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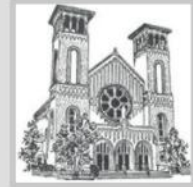
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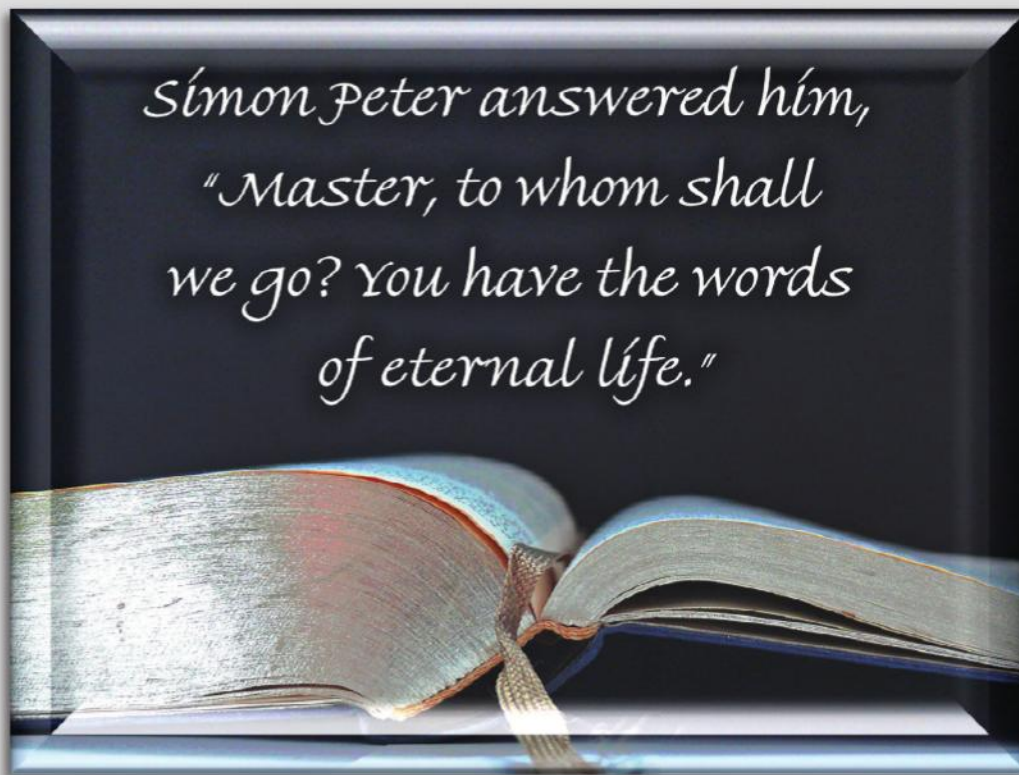
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August 25, 2024 - 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time



Mass Schedule

Saturday: 4:00 p.m. at Visitation; 6:00 p.m. at St. Pius X

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. at Visitation; 10:30 a.m. at St. Pius X

Weekday Mass: 7:00 a.m. at St. Pius X

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Mass Intentions

- Mon. 8/26 **St. Pius X**
7:00 a.m. Nikki & Michael Tamblin– Georgina,
and Susan Santore Kraus
Dr. James Gyurke– Carol Konieczny
- Tues. 8/27 **St. Pius X**
7:00 a.m. Joseph Shibilsky– Erwin & Mary Jane
Pawlikowski
Marian Kitta– Ken & Pat Gillott
- Wed. 8/28 **St. Pius X**
7:00 a.m. Thelma Porterfield– Connie & Charley
Dottie Welc– Kim Sirianna
- Thu. 8/29 **St. Pius X**
7:00 a.m. Michael Kaczmarek– Gene Kaczmarek
Kathryn E. Brodak– M/M David Brooks
- Fri. 8/30 **St. Pius X**
7:00 a.m. Joan Moore– M/M David S. Brooks
Marian Kitta– Lee, Dorothy & Irene
- Sat. 8/31 **Visitation**
4:00 p.m. Pro populo
St. Pius X
6:00 p.m. Terry Zozula– husband, Rick
- Sun. 9/1 **Visitation**
8:30 a.m. Pete Rerko, John Rerko, Jr. & John
Rerko, Sr.– Rerko family
St. Pius X
10:30 a.m. Michelle Jurkovic– Ellie & Bill Allison

*Confessions heard at Visitation every
Saturday, beginning at 3:15 p.m. and the first
Saturday of the month at
St. Pius X, beginning at 12:00 p.m.*

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Ministry of the Altar

- Sat. 8/31 **Visitation 4 p.m.**
Greeters: volunteers
Lector: Ray Gamrat
E.M.: Vince Mascia, Donna Zemba, volunteer
Servers: Colton & Lauren G., volunteer
Cantor: Jaime Golobish
- St. Pius X 6 p.m.**
Greeters: volunteers
Lector: Kim Sirianna
E.M.: Sue Covalesky, Barb Dropik, Cindy & Dan C.
Servers: Emma E., Braxton P., volunteer
Cantor: Eric Harris
- Sun. 9/1 **Visitation 8:30 a.m.**
Greeters: volunteers
Lector: Stanley Kapella
E.M.: Joann Maholtz, Patricia Thomas, volunteer
Servers: Ty W., Langdon & Amelia T.
Cantor: Sharon Stewart
- St. Pius X 10:30 a.m.**
Greeters: volunteers
Lector: Becky Czekaj-Dengler
E.M.: Esther J., Connie B., Chris D., Sr. Anna Maria
Servers: Lucas P., Jaxon F., volunteer
Cantor: Phil Brown

Candles this Week



St. Pius X

Sanctuary– Ann Lubovinsky– Jim & Janice Scekeres

Blessed Mother– Thelma Porterfield– Connie & Charley

St. Joseph– Mary Beth Meader– John & Sandy DiPasquale
and family

Our Lady of Czestochowa– John Wawrzyniak– John &
Sandy DiPasquale and family

Visitation

Sanctuary– Ed & Michaeline Pytlak– family

Blessed Mother– Don & Dolores Gorton– niece, Diane
Miller

St. Joseph– Paul Kostyo, Jr.– sister, Carol

Madonna & Child– Tom Stepansky– Veronica Kubasky



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*Notes from our Pastor,
Fr. Paul:*



BACK TO SCHOOL PRAYER

Father of all mercies, we ask that you would bless the youngest and littlest of learners, the most helpless and powerless of persons, with Your infinite and loving mercy, granting them the strength to learn, concentrate, and act appropriately towards their teachers and fellow students.

We ask that You would watch over them, at home and at school and grant them proper direction so that they may learn of Your wonderful virtues. We ask this in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

SCHOOL BELLS ARE RINGING! Once again, summer is winding down and signals that it is time for the schools to open their doors. As our youth go off to college, high school, grade school, kindergarten or even pre-school, we want to wish them well. Hopefully, summer has been very relaxing and refreshing for you and you are ready to begin the education that will be important in your lives. We know that you have your new clothes, backpacks, lunch boxes, notebooks, pens, stereos, or refrigerators and debit/Visa cards (depending on which school you'll attend), but may you remember that the most important item to take with you is an open mind, so that it may become filled by every class and subject. Be assured of our continued prayers for a good year and may God bless you throughout 2024/2025.

SCHOOL OPENS! PLEASE DRIVE WITH CARE!

Let's remind ourselves that our children are now waiting alongside our roadways to be picked up for classes, or being dropped off at the end of the school day. They do not always exercise caution in their behavior as they should while at the bus stop. It is our responsibility as adults to be careful and responsible at all times when operating a motor vehicle. Please observe road signs and speed limits.

Let us pray for the students, parents, instructors, and all involved in our young people's education—be it elementary, high school or college—that they always remain open to the Holy Spirit.

SPOTLIGHT FROM CATHOLIC RELIEF

SERVICES Armed conflict. Political uncertainties. Communal violence. Regional insecurity in the north. Mali faces complex challenges that have exacerbated poverty and food insecurity, leading to widespread displacement and a significant crisis of internally displaced persons. The situation is made worse because of the Malian government's limited resources in providing basic services and security across the entire territory. Thousands of people—mothers, fathers, children and elderly—continue to leave their homes in search of a safe place to shelter as they wait indefinitely for an opportunity to return home.

In the meantime, as families look for a sense of normalcy in a life turned completely upside down, people's basic needs are very real: shelter, food, water, healthcare, and money. Despite insecurity and logistical challenges reducing access to those most in need, Catholic Relief Services, local partners and the Malian government are providing a range of emergency assistance and protection to displaced persons and vulnerable communities across Mali through the Emergency Rapid Response Mechanism (ERRM) Kisili 6 Project (2024-2026), funded by USAID's Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance (BHA). The project provides life-saving assistance to vulnerable households and communities in Mali. Visit www.crs.org for more information and to see how you can help!

CHOIR NEWS "To Sing is to Pray Twice" (Modified from St. Augustine) As you know, music is an integral part of our celebration at Mass. It's more than just the song that we sing as the presider comes down the aisle or as the gifts are presented at the altar, or as we come forward to receive Communion. The hymns are carefully chosen to complement the Scripture, inviting each of us to take a more active role in each Liturgy. From my seat at the chair each week, I hear some very strong and beautiful voices. If you are one of these voices and would like to join our ministry, this is the time! If you have any interest at all in serving as cantor or in joining our adult choir, consider if this ministry is your best way to serve your Parish. Choir info is included in this bulletin, or you may call the parish office for details.

In & Around Our Neighborhood...



CALLING ALL SINGERS!! Choir practice will resume on **Thursday, September 5th at 7:00 p.m.** at St. Pius X!! We will meet in

the church. If you enjoy singing and would like to serve God, please join us! New members are welcome!! Keep in mind that you will need your clearances. Thank you!

Reflecting on God's Word

By now, just about all of summer has been unwrapped and spent. As the season drains away and summer's light dims, so too grows the realization that the busy work of life must soon be taken up in earnest once more. Once more the realization returns that life calls us seriously to particular autumn cares. No matter how fearful or challenging, each of us must follow that inner voice or else sense that life will have become less.

Such was the story of Jeremiah, who found himself prophet to the Hebrew people. He sensed an inner call to speak God's word against the nation's political alliances and against the king's penchant to trust in military machines. As a result Jeremiah found himself tossed into a well. Yet he remained committed. It is also the story of Jesus, who came with truth as a walking stick and the kingdom as seeds of life to be scattered and sown. He also knew full well that few would walk where he would walk or choose to feed on what he would sow. Yet he would not back away from what he was about.

Such a willingness to stretch ourselves into the unknown is part of that mysterious list of things that make us human. At such times we walk in the shadow of Jesus as he leads into new ways of being human. Seldom, if ever, is it without struggle or even pain, yet it is then that we begin to gain a fuller sense of who we truly are, and it is then that through us God brings the world to something new.

BLESSED, If you have sight, you are blessed. If you have insight, you are a thousand times blessed.

~Anonymous



WHAT IS OCIA? The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults is the process through which most adults and older children become full members of the Catholic Church today. This process of coming to faith was reinstated in the Church

after the Second Vatican Council and is mandated for use in all Catholic Churches in the United States. **WHO IS IT FOR?** The OCIA process is for all those who have never been baptized in the Christian faith, for those who were baptized in another Christian tradition or for those who were baptized as a Catholic but never completed their sacraments. **WHAT DOES IT CONSIST OF?** The OCIA process is a series of weekly gatherings where we explore the Catholic faith through information sharing and bringing to the session our own life experience. We find in the teachings of the Church the way in which we, as faithful and informed members of the faith, can live out our lives. On Sundays, we meet after having shared in the Liturgy of the Word. We continue to "break open" the Word of God in order to find its meaning and relevance to our daily lives. This process continues until the Easter Vigil, when new members are welcomed into the Church throughout the world. **IS IT A LOT OF WORK?** The answer is **YES!** But we promise that there will be lots of welcoming, excited people ready to journey with you and to help whenever and however we can. And isn't your eternal life with God worth this time? **IS IT TOO LATE TO START?** Absolutely not! It is **NEVER** too late to begin the journey. If you or someone you know would like to look into the Catholic faith, please call Mary at 724-961-1094.

INQUIRY CLASSES The first stage of our OCIA program will be beginning soon. If you know of anyone who might be interested in finding out more about the Catholic faith, please encourage them to come to the inquiry classes. For more information, call Mary at 724-961-1094.



THIS TUESDAY, AUGUST 27, IS THE FEAST DAY OF ST. MONICA, married woman (332-387).

Monica was born in northern Africa, in what is now the country of Algeria. Her parents were Christian, and she took her faith seriously. But she had one grave problem growing up. In the world where Monica lived, pagans and Christians lived side by side. Her parents arranged for her to marry a pagan man named Patricius. He had a hot temper and his idea of marriage didn't include being faithful to his wife. After many years of patience and love on Monica's part, Patricius became a Christian shortly before he died.

Monica had much less success with her son, Augustine (August 28). Though brought up as a

Christian, he stole, cut classes, lied, and engaged in casual sex. Monica tried to interest her son in a Christian way of life. But with her attempts to control him, she probably drove him even further from a peaceful and holy life. She asked a wise bishop to convince Augustine that his ways were wrong, but the bishop replied that only prayer could help. Monica prayed, and in time she was able to give Augustine's future completely over to God. At the age of 28, Augustine was baptized. He would go on to become a great voice within the church. Mother and son began a joyful spiritual friendship. But only a few years later, Monica became ill unexpectedly and died far from home.

Augustine, who was traveling with her at the time, was struck by the trust in God she had gained through her struggles. He later said that she had shown no fear of dying in a strange place. Monica was sure that God, who is always near, would know where to find her body on judgment day.

MEN: ARE YOU READY TO ACCEPT THE CHALLENGE?

Our communities need strong Catholic men to answer the call to lead with faith, protect our families, serve others and defend our values. For over 100 years, the Knights of Columbus has done exactly that, standing up for the Church, serving the least among us, and strengthening our parishes and families. Eligible Catholic men can now join the Knights of Columbus online in a simple, streamlined process. As a member, you join a worldwide community of nearly two million men who stand together. Men have a duty to lead, protect, serve and defend. Visit kofc.org/joinus to learn more about the benefits of membership in the Knights of Columbus.



Please pray for our recently deceased, especially Patricia Bert Croke. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

Join us every Wednesday to pray the rosary for peace: 11:30 a.m. at St. Pius X.

OUR PRAYER LIST:

Zippy, Mike Curci, Arthur & Joann Kiliany, Liam R., Luca I., Tom O'Brocto, Sr., Irene, Stephen H., Blue, Lisa C., Terri Griffith, Mike Hauser, Sharon Golobish, Ronald Burke, Janet, John, Annette Phillips, Flo M., Lisa, Lucius, Stanley P., Steven Kitko, Louann Y., Peggy, Sharon & Russ Gonda, Mike, Patty & Dan Gonos, Pat, Bill, Connie Zemba, Ray B., Andrew, Bob Sandzimier, Fetti Kramarski, Joann L., Knox, Phillip, Baby Parker, Greg Pfeifer, Ken Keslar, Jen, Dwayne Thomas, Mary Rose, David Gillott, Patricia Burke, Carol K., Frank Chain, David, Gene, Edward P., Elizabeth E., Don Seder, Colleen, Jeff, William Pakulski, Kathi Kappel, Danny & Elaine Kurpiel, Brenda, Dorinda O., Patty, Gary French & family, Paul, Mike Ruszkowski, Liz, Brenda, Paul, Barry Stanziana, Kitty Jensen, Donna Zemba, Ryan Snyder & family, Margie, Sue Ruszkowski, Jeff Kiral, Isaac Donaldson, Susan Shafley, Ken E., Jennie Ann Hurt, Julia, Beth, Margaret Fox, Corinne M., Laurie Deery, Susie Wiltrout, C. R., Nancy P., Brian McLaughlin, Mike H., Terri Ferko, Ron D., Eileen S., Bill Vance, Laurie, Fr. Greg Premoshis, Fr. John Moineau, Janey, Linda G., Mary Keto, Susan, Jim G., Pam, Karen, Amanda Dennis, Jadon Michael Kalp, Denise Mastro, Rita, Kim, Mike Kristoff family, Natalie & family, James, Natalie W. & her father, Richard P. & family, Ray, Donald B., George Ozegovich, Lou Zaucha, Mark Sosko, Amber Harbak, MaryAnn, Isabel B., Elsie & Ed, Nicholas, Louise A., L.G., Logan S., Rita, Ruth, CJ, Kim, Rita, Charles C., Richard & Sally B., Elizabeth Kendi, Remington Bazzar, Alvin Jaworski, Beth, Mark S., Mercedes Isola, Georgia, Debbie Poklembo, Leo R. Rudnik, Sr., Gary Dorman, Carmen Tarasky, Louise A., Pat, Diane R., Patricia Skero, Michael Tarasky, Sr., Logan, Angela Hurt, LeeEtta, Chuck, Christie, Malachi, Frank & Deb Piazza, Rob & family, Mary, Artie, Loretta & Alan Ambrosa, Betty Mencer, Bridget Nitkiewicz, Dorothy Nitkiewicz, Ginny Grenda, Ray G., James P., R.J., Aggie Farcosky, Dorothy Curci, Judy F., Mike M., Mary Lou L., Dolores O'Brocto, Agnes Rerko, Chrissy Lejeune, John DiPasquale, Bertie Zaucha, Anita F., Christina T., Joan L., Rosemary Carolen, Margie D., Tom & Linda Goodlin



Please pray for those actively serving in our armed forces:

*Captain Jonathan Lang, USMC
Stephen Shallenberger
Jacob & Alex Shafley
Drew Sheldon
James Dzurica
Jared Yester*



May God guide & protect them always.

DONATE TO FAITH FORMATION!

What do we need and why?

We're building the Atrium (classrooms) for our Montessori style program. **In that program, we use all-natural (glass, wood, metal, etc) materials as models for real world objects (such as chalices, patens, vestments, etc).** If you have any of the items listed below (or similar ones), or can make some, PLEASE consider donating to our program!

Please remember: all items will be used by young children, so should small children sized!

Things we need:

- tiny, small, and medium bowls
- tiny, small, and medium pitchers
- large shell
- model altar cloths
- tiny, small, and medium tongs
- model vestments
- utensils (particularly spoons)
- small ironing board and iron
- cups
- wooden clipboards
- candles (white, purple, green, red)
- small wooden tables
- custom carpentry (liturgical calendar, word signs)
- custom drawing (sacramentals, etc)
- boxes and containers
- animal bones (shells, skeleton fragments)
- non-US tender coins

Carpenters, Seamstresses, Crafters, etc:

If you are willing to donate your time and/or materials to help us make certain items, PLEASE reach out!

Bring items to St. John the Baptist office.

OR your own parish office! THANK YOU!

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Weekly Offering- August 11, 2024

Visitation Parish

Weekly.....	\$4,572.50
Capital Improvements.....	\$90
Growing.....	\$161
Accent.....	\$215.50
Assumption.....	\$105
Catholic University.....	\$15
Online giving.....	\$1,145
Total envelopes: 205	

St. Pius X Parish

Weekly.....	\$5,732
Capital improvements.....	\$55
Accent.....	\$159
Assumption.....	\$17
Online giving.....	\$730
Total envelopes: 203	

Thank you for your generosity!



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FAITH FORMATION BEGINS!
Sunday, August 25!
 Religious Ed. Mass starts 9/8/24
 Religious Ed. Dinner starts 9/8/24
 Register Now! Open until 9/30/24
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The Labor Day Mass on Monday, September 2nd, will be at 9 a.m. at St. Pius X. This Mass on Labor Day is a way of giving God thanks for the work of our hands, building up Christ's kingdom on Earth.



The *Visitation Christian Mothers* acknowledged their 75th Anniversary on August 4th at the 8:30 a.m. Mass. Those that attended were uplifted with Fr. Paul's recognition and Blessings given to the Confraternity members, both past and present. The following ladies were inducted during the service: Monica Bell, Jennifer Cardellino, Leah Cook, Margie DePalma, Lindsay Grenda, Maureen Herczyk, Esther Jones, Donna Marie Keslar, Cheryl Mascia, Karen McCune, Melanie Pakulski, Melinda Powell, and Christine Walker. A heartfelt welcome and congratulations are extended to all of them!

Of note: A second induction will occur on Thursday, September 19, as the August 4th date did not work for all interested in joining. Hence, if you are still interested in becoming a member, please let me know by Friday, September 13. Thanks very much. *Jan Brooks*



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