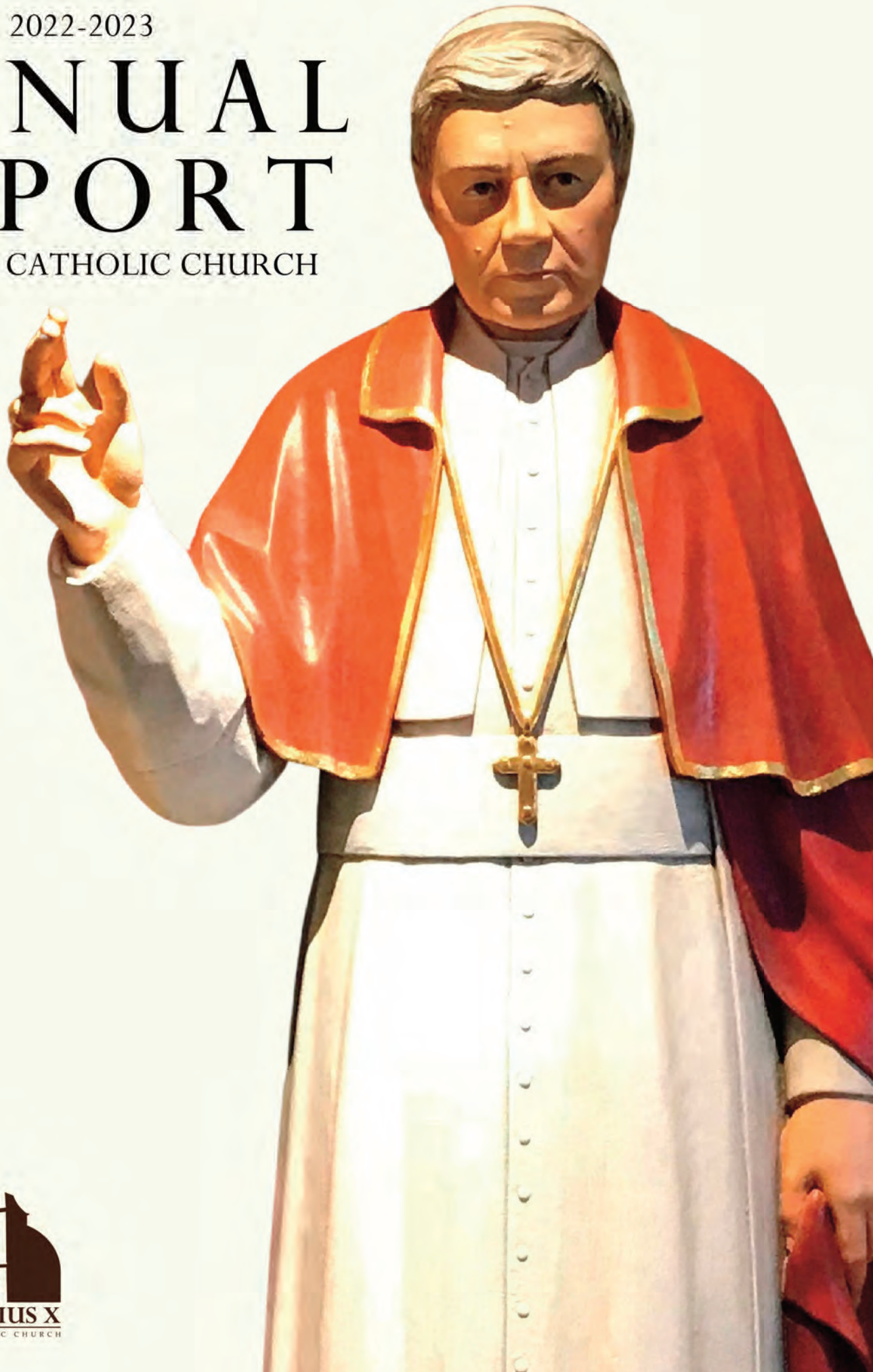


2022-2023

# ANNUAL REPORT

ST. PIUS X CATHOLIC CHURCH







# ST. PIUS X YOUTH PROGRAMS

## Thank You For Your Generosity!

Here at St. Pius X we are blessed to be able to provide Catechism, Youth Ministry, and Sacramental Prep **free of charge** to all the youth involved. We couldn't do this without your generosity financially, your contributions through service, and most of all your prayers!! Below are a few examples of what **your generosity** has provided this past year for our youth programs!!



### YOUNG SAINTS

Elementary Religious Formation

- Catechism Books for 40 kids
- Supplies & Crafts
- Christmas Service Project (128 filled stockings for nursing home residents)
- 1st Communion Prep Books for 43 kids
- 25 Kids Bibles
- 150 Way of the Cross booklets for kids
- Free Vacation Bible School for 130 kids



### EDGE

Middle School Youth Ministry

- Food - Meals & Snacks
- Decorations
- Fun Nights & Holiday Parties
- Supplies
- Dodgeballs
- Kick Off party supplies - slime, food, fun



### LIFE TEEN

High School Youth Ministry

- Food - Meals & Snacks
- Themed Parties/Supplies
- Free Retreat (Life Teen & Confirmation)
- Guest Speakers
- Lenten Books of Reflection
- Scholarships for Life Teen Camp Covecrest
- Praise & Worship musical guests
- Supplies including: sports equipment, organizational, office, shelves, furniture
- Girls & Guys Nights

Our Youth Formation Team is already planning some great new ministries for the fall! Most of all, we are excited to continue the work that God has started in the hearts of the youth here at St. Pius X. It has been an honor to journey with these kids and to see how **God is calling each of them to a deeper encounter with HIM!**



Mary Hindelang  
DRE



Reed Strevva  
Youth Minister



Kayla Raffray  
Life Teen Coordinator



Meghan Scott  
EDGE Coordinator



Katie Martin  
Confirmation Program Director



# A MESSAGE FROM FATHER BRADY



The 2022-2023 fiscal year marked the end of my fifth year as your pastor. My assignment at St. Pius X has been a great blessing to me, and your patience and support continue to be very much appreciated. Overall, it has been a great year for our parish thanks to the prayers, service and gifts that all of you have contributed to our parish community. However, the biggest news of the year concerns our campus and the financing of our construction projects.

As you know, our campus continues to undergo changes that will improve service to our congregation. Admittedly, progress has been slower than we had hoped due to some unexpected delays. However all the "hurdles" have been cleared and the projects should have a straight path to completion. For now, construction on the ministries building (the old church) and the rectory is nearing completion, and the hope is that both buildings will be occupied and in use before Christmas. We hope the new sound system in the church will be in use by the time you read this letter!

Your consistent and generous support has made it possible for us to complete the projects on the parking lot, the old church, and the rectory (cost of approximately \$4 million) while at the same time not incurring any additional debt! Congratulations and thank you so much!!

When we planned these projects some 4 years ago, it was decided that it was of first importance to provide what was needed for the congregation's growth in faith, which included adequate facilities for formation activities such as youth ministry, bible studies, prayer groups, ACTS Retreats, service group meetings, and other formation activities. The initial financial plan estimated a \$1 to \$1.5 million increase in debt to complete the projects. The anticipated loan balance, per the loan amortization schedule as of the end of this fiscal year, was \$11,328,203.65. It was in fact \$10,331,158.29. Therefore, as of June 30, 2023, we are actually ahead of the projected debt by \$997,045.36 (loan savings) even with the project costs.

However, we still have approximately \$1 million in anticipated costs to finish the projects and properly equip the buildings. Assuming our offertory remains steady, this remaining investment can be adequately covered with the above noted loan savings of \$997,045.36 and the cash we have on hand. Of course, once the projects are completed we plan to more aggressively reduce the debt in a disciplined way by continuing to pay more than the regular monthly payment. It is your generous and disciplined support of the weekly offertory, combined with the monthly second collection for Debt Reduction, that makes this possible. Once again, congratulations and thank you for a job well done!

I hope you enjoy our annual report. It provides information about our parish community and activities that serve our families and community. The report is intended to fulfill my obligation of transparency and accountability to you. I hope you find the information interesting and useful. Once again, thank you for the wonderful year, and may God continue to bless us, giving success to the work of our hands!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Fr. James Brady". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Father James Brady  
Pastor, St. Pius X Church



# MASS INTENTIONS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

*The Church, in all of her members,  
has the mission to practice the  
prayer of intercession  
- Pope Francis*

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IN THE CATECHISM WE READ: "INTERCESSION - ASKING ON BEHALF OF ANOTHER (...) HAS BEEN CHARACTERISTIC OF A HEART ATTUNED TO GOD'S MERCY". WHEN WE PRAY WE ARE IN TUNE WITH GOD'S MERCY; HAVING MERCY REGARDING OUR SINS, BEING MERCIFUL WITH OURSELVES, BUT ALSO MERCIFUL WITH ALL THOSE WHO HAVE ASKED TO BE PRAYED FOR, THOSE FOR WHOM WE WANT TO PRAY IN TUNE WITH GOD'S HEART. THIS IS TRUE PRAYER: IN TUNE WITH GOD'S MERCY, WITH HIS MERCIFUL HEART.

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## PRAYER REQUESTS

At St. Pius X, we have several ways to ask for Jesus' intercession of our own intentions as well as for others. Each year, an average of 400 people submit prayer requests at no cost online where daily Masses and rosaries are offered for their intentions. These confidential prayer requests are for anyone, living or deceased, and for any intention.

## MASS INTENTIONS

Additionally, over 100 Mass Intentions are submitted and printed in the bulletin each week. By placing intentions in the parish office at \$5 per Mass, those placing the intention are allowed up to three names to be remembered at the Mass or Masses they specify. Mass Intentions allow St. Pius X's faith community to pray for loved ones who have passed away or Special Intentions (for anyone still living).

## SANCTUARY LAMP & ADORATION CANDLE

The Sanctuary Lamp and Adoration Candle remain a favorite among parishioners wishing to reserve them in memory or honor of a loved one.

To give more people the opportunity to do so, they are now reserved for one week (instead of two). Parishioners are also asked to limit their requests to two requests per year - one for each candle (a person can reserve both the Sanctuary Lamp and Adoration Candle for one week during the year).

## ADORATION CHAPEL & MONTHLY ADORATION

Parishioners are also invited to bring their intentions before the Lord during Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament either by signing up to be a weekly adorer or substitute, or at the monthly Adoration and Benediction scheduled each month. Adoration is affirmation of our core belief in the true presence of Christ's body and blood, soul, and divinity in the Eucharist. Perpetual Adoration at St. Pius X continues to grow and the parish is blessed to have over 250 adorers committed to praying for one hour each week in front of the Blessed Sacrament.

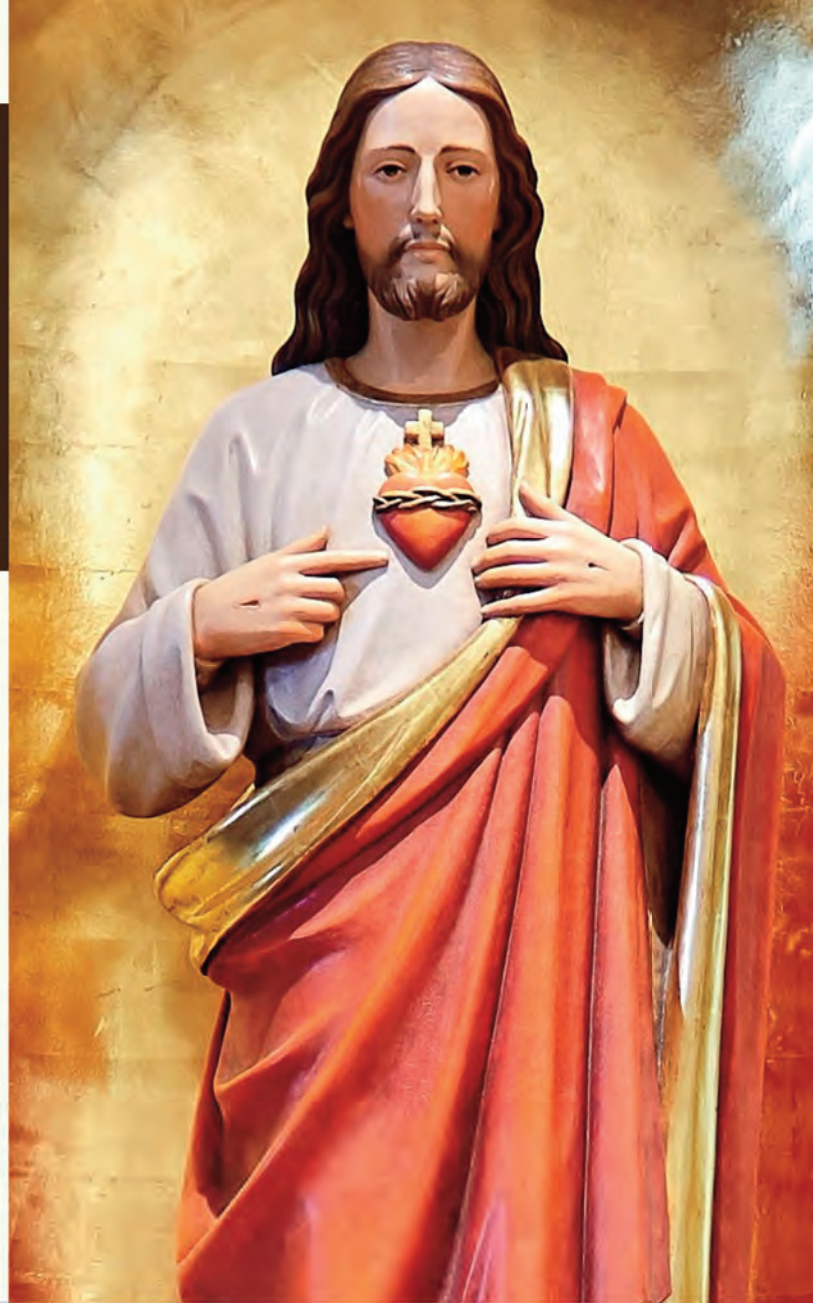


# CATHOLICS IN RECOVERY

## **CIR PAIRS THE 12-STEP PROGRAM WITH THE SACRAMENTAL LOVE & MERCY FROM THE CATHOLIC CHURCH.**

In September 2022, St. Pius X began offering Catholics in Recovery (CIR) in-person meetings under the leadership of parishioner, Marcelo D. The weekly meetings at St. Pius X offer recovery resources and support to those suffering from addictions, compulsions and unhealthy attachments (alcohol, drug, pornography, sex, relationship, food, and gambling addictions; codependency); the fear, control and anxiety associated with them; and the impact they have on family.

Those attending meetings at St. Pius X not only form connections with others who have been struggling from a similar state of hopelessness, but also with Jesus Christ.



## **PARTICIPANTS HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO BEGIN A NEW LIFE IN CHRIST WHILE ATTAINING THE SUPPORT NEEDED TO FIND RELIEF FROM ADDICTION, COMPULSIONS OR UNHEALTHY ATTACHMENTS.**

Participants also have access to the resources provided by CIR, which were designed to draw people closer to God's grace, as well as share the Good News that God can bring about in healing and recovery. Some of the resources include videos, prayers, exercises, reflections, books, and guides that nourish one's recovery and spiritual life.

For individuals who can't attend weekly meetings or families with a loved one suffering from addiction, CIR also offers those resources along with access to virtual meetings and retreats, zoom sessions, and community forums through a CIR monthly membership.





# ST. PIUS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

After celebrating 25 years of St. Pius Elementary School (SPES) providing academic excellence and faith formation to its students, the 2023-2024 school year began with SPES faculty and staff participating in a service day. The service day gave faculty and staff the opportunity to live out the school's mission of "Bringing the Presence of Christ to Others."

Throughout the school year, students were able to grow in faith and fellowship with each other as they participated in new traditions that will be carried out for years to come!

## VETERANS DAY

St. Pius Elementary hosted its first Veterans Day celebration to honor the family and friends of SPES students, faculty and staff along with all others who have served in the armed forces. Veterans participated in mass, a parade through the halls, and breakfast with their families.

## AWARDS CEREMONY

To end the year, selected 5th through 8th grade students were recognized for their academic success in core content and elective courses.

## FIRST RESPONDERS DAY

Law enforcement officers and emergency personnel visited SPES for the first ever "First Responders Day." Students were able to get a glimpse into the jobs of those who serve our community by providing protection and assistance to those in need.

## BLESSING OF THE PETS

To celebrate the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, SPES students, families, faculty and staff participated in the first annual Blessing of the Pets. Animals filled the playground as students brought their pets to receive a special blessing.







# SPES CONTINUED

## BACK FIELD PROJECT

As St. Pius Elementary School completed its 25th year, the once dream of a new back field finally started to become a reality. The project began in May 2023 to create a turf field and NBA sized basketball court and pavilion. New playground equipment and swing sets were also part of the project.

St. Pius Elementary would like to give a special thank to Joshua Hoffpaur with Hoffpaur Studio Architecture, J.B. Mouton, Stinson Fencing, Geo Surfaces, and Quality Courts for their hard work and dedication to this project. SPES looks forward to the opportunity to host many events and give students the opportunity to make lasting memories on the new field for years to come!





# “LORD BE WITH YOU”

A story about parishioners helping parishioners by Stanley Hymel.

For as long as I could remember, the response “The Lord be with you,” hadn’t resonated with us like it did after August 11, 2016. Since then every time my wife, Dee, and I hear it at Mass, we give glory to God for his hand in restoring our home and lives after the 100-year historical flood tried to destroy them. In the 39 years we lived in our home, water would get close to the front door but never entered it.



However, on this occasion, the water continued to rise until 10 inches of water, mixed with mud and outside debris, covered the entire inside of our home. Once the rain began to subside, we knew it was time to return home to assess the damage and begin the recovery efforts to salvage whatever belongings and home infrastructure the flood left in its wake. I told Dee that we had an important decision to make once we got there. We could start crying and feel sorry for ourselves, or we could face whatever we’d find and make plans to get it back in order. We chose to have Faith. We chose determination, resilience and a firm commitment to resolve. Before heading home, we stopped at Wal-Mart to get two mops. As we were leaving, a familiar face from St. Pius X appeared. Bill Bellefontaine, a parishioner and acquaintance who served on the Capital Campaign committee with me, inquired about how we were doing. We told him of our fate then headed home to meet it. Later, Bill told us that as he left Wal-Mart, the look on our faces when speaking about our circumstances called him to action. He knew he had to help us, but could not remember our names. With the help of the parish’s pictorial directory, Bill found us, located our address and showed up on our doorstep the next day. Bill asked how he could help us and if we needed a place to stay? Not wanting to impose on a church acquaintance, we told him we were going to try to stay home.

As the heat began to rise higher than the musty smell of the rain water that penetrated every piece of furniture and personal belongings that laid within 10 inches above the floor, our minds quickly changed.

*Photo: Dee and Stanley Hymel were displaced for seven weeks during the historical flood in 2016. The support and hospitality received from their many angels gave them a new perspective when hearing the response, Lord be with you.*

The guest-room accommodations he provided were more like a five-star hotel, and his home was only a short drive to ours which was a great convenience. Bill was our Archangel who provided shelter and storage space for seven full weeks! Most of all, Bill provided his friendship which we cherish to this day.

God’s presence was not only realized by our Archangel, but from so many others. From neighbors who stored our belongings and perishable food items, to our initial angels and dear friends who provided us with a place to stay for the first two nights we were displaced. To the sales clerk at the home improvement store who recommended the carpenter that completed our repairs, to the friendly and efficient contractors and painters who assisted him. To our insurance agency that helped us to file a claim and receive some of the money needed for the repairs, to our parish family at St. Pius X and the Knights of Columbus that donated monies to help us with the remaining expenses. Last but not least, to the Church acquaintance that not only provided us with shelter at no cost to us for those seven weeks, but also storage and a budding friendship that continues to remain strong to this day.

We will never forget God’s protection and assistance in our journey, and His many foot soldiers He sent to “be with us.” We continue to praise the LORD for getting us back home quickly, safely and most gratefully.



# VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Evelyn Landry's response when called to serve

Evelyn Landry and her husband have been parishioners at St. Pius X Church since its earliest days back when Mass was held in a 30x60' cement-block building. Whether she was working as a nurse or as a stay-at-home mother raising 9 children (and ensuring they all received their Sacraments of Initiation at St. Pius X), Evelyn still found time to serve the parish community. Since 1972, Evelyn has served or continues to serve as an Extraordinary Eucharistic Minister of Holy Communion distributing the Eucharist at daily and weekend Masses, a volunteer for the Women's Guild helping to cook meals and host receptions for those receiving their Sacraments, and a member of the Prison Ministry visiting and distributing the Eucharist to prisoners. After retiring in 2009, Evelyn added Rosary making to her volunteer to-do list, and opened up her heart and even more time to distribute the Eucharist at nursing homes and the homes of those who are homebound. Her background and experience have also allowed her to take on more of a leadership role helping to coordinate the activity of 42 other Eucharistic Ministers when someone contacts the Church requesting to receive the Eucharist outside of Mass. With 9 children and 24 grandchildren, she naturally adopted a "fix it" approach towards every area in life. As a volunteer, she's learned to assess things from a logistical perspective and make adjustments as needed to better serve those who volunteer with her and those they are serving.

Going over and beyond the call of duty is second nature to Evelyn. She has stepped in to fill any gaps in parishioner needs if the parish didn't have an active ministry to serve them. Like, transporting parish families to doctor's appointments or Mass, and helping to teach Nursing Home residents how to make Rosaries since they can't attend the weekly Rosary Maker meetings at the parish. When asked what led her to work in ministry, it's not surprising that someone with Evelyn's faith and servanthood would give the honor and recognition to our Lord.



*Evelyn Landry, a parishioner since 1972, ministry leader and volunteer.*

"God just sends me people who need help, and I respond. His call to serve continues to weigh on my heart and I feel a strong commitment to do volunteer work in our parish." She finds inspiration by starting each day with Mass and the Eucharist. Then, she notes, "I am ready for whatever requests come my way - every day can be flexible and exciting or challenging." She's also inspired by a quote her dad shared with her as a child that continues to be impressionable on her to this day, "at the end of our lives, we don't want to live with the guilt or regret of all the good we could have done, but didn't do."

On a final note, she shared the prayer that has greatly inspired her. Written by Fr. Mychal Judge, the priest who served as a chaplain to the New York City Fire Department and lost his life on 9/11, it reads:

*"Lord, take me where you want me to go, let me meet who you want me to meet, tell me what you want me to say, and keep me out of your way."*





*Photo: John Ray Perkins, John Hiatt (not pictured), Bill Charbonnet (not pictured), and Keller Williams Realty were the award recipients at Catholic Charities of Acadiana's Annual Banquet.*

Congratulations to St. Pius X parishioners who were honored at Catholic Charities of Acadiana's (CCA) Annual Banquet for their dedicated service to the poor and vulnerable in our community.

John Hiatt and John Ray Perkins were awarded the Good Samaritan Award and Bill Charbonnet was chosen for the Benevolence Award.

The Msgr. Sigur Legacy Award is presented to a community organization or group that has shown exceptional dedication to the mission of Catholic Charities of Acadiana. Keller Williams Realty was honored for their efforts to assist CCA in broadening their reach and expanding the impact their services have on the community.

## PARISHIONERS RECOGNIZED

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AT CATHOLIC CHARITIES  
OF ACADIANA'S ANNUAL  
AWARDS BANQUET





# DEACON STEPHEN VANCLEVE

In December 2022, Bishop Douglas Deshotel appointed Deacon Stephen Vancleve to St. Pius X for a five-year term. Ordained in 2012 by Bishop Michael Jerrell, his first assignment was at his home parish, Nativity of our Lady in New Iberia, for 8 years. He has also served at St. John Francis Regis and St. Catherine in Arnaudville for two years. Deacon Vancleve is employed full-time as a contractor at a local company.

## LEADERSHIP TEAM

Last fiscal year, a leadership team was formed to allow our pastor to focus more on being our shepherd rather than the minute details of parish operations. These changes to St. Pius X's internal operations will also provide a more coordinated effort when serving parishioners, which will ultimately improve service to the parish community. Each member of the leadership team was assigned an area of responsibility in accord with their titles. They are charged with structuring their respective areas to manage staff and day-to-day activities.

- Father James Brady  
PASTOR
- Deacon Phil Lizotte  
DIRECTOR OF LITURGY
- Deacon Sammy Russo  
DIRECTOR OF FORMATION
- Mr. Eric Guidry  
DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION
- Mrs. Kellie DesOrmeaux  
SPES PRINCIPAL
- Mrs. Leah Schmidt  
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO THE PASTOR



## PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Three newly elected Parish Pastoral Council members began their terms in August 2023: Mr. Taylor Davis (second term), Mrs. Alysia Gauthreaux (first term), and Mrs. Amanda McAlister (first term). They will serve as part of the consultative advisory board to the pastor providing advice on general issues regarding church operations and the concerns of the parish community. The "retiring" council members, Mrs. Ashley David and Mr. Dax Douet, both served two three-year terms.



TOP LEFT:  
Taylor Davis  
TOP RIGHT:  
Alysia Gauthreaux  
BOTTOM LEFT:  
Amanda McAlister





# ST. PIUS X CHURCH: A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

As evidenced by parishioners' sacrificial giving over the last decade.

Words can not express the gratitude felt for the generosity and outward expression of faith given to the below initiatives. The witness of time, talent and treasure by St. Pius X's faithful will have a positive impact for generations to come.

## St. Pius X Capital Campaign

Pledged: \$6,896,067  
Collected: \$6,322,337

## Centennial Capital Campaign

Pledged: \$1,559,847  
Collected: \$1,217,380  
Rebate: \$365,214  
*(30% of the amount St. Pius X exceeded its goal)*

## Bishop's Services Appeal

2023 *(as of July 2023)*

Goal: \$168,680

Pledged: \$139,452

2022

Pledged: \$187,852

Collected: \$187,311

Rebate: \$23,577

*(50% of the amount St. Pius X exceeded its \$140,158 goal)*

2021

Pledged: \$170,405

Collected: \$168,505

Rebate: \$13,769

*(50% of the amount St. Pius X exceeded its \$140,968 goal)*

*The noted rebates are the amounts that were returned to the parish as part of the goal sharing initiative the Diocese provides parishes who exceed their goals.*

## MISSION CLUB UPDATES

In June 2023, the Mission Club formed a committee to begin planning activities for a Food Pantry initiative at St. Pius X.

The Food Pantry will help to expand the food distribution efforts the Mission Club already provides families in need:

- 25 Thanksgiving Baskets
- 46 Christmas Baskets
- 16 Easter Baskets

Other efforts include:

- 286 Christmas Gifts
- 2 handicap ramps were built for people in need of accessibility
- 25 people with utilities, rent or food
- 7 funeral-expense assistance
- 1 parishioner assisted with replacement of 2 windows and tree cutting



## PARISH SOCIALS

In an effort to bring our parish family together for fellowship and fun, St. Pius X began hosting parish socials in January 2023. The ACTS Retreats Core Team handled all of the logistics from its initial planning to its implementation. The parish is immensely grateful for the St. Pius X ACTS community that continues to bless the parish with the fruits of its labor.



## YOUTH MINISTRY ENGAGEMENTS

As an incentive to support Youth Ministry, all donors of \$100 or more were entered into a drawing to win a Shrimp Boil cooked by Fr. Brady for up to 8 people. Congratulations to winners, Nicky and Grant Pecoraro, and their guests. Thank you again to everyone who supported the efforts of St. Pius X's Youth Ministry this year!



# Faith, Hope & Charity

Name	Statistics	
ACTS	103	Retreatants
Adoration (Perpetual) Chapel	260	Adorers Serving
Adult Confirmation	16	Candidates
Altar Servers	6	Altar Servers
Bible Studies	51	Participants
Blue Army of OLOF	10	Members
Catholics in Recovery*	8	Participants
Come Lord Jesus!	33	Members
Devotion to the Precious Blood of Jesus	12	Members
Divine Mercy Ministry for the Dying	456	Souls Prayed For
Divine Mercy Sunday Veneration	1,000	Prayer Cards Distributed
Eucharistic Ministry, Homebound	59	People Served Weekly
Eucharistic Ministry, Homebound	42	Ministers
Eucharistic Ministry, Masses	131	Ministers
Eucharistic Ministry, Nursing Homes	24	Ministers
Eucharistic Ministry, Nursing Homes	256	People Served Weekly
Facebook Data & Fans	4,624	Facebook Likes
Facebook Data & Fans	77%	Female
Facebook Data & Fans	23%	Male
Facebook Data & Fans	2.7%	Age 18 yrs. - 24 yrs.
Facebook Data & Fans	34.8%	Age 25 yrs. - 44 yrs.
Facebook Data & Fans	37.1%	Age 45 yrs. - 64 yrs.
Facebook Data & Fans	25.4%	Age 65+ yrs.
Hospitality Ministry	145	New Families
Hospitality Ministry	3633	Registered Families
Knights of Columbus	192	Members
Lectors	61	Lectors
Magnify Women's Ministry *	92	Participants per Event
Magnify Women's Ministry	900	Facebook Group Members
	419	Facebook Page Followers
Media - Homily	92	Listeners Per Day
Media - Live Stream*	91	Viewers Per Day

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

Name	Statistics	
Mission Club	87	Food Baskets Distributed
	286	Christmas Gifts
Music Ministry	65	Members
Patriotic Rosary Group	6	Members
Parish Prayer Line	356	Prayer Requests
Pius Senior Organization*	60	Attendees
Prayer Quilt Fellowship Ministry	71	Blankets Distributed
Pro-Life Ministry	36	Members
RCIA	9	Candidates
Receptionists	10	Volunteers
Rosary Making	4,325	Rosaries Distributed Annually
Sacraments - 1st Communion	124	Candidates
Sacraments - Baptism	110	Baptisms
Sacraments - Confirmation	87	Confirmation Candidates
Sacraments - Funerals	13	Funerals
Sacraments - Weddings	38	Weddings
Safe Environment	23	New Certifications
Safe Environment	57	Re-Certifications
SPES	634	Students Enrolled
SPES Alumni	1,197	Alumni
St. Elizabeth Seton Prayer Group*	9	Members
St. Joseph Covenant Keepers*	12	Members
St. Joseph's Altar	30	Volunteers or Items
St. Joseph's Altar	51	Food Items
Staff/Personnel	11	Full-time Staff Members
Staff/Personnel	16	Part-time Staff Members
That Man Is You*	25	Members
Ushers	130	Ushers
Vacation Bible Camp	150	Campers
Vacation Bible Camp	42	Youth Volunteers
Vacation Bible Camp	8	Adult Volunteers
Women's Guild	70	Members
Women's Guild*	10	Volunteers Per Event
Youth - Edge	70	Registered Participants
Youth - Life Teen	25	Registered Participants
Youth - Young Saints	45	Registered Participants

Thank you for your prayers, service and gifts!



# FINANCIAL REPORT: FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023

## TOTAL RECEIPTS: \$3,846,320



## TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS: \$3,449,716



RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS: \$396,605



# God is working in the hearts of our Youth!

See what they have to say:



"I love going to Life-Teen on Sundays. It is truly the right place to start my week and where I can truly be myself. I truly love going there and everyone there is so kind and caring. Honestly, Life Teen has changed who I am. It is truly the best way to start my week. Every Sunday we end with some sort of adoration and **you can truly feel the Holy Spirit working** in that room. I can just feel it working through every person there."

-Mazie, Life Teen



"I joined EDGE this year not knowing the **relationship it would give me with God**, my school friends and with new friends. The staff was super nice too. We had tons of fun and I especially loved the bowling night we had!"

-Naomi, EDGE



"To me, Lifeteen is a **welcoming community for me** to find comfort and fun in. I always look forward to going and seeing all of my friends. I also enjoy the games that we play and the lessons that we learn."

-Caitlin, Life Teen



"I'm not one to be a hardcore religious guy, but I still try my hardest to get closer to Jesus, one way for that is going to Life Teen. **Not only does it help me get closer to God it makes me more of a man than I was before.** Once every week, I get to distance myself from outside distractions, have food prepared by great supporters like the Knights of Columbus, and listen to talks given by the core members. In a couple of hours so much goes down starting with , supper followed by, an ice breaker game usually dealing with that night's talk, then small groups to discuss the talk, and finally ending with praise and worship. One of the more notable talks I liked was day 1's talk being about community, which I struggle with, but I found people who understand that I'm different. One last thing, is the amazing core members that help run Life Teen, most take time out of their day to help teach the scriptures and these lessons, but nevertheless, for those who I met this year and those who I've known throughout middle school as core members for EDGE have done a great job in this program and this will be a memorable time in my life."

-Blake, Life Teen





# MISSION & VALUES

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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