

*They left their nets and  
followed him.*

MATTHEW 4:20



JANUARY  
**26** 2020

## ST. PIUS X CHURCH

Stickney, IL 60402-4497

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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.

### 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**

### 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.

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THIRD SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME

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January 26, 2020

**Is Christ divided?**

We know that we live in a divided nation. Politically we are not all on the same page. Economically, racially, ethnically, and religiously, Americans do not share the same perspective or the same reality. Some live in gated communities, others sleep on subway grates. One man dines at fancy restaurants, another takes his supper out of a paper sack from McDonald's. One woman faces a lifetime of sexist or racist putdowns, while another's privileged status allows her to ride along on a sense of entitlement. One of us is reading Proust. Another can't read at all.

The religious divide has become among the greatest chasms we face. Jews, Christians, and Muslims have had centuries of antagonism and aggression between them according to the history books, but present-day conflicts and hostilities make the historical horror very immediate and tangible to all of us.

But perhaps what ought to concern us as much or even more is the apparent lack of cooperation and outright feuding between one set of Christians and another. Fundamentalists can't dialogue with evangelicals, and high church rarely stoops to talk to low church.

**Come follow—who?**

Jesus walked along the shore of Galilee and called some folk to follow him. We know that at least some of them did: Simon Peter and Andrew, James and John. Did they know whom it was they were following? It's not likely. Jesus' ministry had barely begun, and in Matthew's account, so far Jesus' greatest achievements were growing to adulthood and wrestling down the devil alone in the desert. The fact that these four men dropped everything to follow Jesus says more about the prospects of Galilean fishermen than it makes a faith statement about this crew.

They followed a virtual stranger. And so do we all, in the beginning of our journey in faith. This Christ in whose name we were baptized is not our brother or our friend—much less our Lord—when we start out. He's just an invitation, and maybe we are bored or dissatisfied or curious or desperate enough to accept it. What happens after that depends on how the relationship develops from there, or if it does.

Paul saw full well what happens when the relationship goes awry, as it did in Corinth. Some who heard about Jesus from Paul thought they were following Paul! And others followed their own messengers, Apollos or Peter (Cephas). Some of *us*, it should be admitted, are still following dearly departed Monsignor Hart, old Sister Amandine from the fifth grade, the RCIA director who brought us into the church, the pastor before this one, or whoever it was with whom we were first spiritually smitten. Yet whomever we follow, however admirable, is the wrong guide unless we follow Jesus first and foremost. (Taken from PREPARE THE WORD)

**Love,**  
**Father Tony**

**3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

January 26, 2020

*“He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed Him.”* (Matthew 4:22)  
Just as Jesus called the first apostles, He calls each of us to follow Him, too. Not everyone is called to leave their business or family behind, but we are expected to put God first in everything. Everything from our time in daily prayer, our talent in participating in one of our parish ministries, and our treasure to support the financial needs of our parish mission.

**The inner word—*What's in your heart?***

- ◆ As both the first and second readings say, God acts to bring the light of salvation and consolation to God's people. Where do I experience salvation in my life? How are my burdens lifted?
- ◆ Jesus calls the apostles out of their daily activities, and they immediately leave all to follow him. In what places do I find God most often every day? Can I do more to “drop everything” and respond to God's call when I hear it?
- ◆ Baptism, Saint Paul writes, brings unity to those who have faith in Christ.

# MassSchedule

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**Sunday, January 26, Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

- 8:00 † Maureen Esposito req. SPX friends
- 10:30 † Charlotte Rosing req. Getz Family
- † Galo & Nemesia Lindayao req. Family
- † Magno Lindayao req. Family

**Monday, January 27, St. Angela Merici, Virgin & Religious Founder**

- 8:00 † Kathy Smeltzer Req. Family
- † Donald Wisnoski

**Tuesday, January 28, St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor of the Church**

- 8:00 † Poor Souls
- † Raymond Zubavitch, Sr. req. Family

**Wednesday, January 29, Weekday**

- 8:00 — Communion Service

**Thursday, January 30, Weekday**

- 8:00 — Communion Service

**Friday, January 31, St. John Bosco, Priest**

- 8:00 † Sam Canino req. Don & Mary Jane Miller

**Saturday, February 1, Weekday**

**7:45-8:45- Adoration**

- 9:00 † St. Pius X Parishioners

**Saturday, February 1, Vigil: The Presentation of the Lord**

- 4:00 † Jimmy & Helen Palys req. Palys Family
- † Stanley Pacholski, 24th Anniversary req. Deborah L. Fusiek
- † Pearl A. Pacholski req. Deborah L. Fusiek

**Sunday, February 2, The Presentation of the Lord**

- 8:00 † Sam Canino req. Family
- † Gertrude Novak req. Wayne & Karen Piest
- † Rev. Nicholas Marro req. Connie & Dan Christensen
- † Isabela Estrada req. Connie & Dan Christensen
- 10:30 † Mary Ellen Schmitt req. Getz Family
- Intentions of Dore Gembala & Gina Santoski

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.

All are invited to join us in our  
**Eucharistic Adoration**  
**Saturday, February 3, 15, and 29**  
**7:45 am-8:45 am**



**CONTRIBUTIONS**

**Sunday, January 19, 2020**

Sunday envelopes (103).....\$2,756.00  
Loose Money..... 333.00  
**TOTAL REGULAR COLLECTION.....\$3,089.00**

Maintenance ..... 114.00  
Balance Our Budget..... 45.00  
**TOTAL SUNDAY COLLECTION.....\$3,248.00**

**BUDGETED WEEKLY SUNDAY COLLECTION.....\$4,989.00**  
**OVER / (UNDER) BUDGET .....\$1,900.00**

Family Assistance Program.....\$126.25



**Capital Repair Drive**

January 19, 2020.....\$ 51.00  
Amount received to date ..... \$8,819.00

**GOD'S PEOPLE**

**Pray for our sick and their families:**

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

**With compassion, we pray for the souls of:**



**Brian Przyzycki, husband of Julie,**  
**father of Alex and Abby.**  
**Son of Jerome and Theresa, brother of**  
**Jerry, Jr., Steve, Brenda and Julie**

**Karen Klatt, wife of Charles**



Our Lady has said: One day through the power of the Rosary I will save the world and there will be peace.  
Please join us each morning at 7:30 am in church to pray for peace and your intentions as well. All are welcome

**Ministers for February 1 & 2**

**Eucharistic Ministers**

Please take your pendant before Mass

**Lectors:**

5:00—Patti Trotsky

8:00—Kathy Grego

10:30—Maria Mendez

**Servers:**

5:00—Juan Hernandez, Max Hernandez

8:00—Kathy Grego, Daniel Flores,  
Denise Hernandez

10:30—Mary Gillispie, Cristena Gondos,  
Maria Gondos



**Share the Faith**

Support the Collection for the Church in Latin America

Thank you for your generous support last week of the Collection for the Church in Latin America. As a parish, we collected \$ , which will be used to share the faith with our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean so they in turn can share the Good News with others. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Visit: [www.usccb.org/nationalcollections](http://www.usccb.org/nationalcollections). Your gift makes a difference.

**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

**APPLYING THE WORD-Dispelled is darkness**

After the Second Vatican Council in the 1960s, the desire for Christian unity seemed fresh and acute throughout the churches. The hope of getting back to “just Jesus” seemed newly possible, as if structures and schisms and mutual condemnations could be swept away by the sheer force of goodwill. We visited each other’s churches. And we went back to our own. A half-century and more later, the conversation appears to have reached an epic lull. Is there nothing more to say to each other, and is this as good as it gets?

The late Cardinal Joseph Bernardin of Chicago identified the scary absence of common ground even within the ranks of Catholics, and how our internal conversation was descending into ever greater suspicion, accusation, and disavowal. Both chasms opened up for the same reason, one might suggest: We have taken our eyes off Jesus. We have chosen instead to follow this leader or that ideology, and we’ve lost sight of the stranger who once walked along the shores of our life and invited us to fall in behind him. When Christianity gets separated from Jesus, as Paul was the first to grasp, it quickly becomes a mutant thing, easily manipulated by worldly concerns and losing its focus from the central to the merely incidental. We may not know fully who Jesus is, but we do all agree that he is the one we are following, right? Maybe. I hope so. It is the only way through.

**Monday, Jan. 27, 2020**

**Stop evil in its tracks**

It’s hard to imagine 6 million people. It’s the populations of Phoenix, Philadelphia, San Antonio, and San Diego combined. It was two-thirds of the entire population of Jews living in Europe between 1941 and 1945. It was the Holocaust. Today is International Holocaust Remembrance Day, when we call to mind the evil that is possible for human hearts to generate. We remember to tell the next generation. And we commit ourselves never again to tolerate the flourishing of racism, nationalism, or antisemitism in our society. Today is a good day to pray for the power of the Holy Spirit to bind the evil “strong man” of prejudice and intolerance in our society. TODAY’S READINGS: 2 Samuel 5:1-7, 10; Mark 3:22-30 (317). *“But no one can enter a strong man’s house to plunder his property unless he first ties up the strong man.”* Reprinted with permission from TakeFiveForFaith.com

**HOSPITALIZED OR HOMEBOUND**

If you or someone you know in the St. Pius X Parish community is homebound or in the hospital, and would desire a Minister of Care to visit, please contact the parish office at 708-484-7951.





**ATTENTION ALTAR SERVERS!**

The Altar Server Ministry will get together, **Sunday, January 26** following the 10:30 a.m. Mass in

the Meeting Room. All new and returning Mass Servers as well as parents must attend! The Mas Server must be in at least 3rd grade, received the Sacraments of Baptism, First Reconciliation, First Eucharist, and enrolled in Religious Education or in a Catholic school. For more details, please call Patrick Koren at: (708) 715-1414 or email at [patrickkoren@sbcglobal.net](mailto:patrickkoren@sbcglobal.net)

**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.



**FEED THE HUNGRY**

The first Sunday of each month the St. Pius X Family Assistance Ministry collects monetary gifts and non-perishable food donations to stock our food pantry We are especially in need of: **oatmeal, Mac n Cheese, Tuna helper, Hamburger Helper**

Please place your non-perishable donations in the Food Donation basket in the church narthex before Mass on February 1 & 2. Donations are also accepted through out the month.

Thank you for your continued generous support. For more information or if you are in need of our services, please call the parish office at:

**(708) 484-7951.**



<b>Jan. 26 Sun.</b>	.Virtus training-parent session Parish hall 9:00-10:15 am .Mass servers Mtg. 11:30 - Mtg. Rm. .Family Mass -10:30 a.m. with Hospitality following Mass
<b>Jan. 27,28,31</b>	. 8am Morning Mass-Mon., Tues. Fri.
<b>Jan. 29,30</b>	.Communion Service-Wed., Thurs. . Adult Choir Rehearsal-7pm-Wed.
<b>Feb. 8 Sat.</b>	.Renewal of vows, Valentine reception after 5 pm Mass
<b>Feb. 8, 9 &amp; 15,16</b>	. Mardi Gras Sign up
<b>Feb. 17 Mon.</b>	.Parish Council Meeting 7 pm Meeting Room
<b>Feb. 22 Sat.</b>	.Confirmation Retreat 9 am - 2 pm
<b>Feb. 23 Sun.</b>	.Mardi Gras
<b>Feb. 26 Wed.</b>	.Ash Wednesday 8 am Mass, 4 pm service, and 7 pm Mass



Thank You

**STICKNEY-FOREST VIEW LIONS CLUB**

for providing a take home hot chicken dinner including sides and dessert for 28 families that were serviced on January 10th through our Family Assistance Ministry.

**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.



**BLESSING OF THROATS**

Saturday/Sunday

**February 1 and February 2**

At all Masses

The Blessing of Throats, invoking the intercession St. Blaise, has become a very popular devotion.

St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr, devoted the early years of his life to the study of philosophy and afterward became a physician. He was ordained to the priesthood and made Bishop of Sebaste in Armenia, where he was seized and carried off to prison by Agricola, the Governor.

On his way to prison, a distracted mother, whose child was suffering from a disease of the throat, implored his aid. At his intercession, the child was cured, and since that time his aid has often been solicited in cases of similar ailments. After cruel tortures, the saint was beheaded in the year 316. Through his intercession, many have been cured of throat diseases or protected from them.



**RENEWAL OF VOWS**

Saturday, February 8

4:00 p.m. Mass

Make a date with your spouse to attend Mass on **Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup>** to renew your marriage vows. A reception will be held in the Meeting Room for all married couples following Mass.

There will be an opportunity to win a dinner for two, a box of chocolates or a bottle of wine.

**Mark your calendars!**

Join us in celebrating the wonderful sacrament of marriage by having your marriage blessed.



**ALL ARE INVITED**

to St. Pius X Saturday night BINGO!

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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*Tim Kapolnek (847) 846-7470 or*  
*Debbie Young (708) 975-7111.*

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***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.***



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**MARDI GRAS CELEBRATION**

(Fat Sunday)

**FEBRUARY 23<sup>rd</sup>**

All parishioners are invited to the parish hall after both Masses for our annual Mardi Gras Celebration on **Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>**

***Sign-up to bring your favorite food item on February 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> and February 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>.***

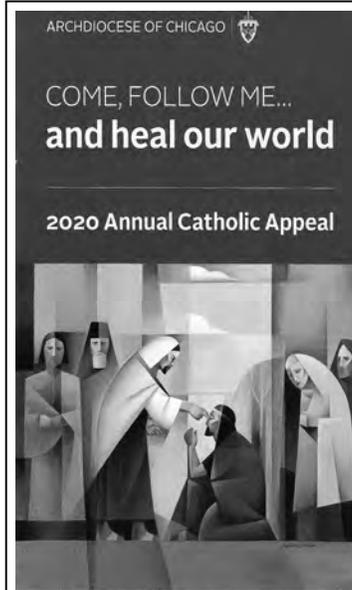
Monetary donations are also welcome as we do have to purchase food items. Please mark the envelope "Mardi Gras" Celebration and put into the collection basket.

If you are undecided as to what to bring, the following food suggestions may be helpful:

***Appetizers, fruit & cheese, egg dish, salad, finger sandwiches, jello mold, casserole, meat (sausage, bacon, ham, beef chicken or turkey), bagels & cream cheese, baked goods and beverages, i.e. coffee, soda, (reg. or diet), juice, or milk (white or chocolate). Ethnic foods are also welcome.***

Volunteers are needed for Saturday night set-up after Bingo or serving on Sunday. This is an opportunity for parents and Religious Ed children to receive service hours.

Contact Debbie (708) 975-7111 or Val (708) 630-248-6036 in advance to be scheduled to volunteer or for more information.



### ***Please Make Your Gift to the 2020 Annual Catholic Appeal***

During the past few weeks, many parish families received a letter from Cardinal Cupich requesting your participation by making a pledge to the 2020 *Annual Catholic Appeal*. We ask that you respond as generously as possible.

The Appeal supports both Parish and Archdiocesan ministries and services. The Appeal funds services that are of great help to ministries here in our Parish.

**This year, the theme of the Appeal is “Come, Follow Me...and heal our world.” We have all received God’s love. By financially supporting the ministries and services funded by the ACA, we help to extend God’s love to many, many others.**

As you review the mailing from Cardinal Cupich, please note the ministries and services funded by the Appeal, including the ones that directly support the work of our parish. Then please give generously. Note, when our parish reaches our goal in paid pledges, 100% of the additional funds received will be returned to us for use in our Parish.

Please take time to pray and consider your donation to the 2020 Annual Catholic Appeal.



## **Special Religious Development (SPRED)**

SPRED 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. SPRED began in 1960 when Fr. James McCarthy from the Archdiocese of Chicago began to work with parents, special educators and catechist volunteers. In 1967 SPRED was established as an agency of the Archdiocese. It is now part of the Department of Evangelization, Catechesis and Worship. SPRED resources 22 dioceses in 8 countries.

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

## **An Evening with Our Friends**

The SPRED process, whether it is with children, adolescents, young adults or adults, is the same throughout the archdiocese, the country and world. Below is an overview of a SPRED session:

The first part of the evening is the preparation time. We work with clay, sand, paints, flowers, water, musical instruments, and photographs of nature. Through concentrated work with materials that are real, each person is led to an awareness of the bond that exists between self and others, creation and all of life.

At the end of preparation time, we finish our work and move into the gathering circle. This circle is the link between our activities and the Celebration portion of our evening.

In the Celebration Room we hear God’s word and message. We hear the word of the Lord and discuss the evening’s symbol as it relates to our lives. The leader catechist then delivers the message of the evening to us, which makes the focus of the session meaningful in our present lives. Then we join hands, sing, and move to music of thanksgiving. The next stage is our Agape, or feast. In fellowship with one another we sit together, sharing conversation and a variety of foods. Finally, we gather in our last circle to sing our good-bye song or say a group prayer until our next time together.

## **Resources**

If you know of someone who would benefit from participation in a SPRED program, or want to discover for yourself the precious gift of SPRED, please contact Patricia Garcia at (773) 552-0924 or by email at [patriciagarcia10@msn.com](mailto:patriciagarcia10@msn.com) for more information.

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