



Saint Pius X

Roman Catholic Parish

SEPTEMBER 19, 2021 | THE TWENTY-FIFTH 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.



MINISTERIAL SERVING SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

3:00pm Reconciliation
 4:00pm Fr. Bob Rezak req. Eberhardt Family
 The Eulrich Family req. Jennifer Wilczewski

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 [6b]/Jas 3:16—4:3/Mk 9:30-37
 8:00am Anthony Pellerite Jr. req. Shannon & Tony
 8:50am Novena in Honor of the BVM
10:00am Faith Formation Opening Liturgy
 Lola Prisaznuk req. Raymond Maiolo
 12:00pm Paul Liptak req. Joan Liptak
 Haman Family req. Sam Battaglia

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, Ss. ANDREW, KIM TAE-GŎN, PRIEST AND PAUL CHŎNG HA-SANG & COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Lk 8:16-18
 8:30am Rosary
 9:00am Living & Deceased Members of the Altar & Rosary

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, ST. MATTHEW, APOSTLE & EVANGELIST

Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Mt 9:9-13
 8:30am Rosary
 9:00am Msgr. Dino Lorenzetti in Celebration of his 100th Birthday req. Queen of Peace Healing Ministry

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, OUR LADY OF SORROWS

Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8 [1b]/Lk 9:1-6
 8:30am Rosary
 9:00am Lou Polito req. Don & Pat Flynn

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, ST. PIUS OF PIETRELCINA, PRIEST

Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Lk 9:7-9
 8:30am Rosary
 9:00am For the Parishioners

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

Hg 2:1-9/Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 4 [5]/Lk 9:18-22
 8:30am Rosary
 9:00am Beatrice M. Halton req. The Olesko Family

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

3:00pm Reconciliation
 4:00pm Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Piejda req. Daniel Schenk & Family

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 /Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48
 8:00am Anne Rackl req. Jude Schwendler
 10:00am Evelyn Cassidy req. Family
 12:00pm Stanley & Clara Szymanski req. Family

4:00PM SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

LECTOR: Larry Costa
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Kevin Harbison & Lydia Stang

8:00AM SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

LECTOR: Barbara Crage
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Steve DiPasquale & Jean Braunscheidel

10:00AM

LECTOR: Julane Beck
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Jim & Char McGraw

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LECTOR: Jude Schwendler
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Barbara Voigt & Dan Hartman

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

In these uncertain times, please pray for the sick, especially Charlie Kaiser, Msgr. George Yiengst, and our parishioners in nursing homes, assisted living centers and in the hospital.

Pray for those confined at home, all with COVID medical personnel, first responders, the military and all victims of physical and sexual abuse.

We also remember those who have passed from this life, especially, Concetta Pascolini, Aunt of Nora Fiegl & Dan Hartman; Fr. John Cornelius; Fr. Dennis W. Mende; Fr. Walter L. Matuszak; Fr. William McGarry; all victims of physical and sexual abuse and the friends and benefactors of St. Pius X Parish.

PRAYER FOR RENEWAL IN BUFFALO

In every age, O God, you have called us to be your people, to be your Church. In this time, we begin anew to discern the pathways that will lead us, your people closer to you. Continually bless our journey as we proclaim your Good News, celebrate your saving presence among us, serve others with charity and justice, and steward the world you have entrusted to our care. Send your Spirit to lead and guide our Emmaus journey as we commit ourselves to the renewal of our Church. This we ask through Christ our Lord. Amen.

9/11 TRIBUTE

On behalf of our entire faith community I would like to express our sincere appreciation to the Getzville, East Amherst and Wendelville Fire Companies, and Twin City Ambulance for participating in our Vigil Memorial Liturgy. A special shout out to Fr. Luke Uebler from St. Mary's Swormville, part of our parish families grouping who joined us. We were grateful for your presence as we offered our prayers for the victims and their families who are still living through the terrible moment of that tragedy. Special thanks to our Bereavement Committee for planning and ministering at the Memorial; our musicians and everyone who promoted and made the event happen. It was a moving moment of faith that will never be forgotten. Thanks to everyone for making this somber event so memorable. We will never forget.

Grace and Peace of Our Lord Jesus Christ...



"If anyone wishes to be first, they shall be the last of all and the servant of all."

In today's gospel, Jesus tells his disciples, "Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me." Jesus calls the disciples and us who among you is the "greatest" and instead asks us to look outside of ourselves and our fragile egos.

In the middle chapters of Mark's gospel, Jesus predicts his passion three times. Each time the disciples refuse to accept His words. Peter rebukes Jesus and the twelve commence jockeying for position in a hierarchy they have erected in their own minds. James and John demand to be given places to sit at Jesus' right and left hands when He enters into his glory. Each time Jesus redirects the disciples' attention from glory and power to servanthood. He tells James and John: Whoever wishes to be greatest among you will be your servant.

If the twelve needed to hear this message again and again, how often must we have it repeated in our lives? Jesus calls us to a radical new way of life. We are to renounce every form of control over others, to refuse privilege, and to leave behind competition. There is no place for any of these in the kingdom of God. This is difficult and, at times, seems to be impossible. We seem to be hardwired to seek success and to desire the opinion of others. Yet, Jesus gives us a simple practice to help us on this sojourn towards ongoing formation. Our world changes when we empty ourselves of pride and jealousy, and open up the opportunity to receive the gift of Christ found in every person, especially the poor, the weak, and the vulnerable. When we begin to live in the light of the Good News, everything changes. The first are last, the last are first, the poor are rich, the rich are poor and the Kingdom of God is in our midst and we are astonished. "If anyone wishes to be first, they shall be the last of all and the servant of all."

In Christ,

Fr. Rob

PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING

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From Lifelong Faith Formation...

Welcome back as we begin a new year of Faith Formation this weekend! We kick off our 2021-22 year with an opening Liturgy at 10 AM on Catechetical Sunday as we focus on our theme "Say the Word and my Soul Shall be Healed." Please remember to join us for the one-man play about St. Joseph at 7 PM in the Church on Wednesday, September 22 (this is the first class for the Wednesday evening session, grades 7-10).

Many blessings to all of our students and their families as they recently began the new school year and are continuing to learn more about their faith here at St. Pius X! Thank you to all of our Catechists for sharing their time and talent: Serenity Burke, Carly Cipollina, Joan Costello, Barbara Crage, Gary Davison, Nicki Gruber, Megan Henel, Fabiyola Joseph, Elizabeth Kolby, Laura Beth Malkowski, Kathy Marando, Heather Pfalzer, Mary Pfalzer, Garrett Price, Barb Schmidt, Jake Schmitt, Petrina Sciandra, Susette Sciandra, Vince Vaccarelli and Carolyn Weber!

Hope & Blessings

Pam Rankin

A Prayer for Catechists and Teachers

Loving Father, pour forth your Holy Spirit upon our catechists and teachers, that they may be authentic witnesses and proclaimers of your Word, your Son, Jesus Christ. Render their hearts to be open, receptive and responsive to the Holy Spirit, that like Mary and Joseph, they might become living instruments of your Word to others. Help them to be faithful disciples, that they may animate a passionate love for the Gospel, and so build your kingdom here on earth. May the fire of your love enkindle in their hearts a desire to draw others to love of you in the Church of your Son, through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Prayer for Students in Schools and Faith Formation

Blessed are you, Lord God, Creator of body and mind and heart; you have sent the Spirit of wisdom and knowledge to guide your people in all their ways. At the beginning of this new year of learning, in this time of uncertainty and anxiety, we call upon the intercession of St. Joseph, model of wisdom, as we implore your mercy. Bless and protect our students, teachers, catechists, and volunteers; our staff, their families, and all who seek you with a sincere heart. Give wisdom to the decision makers, those in our community, our schools and our homes. Expand the horizons of our minds, and deepen our commitment to seek the truth of your ways. Enliven our faith to reach out to those in need, particularly those isolated, lonely, or afraid. In these days when so much has changed, help us to trust in the love of your Son Jesus, our Divine Teacher, who is the same yesterday, today, and forever. *Amen.*

Road To Renewal...Real Presence. Real Hope. Real Mission.

ADULT FORMATION SESSION

The "Search" Program by Augustine Institute leads people to the deepest questions of the human heart, exploring the meaning and purpose of life with a visually stunning and intellectually stimulating approach. As an evangelization series hosted by Chris Stefanick, The Search guides viewers through a crescendo of seven episodes examining life and death, sorrow and happiness, and science and faith.

Astrophysicists, psychologists, astronauts, neuroscientists, professors, athletes, artists, and the beauty of the cosmos all point to one big conclusion: Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church. Don't go through The Search alone! Join Fr. Rob for a seven-week sojourn beginning Wednesday, September 29th at 10:00am or 7:00pm in the rectory conference room. The first question is: "What Do You Seek?" If interested, please pre-register by calling the office. Seating is limited. The combination of beautiful music, cinematography, and compelling testimony will inspire thought-provoking and lively discussion. The Search is best experienced with others.

BOOK CLUB

Our October 4th book, Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens is at once an exquisite ode to the natural world, a heartbreaking coming-of-age story, and a surprising tale of possible murder. Owens reminds us that we are forever shaped by the children we once were, and that we are all subject to the beautiful and violent secrets that nature keeps. Please join us on Monday, October 4th at 1 p.m. in the Father Weber Center as we delve into this beautifully written story that will resonate with you and that you will remember for a very long time.

FLU CLINIC

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10th

Father Weber Center 8:30 a.m.—1:30 p.m.

Both high and normal vaccines will be available.

Please bring an insurance card.

ST. JOSEPH IS COMING!

LET'S PREPARE A TABLE FOR HIM!

Please join us on September 22, 2021 in the Church at 7 PM as St. Pius X Parish welcomes a member of the Holy Family. A St. Joseph impersonator will be telling the life story of Joseph in a live theatrical presentation entitled "God's son...my son". Accompany St. Joseph as he fulfills his call to be a human father to Jesus. From a turbulent and exciting beginning with Jesus and Mary to living a simple hidden life, hear how he strived to protect his family and how he raised Jesus during the hidden years. See how this quiet and silent man put his trust in God's plan for him and lived a life of obedience and action. Witness how he participated in the work of God and trusted in God to faithfully carry out the mission that God gave him. Listen to the Patron Saint of Workers share his words of wisdom and insights into the purpose of work and how work can be a path to holiness. This presentation is free and for all ages.

ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY MEET & GREET

The St. Pius X Altar & Rosary will be holding a *meet and greet* meeting on Monday, September 20th at 10:00 a.m. in the Father Weber Center. We will be hosting a light mimosa breakfast to begin our new year!

The Altar & Rosary is a group of ladies promoting devotion to our Blessed Mother while helping the parish become more spiritual and united. If you are interested in learning more about our mission, please join us on September 20th!

LADIES OF CHARITY

If you are interested in helping the needy families of the parish, than please join us on Tuesday, September 21st at 6:00 p.m. for our opening Liturgy and meeting. The Ladies of Charity have assisted in feeding families; providing necessities for young mothers and infants and collecting Christmas gifts for so many who go without. Please join us and find out more about our group on September 21st at 6:00 p.m. in the Church.

HOLY NAME

The Holy Name Society at St Pius X, is having its second Fall general meeting on Monday, October 11th, at 7:00pm in the Father Weber Center. All are welcome to join us and see what HNS is all about.

QUEEN OF PEACE HEALING MINISTRY

Join Fr. Daniel Ogbeifun from All Saints Parish in Lockport for our next regularly scheduled healing and anointing Liturgy on Monday, September 27th with Reconciliation at 6:30pm., the Rosary at 7:00pm, and Liturgy at 7:30pm. Following Liturgy there will be individual intercessory prayers for healing. You are also invited to visit us at our website:

www.queenofpeacehealingministry.org

HAITI & IDA COLLECTIONS

As we have all seen from the media coverage, the earthquake in Haiti and Hurricane Ida have caused substantial loss of life, damage and significant devastation in Haiti and the U.S. gulf and east coasts. The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops requests that we take up a collection for the humanitarian, long-term recovery, and Church needs arising from the earthquake in Haiti. The funds collected in this special appeal will be used to support the efforts of the Catholic Charities USAA and/or Catholic Relief Services, the official relief agencies of the U.S. Catholic Church, as they and their local agencies respond to the immediate emergency needs as well as aid in long term recovery.

We offer prayers for families who have lost loved ones or are among the injured. The collection for Haiti will take place during the weekend of September 25 & 26. A labelled basket will be located near the altar and we ask that you please give generously. The collection for Ida will be forthcoming.

The 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

READING 1 Wis 2:12, 17-20

The wicked say:

Let us beset the just one, because he is obnoxious to us;
he sets himself against our doings,
reproaches us for transgressions of the law
and charges us with violations of our training.

Let us see whether his words be true;
let us find out what will happen to him.

For if the just one be the son of God, God will defend him
and deliver him from the hand of his foes.

With revilement and torture let us put the just one to the
test that we may have proof of his gentleness
and try his patience.

Let us condemn him to a shameful death;
for according to his own words, God will take care of him.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6 and 8

R. The Lord upholds my life.

O God, by your name save me,
and by your might defend my cause.

O God, hear my prayer;
hearken to the words of my mouth.

R. The Lord upholds my life.

For the haughty have risen up against me,
the ruthless seek my life;
they set not God before their eyes.

R. The Lord upholds my life.

Behold, God is my helper;
the Lord sustains my life.

Freely will I offer you sacrifice;
I will praise your name, O LORD, for its goodness.

R. The Lord upholds my life.

READING 2 Jas 3:16—4:3

Beloved:

Where jealousy and selfish ambition exist,
there is disorder and every foul practice.
But the wisdom from above is first of all pure,
then peaceable, gentle, compliant,
full of mercy and good fruits,
without inconstancy or insincerity.

And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace
for those who cultivate peace.

Where do the wars
and where do the conflicts among you come from?
Is it not from your passions
that make war within your members?

You covet but do not possess.

You kill and envy but you cannot obtain;
you fight and wage war.

You do not possess because you do not ask.

You ask but do not receive,
because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions.

GOSPEL Mk 9:30-37

Jesus and his disciples left from there and began a journey
through Galilee,

but he did not wish anyone to know about it.

He was teaching his disciples and telling them,

“The Son of Man is to be handed over to men

and they will kill him,

and three days after his death the Son of Man will rise.”

But they did not understand the saying,

and they were afraid to question him.

They came to Capernaum and, once inside the house,
he began to ask them,

“What were you arguing about on the way?”

But they remained silent.

They had been discussing among themselves on the way
who was the greatest.

Then he sat down, called the Twelve, and said to them,

“If anyone wishes to be first,

he shall be the last of all and the servant of all.”

Taking a child, he placed it in the their midst,

and putting his arms around it, he said to them,

“Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives

me; and whoever receives me,

receives not me but the One who sent me.”



THANK YOU

Fr Rob,

Thank you for a beautiful 911 Vigil Liturgy on Friday night.

Thank you for thinking of the needs of your parish family.

Your homily was inspiring; just what we needed to hear. The

cloud formation of the cross at the beginning of the service

lets us know that God is truly with us.

Patti Hartigan

Wife of Getzville firefighter Irv Eisenberg who died in 2019 as
a result from serving as a first responder on 9/11.

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