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First Holy Communion April 24, 2022

Kymer Bestor
Myles Carlson
Connor Forliti
Arabella Gregory
Ford Hiley

Oliver Hoffmann
Michael Klapperich
Sadie Langsdale
Aurora Mett
Clara Mullen
Emerson Nixon

Emily Stoltman
Lane Temple
Charles Wagner
Juniper Wagner
David White

Gospel Meditation

2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

Even Thomas struggles to remove his boulder! Being very pragmatic and determined, he wants to see the risen Christ for himself! Thomas's boulder is heavy with mistrust. Many of ours are too. A certain amount of skepticism is good, as it can save us from being duped or misled. But we can become so skeptical of things that it erodes our ability to trust anything we see or hear. Skepticism can actually be a well-disguised defense mechanism that we use to prevent us from being hurt or perceived as a fool. Having too much ego protection is a real risk. Thomas, because of the boulder blocking his vision, could not even trust the word of his friends.

Boulders are hard to move. It's difficult to seek change or take a risk, especially when we are so afraid to be vulnerable or reluctant to trust another's word. When we are closed minded, overly pragmatic, unwilling to see things in a different way, stubborn or defensive, it is difficult to be surprised by God and stretched. We need to be less guarded, self-assured, and self-absorbed. God cannot break into the ordinary moments of our lives and inspire us when we cling to doubt. If we are going to discover resurrection faith, we have to believe that what the witnesses say is true, especially when they are credible. We also have to trust that the risen Christ is alive in us, too!

While the first witnesses to the resurrection have faded into history, there are many others who have come after them. They continue to inspire by walking the talk of faith. They are the martyrs who offer their lives for the Gospel, the simple holy people in our communities who cling so steadfastly to their faith, those who have touched despair and found new hope and the ones who, even in spite of ridicule, still pursue their hunger and thirst for God. They are our friends, acquaintances, biblical heroes, and saints, and many others who are convinced that they have seen the Lord! The risen Christ may not surprise us with the same kind of visit as he did the first disciples, but God finds other ways. All we have to do is open our eyes, remove whatever is preventing us from seeing and believing and exclaim: "My Lord and my God!"

Sacramental Life

In
Sympathy

Please remember in your prayers,
Mary Walther†
Parishioner

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

RCIA

Congratulations to Phet Saysomphou and Josh Grossman!

They were confirmed and received their First Holy Communion at the Easter Vigil. Thank you to Diane Priebe and Eric Pederson, their sponsors!!



2022 Goal \$73,800
Pledged & Received \$51,483

69% of goal

Participants 184

21% of St. Pius Registered Families
Updated 4/8/22



2022
Catholic Ministries Appeal

Parish Life



St. Pius Spring Clean Up

Please notice Date Change

Join fellow parishioners Saturday, May 7th, 8:30 - Noon, to spruce up the St. Pius campus. We will plan to gather in the alley behind the rectory following 8 AM Mass. If you are interested, please email church@piusx.org or call 288-8238.

St. Pius X Knights Council Meeting

There will be a Knights Council meeting on Thursday, April 28, in Founders Hall. The meeting begins at 6:30 PM with a rosary. Brother Knights, mark your calendars now and plan to join us.

St. Pius X Flocknote Communication

St. Pius has been using Flocknote as a source of communication for the parish. These weekly emails provide links to online Masses via the parish YouTube channel, links to registrations, and access to the electronic version of the parish bulletin. If you have not been receiving these emails and would like to receive them, please email your name and email information to church@piusx.org.

FORMED

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RCS News

PRESCHOOL

Spread the Word - The Nest Preschool at RCS is Expanding in 2022-2023! The Nest Preschool program will feature expanded offerings including programs at all five of our convenient Rochester Catholic Schools

locations beginning in the fall of 2022! New offerings include an all-day, nature-based Pre-Kindergarten (Age 4-5) program at Lourdes High School and Preschool/Pre-Kindergarten programs (Ages 3-5) at the Co-Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist Middle School. In addition, an all-day Pre-Kindergarten (Age 4-5) program will be added at St. Francis of Assisi School and an Early Preschool (Age 2) program will be introduced at Holy Spirit School!

We're excited to welcome our youngest learners to RCS! Our classrooms are filling - learn more by visiting rcsmn.org/thenest.



RCS SPRING SHOWCASE OF SCHOOLS

Join Us at the RCS Spring Showcase of Schools on April 25-26!

Prospective and current families with rising preschool-grade 12 students are invited

to explore Rochester Catholic Schools on April 25-26. At our Spring Showcase of Schools, you'll have the opportunity to visit any of our five campuses, meet our principals, and speak with our admissions team! Plus, learn about our new preschool offerings for fall 2022! Register at rcsmn.org/showcase.



Finance Corner

MARCH 2022 FINANCE CORNER			
Revenue	2022 March	2022 YTD	2021 YTD
Adult Envelopes	55,898	375,480	457,321
Children	0	0	0
Direct Bank Giving	27,735	251,633	262,878
Offertory	4,747	33,124	5,384
Online Giving	13,233	96,985	106,654
Stock Donation	0	10,417	17,112
Bequests	0	10,000	6,885
Holy Days & Holidays	60	23,703	20,548
Charitable Outreach	380	10,636	9,955
All Other	13,811	461,597	175,876
Total Revenue	\$ 115,864	1,273,575	1,062,613
Expense	2022 March	2022 YTD	2021 YTD
Wages & Benefits	34,961	321,598	339,897
Buildings & Grounds	5,455	89,359	55,224
Catholic School Subsidy	28,111	253,213	251,288
Diocesan Assessment	4,889	44,000	40,682
Parish Programs	4,148	35,067	37,937
Charitable Outreach	500	6,259	6,349
All Other	2,409	48,667	28,778
Capital Improvements	0	103,351	3,373
Total Expense	\$ 80,473	901,514	763,528
+ / -	\$ 35,391	372,061	299,085

Direct Bank Giving (checking/savings)
Sign up is available any time. Please contact the Parish Office with questions.

Electronic Giving (credit card)
Scan the QR code to link directly to the St. Pius X online giving site. There you will be able to navigate all of the church's giving opportunities. Contact Doug in the Parish Office at 288-8238 with any questions.



Thank you for your continued support of St. Pius X!

Finance Corner questions? Rectory 507-288-8238 or chaugh@piusx.org

Mass Intentions

Monday, April 25, 2022

NO DAILY MASS

Tuesday, April 26, 2022

8:00 am Joe Sturgist / Dennis Hansont

Wednesday April 27, 2022

8:45 am Denny Silvernail† / David Loegering II

Thursday, April 28, 2022

8:00 am Ask / Apel Family
Phyllist and Joycet Wieseler

Friday, April 29, 2022

8:00 am Deceased Members of Leo and Elizabeth Rossman Family

Saturday, April 30, 2022

8:00 am Bob Ryan†
4:00 pm Jim Ward† / Joann Engelbert†

Sunday, May 1, 2022

8:00 am Judy Russell†
10:00 am Amanda Russanow†



Rochester Catholic Young Adults

Marveli and Ronci Game Nights

1st and 3rd Fridays, 4:00-7:00 PM at Pax Christi

Co-ed Catechism Study

Tuesdays, 6:00-7:30 PM at St. James Coffee

Fellowship and Food

2nd and 4th Thursdays, 7:30 PM at Chick-Fil-A

Rochester Rosary Rallies

Sundays at 3:00 PM at the Government Center. We pray in front of the Government Center at the corner of 4th Street SE and 3rd Ave. SE. Bring your families and friends and spread the word! If unable to join us physically, consider joining spiritually by praying a Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet from anywhere.

Contact Mary or Janela for more info:

mamiot@hotmail.com or daveandjanela@gmail.com.



PARISH CENSUS	
Registered Active Families	Registered Active Members
856	1881

Faith Formation

Faith Formation 2022-2023 Registration

Keep an eye on the bulletin and website for Faith Formation registration the 2022-2023 school year. Next year St. Pius will be offering a weekly Family catechesis, catechesis of the Good Shepherd, Ignite Small Groups for 7th-12th grade, and Praying Family opportunities.



The Hunt is On - Sunday, May 1, 2022

St Pius X Faith and Youth Ministry is excited to host an Easter Egg Hunt for children ages 10 and under. Bring your Easter basket to the 10 am Mass. Following Mass, hop on over to the green space by the playground. We will have light refreshments and yard games available for fellowship following the Egg hunt.

In the event of inclement weather the event will be moved to Kennedy Hall

Any questions - please contact jcarlin@piusx.org

Vacation Bible School



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.





Congratulations to the
2022
First
Communion Class!



May you continue to receive Jesus in the Eucharist for rest of your life!

Kymber Bestor	Aurora Mett
Myles Carlson	Clara Mullen
Connor Forliti	Emerson Nixon
Arabella Gregory	Emily Stoltman
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Oliver Hoffmann	Charles Wagner
Michael Klapperich	Juniper Wagner
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Please pray for our Confirmation

Candidates as they will receive the sacrament of Confirmation next Friday, April 29th at St. Francis Parish in Rochester.

Benjamin Beckenbaugh, Elizabeth Gilman, Tommy Karau, Ethan La Brash, Emily Leitzen, Gabriel Lovric



Faith Formation and Events Calendar

	First Communion 10 AM Mass			
Sunday, 4/24	Final Pancake Sunday of the Spring Kennedy Hall			
	Come to the Well	9th-12th Grade	6:00 - 8:00 PM	St. Pius X Gym
Friday, 4/29	Confirmation (St. Francis Church) 7:00 PM			
Sunday, 5/1	Easter Egg Hunt -- Green Space following 10 AM Mass			
	Come to the Well	9th-12th Grade	6:00 - 8:00 PM	St. Pius X Gym
Saturday, 5/7	St. Pius Spring Clean Up 8:30 - Noon			
Sunday, 5/8	Come to the Well	9th-12th Grade	6:00 - 8:00 PM	St. Pius X Gym

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 24, 2022

- Sunday:** Acts 5:12-16/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/Jn 20:19-31
- Monday:** 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/Mk 16:15-20
- Tuesday:** Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Jn 3:7b-15
- Wednesday:** Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 3:16-21
- Thursday:** Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20/Jn 3:31-36
- Friday:** Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Jn 6:1-15
- Saturday:** Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/Jn 6:16-21
- Next Sunday:** Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 [2a]/Rv 5:11-14/Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14

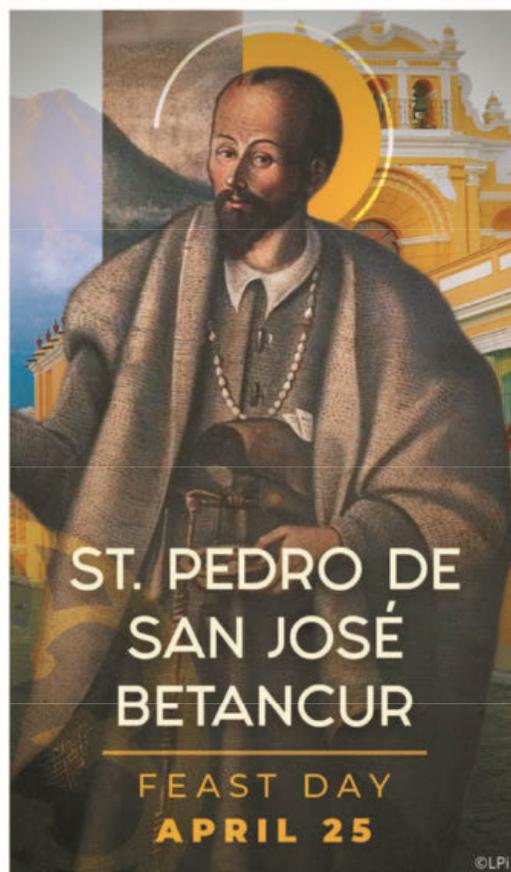
OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 24, 2022

- Sunday:** 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy); St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr
- Monday:** St. Mark, Evangelist
- Wednesday:** Administrative Professionals' Day
- Thursday:** St. Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr; St. Louis Grignion de Montfort, Priest
- Friday:** St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church; Arbor Day
- Saturday:** St. Pius V, Pope
- Next Sunday:** 3rd Sunday of Easter; St. Joseph the Worker

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

Life is about to get very interesting for the disciples. Finding themselves questioning what happened to Jesus and whether he actually was raised from the dead, they are afraid and uncertain. In the midst of this fear, questioning, and uncertainty, Jesus decides to surprise them with a visit! This visit, complete with the gift of peace, fills the disciples with great excitement and joy. But their detailed testimony is not enough to convince their absent friend Thomas. He wants to see for himself. We struggle with belief as well. It is hard for some to give themselves over to the testimony of another. We want to see the resurrected Christ in person. God, through the gift of eyes of faith, gives us the ability to do precisely that: when we witness the healing that comes from forgiveness, the beauty that flows from love, the wonder of creation, the new life that comes after we fall, and the unique soul that lives behind each person's life. Christ is risen. Life will get very interesting for us too, when we stop unbelieving and believe!



SAINT OF THE WEEK

Central America's first saint, St. Pedro de San José Betancur (1626-1667) was born a poor shepherd in the Canary Islands. His family lands were seized because of debt, and he worked as an indentured servant until his early adult life when Pedro left his home to travel to Guatemala. His money for the journey ran out long before he arrived. He was destitute when he did arrive and was forced to join the bread line the Franciscan Friars had for the poor.

In 1655, he joined the Third Order of St Francis. Pedro began to serve the poor, the enslaved, immigrants, abandoned children, anyone that needed him. In 1658 he was given a hut which he made into a hospital for the poor. This small start grew into a shelter for the homeless, a school for the poor, an inn for priests, and several small chapels in poor areas. He was supported by many patrons and was joined in his work by both men and women, who became the Bethlehemite Brothers and the Bethlehemite Sisters.

Pedro prayed for the souls of those in purgatory, walked through the streets of rich neighborhoods ringing a bell and calling the wealthy to repent, and ministered to prisoners. Most accounts credit him with beginning the tradition of posadas, a procession in which people representing Mary and Joseph ask for lodging from their neighbors. This tradition continues today in Mexico and Central America. Because of his work with the poor and marginalized Pedro is often referred to as the "Saint Francis of the Americas". St. Pedro was canonized on July 30, 2002, in Guatemala City, Guatemala by Pope John Paul II.

Community Events

Schedule Change for April Rochester Rosary Rallies

There will not be a Rosary Rally at the Government Center on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 24. Weekly Rosary Rallies for our country, conversion, and peace will resume on Sunday, May 1 at 3:00 PM near the Rochester Government Center at the corner of 4th St. SE and 3rd Ave. SE. They last 35 minutes and include the Patriotic Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet. Families are welcome. Please join us. Questions: Contact Janela Hubka at daveandjanela@gmail.com or 507-282-6090.

Cor Jesu - First Friday of May

The Cathedral invites you to Cor Jesu on Friday, May 6th from 7:00-8:30pm. Cor Jesu is an evening of Eucharistic Adoration, Confessions, and music in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. For more details, search for Winona Cor Jesu on Facebook, go to cascwinona.org/prayer-opportunities and click on "Cor Jesu" in the drop-down list, or call Olivia Gadiant at (507) 951-7063.

Marriage Encounter Weekend

"Love one another as I have loved you." John 13:34
Attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend and experience the love of your spouse like you never have before. The next available weekends are November 18-20, 2022 in Windom, MN and May 6-8, 2022 in Buffalo, MN. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information, visit our website at: southmnwwme.org or contact Miki at 507-227-8229 or applications@southmnwwme.org.

Women's Silent Weekend Retreat May 13-15, 2022

Amazing Grace – How sweet the sound. Explores this beautiful hymn, God's grace and presence in our lives, and how to absorb the gift of grace freely given from the Father. Take time for yourself to renew and strengthen your relationship with God amid quiet and beauty. Retreat Fee - \$160; non-refundable \$50 deposit per person, includes 2 overnights and 5 meals.

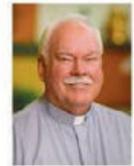


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