

ORDINARY TIME

4 September 2016

TODAY

- Nursery (Room #102) during the 10:30 Mass

MONDAY | Sept. 5 | Labor Day

1 Cor 5:1-8 / Lk 6:6-11

- Offices Closed

TUESDAY | Sept. 6

1 Cor 6:1-11 / Lk 6:12-19

- Mass in Chapel (for all who are grieving) 8:30am
- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (Chapel) 9am-7pm
- Golf Wrap Up Meeting (McDuffee) 7pm

WEDNESDAY | Sept. 7

1 Cor 7:25-31 / Lk 6:20-26

- Middle School Parent Meetings (DH) 5pm
- Mass in Chapel (+Lottie Moskalik) 6:30pm
- Cantor Practice 6:30pm
- Choir Practice 7pm

THURSDAY | Sept. 8 | The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mt 5:1-4 / Mt 1:1-16, 18-23

- Ladies Bible Study Registration (DH) 9:30am
- Middle School Parent Meetings (DH) 5pm

FRIDAY | Sept. 9 | St. Peter Claver, Priest

1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-27 / Lk 6:39-42

- Mass in Chapel (+Christine Weaver) 8:30am
- Wedding Rehearsal (Church) 6pm

SATURDAY | Sept. 10

1 Cor 10:14-22 / Lk 6:43-49

- Wedding ~ Anthony Phillips & Diana Niewiek 2pm
- Reconciliation/Confessions (Church) 4-4:45pm
- Contemporary Choir Practice (Church) 4:30pm

LORD'S DAY LITURGIES | September 11, 2016

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Ex 32:7-11, 13-14 / 1 Tm 1:12-17 / Lk 15:1-32

5:30pm Saturday

+John Noel +Irene Tomaszczyk +Bob Huyge

8:30am Sunday

+Mary Teerman +Virginia Hampson +Patricia Deuling

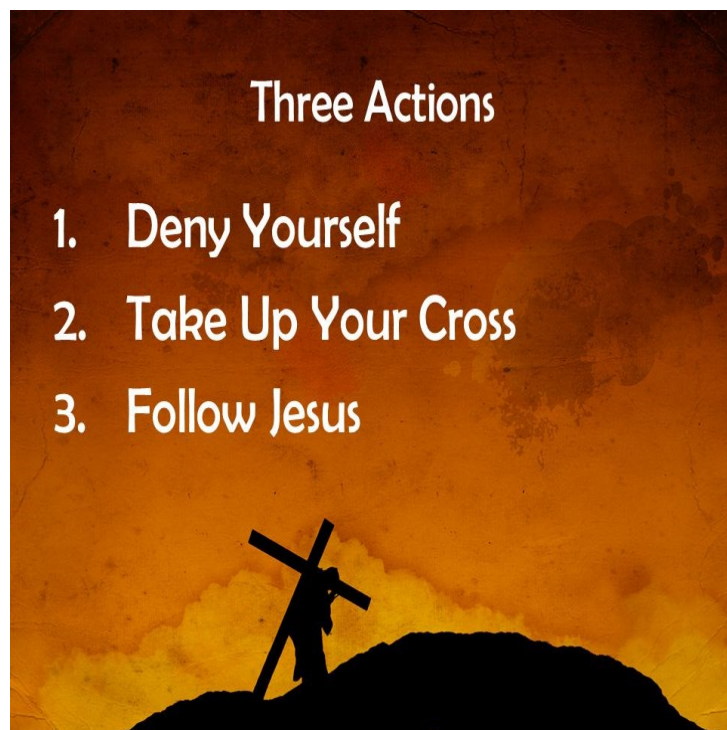
10:30am Sunday

Parish Family



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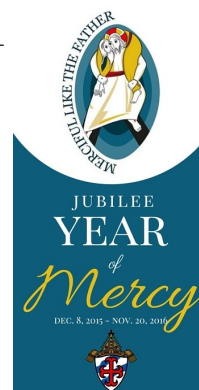


Living in Mercy

Surely he doesn't mean it! I mean, hating my relatives to be a disciple! Really? In order to be a disciple today, Jesus says, give up what holds you back, carry your own cross, follow me and not someone else. To be a disciple today, Jesus says, will take a consuming dedication plus relentless mercy, love, and compassion. Jesus wants disciples. Jesus wants me.

- To what, to whom am I hanging on too tight?
- What is the cross I must pick up?

Prepare for next week: Read and reflect on the Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (beginning on pg. 366) in the "Living Liturgy" missal.



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 Rosemary Beahan 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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Welcome Father Ron Hutchinson as presider at our Masses this weekend. You may recognize Father Ron from his columns in Faith magazine. Until July, he was pastor of Holy Redeemer Parish in Jenison.

Father Ron now works full-time at Cathedral Square Center as director of priestly vocations and ongoing clergy formation. He lives in the apartment in our rectory on Wilson Avenue.

I'm enjoying the weekend at my parent's cottage in Clare County. We are celebrating 60/40: The 60th Wedding Anniversary of my parents, Bill and Sylvia, is Sept. 15. And this is the 40th summer the cottage has been in our family.

I know I am fortunate to have had

such a stable life. Just think: my parents managed to purchase a cottage while running a farm and raising six kids aged 2, 5, 8, 13, 17 and 18. (I was the 13-year-old).

The cottage and a trailer full of snowmobiles were a sign that Bill and Sylvia enjoyed leisure. But every one of us had to work hard, too.

Parents who require their children to carry their share of the household duties are doing them a great favor. It makes me sad when I see kids lounging in the car while mom or dad fills the gas tank, shops for groceries, etc.

Labor Day is first of all a celebration of the great strides in equity accomplished by Labor unions. This is also a good day to treasure how hard work can be a gift.

EXPLORING THE WORD**Nobody's favorite gospel**

by Alice Camille

It was meant to be the deal breaker, and it was. Hate your parents? Your siblings? Hate your spouse and children? Who can do this? Who can imagine Jesus would even want this?

Matthew quotes this teaching, softening the blow: "Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me" (10:37). To speak of higher loves is the kind of religion most of us can live with. It makes sense that Jesus demands our allegiance above all others—it makes sense, though many of us aren't ready to accept that requirement. Our families are precious to us. We build our lives around the ideal of our happiness together. We're rarely prepared to put any priority above that fundamental loyalty. Yet Jesus does ask it of us. Not just ask: He draws this precise line in the sand between disciples and fakers.

St. Luke chooses theatrical hyperbole in casting this teaching in terms of hate rather than higher love.

Considering the style of Semitic discourse back then (and now!), Luke's version is closer to what Jesus actually said. Turning your back on family is exactly what Jesus asks every disciple along the way to do. It's what Elijah required of the farmer Elisha when he threw the prophetic mantle around his shoulders. Say goodbye to your folks,

burn the yoke, and roast the oxen. You're done here! Renunciation of the old life and a total embrace of the new is how conversion works. You can't plow a new furrow while looking back over your shoulder. If the old way has a hold on you, looking backward immobilizes you into a pillar of salt.

Both Testaments are on board with this teaching, and are equally dramatic about it. Abram and Sarai must leave home and family to gain a land of promise and propagate a nation. Moses abandons his obscure shepherd's life to become God's man in Egypt.

Throughout history, prophets are called and sent, despite the risk and the domestic cost. Did Amos wonder what was happening to his orchards back in Tekoa while he was denouncing Samaria? Walking away from the secure and familiar is what the freedom of the children of God is for. The word "familiar" includes, of course, family.

The word hate remains the deal breaker for many. Our world teems with hatred, and the media brings deeds of hate into our homes every hour.

The chemistry of hate burns in the chest, destroys its host, and spreads harm everywhere. We don't want to absorb that awful feeling. So forget emotions, and contemplate the real mandate, which is to renounce anything that stands in the way of fidelity to God's call in your life.

That's challenge enough!

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Faith Formation | Religious Education

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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.

SURVIVING 7TH GRADE ~ Middle School Retreat was a huge success with over twenty 7th grade participants and over 10 upper classmen to help! We hope this evening helped to prepare you for entering into middle school. Thank you to all involved.

CONFIRMATION is a two-year process at St. Pius X Parish. Beginning in 7th grade and running through 8th grade, our Middle School students participate in the program we call *Edge*. During *Edge*, we work with the teens to grow in prayer, knowledge of faith, and service. Don't forget to register your middle school students for *Edge*!



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

Dress to get wet and 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.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY will begin with registration on Thursday, Sept. 8 in Danner Hall at 9:30am. We will be studying Biblical Novellas beginning on Sept. 15.

READERS BOOK CLUB meets at 7pm Monday, Sept. 12 in McDuffee to discuss *Loving Frank* by Nancy Horan. Contact Linda Stray (lindastray@yahoo.com or 249-8034) or Mary Boehm (mcb2904@aol.com or 538-9635) 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

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

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

High School Youth Ministry

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CATHOLIC HEART WORK CAMP REGISTRATION DUE

Deposits and forms are due by Sept. 11. Forms can be found online or outside the Formation Office.



2016 High School Ministry Kick-Off



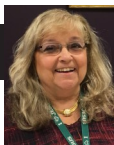
September 18th
7:00-8:30PM

Join us for the Youth Ministry Olympics!

Events to include:
Obstacle Course Relay
Trivia Competition
Capture the Flag

Synchronized (Land) Swimming

Will your team take home the gold???



Pastoral Care, Outreach & Initiation

ROSEMARY BEAHAN
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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)

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, Sept. 22—Oct. 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.



ST. PIUS X DAY OF SERVICE

Saturday, Oct. 15 | More information to follow.



PRECANA RETREAT: Do you know an engaged couple getting married in the next year or so? Let them know about the Crossroads PreCanal Retreat on Oct. 1 & 2 at Holy Redeemer in Jenison. Sign up at bit.ly/octprecana16. Email me or call 532-9344 if you have questions.

Parish Life

ANDY REBOLLAR
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PARENTS & EXPECTANT PARENTS if you seek to raise your child as a follower of Jesus Christ, you are urged to present your child for the Sacrament of Baptism. Our next baptism class is on Thursday, Sept. 22 at 7pm in the McDuffee Room. Call the parish office at 532-9344 to register.



MOM'S OF ST. PIUS X: We are looking ahead to our first meeting on Sept. 13 at 7pm in the McDuffee Room. Questions, contact Jennifer Lawrence at 821-4502 or find us on Facebook at St. Pius X Moms Support Group.

50+ POTLUCK & MOVIE NIGHT on Tuesday, Sept. 13; potluck is at 5:30pm and Movie *The Intern* at 6:30pm in Danner Hall. Main part of meal/beverages provided by St. Pius X; please bring either a side dish or dessert. **RSVP by Sept. 9** to the parish office.

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

Bubble soccer, a live band, great people, inflatables, games, bingo, good food and more...how could you miss this? St. Pius X will provide the burgers, dogs, drinks and place settings. All are welcome!

What to Bring: You can just come as you are, but if you'd like to bring something you can bring a dish to pass (A-H/Salad; J-S/Side Dish; T-Z/dessert), a white elephant gift for Bingo and/or a box or two of cereal for the cereal walk.

Picnic Help Needed: It takes a parish to pull off the picnic, and if you have some time to share, we could use your help with welcoming, in the kitchen, or with games. You can sign up online at spxcatholic.org or in the vestibule.

Mass Assignments for September 10 & 11

Mass Coord.	5:30pm	8:30am	10:30am
	Marilyn Hartwell	Mike & Brenda Grandy	Frank Cegelis
Greeters	Wendy Charboneau Nancy Hoekstra Sandy Kornoelje Dorothy Lemmon	Michael Bieri Gail Greco-Bieri Steve & Kristi LeQuia	Patricia Anthony Carol Butler Stacy Loew Volunteer Needed
Servers	Pierson Rumble Emi Zielinski Lily Zielinski	Gabrielle Alvesteffer Luke Alvesteffer Walter Alvesteffer	Emma Jaworowicz Sarah Kelly Kiera Koetsier
Eucharistic Ministers	Agnes Barker Heather Dabbous Emily Hartwell Matthew Hartwell Angie Lemont Harold Lemont Joe Peiffer Barbara Sawicki Volunteer Needed	Ellen Halfmann Deb Lampani Steven LeQuia Debra Neff Tara Pankratz Mary Rademacher Janine Skavnak Elaine Szarowicz Kendall Wright	Connor Fischer Pat Milanowski Kris Phillips Jacob Ruemenapp Kate Ruemenapp Debbie Shereda Tom Shereda Mike Signore Andrew Sundstrom Jackie Sundstrom Linda Vandenberg Ann Villemure Nam Vu
Lector	Andrew Smith Amy Charboneau	Marc Larabel Angie Zylstra	Brenda Bargenquast Chris Koetsier
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Growing in Christ

Weekly Stewardship Report

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT: At the conclusion of today's gospel, we hear Jesus tell a "great crowd" that "...anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple." A few of Jesus' immediate disciples, such as Peter, John and James, did just that: They responded to Jesus' call, renouncing everything to follow him. How do modern disciples of Jesus respond when confronted with this apparently harsh command of Jesus? Surely the renunciation of possessions need not mean literally giving all one's possessions away, does it? Questions we might ponder this week though: Do our possessions keep us from encountering Christ at Mass? Do they distract us from our parish family? Do our possessions interfere with our relationships? Do they make us insensitive to those less fortunate? *from the September 2016 ICSC Catholic Stewardship e-bulletin*

STEWARDSHIP SPEAKER SERIES & NETWORKING EVENT

Brian Plachta will offer a presentation *Discovering Our Gifts & Paying It Forward* on Thursday, Sept. 15 from 5-6:30pm at Cathedral Square. We will look at discovering how using our gifts to make the world a better place also leads us to deeper happiness and wholeness. Light refreshments will be served at this no-cost event. Please RSVP by calling (616)459-4508 or emailing jkatt@dioceseofgrandrapids.org.

Time and Talent

MASS ATTENDANCE

Aug 27 & 28: 5:30pm—309 | 8:30am—252 | 10:30am—380

SPECIAL THANKS TO Fr. Chris and Rosemary Beahan for the support you gave us during our difficult time. Your calm and caring presence has been a blessing. Special thanks to all who prepared and served the funeral luncheon. *The Family of Irene Sommerdyke*

GOD'S CALLING ~ ANSWER! Reasons why you may want to be a catechist:

- You are Catholic
- You love your faith
- You enjoy being with children, youth and adults
- You love meeting new people
- You would like to contribute to the parish
- You want to share your faith with others
- You want to learn more about your faith
- You feel unqualified...so were the prophets, apostles and saints

If you think God might be calling you to this ministry or have questions, please contact Elizabeth Post 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.

Treasure

PARISH SUPPORT	Last week 8/27 & 8/28	Year to Date	Prior Year to Date
Fiscal Year 2016-17 Week 9/52			
Adult Envelopes	\$ 10,762	\$103,600	\$98,536
Electronic Giving spxcatholic.org	\$ 6,070	\$ 37,079	\$36,644
Youth Envelopes	\$ -	\$ 5	\$ 5
Loose Offerings	\$ 617	\$ 5,649	\$ 5,677
Total Contributions	\$ 17,449	\$146,333	\$140,862
Budget Overage/(Shortfall)	\$ (955)	\$ (18,204)	\$ -
OTHER GIVING: Louisiana Flooding	\$ 2,332	\$ 2,332	
Master's Mission	\$ 346	\$ 4,213	\$ 3,922

St. Pius X has 948 registered households. Last week, 320 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.

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 Rummer	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 Rytowski
Brianne Bassett	Matt Rich	Bob Bagin	Ken Jenkins
Tom Wojtas	Joe & Winnie Kulaga	Jonathan Kolenda	Sandy Ressel
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

LOCAL PRAYER GATHERING: All Christians are invited to a daily prayer gathering each morning beginning Sept. 7. The prayer session will begin at 6am and last for one hour. The location is the Fellowship Hall at Cook Funeral Services (4235 Prairie SW, Grandville). Plans are for these prayer sessions to continue daily for at least three months. We will be lifting up in prayer the churches, people, and community of Grandville. Our desire is to see God's face and direction as God's people. For more information call Tim Mekkes at 249-8601; tmekkes.mekkes@aol.com.

ONE EVENING...ONE HEART...ONE CRY! Sept. 23 ~ 7-10pm

Join women in thousands of locations across the U.S. on Sept. 23 at Grace Bible Church (3715 Wilson Ave) for a free simulcast. The agenda is simple—it's to humble ourselves before God of heaven and to cry out to Him on behalf of our world, our nation, our churches, our communities, and our homes. RSVP to gracebiblecryout.rsvpify.com or for more information go to cryout16.com.



St. Pius X Parish 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 Sept. 11. Nomination cards are in the vestibule area, names can be submitted to Father Chris, or can be made online. Cards can also be placed in the collection basket. More information on the process can be found in the vestibule and at spxcatholic.org.

LABOR DAY REFLECTIONS

As the United States observes Labor Day, these quotes from the Catechism of the Catholic Church warrant review. [Click here or Google "work is for man, not man for work" for more.](#)

ECONOMIC ACTIVITY AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

➔ The development of economic activity and growth in production are meant to provide for the needs of human beings. Economic life is not meant solely to multiply goods produced and increase profit or power; it is ordered first of all to the service of persons, of the whole man, and of the entire human community.... [2426]

➔ Human work proceeds directly from persons created in the image of God and called to prolong the work of creation by subduing the earth, both with and for one another... Work honors the Creator's gifts and the talents received from him. It can also be redemptive. By enduring the hardship of work in union with Jesus, the carpenter of Nazareth and the one crucified on Calvary, man collaborates in a certain fashion with the Son of God in his redemptive work. He shows himself to be a disciple of Christ by carrying the cross, daily, in the work he is called to accomplish. Work can be a means of sanctification and a way of animating earthly realities with the Spirit of Christ. [2427]

➔ In work, the person exercises and fulfills in part the potential inscribed in his nature. The primordial value of labor stems from man himself, its author and its beneficiary. Work is for man, not man for work. Everyone should be able to draw from work the means of providing for his life and that of his family, and of serving the human community. [2428]

➔ Those responsible for business enterprises are responsible to society for the economic and ecological effects of their operations. They have an obligation to consider the good of persons and not only the increase of profits. Profits are necessary, however. They make possible the investments that ensure the future of a business and they guarantee employment. [2432]

Upcoming Events

VARIOUS DATES	St. Pius X Faith Formation Sessions Middle School Edge ~ Sept. 11 High School ~ Sept. 18 Elementary Religious Education ~ Sept. 18 & 21	
THURS. SEPT. 8	Women's Bible Study Registration 9:30am in Danner Hall (weekly)	
WED. SEPT. 14	Rite of Christian Initiation 7pm in PC LL #1	
SAT. SEPT. 17	That Man is You! begins 6am in Danner Hall (12-week series)	
THURS. SEPT. 22	Journey Through Grief 7pm in PC LL #1 (5-week series)	
SUNDAY SEPT. 25	Parish Picnic after the 10:30am Mass until 3pm	

