



Saint Pius X

Roman Catholic Parish

AUGUST 8, 2021 | NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Liturgical Schedule

Liturgy

Saturday Vigil 4:00 pm

Sundays 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 pm

Weekdays 9:00 am

Reconciliation

Saturdays 3:00 pm or by appointment

Eucharistic Adoration

First Fridays 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Rosary

Weekdays 8:30 am

Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Open Daily 7:00 am to 5:00 pm

Mission Statement

St. Pius X Parish, a Roman Catholic Faith Community, affirms that we are gifted with many diverse talents. We are called to use these talents to respond to the needs of others through prayer, action, outreach, hospitality and stewardship. Guided by the Holy Spirit and nourished by the Eucharist, we share our faith by personal witness to the Gospel through acts of charity, justice, mercy and forgiveness.

BAPTISMS: Congratulations! A new child is a blessing! Parents, please call the office four months prior to the anticipated birth of the child to schedule a Baptismal class to learn more about this most important sacrament. As you prepare to have your child baptized, begin to pray about who would be good and holy Godparents to help your child grow in the faith. A Godparent in the Catholic tradition is someone who participates at Liturgy regularly, has been Confirmed, and lives a life in accord with the Catholic Church. All prospective Godparents must receive a letter of approval from their pastor.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS: Is the Holy Spirit calling you to become Catholic? Call the Parish Office for more information.

CARE OF THE SICK: Anyone seriously ill or entering the hospital in anticipation of surgery may receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. Please contact the parish office to make arrangements.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY: Best wishes! Couples seeking a Catholic marriage, please contact the Pastor at least six months prior to a planned wedding day. Attendance at a marriage preparation program (Pre-Cana) is required.

EUCCHARIST TO THE SICK AND SHUT-INS: If ill or shut-in, please call the parish office if you wish that the Blessed Sacrament be brought to you.

JOINING OUR PARISH: New members and families are warmly welcomed. Contact the parish office to register, and please introduce yourself to the pastor when you join us for Liturgy. Know that you are always welcome and we are blessed to have your presence.

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION: One of the great ways to live out our call as disciples is to help others grow in the faith. Being asked to serve as a Godparent or Sponsor for Confirmation is a great honor and responsibility. As we raise our children in the tradition of the Church, it is our duty to set a good example for them. Prospective Godparents and Sponsors are to be individuals who regularly participates at Liturgy and have been Confirmed. For those who are married, their marriage must be validly recognized by the Catholic Church. For those who have children, their children must be enrolled in Faith Formation at St. Pius X Parish. Please call the office to request a letter.



SATURDAY, AUGUST 7, VIGIL

3:00pm Reconciliation
 4:00pm Mary Ellen Olesko req. The Olesko Family
 Donna Stevens req. Jerry Stevens
 Maryann Dawson req. Family

SUNDAY, AUGUST 8, 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME;

1 Kgs 19:4-8/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [9a]/Eph 4:30—5:2/Jn 6:41-51
 8:00am James & Estelle Coakley req. Jay Coakley
 Marlene Pridgeon req. Husband Tony and Daughters
 10:00am Joseph Muhitch req. Don Hamed
 12:00pm For the Parishioners
 1:30pm Baptism: Carter John Aronica

MONDAY, AUGUST 9, ST. TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS, VIRGIN & MARTYR

Dt 10:12-22/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/Mt 17:22-27
 8:30am Rosary
 9:00am Past & Present Priests & Deacons of St. Pius X req.
 Lynn Knutsen

TUESDAY, AUGUST 10, ST. LAWRENCE, DEACON & MARTYR

2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9 [5]/Jn 12:24-26
 8:30am Rosary
 9:00am Sr. Catherine Tronolone, OSF req. Altar & Rosary

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11, ST. CLARE, VIRGIN

Dt 34:1-12/Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17 /Mt 18:15-20
 8:30am Rosary
 9:00am Jane & Bill Seelman & Family req. Frank Olesko

THURSDAY, AUGUST 12, ST. JANE FRANCES DE CHANTAL, RELIGIOUS

Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Ps 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 18:21—19:1
 8:30am Rosary
 9:00am Donna Dentinger req. Julia Higgins

FRIDAY, AUGUST 13, Ss. PONTIAN, POPE & HIPPOLYTUS, PRIEST, PRIEST, MARTYRS

Jos 24:1-13/Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22 and 24/Mt 19:3-12
 8:30am Rosary
 9:00am Al Knab req. Bill & Betty

SATURDAY, AUGUST 14, VIGIL

3:00pm Reconciliation
 4:00pm Deceased Religious req. Eberhardt Family

SUNDAY, AUGUST 15, THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56
 8:00am Marlene Pridgeon req. Husband Tony and Daughters
 10:00am Vladimir Barberich req. Family
 12:00pm Roger Novits req. Novits Family

MINISTERIAL SERVING SCHEDULE

4:00PM SATURDAY, AUGUST 14

LECTOR: Mark Stramaglia
EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Diane Camp & Kevin Harbison

8:00AM SUNDAY, AUGUST 15

LECTOR: Dave Enders
EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Pasquale Limoncelli

10:00AM

LECTOR: Jerry Owczarczak
EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Maria Gambacorta & Cindy Wielgas

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LECTOR: Jude Schwendler
EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Audrey Omilian & Angie Bator

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

In these uncertain times, please pray for the sick, especially Michael Stang, Msgr. George Yiengst, and our Holy Father Pope Francis as he continues to recover from surgery.

Pray for those confined at home, medical personnel, first responders, the military and those whose livelihoods are in jeopardy.

We also remember all those with COVID, those who have passed from this life and the friends and benefactors of St. Pius X Parish.

PRAYER FOR RENEWAL IN BUFFALO

Holy God of love and mercy, living in our hearts, sanctify and transform us in our mission of renewal. Unite our minds, hearts, and spirits in accord with your holy will. As Jesus calls us friends, may we encounter and accompany one another as family, seeking out and embracing any of your loved ones who we have overlooked, wounded, or driven away.

St. Joseph, Pray for us! Amen

INTENTIONS FOR PRAYER

Since the earliest days of our Church, the faithful have gathered to offer prayers for healing on behalf of all those who face any number of struggles. Here at St. Pius X, devoted members of our Queen of Peace Ministry gather before the Blessed Sacrament to pray for the needs of our community. If you would like to be included among their intentions, please contact the parish office so we can offer prayers for you! All requests will be kept confidential.

PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING

July 31 & August 1

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Grace and Peace of Our Lord Jesus Christ...

"Is this not Jesus, the son of Joseph? Do we not know his father and mother?"



In last week's gospel, the second of the "Bread of Life" discourses, Jesus proclaims, "I am the bread of life; who ever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst." Today we hear Jesus becoming more explicit about His meaning when He tells the crowd, "The bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world." Considering that the Gospel of John does not contain the institution narrative for the Last Supper, scripture scholar Raymond Brown has suggested that this line might be the Johannine eucharistic formula, similar to "This is my body which will be given for you." Luke 22:19

When we as Catholics meditate on the Bread of Life discourse, we are inevitably led to consider the role of the Eucharist in our lives of faith. This line in particular, "the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world," highlights the paschal nature of this sacrament. Pope Benedict XVI tells us, "Only through the cross and through the transformation that it effects does this flesh become accessible to us, drawing us up into the process of transformation" (Jesus of Nazareth 270).

The immensity of Jesus' love and vulnerability on the cross is present within the eucharistic feast. When we come forward to receive the Body of Christ, we also say "Amen" to becoming this Body in all that we say and do. As Elijah in the first reading, at times we may be tempted to despair when life's challenges and difficulties get to be too much. It is in these moments, however, that our Lord desires to feed us with Himself, giving us His very flesh so that we might be nourished and strengthened on this journey to eternal life.

Simply put, The Eucharist is the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, that united in His one Divine Person is really, truly, and substantially present. When you receive the consecrated host at Eucharist, or I hold the Eucharistic bread, you and I are receiving the Lord, our brother, our savior who died and rose for you and me and who comes now to dwell in our midst. Wow! That is totally unimaginable, unthinkable too much to understand. Yet, this is the mystery we are involved with; a God who loves us beyond compare by allowing His Son to die so that through this Bread of Life, you and I can live forever.

Take some time and meditate on this reality...

"This is my body which will be given for you." Look at the cross and see where that love is made real and now it's here in our hands being consumed to give us food for the journey.

In Christ,
Fr. Rob

From Lifelong Faith Formation...

For the past year and a half, everything has been so different due to COVID. This is no news to anyone, needless to say. Our lives have changed, and everything we do is being called "the new normal." Schools and classrooms are arranged to be socially distant. Shopping is done online more than ever. Appointments for everything are handled differently, and nothing ever seems to be "like it always was." Except for Liturgy! We came back, slowly but surely; but our gatherings for Eucharist are a welcome sight! We gather together to praise God, and we hear His Word being proclaimed in the Liturgy of the Word! Our faith formation for everyone of all ages is assisted by the words of the homily. We make a personal profession of our faith by reciting the Creed. Our universal prayer unites our intentions as the caring community that we are. We offer our gifts of bread and wine (and ourselves too) as we begin the Liturgy of the Eucharist! Something special is happening, and we know it. Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts! Heaven and earth are full of Your Glory! A few moments later, with the words of the consecration, the bread and wine become the Real Presence of Jesus! Our Lord told us to "Do this in memory of Me," and we are finally here doing it again! Together!!! We affirm our continued prayer with the great "Amen," and then we say the prayer that Jesus Himself taught us "The Lord's Prayer." The example of Christ is followed again by exchanging a sign of peace with one another. The celebrant breaks the consecrated bread as we all acknowledge the Lamb of God by asking for mercy and peace. We admit our unworthiness by saying very plainly and publicly: "Lord, I am not worthy...but only say the Word and my soul shall be healed." Then we are privileged to receive the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Christ as we enter the Communion line to partake fully in the Eucharist! Again, we respond with our "Amen," but our encounter with the body of Christ does not end here! The celebrant asks God to bless us, and we sign ourselves with the great symbol of the Cross. Only then are we dismissed to continue our lives as members of the Body of Christ. Those who wish to have a real relationship with Jesus realize that it happens when we try to live our lives as followers of Christ. It is not something that stops when we leave the Church building. We must continue to pray, to pay attention to God's Word, and to be there for one another as Jesus is there for us. We must be part of the Body of Christ in more ways than one. For the privilege of gathering again in person after our pandemic dilemma, we pray wholeheartedly: "Thanks be to God!"

Thank you to Arun, Fabi & Ashton Joseph for setting up boxes to collect donations of items to the Mother Teresa Home on behalf of our service project for the Family Day of Faith with St. Joseph! Many thanks to all of you for your very generous donations to those in need!

Hope & Blessings,
Pam Rankin

A FINAL THANK YOU

Thank You Brothers and Sisters of the St. Pius X faith community, thank you for all you have done to help shape me this summer. You have welcomed me with open arms as if I was a son of the parish, and for that I will always be grateful. As I proceed through my time in seminary formation, I will always hold this parish in a special place in my heart as the first family to which I had the opportunity to minister in preparation for the priesthood. If I might offer one hope for the community here, it is that we continue to draw close to the Lord in the Eucharist. Our Blessed Sacrament chapel is open every day for a moment of rest with the Lord, and it is here before His true presence that He transforms us. I look forward to visiting with you again around Christmastime when I have a few weeks of time off between semesters! Until we meet again, please pray for all of our seminarians in the Diocese of Buffalo and all young men whom God is calling to the priesthood; may we respond with open and generous hearts to serve Him and His people. You will be in my prayers each day. God bless.

Sincerely,
C.J. Wild

WORDS FROM THE SHEPHERD

Words of gratitude for everyone who made our 1st Family Day of Faith with St. Joseph a HUGE success. The smiles of the twenty-two children, the labor of love of the team, the leadership, the Altar and Rosary Society for serving a St. Joseph's Day table were wonderful expressions of living out the faith. All learned so much that day through the excitement of music, crafts, games, and prayers. Once again, thanks to all for this day as we all sought to know the person of St. Joseph. Our profound thanks go out especially to Pam Rankin and Mary Palmer for their leadership and support to make this endeavor a great success.

To all who so generously donated to our collection for the Mother Teresa Home in Buffalo, thank you! It was incredible to see the van completely packed with donations which will greatly benefit the mothers and children to whom the Mother Teresa Home ministers. This truly is a testament to what it means to be pro-life!

Please keep in your prayers our parish as we being the process of forming a Steering Committee to assist in leading us towards a Parish Pastoral Council. This group of individuals will collaborate and cooperate in directing and formulating a means of directing the parish.

Lastly, we are excited to host Bishop Michael Fisher! He will be visiting on our patronal Feast Day of August 21 to celebrate our 4:00 Liturgy, and he will join us afterwards for a picnic hosted by our parish organizations. This will be a wonderful event and a special day in the life of the parish.

Fr. Rob

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL STEERING COMMITTEE

A tremendous way to serve the parish is to help our family plan for the future. To help evaluate the current state of affairs at the parish and look towards the future, St. Pius X will be forming a steering committee in anticipation of launching a parish pastoral council. This steering committee will be comprised of motivated and dedicated parishioners who care deeply about increasing the impact of our ministries. *Semper reformandum*—just as the Universal Church is “always reforming,” so, too, must we! Please contact Father Rob for further information.

HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE HOMEBOUND

Since the earliest days of our Church, a great corporal work of mercy has been to visit those who are sick. This can be a graced moment for those whose injury or illness might prevent them from joining our community for the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass in person, and it is a great act of charity to bring the Eucharist to those who pray with us from a distance. Because the liturgy is a prayer not celebrated by one person but by a community, it is most appropriate to remember as a community those who cannot join us physically. For all who take Holy Communion to the home-bound, we ask you to place your open pyx on the credence table in the sanctuary along with a note of how many Hosts you will need. Then, following the reception of Holy Communion, we will call you forward to receive the pyx before praying over you as a community so you can immediately take the Blessed Sacrament to the ill members of our community.

AUGUST NOVENA DATE CHANGE

Please note that the August Novena has been rescheduled to Sunday, August 22nd directly after the 8:00am Mass. The monthly novena in Honor of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal is a short prayer service offering you an opportunity to consecrate yourself to The Blessed Mother and to seek her intervention. This novena has been responsible for countless miracles throughout the world. Experience your own miracle at the next novena!

Treat yourself to a 15 minute visit with our all powerful and never failing Blessed Mother!

ST. PIUS X PARISH PICNIC

Saturday, August 21st—After 4pm Mass

Please complete this form if you plan on attending our feast day celebration with Bishop Michael Fisher. Please complete this form and drop it in the collection basket.

Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Number Attending: _____

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

READING 1 1 Kgs 19:4-8

Elijah went a day's journey into the desert, until he came to a broom tree and sat beneath it. He prayed for death saying:
"This is enough, O LORD!
Take my life, for I am no better than my fathers."
He lay down and fell asleep under the broom tree, but then an angel touched him and ordered him to get up and eat.
Elijah looked and there at his head was a hearth cake and a jug of water.
After he ate and drank, he lay down again, but the angel of the LORD came back a second time, touched him, and ordered,
"Get up and eat, else the journey will be too long for you!"
He got up, ate, and drank;
then strengthened by that food,
he walked forty days and forty nights to the mountain of God, Horeb.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9

R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

I will bless the LORD at all times;
his praise shall be ever in my mouth.
Let my soul glory in the LORD;
the lowly will hear me and be glad.

R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Glorify the LORD with me,
Let us together extol his name.
I sought the LORD, and he answered me
and delivered me from all my fears.

R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Look to him that you may be radiant with joy,
and your faces may not blush with shame.
When the afflicted man called out, the LORD heard,
and from all his distress he saved him.

R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

The angel of the LORD encamps
around those who fear him and delivers them.
Taste and see how good the LORD is;
blessed the man who takes refuge in him.

R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

READING 2 Eph 4:30—5:2

Brothers and sisters:
Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God,
with which you were sealed for the day of redemption.
All bitterness, fury, anger, shouting, and reviling
must be removed from you, along with all malice.
And be kind to one another, compassionate,
forgiving one another as God has forgiven you in Christ.
So be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love,
as Christ loved us and handed himself over for us

as a sacrificial offering to God for a fragrant aroma. as Christ loved us and handed himself over for us as a sacrificial offering to God for a fragrant aroma.

ALLELUIA MT 4:4B

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the living bread that came down from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live forever.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL Jn 6:41-51

The Jews murmured about Jesus because he said,
"I am the bread that came down from heaven,"
and they said,
"Is this not Jesus, the son of Joseph?
Do we not know his father and mother?
Then how can he say,
'I have come down from heaven?'"
Jesus answered and said to them,
"Stop murmuring among yourselves.
No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draw him,
and I will raise him on the last day.
It is written in the prophets:
They shall all be taught by God.
Everyone who listens to my Father and learns from him comes to me.
Not that anyone has seen the Father
except the one who is from God;
he has seen the Father.
Amen, amen, I say to you,
whoever believes has eternal life.
I am the bread of life.
Your ancestors ate the manna in the desert, but they died;
this is the bread that comes down from heaven
so that one may eat it and not die.
I am the living bread that came down from heaven;
whoever eats this bread will live forever;
and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world."



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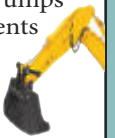
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