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Mass Schedule:

Saturdays at 9:00 a.m. & 4:00 p.m.
Sundays at 8:00, 10:30 a.m.

Weekdays:

M,T,Th,F. 8:00 a.m.
Wed-Communion Service 8 a.m.
Rosary before Mass at 7:30 a.m.

Holy Days at 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Holy Hour each First Friday, 8 a.m.
Non-religious Holidays at 9:00 a.m.

Reconciliation:

Saturday 3:15 to 3:45 p.m. or by
appointment.

Baptisms:

2nd Sunday of the month at 12
Noon. Parent preparation session
required. Please call beforehand.

Marriages:

Please consult parish Priest or
Deacon at least 6 months in advance
of wedding date.

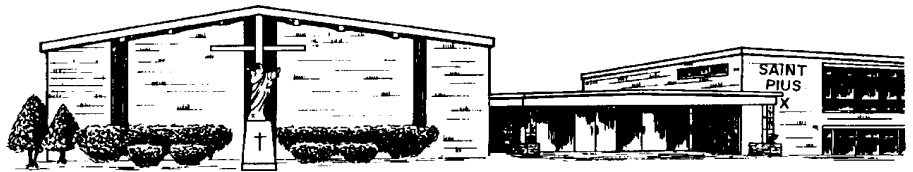
Registration:

New parishioners are asked to
contact the parish office to register.

Bulletin Deadline: - Thursday

ST. PIUS X CHURCH

Stickney, IL 60402-4497



January 12 2020



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Jesus came from Galilee
to John at the Jordan
to be baptized by him.

Matthew 3:13

The Baptism of the Lord

Parish Mission Statement

We, the parish family of St. Pius X in Stickney, are called and empowered by the Spirit to continue the mission and the ministry of Jesus in the world today. With the gifts God has given each one of us, we strive to reach out in faith to the needs of our sisters and brothers in our parish, in our community and in our world.

FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**January 12, 2020****Give in for now**

Mortality being what it is, we are limited by definition. Most of the time we forget this as we bluster off into the thick of our lives, managing Herculean feats like raising children, committing our fidelity for life, accepting the suffering and death of those we love, and living with the ongoing surrender of youthful strength and beauty in exchange for the encroaching pain and disability of old age. These are huge undertakings, impossible to reconcile in abstraction but endured on a daily basis without fanfare by the folks sitting around us in the pews.

At the same time, all of these undertakings teach us challenging lessons about how truly fragile we are. Flesh is grass, scripture says; it rises up in a season, and then fades and dies without much notice. In another passage, it is noted that a human life is “70 years, or 80 for those who are strong.” That may seem like a lot of time in the beginning, but after three decades or so we start to appreciate how short the normal life span is. Not to mention the fact that our birth comes with no warranty, and we don’t get our money back if our particular life span is considerably shorter.

Acceptance of our finite condition allows us at least one precious gift: the absolute significance of the present moment.

The power of this hour

Those in 12-step recovery programs know well the fatal hubris involved in swearing off liquor, drugs, overeating, compulsive sex, gambling, or any other substance or behavior “forever.” Forever is a long time, and it’s not given to us mortals to dicker over. What we’ve got in our hands is the present hour, and therein lies all the authority over our lives that we will ever need. All we have to do, really, is commit to a certain responsibility or course of action today, right now, in this hour. Let tomorrow take care of itself—if we should have a tomorrow. Sufficient to the day is the evil thereof.

John the Baptist caught up in the Big Picture of the moment when Jesus comes to him for Baptism. John has been proclaiming a message. To prepare the way of the Lord, John has also been performing Baptisms all day. It should be second nature to him to perform one more. It should be his finest hour to receive the Lord for whom he has been preparing the nation. Instead John objects, finds himself at a loss to do the first thing his Lord asks him to do.

It’s not that John doesn’t know *how* to do what Jesus asks. It’s that he’s confounded by the *why* of the request, not to mention the *who* and the *what* of it. Baptism is for repentance—Jesus does not need to repent. Baptism prepares the way of the Lord.

John has believed all the while that he is cooperating with the great divine plan, and has styled himself a mere voice in the wilderness. (Taken from PREPARE THE WORD)

Love,
Father Tony

APPLYING THE WORD**Then he gave in**

What it took John to breach the impasse was an act of surrender. He gave in or as the advertising wizards might say, he just did it. What would human reason make of the road Jesus was on? What good was knowing the Big Picture if it took away our ability to function in the present hour? “Give in for now” is a great motto for discipleship.



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Sunday, January 12, Baptism of the Lord

8:00 † Pearl A. & Stanley E. Pacholski req. Debbie Fusiek
 † Florence Schmidt req. Schmidt Family
 † Gertrude Novak req. Wayne & Karen Piest
 10:30 † Justo Guzman Soto
 † Celestina Corsino req. De la Vega Family
 --Intention of Dore Gembala

Monday, January 13, Weekday

8:00 † Jean Lenart req. Onik Family
 † Pearl A. Pacholski req. Deborah L. Fusiek
 † Stanley E. Pacholski req. Deborah L. Fusiek

Tuesday, January 14, Weekday

8:00 † Poor Souls
 † Linda Buhel req. Dore Gembala

Wednesday, January 15, Weekday

8:00 — Communion Service

Thursday, January 16, Weekday

8:00 — Communion Service

Friday, January 17, St. Anthony, Abbot

8:00 † Cardinal Francis George req. Deborah L. Fusiek
 † Msgr. John A. Rolek req. Deborah L. Fusiek

Saturday, January 18, Weekday

7:45-8:45 - Holy Hour

9:00 † Linda Buhel req. Dolores Simulis

Saturday, January 18: Vigil: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 † Patrick Reilly req. Smeltzer Family
 † Jimmy & Helen Palys req. Palys Family

Sunday, January 19, Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 † Lillian Houdock req. Diane Houdock
 † Florence Schmidt req. Schmidt Family
 10:30 † Margarita Gutierrez, 2nd anniversary req.
 Gutierrez Family
 † Jun Madrona req. Family

Remember your loved one, living or deceased with a Mass Intention. Mass cards are available. The usual donation is \$10. Schedule your intentions by calling the parish office: (708) 484-7951.

We ask a two week notice for the intention to appear in the bulletin.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

SATURDAY
January 18
7:45-8:45 am



Prayers will be offered for the families of St. Pius X Parish. Come for the whole hour or part of the hour. Join us in prayer. Mass will follow at 9 a.m.

CONTRIBUTIONS

Sunday, January 5, 2020

Sunday envelopes (145).....\$3,563.25
 Loose Money..... 386.25
TOTAL REGULAR COLLECTION.....\$3,949.50

Maintenance 90.00
 Balance Our Budget..... 80.00

TOTAL SUNDAY COLLECTION.....\$4,119.50

BUDGETED WEEKLY SUNDAY COLLECTION.....\$4,989.00
OVER / (UNDER) BUDGET (869.50)

Solemnity of the Mother of God.....\$1,646.00

Family Assistance Program..... \$375.00

Capital Repair Drive

December 29, 2019\$35.00
 Amount received to date \$8,126.00

GOD'S PEOPLE

Pray for our sick and their families:

- | | |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Fr. Tony Markus | Neftali Rodriguez |
| Feliksa Barabasz | Shannon Radz |
| Heather Stahulak | Ada Estrella |
| Gino Catania | Paul Sacharczyk |
| Kathy Fanelli | Pauline Lindo |
| Patrick Ridyard | Michael Lick |
| Jim Spelina | Walter & Josephine Ogiela |
| Mary Ann Spelina | Blake Kraft |
| Ron Czerwinski | Marian DeFilippis |
| Ron Getz | Marilyn Nowicki |
| Gregory Martinkus | Antoinette Graton |
| Ashley Bieda | Lena Ramaglia |
| Norbert Gacek | Michael Ramaglia |
| John Gacek | Sheri Young |
| Gabriel Meier | Baby Benjamin Tabor |
| Joseph Tumpich | Margaret Failla |
| Jesse Ramos | George Haas |
| Rosie Fanelli | Fred & Marianne Schimel |
| Geraldine Coates | Kim Kadolph |
| Lorraine Schaaff | Robert Kadolph |
| Irene Kryziak | Marilyn Catalanello |



With compassion, we pray for the repose of the soul of:

**Eugene Frankiewicz,
 uncle of John Santoro**

Ministers for January 18/19**Eucharistic Ministers**

Please take your pendant before Mass

Lectors:

5:00—Ann Lindwall

8:00—Kathy Grego

10:30—Peg Kocar

Servers:

5:00—Juan, Jose, Max Hernandez

8:00—Kathy Grego, Emily Guevara,
Anthony Guevara

10:30—Trina Vargas, Liliana Garcia,
Aileen Hernandez



Right to Life

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The New Year and Doing Our Part to End Abortion

As we look forward to a New Year, may we not forget the plight of many unborn babies over the past years? It would be a blessed and wonderful New Year's resolution if we as Christians and as a Parish would commit to do more for the unborn.

Prayer to End Abortion:

Lord God, I thank you today for the gift of my life, and for the lives of all my brothers and sisters.

I know there is nothing that destroys more life than abortion, yet I rejoice that you have conquered death by the birth, death and Resurrection of Your Son.

I am ready to do my part in ending abortion.

Today I commit myself never to be silent, never to be passive, never to be forgetful of the unborn.

I commit myself to be more active in the pro-life movement, and never to stop defending precious life until all my brothers and sisters are protected, and our nation once again becomes a nation with liberty and justice not just for some, but for all, through Christ our Lord. Amen!

--That God's beloved Son my send the Holy Spirit to open the eyes of the blind to see the evil of abortion, we pray.

Renew My Church Grouping Parishes**Saint Mary 126 Herrick Rd., Riverside**

Sat. 5:00pm Sun. 8:00, 10:00, 11:30am, 5:00pm Mon—
Wed. Sat 8:15am, Communion Service: Th-F 8:15 am
Reconciliation: Sat. 4:00-4:30pm

Mater Christi 2401 S. Tenth Ave., North Riverside

Sat. 5:00pm Sun. 8:00, 9:30, 11:00am Mon-Sat 8:00am
Reconciliation: Sat. 4:15-4:40pm

St. Hugh 7939 West 43rd Street Lyons

Sat. 4:00pm Sunday 8:00am & 10:30am
Mon-Sat 10:30am

Reconciliation: Saturday after morning Mass

THE INNER WORD**What's in your heart?**

Anointing figures prominently in the readings this week. Isaiah speaks of God's "chosen one." In Acts, Peter reminds his audience "how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power." And the story of Jesus' Baptism in the gospel has the voice of God saying, "This is my beloved Son . . ." Today also marks the transition to the stretch of Ordinary Time leading up to Lent.

◆How do I live out my Baptism, Confirmation, and vocation—my anointing—by doing good, being a healing presence, showing compassion, and bringing justice and peace to the world around me?

◆How can I encourage others to claim their own Baptism and vocation and act on it?

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

January 12, 2020

And a voice came from the heavens, saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

Two thoughts come to mind when reading this. First, God, Our Father, is so generous, that he gave his only son, whom he really loves, to us so that we can have eternal life with him in heaven. God, Our Creator, really loves us, too! Second, Jesus was obedient to his Father's will, even to the point of death. This is a reminder that our own lives are pure gifts from God and meant to serve God and others.

Share the Faith

Support the Collection for the Church in Latin America

Next week, we will take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America. For many in Latin America and the Caribbean, a rising secular culture, difficult rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers all present obstacles to practicing the faith. Your support for the collection provides lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation, and other programs to share our Catholic faith with those who long to hear the Good News of Christ. To learn more about how your gifts make a difference, visit: www.usccg.org/latin.americ

CHOOSE HOLINESS

It's fun to see the kids dressed up as little red devils at Halloween or to scream with our friends at horror movies. Yet, it is difficult and painful to address the reality of evil in the world. How do we contend with this? Pope Francis in his apostolic exhortation *Gaudete et exsultate* (*On the Call to Holiness in Today's World*) writes, "We should not think of the devil as a myth, a representation, a symbol, a figure of speech, or an idea. . . . The devil does not need to possess us. He poisons us with the venom of hatred, desolation, envy, and vice." Spend time with God and ask for help in examining your own heart, in rebuking that which is not of God, and in nurturing all that is of God. TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Samuel 1:9-20; Mark 1:21-28 (306). "*Jesus commands even the unclean spirits and they obey him.*" Reprinted with permission from TakeFiveForFaith.com.



Dear Parishioners and Friends,
Thank you for your generous Christmas wishes, cards, gifts, baked goods and more. Your kindness to me and to our parish is greatly appreciated.

You are in my prayers. Wishing you all a Blessed, Healthy and Prosperous New Year.

Love, Fr. Tony



January 26, 10:30 MASS

All families and extended family members are invited to our Sunday, 10:30 a.m. Family Mass. Following Mass you are invited to join us for some hospitality and light refreshments.



2020 Joyful Again Calendar

Joyful Again! Widowed Ministry Program
Go to Website www.joyfulagain.org to view Short Video about our program. It is important to register early, space is limited.

March 14&15 --Our Lady of Angels, Hse. Of Prayer (Mt. Assisi Center Bldg. overnight accommodations available on premises), 13820 Main St., Lemont, IL
This site is overnight only. (no commuters.
Call: 708-354-7211
E-mail: joyfulagain7211@gmail.com

2019 Annual Catholic Appeal - "Come, Follow Me"

On behalf of those who work in or benefit from the ACA funded ministries and services, thank you to those of you who have completed your pledge payments.

Remember that when our Parish exceeds its goal, any additional funds received are returned for use in our Parish. Each gift, when combined with the gifts of thousands of other parishioners throughout the Archdiocese, makes a very real difference.

December 2019
2019 Goal:.....\$13,976.22
Amount pledged: \$15,827.00
Amount Paid:.....\$14,507.00
Balance Due:.....\$ 1,320.00



Jan. 12 Sun	<i>.CCW Gourmet Dip Tasting after Masses</i>
Jan. 13-14-17	<i>.8am Morning Mass</i>
Jan. 18 Sat.	<i>.Eucharistic Adoration- 7:45- 8:45 am Mass at 9 am</i>
Jan. 20 Mon.	<i>.. Parish Council Meeting 7 pm Meeting Room</i>
Jan. 26 Sun.	<i>.Virtus training-parent session Parish hall 9:00-10:15 am .Mass servers Mtg. 11:30 - Mtg. Rm.</i>
Jan. 26 Sun.	<i>.Family Mass -10:30 a.m. with Hospitality following Mass</i>

YEAR LONG VIGIL LIGHT

There are openings for year long vigil lights at the shrines. For a donation a vigil light will burn for one year. Intentions can be for a person living or deceased, special intention, anniversary, etc.
For information call the parish office, 708-484-7951.



MISSALETTE DEDICATION

Thank you to all who have participated in the Missalette Dedication program. Your donations of \$1,525 has helped us defray the cost of our new books.

Dedicated Missalettes have been placed in your requested pew.

- ◆ *Can't find your dedicated Missalette?*
- ◆ *Would you like to dedicate a Missalette?*

Call Roberta: 630-697-4193

For a donation of \$25 a book plate will be placed on the front cover of each dedicated Missalette. Your dedicated Missalette will be placed in the pew of your choice. Request forms are located in the church narthex.



Are you registered with us? It's easy, all you have to do is fill out the form below and drop it in the collection basket or call the rectory at 484-7951.

Name _____
Address _____
Phone _____

Please note: Information is confidential, it is never given out.

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PAM'S PANTRY
GOURMET DIPS**

The St. Pius X Council of Catholic Women is sponsoring Pam's Pantry Gourmet Dip Mixes fundraiser.



Sampling will be provided in the church narthex after all masses January 5, 11 & 12th. Order forms are available in the church narthex and orders will be filled in time for "SUPER BOWL" Sunday.

ORDERS ARE DUE: Saturday, January 18th

**STICKNEY-FOREST VIEW LIONS
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**Annual spaghetti dinner
Saturday, January 25, 2020**

7000 W. 46th St

4:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Donation \$7.00, children under 5, free Bring a non-perishable (not expired, please) food item for the food pantry and receive an entry in our door prize raffle.

For more information contact Maryanne at:
708-749-2433



**Don't forget your New Year's Resolutions
The New Year's Resolution of a Saint:
St. Thorfinn**

We like the story of Thorfinn, one of the few Norwegian saints. He's basically the patron saint of people who don't accomplish much in life, but attain some fame after their death.

Here's what we know. He was from Trondhjem, Norway, became a priest and later a bishop, and was possibly on the staff of the Cathedral of Nidaros, which was built over the burial site of King Olav II, who became the patron saint of Norway.

It's possible Thorfinn witnessed the signing of the Agreement of Tönsberg in 1277 between King Magnus VI and the Archbishop of Nidaros, which confirmed the rights of the clergy, including their ability to choose bishops.

A few years later, King Eric abolished the treaty, which led to a fierce church-state battle. Thorfinn fled, and ended up in an abbey in Belgium. Life was hard there.

At some point, Thorfinn went to Rome on a pilgrimage, felt sick, and returned to his abbey, where he got his life in order. It was early January in the year 1285. He made a resolution to take care of his family, give money to the church and charities in Norway, so he made a will, and then he died.

He was buried in the abbey church and would have been forgotten, except his friend, Fr. Walter de Muda, wrote a lovely poem about how nice Thorfinn was, and placed the poem in his tomb.

One day, 50 years later, as the abbey was doing some building work, Thorfinn's tomb was opened. His body gave off the smell of roses, which is often a clear sign that the person is something special. The poem was found. Soon miracles were reported around his tomb. And so, the Vatican decided to make this obscure priest a saint, arguing that a divine intervention clearly wanted him to be remembered. His feast day is January 8.

So you never know what you might accomplish in life, or in death. Make your resolutions now! They don't have to be as lofty as becoming a saint.



BINGO

ALL ARE INVITED

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Doors open at 3:45 p.m. and games begin at 6:30 p.m. Pull tabs, tri-cards, bullseye, Lightning and 50/50 also available.

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Debbie Young (708) 975-7111.

(Credit cards accepted for BINGO purchases)

The main church doors will be locked at 7:00 p.m. Late comers can enter the parish hall through the west courtyard door.



Don't forget to donate two non-out dated non-perishable food items or paper products to the St. Pius X Family Assistance food pantry and receive one FREE Bull's-eye Raffle card.



DRY DOG FOOD DRIVE

The Council of Catholic Women are sponsoring a "dry dog food drive" to support the Animal Welfare League in Chicago Ridge. Please place your donations in the donation box in

the church narthex. between December 22, 2019 and January 22, 2020. Your generosity is appreciated.



SPLIT THE POT 50/50

Tickets or 50/50 raffle are available after all Masses. Try your luck. **Jerry Przyzycki with Blue ticket ending in**

4170 was a winner.

Did you know that St. Pius X Parish sponsors a parish site for a SPRED program?

SPRED (**S**pecial **R**eligious **D**evelopment) is an agency of the Archdioceses. It is a unique program designed to guide persons living with developmental and intellectual disabilities to grow in faith and prepare for full participation in the sacramental life of the parish.

Each participating parish in the surrounding neighborhood focuses on an age group in the following categories:

Children ages 6-10	St. Pius X Parish in Stickney
Teenagers ages 11-16	St. Mary Parish in Riverside
Young People ages 17-21	St. Hugh Parish in Lyons
Adults 22 years and older	Mater Christi Parish in North Riverside

Interested families and volunteers are asked to contact Patricia Garcia for more information regarding the SPRED program, by phone at (773) 552-0924 or by email at patriciagarcia10@msn.com.

The Catechists of St. Pius X SPRED wish to express their gratitude to all parishioners for their continued support of this wonderful religious development program!



(left to right)

Patricia Garcia, Connie Christensen, Yesenia Jimenez, Edith Jimenez, Maria Khalifeh,

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Our office can be reached at
773-388-0730

You can e-mail us
at info@nuns4fun.com

You can reach our office
manager, Gary Trick,
at office@nuns4fun.com

FLU & COLD SEASON — SIGN OF PEACE

A "Sign of Peace" can be a smile, a nod, the words "peace be with you," a friendly wave or a combination of the above. It is not required to shake hands or hug. During flu and cold season it is often recommended to avoid shaking hands. We pray for good health for our parishioners and our many visitors.



Did you know? The American Cancer Society offers a full range of services for patients and their families, including information about diagnosis and treatment, support groups and transportation to cancer treatment. Services are free of charge.

To learn more, call (708) 484-854 or 800-277-2345. Remember, the ACS is there to help you.



The flag now flying is in memory of SSgt. Charles Babinec & PFC Joseph Mikel and the service men and women who served our country.

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