

Saint Pius X Catholic Church



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Telephone 318-222-2165 • Office Hours: Mon. - Fri. 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Website: www.stpiusx.net

PASTORAL STAFF

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| Pastor Rev. Joseph Kallookalam | Deacon Jeff Chapman |
| Director of Religious Education Susan Lanier | Grand Knight, K of C Ted Kapera |
| Secretary/Bookkeeper Ruby Zeutzius | Ladies Guild Earline Davis |
| Music Director/Organist Marc-Andre' Bougie | Youth Directors Erin LeBrocq, Joy Dykes |
| Parish Council President Ron Witkowski | Bereavement Ladies Guild |
| Trustees Buddy McDowell, Jack Linder | Minister Scheduler Bettie Shelton |
| Finance Council Johnny Addison | Altar Society Earline Davis |

Mass Schedule

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| Saturday Vigil | 4:30 p.m. |
| Sunday Mass | 9:00 a.m. |
| | 11:00 a.m. |
| First Friday & Saturday | 8:00 a.m. |
| Daily Mass | |
| Tuesday - Friday | 8:00 a.m. |

Sacraments

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| Baptism/Matrimony | Contact Office |
| Reconciliation | 3:30 Saturday and by appointment |

R.C.I.A. Tuesday 6:30
September - Pentecost

Care of the Sick

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| Fr. Joe | Pat McDowell |
| 934-4146 | 221-6321 |

Welcome New Parishioners

Please register with the Parish Office

St. Pius Child Development Center

Fully Licensed Facility
Accepting children ages 1 year through 5 years
Susan Lanier, Director. 318-425-2192

Second Sunday of Advent

DECEMBER 4, 2016

Isaiah 11:1-10; Romans 15:4-9;
Matthew 3:1-12

Two hundred fifty years before Isaiah wrote, God promised that the dynasty of David would last forever. (See 2 Samuel 7:11-17.) But the descendants of David were a sorry lot. They were weak, corrupt, and faithless kings. Nevertheless, Isaiah — and the rest of the Bible preserves the tradition which contradicted their experience.

Isaiah sees that a “righteous shoot” shall spring from the “dead stump” of Jesse (David’s father). Isaiah calls on us to have hope, even when it contradicts our experience. Isaiah gives a beautiful picture of paradise which will come when the Messiah comes: The wolf shall be guest of the lamb; the leopard shall lie down with the kid ... etc.

In the second reading, Paul urges us to have hope because of the example of patience in our spiritual ancestors. He urges us to accept each other because Christ has accepted us: Whether we are Jew or Gentile, the Lord has had mercy on us all. Therefore we should glorify him by our charity toward each other.

The Gospel is a fiery sermon of John the Baptist. He calls the good people of his day (the Pharisees) a “nest of snakes!” He calls for everyone to turn his life around in order to escape the punishment his sins deserve. No one likes to hear a hurtful truth; but the truth is necessary for our spiritual conversion.

Let us pray today that we may have hope even when things seem hopeless, and that we may always follow the truth — even when it hurts.

--Msgr. William Carr

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MISSION STATEMENT

We, the people of God in St. Pius X Church, Shreveport, LA., choose to serve God faithfully in our commitment to evangelize, to catechize, and to build community with the people of North Shreveport. Through the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we are empowered to build God's Kingdom by living and learning more deeply the Word of God and regularly participating in the Sacraments. We cherish the Traditions of the Roman Catholic Church. We shall promote peace and justice, as we strive to develop leadership who will continue the ministry of Jesus Christ. By accomplishing this, we build up the Body of Christ, the Church.

PARISH ACTIVITIES

- Monday** * 6:30 p.m. Knights of Columbus meet in Rm 10 on 2nd & 4th Mondays
 * The Prayer Quilt Group meets every 1st & 3rd Monday @ 10:00 AM
- Tuesday** * RCIA @ 6:30 pm in Church Cry Room- Sept. 20, 2016 thru April 2017
- Wednesday** * 9:00 a.m. Rosary in the church
 * PSR from 6:30-7:30 PM on Sept. 14, 2016
 * Ladies Guild Meeting-2nd Wed. of the month @10:00AM in Rm 9
- Thursday** * 9:00 a.m. Altar Society
 * 6:10 p.m. Choir Practice
 * Parish Council meets the third Thursday of the month @ 6:00 PM in Rm 10
 * LEGS Meeting every 2nd Thursday @ 6:00pm
- Friday** * Men's Prayer Breakfast after 8:00 am Mass
- Saturday** * 3:30 pm Reconciliation
 * First Saturday of every month-Marian Devotional Mass@ 8:00 am / Rosary@ 8:30 am
- Sunday** *Children's Liturgy @ 11:00AM Mass
 *Youth Council meets every 1st & 3rd Sunday at noon

Mass Intentions

- Sat. 12-03 8:00 am - All Souls
 Sat. 12-03 4:30 pm - Charles E. Ellers, Jane Cassels
- Sun. 12-04 9:00 am - Francis James Hoang, Monroe Ebarb, Thanksgiving, All Souls
- Sun. 12-04 11:00 am -Giacobe Nguyen Ngoc Hai, Patricia Low, Charles.E. Ellers
- Mon. 12-05 8:00 am - No Mass
- Tues. 12-06 8:00 am Celebrant's Intentions
- Wed. 12-07 8:00 am- Joseph F. Crafts
- Thurs:12-08 8:00 am- Celebrant's Intentions
- Thurs.12-08 6:30 pm- Peggy Crenshaw, Special Intentions
- Fri. 12-09 8:00 am - All Purgatory Souls

ATTENDANCE - 245



December Sanctuary Candle Michael Peter Manno

Readings

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| Mon. Is 35:1-10 | Lk 5:17-26 (181) |
| Tues. Is 40:1-11 | Mt 18:12-14 (182) |
| Wed. Is 40:25-31 | Mt 11:28-30 (183) |
| Thurs. Gn 3:9-15, 20 | Lk 1:26-38 (689) |
| Fri. Is 48:17-19 | Mt 11:16-19 (185) |

We will take up a collection for National Retirement Fund for the Religious next weekend.

Reconciliation Service is Wednesday, December 7, 2016 at 6:30 pm

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be celebrated on Thursday, December 8, 2016 at 8:00 am and 6:30 pm.

The St. Pius X Christmas Party will be held on the SECOND Sunday, December 11, 2016 following the 11 am Mass. See insert for more information!

The St. Pius X Choir would like to thank everyone that purchased a butter braid. Your continued support is greatly appreciated!

Knights of Columbus Blood Drive - Sunday, December 18, 2016 - 8:30 am to 12:30 pm in Multi - Purpose Room.



Order Christmas Flowers NOW FOR LOVED ONES-SEE INSERT!!!



Coffee, Donuts, and a Whole Lot

More!!

Come join us on Sundays between the Masses for coffee & refreshments. It's a great opportunity to "catch up" with other parishioners and meet new ones. Please help us keep this ministry "cooking" by volunteering to host a weekend. It can be as simple as donuts or as elaborate as you wish to provide.

Dec. 4 Knights of Columbus

Dec. 11 Christmas Party at noon

If you are interested in sponsoring hospitality on Sunday, please call Ed Antici @ 425-7113.

The Church - When we proclaim our Creed, we profess, "We believe in one holy, Catholic and apostolic Church. We say the Church is holy because her founder, Christ is holy and Christ is holy because he is God and we all are sinners. The Church's sanctity leads her to Christ. The purpose of founding the Church on earth is that the Church may make herself holy and suitable for heaven. The letter to Ephesians says, "Christ loved the Church and handed Himself over to death for her to sanctify her, cleansing her by His blood that He might present the Church in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish." The Church in turn uses means to sanctify her children. The Church is using the doctrine of faith and morals, the sacraments, especially reconciliation and Mass, the directions of those in ecclesiastical authority, and the communion of saints that impart their merits. At the center of these means of holiness and their ultimate source is the indwelling Spirit of Christ, who animates the Mystical Body. These means are available to everyone and meant for the faithful of Christ to come to the fullness of Christian life and the perfection of charity. The Church also demands that each one uses his own free will and the faculties that God has granted to us and co-operate with the channels of grace offered by the Church. We should follow in Christ's footsteps and conform ourselves to God's image by seeking the will of the Father in all things through the guidance of the Holy Spirit. The glory of God and service of His people must be the priority of each one of us. The fruitfulness of sanctity proclaims the validity of the Church's teaching on and the practice of holiness. Those who suffered death because of their faith and those who lived a righteous life exhibited the power of their intercession. Father Joe

The forms for "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contest are in the Narthex. All posters must be submitted by **Thursday, December 15, 2016** to Larry Beaubouef or Ted Kapera.

The Ladies Guild Christmas Luncheon will be on Wednesday, December 14 at 11:30 am at **2439 Fairfield - A Bed and Breakfast on the corner of Fairfield and Prospect**. Cost is \$25. This is open to ladies of the parish. **Call JoAnn (422-9803) by NOON Friday, December 9th** if you would like to attend.



Please Pray For The Health Of: Michael Chin, Monica Clevenger, Rose Patton, Judy Winer, Ken Treadway, Doretha Bustamento, Sandra Bryant Fuller, Clyde Benson, Billie Van Hoose, Greg King, Ann Dykes,

Robert Bustamento, June Foster, Madeleine Harp, Jon Carter, Sharon Smith, Jan Miyanae, Sue Stout, Carly Santone (Granddaughter of John Santone), Reese Ashley, Ruth Erlinger, Yvonne Micinski, Virginia Juneau

Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of: Jane Cassels (Johnny Addison's sister), Eddie Ellers, Rita Methvin (Cynthia Edwards mom)

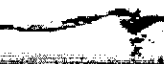
The Ladies of St. Mary of the Pines Catholic Church, 1050 W. Bert Kouns, Shreveport 71118 will host the luncheon/meeting of the **Catholic Women's League** on **Tuesday, December 13, 2016** in the church hall. Registration starts at 9:30 am; meeting begins at 10:30 am. Cost is \$6.00. Please bring a new unwrapped toy for either boy or girl for Christmas for "Toys for Tots." Please bring your "White Elephant" items in a gift bag. These items will sell for 50 cents. **Reservations by noon Friday, December 9-call Sandy Addison 929-3766 or 469-0890.**

Sadly, I need to let you know that my mom, **Virginia Juneau**, one of the original members of the St. Pius X Parish, is in rehab at Garden Park Rehab, 9111 Linwood, Room 401. She had a brief stay at WK South. She currently has pneumonia and is working on her recovery. Your thoughts and prayers will be greatly appreciated. *John Juneau*

EUCCHARIST MINISTERS NEEDED

St. Pius is in **NEED** of more Ministers of Holy Communion! Will you examine the possibility that God may be asking **YOU** to help Him serve "the bread of heaven" and "the cup of salvation"? If you are interested, please sign the volunteer sheet in the Narthex.

baptism



NATALIE ROSE BAUER, daughter of **Marty J. & Ashley R. Bauer** grandparents **Roy and Sheila Baker**

FOOD PANTRY

MONETARY DONATIONS ARE NEEDED!

Items needed are: Dry peas and dry beans. The pantry is open on **Tuesdays & Thursdays from 10:00 am until 12:00 pm**. Call **Mary Jane Terry at 425-7663** if you are interested in volunteering.

Schedule

Tuesdays

- 1st Cynthia McCord
- 2nd Barbara Morgan
- 3rd Barbara Morgan
- 4th Earline Davis

Thursdays

- 1st Linda MacKinnon
- 2nd Erin LeBrocq
- 3rd Donna Howard
- 4th Ann Raymond
- 5th Open