



# Church of st. Pius X



## 2019 Guide Book & Directory

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Dear Parishioner,

On behalf of the parish staff and community, I am happy you are a part of our parish family!

Since its founding in 1954, just weeks after Pope Pius X was canonized a saint; the Church of St. Pius X has adopted the papal motto as our own “Restore All Things in Christ”. We now strive to live out that motto by bringing the healing love of Jesus into every encounter we have, starting when we gather and receive Him at St. Pius X and then by carrying His love into all of our daily interactions with others outside of church.

The 2019 *Guidebook and Directory* you hold in your hands is a helpful tool in coming to know more fully all that our parish offers. It contains information about our parish, our Mass times, including the increasingly popular Sunday 7:30 p.m. Mass, the Sacraments, our regional school (Frassati Catholic Academy: [www.frassati-wbl.org](http://www.frassati-wbl.org)), our Faith Formation program, Outreach and Pastoral Care programs, stewardship, and about our customs and practices. It also includes a directory of the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of our registered members; a very convenient way to facilitate encounters of Christian love with fellow parishioners.

We as a parish are always looking for ways to communicate with you and know what’s on your mind. If you have any questions or comments, please contact the parish office or e-mail us at [Questions@churchofstpiousx.org](mailto:Questions@churchofstpiousx.org). For more information, visit us at our website:

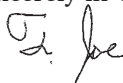
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It is my hope that this Guidebook and Directory will help you to feel more a part of our parish. We appreciate your gifts of time, talent and treasure to our community as we journey together toward restoration in Jesus Christ.

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Sincerely in Christ,



Fr. Joseph J. Bambenek  
Pastor, St. Pius X

## Mission Statement

*Founded in 1954, St. Pius X Catholic Church of White Bear Lake is based on Pope Pius X's papacy theme, "To Restore All Things in Christ."*

*The people of St. Pius X build on this theme by actively participating in Eucharistic worship, prayer and the Sacraments. We promote social justice and provide Catholic education for all members. We proclaim the Gospel message for all to hear and welcome the community at large.*

**Parish Office**..... 651-429-5337  
8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Monday-Friday

**Frasatti School Office** ..... 651-429-7771  
7:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, August-June

**Faith Formation Office**..... 651-762-3634  
9:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. M, T, Th. 12:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. W August-May  
June & July Summer Hours: Call for availability.

**Parish website: [www.churchofstpiousx.org](http://www.churchofstpiousx.org)**

## Parish Staffing

The pastor sets the vision for St. Pius X Parish, in consultation with staff and volunteers. He then delegates the practical implementation of the vision and mission to various departments. Each of these departments includes paid staff and volunteer committees. Areas include: Liturgy, Faith Formation, Frasatti Regional Catholic School, Pastoral Outreach, and Administration Services. For a detailed listing of staff, please check the parish website. If you would like to volunteer in any capacity, please contact our volunteer coordinator, Suzie Schulte at 651-762-3632 or [sschulte@churchofstpiousx.org](mailto:sschulte@churchofstpiousx.org).

## Church of St. Pius X A Brief History

St. Pius X Parish was founded on June 19, 1954. The parish is bounded on the east by the Washington County line, on the south by Interstate 694, on the west by the Northern Pacific Railroad (Highway 61), and on the north by South Shore Boulevard.

The first Mass was offered on June 20, 1954, for about 200 families. St. Pius X has built a church, a school, a school addition, community meeting rooms and office space addition, and purchased a rectory.

We have grown from 200 families to approximately 1300 families. Our church was remodeled in 1992 to better serve our expanded membership. The education space was expanded in 2002 to better serve the school and faith formation program and to provide space for a pre-school program. Our annual budget sustains our worship, our administration and maintenance, religious education programs, and a Outreach and Pastoral Care program.

We invite you to join in the growth of our Christian community through:

- faithful and active participation in our Eucharistic celebrations and sacramental life
- support and use of our faith formation programs
- sharing Christ's love with others by involvement in various apostolic services and participation in parish community life
- financial support of the parish ministry

Further details of all these aspects of parish life are given in this guidebook.

All these activities since 1954 express our determination, then and now, to live out the motto of Pope St. Pius X, our patron:

**“To Restore all Things in Christ”**

## **Celebration of the Eucharist Weekend Liturgies**

Saturday (Mass of Anticipation) .....	4:00 p.m.
Sunday Mass .....	8:45 a.m., 10:30 a.m. & 7:30 p.m.
1st Saturday Mass .....	8:00 a.m.

## **Weekday Liturgies**

Monday-Friday .....	8:00 a.m.
Wednesday .....	6:30 p.m.

## **Holy Days**

Holy days of obligation in the United States are as follows:

<b>January 1</b> .....	Solemnity of Mary
<b>August 15</b> .....	Assumption of Mary
<b>November 1</b> .....	All Saints
<b>December 8</b> .....	Immaculate Conception of Mary
<b>December 25</b> .....	Christmas

See the bulletin or our website ([www.churchofstpiousx.org](http://www.churchofstpiousx.org)) for Mass times on holy days. The obligation to attend Mass on a holy day is waived if it falls on a Saturday or Monday, except for the Immaculate Conception and Christmas.

**Assistive Hearing Devices** are available for purchase through the Pastoral Outreach Department for those who have trouble hearing what is being said at Mass. Visitors are welcome to sign out an assistive hearing device to use at weddings, funerals, etc. Please contact an usher for assistance.

**Eucharistic Adoration** is held in our chapel (on the north side of the church) starting at 11:30 a.m. on Sundays and continuing until 3:45 p.m. on Saturdays, except between 10:00 p.m. Thursday to 7:00 a.m. Friday. As additional committed adoration participants sign up, the hours will be expanded. Our hope is to have perpetual adoration.

## Celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation

**Individual Reconciliation** is offered Thursday and Friday from 8:45-9:00 a.m., Saturday evening from 5:00-6:00 p.m. (except Holy Saturday), Sunday evening from 7:00-7:20 p.m., the First Saturday of the month following the 8:00 a.m. Mass or by appointment with the Pastor.

**Communal Reconciliation** services are offered during Advent and Lent each year. Watch the bulletin and our website for dates and times. Communal services include: prayer together, individual confession of sins and absolution.

*An Assistive Hearing Device is available for use in the Reconciliation room for those who have trouble hearing the priest. Please feel free to use the headphone if needed. Just tell the priest you are using the hearing system.*

## The Sacraments

### Baptism



Parents wishing to have a child baptized must live within the Parish boundaries, be registered members of our parish, or obtain permission from their parish pastor. Parents are expected to attend a preparation program prior to the baptism.

**Adults** wishing to be baptized or join the Catholic Church should contact the Parish or Faith Formation offices to begin the program of preparation called the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA).

### Confirmation

Registration for the Confirmation process begins in the fall of ninth grade. Students, parents, and sponsors are required to attend orientation as the students prepare to enter the program. All candidates must complete the eighth grade curriculum in Frassati Catholic Academy or Faith Formation prior to entering Confirmation. The preparation process will include retreats, service experiences, and the completion of core components which will be offered one Sunday per month, October to May.



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Students are required to be registered/attend High School Faith Formation or Catholic School religious education courses. More information is available on the parish website at [www.churchofstpiusx.org/liturgy-scraments/confirmation/](http://www.churchofstpiusx.org/liturgy-scraments/confirmation/)

**Adults** wishing to be confirmed should contact the Parish or Faith Formation offices.

### **First Reconciliation and First Eucharist**

Preparation for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist usually occurs during a child's second grade year. Participation in grade one classes is highly recommended to set a foundation for learning about these sacraments. All participants (Faith Formation and Frassati Catholic Academy) must register through the Faith Formation Office. Participation in parent meetings and parent/child retreats is required. Children must also be registered either in Faith Formation or Frassati Academy/another Catholic school.

**Adults and older children** who have not received either First Reconciliation or First Eucharist should contact the Parish or Faith Formation offices.

### **Anointing of the Sick**

If an individual wishes to be anointed because of illness, age, or impending surgery please contact the Parish Office. We offer Anointing of the Sick Services twice a year at St. Pius X. Watch our bulletin for details regarding Anointing of the Sick prayer services.

### **Marriage**

Couples wishing to be married at St. Pius X should contact the Pastor at least six months in advance of the desired wedding date to begin a time of sacramental preparation. As required by Church Law, Catholics approaching this sacrament must be baptized and should be confirmed. At least one member of the couple should be a member of our parish.

### **Holy Orders**

Any unmarried man interested in studying for the priesthood and any married or unmarried man interested in studying for the diaconate should contact the Pastor.

### **Rite of Christian Initiation of Children (RCIC)**

Children and youth who desire Baptism or have participated in minimal formal Faith Formation and wish to complete their initiation sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation are invited to participate in this special program. Study includes an overview of Catholic teachings, traditions and sacramental preparation. Family involvement is encouraged. Contact our Elementary Coordinator or the Parish Office for more information.

### **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)**

This program is for any non-Catholic adult wishing to learn more about the Catholic faith or for Catholic adults missing Sacraments of First Reconciliation, Eucharist, or Confirmation. Study includes an overview of Catholic teachings, traditions, and sacramental preparation. Participants enter the Catholic Church and receive their Sacraments at the Easter Vigil. Please contact the Faith Formation Office for details on this process.

## **Frassati Catholic Academy**

Frassati Catholic Academy is developing an innovative way to deliver Catholic education. STREAM (Science-Technology-Religion-Engineering-Arts-Math) is the program concept for a new regional Catholic school in White Bear Lake, MN. The parishes of St. Pius X and St. Mary of the Lake are sponsoring this new regional school model that opened the fall of 2014. It is a similar program to many STEM schools; however, we plan to differentiate our program by incorporating professional art and faith formation into our regular curriculum in addition to the STEM courses.

### **Mission Statement**

Frassati Catholic Academy is dedicated to educating students in a nurturing environment grounded in that Catholic Tradition, inspiring a love of learning, and empowering students to grow in faith while sharing their gifts for the common good.

Contact the School Office at 651-429-7771 for more information about Frassati Catholic Academy.

## **Faith Formation Program**

### **General**

The Catholic Church recognizes that the family has primary responsibility for the religious education of their children. It is within family life that children learn about God, love for others, share prayer, learn about sacrifice and service, and celebrate sacraments together. The Faith Formation staff at St. Pius X works in partnership with families to strengthen and provide well-rounded Catholic faith formation for our young people. The teachings and activities in education classes extend and support what is being experienced within the family.

### **Special Needs**

Please make an appointment early (before classes start) with the coordinator, so plans can be developed to meet your child's unique needs in our program and provide you with ongoing support.



### **Elementary Faith Formation (Grades K-5)**

Elementary Formation classes are held on Wednesday at 5:15-6:20 p.m. and 7:15-8:30 p.m. Classroom lessons are enhanced and Christian Community built through participating in Masses, group prayer, and Reconciliation as part of our yearly calendar of events. Totus Tuus summer formation program is available for students entering Grades 1-5 in the fall.

### **Sacramental Classes for 3rd Grade and Above**

Students in grade 3 and above who desire and need preparation for First Reconciliation/First Eucharist are required to participate in special sacramental classes designed especially for older students. These classes are in addition to appropriate grade level Faith Formation classes. Contact the Elementary Coordinator for more information and to schedule classes.

### **Middle School Faith Formation (Grades 6-8)**

Middle School Formation classes are held on Wednesday evenings from 7:15-8:30 p.m. Sessions include small and large group teachings, Mass, reconciliation, prayer and retreats. Students work and share with the same group of boys or girls and the same small group leader throughout grades 6-8. The Eighth grade curriculum is a prerequisite for the Confirmation Preparation process.

### **High School Formation (Grades 9-12)**

High School Faith Formation is the place to be every Wednesday from 7:15-8:30 p.m. The program is designed to engage teens in their faith as they grow in knowledge and understanding of the teachings of the Catholic Church.

### **High School Discipleship Groups (DGroups)**

After being Confirmed, teens are invited to participate in a Discipleship Group (D-Group). Groups use materials from YDisciple, which pairs six to eight youth with two to three adult mentors who help facilitate a discussion on topics about faith and life. As a group, they establish trust, faith sharing, and accountability, and provide guidance to the teens as they grow in their relationship with Jesus. The core principles of Discipleship groups are: relational, relevant and parent driven. D-Groups also meet the five fundamental needs of teenagers: the need to be understood, the need to belong, the need to be transparent, the need to engage in critical thinking and the need for guidance. Teens are split into groups based on gender and age; we currently have several groups meeting at different times throughout the week. For more information or to join a group, contact the Faith Formation office.



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### **Youth Activities**

St. Pius X Parish provides organized activities for all parish youth in grades 6-12 and young adults. These activities include faith-based trips, special events, leadership training, service learning, retreats, mission trips, Totus Tuus, and FIREPROOF Music Ministry.

Contact the Faith Formation Office, check the church website, and look on the Faith Formation bulletin boards for more information.

### **Adult Enrichment and Formation**

Recognizing that faith formation is a lifelong process, a variety of opportunities for adults to explore their faith is offered throughout the year. Current programs include Bible Studies, Catechism classes for adults, and practical Catholic living classes. Some of our Adult Enrichment offerings are in partnership with our parish Outreach and Pastoral Care Office. For information about Adult Enrichment opportunities contact the Faith Formation Office or check the parish website. Look for fliers and bulletin announcements throughout the year for many different opportunities in adult enrichment.

### **Shared Ministry/Volunteers**

We ask that each family prayerfully consider ministry gifts and talents they would enjoy sharing. We serve approximately 130 students and need many catechists, classroom assistants, substitutes, support team members, chaperones, special event helpers, drivers for off-site activities, and Confirmation/RCIA sponsors to make Faith Formation each week an Amazing faith filled experience!

## **Outreach and Pastoral Care Department**

Jesus calls us to actively minister to each other by living out the Works of Mercy. Through our answer to His call we, as a parish family, reach out to those in need and utilize parishioner talents to serve others within our parish and to extend the healing love of Jesus to members of our White Bear Lake community. Additionally, our Catholic faith has a rich tradition embodied in the Seven Themes of Catholic Social Justice Teaching.

***Corporal Works of Mercy:*** Feed the hungry, Give drink to the thirsty, Clothe the naked, Visit the imprisoned, Shelter the homeless, Visit the sick, Bury the dead.

***Spiritual Works of Mercy:*** Teach the ignorant, Give advice or counsel, Comfort those who suffer, Be patient with others, Forgive those who hurt you, Correct those who need it, Pray for the living and dead.

**Seven Themes of Catholic Social Teaching:** Dignity of the Human Person, Community and the Common Good, Rights and Responsibilities, Option for the Poor, Dignity of Work, Solidarity, Care for God's Creation.

The Outreach and Pastoral Care Department at the Church of St. Pius X assists our pastor in providing pastoral care for those in spiritual, physical, psychological or emotional need.

## Outreach and Pastoral Care Ministries

A Community Caring For Life (ACCL) is a locally administered Archdiocesan program assisting those experiencing a difficult or unplanned pregnancy and offers assistance with practical needs related to raising children, and may financially assist families in a difficult or unplanned pregnancy. ACCL sponsors our Mentoring outreach program.

**Circle of Giving** - The holidays may be especially challenging for families facing financial difficulties. Through the assistance of generous parishioners, this ministry assists parish families with Christmas gifts.

### **Services to Those Who Are Homebound, Hospitalized or Living in a Nursing Home**

Data privacy laws prevent hospitals and nursing homes from releasing information without the patient's specific request to do so, making it important for you or your family to inform the parish of your situation; otherwise, the parish will be unaware of your illness or placement in a care facility and will be unable to provide pastoral care and/or sacraments. *We also request those who are ill or homebound to pray for the parish.* Following are services available to those who are ill or homebound:

**Eucharist Ministry in the Home** – We strive to ensure every homebound parishioner has access to the Sacraments; including Reconciliation, weekly reception of the Eucharist, and Anointing of the Sick.

**Hospital Eucharistic Ministers** - St. Pius X Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion bring Communion to Patients at St. Johns Hospital every Monday.

**Nursing Home Visitors** - Volunteers are available to visit parishioners who are a resident at local nursing homes.

**Home Prayer Ministry** - We invite all who are homebound, hospitalized, or living in a nursing home, to pray for the St. Pius X community.

*Prayer for Spiritual Support for Our Parish*

Please Lord; bless our pastor and the St. Pius X Church community, that all will remain strong in faith, listen with an open heart and complete the work God has given us to do. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

**Mentor Ministry** - trained volunteers are matched with parishioner to meet on a one-to-one basis. The mentor's role is to be someone individuals can talk to confidentially, be supportive, listen, and assist you with life's challenges.

**Funeral Planning** – we meet with families to guide them through the initial stages and processes of grieving the death of a loved one by creating a funeral service to help them start the healing process.

**Bereavement Ministry** - We offer individual pastoral care for those who have recently experienced the death of a loved one, in addition to our Companions in Grief support group in partnership with St. Mary of the Lake. Bereaved families also receive regular mailings on the grieving process for the first year following the death. Our Youth Service Ministry Team (YSM) hosts an annual In Memory Prayer Service each November.

**Emergency Assistance Funds** - Financial assistance is available through a small grant, loan or combination grant/loan to meet needs such as food, clothing, gas, etc. To request support, contact a member of the Pastoral Outreach Department.

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**Depression Awareness Ministry** - provides information and support about depression and/or other brain diseases through an annual presentation and individual referrals

**Cancer and Long-term Illness Ministry** - offers informative programs, referrals and assistance to people whose lives have been touched by long-term and/or terminal illness. CareNotes are available outside the Adoration Chapel and at the Outreach Center located outside Community Room A.

**Called and Gifted** – through this discernment series, participants learn which Charisms the Holy Spirit blessed them with at their baptism, and how to use these Charisms in the service to others.

**Military Service Support Ministry (MSSM)** - We are a military-friendly community! We pray for our troops and their families daily. If you have a family member serving in the military we would like you to notify us so we may pray for that person and add him/her to our Military Wall of Honor.

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**Prayer and Care Shawl Ministry** - St. Pius X is blessed with dedicated volunteers who create Prayer and Care shawls for anyone in need of comfort. While creating these shawls, volunteers pray for the comfort and grace of our Lord cover unknown recipients. Our pastor blesses each of the shawls prior to distributing them. The shawls are meant as a physical means of comfort and symbol of God’s loving presence. If you or someone you know would like a Prayer and Care Shawl, please contact a member of the Pastoral Care Department.

**Rosary Makers** - We have an active group of volunteers who gather to create handmade rosaries. Some are located at the end of each pew, others near the information center, while others make their way around the world. The group meets the first Friday of the month September through May, immediately following the 8:00 a.m. Mass.



**The Gathering** - In partnership with Lyngblomsten Health Care organization, St. Pius X is part of the Northeast Consortium, providing weekly respite care for families living with early to mid-term dementia.

**Habitat for Humanity Team** - As a member of the ecumenical coalition “The Roof Raisers” since 2002, we have an active community of volunteers who help build a home with Habitat for Humanity each summer.

**Paint-A-Thon** - In conjunction with the Hearts and Hammers, the St. Pius X Pastels have been painting the home of a local senior citizen since 1990 on the first Saturday in August.

**White Bear Lake Emergency Food Shelf Support** - We transport food donations from Church of St. Pius X to the White Bear Lake Area Emergency Food Shelf on a weekly basis. We also coordinate annual food drive during the month of March with “Project Replenish”.

**Free Little Pantry** - is located in front of the parish rectory on Oak Knoll St. Non-perishable food items may be placed in the Free Little Pantry, or taken as needed.

**Respect Life Committee** - the mission of this committee is to raise awareness of Church teachings on the respect of all life from conception to natural death.



**Youth Service Ministry (YSM) Team-** is comprised of up to ten high school students who are in Confirmation preparation or are already confirmed. The YSM team leads parish wide opportunities to develop a personal relationship with God through living out the Works of Mercy.

**Volunteering Pastoral Outreach Ministries** - call the parish office at 651-429-5337 to speak with a staff member from the Outreach and Pastoral Care Department. Our ministries are only possible through the efforts of volunteers like yourself.

God is calling each of us to serve others in various ways; below you will find areas within the Pastoral Outreach Departments for you to use your talents to support others through volunteer work.

## Financial Stewardship

Stewardship invites each Catholic, young and old, married and unmarried, to ask, “In what practical way can I show God that I trust Him and that I want to deepen my confidence in Him? In what way can I be more joyful in my use of money and material things?” Stewardship is simply a practical way of giving back to God the first fruits of our labor. The weekly envelopes and electronic funds transfer, via our website, provide us with a way to contribute to the parish for everyday operating expenses or capital campaign.

Our parish, along with 187 other parishes, is linked to the larger Catholic community of the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis. We provide opportunities (on behalf of the Archdiocese and the worldwide Church) for our parishioners to contribute support beyond our own parish boundaries. Such contributions are made using special (gold) envelopes in the monthly envelope packet you receive in the mail or through special collections at Mass.

Parish fund-raisers are held throughout the year, including our Winterfest Parish Festival.

## **Volunteering of our Time and Talent Both in Our Parish and in Our Community is an Expression of Stewardship**

Fundamentally, all life is a gift to us from God. What we possess is not only the product of our own efforts, but also a reflection of God's graciousness. As Jesus said, you cannot by your own effort grow a single hair on your head! Therefore, as those entrusted with gifts from God, we have an obligation to share what we have with others. We all have time, talents, and financial resources, which we can share with others in our parish community. Over five hundred persons of all ages actively volunteer at St. Pius X Church each year through our Shared Ministry Programs, contributing well over 15,000 hours of service. Shared Ministry position descriptions giving details of the specific volunteer opportunities at St. Pius X are available in the parish office and on our website. Please contact Suzie Schulte, Volunteer Coordinator at 651-762-3632 or [sschulte@churchofstpiusx.org](mailto:sschulte@churchofstpiusx.org). Some areas in which you may be able to volunteer include:

### **LITURGY AND WORSHIP - Contact the parish office 651-429-5337**

#### **Liturgy Planning and Support Committees**

Church Decorating Committee, Deacon Support Team, Vocations Committee Member, Worship Commission Member

#### **Liturgical Service Ministries**

Adult Altar Servers - daily Mass, Funerals, Youth Altar Server - weekend,  
Church Plant Caretaker, Laundry/Church Linens,  
Eucharistic Adoration - Division Leader/Hour Coordinator,  
Eucharistic Adoration Head Coordinator, Participant  
Eucharistic Minister, Sacristan, Lector, Welcoming Team,  
Ministry Scheduler, Prayer Group Coordinator,  
Marriage Preparation Mentor, Wedding Coordinator  
Musician, Jubilee Choir (4-part) Member, Sounds of Praise Choir Member, Fireproof Member, Cantor, Instrumentalist

### **FAITH FORMATION/EDUCATION - Contact Director of Faith Formation, Shawn Gutowski 651-762-3634 [sgutowski@churchofstpiusx.org](mailto:sgutowski@churchofstpiusx.org)**

#### **Faith Formation Programs - Youth and Adult**

Bible Study Facilitator, Catechist - Elementary or Middle School, Substitute Catechist, Mentor of Middle School, High School, DGroups or Confirmation, Totus Tuus Volunteer, Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) - Core Team Member

#### **Faith Formation Program Support**

Chaperone/Driver, FF Support Team Member, Hall Monitors, Hospitality Assistants, Special Event Assistant

**PASTORAL OUTREACH - Contact Director of Outreach Kim Williams 651-762-3626**

**[kwilliams@churchofstpiousx.org](mailto:kwilliams@churchofstpiousx.org)**

**Leadership Committees-Groups**

Mentors, Respect Life Committee, YSM  
Homebound Eucharistic Ministry, Hospital Eucharistic Ministry,  
Nursing Home Visitors, Home Visitors

**Ministry Programs**

“The Gathering”, CareNotes, Grandparents’ Ministry, Homebound  
Prayer Ministry, Military Service Support Ministry, Prayer Shawl  
Makers, Bereavement Ministry

**Activities**

Habitat for Humanity-Roof Raisers Coalition, Metro Paint-a-Thon-St. Pius-  
Pastels, White Bear Lake Emergency Food Shelf

**ADMINISTRATION - Contact Executive Business Administrator Bryan Zimmerman 651-429-5337**

**[bzimmerman@churchofstpiousx.org](mailto:bzimmerman@churchofstpiousx.org)**

**Parish Leadership and Committees**

Finance Committee Member, Parish Pastoral Council Member

**Hospitality**

Saturday/Sunday Social, Kitchen Laundry, Ladies’ Night Coordinator,  
Men’s Night Coordinator, Nursery Worker-Sundays

**Office Assistance**

Mailings Helper, Office Angel

**Financial, Fundraising and Marketing Assistance**

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Fish Fry Coordinator and Worker, Money Counter-Team leader, Money  
Counter-weekend collection

**MAINTENANCE - Contact Director of Maintenance**

**Brad Arntzen 651-762-3661 [barntzen@churchofstpiousx.org](mailto:barntzen@churchofstpiousx.org)**

**Buildings and Grounds Assistance**

Buildings and Grounds Committee, Church Cleaners, Garden  
Committee, Project Worker (Painter, Carpenter, etc.)

**AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS**

**Knights of Columbus Council 4145:**

The area Knights of Columbus Council sponsors breakfasts in January and October to benefit pro-life causes, a spaghetti dinner in the fall to benefit “A Community Caring For Life,” a Tootsie Roll sale in the spring to financially benefit people with disabilities, a turkey Bingo before Thanksgiving, a ham Bingo before Easter, and aluminum can collections. Contact Parish Office for information 651-429-5337

**Council of Catholic Women (CCW):**

The CCW hosts the First Friday fellowship, December Advent Morning of Reflection, guilds which meet for prayer and projects, and other Coffee and Conversation gatherings (see parish bulletin for details). Volunteer opportunities are available for all areas. Contact Parish Office for information 651-429-5337

**Boy Scouts**

Contact Parish Office for information 651-429-5337

If you would like to explore volunteering your time and talent, please call the Parish Office. Some volunteer positions require a background check and attendance at a Virtus program focusing on protection of children.

## Parish Organization

**Parish Trustees:** Church Canon Law requires parishes to have a corporate board of directors comprised of five members. The Archbishop is president of our parish board, and our pastor serves as vice president. Other members include the Vicar General of the Archdiocese and two trustees who are parish members recommended by the pastor and appointed by the Archbishop to represent the interests of our entire parish community.

**Parish Finance Committee:** Each parish must have a finance committee, which serves as a financial advisory board to the pastor and the parish trustees. This committee reviews the parish budget, financial performance and projections for parish programs, and oversees adequate resources for managing the facilities on our parish campus.

**Parish Pastoral Council:** The Parish Pastoral Council is an advisory body of parishioners established to consult with the pastor and make recommendations concerning the direction of parish programs in keeping with the mission of the parish. Eight members are elected to serve staggered two-year terms. The Pastor and Business Administrator serve in an ex-officio capacity.

**Parish Commissions:** Several commissions serve to develop and manage the various areas of ministry in the church. They are:  
**Liturgy and Worship Commission** assists in matters pertaining to worship and liturgy.

**Administrative Services** encompasses the Finance Committee, Buildings and Grounds Committee and other subcommittees that care for the physical facilities and finances of the Parish.

**Planning Commission** oversees the long-range planning, goals and objectives for the parish.

## Some Parish Customs and Practices Relating to the Mass

**Book of Prayer Intentions:** Parishioners are invited to write their prayer intentions in a book available near the statue of St. Pius X in the gathering space. Parishioners are invited to pray for these intentions.

**Children's Food Shelf Collection** – children are invited to bring up a shelf stable food item to be donated to the White Bear Lake Food Shelf during the Offertory

**Prayer After Mass:** At the conclusion of every Mass, parishioners kneel and pray an extra Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be for the next parishioner who passes away.

**First Friday Fellowship:** Following the 8:00 a.m. First Friday Mass each month from September to May, parishioners gather in the community rooms for refreshments.

**Spiritual Adoption:** Parishioners are encouraged to spiritually adopt and pray for an unborn child beginning with the Feast of the Annunciation and continuing to Christmas. Unborn babies and women who are experiencing a troubled pregnancy are especially remembered during this nine-month period. The progress of a child's development in the mother's womb is described in the parish bulletin. At Christmas, layettes are collected and donated to the Women's Life Care Center.

## Parish Activities

**Eucharistic Adoration:** A program in which parishioners sign up for at least one hour during the week to spend in prayer before Jesus in the Eucharist on exposition in our Adoration Chapel. The chapel is located on the north side of the church. Adoration begins at 11:30 a.m. on Sunday and continues until 3:45 p.m. on Saturday, except for 10:00 p.m. Thursday to 7:00 a.m. Friday. Current Adorers will be notified in case of emergency closings.

**Hospitality Weekend:** Held after all Masses in the Community Rooms, generally the second Sunday of each month September through May. Various parish organizations take turns hosting the event. Free will offerings are accepted.

**Food Shelf Collections:** Food and other staples are collected on the second Sunday of each month (and any other time) and donated to the White Bear Lake Emergency Food Shelf, an ecumenical venture started in 1976 by two women at St. Pius X. At many weekend Masses we invite children to bring forward food donations for the community. The Food Shelf serves residents of the White Bear Lake School District 624.

**Aluminum Can Collection:** Aluminum cans are collected in the parking lot for recycling on the first Sunday of each month. The profits are used to benefit the Women's Life Care Center, an ecumenical organization which originated through the efforts of St. Pius X parishioners to provide free pregnancy testing and support to persons in troubled pregnancies.

**Funeral Luncheons:** Any family having a funeral at St. Pius X may have family and friends stay after the funeral for a luncheon hosted by the parish Council of Catholic Women. The family of the deceased is encouraged to make an offering for this service.

**Winterfest:** Held annually, this is a major fund-raiser for the parish, usually held the second Weekend of February. This is a FUN event with something for everyone: children's games, Sweet Tooth booth, lots of good food, silent auction, Bingo, and drawings.

**Fish Fry:** Three "all you can eat" fish fries are held each year on three Fridays of Lent from 4:30-7:00 p.m. Proceeds from the fish fries are designated for various parish needs.

**Totus Tuus:** Held in the summer for students in grades 1-12. Adults and high school students are invited to volunteer. Call the Faith Formation Office for information.

**Wreath of Angels:** The wreath, located in the church near the Baptismal Font, commemorates babies (born and unborn) who have died.

## Parish Publications

**Parish Bulletin** is published weekly from September through May, and biweekly during the summer. Article submission for the bulletin is no later than Thursday by 2:00 p.m. the week prior. The bulletin can be mailed to homebound parishioners on request.

**Parish Website:** [www.churchofstpiousx.org](http://www.churchofstpiousx.org)-Contains information on the parish, including a calendar of events, ministry schedules and Sunday bulletins.

**Flocknote** – Sign up online <https://app.flocknote.com/spxwbl> . To receive monthly newsletters or other parish wide event emails.

**Parish Guidebook:** is published annually. Contains information on the parish and programs and names, addresses, and phone numbers of all parishioners (children are not included).

**Parish Picture Directory** is published once every 5-10 years. Pictures do include children.

If you have questions regarding parish communications, please contact Catherine Bernal 651-762-3620 [cbernal@churchofstpiousx.org](mailto:cbernal@churchofstpiousx.org)

## Social Media

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