

**TODAY ~ JANUARY 8, 2017**

- Elementary Religious Ed 9am
- Nursery (Room #102) during the 10:30 Mass
- Parish App Rollout Meeting (McDuffee) after the 10:30 Mass

**MONDAY | Jan. 9 | The Baptism of the Lord**

*Is 42:1-4, 6-7 / Mt 3:13-17*

- Men's Bible Study (Room #101) 7am
- Novel Readers Book Club (McDuffee) 7pm

**THE FIRST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME**

**TUESDAY | Jan. 10**

*Heb 2:5-12 / Mk 1:21-28*

- **Mass in Chapel** (+Ann Dow) 8:30am
- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (Chapel) 9am-7pm
- Mom's Group (DH) 7pm

**WEDNESDAY | Jan. 11**

*Heb 2:14-18 / Mk 1:29-39*

- Elementary Religious Ed 4pm & 6pm
- **Mass in Chapel** (+Maria McGrain) 6:30pm
- Cantor Practice 6:30pm
- Choir Practice 7pm

**THURSDAY | Jan. 12**

*Heb 3:7-14 / Mk 1:40-45*

- Ladies Bible Study (DH) 9:30am
- PC Communication Focus Group (PC LL#4) 7pm

**FRIDAY | Jan. 13**

*Heb 4:1-5, 11 / Mk 2:1-12*

- **Mass in Chapel** (+William Host) 8:30am

**SATURDAY | Jan. 14**

*Heb 4:12-16 / Mk 2:13-17*

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

**LORD'S DAY LITURGIES | January 15, 2017**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*Is 49:3, 5-6 / 1 Cor 1:1-3 / Jn 1:29-34*

**5:30pm Saturday**

+Virginia Hampson +Donna Mamber +Bill Cole

**8:30am Sunday**

Parish Family

**10:30am Sunday**

+Evelyn Ringenberg (1<sup>st</sup> anv.)  
+Maria Agrusa

**Also on weekend of Jan. 14 & 15**

- Blood Pressure Readings (Library) ~ after all Masses
- Coffee & Donuts (DH) ~ after the Sunday Masses
- Rite of Matrimony Workshop (McDuffee) ~ Sunday ~ 1pm
- MS Edge (DH) ~ Sunday ~ 5:30pm
- Sunday Night Live ~ 7pm



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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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**Time to "Recombobulate"**

The Christmas Season comes to its official end tomorrow with the Solemnity of the Baptism of the Lord.

Having Christmas Day and New Year's both fall on Sundays this year has left many of us a bit discombobulated. When I traveled in Europe a few years ago, I recall some airports having a "recombobulation area." It was a place where people could pause to get their personal belongings and their minds situated after the tumult of security.

I'd like to think of our parish as a "recombobulation area" on our journey with God. The election of Donald Trump as our next president makes it clear that people want things to change. But change also brings uncertainty, fear and stress — especially if someone else is initiating the change and no one really knows what the change will lead to.

That makes our role as faith community all the more vital for us who call St. Pius X our spiritual home (and to the many charitable organizations we support with our tithe.)

Although every parish has its politics, inertia and challenges, this is where we gather as Christ's body to realign ourselves with God's will. First, by sharing Christ's meal and sacrifice at the Eucharist. There, we are reminded that we are participating in a mystery that is beyond any one of us — and beyond our relatively short time of life on earth. Thank you for your presence at table of the Lord, and for all the ways you show the world that the Christmas message of "God with us" is more than a season or day.

**Speaking of Change:** The "Winter Blast" parish social we've had every February since 2008 has been revamped for 2017.

Instead of music and dancing, the Feb. 10 event will feature a performance by River City Improv. I know the loss of dancing will be a disappointment for some. (I love to dance and the Winter Blast is usually the only occasion I get to do so each year.) But attendance at the Winter

Blast has been declining over the years, and there was a growing gap between the people out dancing and those who sat and tried to converse but could not because the music was too loud.

Why Improv? For one thing, everyone needs a good, clean laugh! Improv weave skits, games and songs with audience suggestions to create entertainment experiences for each show.

More importantly, improv demands that the performers work together as a team and live in the moment. To me, that describes what we must do as Christian disciples!

The title for this evening has been shamelessly borrowed from Jesuit priest James Martin's book, **"Between Heaven and Mirth."** Prior to the show, there will be a "happy hour" with drinks and appetizers. Then coffee and dessert will follow.

This is how it will work: All those 18 and up who serve in ministries in our parish will be getting an invitation in the mail. Seating is limited and they will be expected to RSVP by Feb. 1. After that date, the remaining seats will be available to parishioners on a first-come, first-served basis.

Those attuned to parish history will recall that the Winter Blast replaced the "Ministries Dinner" that Msgr. John Najdowski began in the 1990s. Although the dinner was heavily attended, it was quite expensive to provide a catered meal to over 300 people. The dinner was replaced by the "Winter Blast" in 2008 as a cost-saving measure during the economic downturn.

**PARISH INFORMATION MEETING**

— Come and learn about the plans to improve our facilities and to have your questions answered at 7pm Thursday, Jan. 19 in Danner Hall.



**Faith Formation | Religious Education**

ELIZABETH POST  
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**ELEMENTARY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION** classes resume today (1/8).

**SACRAMENTS RETREAT:** Mark your calendars! Our next retreat for those preparing for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Communion is Feb. 12; more details will follow.

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

- EDGE will resume on Sunday, Jan. 15.
- EDGE classes will also be held on Jan. 22 & 29
- Feb. 5 ~ no EDGE

**8TH GRADE CONFIRMATION RETREAT**

Our 8th grade Confirmation candidates are on retreat this weekend! Please keep them in your prayers!

**TEA CUPS NEEDED:** The Formation Office is collecting tea cups and saucers for an upcoming youth event. If you have any to donate, please email [formation@spxcatholic.org](mailto:formation@spxcatholic.org) or call 538-2600.

**NOVEL READERS BOOK CLUB** meets at 7pm

Monday, Jan. 9 at 7pm in McDuffee to discuss *The Jane Austin Book Club* by Karen Joy Fowler. Contact Linda Stray ([lindastray@yahoo.com](mailto:lindastray@yahoo.com) or 249-8034) or Mary Boehm (538-9635 or [meb2904@aol.com](mailto:meb2904@aol.com)) with inquiries.



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SATURDAY, JAN. 21, 2017 ~ 8:30AM-3:55PM  
HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

Registration forms are available through the Faith Formation Office. Forms are due by Jan. 9; space is limited.

**HELP FOR TROUBLED MARRIAGES**

Feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage? Constantly fighting? Frustrated with one another? If you aren't sure what to do, but want to try to save your marriage, there is help available! This program offers tools needed to rediscover a loving marriage relationship. The next Retrouvaille weekend is **Feb. 24-26** in Grand Rapids. Contact the Retrouvaille community at 616-752-7004, email [retrograndrap-ids@gmail.com](mailto:retrograndrap-ids@gmail.com) or visit [retrouvaille.org](http://retrouvaille.org) for more information.

**High School Youth Ministry**

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**SUNDAY NIGHT LIVE RESUMES** on Jan. 15.

**CATHOLIC HEART WORKCAMP FINAL PAYMENT** of \$150 is due to the Formation Office by 7pm on Jan. 15. You may bring checks to SNL or place them in the collection basket if they are **clearly marked**.

**HS LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING ~ Jan. 22 ~ 6-7:30pm**

We will be planning the upcoming SNL's and social activities; please join us in the Youth Room.

**YOUNG ADULT SURVEY:** Are you between the ages of 18-35(ish)? We'd like to learn more about your faith needs. Please consider filling out the survey at [www.spxcatholic.org/events](http://www.spxcatholic.org/events).



**Parish Life**

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**THAT MAN IS YOU!** The next TMIY semester starts on Jan. 21. It's never too late to start becoming a better man. If you are wondering about it, or know someone who could benefit, make the step and commit or plant the seed. You never know how God may work through that step. Contact me via email or call 532-9344 for more information.

**MOM'S SUPPORT GROUP:** Join us on Tuesday, Jan. 10 at 7pm in Danner Hall to hear Lisa Anderson from Grace's Table speak about her ministry to teen moms. If possible, please bring a pack of diapers size 3-6 to donate to her ministry. Childcare available if requested. Contact Jennifer Lawrence at 821-4502.

**DON'T GET EUCHRE'D BY MISSING OUT:** Join us on Saturday, Jan. 28 after the 5:30pm Mass for soup and Euchre in Danner Hall. We'll have a movie for the kids and a Euchre tournament for the adults. There'll be prizes, and even a few beginners' tables. The Community Commission will supply the soups, and they invite anyone looking to bring something, to bring a snack food or dessert.

**WINTER PARTY DETAILS** (formerly Winter Blast) **Between Heaven & Mirth...**save Friday, Feb. 10 from 7-9pm on your calendars. It will be a night for all adults who serve in a ministry at the parish to gather, laugh, and enjoy each other's company. Drinks and appetizers will start at 7pm. River City Improv will perform at 7:45pm with coffee and dessert to follow. Space is limited, so RSVP.

**HAVE A FAVORITE CATHOLIC MYSTIC?**: People like Dorothy Day, Thomas Merton, St. Teresa of Avila, St. Ignatius of Loyola, and many others spoke truths about our faith, so we'll highlight a Catholic mystic every month through our Facebook page. We'll include a few quotes, writings, or prayers. If there's someone you would like included, contact me via email or 532-9344 and share what you like about them and a quote or two.

**Mass Assignments for Jan. 14 & 15**

Mass Cord.	5:30pm Diane Remenak	8:30am Dave & Mary Bristol	10:30am Mary Lang
Greeters	Brian & Denise Kolesar Ann Maddox Rita McCarthy	Ruth Lobert Sue Mueller Megan Schneider Pat VanderVeen	Donna Huyge Dolores Jesnek Molly Jesnek Pat Milanowski
Servers	Carter Brink Carly Burns Jack Streeter	Emma Dudick Andrew Dukesherer Lexi Dukesherer	Ryan Minnick Emma Ruemenapp Makenna Trytko
Eucharistic Ministers	Agnes Barker Mo Belliel Nancy Benson Jamie Blanch McKenna Brink Mary Carter Heather Dabbous Mary Lynch Mike Tyler	Betty Cole Nancy Hogerheide Brittany Klein Amanda London Jerry London Michele Stutzky Barry Waters Kendall Wright Randy Wright	A.J. Burdick Joe Burdick Margaret Jastifer Kathleen Kelly Noah Kelly Sharon Love Meg Lyons Ashley Rottman Victoria Talsma Mary Tracey Nam Vu Susan Wise Kim Wohlfel
Lector	Linda Harnish Monica Tyler	Lynn Zabler Janine Skavnak	Rick Verburg Chris Verburg
LCW			Andrew Kovac
	Ushers: Team A	Ushers: Team H	Ushers: Team C

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**Growing in Christ****Weekly Stewardship Report**

**STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT:** In today's second reading we hear the teachings of St. Paul to the members of the Church at Ephesus. He proclaims that he, and they, are stewards of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and therefore stewards of God's loving, unifying and inclusive grace. He also proclaims that the Holy Spirit is at work within each of them, if only they would be open to the Spirit. Today, our world races by with intolerance, violence, desperate poverty, fear and division. At the beginning of this New Year, perhaps it is appropriate to reflect on St. Paul's words and ask ourselves how we can be good stewards of the Gospel today. How will we allow the Holy Spirit to work within us? How can we be better stewards of Christ's justice and peace? ~ from the ICSC Catholic Stewardship January 2017 e-bulletin

**Time and Talent****MASS ATTENDANCE**

Dec. 31 &amp; Jan. 1: 5:30pm—326 | 8:30am—148 | 10:30am—306

**THANK YOU FOR THE THREE PRAYER SHAWLS** that were brought over after our mother's funeral. They are so meaningful and comfy and give us so much love. What a great ministry. We received shawls made by Fran Puente, Dolores Gary, and Amanda London. Many thanks. Jim Stotenbur, Monique Bassett, & Lisa Stotenbur

**Treasure**

ST. PIUS X TITHES 10 PERCENT OF OUR LORD'S DAY OFFERTORY income to needy individuals and organizations locally, nationally and internationally through our Master's Mission Fund.

**ON BEHALF OF THE WOMEN AND CHILDREN** we serve, thank you so much for your gift of \$500 to Safe Haven Ministries. I want to let you know how deeply we appreciate your generous gift and faithful support of Safe Haven. Because of gifts like yours, women and children who have experienced abuse have more access to support groups, case management, and other life-changing interventions. Your donation is a reminder to our clients that they are not alone, but that their voices are being heard and our community is standing with them. Abby Paternoster/Development Associate

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATION** of \$500 to HELP

Pregnancy Crisis Aid. Your support helps us to accomplish our goals and empowers pregnant and young mothers in a Christ-like manner. By offering seeds of accurate, life-affirming information, we can minister and teach the truth about health, sex and pregnancy. Over the last four months HELP has assisted almost 1500 clients at our center. Our pregnancy resource serves as a first line of defense in turning hearts and minds of women away from having an abortion. May 2017 bless you abundantly! Cherie Quam/Bookkeeper/Donor Manager

PARISH SUPPORT Fiscal Year 2016-17   Week 27/52	Last week 12/31 & 1/1	Year to Date	Prior Year to Date
Adult Envelopes	\$ 15,859	\$351,679	\$ 364,419
Electronic Giving spxcatholic.org	\$ 2,335	\$113,634	\$ 118,148
Youth Envelopes	\$ -	\$ 146	\$ 97
Loose Offerings	\$ 447	\$ 18,500	\$ 18,525
<b>Total Contributions</b>	<b>\$ 18,641</b>	<b>\$483,959</b>	<b>\$501,189</b>
Budget Overage/(Shortfall)	\$ 799	\$ (3,435)	\$ -
<b>OTHER GIVING</b>			
Master's Mission	\$ 908	\$ 18,856	\$ 19,101
Special Coll: Religious Retirement	\$ 160	\$ 5,327	

St. Pius X has 958 registered households. Last week, 278 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.

Linda Padula	Gerry Dekkinga	Bob Brock	Joe Capriglione
Kenneth Schumacher	Mary LaSarge	Judy DeVoe	Erika Yonker
Kelsey Gibson	Andre Miles	Ron Geldersma	Marie Nevins
Mark Wilkens	Catherine Cesare	Diane & Mary Prindle	Andy Wierzbicki
Joe Lemont	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
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	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	Deb Finnigan
Nell Wouters	Allen Mulligan	Jim 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
Fr. 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
Arlene Dzwonkowski	Tom Villemure	Judy Perrin	Alberta & Vito Licari
Cleo Ruppel	J.D. Sypniewski	Rylie Rau	Pat Grzybowski
Christopher Alighire	Jerry Piela	Larry Kietzman	Judy Wojtas
Ann Ferguson	Connie Alighire		



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

**JERRY & SHIRLEY DONNELLY**

We warmly welcome the following into our  
faith family and pray for God's continued  
blessing on him.

**SAMUEL MICHAEL POST**

son of Michael & Corie Elizabeth (Pung) Post



## Practicing in Faith

**Observations and dreams.** Magi. Looking. Longing. Star at its rising. Traveling with gifts. Asking for helpful directions. Seeing the child. Giving gifts. Here is the point of the "We Three Kings" story: **All people reflect God's radiance.** Even people from the east. Even outsiders. Gentiles and Jews all belong to the one Kingdom, Saint Paul reminds us. Them and us are one because God is One.

- What signs (stars) do I see calling me to act?
- What gifts (of self, of things) will I give away?
- Who will I include in\_\_\_\_\_?

**Prepare for Sunday:** Read and reflect on The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (beginning on pg. 94) in the "Living Liturgy" missal.

## A PRAYER for IMMIGRANTS and REFUGEES

*Merciful and loving Father,  
we beseech you,  
open our hearts  
so that we may provide  
hospitality and refuge  
to migrants who are lonely,  
afraid, and far  
from their homes.*

*Give us the courage  
to welcome every stranger  
as Christ in our midst,  
to invite them  
into our communities  
as a demonstration of Christ's  
love for us.*

*We pray that when we encounter the other,  
we see in her the face of your Son,  
when we meet a stranger,  
that we take his hand in welcome.*

*Help us to live in solidarity with one another,  
to see justice for those who are persecuted  
and comfort for those who are suffering.*

*We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

## Knights of Columbus

- Thank you to Steve LeQuia and Gary Stutzky and to all those who attended the K of C family Christmas party on Dec. 9. What a fun way to celebrate the Advent season.
- Congratulations to Greg Wise on completing his Admissions degree into the K of C on Dec. 18. There is another degree ceremony scheduled for Jan. 15 for anyone wishing to join the council. Contact Jason Bargenquast at 616-257-0693.
- Congratulations to Grand Knight Steve "Ike" Yskes and all the council members. At the winter District meeting, St. Pius X Council 14598 was awarded the Double Star Council Award for 2015-2016. Achieving this award is no small feat—only 12 councils in Michigan were presented this award. Thank you to all members and parishioners for your support this past year!



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