# St. Pius X Parish Community



After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers. - Lk 2:46-47

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

# **Mass Schedule**

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8:00 am Saturday 5:00 pm **Sunday** 8:00 & 10:30 am

## **Mission Statement**

The mission of St. Pius X Catholic Community is to nurture, deepen, celebrate and live out our identity as an apostolic community, a people who are called, gifted and sent by our God.

Served by the Society of the Divine Savior (Salvatorians).

# December 26, 2021



2506 Wauwatosa Ave Wauwatosa, WI 53213 (414) 453-3875 www.stpiusparish.org

#### Parish Office Hours

Monday - Thursday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm Friday 9:00 - noon

**Reconciliation** 

Saturday from 4:00 - 4:30 pm in the chapel or contact Fr. Paul to schedule an appointment.

#### Anointing of the Sick & Hospital Visits

Contact Fr. Paul to schedule an anointing or visit.

#### Baptisms

Baptism preparation classes are held every three months. Contact the St. Pius X parish office for information.

#### Weddings

Preparation must begin six months prior to the planned wedding date. Contact Fr. Paul for more information.

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#### Welcome to St. Pius X!

Whether you are new to the area or visiting from another parish, welcome to our faith community! If you wish to become a member of our parish family, please take a "New Membership" packet available in the church lobby, call the parish office at (414) 453-3875 or visit <u>www.stpiusparish.org/im-new.html</u>.

# Hearing Assistance Available

St. Pius X is one of the few parishes that offer the Hearing Loop. Unfortunately, not everyone who needs it is aware that we have it.

Here's how it works. If you have hearing aids or a cochlear implant with the telecoil or "T" coil, flip the switch and you will have the spoken word of the priest or the music fed directly into your hearing aid, eliminating background noise. If your hearing aid does not have the telecoil or "T" coil, it can be added.

If you do not have hearing aids, headphones are located in the back of church next to the "wailing wall," in order to get access to the Hearing Loop (ask the hospitality ministers if you are unable to find them).

Headphones can also be purchased at <u>https://amzn.to/3oxruzG</u> and can be used in a variety of other venues such as theaters and libraries. For a list of Hearing Loop Installations in Wisconsin visit <u>https://bit.ly/3lqKWpF</u>.

#### Milwaukee County Energy Assistance is Just a Phone Call or Web Visit Away!

Through the Wisconsin Home Energy Assistance Program, qualified Milwaukee County Residents receive funding to make your heating and electric bills more affordable. Call (414) 270-4653 or visit <u>keepwarmmke.org</u> to make an appointment.

# MacCanon Brown Homeless Sanctuary

The number of guests being served is on the rise and they could use your help! Your donations will help supply them with general household goods, keep them warm this winter and help them transport the bags of food they receive from the sanctuary.

#### **Donation requests:**

- Toilet paper
- Shampoo
- Baby wipes
- Full, queen & king sheets
- All sizes of towels
- Men's boxer shorts (L, XL & XXL)
- Men's winter coats (L, XL & XXL)
- Men's hats & gloves
- Space heaters
- Crockpots
- Toaster ovens
- Microwaves
- Electric skillets
- Large suitcases with wheels
- Small shopping carts
- Wagons & strollers

Donations can be dropped off in the back of church, delivered to the parish office, or call parishioner Althea Lillie to schedule a pick up at (414) 708-7225 or (414) 774-7882. General clothing donations are not being accepted at this time.

## Ministry Schedule

December 31<sup>st</sup> Due to the early publication deadline, January 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> are not listed.

#### **Eucharistic Minister**

Fri 31<sup>st</sup> 4:30 pm TBA

Lector

Fri 31<sup>st</sup> 4:30 pm Greg Dunlop

Cantor

Fri 31<sup>st</sup> 4:30 pm Sue Haertel

#### **Ministers of Hospitality**

Fri 31<sup>st</sup> 4:30 pm Dennis & Donna Mathews

#### **Mass Intentions**

Monday, December 27<sup>th</sup>

8:00 am Living & deceased members of the Kobasic family

Wednesday, December 29<sup>th</sup> 8:00 am † Kathlene Malone

Friday, December 31st8:00 amIntention of Donor4:30 pm† Margaret Doyle

Saturday, January 1<sup>st</sup> 5:00 pm † Dr. Andrew Dauer

## Sunday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>

8:00 am Parishioners 10:30 am † Kathlene Malone

#### **Parish Office Closed**

In celebration of New Year's, the parish office will be closed December 31<sup>st</sup>.

The office staff would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year!

#### Early Bulletin Deadlines for January

If you wish to submit articles for upcoming bulletins, please note the early deadline listed below.

Articles are due at 10:00 am on the posted date to Terese in the parish office.

- January 30<sup>th</sup> due Wednesday, January 12<sup>th</sup>
- February 6<sup>th</sup> due Wednesday, January 12<sup>th</sup>

## This Week at Pius

Monday, December 27<sup>th</sup> 8:00 am Mass

Wednesday, December 29<sup>th</sup> 8:00 am Mass

Thursday, December 30<sup>th</sup>6:45 pmCantor Rehearsal (Church)7:15 pmCelebration Choir Rehearsal (Church)

#### Friday, December 31<sup>st</sup>

Parish office closed8:00 amMass4:30 pmMass for Mary, Mother of the Church

Saturday, January 1st5:00 pmMass for the Epiphany

Sunday, January 2nd8:00 amMass for the Epiphany10:30 amMass for the Epiphany

For more events visit www.stpiusparish.org/parish-calendar.html.

#### **Job Openings**

#### Principal

#### Wauwatosa Catholic School

Wauwatosa School, sponsored by St. Pius X and St. Bernard Parishes, is looking for a principal. The qualified candidate will serve as the spiritual and educational leader in the school and support our mission. For more information visit <u>www.archmil.org/Jobs-2.0/</u> <u>Principal--Wauwatosa-Catholic-School.htm</u>.

#### Substitute Teacher Wauwatosa Catholic School

Make a difference at Wauwatosa Catholic School by becoming a substitute teacher! Please contact the school office at (414) 258-9977 if you are interested.

# Executive Assistant/Office Administrator Salvatorian USA Provincial Office

This position includes performing general office tasks, file management, hospitality, and high-level administrative assistance to province administrators. Essential skills include computer competency, detail-oriented, and knowledge of Catholic-Christian faith, terminology and organizational systems, preferably including experience with religious orders.

This is a full-time position offering generous benefits. Review the complete job description at <u>https://bit.ly/job-SDS-M</u>. To apply, send your cover letter and resume to <u>Sue@Salvatorians.com</u> by January  $4^{th}$ , 2022.

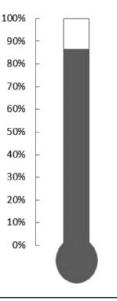
# 2022 Stewardship Pledge Campaign

# We are now at 87% of our campaign goal (as of December 15<sup>th</sup>)!

Thank you to the 200 families (out of 421) who have committed to this campaign.

If you have not yet returned your commitment card, please return it to the parish office or place it in the collection basket in the back of church as soon as possible.

For more information or to pledge online visit <u>www.stpiusparish.org/</u> <u>stewardship.html</u>. Contact the parish office if you need another card.



#### Thank you!

#### Fellowship Sundays are Coming Back Soon!

2022 is almost here! We hope to start up fellowship and donuts once again after Sunday morning Masses early next year, depending on Covid of course. This tradition has been sorely missed during the last 22 months.

We will need your help to make this happen! Could you help one Sunday a month? Training will be provided. There are two shift times to choose from:

- 1. Early Shift: Come in around 7:30 am to prepare the cafeteria before the 8:00 am Mass (which you can attend) and stay until everyone has left the cafeteria after the 8:00 am Mass.
- 2. Late Shift: Come in shortly before the 10:30 am Mass ends (Fr. Paul will let you leave Mass early), prepare for fellowship, and clean up afterwards.

This is a great opportunity for families and for students to get in their volunteer hours. We'd love to see some new faces volunteering!

If you would like to help, there is a sign up list on a table in the back of church, visit <u>https://bit.ly/Volunteer4Fellowship</u> or call the parish office at (414) 453-3875.

#### Tanzanian Encounter 2022

Dates: July 1<sup>st</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022

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

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

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

# **Upcoming Holy Day Liturgies**

Mass of Anticipation for the Feast of Mary, the Mother of God Friday, December 31<sup>st</sup> 4:30 pm

Mass for the Feast of the Epiphany Saturday, January 1<sup>st</sup> 5:00 pm

Sunday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> 8:00 am 10:30 am

#### **Skate Night**

Date: Saturday, January 29<sup>th</sup> Time: 6:00 - 9:00 pm Location: St. Pius X gym Cost: \$5 per person, \$1 discount if you bring your own skates (no in-line, Sketchers or Heelys skates allowed)

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

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

# Have you recently moved or changed your email address?

Let us know by doing the following:

- Update your contact information in our records by emailing Terese at <u>tneureuther@stpiusparish.org</u>, or visit <u>www.stpiusparish.org/parishioner-</u> information-update.html
- 2. To continue getting emails from us, click "update your preferences" at the bottom of our weekly emails to change your email address.

Thank you!

# A Letter From Fr. Paul

This weekend we have two feasts back-to-back: Saturday we celebrate Christmas, the birth of our Savior, and Sunday we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family. The two feasts complement each other very well.

At Christmas, we celebrate that Jesus Christ came and "made His dwelling among us." The literal translation is that he "pitched His tent among us." It was dangerous to be out in the desert alone. As a result, the people would pitch their tents together, so that they could protect one another. In other words, Jesus threw His lot in with us.

But to do that, to become a human being and pitch His tent among us, He needed the assistance of Mary and Joseph. Mary needed to say, "be it done unto me according to your word." Joseph had to be open to God's plan and cooperate by taking Mary and the child Jesus into his home, protecting them so that Jesus could "advance in wisdom and age and favor before God and people." It was in the context of the Holy Family that Jesus grew and developed, until His hour came to begin His mission.

Christ wants to bring His goodness and mercy into our world today. But, as He needed the cooperation of Mary and Joseph when He first came, He needs our cooperation today. When I can be forgiving and compassionate to someone who hurts me, the light of Christ shines brighter in our world. When I can take time to visit someone who is homebound and lonely, the light of Christ shines brighter for that person and in the world. When I can share the many blessings that God has given me to help those less fortunate, the light of Christ burns brightly. And so on and so on.

As we celebrate Christmas, I invite us to consciously recommit ourselves to bringing the light of Christ into the world by our words and actions. Then we will be making Christmas happen here and now, instead of simply remembering something that happened a long time ago.

Instead of a church sign, I end with a poem that Marcelina Agbius composed and shared with me in her Christmas card:

> How special the moment that comes our way. The "now" that we have that God gave away. It'll not linger for very long. So, dare not waste it. Breathe in and share its wonder, every last bit. Life is a miracle, we unwrap each day. The gift that keeps giving in every possible way.

May each of you have a blessed Christmas. Buon Natale! Feliz Navidad! Frohe Weihnachten! Merry Christmas!

# Finance Corner as of December 12, 2021

Parish Contributions	Weekly	Fiscal YTD
Actual Contributions	\$4,699	\$163,651
Budgeted Contributions	\$4,650	\$163,150
Over (Under) Budget	\$49	\$501

These numbers are behind a week due to the early publishing deadline.

Scan with your phone to be directed to our online giving page:



## 2021 Contributions

As a reminder, IRS regulations dictate that contributions for the calendar year 2021 must be received by December 31<sup>st</sup>, or in an envelope postmarked no later than December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021.

The last day of the year that the parish office will be open is Thursday, December  $30^{th}$  (closing at 3:00 pm). You may also drop off your donation in the black mailbox to the right of the parish office doors or in the collection basket any weekend in December or at the 4:30 pm Mass on December  $31^{st}$ .

A check dated December 31<sup>st</sup> or earlier, but not in the parish's possession or in a valid postmarked envelope, and received by the parish office on January 1<sup>st</sup> or later, is a 2022 contribution.

Thank you for your faithful stewardship!



