

**SAINT PIUS X DAY**

28 August 2016

**TODAY**

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

**MONDAY** | Aug. 29 | The Passion of St. John the Baptist  
1 Cor 2:1-5/Mk 6:17-29

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

**TUESDAY** | Aug. 30

1 Cor 2:10-16/Lk 4:31-37

- **Mass in Chapel** (+Mary Teerman) 8:30am
- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (Chapel) 9am-7pm

**WEDNESDAY** | Aug. 31

1 Cor 3:1-9/Lk 4:38-44

- Mom's Support Group Playgroup (Playground) 10am
- 7th Grade Orientation (DH) 5pm
- **Mass in Chapel** (+Phillip Klonis) 6:30pm

**THURSDAY** | Sept. 1

1 Cor 3:18-23/Lk 5:1-11

- Community Mentor Meeting (McDuffee) 7pm
- K of C General Membership Meeting (DH) 7pm

**FRIDAY** | Sept. 2

1 Cor 4:1-5/Lk 5:33-39

- **Mass in Chapel** (+Mel & Esther Hines) 8:30am
- First Friday Breakfast (DH) 9am

**SATURDAY** | Sept. 3 | St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church  
1 Cor 4:6-15/Lk 6:1-5

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

**LORD'S DAY LITURGIES | September 4, 2016**

**23<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Wis 9:13-18 / Phlm 9-10, 12-17 / Lk 14:25-33

**5:30pm Saturday**

+James Gray (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary) +Robert Schab

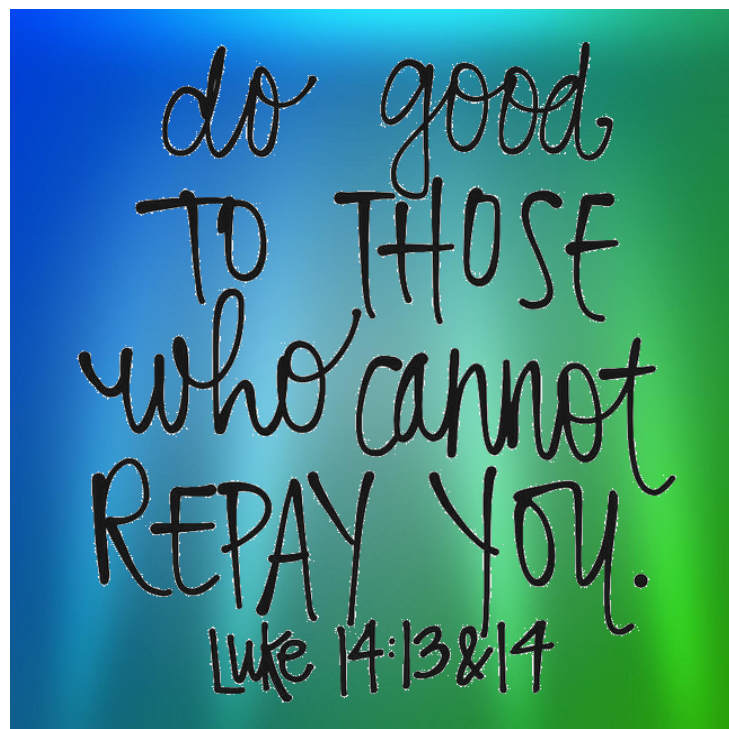
**8:30am Sunday**

Parish Family

**10:30am Sunday**

**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.



**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.

**Living in Mercy**

**Who to invite?** We have all had the task of making the guest list for a dinner, a cookout, a wedding, the Christmas cards. Who is on it? Who is crossed off? Who must we invite? Who can't be seated next to whom? You know it all! Jesus, however, upsets our list making tasks today. He tells his host—and thus us—invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind. In short, invite everyone, especially those who probably cannot invite you back.

- **Who do I need to invite over for coffee, for lunch?**
- **Who can I include in some outing, project, or conversation?**

**Prepare for next week:** Read and reflect on the Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (beginning on pg. 361) in the "Living Liturgy" missal.



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YEAR

of  
*Mercy*

DEC. 8, 2015 - NOV. 20, 2016



**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](mailto: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/](http://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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**Surrendering to God's Will — and feeling run over****THOSE WHO CARE DO SUFFER**

I already had the headline written in my mind: **"Catholic priest saves crosswalk!"**

That's what I was thinking after an impromptu meeting with a school principal and construction foreman. I was elated. I had done something good for my community.

A day earlier, I discovered a worker demolishing the crosswalk ramp adjacent to our driveway on Wilson Avenue. As part of the Wilson paving project, workers are replacing sections of curb that aren't up to code.

I wondered about the plans for the strip of public land in front of the rectory. This strip has asphalt rather than grass. The asphalt is ugly but makes it easier to scoot traffic and plow snow.

The worker referred me to the foreman. So the next morning I got into my car and found him just up the street.

He unrolled the plans and explained that the asphalt will be replaced by concrete. The ramp into the street will be replaced by a curb.

"There won't be a crosswalk here," he said.

I was surprised—and concerned. I pointed across Wilson to the crosswalk ramp in front of Grandville Christian School; that streams of people use when the school lot is full and they park at St. Pius X.

"What about that side?" I asked. "If someone is on a bike they will be sent into the street with nowhere to go."

He scratched his head. Now he was concerned. "They overlooked that," he said. "It doesn't meet code so we are going to have to remove it, replace it or get it grandfathered in."

I began to feel out of my league. No crosswalk? There must be a reason. Maybe the school doesn't want one.

"Let's go talk to the principal," I said.

It was a busy morning in the school office, so we had to wait quite a while until the principal was available. This is his first year as principal there.



**"Goodbye dear crosswalk** between Grandville Christian School and St. Pius X Church. We will miss you. I am sorry I didn't do more to save you."

As we stood under the bright sun, weighing the pros and cons of a marked crosswalk ("Like the one in front of the middle school," the foreman said) I realized I was out of time.

I told them I needed to go. I said I trust their judgement and would support whatever they decide. School safety is ultimately the principal's responsibility, not mine, I reasoned.

I thought about following up with him to reiterate the reason to retain the crosswalk, but I decided to surrender to God's will; to let it go.

**Imagine my dismay last Tuesday** when I saw workers replacing the ramp with a curb. No marked crosswalk for us.

"How could they be so stupid?" I reacted, echoing

John Q. Public's mantra whenever we see something we disagree with or don't understand.

I sought out the foreman, who informed me that the school superintendent opted for the crosswalk removal because it's safer for the children to cross Wilson at 40th Street.

So, now I feel a bit run over. Instead of fighting for the crosswalk, I deferred the decision to another. I surrendered to God's will, but am not happy with the way his will unfolded. I did not get my way!

Part of me also wondered: Perhaps if I had kept my mouth shut, I would not have wasted an hour of my life and at least there would still be half a crosswalk. I won't share the headline I'd write for that story.

**I shared this experience for a number of reasons.** When we care about someone or something, it hurts! Time is precious, and it's easier to not get involved with something when we aren't certain of the outcome. This is why I suspect many people do not want to step up to positions of leadership. That's true in churches, schools and politics. The average person does not realize how difficult it can be to make decisions that affect a lot of people, and indeed the history of a place. That makes me all the more grateful for those in our community willing to share their lives with our community.



## 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](mailto: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 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](mailto:lindastray@yahoo.com) or 249-8034) or Mary Boehm ([meb2904@aol.com](mailto:meb2904@aol.com) or 538-9635) with inquires.



### 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](http://www.dioceseofgrandrapids.org)

Any questions, please contact Elizabeth Post at 538-2600 or [epost@spxcatholic.org](mailto:epost@spxcatholic.org).

## High School Youth Ministry

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### HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES:

- **Catholic Heart Work Camp Registration Due:** Deposits and forms are due by Sept. 11. Forms can be found online or outside the Formation Office.
- **Youth Ministry Kick-Off is Sunday, Sept. 18.** Join us as we begin our 2016-17 faith journey together!
- **Adult Volunteer Opportunities ~ Don't Bury Your Talent**  
This weekend on retreat the teen leaders are looking to the Book of Matthew to learn how to uncover and use their talents to serve the Lord. Do you have gifts and talents that could be used to serve these wonderful young Catholics? Are you a great cook? Do you have the gift of gab? Do you have a wonderful listening ear? There are many gifts that can be used within youth ministry. If you are an adult interested in working with the teens of St. Pius X, please contact Ashley Rottman at [arottman@spxcatholic.org](mailto:arottman@spxcatholic.org) or 616-648-9442. We'd love to have you!



## Pastoral Care, Outreach & Initiation

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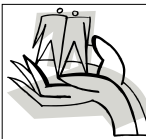
**RCIA ~ Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults** is a journey whereby an individual becomes a full member of the Catholic Church. Those making this journey come from a variety of backgrounds: some are baptized, some are not; some come from other Christian churches or religious beliefs; others may be 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](mailto:rbeahan@spxcatholic.org) to register.

**ST. PIUS X COMMUNITY MENTOR** meeting will be on Thursday, Sept. 1 at 7pm in the McDuffee Room. Join us to find out more about helping the youth of our community and serving the students at Century Park Learning Center and Grandview Elementary.



### ST. PIUS X DAY OF SERVICE

Saturday, Oct. 15 | More information to follow.

## Parish Life

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**MOM'S OF ST. PIUS X** join us for a playgroup on Wednesday, Aug. 31 at 10am on the St. Pius X playground. If it's raining, we will cancel. 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 [jenlawrence@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jenlawrence@sbcglobal.net).

**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

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 [hprsecr@holyredeemerparish.org](mailto:hprsecr@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](http://www.stfrancis.ws).

## Mass Assignments for September 3 & 4

Mass Coord.	5:30pm	8:30am	10:30am
	Mary Carter	Tony & Sandy Grandy	Linda DiCesare
Greeters	Carol Brink Denise Kolesar Donna Vaughn <b>Volunteer Needed</b>	Betty Cole Kathy James Sue Mueller Sandy Rich	Rick & Marianne Gebraad Kevin Gruszka Donna Huyge
Servers	Carter Brink McKenna Brink <b>Volunteer Needed</b>	John Lawrence Ava McIntyre Samantha McIntyre	Jonathan Fuller Brendon McKinley <b>Volunteer Needed</b>
Eucharistic Ministers	Agnes Barker Mary Cook Heather Dabbous Emily Hartwell Matthew Hartwell Angie Lemont Harold Lemont Joe Peiffer Barbara Sawicki	Ellen Halfmann Deb Lampani Steven LeQuia Debra Neff Tara Pankratz Mary Rademacher Janine Skavnak Elaine Szarowicz Kendall Wright	Jen Meyering 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	Paul Wojtas Linda Hamish	Jim Thrall Christy McMeans	Rick Verburg Chris Verburg
LWC			N/A
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real people + real presence

## Growing in Christ

### Weekly Stewardship Report

**STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT:** In today's Gospel, Jesus challenges the social structure of the Pharisees and teaches his hosts and their guests some profound lessons in humility. Pharisees maintained deep social divisions between who they considered "holy" and "unholy", rich and poor, honored and despised. They didn't invite someone to a banquet or dinner who couldn't reciprocate. And the lowly, the poor, the crippled, the lame and the blind had no capacity to reciprocate.

Good stewards realize that if they embrace a humility that allows them to be generous to those who cannot repay them, they give evidence of having the kind of heart that will enjoy the Lord's intimate friendship. This week let's reflect on our attitude towards those who cannot repay our generosity. What is the extent of our hospitality toward others? Are we generous with those who cannot repay us.

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### STEWARDSHIP SPEAKER SERIES & NETWORKING EVENT

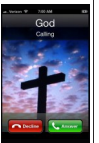
Brian Plachta will offer a presentation *Discovering Our Gifts & Paying it Forward* on Thursday, Sept. 15 from 5-6:30pm at Cathedral Square. We will look at discovering how using our gifts to make the world a better place also leads us to deeper happiness and wholeness. Light refreshments will be served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

## Time and Talent

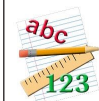
### MASS ATTENDANCE

Aug 20 & 21: 5:30pm—200 | 8:30am—258 | 10:30am—385

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

### BRING A BAG OF GROCERIES IS NEXT WEEKEND

(Sept. 3 & 4) to help restock the Christian Service Food Pantry. Items needed are: gravy, sloppy joe sauce, canned chicken and ham, canned pasta, and coffee. Thank you!



## Treasure

PARISH SUPPORT	Last week	Year to Date	Prior Year to Date
Fiscal Year 2016-17   Week 8/52	8/13 & 8/14		
Adult Envelopes	\$ 9,673	\$92,838	\$86,631
Electronic Giving <a href="http://spxcatholic.org">spxcatholic.org</a>	\$ 260	\$31,009	\$33,384
Youth Envelopes	\$ 3	\$ 5	\$ 5
Loose Offerings	\$ 536	\$ 5,032	\$ 5,085
<b>Total Contributions</b>	<b>\$ 10,472</b>	<b>\$128,884</b>	<b>\$125,105</b>
Budget Overage/(Shortfall)	\$ (8,123)	\$ (17,249)	\$ -
OTHER GIVING: Missions Collection	\$ 1,647	\$ 3,443	
Master's Mission	\$ 155	\$ 3,867	\$ 3,527

St. Pius X has 948 registered households. Last week, 214 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 Rythowski
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 Vilmure	Judy Perrin	Alberta & Vito Licari
Cleo Ruppel	J.D. Sypniewski	Rylie Rau	Pat Grzybowski

## Opportunities to Learn and Grow

### JUST BECAUSE WE CAN, SHOULD WE?

#### Medical Ethics at End-of-Life

Sept. 7 & 8 ~ 6-7:30pm

Free Admission ~ Seating is Limited

The final months and days of life are frequently marked by strong emotions and hard decisions. During this time, family members face special challenges. Please join us for this two-evening event that offers information and support to families who are faced with end-of-life decisions for their loved ones.



#### Medical Ethics at End-of-Life: Issues Involving Adults

Wednesday, Sept. 7 ~ 6-7:30pm

Panelists include: Michael Paletta, MD (Hospice of Michigan), Bryan Pilkington, PhD (Aquinas College), Ruth Sandborn, MA (Spectrum Health), MarKay Riippa, RN (Mercy Health), and moderated by Fr. John Geaney, CSP

#### Medical Ethics at End-of-Life: Issues Involving Children

Thursday, Sept. 8 ~ 6-7:30pm

Panelists include: David Dickens, MD (Helen DeVos Children's Hospital), Ken Pituch, MD (CS Mott Children's Hospital), Bryan Pilkington, PhD (Aquinas College), Sheila Schindler, LMSW (Hospice of Michigan) and moderated by Fr. John Geaney, CSP

### DIVORCE RECOVERY & SUPPORT GROUP

Wednesdays ~ Sept 7—Nov. 17 ~ 7:30-8:45pm

Facilitated by Jim Kline ~ Cost \$15/series

A ten-week series offered for all who are divorced or are in the process of becoming divorced. Led by those who have gone through the process themselves; these support groups provide a pathway to personal growth.

Catholic Information Center is at 360 Division Ave S, Suite 2A.  
459-7267 [register@catholicinformationcenter.org](mailto:register@catholicinformationcenter.org).



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

**DAVE HARNISH**

*husband of Linda Harnish*

**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](mailto:tmekkes.mekkes@aol.com).

*"When the devil sees a man or woman who really believes in prayer, who knows how to pray, and who really does pray, and, above all, when he sees a whole church on its face before God in prayer, he trembles as much as he ever did, for he knows that his day in that church or community is at an end." R.A. Torrey*

**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](http://spxcatholic.org).

## Upcoming Events

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

