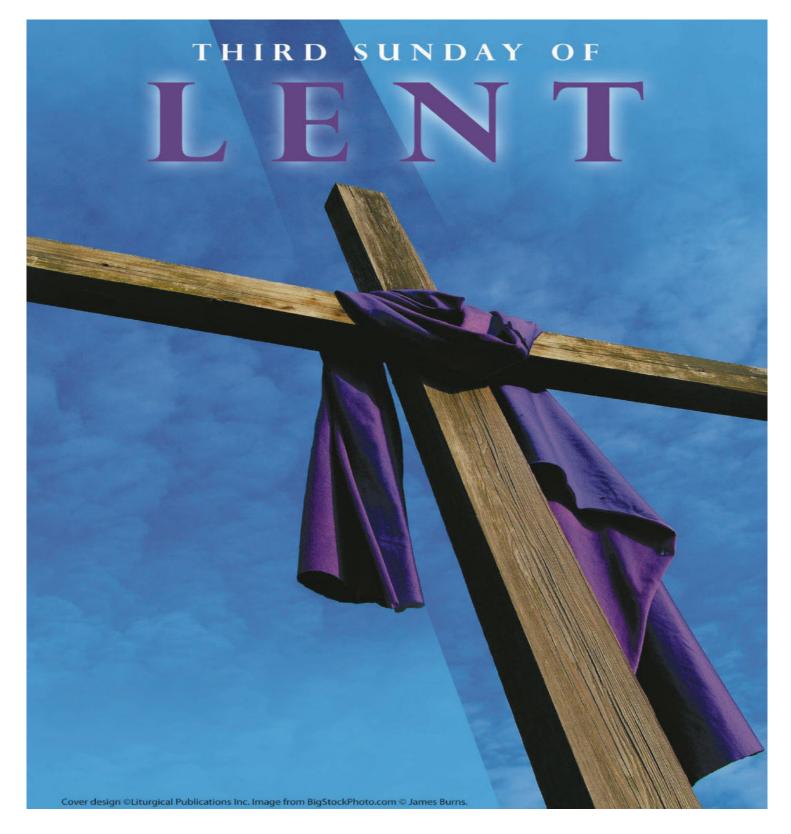
3RD SUNDAY OF LENT



# Church of St. Pius X

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## Fr. Russ



Ms. Emily Heydon, MINNDEPENDENT Teacher of the Year!

St. Pius X Catholic Grade School

Kindergarten teacher Ms. Emily Heydon has been awarded the MINNDEPENDENT Teacher of the Year! MINNDEPENDENT is a statewide organization that advocates for independent and private schools. MINNDEPENDENT says the award recognizes teachers "who display a passion for students, model integrity, compassion, and excellence, drive creativity and innovation, achieve exceptional and measurable outcomes, and demonstrate personal and professional growth.

St. Pius X School Principal, Mr. Dave Jenson, states: "Ms. Heydon is a shining exemplar of how to be a teacher who deeply cares for her students in their academic, social, personal, and spiritual growth. She is adept at engaging all types of learners, and it is truly remarkable to see the gradual release of responsibility that she fosters with her students." I wholeheartedly agree with Mr. Jenson. If there is one teacher at St. Pius who truly loves what she does and truly cares about each child in her charge, it is Ms. Heydon. How marvelous it truly is to be Christ-like, to such dedication and service for God's little ones.

St. Pius X School is very fortunate to have such a great group of educators and professionals. Our Principal, Mr. Dave Jenson, and all the St. Pius X School teachers lead by example and weekly share their Catholic Faith with the little ones. I am so amazed by their example of love they have for the children in their care. Please thank them in any way you can and let them know how important they truly are for God's little ones.

Ms. Heydon has been kindergarten teacher at St. Pius X School since 2014. She is a 2009 graduate of Lourdes High School and holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Early Childhood Education with an Early Childhood Special education certificate from the University of Wisconsin-Stout and a Master of Arts Degree in Literacy Education from Saint Mary's University.

## Sacramental Life

## Newly Baptized

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:

## Sidney Hayes Kuhlmann

Daughter of: Peter and Alicia Kuhlmann Our Congratulations!

"A baby is God's opinion that the world should go on."

#### LENTEN PSALM OF LONGING

I thank you, O God, for the warming of the winds that brings a melting of the snow, for daylight hours that daily grow longer and richer in the aroma of hope. Spring lingers beneath the horizon as approaching echoes of Easter ring in my ears.

I lift up my heart to you, Beloved, in this season of Lent that gently sweeps across my sluggish and sleeping heart, awakening me to a deeper love for you.

May the wind of the Spirit that drove Jesus into the desert, into the furnace of prayer, also drive me with a passion during this Lenten season to enkindle the fire of my devotion in the desert of Lenten love.

Birds above, on migratory wings, signal me to an inner migration, a message that draws me homeward bound on Spirit's wings to the heart of my Beloved. May I earnestly use this Lenten season to answer the inner urge to return. --Edward Hays

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## Knights of Columbus

Invitation to a Special Knights Event— All St. Pius X Knights, their families and interested parishioners are invited to a special ceremony on Thursday March 24 at 7 PM in the church. On that evening we will be welcoming 3 new members into our council. New member ceremonies in the Knights are no longer secret. They are open to all and interested parishioners are welcome and in fact encouraged to attend. The new Exemplification ceremony lasts only 30 minutes and in a very moving way reinforces the Knight's founding principles of charity, unity and fraternity. All are also invited to Founders Hall following the ceremony for light refreshments. Please join us if you are able.

## St. Vincent de Paul

**Society of St Vincent de Paul** - For 2 years now we have continued to make virtual visits to our Friends in Need, though we are able to deliver food, food vouchers and gas cards to their doors, in addition to providing spiritual support and friendship, including follow-up calls. The Friends in Need are very grateful for anything we can do and many of them have a very generous heart.

In February we were able to make 28 virtual (phone) visits and help 62 people with \$4234 for rent, \$2220 for utilities, \$270 for phone, \$238 for car repairs, \$684 for car payment, \$152 for hotel, \$42 for bus pass, \$50 for food, and \$274 for household items. Plus we provided In-kind goods valued at \$250 for food. We were able to minister to these Friends because of your generous donations to this ministry. THANK YOU for your prayers and support. Questions or information: call Bill Doucette 254-9991 or Bill Kleis 251-6095.

## St. Pius X Facebook Page

Our Facebook page is active but we need your help with content! Have a meeting, ministry, or event at St. Pius X?? Snap a picture with a write up about the event and send it to: <u>jcarlin@piusx.org</u>

We would love to post it to our Facebook page!

If you want to keep up with all the happenings at St. Pius X - make sure you like our Facebook page! There are a couple of St Pius X Facebook pages out there, but ours is the one with the picture of Father Russ in the profile.



## Parish Life

#### Adult & Teen Challenge Choir To Visit St. Pius X Sunday, April 10, 7PM

Mark your calendar. Invite family, neighbors and friends. Don't miss the opportunity. Come hear the inspiring music and heart-warming testimonials from the men and women currently in our Rochester Adult & Teen Challenge program just up the

hill from our church. Adult & Teen Challenge program Just up the based addiction treatment program. Event is free (love offering will be appreciated). Info – Fran Bradley, 507-358-1688.

#### 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.

## In The Community

#### Catholic Charities' Lenten Campaign

#MercyInMotion 2022: 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.

Visit the Sick: "There was a woman afflicted with hemorrhages for twelve years. . . She said, 'If I but touch his clothes, I shall be cured.' Immediately her flow of blood dried up. She felt in her body that she was healed of her affliction" (Mk. 5:25, 28-29). This week, answer Christ's call to Visit the Sick by 1) Meditating on the story of the Woman with a Hemorrhage; 2) Fasting from sweets, desserts, and/or junk food; 3) Calling or sending a card to someone in a nursing home. For more ideas on how to put Christ's Mercy in Motion this Lent, visit <u>www.ccsomn.org/mercyinmotion</u>.

#### Catholic Charities Diaper Drive March 1-31,

**2022**. Catholic Charities supports women who are pregnant or have a baby under a year old. They are often in need of baby items! Would you help us stock our shelves so we can continue providing baby necessities all year? We are in need of Diapers sizes 1-6, Wipes, Baby lotion and shampoo. Thank you for your generous support! Collection Sites are Pax Christi Catholic Church and Catholic Charities 903 Center St. W, STE 220; Rochester.

#### Weekly Fish Fry's Every Friday During Lent

Christ the King in Byron— Drive-up service will be available again as well as limited dine-in service.

Church St. Michael in Pine Island— Serving from 4:30-7:00 PM in the Community Room. Baked & fried fish will be available. Prices: adults \$12.00,

children 5-12 \$6.00, and family maximum \$40.00. Take out is available.

## **Mass Intentions**

Monday, March 21, 2022 NO DAILY MASS

**Tuesday, March 22, 2022** 8:00 am For Vocations / Phyllis<sup>+</sup> and Joyce<sup>+</sup> Wieseler

**Wednesday March 23, 2022** 8:45 am Linda Godsill

Thursday, March 24, 2022 8:00 am Lois Ruhnow<sup>†</sup> / Betty Ahle<sup>†</sup>

Friday, March 25, 2022 8:00 am Jay Heider<sup>+</sup> / Unborn

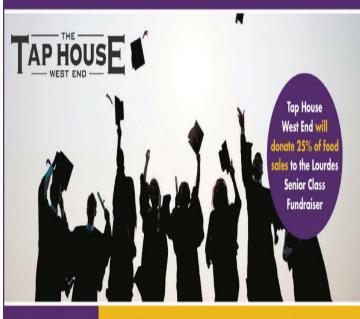
#### Saturday, March 26, 2022

8:00 am Bill Otto<sup>†</sup> / Deceased Members of the Leo and Elizabeth Rossman Family<sup>†</sup>

4:00 pm Marge Jacobson<sup>+</sup> / Ambrose<sup>+</sup> and Marge<sup>+</sup> King

Sunday, March 27, 2022 8:00 am Dr. Richard J. Weiland<sup>†</sup> / Joann Engelbert<sup>†</sup> 10:00 am Jeff Stevens<sup>†</sup> / Arthur DePuv<sup>†</sup>

## Lourdes Senior Class Fundraiser Wednesday, March 23 | ALL DAY



Be sure to mention Lourdes Senior Class when you order! 2365 Commerce Drive NW 1 Rochester, MN 55901 Dine-In or Take Out Order online at: **taphouse.hrpos.heartland.us/menu** 

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## Youth Ministry

On Saturday, March 12 - over 70 Catholic Middle School kids gathered at St. Pius for Winter Chill, put on by UNITE



Ministry here at St Pius X.

We did service projects of tie blankets for the John Marshall students who are homeless, and writing letters to shut ins. The students made decade rosaries, enjoyed games, and snacks! We also had Ben Peters, a seminarian speak to the kids about Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati and God's call for your vocation. We had adoration with amazing music and the kids wrapped up the evening with inflatables, dance party, and games!

We would like to thank the following people from St Pius X who helped make the evening a success! Fr. Russ for adoration and the Donut Sunday crew for being flexible! Betty Renner for running the station where the kids wrote letters to the shut ins. Much thanks to Katie Stinson for assisting with the vocals during adoration. Huge thank you to those ladies who helped prep the tie blankets: Bridget Griffin, Caroline Knell, Sharon Sieg, Alice Cullen, and Jan Breen. High five to John Hoffman for coming and being our high school helper!!

St Pius X Youth Ministry is so excited to announce a partnership with Young Life! Young Life is a ministry in Rochester that connects with 7th-12th grade students who have fallen away from the church and seek to connect them with Jesus and a parish community!

The Donut Sunday crew was so kind and dropped an extra batch of donuts for us. Monday morning we stood in the North parking lot handing out donuts to JM students and anyone who wanted one! Our donuts received lots of compliments!!

If you would like to support this outreach ministry, Donut Sunday could use an extra set of hands! Contact the parish office if interested.



Faith Formation and Events Calendar				
	1ST SACRAMENTS	CONFIRMATION	FAMILY CATECHESIS	RCIA
	Grade 2	Grades 9-10	Following the 10 AM Mass	6:00 -7:30 pm
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Sunday, 3/20	Pancake Sunday Kennedy Hall			
	Come	to the Well 9th-12th G	rade 6:00 - 8:00 PM St. Pius X	Gym
Monday, 3/21		The Chosen (Season 2)	Founders Hall 6:30 - 8:00 PM	
Wednesday, 3/23	Bride's Room	Founders Hall		RCIA
Friday, 3/25	Stations of the Cross 6:30 PM			
Sunday, 3/27			Founders Hall	
	Come	to the Well 9th-12th G	rade 6:00 - 8:00 PM St. Pius X	Gym
Monday, 3/28	The Chosen (Season 2) Founders Hall 6:30 - 8:00 PM			
Wednesday, 3/30	Bride's Room	Founders Hall		RCIA
Friday, 4/1	Stations of the Cross 6:30 PM			
Sunday, 4/3			Founders 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 20, 2022**

Sunday:	Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11 [8a]/1 Cor 10:1-6,
	10-12/Lk 13:1-9

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4/Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25: 4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/Lk 18:9-14

Next Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [9a]/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

#### **OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 20, 2022**

Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Lent

Wednesday: St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop

Friday: The Annunciation of the Lord

Next Sunday: 4th Sunday of Lent

#### LIVE THE LITURGY

#### Inspiration for the week

God clearly reveals his identity as "I am who am." God, who is really beyond all names, is the One who simply "is" as the ground of all being. This ever-existing, uncreated, and all-encompassing presence of unconditional God, who is Love, is very patient as he waits for us to grow and change. God is so near to us that it is easy to miss his presence. As true love requires, God seeks a devoted, intimate, free, and exclusive relationship with each of us. As we walk through the parched, desert experiences of our lives it is easily in our thirst for water and a respite from the heat that we reach for and construct idols that will bring us immediate relief and satisfaction. These false gods, made out of our comforts and earthly desires can quickly take the place of the One who really has first dibs on our hearts. Humans have often wandered far away from God as St. Paul reminds us. In helping each other cultivate and fertilize the ground upon which we walk, God gives us yet another chance to bear fruit and return.



# ST. OSCAR ARNULFO ROMERO

MARCH 24

#### SAINT OF THE WEEK

When St. Oscar Romero was appointed Archbishop of San Salvador in 1977, his country was in chaos. Many people in El Salvador were living in poverty, while a smaller elite group controlled all political and economic power. In 1980, El Salvador broke out in a 12-year civil war that left over 75,000 people dead. St. Oscar Romero set up pastoral programs to assist the victims of oppression. He also became an outspoken advocate for human rights, appealing to the Salvadoran military to stop killing their own citizens.

On March 24, 1980, St. Oscar Romero was murdered while celebrating Mass in El Salvador. A car pulled up outside, and a gunman fired a single shot straight into St. Oscar Romero's heart.

Calling him a "a martyr for the faith" nearly 40 years later, Pope Francis canonized him in 2018. For the occasion, Pope Francis chose to wear the same blood-stained belt that Romero was wearing at the altar when he died.

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## Lent 2022

#### FORMED

The Diocese of Winona -Rochester is pleased to announce that *all* our

parishes are to receive a one-year free subscription to FORMED. A parish FORMED subscription, created and powered by the Augustine Institute, includes 24/7 access to FORMED digital content for *all* people within your parish and the diocese. This is <u>FREE</u> for all of us here at St. Pius X! To sign up: visit the parish homepage -piusx.org and click on the "Formed Registration" link. There is a lot for you to choose from for your Lenten enrichment.

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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. March 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, April 8th at 8:45 am, following daily Mass. <u>All are welcome to attend.</u>

#### **Communal Reconciliation**

Please join us <u>Sunday, April 10th at 3:30 pm</u> 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 <u>Monday,</u> <u>April 11th at noon</u>.



## Lenten Project 2022 MEAL ON US

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 stu-



dents 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!



## **RCS** Vanselow Fish Fry

- Drive Thru -

Friday, April 8

4:30 p.m. -7:30 p.m. (Food served until 6:30 p.m.) Lourdes High School Drive-thru pick up for meals and optional outdoor dining available.

Three great meal options! Meals must be ordered in advance. Pre-order at <u>rcsmn.org/fishfry</u> by March 23rd.

## Friends, Fellowship, & Fun

Bring your friends and family! Heated tents for outdoor dining and bouncy houses for kids (weather permitting).



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