

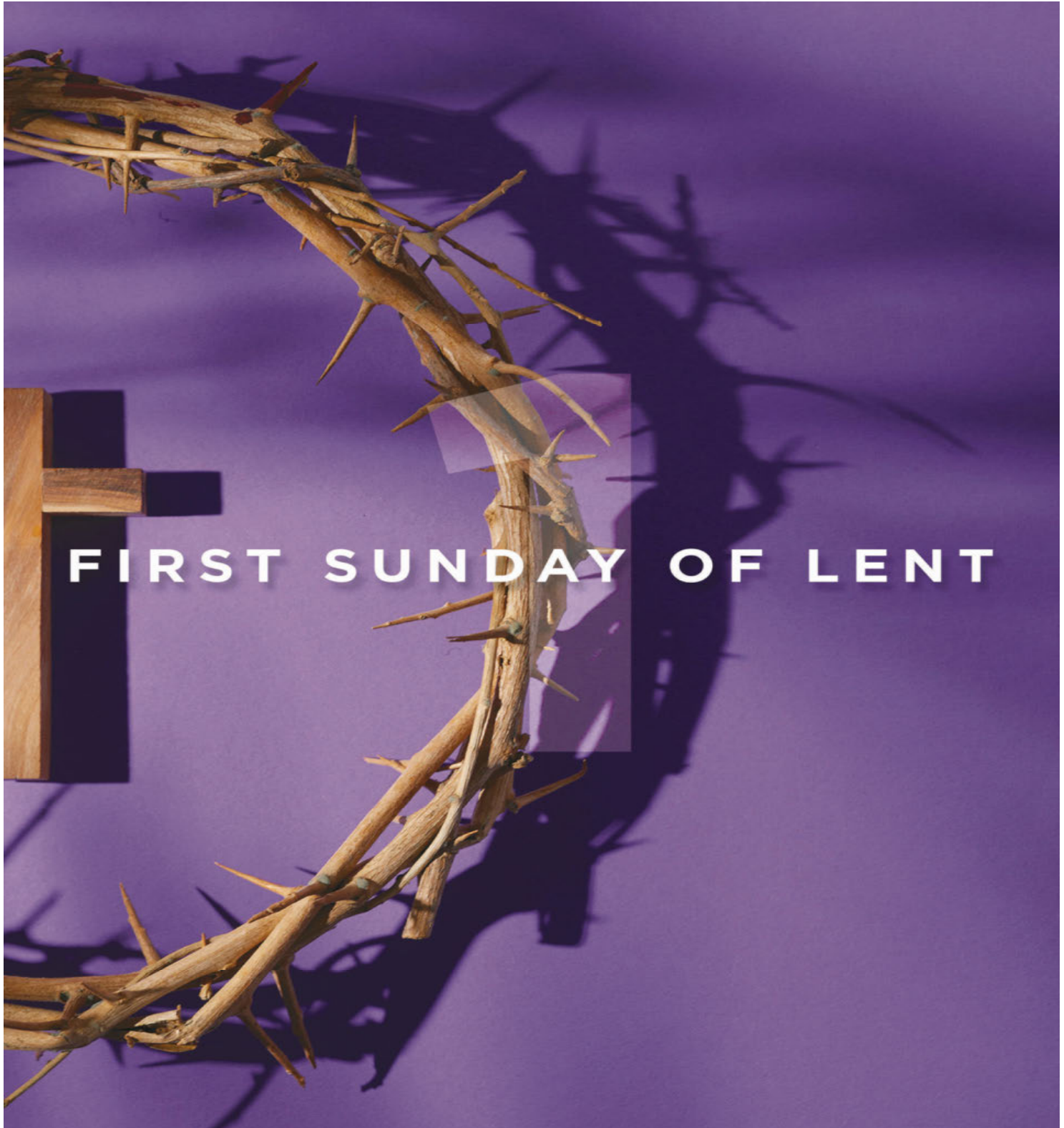
MARCH 5-6, 2022

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT



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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Fr. Russ

Season of Lent

Last Wednesday March 2nd, we began the Season of Lent with Ash Wednesday. As we received the ashes on our foreheads we are reminded to “turn away from sin and be faithful to the gospel.” Lent always gives us the opportunity to do some “house cleaning” of our souls. What will we sacrifice or add in ways of fasting, prayer, almsgiving – the three pillars of Lenten practice – in order to prepare for the great feast of the resurrection? On page 7 of the bulletin, you will find a Lenten list of opportunities. Refer to it often over the next six weeks as there will be various opportunities to celebrate Stations of the Cross, communal reconciliation, Adult ed opportunities, etc. The Lenten Season can be a great way for all of us to learn about the Season and so prepare worthily for the great celebration of Holy Week. May we take some time over the next six weeks to seriously consider the salvation won for us through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.



2022 Annual Catholic Ministries Appeal

Next weekend I will speak with all regarding the 2022 Catholic Ministries Appeal. One of the questions folks always have regarding this annual diocesan fund drive is where do the funds go? I will speak at the Masses about that question and encourage all, in the process, to participate in the CMA.

Please Pray about Coming Back to Mass

At a pastors meeting the other day we talked among ourselves about the number of folks staying away from the weekend Solemnity. All of us pastors are maintaining our weekend attendance is about half of what pre-pandemic numbers. I understand that some parishioners who are senior, have underlying health conditions, or parents whose children are not vaccinated yet, need to honestly stay away for fear of contracting the virus. However, we fear that the past dispensation from the obligation to attend in-person Eucharistic celebrations has left some still in that frame of mind. May we all be honest and pray for the grace, strength, and courage to come back and join others for the Eucharistic celebration which is the source and summit of our lives as Christians.

Sacramental Life

Baptism

May the waters of baptism call to mind our baptism into Christ who has redeemed us by his death and resurrection. We welcome in baptism:

Noah Wayne Pike

Son of: Matthew and Emily Pike

Our Congratulations!

“A baby is God’s opinion that the world should go on.”



In Sympathy

Please remember in your prayers,

Parishioner:

Joann Engelbert†

Wife of: Jerry Engelbert

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

The Wisdom of Lent

First Sunday
The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent and believe in the good news.

Second Sunday
This is my Son, the Beloved, listen to him!

Third Sunday
What sign can you show us? I will raise up the temple.

Fourth Sunday
Whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

Fifth Sunday
The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.



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Parish Life

Reminder: Knights Spring Flower Sale

Ending There is still time to purchase tickets for your "Flowers by Jerry" bouquets in the Knights Spring Flower sale. Two bouquets are available; the classic "Respect Life" rose bouquet and the beautiful mix of spring flowers called "Brilliant Spring". Your orders must be submitted by March 13 so act now. Refer to the recent bulletin insert or flock note for an order form or stop at the office. Instructions for ordering your flowers are on the form. Bouquet pickup at "Flowers by Jerry" will be April 7-11, just before Easter. Thanks for supporting the Knights and enjoy your beautiful spring flowers.

St. Pius X Spaghetti

Dinner - It's back again! The St. Pius X Knights and Youth Group are co-sponsoring their annual Spaghetti Dinner Saturday evening, April 23. The dinner will again be catered by Victoria's Restaurant. The menu includes spaghetti, meat ball, salad, roll, beverages and sherbet. Serving begins in Kennedy Hall right after the 4 pm Mass and continues until 6:30 pm. All proceeds go to the St. Pius X Youth Group to fund their summer mission trips. This is a great meal at a great price and you save by buying your tickets in advance [adults (\$9), children ages 6 through 11 (\$6) and family (\$25). children 5 and under are free]. Members of the Knights and the Youth Group will be selling tickets at the March Donut Sunday and Pancake Breakfast events. Tickets at the door that evening will be \$10 for all with no family pricing available. Join us for some great food and fellowship, all for a great cause in support of our St. Pius X Youth.



Diocesan Synod—Rescheduled for Thursday, March 10th 6:00-8:00pm

As a member of our St. Pius X Parish, you are invited to join our Synod Process on Thursday, March 10th from 6:00—8:00pm. The Synod is a way for us to all journey together. We hope to discover and listen to the voice of the Holy Spirit. Our goal is to promote Communion, participation, and mission in our Church. Your thoughts, spirit, and view of how St. Pius X should evolve is something this process needs, and we hope you'll consider participating. If you are interested in participating in the synod, please contact Matt Maus at 288-8238 ext 3516 in the Parish office to register.

Prayer

Prayer for Ukraine

God of infinite mercy and goodness, with grateful hearts we pray to you today for Peace. You offer us your peace continually (Jn.14:27) and constantly remind us that peacemakers are blessed, "for they shall be called children of God" (Mt.5:9). May your voice resound in the hearts of all, as you call us to follow the path of reconciliation and peace, and to be merciful as you are merciful.

We pray to you for the people of the Ukraine who are experiencing conflicts and deaths. Bless the leaders with wisdom, vision and perseverance needed to build together a world of justice and solidarity, and to break down walls of hostility and division.

To you we entrust all families and pray that they may never yield to discouragement and despair, but become heralds of new hope to one another in this challenging time.

May you continue to inspire all of us to oneness of heart and mind, to work generously for the common good, to respect the dignity of every person and the fundamental rights which have their origin in the image and likeness of God impressed upon every human being.

Grant eternal rest to the dead and quick recovery to the wounded, we pray through Christ our Lord, Amen!

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Catholic Charities

Lenten Prayer

As we start this Lenten season, let us remember those who do not have enough to eat. As you sit down to meals, consider saying this prayer:

Dear Heavenly Father, We know and feel your blessings every day in the food we eat and the family we share. Help us to speak words of kindness to show our gratitude to You for all You give us. Bless this meal. Be present and provide for those who are homeless and hungry. Thank you in Jesus' Name we pray. Amen

Catholic Charities' Lenten Campaign

#MercyInMotion 2022: "Be merciful, just as your Father is Merciful" (Lk. 6:36). The last year has been filled with many challenges, whether physical or spiritual, personal or societal. In the face of so many difficulties, we can feel helpless to make a difference in our world. But we are reminded of the words of Mother Teresa, "If you can't feed a hundred people, then feed just one." Inspired by this "little way," Catholic Charities is inviting you to join us in our second annual #MercyInMotion Campaign. To learn more, visit www.ccsomn.org/mercyinmotion.

Give Drink to the Thirsty: "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life" (Jn 4:13-14). This week, answer Christ's call to Give Drink to the Thirsty by 1) Using Lectio Divina to pray with the story of the Woman at the Well; 2) Drinking only water for a day (no other beverages) or making a conscious effort to conserve water when you shower or brush your teeth; 3) Giving the gift of water by supporting the work of Catholic Relief Services in digging wells in other countries. For more ideas on how to put Christ's Mercy in Motion this Lent, visit www.ccsomn.org/mercyinmotion.

Catholic Charities of Southern MN has immediate openings for part-time or full-time counselors to provide individual, marriage, and family counseling. Please see their website for more information at www.ccsomn.org/employment.

Mass Intentions

Monday, March 7, 2022

NO DAILY MASS

Tuesday, March 8, 2022

8:00 am Carmen Bickford / Linda Godsill

Wednesday March 9, 2022

8:45 am WS Putnam Family / Jamie Bawekt

Thursday, March 10, 2022

8:00 am Catholic United Financial Deceased Members

Friday, March 11, 2022

8:00 am Ask / Apel Family / Karen Loegering

Saturday, March 12, 2022

8:00 am Joann Engelbert†

4:00 pm Joanne Drews / Cyrilt, Briant and Shawnt† Horihan / Sean Daly†

Sunday, March 13, 2022

8:00 am Bob Ryan†/Irene Stopyro

10:00 am Glen Nichols†/Bill Keehnt

To schedule Mass intentions, please contact the parish office at 288-8238.

School News

The Nest Preschool at RCS is Expanding in 2022-2023!

The Nest preschool at Rochester Catholic Schools is growing and will feature expanded offerings including programs at all five of our convenient RCS locations for the fall of 2022. New offerings include an all-day Pre-Kindergarten (Age 4) program at our St. Francis of Assisi and Lourdes High School campuses. In addition, we have added a Preschool (Age 3) classroom at the Co-Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist Middle School, and opened an Early Preschool (Age 2) program at Holy Spirit Catholic School! Our classrooms are filling - learn more and register today by visiting rcsmn.org/thenest.



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Faith Formation

Stations of the Cross is happening every Friday starting at 6:30pm during Lent. To support families in bringing their children to this beautiful Catholic tradition, please look on the table at the North Entrance for coloring and activity pages. Coloring crayons will not be provided so please bring your own coloring items.



Snap a picture of your child's completed colored stations of the cross and it can be featured on the Facebook page during Lent. Please include first name and age.

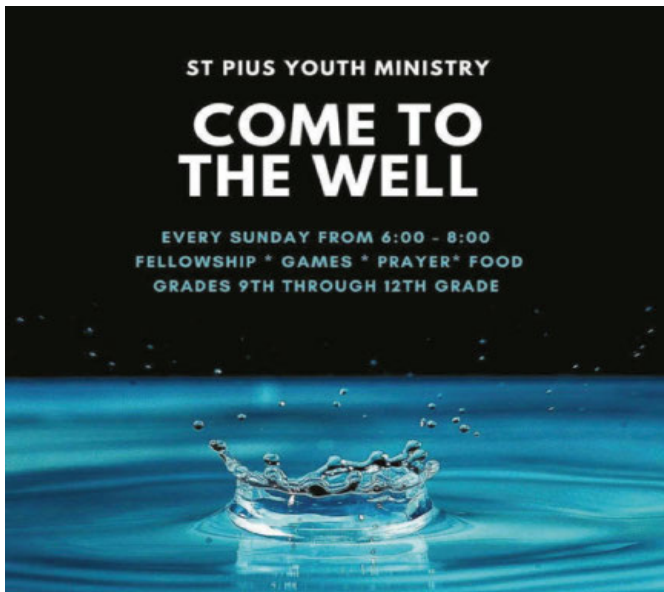
Please email photos to: jcarlin@piusx.org.

Winter Chill "Verso l'alto" (To the Heights!)
 Friday, March 12th 7:00 - 11 pm here at St. Pius X!
 The Catholic parishes in Rochester invite all 6-8th graders to an evening of fun where they'll learn about Bl. Pier Giorgio Frassati, pray, play games, dance, eat, run through the inflatable obstacle course, serve, and more! Cost is \$20 if you register by March 9th and \$30 if you register after March 9th (so sign up early!) You can register for Winter Chill online here: <https://www.uniterochestermn.org/> If cost is prohibitive or if you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Carlin at jcarlin@piusx.org!



June 26 - July 1 9:15 - 11:30 AM

St. Pius X and the Co-Cathedral St. John's invite 3 year old through current 3rd graders to join us for Vacation Bible School this summer. Registration is now open, scan the QR code listed to access registration. Online payment is available and can be found near the end of the online registration. Please direct questions to Jen Carlin at jcarlin@piusx.org.



Faith Formation and Events Calendar

	1ST SACRAMENTS	CONFIRMATION	FAMILY CATECHESIS	RCIA
	Grade 2 6:00 - 7:00 pm	Grades 9-10 6:00 - 7:30 pm	Following the 10 AM Mass	6:00 - 7:30 pm
Sunday, 3/6			Founders Hall	
	Come to the Well	9th-12th Grade	6:00 - 8:00 PM	St. Pius X Gym
Monday, 3/7	The Chosen (Season 2) Founders Hall 6:30 - 8:00 PM			
Wednesday, 3/9	Bride's Room	Founders Hall		RCIA
Friday, 3/11	Stations of the Cross		8:45 AM (School - All are welcome)	6:30 PM
Sunday, 3/13	Donut Sunday		Kennedy Hall	
	Come to the Well	9th-12th Grade	6:00 - 8:00 PM	St. Pius X Gym
Monday, 3/14	The Chosen (Season 2) Founders Hall 6:30 - 8:00 PM			
Wednesday, 3/16	Bride's Room	Founders Hall		RCIA
Friday, 3/18	Stations of the Cross		8:45 AM (School - All are welcome)	6:30 PM
Sunday, 3/20	Pancake Sunday		Kennedy Hall	
	Come to the Well	9th-12th Grade	6:00 - 8:00 PM	St. Pius X Gym

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 6, 2022

- Sunday:** Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 [cf. 15b]/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13
- Monday:** Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mt 25:31-46
- Tuesday:** Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/Mt 6:7-15
- Wednesday:** Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32
- Thursday:** Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Mt 7:7-12
- Friday:** Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8/Mt 5:20-26
- Saturday:** Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48
- Next Sunday:** Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14/Phil 3:17—4:1 or 3:20—4:1/Lk 9:28b-36

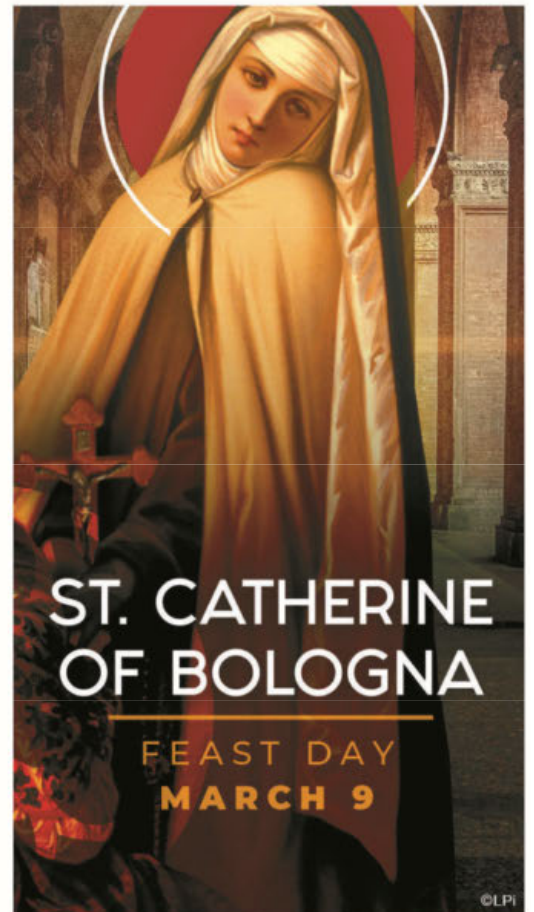
OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 6, 2022

- Sunday:** 1st Sunday of Lent
- Monday:** Sts. Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs
- Tuesday:** St. John of God, Religious
- Wednesday:** St. Frances of Rome, Religious
- Next Sunday:** 2nd Sunday of Lent; Daylight Saving Time begins

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

Human beings did not come to believe in God just because of someone's private testimony about him. Rather, belief in God became real when human beings understood that all of human history is being guided and lead, kept and sustained by a God who is incredibly in love with all that he has made. It is this realization that leads us to thanksgiving and gratitude for the one who gives us "this land flowing with milk and honey." It also leads us to adoration and worship as we continue to see the creative power of God's presence in all of the events of our lives. The Church stands as a living witness to all of these things and calls us this Lent to reflect and remember. There is a great temptation for human beings to leave the truth of who they are, where they came from and who created them. Falling into this temptation we cease giving thanks to and worshipping our Creator as we pursue our own self-sufficiency, power, and prestige. While having more may seem better, the only thing we really need more of is love. This fortifies us and keeps us from falling.



SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Catherine of Bologna (September 8, 1413 – March 9, 1463) came from an upper-class family in Ferrara, a city in Italy, and received an education at the court, where she learned reading, writing, singing and drawing. But despite her advantages, her heart yearned for God.

She joined a group of religious women in Ferrara at the age of 18. Four years later, that same group joined the Poor Clares, an order founded by St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi. In 1456, she and 15 other sisters were sent to establish a Poor Clare monastery in Florence.

As abbess, St. Catherine of Bologna worked to establish the new community and maintain a semblance of peace throughout. She was a model of piety and reported experiencing miracles and several visions of Christ, and the Virgin Mary.

In 1463, St. Catherine of Bologna became seriously ill, and she passed away. She was buried without a coffin and her body was exhumed 18 days later because of many cures attributed to her at her graveside and the sweet scent coming from her grave. Her body was discovered incorrupt (meaning it was not decaying) and remains so today.

Lent 2022

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The Chosen

Join St. Pius X Monday evenings during Lent for the showing of The Chosen (Season 2). We will meet 6:30 - 8:00 pm in Founders Hall beginning Monday, March 7th.



March 7, 14, 21, 28, April 4

Stations of the Cross

St. Pius X will be offering Stations of the Cross each Friday during Lent at 6:30 pm in the church. Additionally, the St. Pius X School will offer Stations lead by St. Pius students: Friday, March 11th; Friday, March 18th and Friday, April 8th at 8:45 AM, following daily Mass. *All are welcome to attend.*

Communal Reconciliation

Please join us Sunday, April 10th at 3:30 pm for a Communal Penance Service at Co-Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist. There will be a brief time of prayer followed by the opportunity for individual confessions.

Easter Flowers - All Easter flower memorial offerings need to be in the parish office by Monday, April 11th at noon.



Lenten Project 2022 MEAL ON US

"Christ has no body now on earth but yours, no hands, no feet but yours. Yours are the eyes with which Christ looks out his compassion to the world. Yours are the feet with which he is to go about doing good. Yours are the hands with which he is to bless us now."

~ Teresa of Avila

This Lent, we will live out St. Teresa of Avila's call for us to be Christ's hands and feet to our community.

For our 2022 Lenten Project, St. Pius X has chosen to support the John Marshall High School Resource Room. The Resource Room strives to connect students with basic items such as clothing, hygiene, and food so they can be successful students.

Funds collected will be used to assemble "MEAL ON US" meals to be distributed to students struggling to have enough food at home. These meals will consist of a \$10 Hy-vee card, pasta and pasta sauce.

Donations will be accepted in weekly collection, at the parish office or online at:

<https://piusx.weshareonline.org/2022LentenProject>.

Please note "2022 Lenten Project"

Please join us in Kennedy Hall on Wednesday, April 13, at 6:00 to assemble "Meal on Us" meals to be distributed to students.



Thank you for your support in this project!

Lent 2022



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