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September 19, 2021 ~ Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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CATECHETICAL SUNDAY 2021

Catechetical Sunday is celebrated each year on the third Sunday of September in the United States. For us at St. Pius X, it is an opportunity to recognize all those who share their faith with others in an intentional way through a variety of processes, programs, and methodologies. Learning and growing in our faith is a life-long process. It takes a village to form, inform, and witness to the presence and action of God alive in all of us. We are truly blessed to have these witnesses among us!

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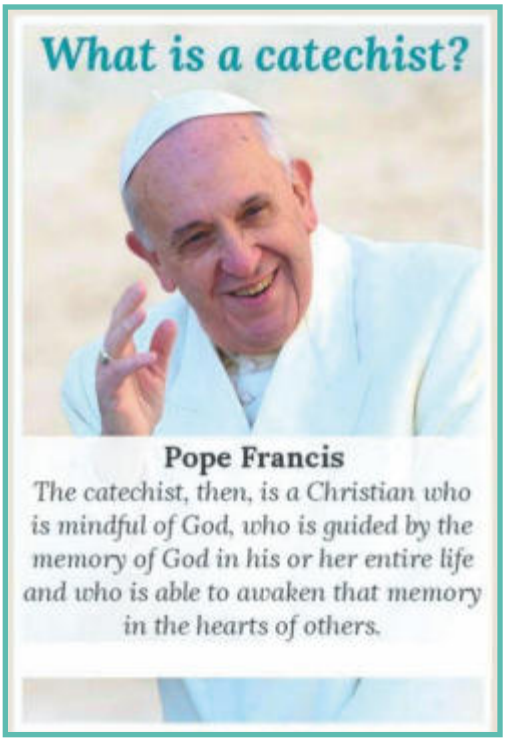

Welcome Visitors

We hope you have enjoyed celebrating with us. Whether you are new to the area or have lived here for years, you are invited to join our parish family. ***Please come again!*** We have much to offer for all ages and stages of faith. If you are a visitor from out of town, we hope you enjoyed your visit with us and felt welcomed in our church as your "home away from home".

Liturgy Corner

Healing Mass & Luncheon
September 30th – 10:30 a.m. Mass
We will offer a Healing Mass on Thursday, September 30th at 10:30am which includes the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick. All are welcome but especially those facing serious health challenges. The mass will be followed by a luncheon in the Martha & Mary Fellowship Hall (please keep checking the bulletin, just in case we have to change the luncheon plans due to COVID)!

Special Collections
Our special collections are to support various works of the Church. We know that each household faces different financial situations and hope that each will be able to use this information to help discern and plan their giving, which may or may not include every collection.
September 18-19 - 2nd Collection for Parish Outreach. Your support helps people in our local community.

Altar Server Training
Calling all those in fourth grade and above to be part of the Altar Server Ministry! For those who would like to become part of the ministry and those who would like a refresher, join us:
September 26, 1:30pm – Altar Server Training (in the Church)

Year of St. Joseph September Question Poll

During the month of September we will reflect on St. Joseph as Most Prudent. The virtue of Prudence is often referred to as the mother of all virtues. Prudence helps us apply what we know to be right and true to situations in everyday life and make good choices as a result. Consider St. Joseph's prudence as he is warned in a dream of danger. He did not act out of fear or recklessly but still in a bold way that kept his family safe and well. As you think about St. Joseph's example, we ask you to name the result or results of a good choice you have made. One of the ways we can grow in prudence is to learn from others; share your answers on the wall in the Gathering Space!

Please pray for eternal rest for:
† Randy Meyer.
May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ grant His fullest blessings and peace in the hearts of their family and friends.

Parish Office 276-2059
The parish office is open the hours of 8:30am – 4:30pm (Mon.-Fri.).
Website www.stpiusxurbandale.org

Mass Schedule - Please Note: Bishop Joensen has reinstated the Sunday Mass obligation. Bishop Joensen strongly recommends parishioners to wear a mask at Mass and other parish activities.
Weekday Mass Schedule:
•Monday - Friday: 8:15 am
Weekend Mass Schedule:
•Saturday: 5 pm
•Sunday: 7 am, 9 am, 11 am, 5 pm

Sacraments
Reconciliation: Individual Confessions will be offered in the church:
•Fridays 9am-10:30am
•Saturdays 8:30 am-9:30 am
Baptism: First time parents are required to attend a class on the Sacrament of Baptism. Call Sharon Lyddon to register by phone 276-2059 or email slyddon@saintpiuschurch.org.
Marriage: Contact the office for availability and requirements at least 6 months prior to requested wedding date.

Bulletin Deadline
Submit in writing to Mary Sue Lone mlone@saintpiuschurch.org by Friday at 8 am.

Newcomers
Register by phone 276-2059 or email slyddon@saintpiuschurch.org, stop in the parish office, or register through our website.

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Associate Pastor: Fr. Brad Robey
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Permanent Deacon: Deacon Joel Schmidt
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St. Pius X School 276-1061
Principal, Mary Jo Kever
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Faith Formation, EDGE and SPY

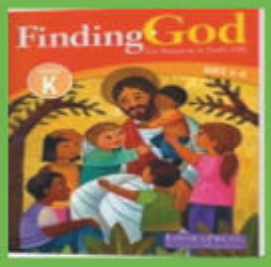
It's Not Too Late to Register!

Faith Formation Registration for 2021-2022

Registration packets are available on line, in the parish office, and in the narthex.

Kindergarten Joins Wednesday Night Faith Formation!

Class will meet 6-7PM same time as grades 1-6 and Edge!



Register now using the same form, simply write in Kindergarten. (Young ones should be 5 by 9/15)

For More Information, Contact Dr. Cheryl

Greater Des Moines Habitat for Humanity®

2021 Habitat For Humanity Build

St. Pius is a member of the Catholic Circle of Faith (CCOF) which will be building another house for Habitat for Humanity. The CCOF is made up of several Catholic parishes in the Des Moines area. The 2021 house is located at 1412 Stewart Street, DSM.

We are looking for volunteers! On-site construction starts September 30. CCOF will be working on the house 3 days a week –Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday. We need 10 volunteers each day for this project (smaller group due to Covid). Tools and instructions are provided. Saturday, October 23, is reserved for the St. Pius X Knights of Columbus - If you are a Brother Knight, please join us!

How to Sign up: Habitat provides an online registration process for volunteers. It is very important to sign up and not just show up at the build site. This serves as your waiver and lets us know how many people will be on site.

1. To sign up, click Catholic Circle of Faith Volunteer Registration.
2. Select the date.
3. Click on the 'Sign Up' button.
4. Fill out the form that pops up and review the waiver. If you are signing up a youth (16 or 17-year-old), click on the "Print and bring the youth waiver", print it and bring it to the work site.
5. Click 'Sign Up'.

If you have any issues getting signed up or have questions, contact Dennis Rau at dennisrau5@gmail.com.

St. Pius X Catholic School

St. Pius X Catholic School Job Opportunity

St. Pius X Catholic School is hiring adults interested in a full time career in childcare. The fully licensed, established before and after school care program at St. Pius X provides activities, games, learning and fun for children age four years old through school. Under the supervision of the Director, new on-site supervisors will be responsible for creating a safe and enjoyable atmosphere for children. This position is designed for childcare career professionals or those beginning a career in childcare. On the job training provided and employees will be supported in obtaining necessary certifications.

Requirements:

- Strong social and communication skills
- At least 2 years of experience in child care
- At least 21 years of age
- Physical abilities: Ability to actively participate in activities and games; Lifting up to (but not limited to) 30 lbs; Light cleaning, which may require bending over or pushing objects

Position Details:

- Full time employment with benefits package
- Hours 6:45-9:45am & 2:00-6:00pm on school days
- Hours during school holidays and summer may vary
- Hourly wage depending on certifications and experience
- Opportunity to have a fun & positive impact in children's lives!

For more information or to apply please visit our website https://stpiusxurbandale.org/our-school/employment-opportunities or contact Principal Mary Jo Kever at mkever@stpiusxschool.org.

Catholic Charities Refugee Resettlement Program is expecting the arrival of refugees from Afghanistan in the weeks and months to come. To prepare apartments for them, you can help by donating some of the following new or gently used items: kitchen & bathroom trash cans, shower curtains/rings, kitchen knife sets, toilet brushes, ice cube trays, drinking glasses, paper towels, toilet paper, Tupperware, tea kettles. The Refugee Program is also accepting furniture (but no bed frames, mattresses, box springs, or glass table tops) from PET-FREE homes (due to allergies). Housewares are also accepted, like dishes, pots and pans, etc. For more info, please contact Paulette Valdez at pmvaldez3@gmail.com or 515.720.7368. Thank you so much!

Fr. Bob Aubrey is celebrating his 50th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood! You are invited to help him celebrate Sunday, September 19, at St. Joseph Church, 3300 Easton Blvd., Des Moines. This is an open house, serving wine and cheese from 2-4 pm, followed by Evening Prayer at 4:15 pm.

Fiscal Year July, 2020 - June, 2021
September 5, 2021
Budget: $33,389/week
Actual: $32,560
Surplus (Shortfall) ($829)
Year to date: ($38,853)
September 12, 2021
Budget: $33,389/week
Actual: $28,069
Surplus (Shortfall) ($5,320)
Year to date: ($44,173)

WAYS TO GIVE:

- Weekly Envelope
- Automatic Withdrawal from bank through St. Pius - contact office
- Your bank bill pay
- Online donation button on website www.stpiusxurbandale.org
- Give by Text Number: 855-918-4289
- GivePlus mobile app - choose St. Pius X. Questions? Contact Dean Roth: droth@saintpiuschurch.org.

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The Annual Diocesan Appeal (ADA) is wrapping up! Thank you for your ongoing generosity. The ADA goal for St. Pius X Parish this year was $204,696. We have collected $203,978 from 548 givers. We only need $720. **Make your gift safely & securely online at www.dmdiocese.org/giving.**

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25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 19, 2021

Theme: Pursue Humble Wisdom

Command: Bookend Your Days with Humility
-Pray the Litany of Humility in the morning and end the day with a Daily Examen
-Find a way to serve others each day: simple tasks for another; do something without being asked;

Mass Intentions - Week of September 20

Mon. 9–20	8:15am	Esther Mehalovich
Tues. 9-21	8:15am	Joe Mazur
Wed. 9-22	8:15am	Mary Bleimehl
Thurs. 9-23	8:15am	Teresa Leonetti
Fri. 9-24	8:15am	Robert Beyer
Sat. 9-25	5:00pm	Jim Heddinger
Sun. 9-26	7:00am	Mary Buchman
	9:00am	Mary Tague
	11:00am	St. Pius X Parishioners
	5:00pm	Michael Berendes

Man-Up West, October 2021 - Why We're Pro-Life!

Friday, October 8th, Noon/St. Francis of Assisi Parish, West Des Moines

Man-Oh-Man! Come and join our October Man-Up Event with 2 of our front-line leaders in the "Life" effort; Bryan Gonzalez, Director of Development, InnerVisions HealthCare and Tom Quiner, Board President, Iowans for LIFE. Bryan and Tom will help us understand what's going on with the "Heartbeat" law and the question of "When Does Human Life Begin?" They'll also tell us why theirs and other Pro-Life organizations are busier than they've ever been. Lunch from Chik-fil-A. Register for this event at https://www.iowacatholicradio.com/events.

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 19, 2021
Readings: https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/091921.cfm
Wisdom 2:12, 17-20; Psalm 54:3-4, 5, 6-8
James 3:16-4:3; Mark 9:30-37

Our readings this weekend lead us to servanthood. They lead us to recognize that God's good works are accomplished through our actions and attitudes here and now. They call us to recognize that humility and wisdom work together to bring us to a place where goodness and right relationships flourish.

We talk about humility a lot, and yet, I am not sure we really understand it. Humility is about being real, being authentic, and about acknowledging what is true to and about us. It is about being able to say "thank you" when a compliment is offered; it is about being able to name gifts and talents that we possess; it is about using those same gifts and talents for others because that is why we were gifted with them in the first place!

Humble wisdom then, is wisdom that is rooted in truth. It is wisdom that has come to us through the experiences of life: the good, the bad, and the ugly. It is truth grounded in self knowledge and in the recognition of God acting in us. It is honest, filled with a sense of openness, and wonder. It leads us to act; it leads us to serve.

All that being said, I have to ask, how honest are we about our gifts and talents? How willing are we to share what we have received with others? Are we willing to volunteer to serve our parish community in a way that uses our gifts? If we are good speakers, do we volunteer to lector at Mass? If we are out-going and welcoming, do we volunteer to greet or usher? If we are musically inclined, do we volunteer to share our skills and voice at Mass? If we have a love for people, do we volunteer to help with Faith Formation, Middle School, High School Ministry, RCIA or ChristLIfe?

Humble wisdom leads us to see that God is really at work in us and is moving us to serve.

How will you serve?

May the Spirit guide you to discern how best you are being called to share your humble wisdom.

Blessings,
Dr. Cheryl

GROW YOUR FAITH

Adult Faith Formation Offerings at St. Pius X and in the Des Moines Area

Caring women working together to nurture the love of Jesus Christ through the intercession of Mary.

St Pius + Altar & Rosary JOY

ALL WOMEN ARE INVITED TO
Altar & Rosary JOY's Program
Monday, September 27
Father Brad Robey:
Journey to the Priesthood

6:30 p.m. Mass in the church. Refreshments in the Martha and Mary Fellowship Hall.
7:00 p.m. Father Brad Robey: Journey to the Priesthood. Business Meeting to follow.
Come for all or part of the evening. Your presence is always welcomed!

September Service Project

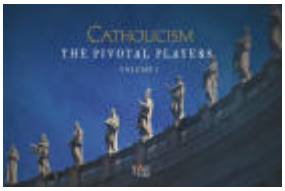
Urbandale Community Action Network

UCAN offers programs that assist Urbandale residents that are in need. Cash or check donations are accepted that evening or by mailing or dropping off your donation to St. Pius X or by putting your donation in the Sunday collection basket by Monday, October 4. Mark the envelope A&R JOY September Service Project UCAN. Make checks payable to St. Pius X. Participation in the service project is optional.

The Pivotal Players at SPX

Holiness is the mission all Christ's disciples should aspire to. Learn how to grow in your faith as we watch and discuss Bishop Barron's The Pivotal Players.

When: Wednesday mornings after daily mass. Starts at 9:00am for 70-90 minutes.



Dates
Sept 22: Bl. John Henry Newman
Sept 29: G.K. Chesterton
Oct 6: St. Thomas Aquinas
Where: Martha & Mary Fellowship Hall

Capital Campaign Update

If you have made a pledge or gift, thank you! If you have yet to join our cause, I invite you to make a commitment. Pledge cards are available in the Gathering Space or you can make your pledge securely at stpiusxurbandale.org.
The project began June 1.

Men's Faith Study Series

The A.M. Men is a men's Catholic faith study group. We meet Tuesday mornings from 6:30 to 7:30 in the Martha and Mary Fellowship Hall. We typically watch a short video followed by discussion. Coffee and donuts are provided. Starting September 21, we begin a 12-week series entitled *The Bible and the Church Fathers*. This series covers how they shaped the way we read Scripture, how the Bible took form, and Scripture's relationship to Sacred Tradition & the sacraments. For information contact Mark Conway: conirish@gmail.com or 515-777-9881.

Bible Study – Book of Mark
Book of the Bible: Mark
Start date: September 20, 2021
Meeting: 1st and 3rd Mondays from 7 pm - 8:30 pm in the Martha & Mary Hall. Please use the main entrance to St. Pius X Catholic Church. **Cost**: Free **Information**: Everyone is invited to join. No previous Bible knowledge or study experience is necessary. This is not a lecture study, but an interactive study. Please bring your Bible. The first meeting is an introduction.
Questions contact: Cathy Yuska, 252-0753 or Yuskaca@aol.com.

Help support our Cub Scouts and show your team spirit! Pack 43 will be selling Iowa and Iowa State Popcorn Tins on October 3 after the 9 and 11 o'clock Masses. Each tin is $20 and 70% will come back to the Scouts! Thank you for your support!

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