

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

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June 1, 2025 - The Ascension of the Lord
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Our Mission: Love God. Love Others. Make Disciples. Restore all Things in Christ.



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".

Thank You to all who have given to the Annual Diocesan Appeal. Our parish goal is \$231,775 with 100% participation. **To date we have collected \$173,886 from 340 households. We need \$57,889 to reach our goal.** When we reach our parish monetary goal, any additional gifts stay here for our own use. If you have not made a gift, please join us in supporting the vital programs and services throughout the Diocese that no single individual or parish can offer. Contribution cards and envelopes are located in the Gathering Space. Or donate online at www.dmdioocese.org/giving.

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BABY & TODDLER STORY TIME

SATURDAY, JUNE 7

9:30 - 10:30 am | Archangels Room

Join us for a morning of Catholic Story Time designed especially for little ones ages 0-4!* While the kiddos enjoy the fun, adults can sip a cup of coffee and connect with fellow parents. We hope to see you there! *Big Siblings Welcome

Contact Abby & Joey Hage with any questions: HappilyEverHage@gmail.com



Please pray for eternal rest for:

† Lucille Ann Mueller Frein, daughter of Anthony Frein & Stefanie Mueller.

May God our Father & the Lord Jesus Christ grant His fullest blessings & peace in the hearts of their family & friends.

Parish Office 276-2059

The parish office is open 8:30am – 4:30pm (Monday-Friday).

Website www.stpiusurbandale.org

Weekday Mass Schedule:

- Monday through Friday: 8:15 am;
- Tuesday through Thursday 5:15 pm

Weekend Mass Schedule:

- Saturday: 5 pm
- Sunday: 7 am, 9 am, 11 am

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

We are offering Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the church from 9:30am to 7pm on Wednesdays.

8:15 am Mass followed by Exposition

5:15 pm Mass followed by Exposition

7:00 pm Benediction

Sacraments:

Reconciliation: Individual Confessions will be offered in the church:

- Friday 9:00 am
- Wednesday 6:00 pm

Baptism: First time parents are required to attend a class on the Sacrament of Baptism. Call or email Sharon Lyddon to register: slyddon@saintpiuschurch.org.

Marriage: Contact the office for availability and requirements at least 6 months prior to requested wedding date.

Bulletin Deadline

Submit by 8 am Friday to Mary Sue Lone mlone@saintpiuschurch.org.

Newcomers

Register by phone, email

slyddon@saintpiuschurch.org, in the parish office, or on our [website](#).

WE'RE HIRING!

LONG TERM SUB



APPLY NOW!

FALL 2025

Long term substitute teacher for a 2nd grade classroom. August - November 2025!

Contact Us: 515-276-1061 or abaranosky@stpiusxschool.org



Children's Liturgy of the Word Needs You!



We would love to expand Children's Liturgy of the Word to include both our 9:00 and 11:00 Masses on Sunday mornings...but we cannot do that without you!

If you would like to assist with this important Ministry of the Word, please contact Dr. Cheryl in the parish office!
cfournier@saintpiuschurch.org



FOOD TODAY - CHANGE TOMORROW
DMARC Food Pantry weekend is June 21 & 22. Donate online at www.dmarcunited.org/



Do you want to join our prayer warriors or you have a special prayer request? Go to www.stpiusurbandale.org/prayer-request to submit a prayer request.
Please note if this is an anonymous request.

Join us for the 2025 St. Pius X Golf Outing

- Enjoy a fun day & parish comradery
- Profits support the mission of St. Pius X
- Jester Park Golf Course
- June 13, 2025
- **1:00 pm Registration**
- **2:00 pm Shotgun Start**
- **6:30pm Dinner & Awards Banquet**
- 18 Hole Best Ball - \$100 per player
- 9 Hole Par 3 Best Ball - \$40 per player
(Par 3 event will have Tee Times TBD)
- **Tee Box Sponsorship Sign - \$100**
(Use for your business or family!)
- **Dinner Sponsorship - \$600**
(Includes one foursome, tee box sign and lunch/awards ceremony mentions)



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Mass Intentions - Week of May 25

Mon. 6-2	8:15am	Jan Kanne
Tues. 6-3	8:15am	Living & Deceased Members of Altar & Rosary JOY
	5:15pm	Mary Theresa Wiemann
Wed. 6-4	8:15am	Jon & Dave Leonetti
	5:15pm	Ana Lilia Alejandre Lara
Thurs. 6-5	8:15am	Ralph Kanne
	5:15pm	Joseph Lipichok
Fri. 6-6	8:15am	Terry Polk
Sat. 6-7	5:00pm	Dave Breuss
Sun. 6-8	7:00am	Marilyn Finnerty
	9:00am	St. Pius X Parishioners
	11:00am	Gordon Hendrickson



Pray the Rosary



Pray the Rosary with the St. Pius X Community before
weekday morning Mass at 7:40 A.M.

Ascension of the Lord - June 1, 2025

Readings: Acts 1:1-11; Psalm 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9; Ephesians 1:17-23;
Hebrews 9:24-28, 10:19-23 (we have an option for the second reading today);
Luke 24:46-53

We celebrate the Ascension of the Lord today. Jesus is taken up into heaven to dwell there with and in the glory of God the Father. We are told in scripture that the disciples, upon witnessing Jesus' ascension, are filled with joy. Some may wonder why the disciples were so overjoyed...Jesus had just left them. He was no longer going to walk among them. They had heard the stories he told, they had learned great mysteries from him, they had experienced his life, his death, and his resurrection...and now, he ascended up into heaven. When would he return? They had no idea, and when they asked Jesus when he would restore Jerusalem, he told them not to worry about when.

As Jesus left, blessing them as he did so, he promised that the Spirit would come to them and now, the work of making disciples was theirs! And today, as we remember these events ourselves, the blessing and commission is ours also. We

too have seen and heard, we too have witnessed miracles and mysteries, we too have shared the one bread and taken drink of the one cup. We have seen the resurrected Jesus alive in each other. And so, now we continue the work!



Perhaps the best way to sum up our task is to recall our parish mission statement; "Love God. Love Others, Make Disciples. Restore All Things in Christ."

When we love we want to share what we know about the beloved. When we share love, others come to experience love with and from us. When we make disciples, (and this is the hardest task, I think) we invite others to join in the life and love we know. And then, united, we restore the unity that only God can create.

This Ascension Day, let us be mindful of the task that is ours. Let us share the Good News! Let us love as fully as possible. Let us create in ourselves and hopefully in others too, disciples' hearts, so that unity and community may be restored...not because of us, but because of Christ. And let us remember, we are not alone. The Spirit, the Advocate, is with us and will gift us with what we need to accomplish the work that Christ has left for us to do.

Blessings,
Dr. Cheryl

**Be The Light!**

Small group participation allows us to build holy friendships with each other and with Christ.

**In the words of Pope Leo XIV,
“In the One, we are one.”
Come be one with us!**

**Final Confirmation
Parent / Teen Meeting**

If you have a soon-to-be sophomore seeking to be Confirmed in Spring of 2026 and have not yet registered, **this meeting is a must for you!**

- **Sunday, June 1, 2025**
- **Immediately after 11:00 Mass**
- **Archangels Room lower level**

Registration fee is \$65.00
If your teen was not baptized at St. Pius, please bring a copy of his/her baptismal certificate.

Urbandale 4th of July Celebration**Cheers to 70 Years**

As we prepare the St. Pius X float this year, please consider donating candy or making a monetary donation for purchases.

Beginning June 7th through June 29th Collection boxes will be in the Gathering Space, or donations can be dropped at the Parish office. Candy needs to be individually wrapped and **NO chocolate**.



Come walk with us on a 2-mile parade route! All St. Pius X Church and School families are welcome to participate. July 4th, please plan to arrive by 9:00 a.m. Meeting location to be announced at the end of June via our weekly newsletter.

Double the Joy! St. Pius X also celebrates its 70th Anniversary this year.

**What is Summer with the Saints?**

- Every week of summer (beginning of June to end of August), receive an email containing a FORMED video pertaining to a saint from that week.
- Two options to opt-in: Adults and Kids
- Each week's email will include suggestions for families to implement what they watched through an activity to keep the summer fun and faith-filled.



Take time this summer to walk with the Saints! More information is available on the FORMED website. Remember all you need is a FORMED account and our parish has a subscription, all you need to do is sign up...it's free!
<https://formed.org/summer-with-the-saints>

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Parochial Vicar: Fr. Daniel Adjei

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Permanent Deacon: Deacon Troy Thompson

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