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January 9, 2022 - Baptism of the Lord

LOVE GOD. LOVE OTHERS. MAKE DISCIPLES. RESTORE ALL THINGS IN CHRIST.



The Baptism OF THE LORD

“I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.” - Lk 3:16bc

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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

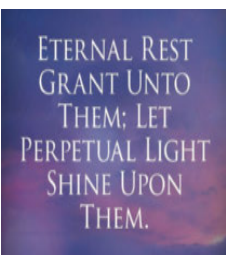
Special Collections

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.

Jan 15 & 16 – 2nd Collection for Parish Outreach. Your support helps those in need in our local community!

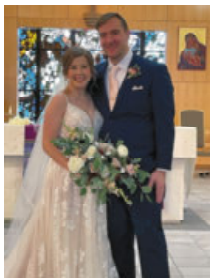
QUEEN OF PEACE ADORATION CHAPEL-FEBRUARY

The sign-up sheets for the month of February will be located in the Gathering Space. We need adorers on Monday evenings between 6pm and 10pm. We invite you to sign up for a holy hour (the hours will be: 6:00pm to 7:00pm, 7:00pm to 8:00pm, 8:00pm to 9:00pm and 9:00pm to 10:00pm). It's important to remember that we need at least 2 people for each hour but hope that we will have several people at each hour (Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is a liturgy, in other words, it is a public prayer time even though we pray in silence). Contact Sherri Hunt, Liturgy Coordinator at shunt@saintpiuschurch.org or 276-2059 if you have questions or want more information.



Please pray for eternal rest for:
† Jim Williams, husband of RoseMarie Williams.
† Marge Demuth, sister-in-law of Barb Sharp.
† Eileen Hesselman, mother of Lynn Lily.
† Lynn Harrell, cousin of Deb Culp.
† Bill Perkins, boyfriend of Maryann DeJongh.
May God our Father & the Lord Jesus Christ grant His fullest blessings & peace in the hearts of their family & friends.

Congratulations to these couples recently united in Holy Matrimony at St. Pius X Church



Josip & Molly Juric

Josip & Molly (Cain) Juric married November 27.
Troy & Megan (Hoffman) DuBay married December 4.
May God bless you with his grace so that through this sacrament your love for each other will be a living witness of God's love in the world.

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 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, in the parish office, or register on our [website](#).



DMARC Food Pantry Item of the Month for January is CASH! The next Food Pantry weekend is January 15

& 16. We are hosting a virtual food drive! www.dmarcunited.org/donate/virtual-drive/saint-pius-x/

Parish Staff

Pastor: Fr. David Fleming

Associate Pastor: Fr. Brad Robey

Permanent Deacon: Deacon Jim Houston

Permanent Deacon: Deacon Joel Schmidt

Permanent Deacon: Deacon Rob Stark

Permanent Deacon: Deacon Troy Thompson

Retired Deacon: Deacon Dave Bartemes

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Faith Formation

Pastoral Associate Director: Dr. Cheryl Fournier

Coordinator of Youth Ministry

Grades 7-12: Samantha Montang

Adult Faith Formation: Dr. Cheryl Fournier

RCIA: Mary Sue Lone

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St. Pius X School 276-1061

Principal, Mary Jo Kever

Asst. Principal, Alex Baranosky

Dinner on Us

On Sunday, January 16, St. Pius parishioners will be delivering a warm meal to Urbandale families who are food insecure. If you would like to participate in this 'missionary' event, you can sign up this weekend at all Masses. At that time SPX community outreach committee members will be



available to sign you up, answer your questions, and provide you with a casserole pan. Last year (our first year) we served over 450 families. Come join us. It can be a one-time deal, or become a monthly family tradition!



The Bishop Wants To Hear From Us

Bishop William Joensen invites us to take part in a brief survey that will assist our visioning process for the Diocese of Des Moines. We want to hear of your joys and disappointments, your hopes and priorities for our diocesan

future. To complete the survey in English, go here: <https://forms.gle/1mp721t5b8TFcAid8> or click on the QR code. En espanol: <https://forms.gle/nnPzXFtVJcs4oTXj6> The Bishop also invites us to pray that God will grace us with clear vision of His will for the way forward.



St. Pius X Catholic School



Mark your calendars!

ALL SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE:
January 30, 2022
10am-Noon

PRE-KINDERGARTEN & KINDERGARTEN INFORMATION NIGHT:
February 1, 2022
6:30pm
School Library

For more information call:
515-276-1061



ST. PIUS X CATHOLIC SCHOOL



If you have participated in Discovering Christ, Following Christ is for you!

February 3 - March 17
In the Martha and Mary Fellowship Hall
To register, contact Dr. Cheryl at cfournier@saintpiuschurch.org

January Salvation Army Pan Collection

Two mornings a week the Salvation Army's Mobile Canteen travels to stops to provide breakfast and a friendly hand to our neighbors. Your breakfast casserole will be served to those who are living on the streets or in area shelters.



Beyond the nutrition and comfort of a hot breakfast, you will be bringing hope to those who need it most. Each casserole feeds 10 people, with 150 casseroles needed each week.

- Pans will be distributed after each Mass **January 15 & 16**
- Return frozen casseroles or boxes of cereal before each Mass **January 22 & 23**

You can also put your pan in the freezer located in the kitchen of the Martha and Mary Fellowship Hall. Questions: Contact Gail Kotval at 515-661-1974.

"For I was hungry and you gave me food, thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me." Matthew 25:35

COATS - HATS - GLOVES COLLECTION

"Thank You" everybody who donated and helped with the sorting and delivery. Everything is given away free, to those who need the Coats-Hats-Gloves.



We collected for 12 weeks - each week there were five 20 pound bags for a total of 1200 pounds. They are distributed by UCAN, Partnership of Johnston, Catholic Worker and the Diocesan Refugee Program.

Most of the time we do not see the effect of this generosity but once we saw a Mother pick up a Coat and matching Hat and Gloves, for her child... then ask, if she can have all three items.

Fiscal Year July, 2021 - June, 2022

December 19, 26, January 2, 2021/2022

Budget: \$33,389/week x 3 weeks

Actual: \$131,486

Surplus (Shortfall) \$31,319

Year to date: (\$33,181)

WAYS TO GIVE:

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

Mass Intentions - Week of January 10

Mon. 1-10	8:15am	Dr. Mike Uphues
Tues. 1-11	8:15am	Mary Ann Dale
Wed. 1-12	8:15am	Janet Eisenbarth
Thurs. 1-13	8:15am	Ramona Dewey
Fri. 1-14	8:15pm	Will Shutters
Sat. 1-15	5:00pm	Darrell Pearson
Sun. 1-16	7:00am	DeLare Mannie
	9:00am	Patricia Strause
	11:00am	St. Pius X Parishioners
	5:00pm	Susan Underwood



Shop Amazon to benefit St. Pius X.

Baptism of the Lord ~ January 9, 2022

Readings: <https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/010922.cfm>

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7; Psalm 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10; Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7; Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

"Remember who you are and whose you are!"

The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord serves as a good reminder about what each of us is called to...we are called to remember that we are unique individuals each made in the image and likeness of God, and we are all called to remember that we are indeed the children of God, and as such, **we are to act like it!**

Some people have suggested that our society is experiencing a loss of identity...we do not know who we are any more, except when we look at the labels we apply to ourselves or each other. Are we conservative or liberal; are we Democrat or Republican; do we attend St. Pius or another Church; do our kids go to Dowling Catholic or Johnston or Urbandale....the list goes on...

I guess we are in a bit of an identity crisis, and I think all the polarities in our world are partly to blame. Our culture surely has added to the division and tension we find ourselves facing in our day to day living.

There is one truth, however, that would help us to heal these divisions and assist us in reclaiming our identity...and that is the reality of the Baptism that we share. In the gospel reading today we hear of the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan by John the Baptist...and the sky opens and a voice is heard saying, "This is my beloved son, with whom I am well pleased." While the sky did not open the day we were baptized, God did indeed claim us as His own. We too belong to God! And as a child of God, created in the image and likeness of God, we have been gifted with grace to lift up the world around us. If we remember that we are God's children, and that we are created to live in such a way that our Baptism means something...not only on the day of our Baptism, but every day of our lives...What a difference we will make. The promises made on the day of our Baptism are in reality our job description for the whole of our life...we are to bring Christ to the world by our presence in it; we are to proclaim the Word of God by our example; we are to make holy the world around us and work for the salvation of all humankind because that is what Jesus did, and that is what living in right-relationship with God calls us to do.

May we claim and reclaim our identity as God's children. May we hear God speak to us and say, "Remember who you are...you are my child and with you I am well pleased!" May we remember who we are and to whom we belong.

Blessings,
Dr. Cheryl



ST. PIUS X ANNUAL TITHING CAMPAIGN

Our annual tithing campaign is underway. **Please return your tithing pledge card to the parish office or drop it in the collection basket at mass.** To date, we have received 405 pledge cards returned out of approximately 1550 registered households. Please prayerfully consider increasing your tithing gifts and how you are able to support the physical and pastoral needs of our wonderful parish! Returning the pledge card helps determine the parish budget.

THANK YOU.



**Baptism of the Lord
January 9, 2022**



**Theme: Baptism: The Way of Life
Command: Renew Your**

Baptismal Promises

- Mark the date of your baptism on your calendar and celebrate it!
- Take some Holy Water home, bless each other remembering that you are a child of God

LOVE GOD ~ LOVE OTHERS ~ MAKE DISCIPLES

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

"Gifted for Mission"

February 12

9-Noon

Fr. David Fleming

Dr. Cheryl Fournier

For more information, contact
Dr. Cheryl in the parish office



Man-Up West, Friday, January 14, Noon

Join Us for Our 2022 Kickoff!

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church- 7075 Ashworth Road

Our January meeting will be a two-part meeting. First, Matt Willkom, Iowa Catholic Radio's Executive Director, will join us to launch our 4th year of ManUp West Power Lunch. A discussion of Lenten activities will follow.



Our Agenda includes-

- An update on Iowa Catholic Radio's Plans for 2022.
- A description of the "Eucharistic Miracles Display" and the stories behind it as well as an explanation of the process to schedule it for your parish.
- An update on "Exodus 90", which begins January 17th.
- Updates on other "Men's Small Group" offerings in the Des Moines Area.
- A preview of some of the presentations scheduled for the Power Lunch in 2022.

Lunch from Chick-fil-A will be available for a free-will offering.

Register at <https://www.iowacatholicradio.com/events>.

Christ Our Life Catholic Conference

Save the Date September 24 & 25, 2022, Wells Fargo Arena

Once again you are invited to hear world class speakers, celebrate Mass with thousands, fill your spirit with music, attend reconciliation and visit Jesus in adoration.

Feel Your Soul Rejoice!

To learn more, contact your parish "GoTo" person: Juleen McGrath, 515-276-0808.



HEALING SERVICE
AT
St. Ambrose Cathedral
7PM
EVERY 3RD WEDNESDAY
OF THE MONTH

Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.

After living the pandemic life, many are looking for a fresh start. Worldwide Marriage Encounter is a Catholic faith based marriage enrichment program, providing couples better communication skills and tools for over 50 years.



Upcoming Retreats!

Find out what you've been missing by attending one of the upcoming experiences. February 11 - 13th in Ankeny; April 23 - 24th in Epworth. For more information, options for the process or to

register go to iowa-wwme.org or call 563-608-3305.

Capital Campaign Update

We have collected OVER half of the \$5,034,546 that you so generously pledged to our building campaign! Thank you for helping us reach our goal. 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 make your pledge securely at stpiusxurbandale.org.

The project began June 1 and we have made great progress! The kitchen is now operational & the building connecting the parish center and school is taking shape! Check the website for pictures!

Thank you again for your generosity.



LIVING OUR MISSION
BUILDING OUR FUTURE
A Campaign for St. Pius X

All young adult professionals in their 20s and 30s are invited to join the Young Catholic Network Speaker Series on Tuesday, January 25th! Join us at 6 PM for an evening of networking and fellowship at the Catholic Pastoral Center in downtown Des Moines. Enjoy complimentary drinks and appetizers while meeting other young Catholics committed to professional and spiritual growth. Our featured speaker will be Sharon Krause of Krause Group (parent company of Kum & Go) and Dalla Terra Ranch. She will talk about the alignment of one's personal and faith-based mission in the workplace and beyond! **Free childcare is provided if you register by January 17.**

Register at www.dmdiocese.org/ycn!



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