



St Pius X
Altar & Rosary
JOY

Caring women working together to nurture the love of Jesus Christ through the intercession of Mary.

What Is Altar & Rosary JOY?

Altar and Rosary Societies are one of the largest organizations within the Roman Catholic Church. They were first established in the 1470s in Europe to praise and honor the Blessed Virgin Mary and to secure her patronage by the recitation of the Rosary for the spiritual benefit of its members throughout the world.

Altar and Rosary was organized in the newly formed St. Pius X Parish in August 1955. Father Arthur Ring called a meeting of the women at the Urbandale Roller Skating rink (the church at the time). Several bands of fifteen women in each were formed using the names alphabetically in each band.

Altar and Rosary re-organized at St. Pius X in 2014 and became **Altar & Rosary JOY—Jesus First, Others Second, Yourself Last**. Fellowship and support are offered to members and the church community on their faith journeys. Time and talent are donated to projects, programs, and causes that promote Catholic beliefs and benefit St. Pius X Catholic Church, the Urbandale community, the community at large and the world.

Membership

All women of St. Pius X Parish are invited to become members of Altar & Rosary JOY.

Members are encouraged to:

- Pray the Rosary.
- Promote spiritual development.
- Remember deceased members.
- Show love for St. Pius X Catholic Church by assisting in its adornment.
- Support our Priests and Deacons.
- Donate time and talent to projects, programs, and causes that promote Catholic beliefs and benefit St. Pius X Catholic Church, the community, and the world.
- Provide hospitality to all.

