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Our St. Pius X Parish Mission:
St. Pius X Parish is a Catholic faith community of worship, prayer, and thanksgiving, serving the world through outreach and action.
(Adopted 2013)
FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK
Dear friends,

Lent begins this week on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 26. Ashes, a visible mark of an inner repentance, will be distributed at all of our liturgies that day. Masses will be at 6:30 and 9:00 a.m., and 5:30 p.m. A Word and Communion service will be celebrated at 12:15.

The Church recommends three special practices for Lenten penance. The first is fasting. Fasting means eating less and doing without. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are the only days of mandatory fasting, and applies to people between the ages of 18-59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare oneself to share more fully and to celebrate more readily his Resurrection.

Closely related to fasting is the practice of abstinence, which means refraining from eating meat. Besides Ash Wednesday, all the Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat. Abstinence binds all people 14 and older (there is no upper age limit to abstinence).

A second special Lenten practice is almsgiving. It teaches us to separate ourselves from an attachment to material possessions. By freely giving of our money and possessions to charitable causes and to people in need, we learn to trust God more deeply for our own daily needs. And when we fast (from whatever), we have more time, energy, and resources to devote to others.

The third special Lenten practice is prayer. Through prayer we deepen our relationship with God. You might consider attending Mass at least once in the week other than Sunday; praying Evening Prayer on Tuesdays at 5:30 and then coming to the soup suppers; attending the Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 5:15; or praying the rosary or reading a chapter of the Bible every day as part of your personal prayer. We will also have a period of Eucharistic Adoration on Sundays, following the 10:30 Mass until 3:00.

Make this Lent a time of growth and renewal for yourself.

Fr. Phil Thompson

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

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2/23 Peer Action Disability Support is devoted to improving the lives of people with disabilities through peer support and community activism.

3/1 Iowa Right to Life

STEWARDSHIP

February 23, Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today’s first reading, the Israelites are urged to love their neighbors as themselves. In the Gospel, Jesus spells out how we are to do that - to give generously to those who ask of us and not to turn our backs on those who seek to borrow.

Join us for the next SummerFest Planning meeting: Thursday, February 27, 6:00pm-7:00pm in Pius Hall. Food will be provided.

HELP WANTED

We are actively searching to fill a new, part-time position with flexible hours. Please submit your resume to Fr. Phil Thompson at pastor@crpiusx.org or by mail to St. Pius X Church, 4949 Council Street NE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402. Resumes are requested by March 1, or until the perfect candidate is found. A complete job description is available on our website at www.crpiusx.org.
PARISH EVENTS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23
Lenten Rice Bowls distributed
8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Childcare during Masses
10:30 a.m. Children’s Liturgy of the Word during Mass
11:30 a.m. Environment & Art in church/Gathering Space
7:00 p.m. Honor the Pilgrim Virgin with
   Edward & Celestine Kuchar, 4800 Black Ivy Ct NE

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts meeting in Pius Hall
7:00 p.m. Charismatic prayer group in Pastors Hall

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25
6:30 a.m. Mass in the church
11:00 a.m. Chair Yoga in Pius Hall
5:30 p.m. Tuesday Prayer in the church
5:30 p.m. Private event in Pastors Hall

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26
6:30 a.m. Mass in the church
9:00 a.m. Mass in the church
12:15 p.m. Word & Communion service in the church
5:30 p.m. Mass in the church
7:30 p.m. Lenten Scripture Study in Pastors Hall
No Religious Education, Youth Ministry or Yoga

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27
9:00 a.m. Mass in the church
10:00 a.m. Lenten Scripture Study in the Clare Room
6:00 p.m. RCIA in the Clare Room
6:00 p.m. SummerFest meeting in Pius Hall
7:00 p.m. Glory rehearsal in the church

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28
6:30 a.m. Mass in the church
5:15 p.m. Stations of the Cross in the church
6:00 p.m. Private event in Pastors Hall

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29
Lenten Rice Bowls distributed

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Monday: Jas 3:13-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 [9a]/Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday: Jas 4:1-10/Ps 55:7-8, 9-10a, 10b-11a, 23 [23a] /
Mk 9:30-37
Wednesday: Jt 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17
[cf. 3a]/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: Dtt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5a]/Lk 9:22-25
Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19 [19b]/Mt 9:14-15
Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [11ab]/Lk 5:27-32
Next Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17 [cf. 3a] /Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11

PARISH LIFE

Let the KCs do the cooking next weekend!

Fish Fry Friday

February 28, 5:00–7:30pm
5650 Kacena Ave, Marion
All-you-can-eat baked or fried fish, baked or fried potatoes, coleslaw,
Texas toast, grilled cheese sandwich, homemade dessert,
and lemonade or coffee. Adults: $12, children ages to 10: $6, ages 5 and under free.

Sunday, March 1, 8:30–10:30am, Pius Hall
Adults $6, seniors $5, kids 5–12 $3, under 5 are free or $18 for family.

Lunch Room Help: Regis Middle School is in need of
Lunch Room help each Monday, Tuesday and Thursday,
10:30 am - 12:30 pm, to serve lunch and clean up. Paid
position with lunch included. For more information, please
contact Nann Canfield at ncanfield@regisroyals.org by
March 4th.

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MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24—WEEKDAY
No Mass

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25—WEEKDAY
6:30 a.m. + Mildred Otradovec

FEBRUARY 26—ASH WEDNESDAY
6:30 a.m. + Vincent & Gertrude Bloom
9:00 a.m. + Connie Humphrey
12:15 p.m. Word & Communion
5:30 p.m. + Wendy Portz

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27—WEEKDAY
9:00 a.m. + Edwin & Lydia Goetzinger

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28—WEEKDAY
6:30 a.m. + Marilyn Wicke

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29
FIRST WEEK OF LENT
4:30 p.m. + Joseph Koenig

Servers: Sadie & Taylor Takes, Kaden Hotchkiss
Lectors: Steve Altheide, Erin Altheide
Musicians: Sandra Pickart, Don Mulherin
Lead EM: Cori Butkowski
Ushers: Steve Schrader, Mark Pannkuk, Nick Gaeta, Dave Schillig, Joe Nguyen
Greeters: Kaitlin Hotchkiss, Tom & Pat Keefe, Irene Mart, Daryl & Sharon Hewitt, Maria Schrader

SUNDAY, MARCH 1
8:30 a.m. For the Parish
Servers: Alec & Grant Helmle, SUB
Lectors: John Vecellio, Bill Holtz
Musicians: Glory
Lead EM: Earl Takes
Ushers: Justin Korbel, Dan Digmann, Ernie Zaugg, Steve Powers, Steve Pasker
Greeters: Susan Morio, Don LaKose, Robert Wilson, Ron & Rosemary Hackman, Ed & Jeanne Eichler

10:30 a.m. + Delores Lebbert

Servers: Ella Rushton, Kylie Roling, Thea Eid
Lectors: Nina Brundell, Chris Cummings
Musicians: Sandra Pickart, Colleen Lowe, Bob Pinchotti
Lead EM: Fran Hatfield
Ushers: Sam Davis, Jason Davis, Brady Lowe, Jeff Miller, Ken Heying
Greeters: Getty family, Rheinschmidt family, Jeff & Colleen Lowe, Eid family, Jen Miller
Children’s Liturgy of the Word Leader: Mary Swiderski
CLW Reader: Molly Rheinschmidt
CLW Timekeepers: Catherine & Elizabeth Swiderski

LITURGY
Ash Wednesday: February 26
Ashes will be distributed during all our Ash Wednesday liturgies.
6:30am Mass
9:00am Mass
12:15pm Word & Communion Service*
5:30pm Mass
*If you plan to attend the 12:15 Word & Communion service and need a low-gluten host, you must let us know before February 26 so a host can be consecrated at one of the earlier Masses and set aside for you.

Now Is the Time
Who needs ashes? Why fast and prepare on this day? The joys of last year’s Passion (Palm) Sunday and Easter are now reduced to dust. These ashes point out our fragility as we await salvation in Christ Jesus. We must start again to “turn around to find where we ought to be” and to prepare the way of the Lord in our lives. Now is the favorable time and the day of our salvation. The Lord, our bridegroom, lifts us up from our weakness. We hope to enter into grace and to share in his own divine life. Are you ready – and willing?

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The Stations of the Cross depict the final hours of Jesus. This popular Catholic devotion helps the faithful to make a spiritual pilgrimage of prayer; to contemplate, and enter into, the mystery of Jesus’ gift of himself to us. Join us for Stations each Friday during Lent:
February 28 at 5:15pm
March 6, 13, 20, 27 at 5:15pm
April 3 at 5:15pm
April 10 (Good Friday) at 12:15pm
“We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you, because by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.”

Lenten Evening Prayer
This Lent take time out of your busy schedule for Evening Prayer – 30 minutes of quiet, unhurried, reflective prayer.
Evening Prayer is held in the church each Tuesday during Lent at 5:30pm: March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 and April 7.
Stay for supper in Pius Hall immediately following Evening Prayer. Thank you to our parish commission members who are serving these Lenten meals.

PASTORAL CARE
Funeral Planning Presentation
Why have a funeral at the parish? Why is there a vigil before the visitation? Come learn about the funeral liturgy and get a planning packet at either 12:00pm or 5:00pm on March 10th in Pius Hall.

PRAYER LINE: Contact Glenda Hutton-Stejskal gc71@yahoo.com or (319) 329-0006

ST. PIUS X PARISH
FEBRUARY 23, 2020
SOCIAL JUSTICE/OUTREACH

TOP NON-FOOD NEEDS:
Men’s gloves and snack size zip lock bags. With your support, we provided food baskets to 350 people from 100 families and gave out 36 homeless bags last week. We appreciate your help in keeping our pantry shelves stocked with the following items: peanut butter, jelly, tuna and other canned meat, pasta sauce, tomato products, soup, stew, chili, canned pasta (Raviolios, etc.), canned beans, vegetables or fruit, rice products, potatoes, helper meals, mac & cheese, crackers, laundry detergent PODS, household cleaning supplies.

CRS Rice Bowl
Pick up a CRS Rice Bowl from the basket on the missalette racks this weekend. Trust in the mercy and love of our Lord Jesus Christ, who invites us to “go and do likewise” in the spirit of the Good Samaritan. Visit crsricebowl.org for more information.

We will pray for an end to abortion in front of Planned Parenthood from Wednesday, Feb. 26 - Sunday, April 5. The Coalition for Life of Iowa is looking for people to commit to pray in front of Planned Parenthood for 40 Days for Life campaign. Sign up for an hour any day or night! The campaign draws attention to the evil of abortion through prayer, fasting, peaceful vigil, and community outreach. For additional info contact: Pat at 319-721-9730, email: Jim at coalitionforlife@gmail.com or check website: https://40daysforlife.com/cedar-rapids

Eucharistic Adoration will be held Sundays during Lent starting after the 10:30am Mass and ending at 3:00 p.m. Please sign up at the Formation board in the Gathering Space; there must be someone present at all times between 11:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.


REVIEW FROM THE RESOURCE CENTER
As the Lenten season begins on Wednesday, let us walk with Macrina Wiederkehr on a journey through our memories in Behold Your Life. She helps us to let go of bitterness and blame by reflecting on memories, both joyous and painful, through all stages of our lives. On this forty-day pilgrimage, we can recognize the loving presence of God and discover the goodness hidden in our wounds.

"a work of justice pleasing to God."

(Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 2462).