

# ST. PIUS X



## CATHOLIC CHURCH

### MASS TIMES

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

**Parish Office Hours:** Monday-Friday 8:30am—4:00pm

**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.

# JANUARY 2, 2022

## The Epiphany of the Lord

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Principal: Angela Olson

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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)

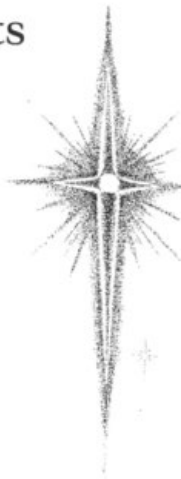
*Mary, Health of the Sick, pray for us  
and for a swift end to the pandemic.*

## We Come Bearing Gifts Epiphany Concert

Sunday, January 2, 2022  
3:00 p.m.

St. Pius X Church  
4949 Council St. NE  
Cedar Rapids

Free admission.  
Refreshments following the concert.



Everyone is welcome to "come bearing gifts" of a monetary offering or non-perishable food item for Metro Catholic Outreach (MCO).

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear friends,

A new year is upon us. There is a saying, "The more things change, the more they stay the same." We flip the page on the calendar. We write a new year on our checks. We will all become a year older sometime in the next 12 months.

But why does it have to be the same? Why can't we finally get beyond this COVID pandemic? Why can't peace rule relationships between peoples? Why can't the homeless be sheltered, and the hungry be fed, and the sick find healing? Why can't we move closer to bringing about the Kingdom of God?

A new year. New opportunities. A new outlook.

Let the beginning of this new year fill us with hope for a better future, built on the love of the Christ-Child, the Prince of Peace, who is present among us. As we celebrate this feast of the Epiphany, may we be guided by the light of Christ, and become as wise as the Magi in their search for the Lord.

Happy New Year to all.

*Fr. Phil Thompson*



## FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

### December 19, 2021

Envelope Contributions 119 families gave	\$ 21,222.00
Unreceipted offertory (loose cash)	\$ 498.00

Budget for December	\$ 95,000.00
Contributions Received Dec MTD (incl EFT)	\$ 75,974.10
YTD Under-budget	\$ -37,369.73

Building & Maintenance 14 families gave	\$ 2,355.00
Social Concerns Envelopes 16 families gave	\$ 1,530.00

Coins for a Cause

### January 2 & 9 HACAP Homelessness Programs

The Homeless Children's Trust is a non-profit, all-volunteer program that is sponsored by HACAP. This program is dedicated to assisting children whose families are homeless and/or currently living in transitional housing by providing funds for emergency needs.

### January 16 & 23 Horizon's Summer Lunch Program

*December 25 & 26 financial information is not available due to an early holiday publishing date for the bulletin.*

**Your parish needs your \$upport even when you are not here!**

### Sign up for EFT!

Using EFT has many advantages—

- reduces parish costs of envelopes & mailing
- allows you to contribute when on vacation or away for the winter
- convenient way to assure your children receive the in-parish tuition rate

Contact Melanie Martin-Trainor today at 393-4445.

Mail your weekly offering

Donate online at [www.crpiousx.org](http://www.crpiousx.org) (click on "Donate Now")

It's not too late to turn in your Stewardship form. Returning the form allows us to plan for the coming year and lets us know your contact information is up to date.

## LITURGY

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD



Sunday,  
January 9

During  
10:30 Mass

For kids in  
grades K-5

### Celebrating the Feast of Epiphany with a home blessing

Begin and end at the front door of your home. With the blessed chalk, mark the doorway with the current year plus the initials of the Three Kings, "20+C+M+B+22." When finished you can pray, "Bless our home, Lord, with peace and the joy of your presence. Heal all of our family who are in need of your touch. Teach us how to offer hospitality to every guest, seeing your face in every stranger and welcoming all who enter here as you welcome us into your Kingdom in this life and the next. Praise be to God. Amen."



**THANK YOU**

to everyone who helped us purchase flowers for our church during the Christmas season!

If you donated money in memory of a loved one and would like to take a poinsettia home, it may be picked up **after 10:30 Mass on Sunday, January 9.**

**PARISH EVENTS**

**SUNDAY, January 2**

8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Masses in the church  
 8:30 a.m. KC breakfast in Pius Hall  
 3:00 p.m. Epiphany Concert in the church,  
 followed by social in Pius Hall

**MONDAY, January 3**

Parish offices closed  
 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts in Pius Hall

**TUESDAY, January 4**

8:00 a.m. Mass in the church

**WEDNESDAY, January 5**

8:00 a.m. Mass in the church  
 No Religious Education or Youth Ministry

**THURSDAY, January 6**

9:00 a.m. School Mass in the church

**FRIDAY, January 7**

8:00 a.m. Mass in the church  
 6:00 p.m. All ages game night in Pastors Hall

**SATURDAY, January 8**

3:30 p.m. Reconciliation  
 4:30 p.m. Mass in the church

**FORMATION**



**A SCRIPTURE STUDY FOR THE NEW YEAR**

January 19-April 7

Wednesdays at 7:30pm or Thursdays at 10am  
 Part one of the study will be January 19—February 24  
 Part two of the study will meet March 2—April 7

Contact Tony by **January 6** to register

Support for the divorced or divorcing

**Surviving Divorce** is a facilitated, small-group Catholic conversation; a 12-week process of healing, hope, and support. Sessions will be offered on Mondays, January 17 – April 11, 2022, from 6-7:30pm at St. Ludmila. For more information, contact Nick Gaeta—[nick.gaeta@live.com](mailto:nick.gaeta@live.com) Maureen Gaeta—[mmgaeta15@gmail.com](mailto:mmgaeta15@gmail.com) Anthony Lavorata—[formation@crpiusx.org](mailto:formation@crpiusx.org) or call the parish office at 319-393-4445.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JAN. 2**

**Sunday:** Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf.11]/ Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12  
**Monday:** 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25  
**Tuesday:** 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44  
**Wednesday:** Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52  
**Thursday:** 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a  
**Friday:** 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16  
**Saturday:** 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/Jn 3:22-30  
**Next Sunday:** Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/ Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22r, Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

**PASTORAL CARE**



May the Lord grant peace and consolation in their time of need to the family of **Raymond Kirpes**, father of Roger Kirpes  
**Curt Klosterman**, son of Joyce Klosterman Brennan

**PRAYER LINE:** Contact Glenda Hutton-Stejskal [gc7t@yahoo.com](mailto:gc7t@yahoo.com) or (319) 329-0006

**GAME NIGHT Friday, January 7**



For families and tabletop players all ages  
 Bring your favorite game or try something new.

**6-8pm Pastors Hall**

Contact Tony for more information 393-4445

**IN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS...**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
January 9 <i>Baptism of the Lord</i> 8:30am & 10:30am Masses 9:40am First Eucharist parent meeting 10:30am Children's Liturgy 12:30pm Environment & Art	January 10 7pm Boy Scouts	January 11 8am Mass 7pm Parish Council	January 12 8am Mass 6pm Religious Education classes 7pm First Eucharist parent meeting 7pm Youth Ministry	January 13 9am School Mass 6:30pm RCIA	January 14 8am Mass 11am Adoration	January 15 10:30am Baptism class 3:30pm Reconciliation 4:30pm Mass
January 16 <i>2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> 8:30am & 10:30am Masses 11:30am Confirmation class 2pm 9th grade Encounter	January 17 6pm KITES 7pm Boy Scouts	January 18 8am Mass	January 19 8am Mass 6pm Religious Education classes 7pm Youth Ministry 7:30pm Scripture Study	January 20 9am School Mass 10am Scripture Study	January 21 8am Mass 11am Adoration	January 22 3:30pm Reconciliation 4:30pm Mass

ARCHDIOCESE of DUBUQUE | 2022 Women's Conference



Holy Women  
of the  
Visitation



January 29, 2022 | 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Confirmed Speakers:



Liz Kelly

Talks will be available in English and Spanish!

Emily Jaminet



This year's virtual conference enables women to participate from the comfort of their own homes or to gather in parishes to experience our virtual conference together!

[www.ArchWomensConference.org](http://www.ArchWomensConference.org)

Contact Tony if you are interested in attending this virtual conference and viewing it on the large screens in Pius Hall. Spend the morning with other women of the parish and hear these nationally known speakers along with Mass by Archbishop Jackels. We need at least 10 attendees to commit to taking part in Pius Hall.

## MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

### MONDAY, JAN. 3—CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY

No Mass

### TUESDAY, JAN. 4—ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON

8:00 a.m. + *Special intention (MS)*

### WEDNESDAY, JAN. 5—ST JOHN NEUMANN

8:00 a.m. + *Burton Yeoman*

### THURSDAY, JAN. 6—CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY

9:00 a.m. + *Michele Grieshaber*

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 7—CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY

8:00 a.m. + *James F. Sherbon*

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 8

#### BAPTISM OF THE LORD

4:30 p.m. + *Jodie Emerson*

**Servers:** Molly Rheinschmidt, Kelsey Weiss

**Lectors:** Andy Pickart, Ken Bloom, Matt Ford

**Musicians:** Steve Schatz, Mary Johnson

**Lead EM:** Cori Butkowski

**Ushers:** Nick Gaeta, Tim Getty, 3 SUBS

**Greeters:** Maureen Gaeta, Rheinschmidt family, Greg & Donna Weiss, Kate Getty, SUB

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 9

8:30 a.m. *For the Parish*

**Servers:** Adelaide Peterson, Delaney Shindelar

**Lectors:** Frank Kintzle, Don Leonhart, Linda Leonhart

**Musicians:** Sandra Pickart, Don Mulherin

**Lead EM:** Bill Holtz

**Ushers:** Alex Helmle, Grant Helmle, Steve Powers, 2 SUBS

**Greeters:** Don LaKose, Judy Powers, Bart & Carrie Shindelar, Emily Williams, Billings family

10:30 a.m. + *Paul Fisher*

**Servers:** Luke & Thea Eid

**Lectors:** Mark Seidl, Rylee Beardsworth, Jim Beardsworth

**Musicians:** Rosemary Riesburg, Colleen Lowe

**Lead EM:** Jim McDonald

**Ushers:** Ann Erger, Brady Lowe, Joe Drish, 2 SUBS

**Greeters:** Eid family, Jenny Kramer, Melchert family, Jeff & Jen Miller, Nick & Jill Roling

\*\*This minister list is as December 23.

Changes may have been made after the bulletin went to the printer.

**Reminder!** If CR Schools are delayed or cancelled due to bad weather, daily Mass is also cancelled.

If you would like to have a Mass said in memory of a deceased loved one, for a special intention, or to mark a particular occasion, call the parish office to schedule.

The usual donation is \$5 per Mass.



Your last will and testament can be an eloquent statement of what was most important to you in life. A bequest to St. Pius X Parish shows how much you appreciated your faith that was nourished here in your parish. A bequest is a good way to thank God for your faith and to pass it on to those who follow you. Contact your estate attorney or financial planner, or the finance office here at the parish.

## SOCIAL JUSTICE/OUTREACH

In the last few weeks, with your help, we were able to serve 509 people in 161 families and hand out 35 homeless bags. Thanks!

We will be reopen after Christmas

break on January 3. **Most needed items:**

soup, stew, chili, peanut butter, jelly, pancake mix, tuna/canned meat, items for homeless bags (individual servings, protein foods), soap, shampoo & conditioner, laundry detergent pods, plastic & brown paper grocery bags.



Two weeks ago, multiple states in the South and Midwest experienced devastating tornadoes, which destroyed entire communities. The loss of life is heartbreaking and the grieving families and communities are in our prayers as they face the long

road of recovery and rebuilding ahead. Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Owensboro, one of the hardest-hit regions, noted in an email that "at least four of our parishes were damaged, some heavily so...Many of the parishioners from St Joseph in Mayfield (heavily immigrant community) were out cleaning up and assisting people before the National Guard got there." At this time of giving, and remembering all those who came to our assistance after the derecho, you may be moved to reach out to help others now. To support local disaster recovery efforts through Catholic Charities, please go to [donations@CatholicCharitiesUSA.org](mailto:donations@CatholicCharitiesUSA.org), and donate individually.



Join us as we March for Life and Equality in the Womb on **January 22**. We will meet at St. Matthew's First Avenue parking lot by 9:15. We will have signs available for your use as we march to Planned Parenthood. Once there we will pray and witness for an end to abortion. The Return

March starts at 10:30 back to St. Matthew where in the lower level (Kern Hall) we will warm up eating some delicious chili and have a rally from 11:10-11:40 featuring Bernie Hayes. Those who are unable to march may drive and join in also. Another option is to join the Adoration and Rosary that will be led by the Archdiocesan Council of Women (ACCW) at St. Matthew church from 9:30-10:30. We will be collecting disposable diapers, wipes, and newborn clothes for distribution to Bridgehaven and Birthright.

Questions? Sue Martinek 319-270-0054

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BEGINS IN  
THE WOMB**

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