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## Happy Mother's Day

### PRAYER FOR MOTHERS

Heavenly Father,  
from the beginning you have chosen to entrust  
the human person to mothers in a special way.  
We thank and praise you for the gift of mothers;  
for their tenderness, care, and compassion,  
for their intuition and encouragement,  
for commitment and sacrifice.  
Bless all mothers this day.  
Keep, strengthen, and refresh them  
in your loving care.  
May they be blessed by our open-hearted  
love and gratitude.  
Amen.



## Fr. Russ

### Happy Mother's Day

I am still in love with the only woman I really ever loved in my life. My Mother! Even though she is now with the old man and God in heaven, I still gaze at her photos I have around the apartment and marvel about how much she loved me, sacrificed for me, and brought me up right – even though there were times when I was a teenager, she well understood why some animals eat their young! God bless all mom's today and know of our love for you. The old saying goes: "God couldn't be everywhere, so he created Mother's. Happy Mother's Day.



### Catholic Charities Collection Today

And on Mother's Day, we traditionally take up our Collection for Catholic Charities. In 2021, Catholic Charities served over 7,900 persons in over 3,700 households, 64% of which had an annual income at or below \$25,000. The truth is what we accomplish is what you accomplish through Catholic Charities. Your support of this year's Catholic Charities Annual Appeal on Mother's Day weekend will make all the difference.

With offices in Worthington, Mankato, Owatonna, Albert Lea, Austin, Rochester, and Winona, every county in the diocese is home to someone who was helped by Catholic Charities.. With your help, catholic Charities can continue to build on this important, needed ministry for the less fortunate. You will find a Catholic Charities Appeal envelope in your envelope packets and this still remains the most effective way to promote Participation. So if you did not notice that envelope this weekend, please know that your contributions will be accepted past the Mother's Day weekend.

Pope Benedict XVI states in Deus Caritas Est: The church's deepest nature is expressed in her three-fold responsibility of proclaiming God's Word, celebrating the sacraments, and exercising the ministry of Charity. These duties presuppose each other and are inseparable. For the Church, charity is not a kind of welfare activity which could equally well be left to others, but is part of her nature, an indispensable expression of her very being. Thank you and God bless!

## 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*

Mothers hold our hands for a little while...but they hold our hearts forever!

All-loving God,  
we give you thanks for mothers  
young and old. We pray for all  
mothers of every kind. Those  
who have loved us and  
helped shape us  
with motherly care  
and compassion.  
We remember  
mothers,  
grandmothers,  
and godmothers  
who are no longer  
with us, but  
whose love is in  
our memory  
forever. Amen



## Parish Life



**DOW-R seminarian, John Vrchota**, visited St. Pius X on Sunday, May 1st. He is the great nephew of Joan and Jerry Krzmarzick. John served during the 10 AM Mass that day. After Mass, John was presented with a \$500 gift from the Knights of Columbus. This picture was taken after the check presentation. Please keep John and all of our seminarians in your prayers.

### 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](mailto: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](http://piusx.org) and click on the "Formed Registration" link.

### Parish Bulletins

If you have been able to join us again for Mass in person and no longer need to receive the bulletin sent to you in the mail, please contact Julie or Doug in the parish office at 288-8238. Bulletins may also be found online at the parish website or attached to the weekly parish flocknote. Thank You!



Our Easter Egg Hunt was a great success with many young families coming over from the 10 am Mass to enjoy lemonade, cookies and collecting Easter Eggs.

Thank you to the families for participating in this Family Ministry event and for the St Pius X parish continued support and prayers for our young families.



### 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.

**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**

## RCS

### Rochester Catholic Schools Board of Trustees Seeks New Lay Trustee Member

Do you have a calling to bring your professional background to serve Rochester Catholic Schools? The Rochester Catholic Schools Board of Trustees is seeking applications for a new lay trustee member.

The Board of Trustees articulates the vision, mission, and overall policy for the five schools that make up the Rochester Catholic Schools system. A description of the responsibilities of a trustee and application materials are available on the Rochester Catholic Schools website in the "Board of Trustees" section at: [rcsmn.org/boardapplication](https://rcsmn.org/boardapplication).

The trustees invite members of the Rochester Catholic community to share the opportunity with qualified applicants in your networks. Rochester Catholic Parishioners who have an affiliation with Rochester Catholic Schools are encouraged to apply, including alumni or parents/grandparents of current and former students. Applications are due Tuesday, May 31.

### 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](https://rcsmn.org/thenest).



## Mass Intentions

### Monday, May 9, 2022

NO DAILY MASS

### Tuesday, May 10, 2022

8:00 am WS Putnam Family

### Wednesday, May 11, 2022

8:45 am Jeanne Margaret Smolka Kaye†

### Thursday, May 12, 2022

8:00 am Betty Ahle† / Bill Otto†

### Friday, May 13, 2022

8:00 am Darrell Sturgis

### Saturday, May 14, 2022

8:00 am St. Pius X Parish and School

4:00 pm Cyril†, Briant† and Shawnt† Horihan

Jim Ward† / Janet† and Forrest Walter†

### Sunday, May 15, 2022

8:00 am The Deceased Members of the Shovelin Family / Robert Vogel†

10:00 am Lois Ruhnnow† / Joann Engelbert†

Dave and Karen Loegering (60 yrs of Marriage)

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

### ROCHESTER CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS

Rochester Catholic is an initiative of the Rochester parishes seeking to connect young adults to Christ and His Church. Our website (<https://www.rochestercatholicmn.org>) is a landing page for young adults in the area desiring to: find a community of peers, plug into a parish, engage the world through outreach and service, and further commit their lives to Christ.

**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 3PM. 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!

## Faith Formation

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 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.

### The Well


Last session is May 22nd but we will be bringing 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.



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

### Vacation Bible School

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](mailto:jcarlin@piusx.org).



**Totus Tuus** (Latin for "Totally Yours") is a Catholic youth program dedicated to sharing the Gospel and promoting the Catholic faith. This will be offered at St. Francis Parish in



Rochester this summer July 10-15, 2022. The goal of Totus Tuus is to help young people grow in the understanding of, and strengthen their faith in, Jesus Christ. The teachers for Totus Tuus are college age students.

The Grade School Program is designed for Catholic children going into 1st through 6th grades. The program strives to help students be clear and consistent in their faith and show the children that the humble yet courageous seeking of all believers is to be based upon the Word of God.

The Program for 7th-12th grade Students, Totus Tuus Primetime, includes instruction, large and small group discussions, quiet meditation, skits, subject related activities, and prayer and fellowship. You can register at <https://stfrancis-church.org/totus-tuus>.

# WEEKLY PRAYER

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 8, 2022

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

**Monday:** Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/Jn 10:1-10

**Tuesday:** Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 10:22-30

**Wednesday:** Acts 12:24—13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/Jn 12:44-50

**Thursday:** Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27/Jn 13:16-20

**Friday:** Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab/Jn 14:1-6

**Saturday:** Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Jn 15:9-17

**Next Sunday:** Acts 14:21-27/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13/Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 8, 2022

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

**Tuesday:** St. Damien de Veuster, Priest

**Thursday:** Sts. Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs; St. Pancras, Martyr

**Friday:** Our Lady of Fatima

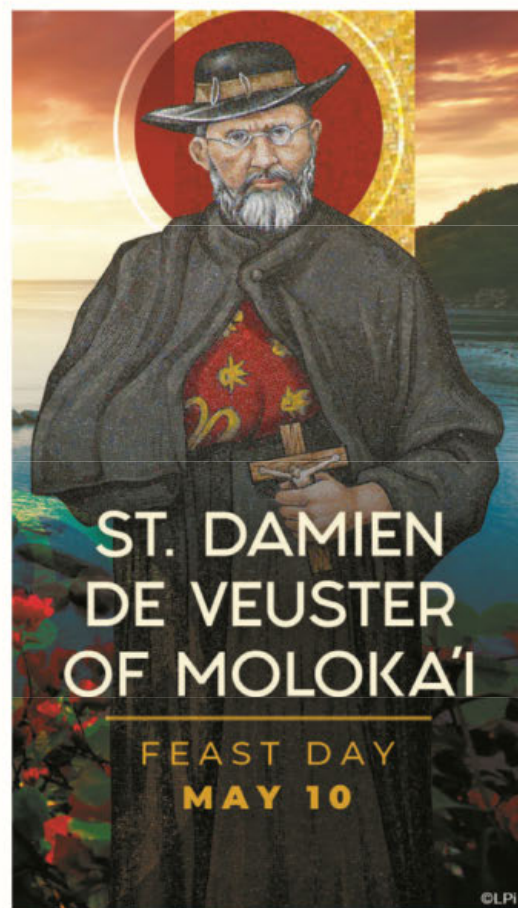
**Saturday:** St. Matthias, Apostle

**Next Sunday:** 5th Sunday of Easter; St. Isidore

## LIVE THE LITURGY

### Inspiration for the week

Do we hear and follow? Before we can welcome Jesus as the Good Shepherd, we have to hear his voice. God's voice breaks into the dialogue of our lives in myriad ways, but we have to be attentive and receptive in order to hear it. It comes through the beauty of creation, the warmth and energy of love, the gift of compassion both received and given, the sacred miracle of life, and the orderly and purposeful design of things and in the truth found in God's commandments. Once we see the wisdom behind the commandments and teachings God places before us and are attentive to listening for His direction, we can begin to take the necessary steps and follow Him. We are easily misled and there are many convincing "shepherds." Only one is Good. It is only the Good Shepherd who can lead us away from the evils that can hurt us and bring us to the good. We may not always like where God asks us to go, and it may not be the path others prefer to take. But we have to follow it because we trust that our kind Shepherd will keep us safe.



## SAINT OF THE WEEK

People may be familiar with leprosy from Biblical times, but not so much in the 1800s. However, St. Damien de Veuster of Moloka'i (January 3, 1840 – April 15, 1889) would eventually shed a light on the effects of this devastating disease and allow people to see those afflicted with it with more compassion and love.

Born Joseph de Veuster in Tremelo, Belgium, he quit school at 13 so he could work on the family farm. Feeling called for more, however, he entered the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary six years later, where he took the name of a fourth-century physician and martyr. His brother, a priest from the same congregation, fell ill and was unable to go to his assigned location. Damien quickly volunteered in his place and found himself on the Hawaiian Islands in 1864. Two months after arriving, he was ordained a priest of Honolulu and assigned to the Island of Hawaii.

In 1873, he visited the Hawaiian government's leper colony on the island of Moloka'i, where he petitioned to stay permanently to care for their physical, medical, and spiritual needs. After years of working to improve their location and those who lived there, he contracted Hansen's disease and died of its complications. St. Damien was canonized by Pope Benedict XVI on October 11, 2009.

## Community Events

### Roses for Sale

Today 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.



### 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](http://www.kingshouse.com); Call 763-682-1394.

**Rochester Rosary Rallies** Rosary Rallies for our country, conversion, and peace will be held on Sunday's at 3PM near the Rochester Government Center at the corner of 4th Street SE and 3rd Avenue SE. They last 35 minutes and include the Patriotic Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet. Families are welcome. Questions: Contact Janela Hubka at [daveandjanela@gmail.com](mailto:daveandjanela@gmail.com) or 507-282-6090.

**Catholic Charities' Parish Social Ministry Program** is offering two new ZOOM studies beginning in May! Choose from: **A Bible Study on Pope Francis' Encyclical *Fratelli Tutti*** (Six Sessions led by Isaac Landsteiner, Thursdays at 1 PM, May 12th - June 16<sup>th</sup>), or ***Open Wide Our Hearts: A Pastoral Letter Against Racism*** (Six Sessions led by Lisa Kremer, Fridays at 10:30 AM, May 13th - June 17<sup>th</sup>). For more information or to register, contact Isaac at [ilandsteiner@ccsommn.org](mailto:ilandsteiner@ccsommn.org) or (507) 848-8303.



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