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.  

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MARCH 8, 2020

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT
“This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.” - Mt 17:5b

MASS TIMES
Saturday 4:30 p.m. (Reconciliation 3:30 - 4:00)
Sunday 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
Weekdays/Holydays check inside bulletin

Parish Office Hours: Monday-Friday 8:30am-4:00pm, Saturday 9:00am-noon
Parish Registration: Contact the office to set an appointment.
Baptism: Pre-baptism class required; call the parish office 393-4445
Marriages: Contact Anthony Lavorata at least 9 months before desired date.
FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK

Dear friends,

Do you ever wonder what heaven will be like? Well, Peter, James, and John got a glimpse of it in their experience of the Transfiguration, which is always the Gospel on the second Sunday of Lent. The custom of reading today’s Gospel near the beginning of Lent may come from an ancient tradition which held that the transfiguration of Jesus took place 40 days before Good Friday.

Jesus and his apostles are on their way to Jerusalem, where Jesus will complete his mission. He makes clear what will happen to him there. To encourage the apostles and to strengthen their resolve, he stops along the way at Mt. Tabor. He invites Peter, James, and John to go to the top with him. There he is “transfigured” before their eyes. They see Jesus in glory, what he will be like after his resurrection from the dead.

This is known as the beatific vision. It is the eternal and direct visual perception of God. It means seeing God face to face, which is only experienced after death in the glory of heaven. We believe that we will experience the beatific vision one day, when we attain our eternal reward.

What a privilege the apostles had in experiencing it ahead of time. Let us take hope from them. For as Jesus said, “Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.”

Fr. Phil Thompson

Although the coronavirus has not appeared locally, many people have become concerned about its spread. While we do not intend to change our liturgies, we do urge caution, as we would with any illness, such as the flu or a cold.

Use common sense in all things. If you are not feeling well, please do not receive Holy Communion from the cup. And we ask that everyone please receive the sacred Host in your hand rather than on your tongue; it is a much healthier way to receive Holy Communion. You may also choose to offer a smile or a nod to the person next to you at the Sign of Peace, instead of shaking hands.

Hopefully a cure for this virus will be found soon, and it will not affect us locally, and we will be able to return to our regular procedures in a few weeks.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

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3/8  Families Helping Families is dedicated to helping children in foster care, relative placement and suitable other placement, and the families that care for them.

3/15 Horizons Summer Lunch Program

Stewardship Reflection

March 8 - Second Sunday of Lent

“Bear your share of the hardship for the Gospel,” St. Paul tells Timothy in today’s second reading. What sacrifice is asked of me for the sake of the Gospel? How willing am I to bear my share?

Help Wanted:

Fellowship Coordinator

St. Pius X Parish is 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 St. NE, Cedar Rapids 52402. A complete job description is available on our website at www.crpiusx.org.

St. Jude Church is seeking a business manager. Interested persons are invited to pick up a job description and application at the St. Jude Parish office at 50 Edgewood Rd NW or by emailing Father Mark Murphy at m.murphy@dbqarch.org.

St. Ludmila Parish is looking for a creative and engaging Youth and Young Adult Minister. This is a full-time position. Interested applicants submit cover letter & resume to Fr. Kenneth Glaser at dbq029@dbqarch.org.

St Ludmila is seeking a part-time administrator to support the Religious Education program. Send applications to Fr. Kenneth J. Glaser, 2107 J St SW, Cedar Rapids IA 52404 or dbq029@dbqarch.org.

Donate online at www.crpiusx.org
**PARISH EVENTS**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 8**
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. Eucharistic Adoration in the church  
11:30 a.m. Confirmation session #7 in Pius Hall  
2:00 p.m. 9th grade Encounter in Pius Hall  
7:00 p.m. **Honor the Pilgrim Virgin with**  
Jim and Marge Grawe, 3770 24th Ave, Marion

**MONDAY, MARCH 9**
6:00 p.m. Circle of Support in the Clare Room  
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts meeting in Pius Hall  
7:00 p.m. Charismatic prayer group in Pastors Hall

**TUESDAY, MARCH 10**
6:30 a.m. Mass in the church  
12:00 p.m. Golden Age luncheon in Pius Hall  
12:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration in the chapel  
5:30 p.m. Evening Prayer in the church  
6:00 p.m. Soup Supper in Pius Hall  
6:30 p.m. Adult Faith Formation in the Clare Room  
7:00 p.m. Parish Council in Pastors Hall

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11**
6:30 a.m. Mass in the church  
3:45 p.m. Girl Scouts meeting in Pastors Hall  
6:00 p.m. Religious Education classes in the school  
6:00 p.m. Yoga in the Gathering Space  
6:00 p.m. High School Youth Ministry in the Youth Room  
6:30 p.m. Surviving Divorce in the Clare Room  
6:30 p.m. Social Justice meeting in Pastors Hall  
7:00 p.m. Middle School Youth Ministry in Youth Room  
7:30 p.m. Celebration Choir rehearsal in the church  
7:30 p.m. Lenten Scripture Study in Pastors Hall

**THURSDAY, MARCH 12**
9:00 a.m. School Mass in the church  
10:00 a.m. Lenten Scripture Study in the Clare Room  
12:00 p.m. & 5:00 p.m. Funeral Planning in Pius Hall  
6:00 p.m. RCIA in the Clare Room  
6:30 p.m. Couples Bridge in Pastors Hall  
7:00 p.m. Glory rehearsal in the church

**PARISH LIFE**

May the Lord grant peace and consolation in their time of need to the families of  
Jerry Moore  
Mary Stenberg  
Joyce Westpfahl

KC COUNCIL 5390 invites you to their Lenten Fish Fry  
each Friday during Lent, March 13, 20, 27 and April 3, 10.  
Serving from 5:00-7:30pm. Enjoy all-you-can-eat baked or fried fish, baked or fried potatoes, coleslaw, Texas toast, grilled cheese sandwich, homemade dessert and beverage.  
Adults $12, kids up to age 10 $6, ages 5 & under are free.  
Marion Columbus Hall, 5650 Kacena Ave, Marion  
Some say it’s the best in the metro area!

**FRIDAY, MARCH 13**
6:30 a.m. Mass in the church  
5:15 p.m. Stations of the Cross in the church  
6:00 p.m. Board game night in Pastors Hall

**SATURDAY, MARCH 14**
8:00 a.m. Private event in Pastors Hall

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### IN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS...

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3rd Sunday of Lent  
Childcare during Masses 11:30am-3pm Eucharistic Adoration | March 16  
7pm Boy Scouts  
7pm Charismatic prayer group | March 17  
St Patrick’s Day  
6:30am Mass  
11am Chair Yoga  
1:30pm Ladies Bible Study  
5:30pm Evening Prayer & Soup Supper | March 18  
6:30am Mass  
6pm Yoga  
6:30pm Surviving Divorce  
7:30pm Celebration rehearsal  
7:30pm Scripture Study  
Spring break – no RE, YM | March 19  
St. Joseph’s Day  
9am Mass  
10am Scripture Study  
4pm Finance Committee  
7pm Glory rehearsal | March 20  
6:30am Mass  
5:15pm Stations of the Cross  
6pm Board game night | March 21  
Sanctity of Life Baby Shower |
| March 22  
4th Sunday of Lent  
Sanctity of Life Baby  
Childcare during Masses 11:30am-3pm Eucharistic Adoration | March 23  
7pm Boy Scouts  
7pm Charismatic prayer group | March 24  
6:30am Mass  
5:30pm Evening Prayer & Soup Supper | March 25  
6:30am Mass  
6pm RE classes  
6pm HS YM  
6pm Yoga  
6:30pm Surviving Divorce  
7pm MS YM  
7:30pm Celebration rehearsal  
7:30pm Scripture study | March 26  
9am School Mass  
10am Scripture study  
6pm Xavier girls basketball banquet  
6pm RCIA  
7pm Glory rehearsal  
7pm Communal Penance at St Ludmila | March 27  
6:30am Mass  
5:15pm Stations of the Cross  
6:30pm Evening for Divorced & Separated | March 28  
Private event  
10:30am Communal Penance at St Joseph  
Sanctity of Life |
MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

MONDAY, MARCH 9—WEEKDAY
No Mass

TUESDAY, MARCH 10—WEEKDAY
6:30 a.m.  + Presider intention

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11—WEEKDAY
6:30 a.m.  + Betty & James Sherbon

THURSDAY, MARCH 12—WEEKDAY
9:00 a.m.  + James Duggan

FRIDAY, MARCH 13—WEEKDAY
6:30 a.m.  + Presider intention

SATURDAY, MARCH 14
THIRD WEEK OF LENT
4:30 p.m.  + Michael O’Rourke
Servers:  Brady & Blake O’Donnell, Kelsey Weiss
Lectors:  Linda Sokolowski, Mona Barz
Musicians:  Glory
Lead EM:  Dennis Murphy
Ushers:  Bill Goeddel, Nick Gaeta, Doug Beadle, Dave Schilling, SUB
Greeters:  Weiss family, O’Donnell family, Meidlinger family, Marv & Sherry Buhr, Steve & Erin Altheide

SUNDAY, MARCH 15
8:30 a.m.  +For the Parish
Servers:  Lydia Lueth, Grant & Alec Helmle
Lectors:  Michael Becker, Jim Klauser
Musicians:  Dorothy Goetzinger, Mary Johnson
Lead EM:  Jan Duffy
Ushers:  John Pfiffner, Dick Dvorak, Steve Pasker, Steve Powers, Ernie Zaugg
10:30 a.m.  +Don Kloos
Servers:  Catherine & Elizabeth Swiderski, Jacob Miller
Lectors:  Chad Huntington, Mark Seidl
Musicians:  Sandra Pickart, Don Mulherin
Lead EM:  Fran Hatfield
Ushers:  Jason Davis, Sam Davis, Brady Lowe, Joe Nguyen, SUB
Greeters:  Swiderski family, Mark & Julie Kuehnle, Beckius family, Billings family, Pat Salzbrenner

*Spring break—no Children’s Liturgy on March 15 or 22

LITURGY

The Paschal Mystery’s Centrality In Our Lives
Lent is a time for change. We seek to change negative behaviors so that we can be the presence of goodness and love. We continue to tell the story in scripture this season about how Jesus faced suffering, dying, and new life. Plan to celebrate Jesus’ model for us of suffering, death, and new life by participating in Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Vigil liturgies on April 9, 10, and 11.

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:
March 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 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 Thursday, March 12 in Pius Hall.
(Date was printed incorrectly previously.)

PRAYER LINE: Contact Glenda Hutton-Stejskal
gc7t@yahoo.com or (319) 329-0006
MARCH 8, 2020

FORMtion

The Living Last Supper, Sunday, March 8, 3:00pm in Chapel of Mercy at Mt. Mercy University. This unique event is brought to life by a group of men dedicated to bringing the message of Christ to our community through a musical and dramatic presentation of DaVinci’s painting. Free and open to the public.

Adult Faith Formation

“Who Am I to Judge?”

Is what’s right for you right for me?
Is there a right and wrong for everyone, all the time?
Tuesday, March 10, 6:30-8pm, in the Clare Room
For more information, contact Tony Lavorata at formation@crpiusx.org or 319.393.4445x112

2020 Archdiocese of Dubuque Men’s Conference

Don’t miss the 2020 Men’s Conference on Saturday, March 14th at Xavier High School. The keynote speaker will be Patrick Madrid, host of “The Patrick Madrid Show” on Relevant Radio. The day will also include breakout sessions and Mass with Archbishop Jackels. More details and registration at www.CatholicMenOnline.com.

Opportunities for Eucharistic Adoration

+ Spend some quiet time with Jesus this Lenten season on Sundays March 8, 15, 22, 29 from 11:30am –3pm in the church. Sign up at the Formation bulletin board in the Gathering Space. There must be someone present at all times when the Blessed Sacrament is exposed. Adoration will be cancelled if each time slot is not filled.
+ Tuesday, March 10, from noon-5pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Eucharistic Adoration is held on the second Tuesday of each month.
+ Via Fidei offers Eucharistic Adoration, along with music, witness talks, and communal prayer for young adults on the first Friday of the month.
April 3, 7:00-9:00pm at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Evening for the Divorced and Separated and Those Who Love Them

Whether you’re divorced or separated, want to help someone you love, or are interested in working to help divorced families, join Catholic author and evangelist, Rose Sweet, for “An Evening for the Divorced and Separated and Those who Love Them” on Friday, March 27 from 6:30-8:30 PM in Pius Hall. Learn more and RSVP for this FREE event at www.DBQArch.org/Divorce.

Social Justice/Outreach

With your support, we provided food baskets to 380 people from 130 families, and gave out 43 homeless bags last week. For a current list of urgent pantry items needed, please visit MCO’s Facebook page at www.facebook.com/MetroCatholicOutreach.

Catholic Charities Annual Appeal

A big thank you to all who helped kick off our Annual Appeal. We appreciate your time and efforts in helping spread Archbishop Jackels message. Thanks in large part to your efforts, our appeal is off to a great start. We ask for your continued support in the upcoming weeks. If you have not been able to donate, it’s not too late! Contributions can be sent by mail to 1229 Mt. Loretta Ave, Dubuque IA 52003 or to contribute online learn more at www.CatholicCharitiesDubuque.org.

CRS Rice Bowl—Meet Trinh

Trinh’s family are farmers in Vietnam who have been affected by climate change. What would you do if your source of nutrition was threatened? How can we support those whose livelihoods are vulnerable to weather? Visit crsricebowl.org for more information.

Supporting persons with diverse abilities:

March is Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month. The campaign seeks to raise awareness about the inclusion of people with developmental disabilities in all areas of community life, as well as awareness to the barriers that people with disabilities still sometimes face in connecting to the communities in which they live.

2020 Arc March

Please join us March 14 from 8:00-11:30am for our 23rd Annual Arc March at Lindale Mall. Help raise awareness and take a crucial step forward to improve the quality of life for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Register online at www.arceci.org.

Save the date for:

SET FREE, EMPOWERED with Darcy & Bruce Aune
Sunday, March 22
First Assembly of God Church,
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For additional info: Contact: Pat at 319-721-9730, email: Jim at coalitionforlife@gmail.com or check our website: https://40daysforlife.com/cedar-rapids
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