

APRIL 30-MAY 1, 2022

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER



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[Jesus] said to him, "Follow me." - Jn 21:19b

Fr. Russ

Nationalism

If one keeps up with the world news of the day, one word that you will hear is the word *“Nationalism.”* I believe in short, Nationalism refers to the manner in which a country posts itself up ‘against’ the rest of the world. This is so evident with the war between Ukraine and Putin. Putin is prosecuting his war under false pretext which is in the guise of Nationalism. Interesting that many of the images you see of Putin practicing his Russian Orthodox Faith along with Russian Orthodox Patriarch, Kirill who Putin has, obviously, in his back pocket. What a shame it is for Patriarch Kirill to be so blind as to preach Christianity that is totally void of truth! Putin’s Christian Faith, Patriarch Kirill’s ‘Judas’ like behavior of the Russian Orthodox Church ought to make us sick at heart. We need to be careful as we can fall prey to ‘Nationalism’ as well. I believe we saw a big dose of this in the 2020 U.S. Presidential election. History has proven that Nationalism leads to nothing good but divisiveness and eventually wars. Furthermore, Nationalism has absolutely nothing to do with the gospel values of the Kingdom of God. It is great to be part of a great Nation like the United States of America. It is much greater to live the gospel and be part of God’s Kingdom here and now!



During the Easter Season, we will hear gospel stories of Jesus’ prayer for his disciples before he goes to the cross. It is in this farewell discourse that we are offered hope and encouragement to continue our navigation through the darkness and sin of our lives, our world. Again, some of Jesus’ last words to his disciples before his death were = **Love one another as I have loved you.** It is our challenge to put this great Commandment into motion. During this Easter Season, may we continue to trust in the way of the Lord Jesus, experiencing this risen power in our own lives and sharing it with our brothers and sisters without exception.



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:

Norah Lee Gehling

Daughter of: Paul and Cassandra Gehling

Our Congratulations!

“A baby is God’s opinion that the world

Congratulations to our Confirmation

Candidates:

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

They received the sacrament of Confirmation Friday, April 29th at St. Francis Parish in Rochester.



2022 Goal \$73,800
Pledged & Received \$58,158

78% of goal

Participants 200

23% of St. Pius Registered Families
 Updated 4/22/22



**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 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

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 FREE 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.

Scrip

St Pius would like to offer Scrip sales after all weekend Masses. In order to do this, we will need volunteers to man the tables. If you would like more information or to volunteer, please contact the parish office at 288-8238. Not sure what Scrip is? Give us a call we would be happy to explain it.



RCS News

St. Pius X Fun Run coming up on Saturday, May 7th

What an incredible response we've had to our first ever St. Pius X Family Fun Run/Walk HSA Fundraiser! We are excited to have so many families already registered to join us. We will be sending out an email with race day details as we get a bit closer to the event. While the t-shirt orders have now closed, we will still take registrations through the day of the race. We are still in need of someone to serve as a crossing guard during the race, as well as volunteers for setup and tear down. If you are able to help please reach out to Megan at chair.sphsa@gmail.com.



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.



Parish Life

Thank You

A special thank you to Colin DeVilbiss and the Donut Sunday crew and Lori Rogness and the Pancake Breakfast crew for all of their hard work and dedication this year. We truly appreciate all of these volunteers that help build fellowship and parish community.

If anyone is interested in volunteering for either Donut Sunday or Pancake Breakfast - please contact the parish office at 288-8238.



2022 Serra Great Promise Awards – May 15, 2022, Celebration, St. Pius X Parish Rochester: Serra's Great Promise Award (GPA) program recognizes 6th grade students who have been identified as possible future leaders of our Catholic Faith. Students will be acknowledged by Fr. Russ during the 10 AM Mass here at St. Pius X.

Questions of the Week

First Reading:

The apostles faced trial and even persecution from the religious leaders of Jerusalem (the Sanhedrin) for bearing witness to Jesus' resurrection. Why do you think some people are threatened by the good news of Jesus risen from the dead?

Second Reading:

John sees a vision of heaven in which all of the created order is worshipping Jesus as the slain and risen "Lamb." What images of heaven bring you comfort?

Gospel:

The resurrected Jesus appeared to seven of his disciples while they were fishing on the Sea of Tiberias. In doing so, Jesus comes to strengthen Peter for his upcoming leadership role. What gives you strength in your faith journey?

Mass Intentions

Monday, May 2, 2022

NO DAILY MASS

Tuesday, May 3, 2022

8:00 am Paul Snyder† / Edward Warrent†

Wednesday, May 4, 2022

8:45 am Jamietand Kenneth† Bawek

Thursday, May 5, 2022

8:00 am Jim Hausmant† / Bill Otto+

Friday, May 6, 2022

8:00 am Karen Loegering

Saturday, May 7, 2022

8:00 am Sam Schershelt

4:00 pm Winniet and Everett† Philipps
Jeanine Ryant†/Matthew King†

Sunday, May 8, 2022

8:00 am Jay Heidert†

10:00 am Frances† and Ameliat† Gehnertz



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.

Faith Formation

Fall of 2022



The Praying Family

The Praying Family program is sponsored by the Winona Rochester Diocese, encouraging families to pray together or strengthen their prayer life! Your family will be given a prayer box at the beginning of the program which will contain items to help your family build a prayer corner and materials to assist in family prayer. St Pius will offer monthly opportunities for families to gather and give our children opportunities to experience community prayer in a family friendly setting. Families will receive enrichment materials as we progress through the liturgical year.

Sunday Catechesis

Sunday catechesis will be for children grades K-6th grade from 9:05 am to 9:55 am on Sundays. Children will learn about the sacraments, liturgical seasons, and Saints. Parent enrichment and small group discussion will be offered for parents during this time.

Ignite Small Group Discussion

Ignite is for 7-12th grade to gather in small groups of same gender, 4-6 students, with 2 mentors and choose from a variety of Bible studies, Catholic topics, and enrichments. Look for more information to come on this exciting program.



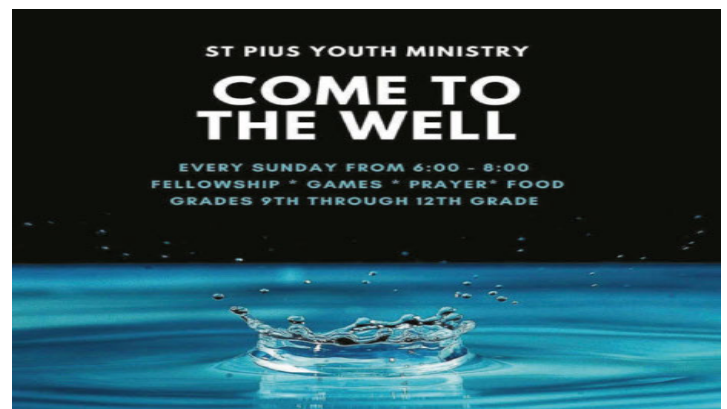
**Congratulations
to our
First
Communicants
of 2022!**

Here is a sneak peek at what will be rolling out in the Fall of 2022 for Families and Youth at St Pius X! Look for registration in July.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is a hands on, child lead Catechetical program that is rooted in Sacred Scripture, the Liturgy, and the educational philosophy of Maria Montessori.

We will be offering Level 1 in the Fall of 2022, which is geared for 3-6-year-old children. Our Faith Formation Director Jennifer Carlin has been training in Level 1 doing the formal training in Burnsville, MN and field experience in the Level 1 at Pax Christi Catholic Church. Please consider signing your little ones up for this program and pray the Lord will call additional Catechists to the program.



The Well last session is May 22 but we will be bring this popular program back in late August! The Well is for 9th-12th grade students to gather in community for prayer, fellowship, food, and fun weekly.

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 1, 2022

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

Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Jn 14:6-14

Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a/Jn 6:35-40

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/Jn 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 6:52-59

Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Jn 6:60-69

Next Sunday: Acts 13:14, 43-52/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 [3c]/Rv 7:9, 14b-17/Jn 10:27-30

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 1, 2022

Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Easter; St. Joseph the Worker

Monday: St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Tuesday: Sts. Philip and James, Apostles

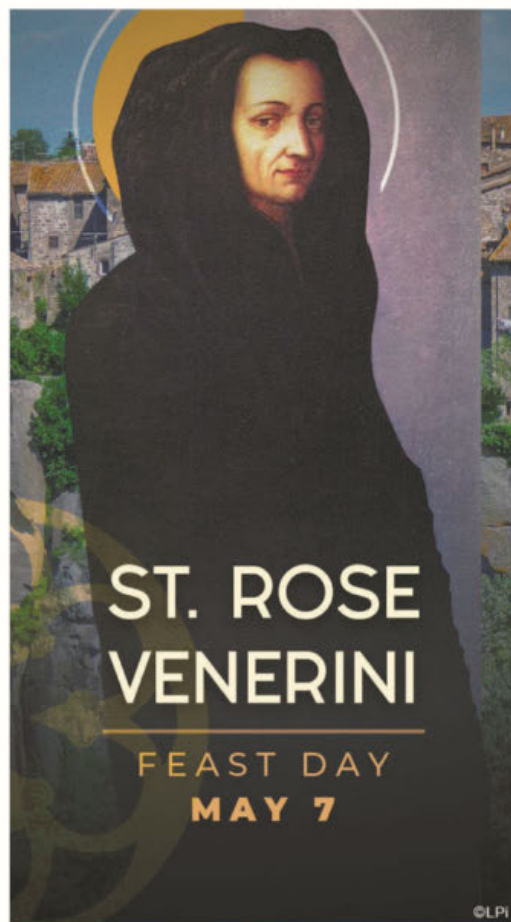
Thursday: National Day of Prayer; Cinco de Mayo

Next Sunday: 4th Sunday of Easter; World Day of Prayer for Vocations;
Mother's Day

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

What prevents us from seeing the Lord? We are not used to seeing Jesus in the ordinary, everyday events of our lives. We expect some kind of startling, extraordinary revelation to occur that definitely and unmistakably sends a signal that God wants our attention. We don't expect a visit from Jesus while we are having breakfast, doing the dishes, running after the kids, negotiating a deal at work, or taking a shower! Sometimes when God simply stands on the shore of our lives casually looking for us, we don't recognize him. Did we ever stop and think that God is really and truly interested in the routine, run of the mill events of our lives? So, "what did you do today?" God may ask. Maybe we don't think that God is concerned about such things, or we are so consumed with life's demands that we give it little if any thought. Perhaps we are determined to achieve our own success, desire to control things ourselves or not really sure what God cares about. God is there. One day, out of the blue, God will get our attention and ask, "Do you love me?"



SAINT OF THE WEEK

The story of St. Rose of Venerini (February 9, 1656 – May 7, 1728) is one of having faith in God and his calling in your life. Born in Italy in 1656, she was the daughter of a doctor. Following the death of her fiancé, she entered a convent in the hopes of becoming a nun, but soon returned home to care for her mother after the death of her father. In an effort to keep up her spiritual side, St. Rose invited women of the neighborhood to recite the rosary in her home, and together they formed a sodality.

Unsure of where her life was headed, she sought the spiritual guidance of a Jesuit priest. After much contemplation, she admitted to feeling called to be a teacher in the world, rather than a nun in a convent. Eventually, she moved ahead and opened a free school for girls in 1685. Eventually, she was invited to oversee the training of teachers and the administration of schools in the Diocese of Montefiascone, which then led to being called upon to organize schools in many parts of Italy, including Rome.

St. Rose died in Rome in 1728 amid a number of miracles that many credit to her. The group of women she first prayed with in her home eventually became known as the Venerini Sisters, found in the United States and working among Italian immigrants. St. Rose was beatified in 1952 and canonized in 2006.

Community Events

Roses for Sale

Next Sunday is Mother's Day. In honor of God's precious gift of life and in appreciation of all mothers, roses will be available after Masses, while supplies last, for a suggested donation of \$2.50/rose. Proceeds raised benefit the Olmsted County chapter of Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life with special gratitude to the family of Sandy Dose.



Living Rosary for the Unborn

Saturday, May 7th, 2022 at 11 am
Calvary Cemetery, Rochester, MN
The Rosary is sponsored by Bishop Edward A. Fitzgerald Assembly 548
Everyone is invited to attend and participate!
Questions? Contact Alan Peterson at (507) 421-3205.

RPR (Real Presence Radio)

Mark your calendars! Real Presence Radio, your only local Catholic radio station, is holding our 17th Annual "Awaken" Spring Live Drive fundraising event on May 11-13th. RPR is one of the best resources available to find the answers about our Catholic faith and to deepen your relationship with Jesus Christ! RPR is 100% listener supported so our mission continues only because of you!!

Phone lines will be open from 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM CT each day! Donate and you will be entered into a drawing for one of the many great prizes awarded throughout the drive. Call in with your support to 877-795-0122 or donate online at realpresenceraadio.com/donate.



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

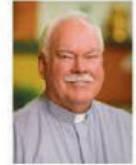
Amazing Grace – How sweet the sound. Explores this beautiful hymn, God's grace and presence in our lives, and how to absorb the gift of grace freely given from the Father. Take time for yourself to renew and strengthen your relationship with God amid quiet and beauty. Retreat Fee - \$160; non-refundable \$50 deposit per person, includes 2 overnights and 5 meals. For more information or to register online: www.kingshouse.com; Call 763-682-1394.

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