



September 14, 2025 - The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

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Our Mission: Love God. Love Others. Make Disciples. Restore all Things in Christ.



THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

Jesus said to Nicodemus: "No one has gone up to heaven except the one who has come down from heaven, the Son of Man." For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. - Jn 3:13, 17



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

Mass with Anointing of the Sick Saturday, September 27, 5 pm Mass

We invite Catholics who are seriously ill, facing surgery, in danger of death due to sickness or old age to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.



EUCARISTIC ADORATION - HELP NEEDED!



We are in need of people to sign up for Wednesday Adoration in the church from 9:30 am to 7:00 pm. Please consider signing up for a time slot to adore our Lord, truly present in the Blessed Sacrament! Ideally, we would like at least two people to be signed up for every hour/half-hour time slot. Please contact **Deb Culp** via email at deboraaha.culp@gmail.com so an invitation to the Sign Up app can be sent. Thank you for prayerfully considering this blessed opportunity.

We have added two more dates for you to be included in our NEW Pictorial Directory: Monday, October 27 and Tuesday, October 28. Directions on how to sign up are in the Gathering Space or check the parish website.



Hospitality Sunday is next Sunday, September 21! Everyone is invited to stop in the Martha & Mary Fellowship Hall after 7 am, 9 am or 11 am Mass this weekend for donuts, great conversation and community building hosted by members of Altar and Rosary JOY! Come and see what these dynamic ladies in our parish offer. The Knights of Columbus are preparing breakfast after 9 am Mass to welcome our Newcomers.



Please pray for eternal rest for:

† Tom Crall, husband of Kristi Crall and son of Kathy Crall.
† Jack Pogge, brother of Ron Pogge.
† Emmanuel C. Bacuyag, father of Emmanuel S. Bacuyag.
† Fr. John Acrea.
May God our Father & the Lord Jesus Christ grant His fullest blessings & peace in the hearts of their family & friends.



To access this fantastic tool, go to FORMED.org and create your account.

It is simple!

- enter your email address
- enter our parish name
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- search all the options that are available and ENJOY!

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](#).

Important Special Second Collection

St. Pius will have a special collection in the month of September, in addition to our regular second collection on September 20 and 21. We ask you to prayerfully consider supporting these very worthy causes.

September 27 & 28 - Gaza

Humanitarian Relief - Funds

gathered by our Diocese will be sent directly to CNEWA (Catholic Near East Welfare Association) as they continue to provide vital humanitarian relief to the sick, malnourished, and wounded.

[Read more here.](#)



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Learn more at: www.dowlingcatholic.org/athletics

Holy Smokes!

Why do we use incense?

At Mass and other liturgies, priests and deacons swing censers that sends clouds of incense wafting through the air.

Everything in Catholic liturgies symbolizes a theological truth-nothing is superfluous or “just for show”. So what does incense symbolize? The smoke of incense is symbolic of sanctification and purification. It also symbolizes the prayers of the faithful.

Incense will be used at the following masses:

September 13 & 14:

5 pm & 7 am - during Entrance only

9 am & 11 am - during Entrance, Gospel, Offertory & Consecration

Throughout Ordinary Time:

11 am Mass - during entrance, Gospel, Offertory & Consecration

Are you new to St. Pius X?

Do you have a second grader wanting to receive First Reconciliation and First Eucharist this year?

If you do, please contact Dr. Cheryl or Dorothy Miller in the Parish Office as soon as possible to register for Sacramental Preparation

There is much to share about our preparation process!

Widow's Connection and Ministry

All widows at St. Pius X are welcome to join us as we kick off another year of developing friendships and promoting God's love through charitable outreach and fun activities. Our first Fall meeting will be at 10:00am on Monday, September 8th in the Archangel's Room. For information, contact Kathy DePhillips 515-520-1587, Cecilia Barron 641-799-9866 or Sally Proctor 515-250-5285. We hope to see you there!



DEI VERBUM

BIBLE STUDY

BEGINNING
MONDAY,
SEPTEMBER 8

6-7:15 PM

Join Fr. Daniel and Fr. John each week for a study beginning with the Acts of the Apostles

PARISH CENTER BAND ROOM

Fiscal Year July, 2025 - June, 2026

Budget: \$37,480/week

August 31, 2025

Actual: \$34,748

Surplus (Shortfall): (\$2,732)

September 7, 2025

Actual: \$30,487

Surplus (Shortfall): (\$6,993)

Year to date: (\$32,996)



WAYS TO GIVE:

- Weekly Envelope
- Automatic Withdrawal from bank through St. Pius office - 515-276-2059.

- Your bank bill pay
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DMARC Food Pantry weekend is September 20 & 21. Donate online at www.dmarcunited.org

Mass Intentions - Week of September 14

Mon. 9-15	8:15am	Jerry Pinneke
Tues. 9-16	8:15am	Alcienne Sviens
	5:15pm	Barry Merryman
Wed. 9-17	8:15am	Lucille O'Neill
	5:15pm	Ken & Mary Tague
Thurs. 9-18	8:15am	James Scanlan
	5:15pm	Ed Hoffman
Fri. 9-19	8:15am	Jim Roberts
Sat. 9-20	5:00pm	Claire Kelly
Sun. 9-21	7:00am	St. Pius X Parishioners
	9:00am	Mary & Walt McManus
	11:00am	Michael Chapko



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

Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross - September 14, 2025

Readings: Numbers 21:4-9; Psalm 78:1-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38; Philippians 2:6-11; John 3:13-17

There is a standard that we follow. Standards are those things that we look to for guidance, that we look to for direction, that we look to for strength and courage. For we Catholics that standard is the Cross of Christ.

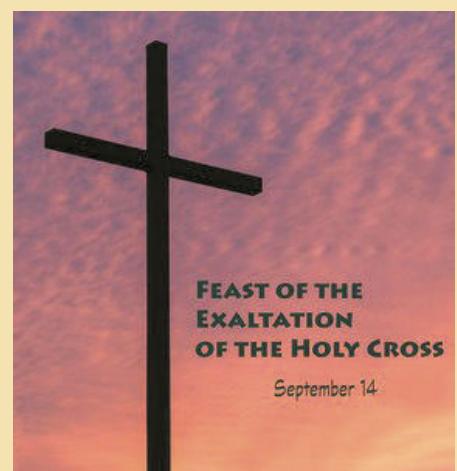
The Cross stands as a sign and symbol of the great love of God for us. It is the reminder of a profound gift freely given to us. It should cause us to remember, as we hear in this week's gospel, that, "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son." And why? Because our God knew we were broken, knew we were in need of healing, and knew that the only way we, in our human-ness, would listen to His words of love and forgiveness was for God to provide us the most-perfect model of love...sacrifice for another. Humanity had turned so far away from God that the **ONLY** way for the message of salvation, reconciliation, renewal, and love to permeate the minds and hearts was for God's own Son to take on the flesh of humankind and become one of us!

In the incarnation of Christ, we see the perfection of God's love. We hear in his stories the fullness of God's compassion, the fullness of God's mercy, and the fullness of God's desire for us to be one with Christ.

Each time we gaze upon the Crucifix we should be reminded of the depth of the love of God...the desire to lift us up from the trials and pain that are a part of life, the promise of redemption and salvation in Christ Jesus, Our Lord.

As you look upon the Cross this weekend, take a moment to contemplate the power of Jesus' action. And place on that Cross all that troubles you. He carried the Cross for us all some 2000 years ago; He is willing and wanting to continue to do that for us today!

Blessings,
Dr. Cheryl



LOVE GOD ~ LOVE OTHERS ~ MAKE DISCIPLES

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



All Women Are Invited to
Altar & Rosary JOY
Kick-off Program
Monday, September 22

6:30 p.m. – Mass in the church with Father

John Owusu-Agyemang

7:00 p.m. – Refreshments and program, Martha and Mary Fellowship Hall

"Journey to the Priesthood and Beyond" -

Father John. Business

meeting follows. Come for all or part of the evening. Your presence is most welcome.



SERVICE PROJECT: Urbandale Food Pantry (Participation is optional, checks made payable to St. Pius X Church)

A & R JOY... caring women working together to nurture the love of Jesus through the intercession of Mary



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

YOUNG CATHOLICS OF DSM

BIKE RIDE

WHEN: September 20th at 11am

WHERE: Raccoon River Valley Trailhead
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Waukee, IA 50263

MID-RIDE STOP: Korne Kone
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Dallas Center, IA 50063

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NON-BIKERS – JOIN
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AROUND 11:45AM



Parish Ministry Team

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Permanent Deacon: Deacon Troy Thompson

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Mary Sue Lone

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Asst. Principal: Jordan Blackburn

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of St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church

Sunday, September 28
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7:30-8:30pm Speaker
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