

Saint Pius Tenth Church

Our Parish Mission:

"Everyday we reach to restore all things in Jesus Christ"

Rethink Your Lent

Reflection

Justice and Love over all else

Mutual Forgiveness

Softening Hardened Hearts

Call to Holiness

Beginning Anew

"The annual observance of Lent is the special season for the ascent to the Holy Mountain of Easter...The faithful, listening more intently to the Word of God and devoting themselves to prayer, are prepared through a spirit of repentance* to renew their baptismal promises." (*Ceremonial of the Bishops*, 249)

*Repentance – In the New Testament, the key term for repentance is metanoia [*metavnoia*]. It has two usual senses: a "change of mind – rethinking what has been" and "regret/remorse."

PARISH CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, February 21

Confessions 12:45 PM - 1:30 PM

MONDAY, February 22

RCIA 6:30 PM - Parish Center

TUESDAY, February 23

Faith Formation 6:00 PM - Parish Center

WEDNESDAY, February 24

THURSDAY, February 25

FRIDAY, February 26

SATURDAY, February 27

SUNDAY, February 28

Sunday Family Faith 10:45 AM - Parish Center

Confessions 12:45 PM - 1:30 PM

PARISH OFFICE NOW OPEN

For WALK-IN, IN PERSON SERVICE

Mon - Thur: 9 am - 1 pm, Fri: 9 am - 11 am

Following social distance and mask requirements

TEMPORARY MASS SCHEDULE

Reservations required for weekend Mass.
See website for instructions.

SATURDAY

4:00 pm and 6:00 pm

SUNDAY

7:30 am , 9:30 am and 11:30 am

DAILY MASS

Monday - Friday 7:30 am

CONFESSIONS

SUNDAY 12:45 pm - 1:30 pm

FATHER MURPHY HIGH SCHOOL

TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The Father Murphy Scholarship Trust Fund is accepting applications from families interested in receiving aid for McQuaid, Aquinas, Bishop Kearney and Our Lady of Mercy High Schools. Applicants must be Saint Pius Tenth Parishioners or Alumni of Saint Pius Tenth School. Application forms may be obtained at the Saint Pius Tenth School Office, 3000 Chili Avenue, or the Saint Pius Tenth Federal Credit Union, 2998 Chili Avenue. Requests for assistance must be postmarked by April 15, 2021



LOOKING FOR A GIFT?

Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation, Birthday, Anniversary, Wedding

We still have several of the crucifixes that were beautifully crafted by Parishioner Jim Corke from wood salvaged from our burned church. They are available in the Parish Office for a donation of \$100. Or give us a call and we can make arrangements for you to purchase one. All proceeds applied to our Fire Restoration Fund.



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MINISTRY

Do You Know Someone Going through a Difficult Time?

Do you have a friend, neighbor, co-worker, or relative who has been struggling with the loss of a loved one, loneliness, cancer, a layoff, relocation, divorce, a spiritual crisis, recuperation, single parenthood, or any of countless other life challenges? Our Stephen Ministers can provide them with the focused care, encouragement, and support they need to make it through the crisis. If you know of someone who is hurting, talk with one of our Stephen Leaders: Emily (224-6296) or Dick (469-0615). They can talk with you about how we can connect the person you know with one of our Stephen Ministers. It's a great way for you to show how much you care!

The Benefits of Fasting According To St. Thomas Aquinas

Lent is penitential in character. This means that Lent is a time prescribed by the Church to engage in acts of penance and mortification in atonement for the sins we have committed. It is recognized that an integral part of repentance, defined as turning away from sin and back toward God, includes penance both as an expression of sorrow for having offended God and others and as a means of helping to redress the wrongs we have committed.

Fasting has long been recognized as an excellent means of penance, with many spiritual benefits. In the post-modern world, however, the practice of fasting as a means of spiritual benefit has fallen into disuse. The focus is more often on the physical advantages of fasting while its spiritual benefits are disregarded. The Christian recognizes the primary importance of remaining spiritually healthy in view of eternal life, as opposed to a myopic, pagan view in which the material and temporal are given all the emphasis.

What are some of the spiritual benefits of fasting? To explore that question, let's look at the teaching of St. Thomas Aquinas. St. Thomas teaches that fasting is practiced for a threefold purpose: 1) we fast "in order to bridle the lusts of the flesh"; 2) we fast "in order that the mind may arise more freely to the contemplation of heavenly things," noting that Daniel received a revelation from God after fasting for three weeks (Dan 10:2 ff); and 3) we fast "in order to satisfy for sins," as it is written in Joel 2:12: "Be converted to Me with all your heart, in fasting and in weeping and in mourning" (ST, II-II, q. 147, a. 1).

St. Thomas is pointing to some well understood truths in the Catholic spiritual tradition in terms of the spiritual benefits of fasting. First, he notes that fasting helps to bring the body or the flesh under the soul's control. When we fast, we force the body into compliance, which builds self-control and self-mastery, two important virtues in the Christian life. St. Paul speaks about how the desires of the flesh are against the spirit and vice-versa (Gal 5:17). Fasting helps to rectify that disorder, bringing the flesh under the spirit's control, as it should be.

Second, St. Thomas points out that fasting tends to raise the mind and heart to heavenly things, toward the contemplation of God. Fasting empowers us in prayer. It focuses the intellect on seeking to know God and the will on obtaining God as the greatest good. It helps to purify the desires and aspirations of the soul toward the divine beauty and truth of God. Christians who have walked the path of spiritual perfection for some time often report having powerful experiences of the presence of God while fasting. God finds our acts of voluntary suffering for the love of him irresistible.

Third, St. Thomas notes that fasting is a means of atoning for our sins, something we've mentioned already. Fasting is a means of taking responsibility for our sins; it helps us make amends before God for those times we have offended him, others, and his holy Church. This is not to say that fasting confers forgiveness for the guilt of sins. We obtain forgiveness for our sins from God by virtue of the merits of Christ's saving death and resurrection. We are forgiven the eternal guilt of sin through repentance and the sacrament of confession (see John 20:22-23). Nevertheless, we can make restitution before God for our sins through acts of penance like fasting.

Because we are sinners, the Church teaches that Christians are required to do penance. In other words, repentance and penance go hand-in-hand. An example of this is found in the sacrament of Penance. After receiving absolution in the sacrament, penitents are always given some type of penance by the priest who acts as the minister of Christ's forgiveness. Penance, then, is a universal requirement for Christians who commit personal sin. <https://www.catholic.org/lent/abfast>



4th Grade: Prayer

By: Monica Smith

Much of our classroom discussion over the past month in Religion has been on prayer. We've been looking at the words to the Lord's Prayer in particular. The students have learned that Jesus gave the Lord's Prayer to his followers when they were unsure of how to pray. After discussing the meaning of the Lord's Prayer we talked about other forms of prayer too.

While exploring other ways to pray, we tied in some of our figurative language work from ELA . While exploring similes, we said "Praying to God is like talking to your best friend!" You don't have to use fancy words or special prayers to talk to God. You can tell him anything, just like you'd tell your best friend!

When asked recently on a test about how they would help a friend who didn't know how to pray, the students came up with some of the following advice.

- "The advice I would give them is close your eyes and picture Jesus and tell him what you want to say. "
- "The advice I would give them is fold your hands and just talk to Jesus and Mary and just tell them what you think you could improve today or how your day is going ."
- "The advice I would tell to someone who wants to pray but doesn't know how to is I would say praying is just like talking to God in your head. "
- "I would tell them that they can pray with whatever words they want, telling God about their needs and what they're grateful for. "
- "I would tell them that a prayer is like hoping for the best. Your prayer doesn't have to be incredible or magnificent for God to listen to it. God can even listen to your thoughts and your wishes, and that could be called a prayer.

YOUTH MINISTRY

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Sunday Youth Gatherings in February: , Feb 21st Zoom Gathering, Feb 28th Zoom Gathering, March 7, In Person Gathering at a park in Chili. Each student is asked to bring a Blessing Bag to be donated to shelters for homeless people throughout Rochester.



Collecting St Patrick's Day Cards for Creekview

The residents at Creekview have been hit pretty hard by the isolation of the Covid pandemic so we are asking each teen to make **THREE** St Patrick's Day cards for our Creekview friends! Other parishioners are welcome to send cards also!



WHAT ARE BLESSING BAGS?

A blessing bag is a small assortment of basic toiletries and snacks in a sealable plastic bag. Sunday Youth teens will be assembling Blessing Bags in March to be given to local shelters.

BLESSING BAG IDEAS:

- Chap stick
- Tissues
- Toothbrush and toothpaste
- comb
- soap
- small bottle of shampoo
- packet of disposable razors
- sanitary pads
- trail mix
- granola bars
- Peanut butter tubs
- pack of gum
- bandages
- mouthwash
- hand wipes
- warm pair of socks

Assemble all the items in gallon size sealable bags, and include a note of encouragement with the contents.



24 Things You Should Really Give Up For Lent

by *CHRISTINA MEAD* from <http://lifeteen.com/blog/102-things-really-give-lent/>

Let's recap. Lent comes along every year. And every year you think you should give up something that will be A) difficult, B) life-changing, and C) creative.

I present to you 24 things to give up for Lent. I stretched every muscle in my brain to come up with this list for you. Now you absolutely have NO excuse that you "can't think of what to give up for Lent" because I DID ALL THE THINKING FOR YOU. And my head hurts now.

What you should really give up (or take up) for Lent:

1. Snacking between meals.
2. Cracking your knuckles.
3. Plumber's crack.
4. Instagram filters.
5. Being a backseat driver.
6. Texting and driving.
7. Listening to music in the car
8. Making out.
9. Using emojis to avoid talking about your true feelings.
10. Talking about true feelings through text instead of in person.
11. Not inviting your friends to Mass because SCARY! Reputation!
12. Rolling your eyes at your parents.
13. Spitting out your gum on the street, parking lot, sidewalk.
14. Wishing for someone else's life, relationship, or possessions.
15. Complaining.
16. The phrase, "I can't even."
17. Only talking to Jesus when you need something.
18. Only talking to Jesus when you "feel" like it.
19. Wearing clothes that are too tight and draw attention only to your body.
20. Pride. Instead pray the Litany of Humility every day.
21. Being selfish. Give away something every single day, be it time, money, or something you own.
22. Greed. Don't buy anything besides the essentials during Lent.
23. Laziness. Give up TV and commit to going on a walk every day and praying the rosary.
24. Gossip. Write 40 affirmation notes instead!



St. Pius X Pastor's Pastoral Page (Facebook) *Tuesday, January 26, 2021*

Good Morning World. It is February 13th, Saturday of the fifth week in ordinary time. The readings for today's mass (including an audio version) may be found at uscgb.org. The gospel is from Mark 8:1-10

Pity - sympathetic or kindly sorrow evoked by the suffering, distress, or misfortune of another, often leading one to give relief or aid or to show mercy. (dictionary.com)

God has had pity on humanity. Even though we had rejected God and God's ways (Genesis) God still aids humanity. There are fruits, vegetables, animals, fish and grains for food.

The crowd is hungry. Jesus wants to feed them. The disciples ask, "Where can anyone get enough bread to satisfy them here in this deserted place?"

In response, Jesus asks them how much food they have. They offer Him their seven loaves and a few fish.

Jesus could also have asked them where they had gotten their food.

"We went fishing and caught the fish. We planted the wheat to harvest the grains to turn into flour and bake the bread."

But who provided the fish in the sea? Who provided the grains of wheat to plant for a harvest? Does not everything come from God?

Two wondrous things happen in this story.

One: Four thousand people are fed with seven loaves and a few fish, with leftovers as well.

Two: The disciples, at first refusing to help the people and desiring to send them away, end up becoming the ministers of the miracle, offering to Jesus what God had provided for them and then serving the all the people what God had miraculously provided for all the people.

This has been referred to as the "loop of grace." If we give what we have received, the people who receive are changed by what is given them. In this case, hungry stomachs are fed. But in the giving of their meager possessions, the disciples are changed from reticent bystanders to caring servants of the people.

World, we are invited to remember from Whom all our blessings coming. And we are invited to share what we have with those in need around us. We are invited into the "loop of grace" - giving what we have received and receiving blessings and bigger hearts in return.

**INSPIRATION
FOR THE WEEK**

Throughout history God has given His people signs. Our season of Lent offers us God's sign that it is time to stop the ordinary routines of our lives, create some desert space, and listen more attentively for God to reveal His presence. We are asked to unplug from our attachments, compulsions, obsessions, addictions, routines, and busyness to clear the slate and take stock in who we have become. We are asked to remember the ancient sign of God's covenant with humanity in which He vowed to nurture, sustain, and protect the relationship He has with His people. Once we slow down a bit and clear away some of the clutter, we can see how the journey of our life is unfolding. We can see what brings us in and out of tune with God's love and how we can better imitate God's loving fidelity in our relationship with Him. Even though some good solid self-denial is the order of the day, greater happiness and wholeness will be the fruit of our labors. Pleasant journey through the desert!

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A MOMENT WITH TODAY'S SCRIPTURES



St. Oscar Romero said, "Aspire not to have more, but to be more." These powerful words provide the perfect framework for a conversion oriented Lenten experience. God is giving us this Lenten sign to stop being concerned about what you have and focus on who you are. This requires that we create a desert space and listen more attentively for God to reveal His presence. It is all so wonderfully simple on the one hand and so incredibly challenging on the other. The message is simple: love God, neighbor, and self. Those simple words make great sense, but we struggle translating them into reality. Our attachments, compulsions, obsessions, addictions, routines, and busyness all anchor us to the "idol of the self," keeping us mired in our compulsive need for self-aggrandizement. It's not about us!

God vowed, long ago, to nurture, sustain and protect the relationship He has with His people. He called us into being, nurtures us in being, and sustains us in being. Without the Loving Divine Presence, all life would cease. Once we slow down a bit and clear away some of the clutter, we can see how the journey of our life is unfolding. We can see what brings us in and out of tune with God's love and how we can better imitate God's loving fidelity in our relationship with Him. In short, we will see our myopic short sightedness and figure out how we can better share the Divine Fire within with others. Lent isn't just about giving stuff up for forty days and indulging again at Easter. We need to push things much farther and wrestle with the question of how we can be more. "Being more" means becoming more fully alive and in touch with the holiness of life and the divinity that lives in and empowers all beings and things. It is realizing that the "quality" of our presence is crucial to being an effective witness and herald of God's unconditional love.

The illusion we have bought into causes us to believe that the wrong things and systems matter. We tirelessly fight to keep things the way they are, to return to the former ways of doing things or restore some nostalgic fantasy memory of "life in the good old days." Lent isn't about maintaining what we have or returning to something that is gone. It's about becoming something new. It's about being more focused, centered, convicted, and grounded so that we can be a person who truly loves and treasures being made in the image of God. The secret to Gospel living is not found in accumulating anything for ourselves, even merit points for heaven. Gospel living means learning how to live with less so that others can live with more. The thought of permanently giving something up makes us feel uncomfortable. Truth often does.

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LIFE LONG FAITH FORMATION MINISTRIES

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LIFELONG FAITH FORMATION MINISTRIES

St. Pius X Church offer opportunities for children, youth, young adults & adults (parents, grandparents or not) to come to know Jesus and His teachings and grow in sense of community with one another.

FAITH FORMATION 2020-2021— You Can Still Register

We have 2 different models, because we are committed to assist you to grow in faith and friendship
Go Online for Information & Registration: <http://saintpiustenth.org/parish-life/faith-formation/>



Pope Francis: 'Experience Lent with love' by caring for those affected by pandemic.

This is a love which "rejoices in seeing others grow." Even a small amount of almsgiving when offered with "joy and simplicity" can multiply. One suggestion could be assist Catholic Relief Service by participating with Operation Rice Bowl.

RCIA

Rite of Election & Call To Continuing Conversion

Please pray for our two RCIA Participants who go to Sacred Heart Cathedral this Sunday for the Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion. Emily Button is a Catechumen, she is seeking Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. Justin Crawshaw is a Candidate, he is already baptized and is seeking to be received in full communion with the Roman-Catholic Church with Confirmation and Eucharist.

RCIA GATHERINGS

on Mondays, 6:30–8 pm,
In the Parish Center (w. masks)
Next Meeting Monday, February 22



OPERATION RICE BOWL

"FOR LENT – FOR LIFE"

Hunger in the World.

Jesus told us that whatever we did for one of these least brothers of his we did for him. Reflect on the challenge of global hunger—it is a reality for millions of our sisters and brothers. What will you do to support the hungry in our community and around the world? Rice Bowls with Lenten Calendars are in Narthex Lenten Resources also at www.crsricebowl.org The week after Easter we ask you to send a check made out to "St. Pius X Church" to the Parish Office, put "CRS Rice Bowl" in the memo field, for the amount set aside during Lent .

SPX ADULT FF GATHERING

Fishers of Men— w ZOOM March 6, 7:30 am See website for details



YOUNG ADULTS—AT ST. PIUS X

With ZOOM 1st & 3rd Thursday of Month
Next Gathering w ZOOM March 4 @ 7 pm—
Contact Dcn. Johan for ZOOM Login Information.

FIRST EUCHARIST

If you have celebrated First Reconciliation
First Eucharist Registration will be open
until March 15, 2020
Parent Meeting - Tuesday, March 10, 6:30 – 7:30 pm
OR Sunday, March 15, 12:30 – 1:30 pm .
Celebrations— Planned for May 2, 8 and 9



OFFERING REPORT

The Offering Report was not available at the time the bulletin was sent to the publisher. The Report for Feb 13 & 14 will be included in next week's bulletin.

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How to Sign-up for ONLINE GIVING

Visit www.saintpiustenth.org

- Select ONLINE CONTRIBUTIONS link on the top right-hand of the main page
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If you want to **change a scheduled donation** you must first delete the current schedule and then create a new schedule.

If you have questions or require assistance please contact Marita Midwick in the Parish Office (marita.midwick@dor.org)

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We request that you complete a parish registration card. Pick one up at the reservation desk at Mass, stop by the Parish Office when we are open or find one online at <https://saintpiustenth.org/register/>

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

The Unlikely Suspects

Have you ever taken a nature walk? Have you leisurely strolled through a forest or field, with no real destination in mind and your only objective being receptivity to and observation of all God's creation?

Sometimes, Scripture readings can feel like a nature walk. All of salvation history plays out against the backdrop of the natural world, with all elements of God's creation — plants and animals and the dust of the earth itself — turning in a supporting performance. How about Jesus in the hot and dusty desert, tempted, living "among the wild beasts?" Noah departed from his ark with the animals he rescued, observing God's sign in the very clouds of the sky. Even God Himself, offering us salvation from original sin through the waters of baptism.

How often do we remember that God speaks to us through all of His creation, even in the unlikely suspects?

Let's go back to the nature walk. It sounds like a lovely way to pass an afternoon, amongst wildflowers and butterflies, but don't forget the beating hot sun, mosquitos, and threat of rain on the horizon. Remember, we're not in heaven yet. Here on earth, God may be present in His creation, but that doesn't mean it's always easy to endure.

Lent is, essentially, a time to listen for the voice of God in places we may not expect: the mild irritations you experience when you're craving the chocolate you gave up, or the dull pangs of hunger during the Ash Wednesday fast. It's a golden opportunity to see the divine hand in all of creation, even those unlikely suspects.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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As of 2/12/2021 donations in the amount
of \$ 96,221.00 (75.35%)
have been pledged by 376 donors

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday—Friday 7:30 AM
 *Saturday 4:00 PM & 6:00 PM
 *Sunday 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM & 11:30 AM
 *Temporary Sat / Sun Schedule

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Baptism: Arrangements for preparation (can be done

before birth) see website. Contact Deacon Johan

Engstrom

Marriage Prep Call the Parish Office (at least 6 months, preferably 12 months before intended date to marry).

Reconciliation Sundays 12:45 pm - 1:30 pm or by appointment.

Anointing of the Sick. Call the Parish Office to arrange.

Sacraments: First Eucharist, First Reconciliation and Confirmation, contact Deacon Johan Engström.

Joining the Catholic Church (RCIA or RCIC): For anyone 4th grade or older, please contact Deacon Johan Engström.

Communion for the Homebound: contact Deacon Jim Briars.

Pray for the Sick: Call the Parish Office if you would like names added or removed from **The Sick List**.

Hospital Visits: Call the parish office if you or someone you know will be entering the hospital so one of the parish staff can plan a visit.

St. Pius Tenth CYO Sports Barb Legere

Music – Share vocal and/or instrumental gifts in at Mass. Questions about our music ministry, contact Bob Schrader.

Parish Membership: Register by visiting the Parish Office, picking up the materials at the Welcome Table, or online.

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February 22 - 28, 2021

Monday - The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

7:30 AM Special Intention by Tom & Janice Armstrong

Tuesday - St. Polycarp, Bishop & Martyr

7:30 AM Richard Gusherowski by Kevin & Buzzy McBride & Family

Wednesday - Lenten Wednesday

7:30 AM Alice Beegle by The Perna Family

Thursday - Lenten Weekday

7:30 AM Michael Jennings by Linda & Jim Helmbrecht

Friday - Lenten Weekday

7:30 AM Special Intention by Cece Crawford

Saturday - Second Sunday of Lent

*4:00 PM Lisa Ann Pierie by Helen House

*6:00 PM Annibale Marsocci by Giovanna & Ezio Cozzo

Sunday - Second Sunday of Lent

Mary Staron by Mike & Kitty Kolozvary

Jim Dehlman by Joan & Dave Nowak

*7:30 AM Sharon Dentinger by Andrew Cherre

Mary Pelc by Cindy Leja

Richard J. Brongo by Virginia Ignatowski

*9:30 AM Living & Deceased Members of the Parish

*11:30 AM Barbara Gramkee by John Gramkee

***SATURDAY & SUNDAY Mass Times are TEMPORARY. Attendance maximum of 175.**

The 2021 Mass Book is open to schedule Masses for March & April.

Scripture Readings for February 28, 2021

First Reading: Gn 22:
1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18
 Sec. Reading: Rom 8: 31b-34
 Gospel: Mk 9: 2-10



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