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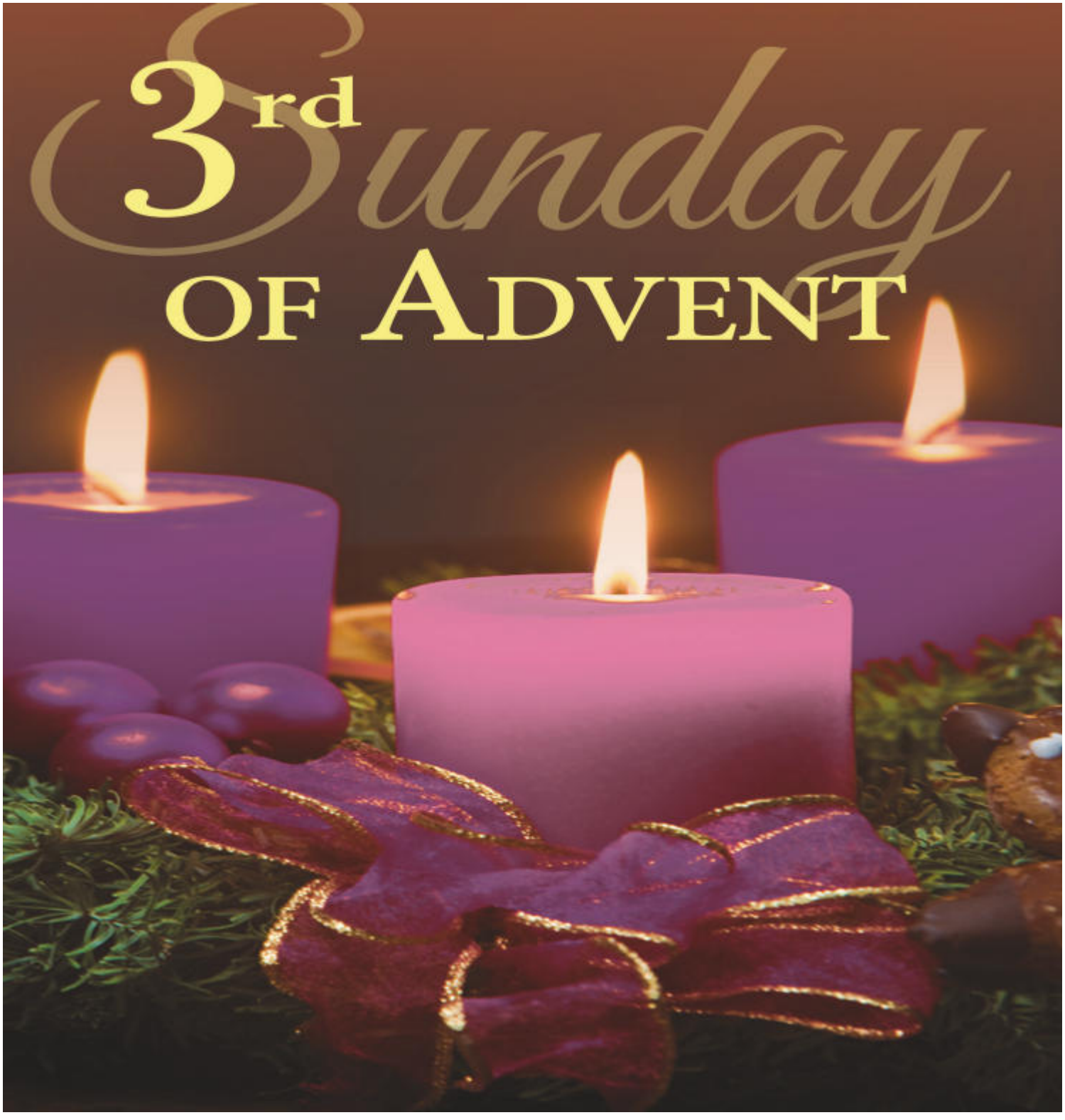

Father Russ

Prepare the way of the Lord

During the Advent season, John the Baptist encourages us to prepare the way of the Lord. And so we engage in the spiritual practice of preparing the manger of our hearts. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is a good tool for us to utilize in order to prepare the way of the Lord. To this end, I want to make note for you the opportunities there will be for the Sacrament of Reconciliation at St. Pius. Of course I am always available for the Sacrament before the Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday morning 8am Masses from 7:30am till 7:55am, Saturday before the 4pm Mass at 3:00pm. **In addition to these normal times, I will be available for the Sacrament on Thursday, December 17th from 10:00am till 12:00 noon and Sunday December 20th from 4:00pm till 6:00pm.**

Catholic Ministries Appeal

2020 Goal $73,800

Pledged & Received $69,235

94% of goal

Participants 273

AS OF 12/7/20

2020 Catholic Ministries Appeal

CMA Up Date for St. Pius

Please know it is not how much one contributes but if we have enough participation to meet our goal. Please consider a contribution to the 2020 Catholic Ministries Appeal so the Diocese may continue the offices of ministry that support our parishes. And also, thank you for your generosity during these times of Pandemic. Let us pray for one another. Stay safe, stay well. God bless.

Sacramental Life

In Sympathy

Our Deepest Sympathies

Please remember in your prayers,

Parishioner:

Dorothy Berg+

May Dorothy and all the souls of the faithfully departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

In Sympathy

Our Deepest Sympathies

Please remember in your prayers,

Judith Holappa+

Mother of Parishioner: Sherri McMeeking

May Judith and all the souls of the faithfully departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Parish Life

Did you know that you can support the Parish when you shop?

When you shop on amazon, make sure you log in to smile.amazon.com rather than amazon.com! You can select St. Pius X then each time you make a regular purchase a small portion of your purchase will come back to St. Pius X.

With Scrip, you purchase gift cards for grocery stores, gas stations, department stores, or restaurants at cost. With each gift card purchased, a percentage of your purchase is given back to our parish, at no extra cost to you. Here is the link to sign up or find more information: **https://www.rcsmn.org/about/scrip/scrip-registration-form.**

Scrip hours have been updated for December due to increased COVID-19 cases in the community and concerns within our school population. Visit the RCS website for more information and to view hours.

Communion Distribution Update

St. Pius X continues to offer **communion distribution** <u>following the 10 am Mass</u>. Updates posted to the Minnesota Department of Health website require occupants of vehicles participating in drive up activities to be masked if their window is open. Please leave your mask on as you receive communion. You may then pull forward and remove your mask to consume the Body of Christ.

<u>Holiday Mass Schedule</u>

Pre-registration will be required for all Masses below. You may register online or by calling the parish office at 288-8238.

Christmas Eve	Thur, 12/24	1pm - (FULL) 4pm - (FULL) 7pm - (OPEN)
Christmas Day	Fri, 12/25	9:30am (OPEN)
New Year's Day	Fri, 1/1	8:00am (OPEN)

Holiday Mass Registration

Please join us for Mass at St. Pius X this holiday season. We anticipate having a waiting list for some of these Masses. If your plans should change and you are no longer able to attend due to illness, travel, or other circumstances, please let us know so we can accommodate those on the waiting list. Registration is available on the St. Pius website. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the parish office at 288-8238.

Church of St. Pius X Schedule

	Mass		Reconciliation	Indivdual Prayer
Monday				9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Tuesday	8:00 AM	Public and Livestreamed	7:30 - 7:55 AM	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Wednesday	9:15 AM (school only)	Livestreamed		10:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Thursday	8:00 AM	Public and Livestreamed	7:30 - 7:55 AM	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Friday	8:00 AM	Public and Livestreamed	7:30 - 7:55 AM	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Saturday	4:00 PM	Public	3:00 - 3:45 PM	
Sunday	8:00 AM 10:00 AM	Public and Livestreamed		

Weekend Mass Registration

Registration is required at all weekend Masses. If you do not have online access to registration, please contact the parish office to register over the phone.

Parish Staff

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Friday _____ 8:00am - 4:00pm
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Dave Jenson _____ 282-5161
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Knights of Columbus Council 14574
Mike Timm, Grand Knight _____ 507-261-6053

Mass Intentions

Monday, December 14, 2020
NO MASS

Tuesday, December 15, 2020
8:00 am IHM Prayer Group/Richard Ejich+

Wednesday, December 16, 2020
9:15 am Jeanette Carlson+/ Bob Ryan+

Thursday, December 17, 2020
8:00 am Edward Warren+/Jim Hausman+

Friday, December 18, 2020
8:00 am Elaine McCleary+/Susan McConnell+

Saturday, December 19, 2020
4:00 pm Cyril+, Brian+ & Shawn+ Horihan/
Joe+ & Jan+ Cerney

Sunday, December 20, 2020
8:00 am Bob Freiermuth+/Jim Howland+
10:00 am James Bawek+

Society of St Vincent de Paul

St Pius Vincentians thank you for your prayers and support during these uncertain times. We continue to help our friends in need as usual, but our visits are over the phone and not in person, though we are able to deliver food and vouchers to their doors, in addition to providing spiritual support and friendship, including follow-up calls. In October, we made 24 virtual visits, helped 61 people with $2552 for rent, $754 utilities, $1614 car repair, $163 phone, $300 plane tickets, and $230 clothing. Plus we provided In Kind goods valued at $220 for clothes and $1800 in furniture and kitchen ware. We want to wholeheartedly say THANK YOU for your generous donations that allow us to keep helping those in need.

Questions or information: call Bill Doucette 254-9991 or Bill Kleis 251-6095.

Advent Discussion: Peace and Hope for the World
This Advent, all are invited to consider ways to build a more hopeful, just, and peaceful world through discussion of Pope Francis' new encyclical: "Frattelli Tutti" Fraternity and Social Friendship. Discussion sessions will be offered via zoom on the following date and times:

Tuesday - December 15 at 10:00 AM
Thursday - December 17 at 7:00 PM

The encyclical may be found on the Vatican's website: http://www.vatican.va/content/vatican/en.html. Please contact Mary Nowakowski 280-0638 ext 3006 at Holy Spirit Church to register.

Rochester Rosary Rallies
Please join us on the remaining seven Sundays of 2020 (December 13, 20, & 27) for the continuation of the Rochester Rosary Rallies; this time praying the Patriotic Rosary. These rallies will be held near the Rochester Government Center at the corner of 4th St. SE and 3rd Ave. SE at 3:00 PM, the Divine Mercy Hour. If you are ever unable to join us physically, please consider joining us spiritually by praying a Holy Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet from wherever you are. Questions: Contact Mary Amiot at mamiot@hotmail.com or 507-287-6481 or Janela Hubka at 507-282-6090 or daveandjanela@gmail.com.

An Advent Prayer

Lord God, we adore you because you have
come to us in the past.
You have spoken to us in the Law of Israel.
You have challenged us in the words of
the prophets.
You have shown us in Jesus what you are really like.
Lord God, we adore you because you still
come to us now.
You come to us through other people and
their love and concern for us.
You come to us through men and women
who need our help.
You come to us as we worship you with your people.
Lord God, we adore you because you will
come to us at the end.
You will be with us at the hour of death.
You will still reign supreme when all
human institutions fail.
You will still be God when our history has
run its course.
We welcome you, the God who comes.
Come to us now in the power of
Jesus Christ our Lord.

ROCHESTER CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Principal's Message

"Building" is a theme that is ever present at St. Pius X School. Every day, each member of our school community is taking part in an invitation to build the Kingdom of God through their interactions with one another. We learn about the Saint of the Day every morning, and our front entry has the mantra, "We are Saints in the Making" because building character upon a faith-filled foundation is at the root of who we are as a Catholic school.

During Advent, our anticipation for the celebration of Christ's birth and the building excitement of the joys of Christmas increase each day. The customs and traditions we share are an integral part of our culture, and these unique facets of our Christmas season are what build such wonderful family memories. Finally, our Kindergarten class literally built gingerbread houses last week after learning about engineers and structures!

May God be with you always,
Dave Jenson
St. Pius X Principal

LHS MUSIC BOOSTER FUNDRAISER
We are so grateful for such great support. With the inability to hold our annual fruit fundraiser - here's a different way to support the LHS Music department this year. Zumbro Valley Christmas Trees is a RCS family owned tree farm with Fraser Fir, Spruce, and Pine varieties. During the month of December, mention the Lourdes High School Music Booster fundraiser and Zumbro Valley Christmas Trees will donate $10 of your tree purchase to help support the LHS Music Department.

Zumbro Valley Christmas Trees,
58588 County Rd 7
Zumbro Falls, MN 55991
15 minutes north of Rochester, near Camp Victory
Open 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Saturdays and Sundays
December 5 - December 22

Health Office Nurse
There are two opportunities available for employment in the Rochester Catholic School Health Offices. These positions are both part-time and would cover multiple Catholic School Buildings. For more information, please look on the Rochester Public Schools website under careers.

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 13, 2020

SUN **12/13**	Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 51-54 [Is 61:10b]/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28
MON **12/14**	Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [4]/Mt 21:23-27
TUE **12/15**	Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23 [7a]/Mt 21:28-32
WED **12/16**	Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [Is 45:8]/ Lk 7:18b-23
THR **12/17**	Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:1-17
FRI **12/18**	Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:18-25
SAT **12/19**	Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17 [cf. 8]/Lk 1:5-25
SUN **12/20**	2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [2a]/ Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 13, 2020

Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Advent

Monday: St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Next Sunday: 4th Sunday of Advent

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

What gives you joy? Joy is discovered when we connect with something or someone very deeply and experience a dimension of ourselves that material or secular possessions cannot bring. Joy is stumbled upon when we see our newly born child for the first time, get caught up in the vastness of a mountain landscape, and are led out into infinity gazing at an ocean's horizon, or being lovingly present with someone when they are vulnerable and in need. Joy is a profound experience that in its uniqueness grounds us in ultimate truth. Did you know that all authentic, profound, and memorable moments of joy mirror the eternal joy we desire from God? We can have glimpses of this eternal Divine joy as we embark upon our earthly journey, mirrored in our human connections with joy, but experienced directly during moments of deep prayer. God is the joy of my soul. Ponder those intense words! You will know moments of true and real joy by paying attention to your response to the experience. You will find yourself rejoicing and saying thank you.

The desire for God is written in the human heart.

Parish Life

First Reconciliation

Congratulations to our young ones who received God's grace and forgiveness in the sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. We invite you to join us at St. Pius X for confession this Advent season, even if it's been a while. May the joy and peace of this Advent season prepare you for Christ's coming at Christmas.

2020 Donations

If you would like to make sure donations are reflected on your 2020 giving, envelopes must be post marked no later than December 31, 2020. Any donations received after December 31, 2020 will be credited to your 2021 statement. 2020 tax statements will be available via mail, email or may be picked up at the parish office. Please contact the office at 288-8238 to request your statement.

Holiday Bulletin Deadlines

December 20 Bulletin —- Deadline … Monday 12/14
December 27 Bulletin —- Deadline … Friday 12/18
January 3 Bulletin —- Deadline … Monday 12/28

Advent at St. Pius X

Christmas Flowers

All Christmas flower memorials are due to the parish office by Wednesday, December 16th. Donations can be made online at *https://piusx.weshareonline.org/ChristmasFlowers*

St Pius X Advent Giving Tree

This year the Virtual Advent Giving Tree will be supporting Birthright and The Landing, MN. The giving tree website will provide links to a registry generated by each charity that will help support their mission. Items selected from the registries can be delivered directly to the organization. Visit the St. Pius website or scan the QR code for a direct link to the Giving Tree website.

SCAN ME

Adopt a Family

Partnering with the St. Vincent de Paul society, we will again assist those in need at Christmas time. This year we would like to offer gift cards in place of gifts. Your donation may be dropped in the offering boxes in each of the church entrances or at the parish office. Please call 288-8238 if you have any questions.

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