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SAINT PIUS X DAY

21 August 2016

TODAY

- Coffee & Donuts (DH) after the Sunday Masses
- Nursery (Room #102) during the 10:30 Mass

MONDAY | Aug. 22 | The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12/Mt 23:13-22

- Men's Bible Study (Room #101) 7am
- RCIA Team Meeting (PC LL #1) 6:30pm

TUESDAY | Aug. 23

2 Thes 2:1-3, 14-17/Mt 23:23-26

- **Mass in Chapel** (+Frank & Agatha Klonis) 8:30am
- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (Chapel) 9am-7pm

WEDNESDAY | Aug. 24 | St. Bartholomew, Apostle

Rv 21:9-14/Jn 1:45-51

- S.H.O.E.S. Distribution (offsite) 5:30pm
- **Mass in Chapel** (+Ryan Colleran) 6:30pm
- CFMP Committee Meeting (McDuffee) 7:15pm

THURSDAY | Aug. 25

1 Cor 1:1-9/Mt 24:42-51

- Offices Closed ~ Staff Re-creation Day

FRIDAY | Aug. 26

1 Cor 1:17-25/Mt 25:1-13

- Mass in Chapel (+Allen Chase) 8:30am

SATURDAY | Aug. 27 | St. Monica

1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 25:14-30

- High School Leadership (Youth Room) 9am
- Freshman Retreat (Youth Room) begins at 4pm
- Reconciliation/Confessions (Church) 4:45pm
- Contemporary Choir Practice (Church) 4:30pm

LORD'S DAY LITURGIES | August 28, 2016

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Heb 12:18-19, 22-24/Lk 14:1, 7-14

5:30pm Saturday

Parish Family

8:30am Sunday

+Dan Kotrch (1st Anniversary) +Josephine Olund (1st Anniversary)
+Harry Hampson

10:30am Sunday

+Fred Featherly (1st Anniversary) +Josh Hall +Jennifer Walsh

**A special welcome to our summer guests
at the Table of the Lord**

Whether you drove across town or came from distant lands,
we are delighted the Holy Spirit
drew you to Grandville for Mass.



REAL PEOPLE REAL PRESENCE

... a welcoming Roman Catholic family of God
empowered by the Holy Spirit
to grow our relationship with Jesus Christ
and with one another
as we worship, pray, learn and serve.



“To restore all things in Christ”

~ Motto of Pope Saint Pius X

Born Giuseppe Melchiorre Sarto

(June 2, 1835–Aug. 20, 1914)

Served as Pope Pius X from 1903–1914

Canonized St. Pius X on May 29, 1954

His canonization came just as the Catholic Community in Grandville was beginning to grow. Our parish was placed under his patronage on March 7, 1955, making him our special friend in heaven.

ST. PIUS X CATHOLIC PARISH
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Parish & Formation Office Hours:

9-Noon; 1-5pm Mon-Thurs 9-Noon on Fridays
 (Formation Summer Hours: 9:30-4:30pm Monday-Thursday)

Parish Book of Prayer — This book near the main church entrance is for your prayers of intercession or gratitude. They are part of the intentions at Mass.

Parish Membership — Count yourself in! If you worship with us regularly, kindly register as a parishioner. You'll receive parish mailings, and it will help us provide pastoral care should you need it. Contact 532-9344; or parishoffice@spxcatholic.org.

Infant Baptisms are celebrated at various times throughout the year. If you believe raising your child in our Catholic faith is one of your most important duties as a parent, call the parish office.

Sacrament of Marriage — The lifelong covenant between a man and a woman is a sign of God's covenant with us. At least six months of prayer and preparation are needed before entering this commitment. Please contact Fr. Chris as soon as you are engaged. Couples celebrating an anniversary ending in a "0" or "5" may request a special blessing.

OTHER MARRIAGE RESOURCES: www.foryourmarriage.org/

Pastoral Care of the Sick — If you or a loved one are seriously ill, homebound, or anticipating surgery, please contact Marjorie Flores or Fr. Chris in the parish office. The hospitals do not contact us.

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The View from 40th & Wilson

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I imagined our patron, Pope St. Pius X being frustrated and frightened by what was happening at his parish in Grandville a few weeks ago.

A small plastic drone had dropped from the sky and lay listlessly in the parking lot; tiny green lights blinking.

A young man arrived, apparently looking for something. I asked if he had lost his drone. "My what?" he replied, puzzled.

Of course he was *not* looking for a drone! Smartphone in hand, he was searching for that which hundreds of other people have come to St. Pius X Parish for, day and night, ***all summer long: POKÉMON.***

Those of you who are not familiar with Pokémon Go—the "location-based augmented reality game" (as Wikipedia describes it)—churches are among the top activity sites for game players.

I was fascinated to learn that in the virtual game world, our statue of St. Pius X overlooking 40th Street is a **POKÉMON GYM**. Pokémon players fight one another for control of the gyms with battles similar to king of the hill. I also learned that our image of St. Francis of Assisi in the courtyard is a **POKÉSTOP**. This is a place where players can collect loot. (*Hopefully Catholic Pokémon players will recognize the irony in this: they are collecting loot from St. Francis, who had been born into a rich family, but wanted no loot. One day, to prove his point he stripped off his clothes, threw them at his dad, and walked off stark naked to follow Christ in solidarity with the poor.*)

Yes, I could imagine St. Pius X being frustrated and frightened by what he saw happening that day at his parish.

But when I asked him in prayer about this, he showed me something deeper and more lasting.



In our real, Roman Catholic world of faith, this statue reminds us of our parish patron's love of the Eucharist and his special prayers for this community. In the world of "Pokémon Go," this is a gym.

The world of Pokémon Go is a virtual, imaginary world created by gamers for entertainment and to help people earn money.

The world of St. Pius X Parish was created by God and goes back eons before its establishment in 1953 as the Catholic Community of Grandville.

In one of his letters, Pope Pius X referred to the real world we build our lives on as "the Christian city." This world entails "the sufferings of millions of martyrs, and the light given by the Fathers and Doctors of the Church, and the self-sacrifice of all the heroes of charity, and a powerful hierarchy ordained in heaven, and the streams of Divine Grace—the whole having been built up, bound together, and impregnated by the life and spirit of Jesus Christ, the Wisdom of God, the Word made man."

As entertaining as it may be to watch Pokémon seekers wander our campus, what St. Pius X urges me to delight in is the hundreds of people who come here weekly for Mass; seeing beyond the virtual reality to the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist and in his people. The reality of grace that takes us beyond any lit screen.

St. Pius X, pray for us.

Some facts about St. Pius X:

He was the only pope in the 20th Century with extensive experience as a pastor. Thus, pastoral concerns permeated his papacy:

- He favored the use of the vernacular in catechesis
- He wrote a simple, brief catechism popular in Italy
- Frequent communion was his lasting legacy, along with allowing children to receive Holy Communion beginning at the age of seven

The parish of St. Pius X is calling on the Holy Spirit to fill an at-large member of Pastoral Council.

Candidates are to be practicing Roman Catholics who are registered members of the parish, in good standing, and care deeply about their faith and the direction of our parish.

Nominations are being accepted through Sunday, Sept. 11. Nomination cards are in the vestibule area or names can be submitted to Father Chris. Cards can also be placed in the collection basket. More information on the process can be found in the vestibule and at spxcatholic.org.



Faith Formation | Religious Education

ELIZABETH POST
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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION for the 2016-2017 Faith

Formation year is underway! Register online or pickup a form in the church vestibule or outside the Faith Formation Office. Elementary classes begin Sunday, Sept. 18 & Wednesday, Sept. 21. Formation classes are offered at the following times:

- Sundays ~ 9-10:15am
- Wednesdays ~ 4-5:30pm & 6-7:30pm
- Middle School Edge ~ Sundays 5:30-7:30pm
- High School ~ Sundays 7-8:30pm

Catechists and Volunteers are needed!

Email formation@spxcatholic.org with questions or for more information.

ELEMENTARY CATECHIST ORIENTATION: Thank you for answering the call to be an elementary catechist this year! On Monday, Sept. 12 from 6-9pm, we will be meeting to dine, discuss the upcoming year and help prepare you for Religious Education.

SURVIVING 7TH GRADE ~ Middle School Retreat

Aug. 31 ~ 6-8:30pm is open to all incoming 7th Graders! Together our 8th graders and freshmen have created a night that will include all of the things they wish they had known prior to walking through those middle school doors! Our upper classmen will share their wisdom and insight. The night will also include games, food, music, and fun! It's a great way to meet a few more of your fellow 7th Graders and help be prepared for the beginning of school.

Edge Kickoff is Sunday, Sept. 11 at 5:30pm

Dress to get messy!

MIDDLE SCHOOL PARENT MEETINGS

- ◆ 7th Grade Parents ~ Wednesday, Sept. 7 at 5:30pm or Thursday, Sept. 8 at 7:15pm
- ◆ 8th Grade Parents ~ Wednesday, Sept. 7 at 7:15pm or Thursday, Sept. 8 at 5:30pm.

NOVEL READERS BOOK CLUB

meets at 7pm Monday, Sept. 12 in McDuffee to discuss *Loving Frank* by Nancy Horan. Contact Linda Stray (249-8034 or lindastray@yahoo.com) or Mary Boehm (538-9635 or meb2904@aol.com) with inquiries.



PARISH MINISTRY & CATECHETICAL CONFERENCE

Devote a day to growing and learning in faith at the 2016 Parish Ministry and Catechetical Conference! (Open to any adult in the Diocese of Grand Rapids.)

Date: Saturday, Sept. 24

Time: 8:45am-4:30pm (check-in and morning hospitality: 7:45 – 8:45am)

Location: West Catholic High School (1801 Bristol Ave NW, GR)

Keynote Speaker: Amy Florian, "Must We Forgive: Prodigals, Mothers and God"

Registration/Information ~ deadline is Sept. 16:

- Catechists: Please register with Elizabeth Post in the Formation Office.
- All Others: Cost is \$40 per person ~ Register online at www.dioceseofgrandrapids.org

Any questions, please contact Elizabeth Post at 538-2600 or epost@spxcatholic.org.

High School Youth Ministry

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HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES:

- **College Bound Students** ~ A special blessing will be given at all Masses this weekend.
- **Incoming High School Freshman** ~ Join us for a retreat on Aug. 27 from 4-11pm. (Optional overnight). Please RSVP by registering at <https://goo.gl/forms/tIsTd0Kli05vv1ZB2>; deadline to register is Aug. 24.
- **Catholic Heart Work Camp Paperwork & Deposits** are due by Sunday, Sept. 11. See the website for forms and additional information.



Pastoral Care, Outreach & Initiation

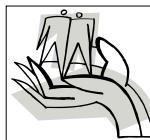
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RCIA ~ Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a journey whereby an individual becomes a full member of the Catholic Church. Those making this journey come from a variety of backgrounds: some are baptized, some are not; some come from other Christian churches or religious beliefs; others may be Catholics who have decided to complete their initiation into the Church. Whatever their situation, all are experiencing the call of God and share a common spiritual journey.

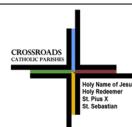
Initiation into the Catholic Church takes place at the Easter Vigil.

We begin Wednesday, Sept. 14 ~ 7-9pm
Parish Center - Lower Level, Room 1

(Contact me in the Parish Office at 532-9344 or by email)



The Pastoral Care Network of the CROSSROADS Parishes



JOURNEY THROUGH GRIEF SERIES: This is a support group for those who have suffered a loss and will deal with the myths and realities of grief along with providing support. This group is open to the community at large so if you or someone you know is grieving the loss of a loved one, join us for five consecutive Thursdays beginning **Thursday, September 22—October 20th from 7:00—8:30pm, St. Pius X Parish**. You are welcome to bring a guest. If interested, please contact Rosemary Beahan at 532-9344 x106 or email rbeahan@spxcatholic.org to register.

PUT SOME BIG SMILES ON CHILDREN'S FACES.

Last opportunity to sign up to help! Come assist children to get fitted for some needed shoes for the upcoming school year. Volunteers will help distribute shoes at the

In the Image warehouse on **Wednesday, Aug. 24 from 5:30-8:30pm**. Volunteers who are minors must be with a parent or guardian. If interested in participating, please email me with the legal name **AND** date of birth of all those volunteering.



ST. PIUS X DAY OF SERVICE

Saturday, Oct. 15 | More information to follow.

Parish Life

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THAT MAN IS YOU~ Starts Sept. 17! Can you believe last Fall and Spring we had from 30-50 men show up regularly on Saturday mornings? This ministry is open for all men of the parish and you don't have to have attended last year to come. There's a simple breakfast, a message, and small groups. We meet on Saturdays at 6am in Danner Hall; signups will be coming soon.

**PARISH PICNIC ~ Sept. 25 ~ Noon-2:30pm**

We may have a surprise or two this year...hope to see you there

FATHERS & SONS' EVENT ~ Craig's Cruisers! Fathers and sons looking for a chance to spend some quality time together at Craig's Cruisers in Wyoming on Saturday, Sept. 10 from 4-7pm. Cost is \$10 per ticket and includes a pizza and pasta buffet, 3 attractions, and 20 video game credits. Contact Holy Redeemer Parish (669-9220 or hrpsecr@holyredeemerparish.org) if you'd like to purchase tickets.

MEN'S RETREAT! Looking to deepen your faith and relationship with Christ? Then join other men the weekend of Sept. 9-11 at St. Francis Retreat Center in DeWitt for the "Christ is Counting on You" retreat. The cost is \$145 and space is limited. For reservations or questions, please call John Teeple, Men of Emmaus Ministry (616-443-5034) or register online at www.stfrancis.ws.

LIKE US ON FACEBOOK: We have an active presence at St. Pius X Catholic Parish. "LIKE" us for updates on parish events and for resources and articles to help you grow in faith.

**Mass Assignments for August 27 & 28**

| Mass Cord. | 5:30pm John Chruscil | 8:30am Jerry & Amanda London | 10:30am Sharon Love |
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| Greeters | Carol Brink Sandy Kornoelje Sandy Roys C'Ann Tyson | Ren Hanselman Ruth Lobert Paul & Sue VanGessel | Sarah Gawrys Dolores Jesnek Molly Jesnek Volunteer Needed |
| Servers | Emi Zielinski Lily Zielinski Volunteer Needed | Brendon McKinley Ryan Minnick Zack Valko | Kristy Galligan Emma Jaworowicz Peyton Snidanko |
| Eucharistic Ministers | Mary Carter Mattie Conlon Emily Hartwell Debbie Jones Angie Lemont Harold Lemont Mary Lynch Diane Remenak Donna Vaughn | Dave Bristol Mary Bristol Brenda Grandy Mike Grandy Mark Henderson Valerie Henderson Amanda London Jerry London Michele Stutzky | Elaine Albrecht Monique Bassett Frank Cegelis Kristen Elder Connor Fischer Jeanine Foster Linda Hinds Donna Huyge Bill Jenkins Dolores Jesnek Kathleen Kelly Meg Lyons Cheryl Yskes |
| Lector | Jerry Hoogterp Maria denBoer | Brian Courtade Lynn Zabler | Toni Burdick Julie Kemme |
| LWC | | | Andy Kovac |
| | Usher Team: A | Usher Team: B | Usher Team: E |

real people + real presence

Growing in Christ
Weekly Stewardship Report

STEWARSHIP THOUGHT: The Gospel reading today starts with a question: "Lord, will only a few people be saved?" Jesus offers only a simple reply: "Strive to enter through the narrow gate. Many will try to enter and will not be able." Good stewards know there is only one, narrow gate. Not everything will fit. This narrow gate has no room for our accomplishments. No room for our money. No room for our possessions. No room for anything else but those who've been good stewards of the Gospel. We can't custom build our own gates either. There is only one, narrow gate that happens to be open for a time, but for how long? What is our plan of action to get through that gate? – August 2016 ICSC Catholic Stewardship e-bulletin

Time and Talent**MASS ATTENDANCE**

Aug 13 & 14: 5:30pm—254 | 8:30am—254 | 10:30am—368

SHARING OUR FOOD CREDITS: Generous parishioners have made financial donations over the years to the Feeding America West Michigan Food Bank for use by St. Pius X Parish. This was a great benefit to our food pantry, especially during the recession. However, for various reasons, we've not been using our credits with Feeding America; and so our credits have been transferred to St. Alphonsus Parish in Grand Rapids. A thank you from the parish is below:

I would like to thank you for making St. Alphonsus Food and Clothing Store the beneficiary of your parish's generosity. Over the last year our pantry was able to distribute 97,834 lbs. of food to over 8,570 neighbors in need. Your donation of \$4,163.50 allows us to better serve those in the Creston neighborhood. Our pantry strives to be a place of compassion, dignity, and resources. As we move into our 44th year of operation, we are projected to serve more neighbors and are looking forward to providing more programs to meet the needs within Creston.

Thank you again for such a generous donation. The money transferred to our Feeding America account will supply us with food for over four months! I am incredibly grateful for this sharing of resources. Alma-Jean Fossel, Director/Social Concerns Ministry at St. Alphonsus Parish

GOD'S CALLING ~ ANSWER! Are you feeling a tug at your heart to serve the Lord in a new way this year? Are you feeling called to help spread the Good News? If so, God might be calling you to be a **catechist** and work with our children, youth or adults. If you think God might be calling you to this ministry or have questions, please contact Elizabeth at epost@spxcatholic.org for more details.



THE CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD is in need of additional volunteers to lead during the 10:30am Mass on Sunday. Volunteers will be dismissed with the children when the readings are proclaimed and return after the homily. If you are interested, please contact us at formation@spxcatholic.org.

BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLIES: It's that time of year again. Take advantage of all the sales! Supplies can be put in the food bin in the vestibule. We need items by Aug. 28 so they can be delivered before school starts. Thank you for helping those in need.

Treasure

| PARISH SUPPORT Fiscal Year 2016-17 Week 7/52 | Last week 8/13 & 8/14 | Year to Date | Prior Year to Date |
|--|--------------------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| Adult Envelopes | \$ 12,025 | \$83,165 | \$75,933 |
| Electronic Giving spxcatholic.org | \$ 2,570 | \$30,749 | \$30,479 |
| Youth Envelopes | \$ - | \$ 2 | \$ 5 |
| Loose Offerings | \$ 805 | \$ 4,496 | \$ 4,476 |
| Total Contributions | \$ 15,400 | \$118,412 | \$110,893 |
| Budget Overage/(Shortfall) | \$ (3,125) | \$ (9,126) | \$ - |
| OTHER GIVING: Missions Collection | \$ 1,595 | \$ 1,796 | |
| Master's Mission | \$ 225 | \$ 3,712 | \$ 3,291 |

St. Pius X has 948 registered households. Last week, 271 contributed either by using an offertory envelope or electronically. Every gift is gratefully received as a sacrifice united with Christ's own self-offering in the Eucharist to share God's love.

Our prayer list for healing

Please continue to pray for the following and all the sick in our Parish, their families and friends, those hospitalized and home-bound, and those in care facilities. To be included on the Prayer Chain (separate from this bulletin list), call Jason George at (231) 736-7487.

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| Martha VanDyke | Gerry Dekkinga | Bob Brock | Joe Capriglione |
| Kenneth Schumacher | Mary LaSarge | Judy DeVoe | Erika Yonker |
| Kelsey Gibson | Andre Miles | Ron Geldersma | Marie Nevins |
| Robert Kasperlik | Catherine Cesare | Diane & Mary Prindle | Andy Wierzbicki |
| Joe Lemont | Henry Visscher | Betty DiTrapani | Mike Saritorius |
| Beverwyk Family | Joe & Margaret Grandy | Rose Reilly | Clara Raaymakers |
| Anthony McAndrew | M. Forrester | Laurie Bialik | Gina Catania |
| Jennifer Hassell | Marty Schumacker | Margaret Harman | Pat Chichester |
| Mick Vaughn | John Stoddard | Carol Guffy | Bob & Holly Ann Ott |
| Ben Baird | Derek Bull | Shannon Olman | Diane Austin |
| Rich Hubbard | Stephen Meurer | Dorothy Rennager | James Raap |
| Kathy Maslowski | Charles & Mag Frodl | Patrick Bartz | Ilene Topolinski |
| Deb Russo | Tom & Becky Hoffmann | Ellen O'Toole | Sarah Johnson |
| Catherine Owens | Mike Connell | Peggy Galt | Justin Vriezema |
| Jeff Zylstra | Mary Jebb | Markell Barnhart | Lindsey Read |
| Marlene Strong | Mary Beth Jensen | Pat Rummur | Robert Ryzanca |
| Cindy Cole | Megan Reynolds | Chris VanderSlice | Mary Benson-Slosser |
| Jill Moyer | Jim & Mary Ann Norcutt | Leo Raap | Deb Finnigan |
| Nell Wouters | Allen Mulligan | Jim & Madeleine Stotenbur | Marion & Marie Rythewski |
| Brianne Bassett | Matt Rich | Bob Bagin | Ken Jenkins |
| Tom Wojtas | Joe & Winnie Kulaga | Jonathan Kolenda | Sandy Ressell |
| Kerry Deboer | Donna Waters | Cindy Thrall | John Blanchard |
| Sr. Jean Marie Wojtas | Pat DeJong | Norm Pokora | Linda Wood |
| Terri Bernott | Clara Jo Braybrook | Barbara Barney | Zachary Matzke |
| Ann Berg | Jane Voss | Karen Bourassa | Pam Willemstein |
| Virginia Bieber | Tom Villemure | Judy Perrin | Alberta & Vito Licari |
| Cleo Ruppel | J.D. Sypniewski | Rylie Rau | Pat Grzybowski |



Thank you to the many people who participated in this year's outing from the golfers to the donors, to the helpers. All your efforts paid off and over **\$5,100** was raised for Sr. Luvia and her ministry efforts in Haiti. The winning team was **Paul & Jim Foguth, Jim Thrall, and Ken Skopp**. Our closest to the line winners were **Bill Steffes and Ann Foltice**; closest to the pin was **Dave Zabler**. St. Pius X are leaders in the clubhouse!



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