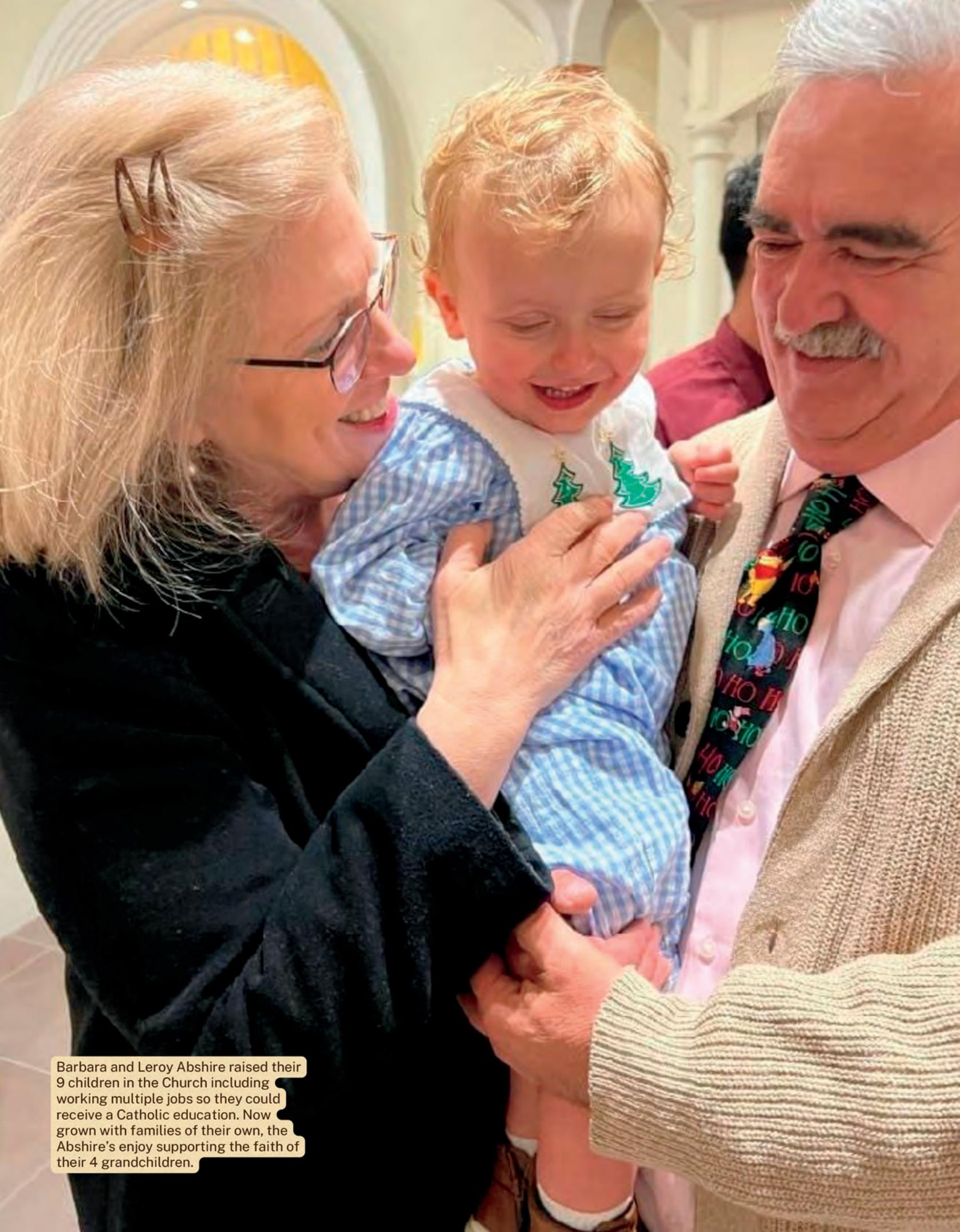


2023-2024

ANNUAL REPORT

ST. PIUS X CATHOLIC CHURCH





Barbara and Leroy Abshire raised their 9 children in the Church including working multiple jobs so they could receive a Catholic education. Now grown with families of their own, the Abshire's enjoy supporting the faith of their 4 grandchildren.



A MESSAGE FROM

Fr. Jim Brady

June 30, 2024 marked the end of our fiscal year and the completion of my sixth year serving you as pastor. It has indeed been a blessing to serve you over the last six years, and a privilege that Bishop Deshotel has appointed me to a second six-year term.

During the first term, we've seen many good changes to our parish, both material and spiritual. Materially, we've settled into the new church building and have resolved the post-construction issues, including making sound and air conditioning improvements. We reconfigured the parking lots for better parking and school access, renovated the old church building into a ministry building, and renovated a home closer to the new church into a rectory. Finally, we've restructured our sacramental programs and administrative services, streamlining them to become more user friendly and service oriented.

Spiritually, our congregation has grown in numbers and in spirit. We've added the midday daily and Saturday morning Masses, all of which are very well attended. We've increased Confession times and the number of confessors available, and the lines are still long! Our service groups, such as the Women's Guild and Knights of Columbus, have grown in membership and the service they provide to our parish. ACTS Retreats continue to thrive, providing renewed spirit to retreatants to serve our community. Formation groups, such as Magnify, That Man is You, and Regnum Christi are thriving, bringing people closer to Christ through prayer, study, and faith sharing. All this happened while at the same time working through the tragedy of a pandemic, for which we still feel the effects, and for some, the loss of loved ones. While thanking God for the blessings over the last 6 years, we also look forward to the challenges ahead. Therefore, our focus now turns to servicing the debt for our church building. Over the last six years, we have established a reasonable financing plan with the diocese to adequately serve our congregation, maintain a healthy

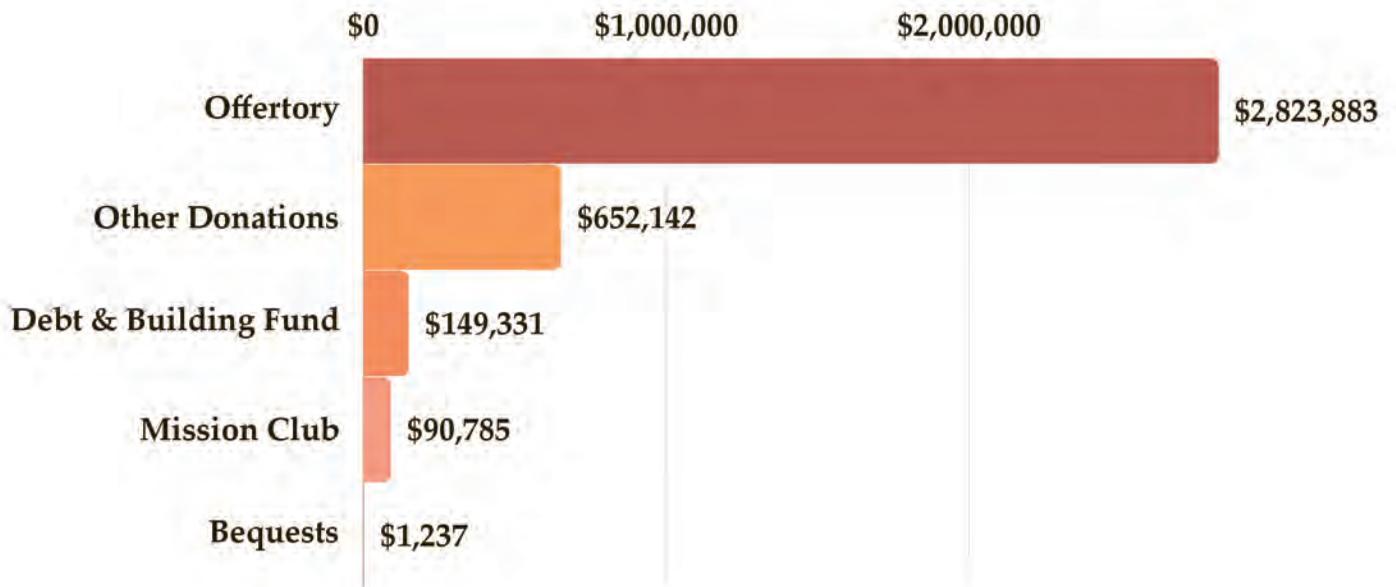
cash flow, and get ahead on the debt. As of June 30, 2024, we were \$721,000 ahead of the amortized principal on the debt (our original projection was that debt would be increased \$1-1.5 million, so we're more than \$2 million ahead of the projection!). Our plan has always been to rely on our strengths, namely the size of our parish and the generous hearts with which God has blessed us, and indeed He and you have come through! This success is directly attributable to your generosity in the regular offertory. If the regular offertory continues to grow as it has been, we will have no problems facing the increased costs from inflation, property and liability insurance, operational costs of the new Ministry Building, and being fully staffed for the first time since the pandemic. What is exciting is that the number of envelope and online givers has also grown, from approximately 450 to over 700! Thanks to those who contribute to the offertory for your generous support!

These good things over the last six years could not have happened without you. With the anticipated cost increases, we ask those of you who regularly give to consider increasing your donation if your circumstances permit. For those of you who do not support the regular offertory, know that your donation is important, no matter the size, as one of our strengths as a parish is numbers. However, most important is the spiritual growth and blessings associated with regular giving. This is the only thing about which God invites us to test Him! (Malachi 3:10). In the end, there is no doubt in my mind that if we all do what we can, and not worry about what we can't, then the debt will continue to be reduced more quickly, as God's plan is always better than ours.

Thank you again for making my job as your pastor a joy, and for continuing to teach me through your faith. Your support of our community, and me personally, is very much appreciated. May God continue to give success to the work of our hands, and May He bless us with continued growth in loving as Jesus does!

FINANCIAL REPORT: 2023-2024

TOTAL RECEIPTS: \$3,717,378



TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS: \$3,224,920



RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS: \$492,458

FAITH, HOPE & CHARITY

Name	Statistics	
ACTS	70	Retreatants
Administrative Office	10	Volunteers
Adoration (Perpetual) Chapel	241	Adorers Serving
Adult Confirmation	8	Candidates
Altar Servers	56	Altar Servers
Bible Studies	37	Participants
Blue Army of OLOF	10	Members
Catholics in Recovery*	12	Participants
Come Lord Jesus!	38	Members
Devotion to the Precious Blood of Jesus	12	Members
Divine Mercy Ministry for the Dying	670	Souls Prayed For
Divine Mercy Sunday Veneration	3,000	Prayer Cards Distributed
Eucharistic Ministry, Homebound	56	Homes Visited Weekly
Eucharistic Ministry, Homebound	42	Ministers
Eucharistic Ministry, Masses	110	Ministers
Eucharistic Ministry, Nursing Homes	20	Ministers
Eucharistic Ministry, Nursing Homes	255	People Served Weekly
Facebook Data & Fans	5,897	Facebook Followers
Facebook Data & Fans	77%	Female
Facebook Data & Fans	23%	Male
Facebook Data & Fans	2.5%	Age 18 yrs. - 24 yrs.
Facebook Data & Fans	33.9%	Age 25 yrs. - 44 yrs.
Facebook Data & Fans	36.9%	Age 45 yrs. - 64 yrs.
Facebook Data & Fans	26.7%	Age 65+ yrs.
Hospitality Ministry	151	New Families
Hospitality Ministry	3,784	Registered Families
Hospitality Ministry	11,451	Individuals
Knights of Columbus	192	Members
Lectors	61	Lectors
Magnify Women's Ministry	134	Participants (<i>maximum</i>)
	537	Facebook Page Followers
Marriage Preparation (in-home)	20	Volunteer Couples
Media - Homily*	3	Listeners
Media - Live Stream*	85	Views

*an average number was reported from recurring sessions, multiple events or dates.

Name	Statistics	
Mission Club	102	Food Baskets Distributed
	336	Christmas Gifts
Music Ministry	65	Members
Patriotic Rosary Group	6	Members
Parish Prayer Line	198	Prayer Requests
Pius Senior Organization*	60	Attendees
Prayer Quilt Fellowship	127	Blankets Distributed
Pro-Life Ministry	36	Members
RCIA	3	Candidates
Rosary Making	4,586	Rosaries Distributed Annually
Sacraments - 1st Communion	107	Candidates
Sacraments - Baptism	103	Baptisms
Sacraments - Confirmation	183	Confirmation Candidates
Sacraments - Funerals	32	Funerals
Sacraments - Weddings	36	Weddings
Safe Environment	30	New Certifications
Safe Environment	99	Re-Certifications
SPES	682	Students Enrolled
SPES Alumni	1,263	Alumni
St. Elizabeth Seton Prayer Group*	9	Members
St. Joseph Covenant Keepers*	12	Members
St. Joseph's Altar	10	Volunteers
St. Joseph's Altar	80	Participants
Staff/Personnel	11	Full-time Staff Members
Staff/Personnel	19	Part-time Staff Members
That Man Is You*	27	Members
Ushers	125	Ushers
Vacation Bible Camp	130	Campers
Vacation Bible Camp	27	Youth Volunteers
Vacation Bible Camp	21	Adult Volunteers
Women's Guild	70	Members
Women's Guild*	10	Volunteers Per Event
Youth - Conquest Jr.	38	Participants
Youth - Challenge Jr.	33	Participants
Youth - Edge	63	Registered Participants
Youth - Life Teen	54	Registered Participants
Youth - Young Saints	68	Registered Participants

Thank you for your prayers, service and gifts!

COUNCIL #8901 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



Past Grand Knights

*Seated: Jesse Gary, Marion "Buddy" Guirovich, Ronald Arceneaux, Richard Zaunbrecher, Peter Sahuc, Sr., Michael Helo
Standing: Daniel Landry, Larry Comeaux, LeeAllen Simon, Gerald McCloskey, Sr., Ira Smith, and Allen Bonnet.*

Parish Patriarchs: Protect, Serve & Defend

Knights of Columbus Council #8901 was chartered in 1985 with 71 initial members. True to the Knights of Columbus mission, they act on their call to lead, protect, serve and defend all of us at St. Pius X Catholic Church. Living by principles informed by faith, they can be found standing up for the dignity of all human life, serving those in need, feeding the parish or helping us to abstain from meat during Lent. Their service to the parish, fundraisers and donations, and gifts of time in prayer perfectly accentuate the give in Almsgiving. We couldn't be more grateful for, and proud of, our Council. They are our very own Knights, our patriarchs and role models.

CURRENT OFFICERS (2024-2026)

Grand Knight - Clay Young
 Chaplain - Rev. James Brady
 Deputy Grand Knight - Phil Camel
 Financial Secretary - Brian Decou
 Warden - Brian Enriquez
 Treasurer - Chris Deselle
 Recorder - Michael Hare
 Lecturer - Dr. Kim Hardey
 Chancellor - Rob Guitierrez
 Advocate - Todd Breaux
 Inside Guard - Rhett Young
 Outside Guard - Neil Fontenot
 Trustees - Dan Landry (1st Year), Mike Helo (2nd Year), Allen Bonnet (3rdYear)

CHARTER OFFICERS (1985)

Grand Knight - Jesse Gary	Chancellor - L.D. Melancon
Chaplain - Rev. Donald Theriot	Advocate - Allen Bares
Deputy Grand Knight - Buddy Guirovich	Inside Guard - Kenneth Desormeaux
Financial Secretary - Rai McElroy	Outside Guard - Don Higginbotham
Warden - Walter Boudreaux, Sr.	Trustees - Ricky Bonin, Ronald Arceneaux & James David
Treasurer - Peter Sahuc	
Recorder - Emmett Gauthier	



PRO-LIFE BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

In support of the DesOrmeaux Foundation, Inc, whose mission is dedicated to defending human life at all stages of development, born and unborn. That is, the infant in the womb, the elderly, the handicapped, the homeless and all who are threatened by our present culture of death.

In the pro-life landscape after the reversal of Roe vs. Wade and passing of the Love Life Amendment in Louisiana, it's important to note that our support of our Catholic pro-life mission should not wane. The political strides we've made in abolishing abortion in our State means that the momentum in which we fought to protect the unborn should now be shifted to providing the services and education to mothers who have decided to give their unborn child a chance at life and a future. One way in which we do this at St. Pius X is through the Pro-Life Baby Bottle Campaign in support of the DesOrmeaux Foundation's services and facilities that meet the many needs of those who face an unplanned pregnancy, and provide them with the financial, emotional, and spiritual support they require. The best thing about the Pro-Life Baby Bottle Campaign is that it is 100% implemented by families for families.



As the fundraiser's coordinator, parishioner, Peter Sahuc, Sr., places more emphasis on education than fundraising. He reminds us that, "It's important to emphasize the critical need to not only encourage those in an unplanned pregnancy to preserve the life of their child, but also to assist the mother both financially & spiritually as well." Peter and his wife Ednae also serve on the DesOrmeaux Foundation Advisory Board.

PRO-LIFE BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN HISTORY

YEAR	AMOUNT	YEAR	AMOUNT
2006	\$7,185	2016	\$10,023
2007	\$6,271	2017	\$7,284
2008	\$10,370	2018	\$12,308
2009	\$9,498	2019	\$11,677
2010	\$7,145	2020	\$12,330
2011	\$19,576	2021	\$15,448
2012	\$6,905	2022	\$20,527
2013	\$10,002	2023	\$20,569
2014	\$8,742	TOTAL	\$204,247
2015	\$8,389		

*To learn more about the DesOrmeaux Foundation, its programs and services, visit:
<https://desormeauxfoundation.org>.*

Whether it's pocket change from a piggy bank, a volunteer distributing baby bottles, or a generous gift at a level not many of us can afford, the significance of the campaign is that we can all participate in some way to have a far greater impact collectively than individually. Though it takes all of us to raise a village, it's important to recognize the true heroes in the pro-life story – the mother who like Mary in Luke 1:38 has the faith to say yes to life. Whether she chooses to care for her child on her own or selflessly give it up for adoption so those who can't have children have the chance to be the parents they always dreamed they could be, her yes to life is a decision not made lightly. In fact, there are usually several obstacles to overcome making her decision to give life a seemingly unrealistic and unfavorable one. Yet, despite all odds against her, she still said yes.

MANY THANKS TO OUR VISITING PRIESTS



VERY REV.
KEVIN
BORDELON
JCL, JV

Ordained in 2005, Father Kevin Bordelon began his service at St. Pius X in August of 2020 when Covid moved his studies in Canon Law at Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. online. Not long after obtaining his JCL license in August of 2022, he returned to St. Pius X to help with liturgies, sacraments and other pastoral duties as needed. Prior to that, Fr. Bordelon obtained a B.A. in History from LSU (2000), and a M.Div. and M.A. from St. John's Seminary in Boston (2005). He served at the Diocese of Lafayette, LA, as Director of Ongoing Formation of Priests (2010-2016); Director of Vocations and Seminarians (2011-2017); and Director of Seminarians (2017-2020). He also served as Pastor of St. Joseph's in Rayne (2015-2020). Currently, he serves as a Judicial Vicar in the Tribunal Office at the Diocese of Lafayette.

What makes St. Pius X or its parishioners unique compared to other parishes you've served?

I appreciate the maturity of faith demonstrated by the congregation of St. Pius. The faithful here want to pray well. They are attentive to and appreciate the effort that priests put into preparing a homily. Also, it's wonderful to say daily Mass for hundreds of people.



REV.
RAYMOND
SSEBINA
M.

Ordained in 2019, Fr. Raymond began serving St. Pius X in 2023. Born and raised in Uganda, Africa, Fr. Raymond joined the seminary at 9 years old. In Uganda, seminaries begin formation in elementary school and continue through the post-graduate level. After completing his elementary seminary education, Fr. Raymond went on to complete his education at a junior seminary (high school), minor seminary (college), and finally a major seminary. He received a degree in philosophy from St. Thomas Aquinas and degree in theology from St. Mary's, which were awarded by Pontifical Urban University in Rome. He also pursued a master's degree in theological and religious education from Makerere University and a diploma in counseling psychology from Kyambogo University.

What do you like to do in your free time?

I love sports, and some of the games I love playing are soccer, volleyball, pickleball, basketball, table tennis, and badminton. I also love music, both listening to it and playing some instruments like the musical organ.

PRAYER WITNESS

BY DONNA LEMAIRE

For 18 years, I have been blessed to be a part of, and able to serve within, this faith community. Here are some reflections on my prayer experiences in my journey to live a life of discipleship. My journey of faith is integrally linked to my prayer journey. I believe there are seasons in my understanding of prayer and relationship with God. For me it is a part of a transforming relationship with Christ. I began saying prayers and later began to realize that spending time in the presence of Christ was essential to my life. My commitment to spend time with the Lord became more than a religious requirement, it became a deep need. In some of the seasons of my prayer time, I needed anchors to help me, like setting aside a time and a place that would allow me to be present and faithful. In other seasons of life, there were times when I went to prayer feeling unworthy to even be in the presence of God, like I hadn't earned the blessing of communicating with the Lord of my life. Sometimes I was exhausted or distracted by so many things, I was hardly present. Yet, I felt the need to continue my prayer time. I recall a moment when there was some clarity to me about how God relates to us. I observed my very young niece waking up one morning and curling up in her mother's arms - a little disoriented, but completely at peace in the arms of someone who loved her. This was



Ms. Donna Lemaire, past principal at St. Pius Elementary School, is now the parish's adult formation director.

enlightening to me - God is present, calls me, waits for me, unconditionally loves me — no conditions. This was a huge change in my prayer time with Christ. He was already there for me, but I had often not been present. I began to pray for openness to his presence. My journey now has brought me to realize that openness is not enough for me — because I still am trying to figure out how I can make myself more open. The journey of prayer has been for me a journey of conversion and transformation. My prayer word now is receptivity. I need to learn how to accept unconditional love without placing my own conditions on what should be required to earn His presence. I have come to realize that whether I go to prayer feeling unworthy, guilty, or distracted, the Father is there waiting for my return, Christ is present waiting to embrace, and the Spirit is there to teach me that it was never about what I do for prayer time or how I pray - it's about me allowing the Spirit to speak the words I cannot find, and allowing Him to do that every day.

--Donna Lemaire - February 2019

Mass Attendance

Have you ever wondered how many people attend Mass? Below are the averages of all five Masses counted on a single weekend in May during the following years:

Month & Year	Number of Parishioners
May 2018	2811
May 2019	2742
May 2022	2368
May 2023	2631
May 2024	2830

The attendance rates counted during October have similar projections.





FOOD PANTRY

WITH AN ESTABLISHED FOOD PANTRY, ST. PIUS X IS ABLE TO FEED THE HUNGRY YEAR-ROUND

The Mission Club's newest endeavor helps to remind us that the need for campus expansion and renovation extend far beyond the beauty of a new Church building and more meeting room space. The blood, sweat, tears, prayers and money poured into our construction projects were to help build God's kingdom on earth with service at the forefront of all intentions. With an established food pantry in June of 2023, residents within the geographical boundaries of the parish have year-round access to food if they're hungry, drink if they're thirsty and even warm clothing accessories if they're cold. The food pantry is an additional resource provided to those in need in addition to food baskets or emergency financial aid the Mission Club provides each year.



With a convenient drop-off location in the Church Gathering Area, parishioners can donate items requested throughout the year. To maximize the assistance the parish can provide and ensure efficiency in service; the Mission Club collaborates with Food Net who provides food to supplement what our generous parishioners provide.

Leading the effort is longtime Mission Club leader, Jamie Wagnon, who along with the great team of volunteers, has handled the vetting of beneficiaries, gathering of documentation to substantiate need, coordination of seasonal outreach campaigns and the delivery of sustenance to those in need.

CENTERED IN THE EUCHARIST

FISCAL YEAR 2024 WAS FERVENTLY CELEBRATED
IN THE PRESENCE OF JESUS

EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

With the motto, we want to start a fire not a program, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops envisioned a National Eucharistic Revival for all Catholics in our country. Led by Bishop Andrew Cozzens, the revival is a multiyear movement designed to renew the Church by enkindling a living relationship with Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. With a dedicated webpage (<https://www.eucharisticrevival.org>) including a plethora of resources, blogs, e-newsletters, events, and guidebooks for parish and diocesan leaders, the effort was designed to strengthen the Church in her Eucharistic life. By helping us to respond to the call to be healed, converted, formed, and unified through an encounter with Jesus in the Eucharist, it is then that we'll be ready to be sent out on mission "for the life of the world" (Jn 6:51). Those participating in the Eucharistic Revival sessions were invited to deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ in the celebration of the Eucharist and adoration. With Jesus' desire to meet each of us more personally and help us grow in a deeper relationship with him, the hope is that we can be set on fire for the mission the Catholic Church so desperately needs.

The Parish phase of the Eucharistic Revival at St. Pius X began in July of 2023. Parishioners were invited to serve on the Revival Team to help parishioners explore the many resources that The Augustine Institute and FORMED provided for parishes and Catholics across the country.

Small group sessions included the series, *Presence*, which was about the Eucharist; *Forgiven*, a series on the power of reconciliation; and *Jewish Roots of Holy Week*, a presentation by Dr. Brant Pitre. Led by Adult Formation Director, Donna Lemaire, a core team of 12 and other volunteers served as table leaders, greeters or helped with meal preparation. In attendance were 35-80 participants for two sessions on each topic. Donna and her team will continue to provide robust formation sessions this year. The sessions are intended to help participants experience a deeper understanding of the Eucharistic Year of Mission with all people regardless of where they are on their faith journey through 2025.

EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES PRESENTATION 2024

To complement the parish's efforts to strengthen the Eucharistic culture at St. Pius X, another event was held to help ignite the love of the Eucharist in all of us. Hosted by Magnificat Travel and Diocese of Lafayette's Offices of Worship and Hispanic Ministry, a Eucharistic Miracles presentation was held free of charge. The guest speaker, Dr. Ricardo Castañón, is a former atheist scientist who led a team of expert scientists to examine a possible Eucharistic Miracle in Buenos Aires, Argentina. His discovery was so powerful that he converted to Catholicism and now tours the world speaking about the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist.



Each year, St. Pius X celebrates Corpus Christi with an Eucharistic Procession.



For 24 hours 7 days a week, St. Pius X's Perpetual Adoration Chapel allows 2 adorers per hour to spend time in His presence in the Eucharist.



Regnum Christi brought their Music Collective to St. Pius X during Advent 2023.

WORSHIP, PRAYER & FELLOWSHIP

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FROM RETREATS TO
SOCIALS, THERE'S
SOMETHING FOR
EVERYONE AT ST. PIUS X

MUSICAL CONCERTS

Through collaborative relationships, anonymous donors and the generosity, prayers and service of St. Pius X parishioners, the parish is able to bring outside speakers and groups that complement our worship, enhance our prayer life and help us grow deeper in our faith.

Chorale Acadienne

To expand on the creative expression St. Pius X Choir provides us when giving Glory and Praise to our one and living God, St. Pius X invited Chorale Acadienne to return for another musical performance for a second year in a row. The group performed *Duruflé Requiem* with selections by Mack Wilberg, Gabriel Faure and Russell Roden.

Regnum Christi Music Collective

The Regnum Christi Music Collective brought their national tour to St. Pius X last Advent. An evening of prayer and song brought parishioners of all ages together with the intent to inspire the faithful to seek out God's love and share it with the world. The Regnum Christi Music Collective is one way in which Regnum Christi seeks to give glory to God and make the Kingdom of Christ present in our hearts.

RETREATS & CONFERENCES

Married Conference

For couples, a one-day conference was held allowing those living out their marriage vocation a chance to hear from local speakers. Fr. Bryce Sibley, Paul and Gretchen George, Josh and Erin Thomas, and Easton and Robin Hebert helped couples to embrace the beauty of marriage and its tangible representation of God's love to the world.

Couples Date Night

Additionally, a Couples Date Night titled *Letting God Love You: The Five Love Languages Helping You Pray* helped couples to understand how God communicates His love to us. Through prayer and the Five Love Languages, couples learned how to best receive God's love according to the way He has individually created us, and in turn, how they could best respond to His love.

Men

For Men, the Just Men Day Retreat was held for men at any stage of their journey seeking to restore joy and belonging. The retreat was hosted by Women at the Well of Love, a nonprofit that seeks to serve those who are single, separated, divorced, or remarried by restoring belonging and joy and providing a safe place for people to feel seen and heard on their healing journey.

Women

For Women, several reflections were held throughout the year. Women's Guild and the Magnify Women's Ministry continued to offer days of reflections for Easter and Advent, and an additional reflection was held by national evangelists, Kristin and Tony Bird. *Healing Hearts: Embracing Forgiveness*, sponsored by the Diocese of Lafayette, helped women explore the transformative power of extending grace through forgiveness.

“...BLESSED ARE THEY WHO HUNGER AND THIRST FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS, FOR THEY WILL BE SATISFIED...” MT 5:6

Immaculee Retreat 2024

Immaculée Ilibagiza, a New York Times bestselling author, came to St. Pius X to share her admirable message of love, hope, & forgiveness. Attendees were able to learn how the power of prayer helped Immaculee to find faith, peace, and hope during the three months she spent in hiding to survive the Rwanda genocide massacre in the 90's. Most admirably, Immaculee shared her witness of forgiveness and how she was able to forgive the man responsible for the death of her family.



The Parish Social continues to be a well-attended event bringing adults together for music, food and fun.



Robin Hebert speaking at the Day of Reflection hosted by Magnify Women's Ministry during Advent.

Pro-Life

St. Pius X's Pro-Life Ministry, led by Amy and Kyle Bacon, partnered with the Diocese of Lafayette's Office of Pro-Life Apostolate and Louisiana Right to Life to host the Spring into Life event. Featuring the compelling pro-life testimony of speaker, author and advocate, Melissa Ohden, MSW, the event was designed to encourage all of us to walk with moms in need of healing. She also addressed how we can help an abortion survivor, a woman experiencing a failed/stopped/reversed abortion attempt, or a family that has been impacted. Additionally, the pro-life ministry hosted a speaking engagement titled *Understanding Miscarriages & Fertility Issues from a Catholic Perspective* by parishioner Dr. Kim Hardey. Dr. Hardey, an obstetrician and gynecologist, has been a pro-life advocate and referral source for abortion-minded patients and the medical community for over 30 years.



Parishioners Mrs. Kathleen D. Godchaux and James B. Godchaux, M.D., have been pro-life trailblazers for well over 30 years.

AN UPDATE FROM ST. PIUS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

The 2023-2024 school year was an exciting time for our students at St. Pius Elementary School. Our PreK-3 program was reintroduced, we welcomed back our Musical Theater elective, and celebrated our largest Alumni Mass attendance to date. Throughout the year, students deepened their faith and lived out our mission of "Bringing the Presence of Christ to Others" by participating in multiple service projects and community activities.

PreK-3 Program

This year marked the return of our PreK-3 program, and it was a huge success! Students participated in a variety of fun activities and events, including a Christmas Program, a teddy bear picnic, a bike rodeo, and a play about a pout pout fish. We are excited to continue expanding our PreK-3 program and instilling a lifelong love of learning in our students.

Catholic Schools Week

Students and their families thoroughly enjoyed this year's Catholic Schools Week. We had an outstanding turnout for Family Bingo Night, and students engaged in numerous activities including a special black light assembly. Students also participated in collecting and donating items to the DesOrmeaux Foundation.

Alumni Mass

In April, we welcomed over 70 alumni back on campus for our annual Alumni Mass, making it the largest group to attend in the history of St. Pius Elementary School. Students enjoyed reconnecting with their favorite teachers, catching up with their former buddies, and exploring the exciting changes on campus.

Stations of the Cross

Leading up to Easter, our 8th grade students delivered a powerful performance of The Stations of the Cross. The dedication and reverence shown transformed the event into a deeply moving experience for everyone who witnessed it. Our 3rd grade students also prepared a Stations of the Cross poster presentation, explaining the significance of each station as our PreK-3 - 2nd grade students visited each one.

Willy Wonka Jr. © Play

This year represented a milestone for our Musical Theater department, as they proudly presented our first school-wide musical in more than four years! Their blockbuster performance of Willy Wonka Jr. © earned rave reviews and our students are already planning for next year's event.





Service Projects

This year our St. Pius Student Council lived out our mission of bringing the presence of Christ to others by participating in several service projects. They volunteered to feed the homeless at St. Joseph's Diner and purchased TVs for Catholic Charities, which were given to families moving into permanent housing for the first time. Our students also gathered items to donate to the DesOrmeaux Foundation and raised funds for the "Change for Miles" campaign benefiting the Miles Perret Cancer Center. Throughout the school year, students not only collected donations but also had the opportunity to hear from several guest speakers. These speakers emphasized the importance of a Catholic education and the significance of embodying Christ's teachings in today's world.

SPES UPDATE CONTINUED



ST. PIUS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FULFILLING THE LEGACY

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ST. PIUS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

INNOVATIVE LEARNING CENTER

When the school plans for St. Pius Elementary were first created, they consisted of three phases: a preschool, a kindergarten, and a full elementary school. Our Lady of Life Preschool opened in 1995, starting with 19 three-year-olds in the former church ministry and rectory building. By 2000, our elementary school was completed, offering grades 1 through 8 along with facilities like a dining hall, library, and gymnasium.

Today, our early childhood programs have grown significantly, now serving 162 children across PreK-3, PreK-4, and Kindergarten for the 2024-2025 school year. To accommodate for future growth and fulfill our original master plan, we are excited to introduce the Innovative Learning Center. This transformative addition will include modern classrooms, an updated library, a

STREAM lab, a community garden, and expanded facilities for art, media production, and on-campus speech and physical therapy services.

The Innovative Learning Center will serve as a hub of faith, knowledge, and growth, elevating the educational experience for every student on our campus. Together, we can make a lasting difference in the lives of our students and the community we serve. We hope you will continue to support the legacy of Catholic faith, service, and excellence that defines St. Pius Elementary School. As we look forward to the final phase of the original plan - Fulfilling our Legacy - we ask that you please spend some time in prayer and reflection on St. Pius Elementary and how you can play a vital role in the future of our largest ministry.

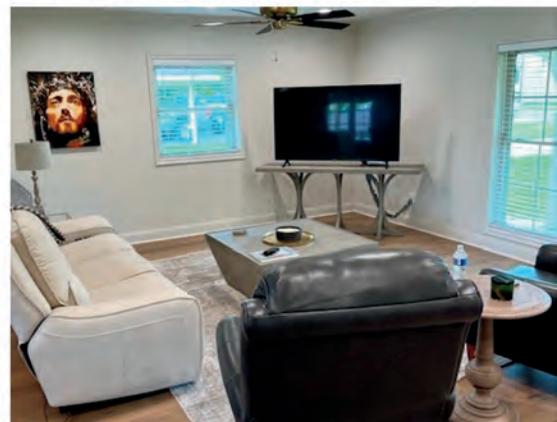




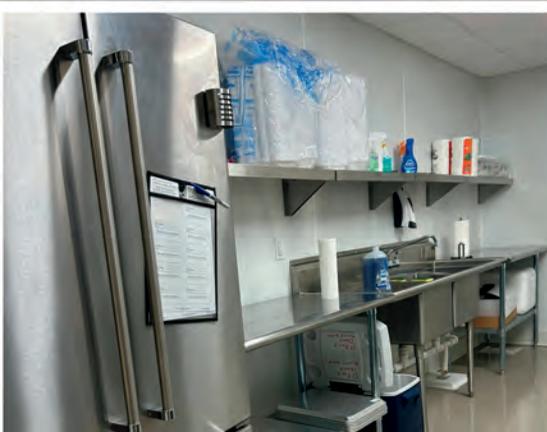
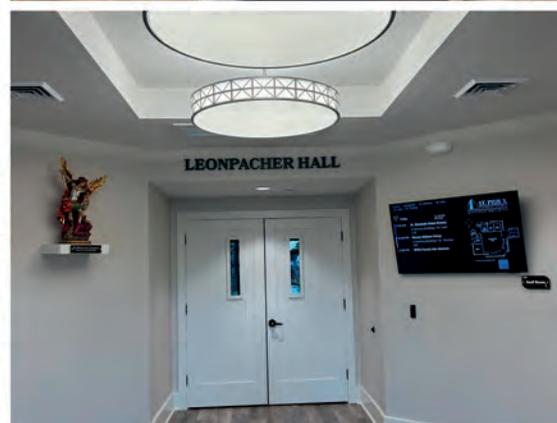
PARKING LOTS



RECTORY



MINISTRY BUILDING





WANTED



by JESUS

Each year, the interest in Vacation Bible School (VBS) continues to grow. Often times, participation is limited to 125 students since there aren't enough volunteers. If you wish to volunteer for VBS next year, please call the parish office.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
ST. PIUS X

Dorothy Scott, and Bob and Elsie Austin at the Dedication Ceremony for the Ministry Building (May 2024).



VOCATIONS

Along with the other men and women who have entered the religious or consecrated life, this year we pray for three seminarians from St. Pius X Church:



Coby Hebert

2nd Pre-Theology
Class: 2028
Seminary: Notre Dame



Giovanni Ranzino

2nd Pre-Theology
Class: 2028
Seminary: St. Ben's



Eli Weil

Propaedeutic Year
Class: 2031
Seminary: Holy Trinity

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

2024-2025

Phil Camel (May 2025)

Taylor Davis (May 2026)

John Deats (May 2025)

Alysia Gauthreaux (May 2026)

Rob Gutierrez (May 2027)

Amanda McAlister (May 2026)

Reggie Ringuet (May 2027)

TRUSTEES

Mr. Bob Austin

Mary Anne Smith

MISSION & VALUES

INTEGRITY

CHRIST LIKE

FAITH-FILLED

DEPENDABILITY

HUMILITY

COMMUNITY

St Pius X Roman Catholic Church participates in the evangelical mission of Jesus Christ entrusted to His apostles (Mt 28-19-20), welcoming all while being devoted to the teaching of the apostles, communal life, the breaking of bread and prayer. (Acts 2:42)



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