

Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 28, 2024

St. Pius X Catholic Church



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A Warm Welcome To St. Pius X Parish

Whether you’re just visiting us for a brief time, looking for a new parish home, are returning to the practice of your Catholic faith or are interested in finding out more about the Catholic Church, we’re happy to have you here.

A parish is a community of believers and a spiritual family that is supportive and loving. It can be a place to grow spiritually, to put your faith in action, and to use your gifts of time and talent as disciples of Christ. If you would like more information about how to make this parish your home, **please contact the Parish Office at 317.255.4534 or use QR code for Info.**



Mass and Reconciliation Schedule

Weekend Mass

Saturday (Anticipation) — 5:00 p.m.
Sunday — 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., & 11:00 a.m.

Weekday Mass

Monday — 9:00 a.m.
Tuesday — 8:00 a.m. (School Mass)
Wednesday — 9:00 a.m.
Thursday — 8:00 a.m. (School Mass)
Friday — 9:00 a.m.

Holy Day Mass — 8:00a.m., 12:00p.m., 6:30 p.m.

Reconciliation (Located in the church reconciliation room.)

Wednesday & Friday 8:40 a.m. — 8:55 a.m.
Saturday 4:00 p.m. — 4:45 p.m.

SACRAMENTS

Marriage

Contact Father Francis six months before anticipated wedding date to make marriage arrangements.

Baptism

Please contact Chris Johnson, cjohnson@spxparish.org in the parish office prior to the birth of child to schedule Baptism Preparation Class. Celebrated communally usually on the 2nd & 4th Sundays of each month.

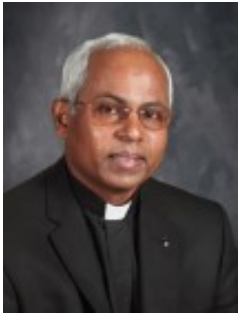
Anointing of the Sick

Contact the Parish Office 317.255.4534, to make arrangements for anointing or have communion brought to the sick.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults – If you have questions regarding becoming a Catholic, please contact Kaitlyn Blandford kblandford@spxparish.org DFF at 317.466.3365.

A Letter from Father Francis

False Prophets



My Dear Friends in Christ,

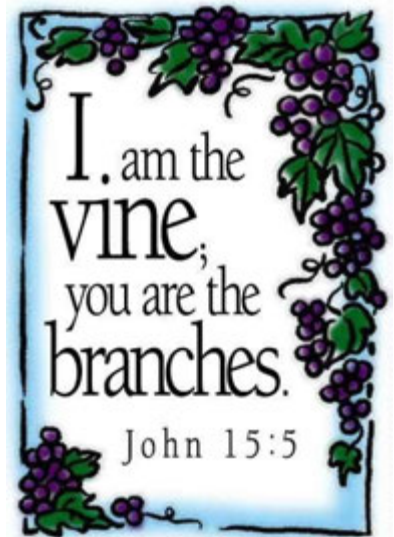
Admirers have suggested that the brilliance of Oscar Wilde's plays was only surpassed by that of his conversation. He was a superb storyteller whose conversational offerings were heavily laced with irony. He had a particular penchant for parables, often recounting them in the style of the gospel narrative. Here is one of them. "One day, an unknown man walked down the street. It was the first hour of daylight and people had not yet gathered in the market place. The man sat down by the wayside and, raising his eyes, he began to gaze up to heaven. And it came to pass that another man who was passing that way, seeing the stranger, he too stopped and raised his eyes to heaven. At the second and third hour, others came and did likewise. Soon word of this marvelous happening spread throughout the countryside and many people left their abodes and came to see this stranger. At the ninth hour, when the day was far spent, there was a great multitude assembled. The stranger lowered his eyes from heaven and stood up. Turning towards the multitude, he said in a loud voice: "Amen, amen~ I say unto you. How easy it is to start a religion!"

To start a religion, as Wilde observed, may not be that difficult, but to ensure its survival is quite another matter. People are gullible. Futurists predict a growth in religious activity in the 21st century. For them it forms part of the leisure industry which is expected to expand dramatically. Whether one should greet this prediction with joy or apprehension is a matter for debate. A purely statistical increase in church membership is a dubious gain. What counts for Christianity — indeed, what ensures its

survival — is not external but internal growth. What is required is not more members of the Catholic Church, but better disciples of Jesus Christ.

Mere membership and full discipleship are worlds apart. Christianity has always suffered from a surplus of members and a shortage of disciples. Humans are social animals and crave to be associated. In a world grown cold and depersonalized the churches offer a comfortable ambiance of friendship and security. Often the gospel is diluted to accommodate the prejudices and lifestyle of the parishioners. Few preached fearlessly enough, like St Paul, to risk their livings, let alone their lives. The radical Christ is made into a benign bishop and the collection plate registers members' approval. Too many withered branches remain un-pruned.

St John tries gently to prod us into discipleship. "My children, our love is not to be just words or mere talk, but something real and active." You won't meet Christ in your Sunday liturgy, if you haven't rubbed shoulders with him in the office, in the factory or in the kitchen. You won't hear his message from the altar, if you were deaf to his call at your office desk. Jesus put it simply and bluntly: "It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit and then you will be my disciples."



See you at Mass!
Fr. Francis

Parishioner Information Update

We are in the process of updating parishioners' contact information. Please help us to stay in touch with you by keeping your parishioner family profile up to date! If you need to update your **Email Addresses, Home Address, Phone Contact Numbers** please send to Calli Eickhoff at ceickhoff@spxparish.org

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A Convenient Way to Give

Why Tithe?

God has given you everything. Everything we own in this world, especially our job and income, are ours only because God has given it to us! When we tithe we are giving back to God a small portion that belongs to Him!

You are surrendering.

Not only are we giving back to God but we are also surrendering ourselves to God, we are not hiding anything from Him. If we hold back our money from Him we are holding back ourselves from Him.

Placing your faith in God.

When you give your money to charity you are trusting God to continue to provide for your family. The simple fact is: **You cannot out-give God.** You will be better off financially giving away 10% and living off 90% than keeping everything and going at life alone.

Saving Souls

When there is a war, not everyone is able to be a soldier and fight the battles. We need people who are funding the war, rationing food and materials, and helping the soldiers do their duty!

That is what is happening when you are tithing! **You are contributing to the battle for souls!** The Church, its ministries, and other charities need our support since they are our soldiers on the Frontline!

Parish

Online donations may be made at any time from the comfort of your own home or any place with internet access. Online donations are credited to your tax statement for the end of the year (except when made anonymously), and you can change your account preferences and donation amounts at any time.

Benefits of Online Giving include:

- No need to hassle with checks or cash; 24/7 web based access.
- Easily schedule recurring donations to coincide with your pay period; Credit card option allows you to take advantage of rewards such as air miles or cash bonuses;
- Contribution amount is easily adjusted as needed.

How Do I Get Started? Use the QR code located on this page or go to:

<https://www.spxparish.org/about/online-giving>

If you are currently having EFT's taken out of your banking account by St. Pius X, we will not stop taking those out until you notify the parish you have signed up for the new Online Giving. If you have any questions about Online Giving or how you are giving currently to St. Pius X, please don't hesitate to contact Kevin Sweeney at ksweeney@spxparish.org or call the parish office at 317.255.4534.

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Gospel: John 15.1-8 – Jesus the True Vine

Abiding in Christ

In today's Gospel we are invited to reflect on the image of Jesus, the true vine. Jesus says "Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me." As stewards, there is much to be gleaned through reflecting on this passage.

Firstly, Jesus desires to abide in us. He does this whenever we receive Him in the Eucharist. In the same way, we are called to abide in Him by prayerfully placing our very selves in His presence, whether it's through praying in our rooms or before the Blessed Sacrament. This close relationship with Jesus is where our stewardship originates and is sustained. Jesus bluntly proclaims that we can do nothing without abiding in Him first.

As stewards, more than the actual works we perform, we are giving other people Christ through our time and talents. We can only give

what we have first received. Therefore, it is of paramount importance that we focus on our prayer life above all. For example, before we plan on giving our time to a fellow parishioner and journeying with them, let us say a prayer asking God for the strength to work through us. Similarly, before we offer up our talents through various ministries in the parish, we should try to say a prayer asking that our works may point others to Christ, not to ourselves. Therefore, through abiding in Christ we may share His love and presence with others.

Summary

In today's Gospel Jesus says "Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me."

We can abide in Jesus by placing ourselves in His presence whenever we pray and He likewise abides in us, especially through receiving Him in the Eucharist. This close relationship with Jesus is where our stewardship originates and is sustained so let us never fail to go to Him before we offer up our time and talents to the parish.



Stewardship

sharing the gifts we have been given

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PRAYER REQUEST



For Our Troops, Their Families, and Our Country

It is our responsibility in the Lord to remember those in need of comfort healing and peace, who are especially close to the Redeemer in their suffering.

In your charity, Please Pray for:

Jesse and Diane Bravo

Chris Welsch

Dave and Anida
Concannon

Terry Moriarty

Mark Eickhoff

Don Nester

Ron Pelton

Susan Cogswell

T.Q. Queisser

Linda Baker

Lois Findley

Rachel Hoving

Lynn Crespo

LCDR Beth Reed, daughter of Sam and Joan Reed

LCDR Adam Reiffen, son-in-law of
Sam and Joan Reed

SFC Mathew Tinsley, son of LeAnn Tinsley

AM John Weirauch and CA Jason Kendzierski,
sons-in-law of Tom and Linda Krueger

Captain Thompson Manuszak

LT Jameson Nevitt, Grandson of
Bob & Rosalie Nevitt

Captain Jake McKeen, grandson of
Mike & Lynne Boone

If you have a special intention for the sick and would like us to join you in prayer, email to communication@spxparish.org, call the Office at 317.255.4534. The individual's name will be included for at least one month. Please contact us if you would like a name taken off the list.

I AM THE *Vine,*
YOU ARE THE BRANCHES.
APART FROM ME YOU CAN DO
JOHN 15:5 *Nothing*



SUNDAY, April 28, Fourth Sunday of Easter

- 8:00 a.m. † St. Pius X Parishioners
- 9:30 a.m. Pat Sullivan Family
- 11:00 a.m. † Paul Traub

MONDAY, April 29

- 9:00 a.m. Tom Alyea

TUESDAY, April 30

- 8:00 a.m. Harold and Kandie Queisser Family

WEDNESDAY, May 1

- 9:00 a.m. Lilliam Easter

THURSDAY, May 2 † Suzanne Kiley

- 8:00 a.m.

FRIDAY, May 3

- 9:00 a.m. John and Alice Gabriel Shelton Family

SATURDAY, May 4

- 9:00 a.m. † Suzanne Kiley
- 5:00 p.m. † Bill Herber

SUNDAY, May 5 Sixth Sunday of Easter

- 8:00 a.m. † Fred Wright
- 9:30 a.m. † St. Pius X Parishioners
- 11:00 a.m. † Bernie Howard
- 12:45p.m. Syro-Malabar Mass

SUNDAY 4/28	Fifth Sunday of Easter Acts 9:26-31; Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32; 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8
MONDAY 4/29	Memorial of Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26
Tuesday 4/30	Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a
WEDNESDAY 5/1	Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5; Jn 15:1-8
THURSDAY 5/2	Memorial of Saint Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11
FRIDAY 5/3	Feast of Saints Philip and James, Apostles 1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Jn 14:6-14
SATURDAY 5/4	Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5; Jn 15:18-21
SUNDAY 5/5	Sixth Sunday of Easter Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4; 1 Jn 4:7-10; Jn 15:9-17

MASS INTENTIONS

Specific Mass intentions for each scheduled Mass listed regularly in this bulletin are made by individual request.

If you would like to have a Mass said for a loved one, please contact the Parish Office at 317.255.4534 or cjohnson@spxparish.org

The recommended **Stipend for Masses is \$10**, but we would never want anyone to not have a Mass offered because of lack of funds.

St. Pius X Catholic School

K - 8th Grade

Catholic Education Affordable for ALL!

St. Pius X Catholic School accepts the Indiana State Choice Scholarships for kindergarten - 8th grade students. We also offer financial aid based on a family's financial need and available funds. We are committed to assisting students who desire a Catholic education at St. Pius X. This is a great chance if your children have not been able to attend SPX due to cost.

NEW RATES BELOW FOR 2024-25

What is the Choice Scholarship Program?

Indiana's Choice Scholarship Program, commonly referred to as the voucher program, (authorized under IC 20-51-1 and IC 20-51-4) **provides scholarships to eligible Indiana students to offset tuition costs at participating schools.** Participating schools and interested parents/guardians work together to enroll students. For those that qualify, the scholarship could cover some or all of your student's tuition. Eligibility is income based, please review the income guidelines and scholarship awards below.

Am I Eligible?

Eligibility is determined by the income reported on your most recent tax forms. View the eligibility guidelines for the current year on this page.



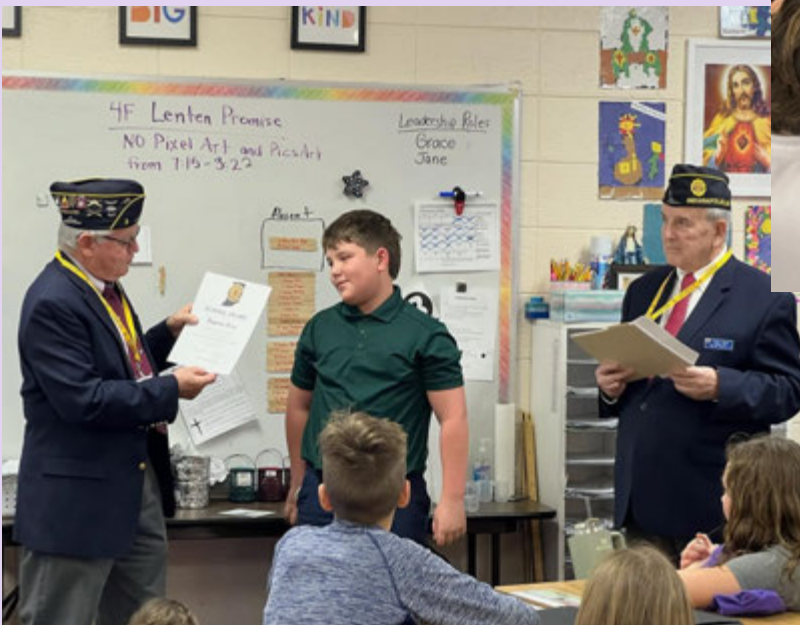
For more information on Choice Scholarship use the QR Code below:

Choice Scholarship Program Eligibility Requirements 2024-2025 School Year

Choice Income Guidelines	
Household Size	400% of Free/Reduced Price Lunch Eligibility Annual Household Income Limit ¹
1	\$111,444.00
2	\$151,256.00
3	\$191,068.00
4	\$230,880.00
5	\$270,692.00
6	\$310,504.00
7	\$350,316.00
8	\$390,128.00
9	\$429,940.00
10	\$469,752.00

¹Add \$39,812 for each additional family member.

Why is Catholic school important? A quality Catholic education can give students a solid foundation in academic subjects, preparing them well for college and careers, and can give them a sound spiritual foundation, preparing them for life more broadly.



Liturgical Ministry Schedule for May 4-5

	Saturday 5PM	Sunday 8AM	Sunday 9:30AM	Sunday 11:00AM
Server	Bailey Gorr (1) Liam McAninch (2) Lucy McAninch (3)	Daniel Fisher (1) Carter Helfrich (2) Evan Helfrich (3)	Thoben Braun (1) Caleb Post (2) Andrew Gray (3)	Elizabeth Ooreh (1) Lucy Martin (2) Nora King (3)
Cantor	Kara Myers	James Norton	Amy Fix	Moira Mackintosh
Accompanist	Brandon V. & Celebration Group	Clara Duray	Clara Duray	Angel Robertsson-Soper
Sacristan	sarah vollmer	Kathy Visovatti-Weaver	Mark DiSalvo	Patrick Crowley
Eucharistic Ministers	Sarah vollmer - Bread (B/1)	Joe Alerding - Bread (B/1) (sub req.)	Thomas Chastang - Bread (B/1)	Amy Gallagher - Bread (B/1)
	Lauren Rennier - Bread (B/3)	Monica Helfrich - Bread (B/3)	Ken Maguire - Bread (B/3)	Diana Ruschhaupt - Bread (B/3)
	Lorraine Sakon - Bread (B/4)	Roxanne Kogler - Bread (B/4)	Jan Stetzel - Bread (B/4)	Ella Wagner - Bread (B/4)
	Sandy Pasotti - Bread (B/5)	Rick Wagner - Cup (1) Tom Alyea - Cup (2)	Kathleen Prechtel - Bread (B/5)	Bumeh Maria - Bread (B/5)
	Janey Harton - Bread (B/6)		James Kress - Bread (B/6)	Pat Jentz - Bread (B/6)
	Rick Wagner - Cup (1)		Rick Wagner - Cup (1)	Rick Wagner - Cup (1)
	Christina Gray - Cup (2)		Dan Courtney - Cup (2)	Charlie Walker - Cup (2)
	Laura Glynn - Cup (3)		Mark DiSalvo - Cup (3)	Rebecca Walker - Cup (3)
Lector	Carol Divine - Reader 1 Lynn Geary - Reader 2	Darien Maguire - Reader 1 Caitlin Alerding - Reader 2	Matt Fix - Reader 1 Bud Watts - Reader 2	Paula Korzekwa - Reader 1 Dave Adams - Reader 2
Hospitality	Michael Arbuckle Rosy Crowley Paul Dovey Jack Loeffler	William Clark Amanda Fisher Cyrus Fisher Kelli Lawrence	Tom Klassen Gretchen Krug Don Nester Jennifer Stetzel	Rosy Crowley Fred Korzekwa Amy Korzekwa Tim Ruschhaupt

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- Services of a professional English-speaking tour director
- Comprehensive sightseeing

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Eucharistic Congress - Day Passes now available online!

Join 80,000+ other Catholics nationwide and represent St. Pius X next July 17- 21 at the 10th National Eucharistic Congress here in Indianapolis!

Once registered, email Kaitlyn Blandford, kblandford@spxparish.org, to be put on the SPX registration list for our meetup and carpool group!

Scan the QR code to the left for more information on registration for the National Eucharistic Congress.





ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

April 29th

SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA (1347-1380)

April 29

Imagine the pope receiving a young woman still in her twenties who addresses him as “my sweet Christ on earth,” then orders: “Get back to Rome where you belong!” Amazingly, Gregory XI complied! Yet this was but one astonishing incident in the extraordinary life of Catherine of Siena, a truly unique medieval woman. Youngest of twenty-five children, Catherine refused marriage and became a Dominican Tertiary at sixteen, cloistering herself at home in contemplative prayer, austere penances, and mystical experiences, culminating in “spiritual espousal” to Christ. Then, incarnating the Dominican ideal of “passing on to others the fruits of contemplation,” Catherine left her solitude to care for the poor, nurse the sick, comfort the dying, and bury the dead. Increasingly renowned for converting souls and healing bodies, she was sought after to broker peace during civil wars and Church schisms. All this, and like Jesus, whom she called my “Divine Spouse,” she died at thirty-three! Four hundred letters and her spiritual classic *The Dialogue* inspired Paul VI to name her, together with Teresa of Ávila, the first women “doctors of the Church.”



Congratulations to our First Communicants!

What a special weekend for our St. Pius X family First Communicants **received their First Holy Communion!** We wish to congratulate the children who celebrated their First Holy Communion last weekend! We are grateful to their parents, catechists and teachers who together worked hard to prepare them for this very special day on their journey of faith! May the love of Jesus forever remain close to you as you receive Him in the Eucharist!



SPX SENIOR FELLOWSHIP

On Tuesday, May 7, you are invited to join us at the former home of celebrated philanthropist Christel DeHaan, one of the most accurate Palladian-style villas ever built in the United States. Lunch will be at The Dining Room, formerly the Grand Ballroom. Lunch Menu prices range from about \$20-\$30. Beverages are available for purchase as well. Following we will have the opportunity to see the luxury home furnishings collections from Restoration Hardware, with rare art, antiques, and artifacts from across the globe. This landmark property has been thoughtfully reimaged with great respect for its original vision as a prestigious private residence. Several design associates will be available for questions as we take a self-guided tour throughout the building.

RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE PRIOR TO MAY 1ST.

We will meet in the SPX parking lot at 10:15.

Name (s): _____

Email: _____

Phone Number: _____

Able to Drive (Number of passengers) _____

Questions, please call Eileen Kaczmarek 317-946-2606

