

ST. PIUS X CHURCH

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A Welcoming Catholic Community!

He walked along a little farther and saw James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They too were in a boat mending their nets. Then he called them. So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him. — Mk 1:19-20



St. Pius X Catholic Church Mission Statement

We at St. Pius X, a welcoming Catholic community of Christian believers accept our mission

of proclaiming and living the gospel of Jesus Christ. We strive to deepen our relationship with God and one another through individual and communal prayer, celebrations of Eucharist, reflective study of Scripture, education and social activities. While responding to the needs of our own community, we reach out in union with other Christians to create a world of justice and love.

Parish Office Hours

Hours.....Monday-Friday 8:00am-4:30pm
Phone(515) 276-2059
Fax(515) 276-8351
Websitewww.stpiushome.com

Administration

Pastor, Msgr. Joseph McDonnell
Parochial Vicar Fr. John Harmon
Weekend Associate, Fr. Frank Palmer
Permanent Deacon, Deacon Rick Condon
Permanent Deacon, Deacon Jim Houston

St. Pius X School

Principal, Larry Zahm.....(515) 276-1061

Faith Formation

DRE, Mary Heinrich(515) 278-5684
CRE, Sherri Hunt
Youth Minister, Barb Mease
RCIA, Mary Sue Lone
Adult Faith Formation, Suzanne Crowley

Parish Staff

Business Manager, Bill Duff
Administrative Assistant, Chris Breuss
Administrative Assistant, Vicki Ferin
Music/Liturgist, Eric Webster
Pastoral Care Ministry, Fr. John Harmon
Capital Campaign Secretary, Bonnie Ehler
Wedding Coordinator, Linda Schroeder

Mass Schedule

WeekendSaturday 5:00 pm;
Sunday 7:00, 9:00 & 11:00 am
WeekdayMonday-Saturday 8:00 am;
Wednesday 8:15 am
Tuesday and Thursday evenings 6pm

Sacraments

Reconciliation: Saturday 3:15 to 4:15pm.
Saturday after 8:00 am Mass.

Baptism: First time parents are required to attend a one evening class on the Sacrament of Baptism. Call Deacon Jim Houston to register 331-1570

Marriage: One person must be a registered member. Call the office 6 months prior to date.

Anointing of the Sick: Brings the healing love of Christ. In case of an illness or hospitalization please call the parish office.

Parish Meetings

Pastoral Council: First Tuesday of every month at 6:00 pm.
Board of Education: First Monday of every month at 6:30 pm.

Bulletin Deadline

Submit article in writing to the parish office or e-mail vferin@saintpiuschurch.org by Friday at 8:00 am.

Newcomers

Registration cards are located in the Gathering Space or stop in the parish office.

From the Desk of Msgr. Joe McDonnell

At this time of the year the Catholic Church recalls the U.S. Supreme Court's 1973 Roe vs. Wade decision legalizing abortion in the United States. No one in 1973 could have anticipated that by 2011 over 50 million children in the U.S. would die from abortion. No one could have imagined that some abortions would partially (and even entirely) deliver living, viable infants before killing them--by plunging scissors into the base of their skulls or by 'snipping' their spinal cord after birth.

No one could have foretold that staff at some hospitals would induce the birth of babies with a disability, such as Down syndrome, shortly before viability, and callously let the infants die due to immature lungs, without concern for their human dignity or their inherent right for life. No one would have imagined that fertility specialists would continue to implant multiple embryos, leaving mothers to choose who among their children would die by 'selective reduction'.

We know that abortion hurts women physically and emotionally. Abortion providers claim complication rate of less than 1 percent, yet in one large American study, 17 percent of women reported physical complications, such as hemorrhaging and pelvic infections. The United Kingdom's Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists reports that over 11 percent of abortions involve immediate physical complications, e.g., retained tissue, infections, and pelvic inflammatory disease, which can lead to ectopic pregnancy and sterility. And women continue to die from 'safe and legal' abortions in the United States and elsewhere.

The link between abortion and breast cancer continues to be challenged by abortion supporters, including some in the National Cancer Institute (NCI). Recently, however, a leading NCI researcher co-authored an article which acknowledges a 40 percent increased risk of breast cancer in post-abortive women.

Our nation, too, suffers from the loss of 50 million uniquely talented persons whose contribution to society is essential, even in purely economic terms. Across the globe, life expectancy is increasing while fewer children are being born to take their place in the work force and contribute to pension and social security funds. An aging population and a shrinking work force will overwhelm national programs serving as safety nets for the elderly. (The above material was developed by the Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities United States Conference of Catholic Bishops).

A mass for our preborn and the end of abortion in the United States will be celebrated Saturday, January 21st at 5pm.

In Christ,
Msgr. Joe McDonnell

Faith. Academics. Service.
Catholic Schools

Catholic Schools Week:
January 29 – February 5

2012

St. Pius X School Catholic Schools Week Liturgy & Open House

Sunday, January 29, 2012

You are cordially invited to attend our 9:00 A.M. Liturgy and Open House immediately following to kick-off Catholic Schools Week. The Open House concludes at 12:00 PM.

Tour the school and visit classrooms at St. Pius X School, meet teachers, and be greeted by Student Ambassadors. Tables will be setup to showcase what our great school has to offer. Enjoy cookies served by wonderful volunteers and Board of Education members.

Our Children are taught *Faith* – not just the basics of Christianity, but how to have a relationship with God. *Academics*, which in Catholic schools are held to very high standards, help each child reach his or her potential. *Service*, the giving of one's time and effort to help others, is taught both as an expression of faith and good citizenship.

Season of Hope



The next 6 week session to help those mourning the loss of a loved one begins Sunday, February 12th.

We will meet each week from 4-6pm.

All meetings will be held in the

John Paul II Room.

(Enter through the front doors of the church and then left to the parish office.)

Please call the parish office 276-2059 or Dick & Bert Goodman 276-8802 to learn more about this program or to register.

*Our hearts and hands reach out to you whether your grief is recent or that from a loss months or years ago.
All are welcome!*

Welcome New Families!!

We are excited to have you as a part of our parish family.

If you have questions or would like information on how to get involved, call the parish office at 276-2059.

Faith Formation Calendar



- January 22 Sunday Atrium
Confirmation Retreat, 1:00 pm
- January 24 Tuesday CGS Atrium
- January 25 Wednesday Faith Formation and CGS Atrium
- January 29 NO Sunday CGS Atrium for preschool
- January 31 Tuesday CGS Atrium

Please pray for your young people who are preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation as they take part in our **Confirmation Retreat**

Sunday, January 22, 2012
1:00 – 7:00 pm
Martha and Mary Fellowship Hall

St. Pius X School Calendar

- Jan. 22 1:00 PM Confirmation Retreat @ Church
- Jan. 23 All City Band Festival @ Wells Fargo Arena
- Jan. 24 Scrip Selling Day
- Jan. 25 8:15 AM All School Mass - 8P
- Jan. 27 Student Council Pizza Day, MADDD - 1st Gr.
Reach Out And Read

Thank you for Collecting 192 Toys for Tots for our school. You have made a child's Christmas very special.
St. Pius X School



The St. Pius X Knights of Columbus Thirteenth Annual Spelling Bee

Students in grades four through seventh

St. Pius X School

Saturday, January 28th

Begins at 1:00. Registration will be in the large meeting room in the school building prior to the start of the bee. All youth of the parish are invited. Word lists to practice are available at -

www.iowakofc.org/programs_6.shtml#spellingbee.

If you have any questions, contact Paul Cain at 270-9466. Winners advance to a regional competition. Prizes will be awarded. Good luck and happy spelling! (Did you find the 5 spelling errors?)

Youth Ministry Update

Planning Meetings are held every Wednesday at 3:30pm. Right now we are planning the 7th grade Retreat, Ski/Snowboard outing, Religious Jewelry Fundraiser.

7th Grade Retreat – Re-scheduled for March. You will need to come to 3 planning meetings on Wednesdays at 3:30 (or 6pm if you can't come after school). Bring your schedules to the planning meetings so we can confirm dates.

Ski/Snotube/Snowboard Trip- Today, Sunday January 22nd. Meet at 4:30pm at the parish center to check-in and carpool to Sleepy Hollow. Check out the website for forms and information. Call Barb to sign-up.

Religious Jewelry Fundraiser– Watch for this fundraiser in February!

High School Retreat-March. 10-11 at CYC. Mark your calendars.

www.groups.google.com/group/stpiusyouthgroup
Barb Mease– Youth Coordinator-238-0878

St. Pius X Free Throw Contest

Our St. Pius Youth. St. Pius Boys and Girls age 10 to 14 can take their Shot at winning their local competition on Sunday, January 29th, 2012. The competition will be held at the St. Pius Gym with registration at 12:45 pm and competition beginning at 1:15 pm. All contestants will be eligible for a drawing of two Drake Basketball tickets to an upcoming game. Please contact Mark Conway at 276-0313 with any questions.



ON Line sign-ups have already begun!

Sign-up today!

CYC has provided a fun, safe opportunity for young people

for the past 52 years. It is a week-long camp experience for students entering the 3rd grade through the Summer after their 12th grade graduation. More details can be found at www.stmcenter.com or by calling 515-309-1936.

Be a Catholic Youth Camp Counselor. Any student ages 16 or older (by June 1, 2011) can apply online at www.stmcenter.com.

Mass Intentions Week of January 23

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| Mon. 1/23 | 8:00 am | Ilene Pollman |
| Tues. 1/24 | 8:00 am | Wilbert & Melvina Wuebker |
| | 6:00 pm | Francis Doyle |
| Wed. 1/25 | 8:15 am | Joan Hallman |
| Thurs 1/26 | 8:00 am | Mildred Vortherms |
| | 6:00 pm | Glenn & Martha McCleish |
| Fri. 1/27 | 8:00 am | Jack Carney |
| Sat. 1/28 | 8:00 am | Marian Varkey |
| | 5:00 pm | Bob Quirk |
| Sun. 1/29 | 7:00 am | The Wetsch Family |
| | 9:00 am | Louise Preuschal |
| | 11:00 am | John Mease |

Schedule of Activities

Monday, January 23

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| 7:00pm | Altar and Rosary | M&M |
| 7:00pm | Marian Cenacle | Chapel |

Tuesday, January 24

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| 7:00pm | RCIA | ARCH |
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Wednesday, January 25

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| 7pm | Hearts on Fire | Church |
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Thursday, January 26

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| 7pm | Salvation Study | M&M |
| 7pm | CRHP | PC |
| 7pm | Celebration Singers | Church |

Saturday, January 28

Sunday, January 29

Room Codes: Archangel Gabriel (AR-G) • Archangel Michael (AR-M)
 Archangel Raphael (AR-R) • Holy Family (HF) • Martha & Mary Fellowship Hall (M&M)
 • Parish Center Gym (PCG) Parish Center Meeting Rooms (PCM) • Saint Cecilia (SC)
 School Meeting Room (ED) • Staff Kitchen (JPTI)

"LIFE IS PRECIOUS" -

You are invited to attend a day of learning more about "Respecting Life as the Foundation of Social Justice".



Come to Christ the King Parish on Saturday, **January 21 from 8:30 am to 5 pm**. Speakers include Fr. Guthrie Dolan, Melissa Ohden (an abortion survivor), and several others whose lives have been touched by unplanned pregnancies. **The Mass for Life** will follow immediately. Please RSVP "Life is Precious" wsolawetz@dmdioocese.org or 515-237-5082.

The Annual Diocesan "**MASS for LIFE**" will be held at Christ the King Parish on **Saturday, January 21 at 5 pm**. Bishop Pates will be presiding. A reception will immediately follow.

Perpetual Adoration

Oh Jesus present in the Blessed Sacrament in our churches. You give us solace and refuge; You give us faith, hope, love and hospitality. You build for us an inner retreat, an ardent repose. Help us to seek you and find you in adoration.

Charles de Foucauld

Adoration hours available - call Pat @ 278-4471

Marion Prayer Service

The **St. Pius Knights of Columbus Council** will be receiving an icon of Our Lady of Guadalupe and hosting it at St. Pius January 20 - 26. The image was blessed by Pope Benedict XVI and touched to the original image of Holy Mary of Guadalupe on St. Juan Diego's tilma. The image bears the signature of the Rector of the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe and was sealed with a bit of soil from the first Church at Tepeyac Hill, where Our Lady appeared to St. Juan Diego almost 480 years ago.



There will be a special service honoring Our Lady of Guadalupe after the 6:00 p.m. Mass on Tuesday evening January 24th, where the icon will be on display. The 40 minute prayer service will consist of readings, the rosary, and the Litany of Mary. We will extend this invitation to all in the parish. Please join us.

ALTAR AND ROSARY SOCIETY

Altar & Rosary Society Meeting & Soup Supper



Monday, January 23rd @ 6:30pm.
 Martha and Mary Fellowship Hall
 Speaker: Jenny Condon-Clinical Director of Inner Visions Health Care (formerly Informed Choices Medical Clinic) and national speaker with Deacon Rick for Natural Family Planning Outreach.

Project- Story Book of Iowa

Bring children's books so mom's in jail can record them and read to their children.

Sponsored by the Martha and Mary Circle.

Financial Blessings Received January 15, 2012

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| Amount Needed | \$26,923. |
| Amount Received | \$29,788. |
| Over (Under) | \$2,865. |

How shall I make a return to the Lord for all the good he has done for me? Psalm 116:12