

Welcome to the Catholic Community of

# *St. Pius X Church*

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St. Pius X Catholic Church Mission Statement

Love God. Love Others. Make Disciples. Restore All Things In Christ.



December 1, 2019 - First Sunday of Advent

#### Parish Office Hours

Hours Monday-Friday 8:30am - 4:30pm

Phone (515) 276-2059

Fax (515) 276-8351

Website [www.stpiushome.org](http://www.stpiushome.org)

#### Mass Schedule

Weekend Saturday 5 PM;

Sunday 7, 9 & 11 am and 5 pm

Monday: Communion Service 8 am

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 8 am

Wednesday at 8:15 am

Tuesday, Thursday during, Lent 6 pm

#### Sacraments

**Reconciliation:** Saturday 3:15 - 4:15 pm.

**Baptism:** First time parents are required to attend a class on the Sacrament of Baptism. Call Cindy Miller to register 276-2059.

**Marriage:** One person must be a registered member. Call the office 6 to 12 months prior to date.

**Anointing of the Sick:** Brings the healing love of Christ. Call the parish office.

#### Parish Meetings

**School Board:** First Thursday of every month at 6 pm.

#### Bulletin Deadline

Submit in writing to the parish office or e-mail [mlone@saintpiuschurch.org](mailto:mlone@saintpiuschurch.org) by Friday at 8 am.

#### Newcomers

Registration cards are located in the Gathering Space or stop in the parish office, or register on our website.

[www.stpiushome.org](http://www.stpiushome.org)

Visit us online at [www.stpiushome.org](http://www.stpiushome.org)

Like us on Facebook & follow us on Twitter for the latest!







## Welcome Visitors

We hope you have enjoyed celebrating with us.

Whether you are new to the area or have lived here for years, you are invited to join our parish family...

***Please come again!***

We have much to offer for all ages and stages of faith. If you are a visitor from out of town, we hope you enjoyed your visit with us and felt welcomed in our church as your "home away from home".

## Liturgy Corner

### Immaculate Conception Mass

We celebrate the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup> this year. Join us for Mass at 8am. Liturgical Ministers are needed for this mass. Sign up in MSP or contact Sherri Hunt: [shunt@saintpiuschurch.org](mailto:shunt@saintpiuschurch.org).

### Special Collections

Our special collections are to support various works of the Church. We know that each household faces different financial situations and hope that each will be able to use this information to help discern and plan their giving, which may or may not include every collection.

**Religious Retirement Fund – 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection - December 7 & 8**

**Parish Outreach – 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection – December 14 & 15**

### Communal Penance

We will offer a Communal Penance service on Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. There will be several priests here to hear individual confessions. We hope you will include this in your Advent preparations.

### Christmas Mass Signup

Liturgical Ministers, we need your help in our Christmas celebrations. Please sign up to serve using MSP or the signup sheets in the Gathering Space. And... don't forget about the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God on January 1<sup>st</sup>. See the Mass schedule below:

#### Christmas Masses

Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, 4:00pm Mass (Parish Center)

Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, 4:00pm Children's Mass (Church)

4pm Masses: Don't forget to bring the baby Jesus figurine from your nativity to be blessed

Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm Herald's Mass

7pm Mass: Don't forget to bring your herald figurine (shepherd, angel, or star) from your nativity to be blessed

Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, 10:00pm Candlelight Mass

Wednesday, December 25<sup>th</sup>, 9:00am Christmas Day Mass

Mary, Mother of God

Tuesday, December 31<sup>st</sup>, 6:00pm

Wednesday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, 9:00am

### Volunteers Needed

Parish Center Set Up: Saturday, December 21<sup>st</sup> 9am - 10am:

We will set up the Parish Center for our 4pm Christmas Eve Mass. Please sign up in the Gathering Space or send a quick email to [shunt@saintpiuschurch.org](mailto:shunt@saintpiuschurch.org) to sign up. Families are welcome!

Theme from the Liturgy  
1st Sunday of Advent

**Seek: A New Hope**

Command for the Week

**Be mindful of the  
moments of goodness and  
light**

Take time to look and listen to the  
sounds of the season

## #1 holiday hack:

When you shop at  
**smile.amazon.com**,  
Amazon donates.

**amazonsmile**



Please pray for  
eternal rest for:  
† Bernard Moeller,  
cousin of Cyndi  
Schmidt.

† Marge Clayton,

mother of Andrea Farrell and  
grandmother of Chris Marshall.  
May God our Father and the Lord Jesus  
Christ grant His fullest blessings and  
peace in the hearts of their family and  
friends.

### November 16 & 17, 2019

Budget: \$33,774/week

Actual: \$42,582

Surplus (Shortfall) \$8,808

Year to date: (\$76,137)



Thanks to our  
advertisers who  
support us.  
Special thanks this  
week to:

**Dental Associates**  
**Benjamin J. Nagel, D.D.S**

## St. Pius X Annual Tithing Campaign

"For it is  
in  
giving  
that  
we  
receive."  
- St. Francis of Assisi

Our annual tithing campaign is underway. To date we have had about 535 pledge cards returned out of 1500 registered families. Returning the pledge card helps determine the parish budget. You may return your tithing pledge card to the parish office or drop it in the collection basket at mass. Please prayerfully consider increasing your tithing gifts by 3% to support the physical and pastoral needs of our parish!

**We are grateful for all of you. Thank you!**

## Faith Formation, CGS, EDGE and SPY

MONDAY,  
DECEMBER 9 AT 7 PM  
IN MARTHA & MARY  
FELLOWSHIP HALL

Come learn and ask  
questions about our  
middle school mission  
trip to Minnesota with  
Just5Days from  
June 22-26, 2020!

For more info, contact Sam Montang at  
smontang@saintpiuschurch.org



In the event of bad weather on a  
Wednesday, parents will be  
notified of Faith Formation, CGS,  
Edge and Spy Cancellation by  
way of FLOCKNOTE, a phone call  
or text message.

Please consult KCCI and WHO  
websites as well!

## St. Pius X Catholic School



**Purchase SCRIP this weekend after Mass or  
in the school on Tuesday and Friday!**

Great Lakes Scrip is offering \$5 and \$10 cards  
from many national retailers until December  
23rd. Some examples are \$10 Walmart, Amazon, Applebees,  
and \$5 to Starbucks, Barnes & Noble, Taco Bell, and Panera  
Bread. For a complete list click [here](#). Questions?  
[stpiusxscrip@gmail.com](mailto:stpiusxscrip@gmail.com).



### Keep Christ in Christmas

The Knights of Columbus take a leading role  
in keeping Christ in Christmas. All proceeds  
are used for our local seminarians. Our local

Knights will be selling religious Christmas cards, ornaments,  
seals, yard signs, and car magnets after all masses on December  
7 and 8. Call George at 279-3717 or email [gcockay@gmail.com](mailto:gcockay@gmail.com) if  
those dates don't work for you.

### Altar & Rosary JOY Bake Sale and Crafts Weekend of December 7-8



**Crafts, cookies, bars, cupcakes,  
candies, yeast breads, and  
cinnamon rolls available for  
purchase after the 5 p.m. Saturday  
and the 7, 9, and 11 a.m. Masses  
Sunday.** Cash and checks accepted.

Proceeds go toward service projects,  
programs and causes that promote Catholic beliefs and  
benefit St. Pius X, the community and the world.



## Fr. John Riccardo

**WHEN:** December 7, 2019, 7 p.m.

**WHAT:** Ut Fidem and Iowa Catholic Radio presents:  
"Extra-Ordinary News": an evening with Fr. Riccardo.

**WHERE:** The Grand Ballroom at the Iowa Events Center.



### GET YOUR TICKETS

General Admission: \$20

VIP Tickets: \$150

(limited VIP tickets available)

To purchase visit:

[www.IowaCatholicRadio.com/father-riccardo](http://www.IowaCatholicRadio.com/father-riccardo)  
or by calling (515) 564-8000

Tickets will go fast, register today to see Father  
Riccardo and the premier of the feature  
presentation "The Veil Removed".



11:50 AM | 88.5 FM | 94.5 FM



## COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICES

St. John the Apostle, Norwalk	December 1,	1:00pm
St. Francis of Assisi	December 3,	7:00pm
St. Augustin	December 4,	6:00pm
St. Catherine of Siena	December 5,	6:00-8:00pm
Our Lady's, Ankeny	December 7,	9:00am
St. Boniface, Waukee	December 8,	1:00pm
Assumption, Granger	December 11,	6:30pm
St. Pius X	December 12,	7:00pm
Basilica of St. John	December 14,	10:00am
St. Mary's, Elkhart	December 15,	1:00pm
All Saints	December 15,	2:00pm
SS John and Paul, Altoona	December 16,	7:00pm
St. Theresa	December 16,	7:00pm
St. Joseph	December 17,	6:30pm
St. Anthony	December 21,	9:00am



## Mass Intentions – Week of December 2

Mon. 12-2	8:00am	Communion Service
Tues. 12-3	8:00am	C. Lawrence & Earline Cowan
Wed. 12-4	8:15am	Gerald Goodman
Thurs. 12-5	8:00am	Altar & Rosary
Fri. 12-6	8:00am	Jim Dayton
Sat. 12-7	5:00pm	Msgr. Joe McDonnell
Sun. 12-8	7:00am	Mass for the Parishioners
	9:00am	Darlene Sassatelli
	11:00am	June Chapko
	5:00pm	James & Lillian Kinders

## Activity Schedule

### Monday, December 2

1:00pm	Grief Group	Archangels Rooms
6:30pm	Holy Name	Parish Center Mtg. Rm.
7:00pm	Marian Cenacle	Chapel

### Tuesday, December 3

6:30am	AM Men's Study Group	Martha & Mary Hall
6:15pm	Children's Choir Rehearsal	St. Cecilia Room
6:30pm	Pastoral Council	School Board Room
7:00pm	RCIA	Archangels Mtg. Room

### Wednesday, December 4

7:00pm	Bible Study	School Board Room
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### Thursday, December 5

6:00pm	School Board	School Board Room
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### Friday, December 6

6:00am	Men's Rosary	Martha & Mary Hall
7:00pm	Encounter	Church

### Saturday, December 7

5:00pm	Mass Altar & Rosary Bake Sale	Martha & Mary Hall
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### Sunday, December 8

7, 9, 11am	Masses Altar & Rosary Bake Sale	Martha & Mary Hall
9:00am	RCIA Dismissal	Archangel Michael Rm.

## Home Dedication Set for the 2019 CCOF Habitat Build

We have good news to share! Eh and Knay have elected to purchase the Habitat house that CCOF helped sponsor and build at 2733 College Avenue. This new Habitat house will become a home to Eh and Knay and their two children, James and Georgana. Eh and Knay were born in Myanmar. As children, they moved from Myanmar to a refugee camp in Thailand. Upon coming to the U. S., they first lived in Massachusetts, but decided to come to Des Moines to be closer to family. Eh and Knay feel their new home will allow them to live in peace raising their children.

**All are welcome at Eh & Knay's Home Dedication on Saturday, December 7 at 11:30 am, 2733 College Ave, Des Moines.**



## Pastoral Care Update



Would you consider giving some time to take Holy Communion to our parishioners who are hospitalized? We would like to add more volunteers to this important ministry that our parish provides. Take the care, prayers and concern of our parish to those who need us the most! Call or email Vicki Ferin for details: 276-2059 or [vferin@saintpiuschurch.org](mailto:vferin@saintpiuschurch.org).

## Salvation Army Casseroles - Fill the Freezer in December

Two mornings a week the Salvation Army's Mobile Canteen travels to the homeless at stops in downtown Des Moines, low-income apartment complexes and other areas where people are in need. The homeless clients include children and teenagers. In October we collected 170 pans or enough for 1700 meals. Help us meet our goal of 1,000 pans in 2019.



Pans will be distributed after Masses **November 30 & December 1**. Return frozen casseroles before each Mass **December 7 & 8**. You can also put your pan in the freezer located in the kitchen of the Martha and Mary Fellowship Hall. Questions: Contact Gail Kotval at 251-5886.

## Christmas Eve Children's Choir

Come join 1st through 8th grade parish-wide children and sing at the 4 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass in the church.

### Rehearsals will be held:

Tuesday, December 3rd-6:15-7:15 p.m.  
Monday, December 9th-6:15-7:15 p.m.  
Tuesday, December 17th-6:15-7:15 p.m.  
Thursday, December 19th-6:15-7:15 p.m.  
Monday, December 23rd-6:15-7:15 p.m.  
All children should plan to attend as many rehearsals as possible. At least 3 rehearsals will be required to participate.

Please email Holly Russell at [holly.russell@mchsi.com](mailto:holly.russell@mchsi.com) to sign up to participate. We look forward to a full choir area for the 4 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass!



**CTO is THE BEST TAX SAVINGS** available to lowans! For example, if your taxable income is \$75,000 and you give \$7,500 to the CTO - you'll receive tax credits of \$4,875 which **wipes out your tax bill** of \$4,819! **Plus, there are additional tax savings on your federal return!**

**We have more tax credits available for 2019!**

If you have questions, please call me at 237-5010! God Bless!  
Jeanne Wells, Executive Director, Catholic Tuition Organization

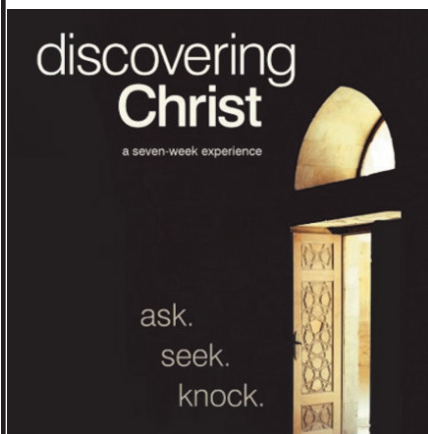
## Greeter Ministry Request



We are adding after Mass greeters and need your help. Have you ever eaten at a nice restaurant and the manager/owner met you at the door as you left? He thanked you for coming and invited you back. We want to do that at St. Pius! We need three volunteers that attend weekend Mass to stand at the door as people leave, smile, and thank them for coming!

**"I was a stranger and you welcomed me." Matthew 25:35** Can you help us out? Call Phil McGrath 276-0808.

## Adult Faith Formation Opportunities



Discovering Christ is a 7 week experience that invites you to hear the Gospel and personally encounter Jesus Christ. Through prayer, teaching and community, these sessions help each person grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ. Our next session begins January 16. Visit [www.stpiushome.org/christlife](http://www.stpiushome.org/christlife) for information and registration.

For ongoing Adult Faith opportunities and up to date event details go to [www.stpiushome.org/adultfaith](http://www.stpiushome.org/adultfaith) or email Dr. Cheryl Fournier [cfournier@saintpiuschurch.org](mailto:cfournier@saintpiuschurch.org).



### Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible

An 8 week series featuring Jeff Cavins

Thursday Evenings

St. Michael the Archangel Room

7:00-8:30 pm

January 23, February 13, 27

March 12, 19, April 2, 16, 30

Cost is \$25.00 to cover the cost of the workbook  
For more information contact:

Karla Renda

515-250-7920 or email at [krenda54@aol.com](mailto:krenda54@aol.com)

## Parish Staff

**Pastor:** Fr. David Fleming

**Part-time Associate:** Fr. Ryan Andrew

**Senior Associate:** Fr. John Harmon

**Permanent Deacon:** Deacon Jim Houston

**Permanent Deacon:** Deacon Joel Schmidt

**Permanent Deacon:** Deacon Rob Stark

**Retired Deacon:** Deacon Dave Bartemes

**Retired Deacon:** Deacon Ed Pantaloni

**St. Pius X School 276-1061**

**Principal,** Mary Jo Kever

**Asst. Principal,** Alex Baranosky

**Faith Formation**

**Pastoral Associate Director,**

Dr. Cheryl Fournier

**Coordinator of Youth Ministry**

**Grades 7-12,** Samantha Montang

**RCIA,** Mary Sue Lone

**Faith Formation Assoc.,** Dorothy Miller

**Liturgy Coordinator,** Sherri Hunt

**Music Ministry Director,** Christian

Stillings

**Adult Faith Formation,** Dr. Cheryl

Fournier

**Pastoral Care,** Vicki Ferin

**Business Manager,** Dean Roth

**Bookkeeper/ Office Coordinator,**

Chris Breuss

**Facility Manager,** Norm Bormann

**Administrative Assistant,** Cindy Miller

## DMARC Food Pantry

**Item of the Month for December is Pasta (whole grain & vegetable) and Dried Noodles (Burmese style)**



Find out more at [www.dmarcunited.org](http://www.dmarcunited.org)

## RCIA Rite of Acceptance and Rite of Welcome

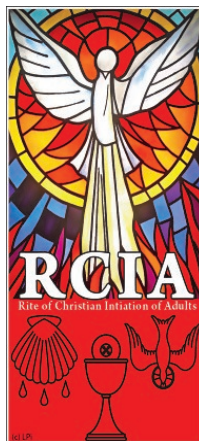
The **Rite of Acceptance** is the first public rite of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) for those who are unbaptized. During this rite, they publicly state their intent to continue their journey of faith to become Catholic Christians. The unbaptized are accepted as *Catechumens* (candidates for Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist).

The **Rite of Welcome** is for those who have been baptized in other Christian traditions. They are welcomed as *Candidates* for Full Communion with the Catholic Church and encouraged as they continue their formation.

**During the Rite,** sponsors will present inquirers to the assembly as people who are on a journey of faith, seriously considering becoming members of the Catholic Church. Sponsors and the parish community are asked to support these individuals as they go forward on this journey.

**Beginning with this Rite,** these individuals are encouraged to be with us each Sunday at the 9am Mass. After the homily, the Catechumens and Candidates are "dismissed" for **Breaking Open the Word** and prayerfully sent with members of our RCIA Team to reflect on the Scriptures. This time of reflection and discussion is an opportunity to continue to be nourished by the Word of God, until they are able to join us for the Eucharist.

**Pray for them!** These adults participated in the Rite of Acceptance and Rite of Welcome last Sunday at the 9 am Mass. Please pray for them as they begin the next step on their journey to becoming Catholic!



**Chris Ayers**

**Bill Hagen**

**Corey Dickey**

**Rachel Hillock**

**Scott Fleagle**

**Chauncey Snodgrass**

**SEVEN SISTERS APOSTOLATE's** mission is to pray for one priest for one Holy Hour each day of the week in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Stop by the Martha & Mary Room at 12:30 on December 1 or contact Jeanne at [customliteracy@yahoo.com](mailto:customliteracy@yahoo.com) or 651-470-8003.

