

SEASON OF LENT

26 March 2017

TODAY

- Elementary Religious Education 9am
- Nursery (Room #102) during the 10:30 Mass
- High School Sunday Night Live 7pm

MONDAY | March 27*Is 65:17-21 / Jn 4:43-54*

- Men's Bible Study (Room #101) 7am

TUESDAY | March 28*Ez 47:1-9, 12 / Jn 5:1-16*

- **Mass in Chapel** (+Susan Alvarez) 8:30am
- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (Chapel) 9am-7pm
- Light Weigh (PC LL #4) 9:15am
- Baptism Preparation Class (PC LL Commons) 7pm
- Capital Campaign Gathering (McDuffee) 7pm

WEDNESDAY | March 29*Is 49:8-15 / Jn 5:17-30*

- Lenten Spiritual Direction (Library) 5:30pm
- **Mass in Chapel** (+Ed Schneider) 7pm
- Cantor Practice 6:30pm
- Choir Practice 7pm

THURSDAY | March 30*Ez 32:7-14 / Jn 5:31-47*

- Ladies Bible Study (DH) 9:30am
- Light Weigh (PC LL #4) 6:30pm
- Financial Peace University (Room #101) 7pm
- Capital Campaign Gathering (McDuffee) 7pm

FRIDAY | March 31  *Day of Abstinence from meat**Wis 2:1, 12-22 / Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30*

- **Mass in Chapel** (+Walter Sieracki) 8:30am
- Stations of the Cross (Church) 7pm

SATURDAY | April 1*Jer 11:18-20 / Jn 7:40-53*

- Reconciliation/Confessions (Church) 4:45pm
- Contemporary Choir Practice (Church) 4:30pm

LORD'S DAY LITURGIES | April 2, 2017**5th Sunday of Lent***Ez 37:12-14 / Rom 8:8-11 / Jn 11:1-45***5:30pm Saturday**

Parish Family

8:30am Sunday

+Al Kadzban

+Irene Skipper

+David Moore

10:30am Sunday

George Bieber (First Anniversary)

+Rachel Andrakowicz

Also on the Weekend of April 2

• Coffee & Donuts (DH) ~ after the Sunday Masses

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... 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.

*I was blind and now I see.*

John 9:25

Practicing Faith

So dark! On a starless, cloud-filled night, it is almost impossible to move in safety. All that changes when dawn approaches, when light breaks the horizon. That is why the dripping wet newly baptized (when real thirst is slaked) received light from the paschal candle. Christ gives us light. Christ **is** light!

- When are the times I prefer to “be in the dark?”
- What blinds me from seeing goodness and truth?
- What mercy work can I do to give light to those in need?

Prepare for Sunday: Read and reflect on the 5th Sunday in Lent (beginning on pg. 157) in the “Living Liturgy” missal.

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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 Rosemary Beahan or Fr. Chris in the parish office. The hospitals do not contact us.

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A Lenten View from 40th & Wilson

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If we were in the same room right now, I'd kindly ask you to take out your calendar and find Saturday, April 15.

Then I would say, "Would you please write or type 'Easter Vigil' at 8:30pm? And could you make it your priority to be there? Please? Pretty please???"

The Easter Vigil is the mother of all liturgies for Roman Catholics. Not attending the vigil could be compared to a football fan skipping the Super Bowl or a Cubs fan choosing to not watch the World Series last year.

Yes, I know people say "but it's so long." True, it can last two to three hours. I'm pretty sure Super Bowl LI lasted that long, and so do many films. Most people who attend the Easter Vigil say the time goes by quickly. That's because no one simply watches—everyone participates.

A lot of holy stuff happens at the Easter Vigil. But I don't want to give away the secrets. This is the Mass when we finally initiate the men and women who have been journeying with us into Lent. At last, they are fully received into the Church and receive Holy Communion for the first time. As with many initiation rituals, we try to keep the rites shrouded in mystery and even a bit of fear—like encounters with God.

That's why I really desire your presence at the Easter Vigil. Not for my own sake, but for yours. It was by attending the Easter Vigil as a boy that I became fascinated by the Church's liturgy. And by participating in the Vigil—and all the liturgies of the Sacred Triduum as an adult—that I fell in love with Jesus Christ.

Now, while you still have your calendar

out please turn to April 13, type or write down "Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7pm..." Then on April 14 at 1:30pm "The Passion of the Lord" with veneration of the cross.

Today is "Laetare Sunday" and is one of just two days each year when the liturgical color is rose. Laetare is Latin for "rejoice."

The concept is the same as for *Gaudete Sunday* on the Third Sunday of Advent. The purpose of both rose days is the same: To signal we are more than halfway through the season of preparation for the big feasts that are coming.

I can't wait for Easter! Frankly, that's odd for me. I normally feel Lent and Advent fly by too quickly, leaving me unprepared for the big holy days. But this year I am really longing for chocolate, popcorn and the bountiful desserts I see at our funeral luncheons. See, there is a real wisdom to our Lenten disciplines. Our longing for Easter helps us reflect on a more profound yearning: total forgiveness and the joys of heaven—the gift of Christ's suffering, death and resurrection.



CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL — If you have already made your gift or pledge to this important campaign to support the works of the Diocese of Grand Rapids, THANK YOU. If you haven't, please do so promptly. I must confess my pledge card is still sitting on my desk. I promise to get it in soon.

Lent prepares us for a more devout celebration of Easter.

PALM SUNDAY ~ April 9

SACRED TRIDIUM

Evening Mass of Lord's Supper

◆ 7 pm, Holy Thursday ~ April 13

Passion of the Lord,

◆ 1:30pm, Good Friday ~ April 14

Easter Vigil

◆ 8:30pm, Holy Saturday ~ April 15

Easter Sunday Masses

◆ 8:30am & 10:30am ~ April 16





Faith Formation | Religious Education

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FIRST COMMUNION is almost upon us! If your child has been preparing for First Communion, please contact the Formation Office at 538-2600 to set up a time to celebrate this sacrament.

SPRING BREAK & EASTER SCHEDULE: There will be no Religious Education classes from March 29-April 16. Classes will resume on April 19.

MIDDLE SCHOOL EDGE ~ Sunday 5:30-7:30pm

- March 26, April 9, 23 & 30 ~ EDGE
- There is no EDGE on April 2 and 16

MIDDLE SCHOOL SERVICE DAY: Middle School students will be participating in a day of service on April 22.

NOVEL READERS BOOK CLUB meets at 7pm Monday, April 24 in McDuffee to discuss *Real Life and Liars* by Kristina Riggle. Contact Linda Stray (249-8034 or lindastray@yahoo.com) or Mary Boehm (538-9635 or meb2904@aol.com) with inquiries.



High School Youth Ministry

ASHLEY ROTTMAN
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ASK FATHER CHRIS~ Tonight (3/26) ~ 7-8:30pm

Fr. Chris will be spending the evening with us answering your questions about faith, vocations, and anything else you can think of!

LIVING STATIONS: On Sunday, April 9 at 7pm, the High School Ministry will be presenting Living Stations of the Cross for the parish. Parents: please encourage your high school youth to take part. We'll need lectors, actors, and musicians. There is a place for everyone. Email me or sign up on the parish website spxcatholic.org/events.

ENJOY YOUR SPRING BREAK: No Sunday Night Live on April 2.



Groups

- Start group discussions
- Invite other parishioners
- Great for small groups, choir groups, & ministry groups

To join a group, download our parish app at myparishapp.com

*Available on Apple and Android Phones.

Text App to phone number **88202** or visit myparishapp.com to download.



Pastoral Care, Outreach & Initiation

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Are you an “unconfirmed” Catholic? If you are a practicing Catholic but have not received the sacrament of Confirmation, you are not “fully initiated.” The Sacrament of Confirmation completes our initiation into the Roman Catholic Church and equips us with the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

So what are you waiting for? We’re beginning a three-week series 7-9pm Mondays on May 1, 8 & 15. Confirmation will be celebrated at the Cathedral of St. Andrew at 7pm May 23. **Please contact me via email or 532-9344, ext. 106 if you are interested in becoming a “CONFIRMED CATHOLIC.”**

HAVE YOU BEEN ATTENDING MASS but aren't Catholic?

Do you know anyone interested in learning more about the Catholic faith and possibly becoming Roman Catholic? We are here for you!

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. Whatever the situation, all are experiencing the call of Jesus Christ and share a common spiritual journey. Another **Catholic Inquiry series begins in June**. **Please contact me if you are interested.**

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY: We will meet on Monday, April 3 at 5:30pm in the McDuffee Room. If you knit or crochet, and would like to be part of this worthwhile ministry, come and join us. Beginners and those who wish to learn are welcome!

Please save and turn in your cash register receipts from purchases at any SpartanNash store.



See the pretty box on the donation bin in the vestibule. Once we reach a total of \$150,000 in receipts, a check will be issued to St. Pius X for our outreach programs. Participation couldn't be easier!

MEALS TO HEAL: We are looking to re-establish our ministry to provide meals for families of parishioners in the hospital or recovering from surgery. You don't have to be a gourmet cook to participate! Simple meals work the best.

If you are willing to occasionally make a meal for a family in need, please contact me via email or call the Parish Office at 532-9344.

RIDES TO MASS: St. Pius X has a number of elderly and home-bound parishioners who so desire to celebrate the Lord's Day with their parish, but have no means of transportation. Would you be willing to bring someone to Mass on the weekends? Please contact me via email or call the Parish Office at 532-9344.



Parish Life

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BAPTISM CLASS: While there are no baptisms during Lent, we will be hosting a baptism class on Tuesday, March 28 at 7pm for families who would like to have their infant baptized. Contact the parish office parishoffice@spxcatholic.org or 532-9344 to register.

EASTER RECEPTION HELP NEEDED... Every year we host a reception in Danner Hall following the Easter Vigil (4/15) for our newest Catholics, their families, sponsors, leaders, and parishioners. We need help in the following areas.

- **Food Prep** will happen for a few hours during the day of April 15.
- **Serving & Clean Up:** A few “night owls” are needed to help during and after the reception. The reception starts at 11pm and we are done with clean up around 2am.
- **Sides, Salads & Finger Foods:** These foods are used to serve at the reception; you don’t need to attend to help. We’re looking for lighter, easy to eat foods.

Any help would be appreciated...email me or call 532-9344.

50+ ~ GRAND RAPIDS PUBLIC MUSEUM ARCHIVES TOUR

Mark your calendars to join us on Tuesday, April 25 from 10am-2pm; more details to follow.



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 April 1 & 2

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR THE TRIDUUM: Please volunteer to help out at our Triduum liturgies, which begin on April 13. Sign up in the back of church, volunteer through Ministry Scheduler, or call Sandy Grandy at 538-2600.

Mass Cord.	5:30pm Marilyn Hartwell	8:30am Tony & Sandy Grandy	10:30am Linda DiCesare
Greeters	Carol Brink Denise Doyle Nancy Hoekstra Dorothy Lemmon	Ren Hanselman Dave & Lynn Zabler Volunteer Needed	Sarah Gawrys Dick & Marianne Gebraad Kevin Gruszka
Servers	Emily Hartwell Matthew Hartwell Volunteer Needed	Gino Bartone John Lawrence Samantha McIntyre	Peyton Snidarko Loren Wilkie Rachel Wilkie
Eucharistic Ministers	Mo Belliel Jamie Blanch McKenna Brink Angie Lemont Harold Lemont Mary Lynch Debra Neff Joe Peiffer Mike Tyler	Betty Cole Ellen Halfmann Nancy Hogerheide Brittany Klein Amanda London Jerry London Janine Skavnak Elaine Szarowicz Barry Waters	Elaine Albrecht Kathleen Kelly Sharon Love Rick Ruemenapp Andrew Sundstrom Nick Sundstrom Mary Tracey Nam Vu Susan Wise 4 Volunteers Needed
Lector	Toni Burdick Paul Wojtas	Christy McMeans Angie Zylstra	Judy Konopka Maggie Morrissey
LCW			Beth Timmer
	Ushers: Team C	Ushers: Team W	Ushers: Team J

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Growing in Christ**Weekly Stewardship Report**

STEWARSHIP THOUGHT: St. Paul gives us a wakeup call. As stewards of the light of Christ, we are to reflect that light with the help of the Holy Spirit. If Christ’s work has transformed and illuminated our lives, there should be a change. The light of Christ’s active presence should be at work in us. And as the light shines within us, we take on the properties of that light and we shine too. We are used by God to shine the light of Christ in the lives of others. A challenging Lenten reflection: Is the light of Christ shining in our hearts? Is the light of Christ reflecting out from us to others? from the March 2017 ICSC Catholic Stewardship e-Bulletin.

Time and Talent**MASS ATTENDANCE**

March 18 & 19: 5:30pm—223 | 8:30am—252 | 10:30am—513

BRING A BAG OF GROCERIES or whatever you can is next weekend (April 2) to help our Food Pantry restock their shelves. **Easter Candy** is also needed to fill Easter Baskets for those in need. Items may be placed in the wooden box in the vestibule. Thank you!

KIDS' FOOD BASKET: If you and your family can help on Tuesday, April 4 in assembling and packing kids' lunches, please contact Deb Shereda at 450-0391 or tdshereda@sbcglobal.net. Children must be at least 10 years old to help.

DONUT HELPERS NEEDED: We are looking for families and individuals to help with our Donut Sunday hospitality to make sure it continues. It's a great way to get involved and meet new people in the parish. If interested or have questions, contact Sue VanGessel at suevangessel@gmail.com.

Treasure

CATHOLIC SERVICE APPEAL is underway! Our Catholic faith is a gift that unites our parish family with Catholics throughout the Diocese of Grand Rapids and in the universal Church. We all are pilgrims on a journey of faith, striving daily to become disciples of Christ through our stewardship of time, talent, and treasure. Our parish goal for 2017 is \$126,517 and 100% participation. If you have not responded, please do so as soon as possible. Thank you to all who have already given!



JESUS IN DISGUISE ~ The Catholic Relief Services Collection is this weekend March 25 & 26. By participating in this collection, you are responding to the hidden presence of Jesus in some of the most marginalized communities in our world. Your support of this collection makes a difference for refugees and many others around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection. For additional information on the CRS collection or to donate, please visit www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

PARISH SUPPORT Fiscal Year 2016-17 Week 38/52	Last week 3/18 & 3/19	Year to Date	Prior Year to Date
Adult Envelopes	\$ 12,404	\$ 487,933	\$ 504,195
Electronic Giving spxcatholic.org	\$ 3,450	\$ 163,544	\$ 160,667
Youth Envelopes	\$ 5	\$ 301	\$ 149
Loose Offerings	\$ 516	\$ 25,516	\$ 25,959
Total Contributions	\$ 16,375	\$ 677,294	\$ 690,970
Budget Overage/(Shortfall)	\$ (2,110)	\$ (9,975)	\$ -
OTHER GIVING			
Master's Mission	\$ 265	\$ 25,231	\$ 25,746

St. Pius X has 964 registered households. Last week, 326 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

We pray for those listed here 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 list), call Jason George at (231) 736-7487.

Linda Padula	Gerry Dekkinga	Bob Brock	Joe Capriglione
Kenneth Schumacher	Mary LaSarge	Judy DeVoe	Erika Yonker
Kelsey Gibson	Andre Miles	Ron Geldersma	Marie Nevins
Debbie Finnegan	Catherine Cesare	Diane & Mary Prindle	Andy Wierzbicki
David Doxey	Henry Visscher	Betty DiTrapani	Mike Sartorius
Beverwyk Family	Joe & Margaret Grandy	Rose Reilly	Kim Wheat
Anthony McAndrew	M. Forrester	Laurie Bialik	Gina Catania
Jennifer Hassell	Marty Schumacker	Bill Paumier	Christopher Thrall
Ann Ferguson	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	Codey Vandenberg	Patrick Bartz	Ilene Topolinski
Deb Russo	Tom & Becky Hoffmann	Ellen O'Toole	Sarah Johnson
Catherine Owens	Mike Connell	Scott Kowalczyk	Justin Vriezema
Jeff Zylstra	Mary Jebb	Markell Barnhart	Lenore Nufrio
Marlene Strong	Mary Beth Jensen	Pat Rummel	Robert Ryzanca
Cindy Cole	Megan Reynolds	Chris VanderSlice	Mary Benson-Slosser
Jill Moyer	Jim & Mary Ann Norcutt	Leo Raap	Karen Balascas
Nell Wouters	Allen Mulligan	Connie Alighire	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	Marge Hager
Ann Berg	Jane Voss	Karen Bourassa	Pam Willemstein
Arline Dzwonkowski	Arlene VanBeek	Judy Perrin	Alberta & Vito Licari
Cleo Ruppel	J.D. Sypniewski	Rylie Rau	Pat Grzybowski
Christopher Alighire	Jerry Piela	Larry Kietzman	Janice Rabadeau
Ruth Lafever			



We offer the sympathy, love, and prayers of our parish to the families of:

FRANK LANGRIDGE
brother of Mary Theodore

ALICE ANDRAKOWICZ
mother of Dan (Pat) Andraukowicz

MARK WILKENS
husband of Carmen Nochera-Wilkens

JEANNETTE CHESNY
mother of Karen (Randy) Bourassa

Knights of Columbus

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Membership Meeting ~ 4/6 ~ 7pm in Danner Hall

Annual MI Drive ~ 4/7-4/9 ~ Wal-Mart on Kenowa

Participation by non-members is welcomed and would be greatly appreciated. Shift lengths are two hours—sign up sheets are in the church vestibule. All of the funds collected are donated to local schools and organizations for the benefit of the mentally impaired. For more information regarding the fundraiser or to sign up, contact Jason Borgenquast at 616-257-0693 or Gary Stutzky at 616-260-1779.



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Matthysse Kuiper DeGraff

Funeral Directors

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Our Newest Families!



We extend a warm welcome to these families and individuals who have joined St. Pius X Parish over the past few months. Please pray for them during this time of transition to a new church community.

Emmanuel and Maria Akosa & Family

Tyler & Stacey Corson

Joe and Kara Fratto & Family

Tom and Margaret Goeldel

Doug and Deb Gummere

Mark and Ashley Hamel & Family

Mark and Amy Herro & Family

Joe and Meagan Kelly & Family

Ron and Rebecca King & Family

Dave and Amy Miller & Family

Maggie Morrissey

Loc and Ha Nguyen & Family

Zach and Shannon Pinkster

Deacon Richard and Maureen Pitt

Len Reil

Anthony and Erin Ross & Family

Susan Sanders & Family

Yvonne Schultz

Ted and Kristina Smith & Family

Mark and Jennifer Spodoske & Family

Sean and Shannon TenBrink & Family

Dan and Kathy Uzarski

Fabrizio and Valentina Vella & Family

Corey and Nicole Worrall & Family

Bill and Kathy Wright



THE SECOND SCRUTINY ~ What is it?

At today's 10:30am Mass, we celebrate the **Second Scrutiny** for the Elect to be baptized, and offer special prayers for the Candidates already baptized and preparing for full initiation into the Catholic Faith at the Easter Vigil. During the Scrutinies, we are called to soul searching, repentance, and healing. The Scrutinies affect all of us present at this Liturgy. The series of three Scrutinies are not for finger-pointing, but to uncover what is weak, defective, sinful; and to bring out and strengthen what is upright, strong and good. This weekend, we hear the Gospel story of the man born blind and the healing power of God in his life. These scrutinies bring out a sense of purification and enlightenment in Christ, who heals our own spiritual blindness.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS | Fridays at 7pm, March 31

Stations will be led by our Elect and Candidates who will be received into the Church at the Easter Vigil.

LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS | 7pm Sunday, April 9 High School students invite parishioners to join them as they pray the stations of the cross as they enact them in word and body.