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ORDINARY TIME

15 November 2015

TODAY

 Blood Pressure Readings (McDuffee) 	after all Masses
 Elementary Religious Education 	9am
 First Communion Parent Video (DH) 	9am
Nursery (Room #102)	during 10:30 Mass

MONDAY | Nov. 16

1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/Lk 18:35-43

Men's Bible Study (Room #101)	7am
K of C Officers' Meeting (PC LL#1)	7pm
 Novel Readers Book Club (McDuffee) 	7pm
Young Adults (PC LL#4)	7pm

TUESDAY | Nov. 17 | St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious 2 Mc 6:18-31 / I k 19:1-10

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Mass in Chapel (+Gerri Smith)	8:30am
 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (Chapel) 	9am-7pm
 Catholic Divorce Support Group (PC LL #4) 	6:30pm
 Baptism Preparation Class (McDuffee) 	7pm

WEDNESDAY | Nov. 18

2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Lk 19:11-28

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•	Elementary Religious Education	4 & 6pm
•	First Communion Parent Video (McDuffee)	4 & 6pm
	Mass in Chapel (+Fred Keller)	6:30pm
•	Journey of Faith for Teens (Youth Room)	6:30pm
•	Cantor Practice	6:30pm
•	Choir Practice	7pm
•	Finance Council Meeting (PC LL #1)	7:15pm

THURSDAY I Nov. 19

1 Mc 2:15-29/Lk 19:41-44

•	Ladies Bible Study (DH)	9:30am
•	Haiti Committee Meeting (McDuffee)	7pm
•	Usher's Meeting (PC LL#1)	7pm

FRIDAY | Nov. 20

1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/Lk 19:45-48

Mass in Chapel (for all suffering from cancer)
 8:30am

SATURDAY | Nov. 21 | The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary 1 Mc 6:1-13/Lk 20:27-40

That Many Is You!
 Reconciliation/Confessions
 Contemporary Choir Practice
 6am
 4-4:45pm
 4:30pm

LORD'S DAY LITURGIES | November 22, 2015

Christ the King

Dn 7:13-14 / Rv 1:5-8 / Jn 18:33-37

5:30pm Saturday

Parish Family

8:30am Sunday

+Fred Ressell +Patrick Doerr +Patricia Scholten

10:30am Sunday

+Arthur Frevling +Joyce Zielinski

Next Weekend November 21 & 22

- •Living Liturgy Book Pick-Up | after all Masses
- •Apple Pie Pickup | 11/21 ~ 9am-1pm (DH)
- •Coffee & Donuts | after Sunday Masses
- •Middle School Edge | 11/22 ~ 5:30pm
- High School Sunday Night Live | 11/22 ~ 7pm





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... a Welcoming Roman Catholic family of God empowered by the Holy Spirit to grow our relationship with Jesus Christ and with one another as we worship, pray, learn and serve.



In today's gospel, Jesus teaches about the future; his words deal with cosmic events, his final coming in power to overcome darkness, and his drawing the elect into the light of his final glory. Jesus tells his contemporaries that they must be constantly waiting and watching for divine presence and action, for the time of completing God's plan of salvation is known to none but God alone. What are some signs that Christ is near me?

Family Together: To help your family focus on the promise of happiness with God forever in heaven, take a walk in nature. Notice how nature is getting ready for winter. Talk about the promise of new life in spring.

Prepare for next week: Read and reflect on Christ the King (beginning on p. 418 in "Living Liturgy" missal).

ST. PIUS X CATHOLIC PARISH

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Parish & Formation Office Hours:

9-Noon; I-5pm Mon-Thurs 9-Noon on Fridays

Parish Book of Prayer — This book near the main church entrance is for your prayers of intercession or gratitude. They are part of the intentions at Mass.

Parish Membership — Count yourself in! If you worship with us regularly, kindly register as a parishioner. You'll receive parish mailings, and it will help us provide pastoral care should you need it. Contact 532-9344; or parishoffice@spxcatholic.org.

Infant Baptisms are celebrated at various times throughout the year. If you believe raising your child in our Catholic faith is one of your most important duties as a parent, call the parish office.

Sacrament of Marriage — The lifelong covenant between a man and a woman is a sign of God's covenant with us. At least six months of prayer and preparation are needed before entering this commitment. Please contact Fr. Chris as soon as you are engaged. Couples celebrating an anniversary ending in a "0" or "5" may request a special blessing.

OTHER MARRIAGE RESOURCES: www.foryourmarriage.org/

Pastoral Care of the Sick — If you or a loved one are seriously ill, homebound, or anticipating surgery, please contact Marjorie Flores or Fr. Chris in the parish office. The hospitals do not contact us.

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The View from 40th and Wilson

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November gales from powerful streams of grace: Prayers between earth and heaven

Thomas Rainey

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44 When the gales of November came early —" That line from the song, "Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald" has been like an earworm all week as the media highlights the

40th Anniversary of the freighter's sinking.

Great Lakes sailors call the gales of November the "Witch of November" because the rapidly changing weather patterns make it difficult to navigate the waters. When I worked at the newspaper, it seemed as though every November, at least one person would be swept off a pier into Lake Michigan.

We Catholic-Christians are certainly familiar with the gales of November. As the special shrine in church reminds us, this is a month of special commemoration for those who have died.

When I close my eyes and enter into deep prayer for the people who have passed on, I can sense powerful streams of grace flowing between us, earth, the saints in heaven, and the poor souls in purgatory in between.

Try it. Close your eyes. Become aware of your breathing. Call to mind people you know who have died — those in your own life; those more famous. Ask God to be with them.

Let your prayer flow directly from the emotion of your heart. When we are our best selves, we want every person who has died to be at peace in God's presence; to know love and gratitude. When we are at our worst, a part of us might wish upon them a bit of punishment for the hurt they caused on earth. In the end, we keep letting them go, placing them in the gales of God's mercy.

And it's very windy because all of our prayers are converging with the stronger prayers of the saints in heaven.

One of those saints, Bernard the Abbot, reminds us that the goal of

every Christian is to "share in the citizenship of heaven."

"Calling the saints to mind inspires, or rather arouses in us, ... a longing to join their company," St. Bernard writes.

But here's the problem: We get caught up in the winds of earth; our preoccupation with stuff. That intensifies even more with the holidays approaching.

ronically, as our culture prepares to celebrate Thanksgiving and our Christian belief that God became a human being in Christ, we forget about the divine company.

"The saints want us to be with them, and we are indifferent," St. Bernard says. "The souls of the just await us, and we ignore them."

Life can seem very difficult to navigate during these darkening days of autumn.

We find our footing by practicing our religion. Call upon the saints. Come to Mass. Don't

allow yourself to sink into selfishness or despair. If you get swept off a pier, have it be from a gale of grace, and fall into the arms of God's mystery.

Does any one know
where the love of God goes
when the waves turn the minutes to hours?

~ Gordon Lightfoot

Next Sunday is Christ the King — The great feast marking the end of the 2015 Liturgical Year. At that Mass, we will distribute the new copies of the 2016 "Living Liturgy."

Watch your snail mail and email for other resources to keep the seasons of Advent and Christmas.



Faith Formation | Religious Education

ELIZABETH POST epost@spxcatholic.org

THE MASS DVD SERIES by Ed Sri is part of our series for parents with children preparing for First Communion, although all are welcome to attend. The DVD's will be shown on the following dates:



- Part II | Nov. 15 ~ 9am
- Part III | Nov. 18 ~ 4 & 6pm | Nov. 22 ~ 9am

MIDDLE SCHOOL EDGE: We will meet on Nov. 22 at 5:30pm in Danner Hall.



MIDDLE SCHOOL RETREATS

Please keep our young girls in your prayers as they are on retreat this weekend! The GUYS retreat was a lot of fun! Over 50 young men learned about St. Joseph and what it means to be a virtuous man.

NOVEL READERS BOOK CLUB will meet at 7pm on Monday, Nov. 16, in the McDuffee Room to discuss *The Goldfinch* by Donna Tartt. Contact Linda Stray (lindastray@yahoo.com or 249-8034) or Mary Boehm (meb2904@aol.com or 538-9635) with inquires.





Advent Happenings

BIG FAITH: small group for Advent: Each year during Advent, we have an opportunity to renew the fervor with which we await the Lord who came among us as a child and who will come again in



glory. Consider joining a faith-sharing group to experience the season in a new way with *Advent Awakenings: Say Yes to God* from RENEW International. This is a wonderful opportunity to join a small group of your fellow parishioners in making the weeks before Christmas meaningful.

LAST WEEKEND TO SIGN UP ~ YOU'LL BE GLAD YOU DID

Attention Ladies of the Parish! Mark your Calendars!! Tuesday, Dec. 1 is Advent Night!

Take a break from baking, shopping, planning and stressing. Join us in some spiritual renewal as we begin this busy season!

This year's entertainment is Karey Bart, a talented singer, mother and missionary. She is thankful for this gift of singing that God has given her and enjoys using it to worship and honor God and bring glory to Him. It will be an inspirational evening!

If you never attended Advent Night—make this your first!

Guest sign-ups will take place this weekend (Nov. 14-15) and next in the vestibule after all Masses. Childcare is available if requested. Space is limited so sign up early.

Any questions, contact Jennifer Lawrence 821-4502.

COMING SOON...More Information about Advent, Holy Days, and Christmas!

High School Youth Ministry

MERRY HASS mhass@spxcatholic.org



SUNDAY NIGHT LIVE UPCOMING EVENTS

- SNL | Nov. 22 & Dec. 13 (ugly sweater) 7-8:30pm in the Youth Room
- Brookcrest Nursing Home | Nov. 21 ~ 10am-Noon
- Feeding America | Nov. 25 ~ 1-4pm
- Parents Day Out | Dec. 5 ~ more details forthcoming
- **High School Leadership Meeting** | Dec. 6 4-7pm XLT at St. Simon in Ludington—"*Pope Francis' Call to Mercy*"
- CHWC Famous Cinnamon Roll Fundraiser | Dec. 12-13
- Girls/Guys Retreats & Service Projects: Dec. 18 & 19 (See the Parish Website or contact me for more information or sign-ups)



Open to all High School teens who inquire to learn more about the Catholic faith in a small group setting. Meet in the Youth Room every other Wednesday from 6:30-7:30pm (RSVP appreciated). Dates are Nov. 18; Dec. 2.

DYMO CAMP SCHOLARSHIP: DYMO is the only Catholic high school summer camp in the state and will be held June 12-18 at Camp Pinewood near Muskegon. It is a favorite of many of the St. Pius X teens that have attended. If you sign up during the month of November, you will receive A \$100 discount. St. Pius X is offering 2 full scholarships to this camp. The scholarship application can be found on the parish website and is due to later than Nov. 23. Learn more at dymo.org.

CATHOLIC HEART WORKCAMP FUNDRAISER: We have 54 teens and 12 chaperones attending CHWC in Springfield, IL next summer. The cost per individual is approximately \$600 between



camp fees, transportation, and misc. expenses. The families each contribute approximately \$300 per teen. The remaining funds are obtained through Masters Mission support and a combination of various fundraisers. Our first (brand new) fundraiser is:

Homemade Apple Pies in time for the Holidays

You can purchase pies for yourself and/or for a food pantry
Call the Formation Office or see a teen to place an order
Pick up date is Saturday, Nov. 21~ 9am-1pm (DH)
\$10.00/pie or 3 pies for \$27

THE HAITI COMMITTEE will hold a meeting on Thursday, Nov. 19



at 7pm in the McDuffee Room. We will begin planning for our upcoming trip to Haiti from July 19-26, 2016. For future information, please call Bill McInnis (530-6316) or Michelle Stutzky (260-1773). All are welcome to attend!

K OF C POINSETTIA SALE: It's not too early to purchase some beautiful poinsettias. We offer three sizes of festive, foil-wrapped poinsettia plants: available in your choice of red, white, marble, pink and burgundy. Orders will be taken after the Masses this weekend through Nov. 22. Pick up is scheduled for Dec. 5-6. Any questions, please contact Tony Grandy at 531-7848.



ARE YOU EXPECTING SOON OR HAVE RECENTLY HAD A CHILD?

Sign up for our next baptism class on Tuesday, Nov. 17 at 7pm in the McDuffee Room. This interactive class will help you explore your faith as a family and what the sacrament of Baptism is and does for your child. Call the parish office (532-9344) if you're interested in attending.

POTENTIAL ST. PIUS X PRE-CANA COUPLES: Next year, the Crossroads parishes will host our own Pre-Cana retreat for couples looking to be married in the Church. We are looking for married couples who might be interested in being a part of this ministry. You do not have to have a perfect marriage...we are looking for real couples that would be willing to share their experiences (ups and downs) with engaged couples. If this sounds interesting or intriguing contact me at 532-9344 or via email.

50+ NOV. OUTING | Jenison Historical Museum: Join us on Thursday, Nov. 19 for a tour of the Jenison Historical Museum at 11:30am. Carpooling is encouraged and we will be eating at Rush Creek for those who are interested in joining us for lunch. RSVP to the parish office at 532-9344 or parishoffice@spxcatholic.org. **50+Save the Date:** The Advent Party will be Friday, Dec. 11 at 11:45am and will feature the singers from the Grandville High School Choir; more details to follow.

BOOK FRIDAY IS BACK: Why fight department store lines when you can spend a few hours helping the parish switch over our song books? We're looking for help cleaning covers and getting out the 2016 songs books on **Friday, Nov. 27 from 9-11am.** It's an easy way to offer some of your time and meet others. We can take helpers of (almost) all ages. Contact the parish office at 532-9344 if you have questions or just show up!

Mass Assignments for Nov. 21 & 22

LECTORS: Please pick up your new workbook for 2016 Liturgical Year in the Library.

Mass Cord.	5:30pm Tony Grandy	8:30am Diane Remenak	10:30am Volunteer Needed
Greeters	Rita McCarthy Sandy Rich	Betty Cole Janine Skavnak	Jim & Kathy Kohmescher
Servers	Isabel Castro Lucas Castro Pierson Rumble	Andrea Courtade Samantha McIntyre Peyton Snidanko	Sarah Kelly Rylee McKellar Loren Wilkie
Eucharistic Ministers	Nancy Benson Dianne Cartwright Heather Dabbous Debbie Jones Ann Maddox Barbara Sawicki Melissa Seguin Paula Seguna Andrew Smith	Dave Bristol Mary Bristol Judy Clinger Brenda Grandy Mike Grandy Ellen Halfmann Tara Pankratz Barry Waters Dave Zabler	Elaine Albrecht Merry Hass Linda Hinds Sophia Hopkins Donna Huyge Chris Koetsier Ana Loew Pat Milanowski Kris Phillips Debbie Shereda Tom Shereda Paul Sundstrom Kim Wohlfeil
Lector	Jennifer Castro Frank Cegelis	Marc Larabel Linda Polzin	Toni Burdick Connor Fischer
LWC			Volunteer Needed
	Ushers: Team A	Ushers: Team B	Ushers: Team H

Growing in Christ Week Stewardship Report

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT: In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus invites us to "learn a lesson from the fig tree". The fig tree's new growth points to something larger happening with the seasons. As stewards, our actions should point to something larger: Jesus Christ. Pope Francis has the world buzzing because he's living the Gospel in authentic and faith-filled ways. He's being a steward of the life God has given him. If we are being good stewards, like Pope Francis, others will recognize Christ through us in how we give of our time, our love, our mercy, and even in our money. In what way can you grow more Christ-like in one of the many ways you give this week? by Andy Rebollar, Pastoral Associate for Parish Life

Time and Talent

MASS ATTENDANCE

Nov. 7 & 8: 5:30pm— 337 | 8:30am— 275 | 10:30am—512

THANKSGIVING FOOD BASKETS and turkeys are donated to those in need from St. Pius X and St. Joseph the Worker Parish in Wyoming. Non-perishable food items are needed by **Nov. 18**. Volunteers are also needed for packing of baskets during the day on Nov. 19 and delivering them to St. Joseph the Worker at 9:30am on Friday, Nov. 20.

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION needed for Brookcrest on the fourth Sunday of every month and Georgetown/Cambridge on the third Sunday following the 8:30am Mass. Please contact Marjorie Flores at 532-9344 x 106 or mflores@spxcatholic.org. Will train new ministers.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD: We are looking for more volunteers to help with this program during our 10:30am Mass. This entails going over the Sunday readings with the children during the Liturgy of the Word at Mass. Please contact the Formation Office at formation@spxcatholic.org for more information.

VOLUNTEERS IN SERVICE is looking for a male volunteer to visit an 87 year-old gentleman in the area...2-3 times a month, go on walks, or out for coffee. He lives in the Grandville area; contact Marjorie Flores at 532-9344 or mflores@spxcatholic.org for more information.

THANK YOU to all the people who helped to make the Mass of Remembrance a beautiful and touching event for many families.

MANY BREAKFAST THANKS: This year's fall breakfast provided a welcoming atmosphere for nearly 500 parish members and friends. It gave everyone a great opportunity to get to know one another while enjoying a delicious breakfast. A special thanks to Tyson Foods and choir member Fran Puente for the sausage links donation and to Dave Haraburda at Delski Meats for the special pricing on the kielbasa. Fifty men and boys of the parish helped with the breakfast; thanks to all who attended. We look forward to serving you in the Spring of 2016.

Treasure

PARISH SUPPORT Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Week 19/52	Last week 11/7 & 11/8	Year to Date	Prior Year to Date
Adult Envelopes	\$ 17,463	\$ 226,823	\$251,478
Electronic Giving spxcatholic.org	\$ 3,700	\$ 82,270	\$ 74,402
Youth Envelopes	\$ 9	\$ 57	\$ 171
Loose Offerings	\$ 703	\$ 11,654	\$ 10,473
Total Contributions	\$ 21,875	\$ 320,804	\$336,524
Budget Overage/(Shortfall)	\$ 3,455	\$ (23,061)	
OTHER GIVING			
Master's Mission	\$ 330	\$ 12,385	\$ 12,642

St. Pius X has 1,009 registered households. Last week, 332 contributed either by using an offertory envelope or electronically. Every gift is gratefully received as a sacrifice united with Christ's own self-offering in the Eucharist to share God's love.

Our prayer list for healing

Please continue to pray for the following and all the sick in our Parish, their families and friends, those hospitalized and home-bound, and those in care facilities. To be included on the Prayer Chain (separate from this bulletin list), call Jason George at (231) 736-7487.

Gerry Dekkinga Jenny Walsh Bob Brock Frank Cegelis Kenneth Schumacher Mary LaSarge Jennifer Cook Erika Yonker Kelsey Gibson Joe Tuszynski Bernard Trost Marie Nevins Catherine Cesare Diane & Mary Prindle Andy Wierzbicki Pat Deuling Vera Bartz Henry Visscher Betty DiTrapani Claudia Shaub Beverwyk Family Joe & Margaret Grandy Rose Reilly Judy Wojtas Anthony McAndrew M. Forrester Laurie Bialik Sally Thome Nicole Tullio Marty Schumacker Pat Chichester Margaret Harman Terry Freybler John Stoddard Carol Guffy Bob & Holly Ann Ott Pat & Nancy Krupp Derek Bull Shannon Olman Diane Austin Rich Hubbard Stephen Meurer Dorothy Rennager Linda Meagher Kathy Maslowski Scott Holzgen Patrick Bartz Ilene Topolinski Deb Russo Tom & Becky Hoffmann Ellen O'Toole Sarah Johnson Catherine Owens Mike Connell Edward Kaminski Justin Vriezema Josina Galaszewski Jeff Zylstra Mary Jebb Markell Barnhart Skylar Martin Mary Beth Jensen Pat Rummer Robert Ryzanca Cindy Cole Megan Reynolds Lloyd & Caroline Skaya Mary Benson-Slosser Jill Moyer Diane Rudnik Leo Raap Lois McCarty Martha VanDyke Nell Wouters Lorraine Lutker Bernita Stegewans Jackson & Lauren Brianne Bassett Tucker Potter Roberta Hagen Peters Tom Woitas Winnie Kulaga Jonathan Kolenda Tracy Woodruff John Blanchard Noah Ziegler Kerry Deboer Mike Sartorius Sr. Jean Marie Woitas Pat DeJong Linda Wood Norm Pokora Terri Bernott Clara Jo Braybrook Barbara Barney Zachary Matzke Ann Berg Jane Voss Chuck Seguna Pam Willemstein George & Virginia Bieber Gisela Foote Judy Perrin Bob Bagin Matt Rich Judy Clinger Allen Mulligan Karen Bourassa Christina Geldersma Donna Waters Sandy Ressell Robert Schab Deb Finnigan Jim & Mary Norcutt



We offer the sympathy, love, and prayers of our parish to the family of:

VERN REMELTS

uncle of Nancy Benson

We warmly welcome the following into our faith family and pray for God's continued blessing on them.

RILEY MARIE DUNNUCK

daughter of Eric & Kristen (Courtade) Dunnuck

JACE WILLIAM ROSKAM

son of Timothy & Nicole (Jaquith) Roskam

VEYDA KATE SPERRING

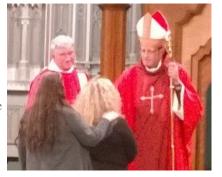
daughter of Robert & Rebecca (Dehen) Sperring

OLIVER GREY WOLF

son of Brian & Andrea (Ouellette) Wolf

CONGRATULATIONS to

Katherine Lewak, Jennifer Timmers and Joan Hillary who celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation at the Cathedral of St. Andrew last week! Please keep them in your prayers as they continue on their faith journey.



Catholic Campaign for Human Development

BISHOP DAVID WALKOWIAK



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

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During World Youth Day 2013, Pope Francis said, "The measure of greatness of a society is found in the way it treats those most in need." Through his words and actions, Pope Francis continues to draw our attention back to the Gospel message concerning care of the poor and our responsibility toward them. The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) responds by addressing the root causes of poverty in the United States.

November 22 has been designated as the CCHD national collection in our parishes. This collection is the primary source of funding for the CCHD's anti-poverty grants and education programs by giving a "hand up," rather than a "handout." CCHD helps people living in poverty join together to

identify problems, make decisions, and find solutions to improve their lives and neighborhoods.

Of the CCHD funds collected in our parishes, 25 percent is retained by our diocese to help fund local anti-poverty projects. Through your generosity in 2014 four programs in West Michigan received grants. One such outreach is the Salvation Army's Congregational Partnership Program. Using the rapid

rehousing model, this program assists homeless families to obtain long-term stable housing pairing them with local church congregations. Another is Catholic Charities West Michigan's Pregnancy Support Services which offers help and support to women throughout their pregnancies.

CCHD funded organizations that address poverty issues in a variety of areas including housing, education, neighborhood improvement, and criminal justice reform. One such organization, Ex-prisoners and Prisoners Organizing for Community Advancement (EPOCA), works to change the future for men and women returning to society after incarceration. Since its inception, EPOCA has steadily grown in membership, influence, and vision. Today, its diverse team works with allies to win legislative victories that improve the lives of families around the country.

The CCHD collection offers new hope to those living in poverty throughout the United States. May our experience of God's love continue to open our heart to those in need and move us to action.

Thank you for your continued support of this important outreach of the Church. For more information about the CCHD collection and the groups it funds, please visit nww.povertyusa.org.

Sincerely in Christ,

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ST. PIUS X THANKSGIVING MASS will be celebrated on Wednesday, Nov. 25 ~ 7PM

