

2nd Sunday of Advent

December 4, 2016

TODAY

- Visit St. Nicholas and enjoy donuts and bagels in Danner Hall
- K of C Poinsettia Plant Pick-Up after all Masses
- Elementary Religious Education 9am
- Nursery (Room #102) during the 10:30 Mass
- Confirmation Night w/sponsors (DH) 5:30pm
- High School Sunday Night Live 7pm

MONDAY | Dec. 5

Is 35:1-10 / Lk 5:17-26

- Men's Bible Study (Room #101) 7am
- Prayer Shawl Ministry (McDuffee) 5:30pm
- Novel Readers Book Club (McDuffee) 7pm

TUESDAY | Dec. 6

Is 40: 1-11 / Mt 18:12-14

- Mass in Chapel (+Mary Jane Priest) 8:30am
- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (Chapel) 9am-7pm
- Ladies Advent Night (DH) 6:30pm

WEDNESDAY | Dec. 7 | St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Is 40:25-31 / Mt 11:28-30

- Elementary Religious Ed 4 & 6pm



THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Gn 3:9-15, 20 / Eph 1:306, 11-12 / Lk 1:26-38

Masses at St. Pius X

7pm on Wednesday, Dec. 7

Noon on Thursday, Dec. 8

(A Holy Day of Obligation. See pg. 5 for neighboring parish Mass times.)

THURSDAY | Dec. 8

- Ladies Bible Study & 50+ Advent Brunch (DH) 9:30am
- Give 'Em a Brake Outreach Event (DH) 1:30pm

FRIDAY | Dec. 9

Is 48:17-19 / Mt 11:16-19

- Mass in Chapel (for all in nursing homes) 8:30am
- K of C Advent Get Together (DH) 6pm

SATURDAY | Dec. 10

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11 / Mt 17:9-13

- That Man is You! (DH) 6am
- Parents Day Out (DH) 2pm
- Reconciliation/Confessions (Church) 4-4:45pm
- Contemporary Choir Practice (Church) 4:30pm

LORD'S DAY LITURGIES | December 11, 2016

3rd Sunday of Advent

Is 35:1-6, 10 / Jas 5:7-10 / Mt 11:2-11

5:30pm Saturday

+John Noel +Irene Tomaszczyk

8:30am Sunday

Parish Family

10:30am Sunday

+Tom Maue

Also on Dec. 10 & 11

- Blood Pressure Readings ~ after all Masses
- Nativity Program Dress Rehearsal ~ following the 10:30 Mass
- MS Edge (DH) ~ 5:30pm & Sunday Night Live ~ 7pm



REAL PEOPLE + REAL PRESENCE

PREPARE and SURRENDER

John the Baptist appeared...saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" It was of him that the prophet Isaiah had spoken when he said:

*A voice of one crying out in the desert,
Prepare the way of the Lord.*

— Mt 3:1a, 2-3b



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Practicing Faith

Images show us the way. Isaiah's image—new sprout from an old stump. From Jesse's stump (the father of King David) comes Jesse's flower (Jesus the Christ.) Matthew's image—it hints at new people from baptismal waters. From the font comes new Christians bathed in Christ, clothed in Christ, and illumined by Christ. Like Christ and claimed by Him. On the Second Sunday of Advent—as we wait for Christ to come again—John the Baptizer does not mince words. Behavior is far more important than pedigree, than lineage, than ancestors. We are called to live in faithful harmony, to be the brood of the baptized.

- How will I "be justice" this week, giving to others what they are due?
- How will I be faithful?
- How will I do what is right?

Prepare for next Sunday: Read and reflect on the Third Sunday of Advent (beginning on pg. 46) 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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An Advent View from 40th & Wilson

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IT ALL BOILS DOWN TO CHOOSING TO BE GRATEFUL. That's what I'm thinking as I write this column halfway through the first week of Advent.

Choosing gratitude is absolutely necessary because these weeks at year's end are incredibly stressful for many people. I know that from some crises now underway in my family and from appointment requests I am getting from people who are at wit's end.

While spending Thanksgiving in Bay City, I found myself filled with gratitude for my family — and for the family of St. Pius X Parish.

I'm sure that any one of us could fill all six pages of this bulletin with lists of stuff we are worrying about regarding our families, our parish, this country and our shared home, the planet Earth.

Instead, let's choose to count our blessings. Tops on my list today is the gift of faith in Jesus Christ and what our heavenly Father is teaching me through him—and you, Christ's body.

It's a happy coincidence that Thanksgiving Day happens to fall the Thursday before the season of Advent begins. My prayer is that a spirit of gratitude alleviate your stress during this entire season of "devout and joyful expectation" for the coming of Christ. May gratitude and faith in Christ's ways help you *prepare and surrender*.

IMPORTANT HOLY DAY THIS WEEK —

It's also a coincidence that the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is celebrated during Advent. Recall, this feast celebrates Mary's conception in the womb of her mother, St. Anne. How many religions do you know that celebrate someone's *conception*!? It's so cool how our Catholic religion takes the most visceral, earthy human

occurrences and links them to the divine, to mystery and eternity. This feast celebrates how God gave Mary in advance what she needed to bear the Son of God.

We've been given the same grace. Because this feast is so important, it's a holy day of obligation. I hope to see you at Mass on Wednesday night or Thursday at noon.

And hey, boys and girls: It might be fun to ask them if they can remember where and when you were conceived. In honor of Mary, of course.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN AND BUILDING UPDATE

— A diverse group of nearly 15 parishioners met last Wednesday with a representative from Generis for a "Whiteboard Strategy Session." Generis has been hired to serve as the consultant for a capital campaign we will launch in the spring. Wednesday's session was to get a sense of the culture of our parish so our efforts will be most fruitful.

What will be presented to the parish for support is a \$2.5 million campaign that will address our infrastructure needs and greatly enhance people's experience of our parish by providing an expanded Gathering Area and adjacent Youth/Multipurpose Room.

This will require sacrifice and generosity from every member of our parish.

SPECIAL YEAR-END GIFTS FOR TAX YEAR 2016

are welcome for this campaign or to simply fund the many ministries of our parish. Simply indicate whether you want the contributions to be directed to parish operations or the building fund. If you have a part in making St. Pius X Parish work, I can't thank you enough for your sacrifice of time, prayers and money.

Fr. Chris



Faith Formation | Religious Education

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DONUTS WITH ST. NICK: St. Nicholas is visiting Danner Hall after Sunday Masses this weekend. Get a donut and a picture with the beloved Saint!

NATIVITY PROGRAM is on Tuesday, Dec. 13 at 6:30pm in the church. Please mark your calendars to support our students in the story of Jesus' birth. All are welcome!

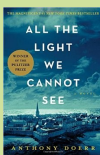
MIDDLE SCHOOL EDGE ~ Sunday 5:30-7:30pm

- Dec. 4 ~ 8th Graders & Confirmation Sponsors ~ 6-8pm
- Dec. 11 ~ New Testament
- Dec. 18 ~ Edge
- Dec 25, Jan 1, & Jan. 8 ~ Christmas Break
- EDGE will resume on Sunday, Jan. 15.

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES & SPONSORS: All those in their second year of Confirmation preparation and their sponsors need to attend our Sponsor/Candidate retreat tonight (12/4) from 6-8pm. The evening will take place in Danner Hall and includes dinner.

8TH GRADE CONFIRMATION RETREAT ~ Jan. 7 & 8

All 8th graders preparing for Confirmation are expected to attend this retreat. Sponsors will participate in the retreat from 4-7pm on Saturday, Jan. 7.



NOVEL READERS BOOK CLUB meets at 7pm Monday, Dec. 5 at 7pm in McDuffee to discuss *All the Light We Cannot See* by Anthony Doerr. Contact Linda Stray (249-8034 or lindastray@yahoo.com) or Mary Boehm (538-9635 or meb2904@aol.com) with inquiries.

High School Youth Ministry

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NO SNL TONIGHT: Please pray for all of those on the winter retreat this weekend.

SNL RELATIONSHIPS ~ Dec. 11 ~ 7-8:30pm: We will finish our series on different relationships that shape our lives. Join us as we explore the significance of our family, friends and significant others.

UGLY SWEATER ADVENT PARTY ~ Dec. 18 ~ 7-9pm

Dust off those Santa Claus sweaters for our annual pre-Christmas celebration. Join us as we celebrate Jesus' birthday in the company of friends old and new. We'll rock some yuletide jingles, holiday nibbles and maybe even some reindeer games. We will also do a white elephant exchange. Bring a gift (max. \$15) to participate.



Parents Day Out

DECEMBER 10, 2016

2:00-5:00 PM

Parents are busy, busy, busy! The teens of St. Pius X want to give you a couple hours off to shop, go on a date or even take a nap! We'll have snacks and fun activities for kids and babies of all ages!



SIGN up, TODAY: www.spxcatholic.org/events
Or WANT TO HELP? Click on the above link!



Pastoral Care, Outreach & Initiation

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HELP FOR THE HOLIDAYS: Are you struggling and wondering how your family will get through the holidays? Will there be gifts under the tree for the children? We can help...call the Parish Office; information is kept confidential.

PICTURES FROM THE NOVEMBER MEMORIAL: Please remember to pick up your loved one's picture from the Nov. Memorial that was in church. The pictures are in the McDuffee Room.



Remember the Little Blue Book
Daily Devotional for Advent

Six minutes a day will bring you joy

Advent & Christmas
PREPARE and SURRENDER

SPECIAL EVENTS

Coffee & Donuts with St. Nicholas ~ Dec. 4 (after all Masses)
Women's Advent Night + Dec. 6 ~ 6:30pm

Immaculate Conception Masses
Dec. 7 ~ 7pm & Dec. 8 ~ Noon

Parent's Day Out ~ Dec. 10 ~ 2-5pm
Faith Formation Nativity Program ~ Dec. 13 ~ 6:30pm
Communal Penance Service ~ Dec. 15 ~ 7pm

Parish Life

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LADIES ADVENT NIGHT ~ Tuesday, Dec. 6 ~ 6:30-8:30pm



This year's entertainment is Lori Vernon and she will begin at 6:40pm. Only pre-registered guests may attend this special night. Please contact Stephanie Miranda ASAP if child care is needed at 616-430-0292 or mirandafamily101010@gmail.com.

TMIY: The last session of the semester will be Saturday, Dec. 10...and as a special treat, we'll have a hot breakfast. The next TMIY sessions starts on Jan. 21. As always, all men are welcome!

50+ UPCOMING EVENTS ADVENT BRUNCH ~ Dec. 8 ~ 9:30am

The 50+ Group will join forces with the Ladies Bible Study for an Advent Brunch on Thursday, Dec. 8 at 9:30am in Danner Hall. If possible, bring a brunch type dish to pass. RSVP to the parish office by Dec. 5. Those attending are invited to stay for Mass at Noon.

PARISH APP ROLLOUT TEAM NEEDED: St. Pius X will be rolling out a parish app through MyParish App in the coming months, and we're looking for a few enthusiastic parishioners willing to be a part of the team. It would be two meetings leading up to the roll out and then help with the roll out weekend. All ages are welcome and no technical experience is needed, just enthusiasm, a smart phone, and a willingness to help promote. If interested, email me or call 532-9344.

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 Dec. 10 & 11

Mass Cord.	5:30pm	8:30am	10:30am
	Diane Remenak	Dave & Mary Bristol	Frank Cegelis
Greeters	Nancy Hoekstra Sandy Kornoelje Rita McCarthy Maria Viau	Jim & Georgianne Everhart Ruth Lobert Megan Schneider	Pat Milanowski John & Chantal Porterfield Shari Shirley
Servers	Carter Brink McKenna Brink Carly Burns	Emma Dudick Andrew Dukesherer Lexi Dukesherer	Grace Elder Kristy Galligan Isabel Genautis
Eucharistic Ministers	Mattie Conlon Mary Cook Nancy Hoekstra Angie Lemont Harold Lemont Barbara Sawicki Melissa Seguin Monica Tyler Donna Vaughn	Ellen Halfmann Steven LeQuia Debra Neff Tara Pankratz Janine Skavnak Karen Tinning 3 Volunteers Needed	Chris Koetsier Jim Kohmescher Jen Meyering Pat Milanowski Mike Miller Kris Phillips Jacob Ruemenapp Kate Ruemenapp Debbie Shereda Tom Shereda Mike Signore Nick Sundstrom Paul Sundstrom
Lector	Jerry Hoogterp Paul Wojtas	Brian Courtade Jan Zylstra	Rob Genautis Toni Burdick
LWC			Beth Timmer
	Usher Team: B	Usher Team: D	Usher Team: G

real people + real presence

Growing in Christ

Weekly Stewardship Report

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT: In today's Gospel reading, John the Baptist warns his listeners: "Repent for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand!" The Church's yearly Advent herald is a call to repentance. The season of Advent urges us to be open to a conversion of heart. Christian stewards heed this call daily, and take the need for conversion in their lives seriously. As a family of faith, do we hear this call to conversion amidst the massive holiday spending? The increase in credit card debit? The urge to buy things that are not necessary? The incivility on the roadways during the holidays? Are there patterns in our own lives that need to be converted? ~ from the ICSC Catholic Stewardship December 2016 e-bulletin

Time and Talent

MASS ATTENDANCE

Nov. 26 & 27: 5:30pm—281 | 8:30am—244 | 10:30am—526

A HEARTFUL THANK YOU to Father Chris, Rosemary Beahan, the choir and all the people who prepared and served the wonderful luncheon for my brother, David Moore's funeral. It was all so comforting. George & Pam McKellar

THANKS CLEANING MOBBER! We had a great turnout of people the Friday after Thanksgiving. Thank you to all those who came and helped clean, stuff, vacuum, dust, wash, wipe, organize, oil, and all the other jobs we had you doing. Many hands made light work and hopefully you met a person or two. Our parish is SO appreciative. Thank you!

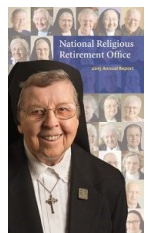
CHRISTIAN SERVICE FOOD PANTRY ~ CHRISTMAS

Please remember the Food Service Pantry when shopping for your holiday meals...we will be servicing those in need with a Christmas basket. Thank you!

ALTAR SERVERS FOR FUNERALS: We are in need of adults to be altar servers for funerals. Please consider joining this much needed and appreciated ministry. Contact Rosemary Beahan in the Parish Office at 532-9344 or rbeahan@spxcatholic.org

Treasure

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS makes a difference in the lives of roughly 33,000 senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who benefit from the annual appeal. Elder care costs continue to rise while the number of religious requiring care grows. Please support next week's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious and give to those who have given a lifetime.



PARISH SUPPORT	Last week 11/26&11/27	Year to Date	Prior Year to Date
Fiscal Year 2016-17 Week 22/52			
Adult Envelopes	\$ 10,016	\$265,382	\$ 271,491
Electronic Giving spxcatholic.org	\$ 3,550	\$ 93,031	\$ 91,145
Youth Envelopes	\$ 14	\$ 113	\$ 80
Loose Offerings	\$ 644	\$ 13,934	\$ 13,481
Total Contributions	\$ 14,224	\$372,460	\$376,197
Budget Overage/(Shortfall)	\$ (4,261)	\$ (25,014)	\$ -
OTHER GIVING			
Master's Mission	\$ 265	\$ 15,026	\$ 14,650
Special Coll: Human Development	\$ 2,978	\$ 3,819	

St. Pius X has 958 registered households. Last week, 276 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
Robert Kasperlik	Catherine Cesare	Diane & Mary Prindle	Andy Wierzicki
Joe Lemont	Henry Visscher	Betty DiTrapani	Mike Sartorius
Beverwyk Family	Joe & Margaret Grandy	Rose Reilly	Clara Raaymakers
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	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	Lenore Nuffrio
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 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
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	Scott Kowalczyk	Cody VandenBerg
Mark Wilkens		Kim Wheat	

Retirement Fund for Religious

BISHOP DAVID WALKOWIAK
Catholic Diocese of Grand Rapids



Dear Friends in Christ,

Reflecting on the fruits of the Year of Mercy, I cannot help but recall the example of thousands of now elderly women and men religious who, for so many, were a living sign of God's mercy. These women and men—Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests...were indeed the hands of Christ as they educated the young, cared for the sick, and ministered to the neediest among us. Through their service and witness, they modeled the compassionate love of Jesus and showed us that we, too, could be instruments of peace and mercy.

Today, many senior religious continue to be vessels of mercy, serving in a wide range of volunteer and prayer ministries. Others are frail and need assistance. Most older religious ministered for small stipends, leaving a substantial gap in retirement savings. With the ever-rising cost of health care, and the increased number of those needing care, many religious communities struggle to provide for aging members.

Soon, our parishes will be conducting the appeal for the Retirement Fund for Religious, an annual collection that benefits nearly 33,000 senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. Your gift provides vital support for medications, nursing care, and more. It also helps religious communities implement long-term retirement strategies that ensure both quality eldercare and continued service to the People of God.

I recognize this is but one of numerous worthy causes in need of support; I ask you simply to give what you can. In thanksgiving for the lessons of mercy senior religious have shared with us, please join me in supporting the Retirement Fund for Religious.

Sincerely in Christ,

+ David J. Walkowiak

STEWARDSHIP SPEAKER SERIES & NETWORKING: You are invited to join fellow parishioners on Tuesday, December 6, 2016 from 5-6:30 p.m. at Cathedral Square Center, downtown Grand Rapids, 360 Division Avenue South. Juan Carlos Farias-Gonzalez, Director of Hispanic Ministry, will offer a presentation, "Understanding Stewardship from an Intercultural Perspective." Enjoy light refreshments at this no-cost event. Please RSVP by calling 459-4508 or emailing jkatt@dioceseofgrandrapids.org.



THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY

ST. PIUS X
Wednesday, Dec. 7 ~ 7pm
Thursday, Dec. 8 ~ Noon
holy day of obligation

Neighboring parishes offering Masses
Holy Name of Jesus: 7pm (Dec. 8)
Holy Redeemer: 7pm (Dec. 7) & 9am (Dec. 8)
St. Sebastian: 8:30am & 7pm (Dec. 8)
St. John Vianney: 9:00am & 6:30pm (Dec. 8)



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

IRENE SKIPPER

MILDRED HEBELER

mother of Don (Val) Hebel

UPDATED MEDIA CENTER & POSTER CONTEST!

Have you ever wanted a "good Catholic read?" What could be better than a stop into the Media Center to check out some new items...books, cds, and dvds. Take the opportunity to make some suggestions for materials as well or sign up to staff the center before or after Masses.

While you are there...pick up a poster sheet for the **Knights of Columbus "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contest**. The contest is open to children ages 5-14. Entry forms, rules, and the poster paper are all rolled up and ready to have your child create their own Christmas masterpiece. Entries should be returned to the media center by Dec. 11. Winners of each age group will receive \$25 and their poster will be sent on to the district competition for judging in January. Your child's artwork could be the design used for next year's contest.

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