 3:30-4:00pm, Church Mass 4:30pm</p>
<p>23 - Fellowship Sunday Mass, 8:00am The Saints, 9:15-10:15am, FJ Mass, 10:30am Faith & Wellness Circles, 11:30am, FJ CGS Sacramental Prep 11:45am-1:45pm, CK Middle School YM, 4:30-5:45pm, CK High School YM & Alpha, 6:30-7:45pm, CK</p>	<p>24 Mass, 8:00am Rosary, 8:30am, Chapel Yoga, 8:30-9:30am, 101 Stewardship, 5:00pm, FJ Finance Council, 6:00pm, FJ</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26 Mass, 8:00am Faith & Wellness Circles, 6:00pm, Zoom</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28 Mass, 8:00am Reflection on Sunday Scriptures, 8:30am, FJ</p>	