Welcome to the Catholic Community of

St. Pius X Church

3663 66TH St. • Des Moines, IA 50322

St. Pius X Catholic Church Mission Statement

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

December 15, 2019 - Third Sunday of Advent

Parish Office Hours

Monday-Friday 8:30 - 4:30 pm
Phone (515) 276-2059
Fax (515) 276-8351
Website www.stpiushome.org

Mass Schedule

Weekend Saturday 5:00 pm; Sunday 7:00, 9:00 & 11:00 am & 5:00 pm
Monday: Communion Service 8:00 am
Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 8:00 am
Wednesday at 8:15 am
Tuesday & Thursday during Lent-6:00 pm

Sacraments

Reconciliation: Saturday 3:15 to 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: Please contact the office for availability and requirements at least 6 months prior to requested matrimony date.

Parish Meetings

School Board: First Thursday of every month at 6:00 pm.

Bulletin Deadline

Submit in writing to the parish office or email mlone@saintpiuschurch.org by Friday at 8:00 am.

Newcomers

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

Visit us online at 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

Reconciliation
We will have priests available for individual confessions on Thursday, December 19th, from 6:30pm – 8:00pm in the church.

Christmas Mass Signup
Liturgical Ministers, we need your help in our upcoming 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 1st. See the Mass schedule below:

Christmas Masses
Tuesday, December 24th, 4:00pm Mass (Parish Center)
Tuesday, December 24th, 4:00pm Children's Mass (Church)
Tuesday, December 24th, 7:00pm Herald's Mass
Tuesday, December 24th, 10:00pm Candlelight Mass
Wednesday, December 25th, 9:00am Christmas Day Mass
4pm Masses: Don't forget to bring the baby Jesus figurine from your nativity to be blessed.
7pm Masses: Don't forget to bring your herald figurine (shepherd, angel, or star) from your nativity to be blessed.

Volunteers Needed
Parish Center Set Up: Saturday, December 21st 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 to sign up. Families are welcome!

Mary, Mother of God
Mass Times:
Tuesday, December 31st, 6:00pm
Wednesday, January 1st, 9:00am

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December 7 & 8, 2019
Budget: $33,774/week
Actual: $34,527
Surplus (Shortfall) $753
Year to date: ($83,007)

Share in the Care Religious Retirement Collection $9,958.
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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!

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 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 to sign up to participate. We look forward to a full Choir area for the 4 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass!

St. Pius X Catholic School

CTO
CATHOLIC TUITION ORGANIZATION

Have you ever wondered:

"How does CTO work?"

To Donate:

An example: $10,000 gift to CTO
$6,500 Iowa tax credit (65% of gift)
$3,500 federal tax deduction (35% of gift)
Ask your tax advisor about the tax benefits of donating to the Catholic Tuition Organization

www.CTOIowa.org

PLEDGE TODAY TO RESERVE YOUR TAX CREDITS!
www.CTOIowa.org

To Receive Tuition Assistance:

- Apply for 2020/21 School year beginning February 1 including your 2019 tax return and
- Find out by May 31 the amount of your tuition assistance!
- Kindergarten – 12th grade Assistance Available

www.CTOIowa.org

The bottom line? It's for the kids... **and their futures!**

Mass Intentions – Week of December 16

Mon. 12-16	8:00am	Communion Service
Tues. 12-17	8:00am	Lori Feistner Family
Wed. 12-18	8:15am	Living & Deceased Members of the Mike Proctor Family
Thurs. 12-19	8:00am	Roger Johnson
Fri. 12-20	8:00am	Louise Preuschl
Sat. 12-21	5:00pm	Charlotte Sitzmann
Sun. 12-22	7:00am	Genevieve & Steve Hanna
	9:00am	Mass for the Parishioners
	11:00am	Marie Beaton
	5:00pm	Marija & Stipo Juric

Activity Schedule

Monday, December 16		
7:00pm	Marian Cenacle	Chapel
Tuesday, December 17		
6:30am	AM Men's Study Group	Martha & Mary Hall
6:15pm	Children's Choir Rehearsal	St. Cecilia Room
6:30pm	Adult Faith Team Meeting	Holy Family Room
6:30pm	Theology of the Body Parent Mtg.	Martha & Mary Hall
7:00pm	RCIA	Archangels Mtg. Room
Wednesday, December 18		
6:30pm	Buildings, Grounds & Safety	John Paul II Room
7:00pm	Bible Study	School Board Room
Thursday, December 19		
11:30am	Lunch & Learn	Martha & Mary Hall
6:15pm	Children's Choir Rehearsal	St. Cecilia Room
Friday, December 20		
6:00am	Men's Rosary	Martha & Mary Hall
Saturday, December 21		
Sunday, December 22		
9:00am	RCIA Dismissal	Archangel Michael Rm.
4:00pm	Communion & Liberation	Archangels Mtg. Room

Happy Birthday to Hank Hannam!

Hank will be 98 years young on December 25.
Shower him with birthday cards at the following address:
Hank Hannam
c/o Kennybrook Village
200 SW Brookside Drive
Grimes, Iowa 50111

AROUND TOWN

Advent Taize Service
Monday, December 16 - 6-7 pm, Social 7-8 pm
RSVP to kevin@theemmaushouse.org
A Taizé service is a deeply communal, contemplative experience. Through its beautiful simplicity, meditative music, and periods of communal silence, we are invited to rest with God, remaining receptive to God's Spirit present within and among us. Free Will Offering.

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Christ Our Life Conference
September 26 & 27, 2020
Get your tickets at www.christourlifeiowa.com

Christmas & New Year's Hours

Tuesday, December 24 - closed
Wednesday, December 25 - closed
Thursday, December 26 - closed
Friday, December 27 - Office open 8:30 am - Noon
Monday, December 30 - Office open 8:30am - Noon
Tuesday, December 31 - closed
Wednesday, January 1 - closed
We will resume our regular 8:30 am to 4:30 pm office hours on January 2.

Altar & Rosary JOY wants to thank everyone who contributed to our annual Altar & Rosary JOY Bake Sale and Crafts. It was a tremendous success. Proceeds go toward service projects, programs and causes that promote Catholic beliefs and benefit St. Pius X, the community and the world. We remember you in prayer this holy and blessed Christmas season and New Year.

Make room for Christ in your Christmas!

Sunday, Dec 15
4:00-6:00 pm
*OLIH Church & Social Hall

*Our Lady's Immaculate Heart Church
510 East First Street, Ankeny
www.olih.org

Join us for a Posada—

A Posada is a Mexican tradition celebrated during Advent. A *Posada*, which means "inn" or "shelter," is a reenactment of Joseph's and Mary's journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem and their search for shelter where Mary could give birth to Jesus.

Special guests: The Hispanic choirs from Our Lady of the Americas Church.

Following the reenactment, there will be a fiesta in the multipurpose room, complete with piñatas, tamales, Mexican hot chocolate and treats, as well as games and crafts for the children. Please make plans to attend.
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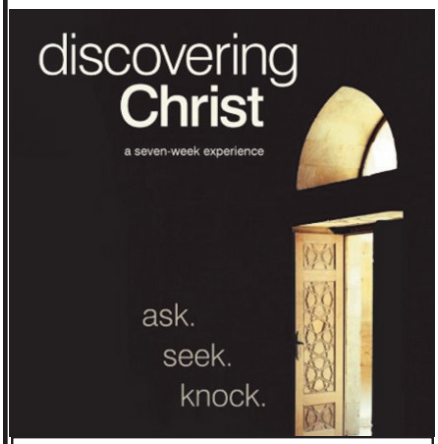
Adult Faith Formation Opportunities



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 for information and registration.

Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible

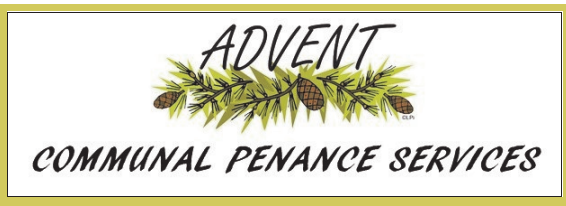
An 8 week series featuring Jeff Cavins

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

For ongoing Adult Faith opportunities and up to date event details go to www.stpiushome.org/adultfaith or email Dr. Cheryl Fournier cfournier@saintpiuschurch.org.



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**

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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)

DMARC Food Pantries assisted 20,606 individuals in October. That is an 8.1% increase over October, 2018. The need is great! Let's help them "stock their pantry"! Find out more at www.dmarcunited.org

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, thanked you for coming and invited you back. We need three volunteers at weekend Masses 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.