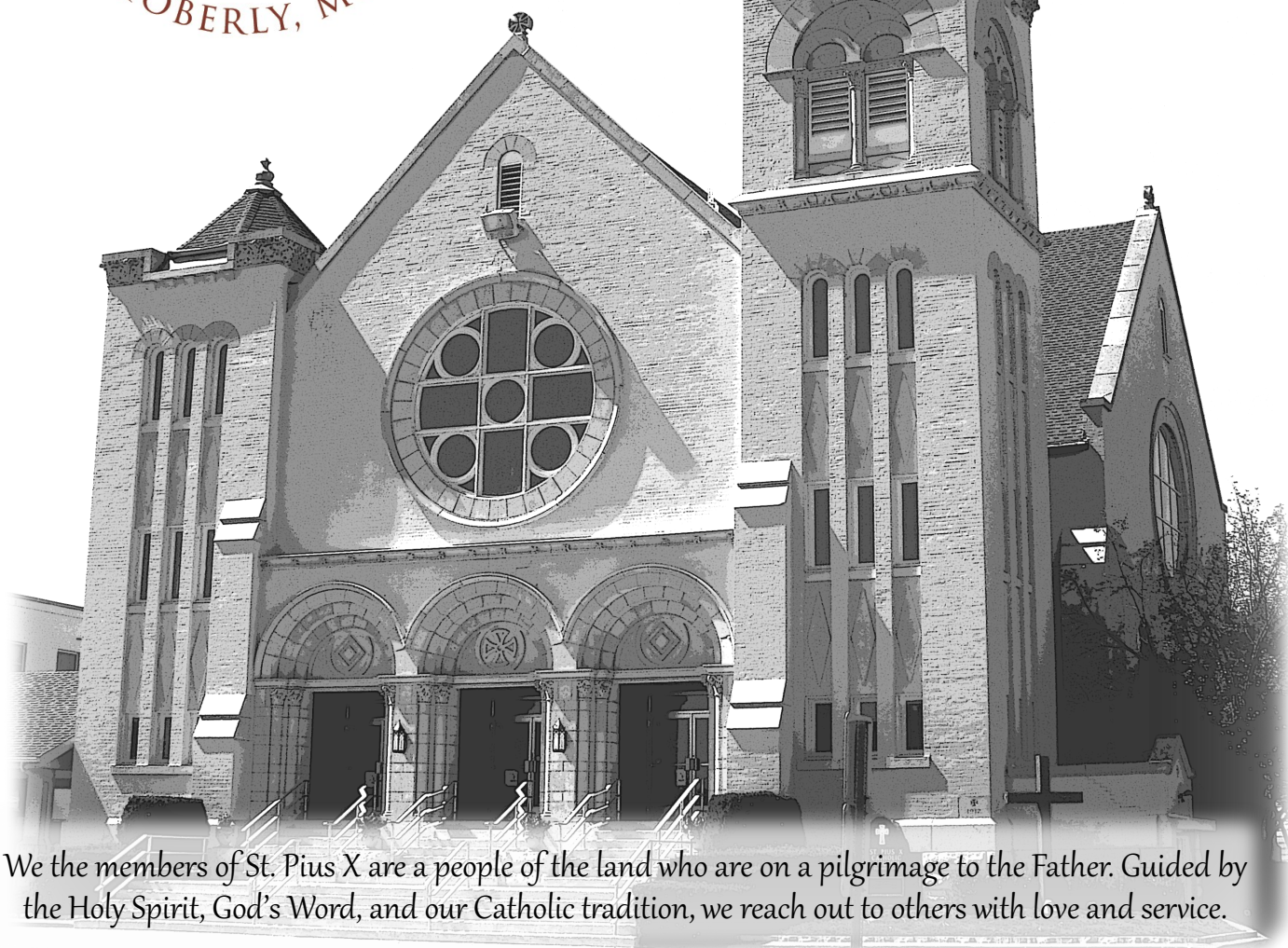




**TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY
ORDINARY TIME**

**I am the LORD, there is no
other.**

October 18, 2020



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.

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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.

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MASS INTENTIONS WEEK OF 10/19/20



Tues 5:30pm †Deacon Dave Ritter
 Wed 8:00am †David Skinner
 Thurs 7:00pm †Barbara Sellmeyer
 Fri 8:00am †Harvey Green
 Sat 10:30am †Mary V Kehoe
 Sat 5:15pm †David Whitson
 Sun 8:00am People of the Parish
 Sun 11:00am †Scott Sander

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

MARTHAS

October 24

Suzanne O'Donnell 660-676-9507
 Catherine Palmatory 660-263-9819

October 31

Ann Phelps 636-734-7802
 Karen Powell 660-263-3512

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.

A minute with C. S. Lewis...

PERHAPS THE EXPERIENCE HAD BEEN SO COMPLETE THAT
 REPETITION WOULD BE VULGARITY—LIKE ASKING TO
 HEAR THE SAME SYMPHONY TWICE IN A DAY.

~PERELANDRA

WEEK OF 10/19/20

The Parish office is still unavailable for meetings. Please call the office to reserve your meeting space.

Wed 6:00pm RCIA - Undercroft
 Wed 6:00pm Spanish Mass
 Thurs 7:00pm Confirmation Mass
 Sat 10:00am Stitch, Pray, Love
 Sat 10:30am Confirmation Mass
 Sun 9:00am Confirmation Prep-School Gym

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



Catholic
 STEWARDSHIP APPEAL

"For I know well the plans I have in mind for you, plans for your welfare and not for woe, so as to give you a future of hope."
 JEREMIAH 29:11

This weekend we begin our Catholic Stewardship Appeal at our parish. This annual appeal is the primary source of funding for sustaining ministry and assistance for the 104 Catholic churches in the 38 counties that make up the Diocese of Jefferson City. The CSA theme, "For I know well the plans I have in mind for you, plans for your welfare and not for woe, so as to give you a future of hope" (Jeremiah 29:11), encourages each of us to give back to God for what we have received. Please pray and give consideration on how you can help with this year's Catholic Stewardship Appeal.



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
 Al Temeins
 Barbara Meredith
 Bella Rader
 Benjamin Gibson
 Betty Myers
 Bill Morgenstern
 Bill Riffel
 Bob Boots
 Brandon Blackwell
 Brooks Burton
 Carol Thelen
 Carolyn Vogler

Catherine Prenger
 Cathy Olten
 Charles Schumann
 Connor Buxton
 Curtis Weinhaus
 David Long
 David Roberts
 Donna Lietzow
 Dorothy Wheeler
 Elaine Wiesner
 Elizabeth Harbal
 Erica Broekemeier
 Father Mike Coleman

H. Gayle Wolf
 Harley Mattox
 Jamie Walker
 Jason Tindle
 Jim Blakley
 Jodie Jackson
 Joe Brigiotta
 John Bohon
 John Orton
 John White
 Johnathan Tindle
 Joy Williamson
 Joyce Hunter

Junior Hulen
 Laurie DeLaney
 Leroy Weimer
 Libby Schumann
 Lorna Reynolds
 Marvin Vogler
 Mary Cadmus
 Nancy Meals
 Pat Bush
 Ralph Hunter
 Rebecca Goff
 Roger Williams
 Russell Bolden

Sam Schwartze
 Stephanie Henline
 Steve Bledsoe
 Tom Frost
 Valerie Foos
 Vernon Sanner
 Wenceslaus Jira
 Wilma Weimer
 Willy Wryick
 Zara Lear
 Zeke Price

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

STEWARDSHIP NEWS
WEEKLY GOAL
\$20,781.00
COLLECTION THIS WEEK
\$10,833.00
UNDER GOAL
-\$9,948.00
THANK YOU!

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FORMED

PICK OF THE WEEK
October 18, 2020

WATCH

POPE JOHN PAUL II

This epic film follows Karol Wojtyla's journey from his youth in Poland through his late days on the Chair of St. Peter. It explores his life behind the scenes: how he touched millions of people, changed the face of the Church and the world, and how he defended the dignity of mankind.



POPE JOHN PAUL II



LECTIO: EVANGELIZATION

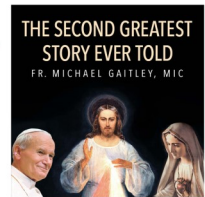
In this ten-part series, Dr. Mary Healy combines insightful biblical study with Church teaching and practical advice, to show how modern Catholics can effectively impact their world for Jesus Christ.

LEARN

LISTEN

THE SECOND GREATEST STORY EVER TOLD BY FR. MICHAEL GAITLEY

In this vastly popular talk, Fr. Michael Gaitley describes the "second greatest story ever told"—a story that encompasses Divine Mercy, the life of Pope St. John Paul II, and the crucial role that Marian Consecration can play in your life.



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October is dedicated as the Month of the Rosary because we celebrate the memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary each year on October 7. We will be praying the rosary during the month of October before each weekend Mass. Please join us.

October 24 and 25: Glorious Mysteries—
 Loving Father, increase our devotion to the most holy rosary, and draw us ever closer to You through the intercession of the Mother of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.



October 18, 2020 | Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 45:1, 4-6 | 1 Thes 1:1-5B | Mt 22:15-21

Written by
 THE
 FAITHFUL
 DISCIPLE

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

I took up distance running some years ago, thanks largely to a group of friends who encouraged me along the way. We'd share the peaks and valleys of our lives as we tackled rolling hills. Those long runs come to mind when I hear Paul give thanks to the Thessalonians for having "endurance in hope of our Lord Jesus Christ." Paul here speaks of hope in Jesus – a hope that has the risen Christ as its foundation, and is central to the Christian life. When I think of what lies at the end of a long run, such as water and blissful rest, and how grateful I am for these simple pleasures, I cannot help but rejoice in the hope that St. Paul refers to today. Our catechism makes it clear: "We firmly believe, and hence we hope that, just as Christ is truly risen from the dead and lives forever, so after death the righteous will live forever with the risen Christ and he will raise them up on the last day." (989)

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

During a particularly challenging time, I confided in a close friend over the phone. She didn't just offer to pray for me, she actually prayed *with* me on that phone call. I don't recall her exact words, but she called on Jesus to help me trust that God would see me through. So often, it can be hard to find the words to encourage others in their faith. When that happens, why not bring Jesus into the conversation? It may seem awkward at first, but offering to pray with another person in real time can be a powerful witness and encouragement. As Christians, we don't rely on "hoping" that everything will work out in the end; instead, we know that our hope is in Christ Jesus. As the catechism says: "Hope is the theological virtue by which we desire the kingdom of heaven and eternal life as our happiness." (1817) It doesn't get much more direct than that. Reflect on what "hope" looks like for us as Christians. And then tell a friend about it.

DID YOU KNOW? The source of our second reading today, the First Letter from Paul to the Thessalonians, contains the earliest mention within Christian literature of the three theological virtues: "faith, hope and love." Reread today's passage, and then read 1 Thessalonians 5:5-8. In prayer, we can ask God to help us grow in all three virtues and show us ways to share them with others.

SCHOOL NEWS.....

Friday, October 23: End of 1st Quarter

Thursday, October 29: **Early Dismissal 1 PM/NO AFTERCARE**

Friday, October 30: **NO SCHOOL**



Reminders: PICTURES can be ordered online at SPX Picture Order. We will not be sending order packets home this year. Picture retakes will be held on November 13th.

MIDDLE SCHOOL BASKETBALL: Practices started on Monday, October 12th. All 7th and 8th graders are encouraged to participate. It's fun, great exercise, awesome team building!!!

MIDDLE SCHOOL CHEERLEADING: Practices started Tuesday, October 13th, at 7:20 AM in the Hildegard "Toots" Knaebel Memorial Gymnasium. All 7th and 8th grade girls are welcome!!!

INVOICES: All Tuition/Fee/Aftercare invoices will be emailed to you at the beginning of each month. If you prefer a hard copy, please call the office

Mike Aulbur, Principal
St. Pius X School

Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Safe, and Live Your Faith

KNIGHT'S KORNER



October 20 – 4:00PM Unload at the Christos Center

October 27 – 7:00PM Deceased Members Memorial Service, Knights of Columbus Hall

November 6 - Drive through Fish Fry, Paradise Park

Tootsie Roll Drive continues. Log on to www.continuetogive.com/995DDDrive and follow the prompts. If you prefer to mail a check, please send it to Knights of Columbus, P.O. Box 332, Moberly, MO 65270.

Koeze Nuts sales has begun. Contact Jerry Daly, or Russ 660-651-2690, or Tim 660-414-8131 for a catalogue or to order for November or December delivery.

The Knights and the Moberly Correction Center Jaycees partnered to buy 72 Coats for Kids. The coats were donated to the Christos Center for distribution.

Thank you, Tim O'Connor

You're invited to attend!

**OPEN
HOUSE**

October 28, 6-8 p.m.

Please sign up for a 30-minute
arrival window online at
<https://tinyurl.com/ToltonOpenHouse>



8TH GRADERS: Schedule a shadow
visit at toltoncatholic.org/shadow



MAKING CONNECTIONS

Bishop W. Shawn McKnight



THE TIMES THAT TRY OUR SOULS

During an historic pandemic, our country faces one of the most contentious presidential election campaigns in recent memory. Some of our fellow Americans may be wondering if they are living in the apocalypse, with fire, drought, hurricanes, flooding, riots and other stresses added to the mix. Just where is our country headed?

There is much at stake in the upcoming election. As Catholics, we are obliged to be informed of and to engage in the political process. Our society benefits when good Catholics run for office, participate in political parties, and fulfill their civic duty to vote. We each have an important role in creating a society in which every human life is respected and valued, and in which the freedom to practice religion is guaranteed.

What I see happening in our nation, unfortunately, is a strident, rancorous discord that tears not only at the fabric of our society but also at the communion of the Church. And this disharmony endangers the salvation of souls. I am more concerned about the aftermath of the upcoming presidential election than I am about the election itself. What kind of people are we becoming because of today's political climate?

As the bishop for this local church, the Diocese of Jefferson City, I have a particular responsibility to do everything I can to ensure the salvation of souls in my diocese. For this reason, I strongly encourage every Catholic and anyone of goodwill to read the statement of the U.S. bishops, ["Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship."](#) As the document explains, the Catholic social teachings we hold dearly have political implications, whether they concern the dignity of human life, marriage and family, racism, the environment or the economy. For this reason, I have and will continue to take positions on important ballot measures and issues that touch upon these teachings. However, the responsibility I carry as a bishop does not mean I tell people for whom they should vote. Let me explain.

The obligation to preserve the authentic teachings of our Catholic faith is not the same thing as making a prudential decision on how these teachings are best applied in the political process. The Church's responsibility in addressing political and social issues is to assist Catholics in forming their consciences. When we vote for candidates for public office, we are not directly voting for party platforms or issues, we vote for a person. This is an important nuance, which is considered in detail in "Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship," nos. 17-39. The individual Catholic voter bears responsibility for connecting the dots between what our faith teaches and which candidates will best serve the common good. For this reason, no bishop, priest, deacon, religious or lay ecclesial minister shall endorse or oppose a candidate in the name of the Church.



It is urgent that each of us enter these remaining weeks before the election with the end in mind – our place in eternity. In addition to voting in accord with a well-formed conscience, we are all obliged to be faithful to our Lord in how we treat one another, especially during this charged election season. I therefore encourage the following:

1. Always treat other people according to their dignity as fellow human beings, perhaps especially those who espouse contrary political opinions from us. People can disagree, even fervently, without losing decorum and respect. Unfortunately, the lack of civility now commonplace only feeds the culture of death and impedes a culture of life. Jesus instructed us to love our enemy and to pray for those who persecute us.
2. Remember frequently the teaching of our Lord: "How can you say to your brother, 'Brother, let me remove that splinter in your eye,' when you do not even notice the wooden beam in your own eye? You hypocrite!" (Luke 6:42). As Christians engaged in the political process, we are obliged to reflect first on the shortcomings of our own political party and candidates before casting aspersions on others. It is all too easy to point out how the other political party or other candidates fall short of our Catholic teachings. It is difficult, even humbling, to acknowledge the truth that our own political party and candidates also fall short in some way.
3. No matter whom the electorate will choose on Nov. 3, many people will still be hurting from the effects of the pandemic – mentally, physically, emotionally and economically. The broken-hearted will still be with us, as will the neglected and marginalized. They will need our mercy and charity. We will need to find a way to heal our political divisions and to work side by side with all people of goodwill to "form a more perfect union."

We can do none of this if we are not first paying attention to our own souls. As St. Paul wrote, it is impossible for God's Love to be born from idolatry, hatred, rivalry, jealousy, fury, acts of selfishness, dissensions, and other selfish behavior (see Galatians 5:19-23).

Instead, St. Paul claims that our souls should bear the fruits of the Holy Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Notice how each of these fruits of the Spirit are a virtue that affects other people. If we take care of the state of our own soul first, we can then relate well with others. But when we fail to live in accord with these perfections, it is an indication that something is wrong in our own soul.

In these trying days, when we are all somewhat fragile and feeling buffeted by the storms of life, those gifts of the Spirit are the best offerings we can bring to our families, our communities and our nation. May our participation in this year's election be an opportunity for us to act in accord with our Catholic faith and to strengthen a more perfect union among us.