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,

Today we begin a series of three Sundays with special Gospels from the Gospel of John. All of them use images associated with the Easter Vigil.

Today is the story of the woman at the well. She innocently goes to the town well to draw water for the day, and she has a life-changing encounter with Jesus. He knows her life story before she tells him, and she receives much more than a bucket of water.

Water is an essential element of all life. Up to 60% of the adult human body is water. We can live a lot longer without food than water. Water is essential for growth. Plants and crops that don’t receive sufficient water will die. Scientists search for water on the moon and Mars to see if they can support life.

But water is also essential for our spiritual life. Our baptismal font is located at the entrance to our church, to symbolize that entrance into the Church is accomplished only through the sacrament of Baptism. We bless ourselves with holy water upon entering the church, to remind us of our baptism. Catechumens are baptized in the newly blessed water at the Easter Vigil, and we are all sprinkled with it as we renew our baptismal promises.

Since water is necessary for both our physical and spiritual life, let us treat the gift of water with respect. Let us work to assure that all people have access to clean water.

Fr. Phil Thompson

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

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3/15 Horizons Summer Lunch Program helps answer the question “Where will students get the kind of nutritious lunches they receive from school cafeterias?” 43% of all CR students quality for free or reduced-price school lunches based on family income.

3/22 Marion Summer Lunch Program

Stewardship Reflection

March 15 - Third Sunday of Lent

When Jesus asked the Samaritan woman for a drink of water, He opened the door for a life-changing relationship with Him. Scripture says her testimony drew many others to Him as well. We, too, must be ready to respond whenever and wherever the Lord speaks to us and be prepared for it to change our lives!

Donate online at www.crpiusx.org

St. Pius X Church,
March 15, 2020

Enjoy PIANOPALOOZA Dueling Pianos at Regis Royal T Night!

Plan to attend Regis Middle School’s Royal T Night Friday, April 17th, 6:30 pm-10:30 pm at Regis Middle School.

Royal T Night is Regis’ only annual fundraising event with this year’s proceeds going toward new student computers including 6th grade Chromebooks, 7th grade iPads, and laptops for the computer lab. This year we are featuring entertainment by popular dueling pianos group Pianopalooza! We’ll also have delicious food and beverages, live and silent auctions, games and raffles. Tickets are $60 per person or a table for 8 for $400. Purchase your tickets online at charityauction.bid/RoyalTNight2020 or contact Dianne at dclarke@regisroyals.org or 363-1968 for more donation and sponsorship information.

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.

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SANCTITY OF LIFE BABY SHOWER

SATURDAY, MARCH 21
6:00 p.m. Private event in Pastors Hall
5:15 p.m. Stations of the Cross in the church
7:00 p.m. Glory rehearsal in the church
4:00 p.m. Finance Committee in the Clare Room

THURSDAY, MARCH 19
1:30 p.m. Ladies Bible Study in the Clare Room

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18
6:00 p.m. Mass in the church
6:00 p.m. Yoga in the Gathering Space
6:30 p.m. Surviving Divorce in the Clare Room
7:15 p.m. Celebration Choir rehearsal in the church
7:30 p.m. Lenten Scripture Study in Pastors Hall
(No Religious Ed or Youth Ministry)

FRIDAY, MARCH 20
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, MARCH 21
Sanctity of Life Baby Shower

St. Pius X, patron of our parish, pray for us!
The Paschal Mystery’s Centrality In Our Lives
Lent is a time to renew our efforts to heal relationships and love those toward whom we feel anger and disgust. We can show mercy, forgive, and see new life in discarded friendships and relationships. Plan to celebrate how Jesus forgave and extended mercy and love in the midst of suffering, death and new life on 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 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 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.

Liturgical Ministers for Holy Week
We need Greeters, Ushers, and Eucharistic Ministers for the Triduum liturgies. If you know you will be attending Holy Thursday, Good Friday, or the Easter Vigil, please sign up to help by contacting Sandra (liturgy@crpiusx.org or 393-4445) or stopping at the Liturgy bulletin board in the gathering space. Thank you for participating in these important ministries during this Holiest of Church weeks!
Opportunities for Eucharistic Adoration
+ Spend some quiet time with Jesus this Lenten season on Sundays March 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.*
+ Eucharistic Adoration is held on the second Tuesday of each month in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel
+ 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 6:30-8:30pm in Pius Hall. Learn more and RSVP for this FREE event at www.DBQArch.org/Divorce.

Rose Sweet has been a national leader in divorce ministry for over 25 years. Learn more about Rose at www.rosesweet.com. Find resources and information about Surviving Divorce program here: www.catholicdivorce.com

**An Introduction to Whole Life Fertility Awareness**

An introductory session will be held in St. Jude Church Conference Room on March 31, 7pm-9pm. To learn more or to reserve your spot for this free, informative session, contact Thomashina at WholeLifeFA@gmail.com or 319-440-8277

**REVIEWS FROM THE RESOURCE CENTER**

*A Lenten Journey with Jesus* is a little book of daily reflections based on Scripture. Author Joan Cole offers short Scripture passages and prayerful steps for each day. She suggests visiting or writing a letter to an old friend, lighting a candle and feeling the warmth and light of Jesus, or just taking a walk to spend some quiet alone time in Jesus’ presence. She invites you to a deeper way of thinking, doing, or reflecting during the Lenten season.

**SOCIAL JUSTICE/OUTREACH**

With your support, we provided food baskets to 220 people from 86 families, and gave out 11 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.

Please join the Sanctity of Life Committee in supporting expectant mothers in need during our annual St. Pius X Baby Shower March 21/22 and March 28/29. Our local crisis pregnancy centers, Bridgehaven and Birthright, can use your help. If you would like to get involved in this event, please contact Lisa Gignac at 360-5039.

**CRS Rice Bowl— Meet Yvone**

Yvone is from Kenya. She learned proper nutrition and hygiene practices to help keep her healthy and in school. Yvone now has a chance to dream and the strength to follow those dreams. How can you ensure that young people in your community receive proper nutrition? Visit crsricebowl.org for more information.

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!

For additional info:
Contact: Pat at 319-721-9730,
email Jim at coalitionforlife@gmail.com
or check out our website:
https://40daysforlife.com/cedar-rapids

**BLOOD DRIVE REMINDER—Monday, April 6**

Please sign up next weekend after Mass for the annual St. Pius X and Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center Drive on Monday, April 6 from 2:00 – 6:30 pm in Pius Hall. You may also sign up online by visiting www.crpiusx.org, and clicking the link under the Social Justice tab. On a daily basis your blood donations are greatly needed!