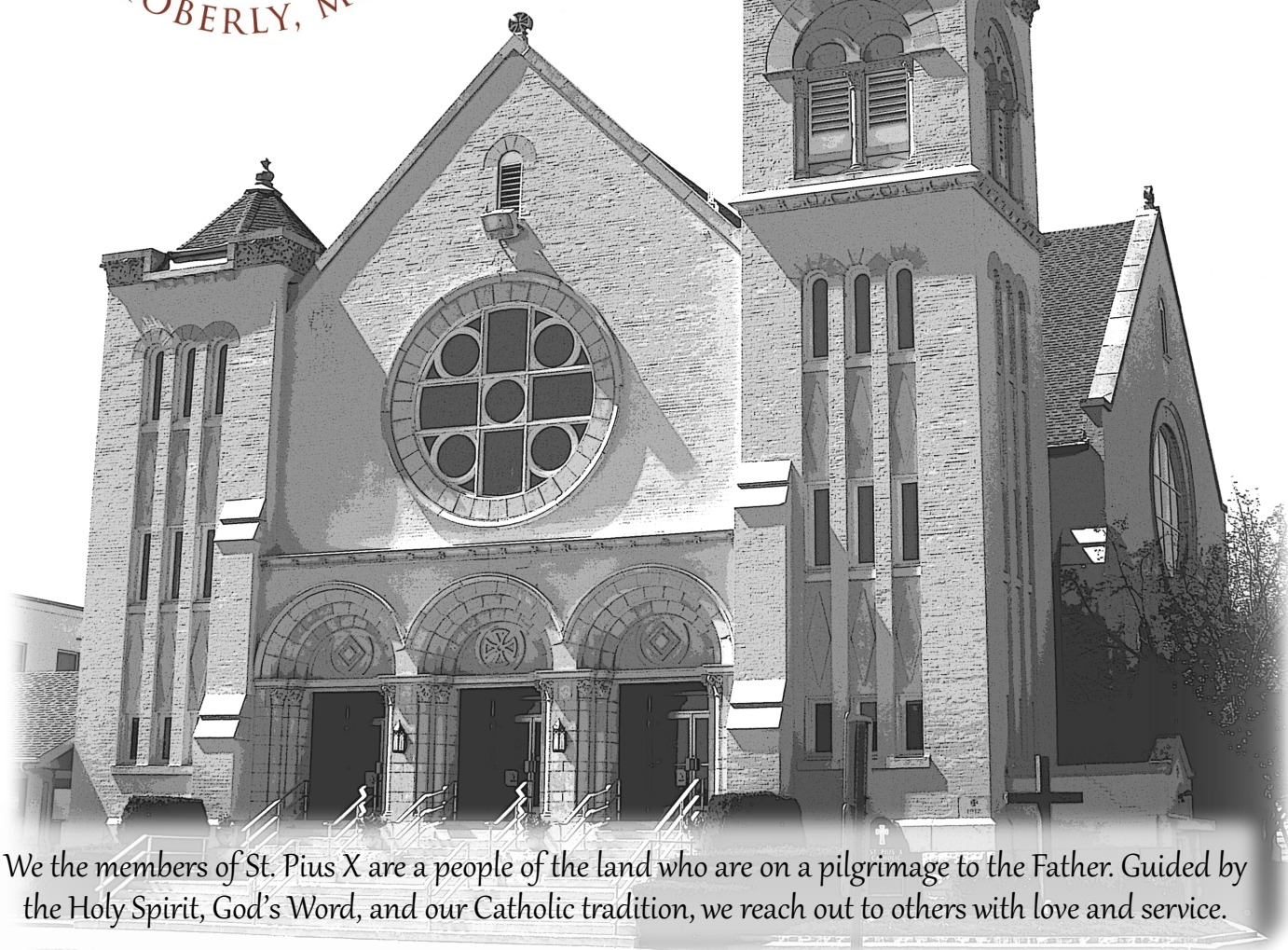




## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

"You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

January 10, 2021



We the members of St. Pius X are a people of the land who are on a pilgrimage to the Father. Guided by the Holy Spirit, God's Word, and our Catholic tradition, we reach out to others with love and service.

### PARISH STAFF

Fr. Philip Niekamp ..... Pastor  
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Paula Heath ..... Secretary  
Mike Aulbur ..... School Principal  
Johnna Schumann ..... Early Childhood

### OFFICE & GIFT SHOP HOURS

Monday-Friday ..... 9am-Noon, 1pm-4pm  
Shop the Gift Shop by appointment anytime by calling the office.

### TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Parish Office ..... 263-5243  
Rectory ..... 263-7017  
St. Pius X School ..... 263-5500  
Undercroft ..... 263-9168  
Early Childhood Center ..... 263-1840

### WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday ..... 5:15pm  
Sunday ..... 8am & 11am

### RECONCILIATION/PENANCE

Saturday ..... 4:30pm  
Sunday ..... 7:30am & 10:30am  
Anytime by appointment.

**THE BULLETIN DEADLINE IS  
TUESDAY AT NOON**

### MARRIAGES

Contact the pastor six months in advance.

### BAPTISMS

Parents should contact the Parish Office for instructions.

### BECOMING CATHOLIC / RCIA

Anyone interested in becoming Catholic, contact Samantha Rowland.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL / PREP (Parish Religious Education Program)

September-May ..... 9:30am-10:45am  
At the school. Call Samantha Rowland for information.

### VISITATION OF THE SICK

Please keep us informed that we might minister to those who are ill at home, in the hospital, or nursing care facility.

### PARISH REGISTRATION

Please call or visit the Parish Office during regular office hours.

## MASS INTENTIONS WEEK OF 01/11/21



Tues	5:30pm	†Sonie Seifer Purdy
Wed	8:00am	Debi Procopio, H&W
Thurs	8:00am	†Lyda Versluis
Fri	8:00am	†Ted Marlotte
Sat	5:15pm	†Jo Foley
Sun	8:00am	People of the Parish
Sun	11:00am	†Jim Heathman

**We are now streaming live on Facebook for All Daily and Weekend Masses!**

## MARTHAS

### January 16

Barb Knaebel	660-277-4382
Tammy Mattox	660-277-4576

### January 23

Kathy Kropf	660-263-1465
Martha Link	660-277-4672

The first person on the list calls other to set up a time to clean, and pick up the key at the Parish Office. If you are unable to be there, please find your own sub.

## CSA Weekly Update

*"A truly sacrificial gift from our first fruits is generous regardless of the amount."*  
- Bishop W. Shawn McKnight

Parish Name:	Saint Pius X Parish
Location:	Moberly
Parish Goal:	\$50,000
\$ Received:	\$53,875 (pledged)
% Goal:	108%



## PRAY FOR THE SICK

Father of Love, hear our prayer for the sick members of our community and for all who are in need. Amid their suffering may they find consolation in your healing presence. Show your mercy as You cure illness and make broken bodies whole. We ask this through the Lord Jesus who healed those who believe. Amen.

Addi Sullivan  
Aunt Noma  
Bertha Taylor  
Betty Myers  
Bill Riffel  
Bob Boots  
Brooks Burton  
Carolyn Vogler

Charles Schumann  
Connor Buxton  
David Long  
Dorothy Cater  
Dorothy Wheeler  
Elizabeth Harbal  
Erica Broekemeier  
H. Gayle Wolf

Harley Mattox  
John Bohon  
Joyce Hunter  
Kristy Ellison  
Leroy Weimer  
Libby Schumann  
Marvin Vogler  
Mary Cadmus

Pat Bush  
Pete Schumann  
Ralph Hunter  
Rebecca Goff  
Stephanie Henline  
Tina Johnson  
Tom Frost  
Valerie Foss

Vernon Sanner  
Wenceslaus Jira  
Wilma Weimer  
Willy Wryick  
Zara Lear  
Zeke Price

## STEWARDSHIP NEWS

<b>Weekly Goal</b>
\$20,781.02
<b>Monthly Goal</b>
\$83,124.08
<b>Quarterly Goal</b>
\$249,372.24
<b>Collection this week</b>
\$38,831.00
<b>Over Goal</b>
\$18,049.98

## PRAY FOR OUR SERVICE MEMBERS

Let us pray for our brothers and sisters as they go forth with courage and determination to face the forces of violence, weapons of destruction, and hearts filled with hate.



Ben Watkins  
Luke Armentrout  
Kristine Marie Kelly  
Parke Stevens  
Rick Coffman  
Samuel Peterson

Rico Hernandez  
Alaina Armentrout  
Michael Willard  
Natalie Covington  
Joshua Mosbach



## Repose of the Souls

Please pray for the repose of the souls of **Nick Hays** brother of **Barb Knaebel** and **Dan Hays**, **Steve Holman** husband of **Tempy Holman**, **Anne Orscheln**, and **Laura Belle Kathryn Darwent**, and for the comfort and consolation of their families.

**The Prayer List has been updated to start the new year, if we have removed a loved one in error, or if you have loved ones to add to this list, please call the Church office to add them to this list.**

Keep these and all of St. Pius X family members and friends in your prayers. **Call the Parish Office with updates.**



## A minute with C. S. Lewis...

AS IMAGE AND APPREHENSION ARE IN ORGANIC UNITY,  
SO, FOR A CHRISTIAN, ARE HUMAN BODY AND HUMAN  
SOUL.

~God in the Dock

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PICK OF THE WEEK

January 10, 2021

WATCH

### REBORN - EPISODE 1: A NEW CREATION

This week, as we contemplate Jesus' Baptism, dive into the mystery of the Sacrament of Baptism! Through our Reborn series, you will come to understand the deeper meaning behind your Baptism!



**LECTIO: MARK, EPISODE 2:  
PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD**  
Jesus couldn't have been baptized without a baptizer. Join Dr. Tim Gray as he explains the opening verses of Mark's Gospel that depict the ministry of John the Baptist — the man who would baptize Jesus.

LEARN

LISTEN

### CHANGED FOREVER: THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM BY FR. MIKE SCHMITZ

Renowned Catholic speaker and priest, Fr. Mike Schmitz, explores the beautiful gift of the Sacrament of Baptism. In this talk, Fr. Mike provides a wonderful presentation on the waters that give new life!



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### KNIGHT'S KORNER



January 12 - 7:00PM Meeting  
Knights of Columbus Hall  
January 26 - 7:00PM Meeting  
Knights of Columbus Hall

Stop Abortions • Pray the Rosary  
Support & Join the Knights



Date: January 17, 2021

Location: St. Pius X Gymnasium

Time: 1-3 PM

Ages: 9-14 (as of 1/1/21) Boys and Girls

Contact: Jack Pretz 660-998-1345

Sponsored by: Moberly Knights of Columbus 995



January 10, 2021 | The Baptism of the Lord

Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11 | Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9 | Mk 1:7-11

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

### GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

Those of us who are parents or godparents remember fondly the day of our child or godchild's baptism. I remember feeling the warmth from the congregation and from extended family and friends as they joined us in welcoming our beloved infant into Christ's Church. The smell of the chrism from the anointing of his head with oil, and the sound of the flowing waters served as visceral reminders of our precious child's birth into new, divine life with Jesus. Today, as we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of the Lord, we give thanks to Jesus, who at his baptism immersed himself into the enormous weight of humanity's sinfulness [while of course remaining sinless himself]. Marking the beginning of his public ministry, Jesus' baptism is the foundation for our own, inviting us to become God's own sons and daughters "in whom he is well pleased." Just as the Spirit descended upon Jesus and anointed him, the Spirit descends on us at our baptism, empowering us to follow Jesus' example and build up the kingdom of God.

### GO EVANGELIZE

#### PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Water and oil are two of the symbols of baptism, a third is the white garment [sometimes a bib placed over a small child] worn by the one being baptized. I know of a pastoral associate who embroiders the name and date of baptism on the white garments of every child or infant baptized at her large parish. As we read in the *catechism*, "The white garment symbolizes that the person baptized has 'put on Christ,' has risen with Christ." (1243) Gratitude is the proper disposition to thinking about our baptism, and the ones who brought us to it. How might our lives be different, and richer, if each morning, as we dress for the day, we pray in gratitude for the ability, and what it means, to, "put on Christ" in our daily lives?

**ACT** Express gratitude. Are your parents and godparents still alive? If so, call them or send a card thanking them for their presence at your baptism, and assure them of your prayers. If they are not alive, perhaps think of one or two people who have been there for you in your life as instruments of God's grace. And then extend your gratitude to them.



## Christmas Poinsettia Prayer List



Thank you to everyone that donated funds for the beautiful poinsettias in memory of your special loved ones. We pray for all that are listed here, as well as all those we hold within our hearts.

Bush & Hughes Families  
Cecil Hill  
Christopher Ancell  
Clarence & Loraine Schoening  
Clifford & Nadine Brown  
Deacon Dave Ritter  
Don Ancell  
Dorothy Siefer  
Earl & Helen Bose  
Earl & Helen Frechen & Family  
Frank Thieman  
Gene Bryant  
George & Agnes Burlage  
George & Geraldine Vitt  
George & JoAnn Vitt  
Helen Walley  
Herb & Lucille Schmidt  
Jack Meystrik  
Jan Wiley  
Josephine & Henry Roth  
Julia Hess  
Julius & Mabel Esch

Lawrence & Ann Gerke  
Leo & Peggy Schmidt  
Leon Shiflett  
Leonard and Bernilda Fessler  
Louise Potter  
Louise Shiflett  
Mary Margaret Moore  
Dalessandro Family  
Ralph Gerhard  
Raymond Burlage  
Rick Buxton  
Robert & Wanda Helm  
Roberta Thieman Wood  
Roberta Wood  
Stephanie Reynolds  
Schindler & Bach Families  
Ted Marlotte  
Thieman & Heddinghaus Families  
Tony Wescott  
Victor & Marguerite Reynolds  
Weinhaus Family  
Westhues Family



# FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



## Priests, Prophets, Kings

Loving Father,  
at our Baptism we were anointed  
in Christ's name  
to be priests, prophets, and kings.  
Our mission is his.  
Help us to worship you, Lord God,  
and to offer our whole lives to you.  
Embolden us to share your love  
and salvation.

Empower us to seek your kingdom  
of justice and peace.  
When the light of our faith wavers,  
and our white garments become stained  
and torn,  
cleanse us and renew your Spirit within us.  
Guide us each day along the way of your Son  
so that we, your beloved children,  
may be pleasing to you in all that we do.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Sunday, January 10, 2021**

## Our Mission

*Today's Readings: Isaiah 55:1-11; Isaiah 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; 1 John 5:1-9; Mark 1:7-11 or Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7; Psalm 29:1-2, 3ac-4, 3b, 9-10; Acts 10:34-38; Mark 1:7-11.* Jesus, in his humanity, had to discern how to best offer his life to God. He drew inspiration from the promises God had made to Israel and, through Israel, to all people—promises of prosperity, justice, and peace. Jesus may have especially identified with the mysterious servant spoken of by the prophet Isaiah. This servant bravely brings God's salvation to everyone. As John the Baptist urged people to prepare for the next stage of salvation, his words would have resonated with Jesus, who was baptized as a sign of his commitment to the mission that was taking shape within him.

Our Baptism immerses us into the life of Christ, into his earthly ministry, his sacrificial death, and his union with God the Father. As members of Christ's body, we ask ourselves, "What is my mission? For what good work has God's Spirit descended upon me?" Perhaps God is calling us to spend time with someone who is struggling. Perhaps our mission is to change an unhealthy work environment. Our mission might be to address injustice in our community. In all these ways and more, we, God's beloved children, participate in the mission of Christ. In fulfilling our mission we, too, will hear God declare that he is well pleased with us.





## THIS WEEK AND BEYOND

### The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

During Ordinary Time this year we will hear most often from the Gospel of Mark. However, the Gospel passage for the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time is always from John. Matthew, Mark, and Luke present Jesus' identity through the lens of his ministry, but John's focus is mostly on Jesus' identity as God's divine Son.

The Christmas season is filled with feast days that highlight Jesus' divinity. The passages from John's Gospel that we hear on the Second Sundays in Ordinary Time transition us from an emphasis on Jesus' identity to his public ministry. As we accompany Jesus in his ministry, today's passage reminds us to stop and spend time with the Lord so as to discover and rediscover all that he is.

### Gospel/Ignatian Contemplation

Popularized by St. Ignatius of Loyola, Gospel contemplation is a way to pray with the Scriptures. It works best with passages in which there is some action, such as a healing. Because Mark's Gospel is filled with short passages in which people are doing something, it is well suited for Gospel contemplation.

To begin, read the passage you have chosen several times. Note the people, setting, and any dialogue. Let the scene take ever clearer shape in your mind. Then imagine that you are there, in the story. You might be one of Jesus' disciples, a person in the crowd, or someone who seeks healing. Notice who is with you, what you say and do, and, most especially, how you interact with Jesus and how he interacts with you. Gospel contemplation is one way to meet our Lord in our sacred texts. It might be helpful for those who are hesitant to try it to remember that the Gospels were written so that we, like generations before us, may encounter Christ and find salvation in him.

### The Gospel of Mark

Since it contains very little teaching and few parables, the Gospel of Mark is the shortest and most fast-paced of our four Gospel accounts. It is also the darkest. The shadow of the cross looms from the first chapter as we hear Jesus begin his ministry right after John the Baptist has been arrested (1:14). Jesus' first miracle is casting out a demon, a symbol of the evil he must confront (1:21–26). Chapter 2 consists entirely of stories in which people challenge Jesus and object to his or his disciples' actions. By chapter 3 people are already plotting his death (3:6). As the Gospel continues, Jesus will face opposition from his family, the villagers of his hometown, and his disciples.

The portrait of Jesus that emerges from this threatening narrative is a Jesus who struggles and suffers. He is the messiah, but he is a suffering messiah. "Suffering messiah" is a contradiction, an oxymoron. No one expected the messiah, God's chosen one, to suffer and be killed. Christians today are so familiar with the story of Jesus' passion and death that we forget how shocking it was, how horrible and horrifying. St. Mark reminds us.

As we move through the Gospel of Mark and hear how Jesus is challenged, misunderstood, ridiculed, and physically attacked, we're reminded that true discipleship has costs. Seeking the reign of God brings us into opposition with others who either don't understand how we're trying to live or who downright reject the kingdom of God that we seek. Jesus knows this. He has been through it. He now stands with us as we continue striving for his kingdom, confronting evil in all its forms until at last he raises us up to life with him in his kingdom forever.

