

Saint Pius X Catholic Church

A Parish Renewing All Things in Christ



2023 Stewardship Report

July 1, 2022-June 30, 2023



SAINT PIUS X
CATHOLIC CHURCH
TO RENEW ALL THINGS IN CHRIST



A Message from Fr. Bill

December 2023

Dear Parishioners,

As you read this annual report, I hope that you will recognize the many ways we intentionally encountered Christ and showed love to one another and our greater community during the Year of Encounter.

Although our annual theme has shifted, we are not leaving behind the goals we set for the year. Encounter must continue to be, in the words of Pope Francis, our greatest desire for ourselves and our greatest gift to others.

This sincere gift of self was mirrored in the ways we shared our precious time, talent, and treasure through our stewardship of prayer, service, and sacrificial giving throughout the year:

- volunteers made weekly visits to nursing homes, prayed with men in prison, made casseroles for the homeless, settled refugees into new homes, and crafted blankets for those who were hurting;
- students in the fourth grade at Saint Pius X Catholic School focused their stewardship on people with disabilities and the organizations that support them;
- we continued to share a portion of our parish tithe with St. Adalbert, our sister parish;
- we prayed each week during Mass for Palestinian Christians in the Holy Land; and
- we donated hundreds of pounds of food to the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry, gave Christmas gifts to those in need, and provided diapers and baby items to Hannah's House and the Women's Care Center.

As a parish, we also had fun at events such as the Feast of Saint Pius X at the outdoor Mass, picnic, and the 5K Flyin' Lion Race. We also enjoyed Welcome Weekends, fish fries, spaghetti dinners, pancake breakfasts and trivia and euchre nights. And we encountered each other and Christ at Mass, during our Advent and Lenten series, the parish book program and at Adoration and Exposition.

Please join me in a prayer of gratitude for the many opportunities God has given us to encounter Him and each other during the past year. And let us also pray that we may continue the good work He has begun in us.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Bill Schooler

Rev. William C. Schooler
Pastor

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We Are Saint Pius

9,166

Total Registered
Parishioners

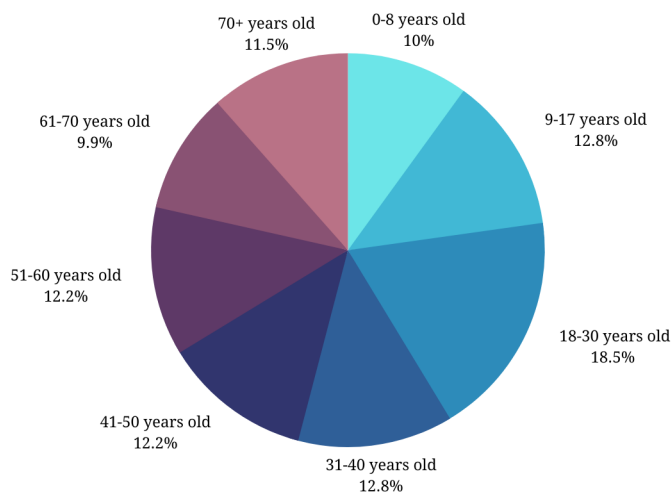
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Average Age
of Parishioners

1,439

Parishioners
active in ministries

Age Breakdown of Registered Parishioners



2,814

Total
Households

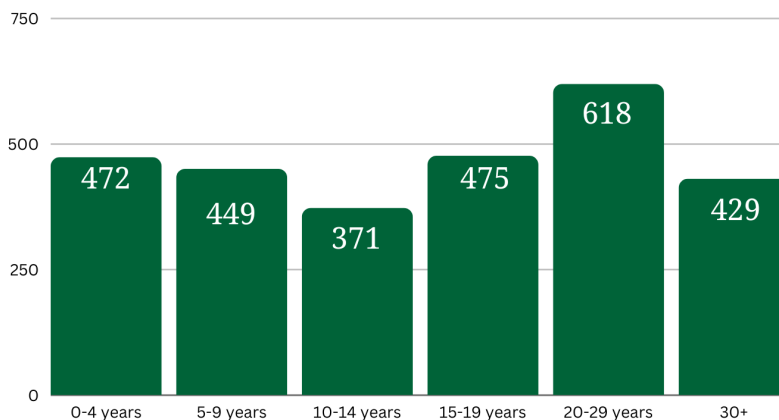
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New
Parishioners

34 percent

Households
with kids

Longevity of Registered Parishioners



New Parish Staff



We welcomed Lexie Wasinger, assistant director of engagement, bulletin and e-newsletter editor and social media manager, and John Paul Salay, assistant director of liturgy.

Pray

Stewardship of Prayer Renewal

“For me, the Communal Anointing of the Sick service is a time for personal reflection and prayer. I challenge you to find a special day or service that connects personally to you. Use it as a day of reflection and prayer. Usually, I end up with feeling the need to reach out to people who are going through life’s challenges to share how much faith can help in challenging times; to put purpose to the suffering I have had to endure.”

Michael Molnar

2022 Stewardship of Prayer Witness Speaker

St. John Paul II said, “**Prayer** joined to sacrifice constitutes the **most powerful force in human history**.”

Prayer is the **foundation** of all forms of stewardship we practice at Saint Pius X.

While it’s impossible to count the number of hours we prayed both as a parish and as individual children of God during the past year, we know that **prayer is the most important thing we offer to the Lord every day**.

Our prayer takes many forms: Sunday and daily Masses, the Sacraments, weddings and funerals, the Stations of the Cross, communal Rosary services, Exposition and Adoration, Bible study, private reflection and more.



Sacraments and Prayer

- 266** Sunday Masses
- 510** Weekday Masses
- 18** Holy Day Masses
- 80+** Kids enrolled in Children’s Liturgy of the Word
- 38** Weddings
- 114** Infant Baptisms
- 53** Funerals
- 30** Homebound parishioners regularly received Communion
- 57** Livestream Sunday Masses
- 280** Livestream Weekday Masses

468

**Hours Dedicated
to Eucharistic
Exposition**

113

**Opportunities for
the Sacrament of
Reconciliation**

244

**Communal
Opportunities to
Pray the Rosary**



Venerating relics from Blessed Carlo Acutis and St. Manuel González García



Blessing of Pets



Blessing of the Fire at the Easter Vigil



Palm Sunday



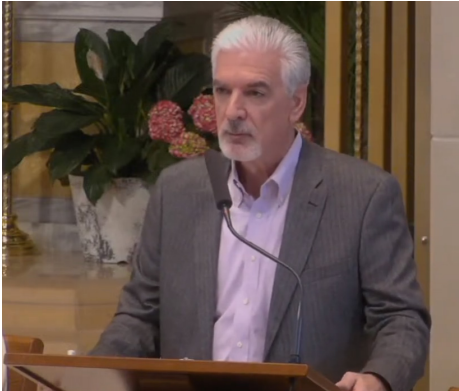
Rosary Making



Advent Lessons and Carols

Serve

Stewardship of Service Renewal



"I had my faith. I came to Mass. I contributed financially, but I was busy with my growing family, my job, my friends. It wasn't until I attended a men's retreat right here at Saint Pius that my eyes and heart were really opened to the idea of serving others; that I was really missing out on this part of my faith. This clarity has helped

me so much in becoming more involved here at Saint Pius and in our community. It has been amazing for me to see what has happened when I opened myself up to the idea of serving others in a whole new level. The opportunities will come to you."

Bill McDonough

2023 Stewardship of Service Witness Speaker

What is Stewardship of Service?

It's using our God-given gifts of time and talent in service to others in our parish and in the greater community.

Saint Pius is blessed with many individual parishioners and families who serve in dozens of ministries—from making casseroles for the homeless to comforting the grieving, from ironing linens used at Mass to distributing Holy Communion in nursing homes, and from caring for the environment to resettling refugees.

How can you get involved?

**Check out all the SPX ministries:
StPius.net/serve**



Diaper Drive



Parish staff volunteers at Cultivate



St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry

86
**Number of
Parish Ministries**

1,439
**Parishioners
Active in Ministries**

968
**Families Serve
in Various Ministries**



Spotlight on Liturgical and Music Ministers

247 Eucharistic Ministers	52 Parish and School
117 Altar Servers	Children's Choir
12 Lead Servers	22 Parish and School
114 Lectors	Middle School Choir
69 Hospitality Ministers	36 <i>Middle School</i>
15 Adult Handbell Choir	<i>Handbells</i>
13 Youth Handbell Choir	32 4th and 5th Grade
75 Instrumentalists	Handbells
38 Resurrection Choir	42 Middle School
54 Parish Cantors	Instrumentalists
55 Adult Choir	15 School Cantors



Of the 18 men ordained deacons in January 2023, four were from Saint Pius: Phil Hayes, James Summers, Harry Verhiley and Mike Plenzler.



2022 Day of Service



2022 Giving Tree
Delivery

Share

Jesus said: "Give and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you."

Luke 6:38

Sacrificial Giving is another form of **Stewardship** we practice at Saint Pius X.

When we offer the Lord our financial and material gifts, we show how much we **appreciate all that He has given to us**, and we share our bounty with others.

Thank you for your offertory donations to the parish and for **sharing your treasure** with organizations in our community and with those in need locally and throughout the world.

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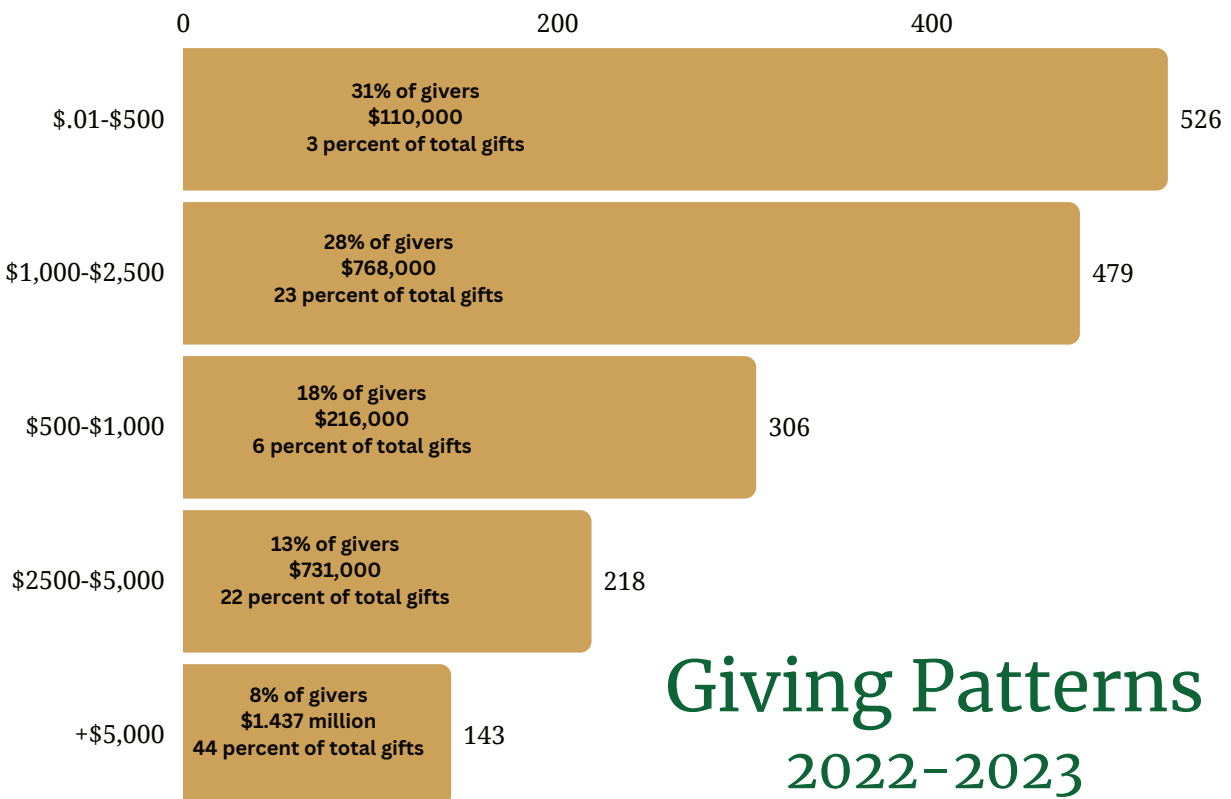
**Households Using
Online Giving**

1,672

**Households that
Participate in
Sacrificial Giving**

\$3,261,509

**Amount Donated
from July 1, 2022-
June 30, 2023**



**Giving Patterns
2022-2023**



"We know that everything we have comes from God. Our giving of time, talent and treasure is all tied into our prayer. We see our giving to the church as our

expression of love for Christ because we know this church is His. We see our giving to this parish as a great privilege and a joy."

Deacon Harry Verhiley
2023 Stewardship of Sacrificial Giving
Witness Speaker



Your gifts to the 2022 Giving Tree served 500 children and 200 families at St. Adalbert and through St. Vincent de Paul in South Bend. You donated \$6,615 to buy additional presents and grocery store gift cards for the families.

Saint Pius Shares

Through Saint Pius Shares, our parish distributes 8.5 percent of the offertory to various programs, serving diverse needs outside of the parish. As part of the Diocesan Twinning Program, 5 percent is given to support St. Adalbert Catholic School in South Bend. In addition, 3.5 percent is distributed to various local, national and international needs of the poor as recommended by the Parish Financial Resources Committee. For the 2023-2024 fiscal year, the amount increased to 9 percent, with 4 percent distributed to St. Adalbert, 4 percent to needs of the poor and 1 percent to

Palestinian Christians in the Holy Land.

During FY 2022-2023, \$436,399 was distributed to: Feathergill and Associates, Samaritan Counseling, GED Assistance, St. Joseph County Right-to-Life, Redeemer Radio, Hope Rescue Mission, Giving Tree gifts, Dismas House, Family Counseling Services, St. Joseph Physicians Network, Women's Care Center, Hannah's House, Bethany Land Institute, Catholic Relief Services, Logan Nose-On, Luvability Ministries, St. Margaret's House, Christ Child Society, La Casa de Amistad, Christmas Commandos, Cultivate, Blankets, Elves for Elders and Stewardship.

Other Ways We Gave

- The Refugee Resettlement Ministry helped set up homes for five, large families—four from Afghanistan and one from the Republic of the Congo—with furniture, household goods and other donations from parishioners.
- You also donated hundreds of diapers, clothes, shoes and baby items in October for the Respect Life Baby Shower. The items went to clients at the Women's Care Center, Hannah's House and the Christ Child Society.
- The Covered in Prayer Blanket Ministry made 75 blankets for parishioners who needed comfort.
- Volunteers made hundreds of meals for Hope Ministries, the Center for the Homeless, funerals and parishioners experiencing difficult circumstances in their lives.
- Hundreds of pounds of food were donated during

the monthly collection for the Saint Pius Conference of St. Vincent de Paul Society. The poor fund distributed to SPX parishioners in need or living in poverty helped pay for temporary financial support for utilities, housing, medical bills, food, daycare and more.

- You donated 3,476 diapers to the Christ Child Diaper Drop.
- Your gifts of more than \$75,000 to the Scholarship Granting Organization of Northeast Indiana helped the children of 28 families attend Saint Pius X Catholic School.
- You donated \$15,690 to Fr. Arthur Joseph Ssembajja's mission appeal for the chapel at Saint John the Evangelist Seminary in Uganda and \$55,760 for Fr. Augustine's appeal to help parishes and families affected by flooding in Nigeria.

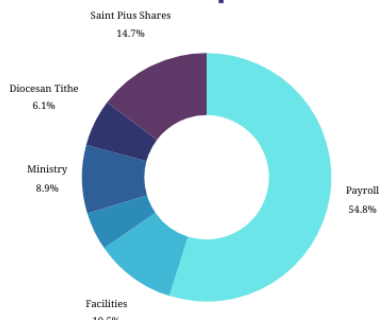
Financial Statement

Church Income	2021-2022 Actual	2022-2023 Actual	2022-2023 Budget
Sunday and Holy Day Collections	\$3,262,967	\$3,687,106	\$3,490,100
Bishop's Appeal Overgoal	120,934	208,819	110,000
Other Parish Income	372,685	701,402	354,425
Total Church Income	3,756,586	4,597,327	3,954,525
School Income			
Tuition and Registration Fees (PreK-8)	\$2,599,978	\$2,680,539	\$2,913,650
Indiana School Choice Scholarships & SGOS	862,448	1,198,640	1,065,000
Donations, Fundraising, Grants, & Other Income	425,502	570,057	395,500
EANS Grant			
Total School Income	\$3,887,928	\$4,449,236	\$4,374,150
PEC Additional Construction Income (pledge payments)	\$711,231	\$323,625	\$200,000
State Grants	\$149,875	\$112,735	
Total Parish Operating Income	\$8,505,620	\$9,482,923	\$8,528,675
Church Expenses			
Payroll (includes payroll benefits)	1,489,662	1,627,335	1,575,432
Facilities (maintenance, utilities, landscaping, insurance, etc.)	334,098	311,762	301,770
Administration (technology, office supplies, etc.)	137,328	147,751	129,865
Ministry (liturgy, adult faith, religious education, youth ministry)	233,386	263,082	276,375
Diocesan Tithe	172,955	181,379	181,379
Saint Pius Shares (parish tithe of 8.5%) & SVDP Assistance	365,194	436,399	401,950
Total Church Expense	2,732,623	2,967,708	2,866,771
School Expenses			
School Payroll and Benefits	3,397,871	3,567,628	3,476,425
Facilities	218,830	262,597	212,300
School Administration (Includes financial aid)	113,429	315,993	313,150
Instruction & Other School Expenses	452,716	475,802	396,650
Total School Expense	4,182,846	4,622,020	4,398,525
Total Parish Operating Expense	6,915,469	7,589,728	7,265,296
Total Operating Income (Church and School)	8,505,620	9,482,923	8,528,675
Total Operating Expense (Church and School)	6,915,469	7,589,728	7,265,296
Total Net Operating Income (Excess of income over expenses)	1,590,151	1,893,195	1,263,379
Other Income and Expense			
Less New Construction Income(pledge payments)	711,231	323,625	200,000
Depreciation (noncash expense)	828,801	785,279	827,240
State Grant Funds	149,875	112,735	-
Interest Expense	12,284	5,963	5,500
Total Net Income/Loss (Excluding state grants, campaign pledges paid)	-112,040	665,593	230,639

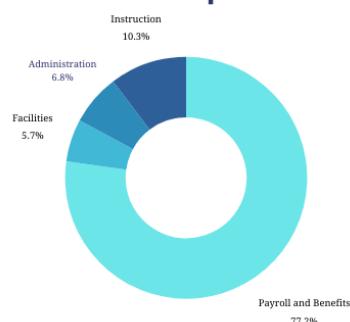
Fiscal Year 2023 Financial Notes

- Offertory income, which **increased by 13 percent** from the prior fiscal year, accounted for 75 percent of the total parish income.
- Cash on hand at the end of the fiscal year was \$3,174,119, an increase of \$1,404, 430.
- Building campaign pledges of \$323,635 received are excluded from income because they were used to pay off the construction loan. Pledge payments accounted for 7 percent of total parish income.
- Donations and bequests of \$326,905 accounted for 7 percent of total parish income.
- Donations to the Saint Pius Chapter of the St. Vincent de Paul Society were \$197,119 or 4 percent of parish income.
- Enrollment at Saint Pius X Catholic School grew by 14 students to 538 in grades kindergarten through eight, which was a **2.7 percent increase**. The cost to educate one child in 2022-2023 was \$8,481.
- Indiana School Choice Scholarships were given to 212 students and totaled \$1,123,380. The parish provided financial aid to 99 students at a cost of \$214,565, while 34 students received \$75,260 in Scholarship Granting Organization grants. Staff discounts for 45 children equalled \$260,600.
- Total school income **increased by 13 percent** to \$524,168 because of increased enrollment and additional funding from choice scholarships. Total expenses increased by 9 percent due to higher costs for software and teaching, as well as pay raises for certified teachers and support staff.
- Fixed asset additions of \$206,760 included a new exterior sign for the parish, carpet in the Parish Education Center, a new bathroom in the preschool, handbells, two Automated External Defibrillators, HVAC equipment and a new washer and dryer for the rectory.
- Parish expenses increased by 9 percent. Payroll and benefits, as well as additional activities throughout parish ministries, account for the additional costs.

Parish Expenses



School Expenses



Balance Sheet

Assets	6/30/2022	6/30/2023
Cash and Savings	\$1,769,689	\$3,174,119
Accounts Receivable/ Prepaid Expenses	124,315	146,351
Diocesan Endowments	94,990	94,990
Book Value of Land, Buildings and Equipment	35,237,017	34,703,193
Total Assets	\$37,226,011	\$38,118,653
Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	\$91	--
Designated Donations for Church	\$212,196	\$411,956
Prepaid Tuition and Fees	114,287	22,149
Funds Held for Organization Account	50,985	8,109
Building Loan	273,965	--
Total Liabilities	\$651,524	\$442,214
Equity	\$36,574,487	\$37,676,439
Total Liabilities & Equity	\$37,226,011	\$38,118,653



Parish Makes Final Loan Payment for the Capital Campaign

Almost 10 years after starting the *Behold, I Make All Things New* capital campaign, we are delighted to share that in the spring of 2023 the final loan payment was made on our extraordinary expansion project.

The generosity and dedication of more than 1,850 parish households and friends provided our parish with a beautiful church for praising God, better facilities to be in fellowship with one another and a more adequate environment to minister to the educational needs of our parish community.

Under advisement from the Parish Finance Council, any future donations designated for the capital campaign will pay for the long-term capital and maintenance needs of the parish buildings, including a percentage placed in an endowment fund which will provide an ongoing source of income into the future.

We are so grateful for your prayers and financial support!





Thank You!



2019-2024 Strategic Plan

The 2019-2024 Strategic Plan was released in 2019 and serves as a five-year guide for the work of the parish. We have completed year four of the plan. The following are the objectives in each area and some of the accomplishments from the past year.

Liturgy and Worship

Saint Pius X Parish seeks to bring God's Word to life in the liturgy, worship, and the Sacraments.

- In October 2022, Francesca LaRosa spoke with school children on active participation in the Mass. She also did reflections with our middle school music students and for the entire Parish Music Ministry.
- In February 2023, we offered a presentation on the Paschal cycle: Lent, Easter Triduum and Easter.



- In June 2023, we began development of children's activity bags for Masses for use beginning in September of 2023.
- In June 2023, we began development of a worship aid for children and those with physical and intellectual disabilities to be unveiled during Advent of 2023.

Stewardship

Saint Pius X Parish will shape the growth of true Christian stewardship among all parishioners through prayer, service, and sacrificial giving.

- The parish bulletin includes monthly updates of parish offertory collections, budget and poor-fund distribution in a continued effort to ensure financial transparency.
- To help parishioners learn more about financial stewardship and sacrificial giving, we offered an opportunity to participate in a 9-week series of Financial Peace University.
- In the spring of 2023, we began creating materials on planned giving for parishwide distribution in early 2024.
- In September 2022, we sponsored the second annual Day of Service that brought together parishioners of all ages to help a variety of ministries within the parish and in the greater community.

Operations

Saint Pius X Parish will provide appropriate staff, facilities, and parish operations to create a welcoming and evangelizing atmosphere that enhances our Catholic identity while maintaining responsible stewardship of parish resources.

Business

- The church loan was paid off in March 2023, well ahead of the November 2024 maturity date, because of the generosity of parishioners.
- An increase was approved to raise the parish tithe for the poor from 8.5 percent to 9 percent.
- We made access to the parish guest WiFi easier.
- A new Employee Handbook for parish staff is making progress.
- We updated the employee performance review process.

Facilities

Our facilities team continued to maintain our beautiful church and update our grounds to meet the needs of the parish. Some highlights from this year's facilities updates include:

- A new parish sign was installed along Fir Road (and a new mailbox with signage) to help increase visibility and help welcome visitors to the parish.
- The main entrance to the parish life center was reengineered to better accommodate funeral processions.
- A number of offices and classrooms received new carpeting and paint to keep them looking new and inviting.
- Ongoing maintenance for the heating and cooling systems across our campus kept our staff and contractors busy this year!
- Fluorescent lights were replaced with longer-lasting and more energy efficient LED units in the Parish Education Center.
- The Multipurpose Room received new acoustic panels (featuring images from the church) to help decrease echo and allow more groups to use the space. The Stations of the Cross from our old church were installed in the MP room as well to allow more opportunities for prayer.
- Ongoing updates to our daycare house, youth house, and rectory helped keep our children, teens, and clergy safe and warm!

Engagement

Saint Pius X Parish will provide opportunities for all to build a deeper sense of Christian community in an evangelizing, welcoming, and inclusive environment.

- As part of our Love Your Neighbor program, we are making regular outreach to new parishioners.
- Plans for a new welcome center in the PEC are underway.
- We created a video series for the Year of Encounter that focused on how parishioners encounter the parish and each other.
- We offered events such as Summer Sports Night and Pizza, Prayer and Play to help parishioners encounter one another in new ways.
- We began development of a new, more user-friendly website.
- We continued to support all parish ministries in their communications efforts.

- We revamped Welcome Weekend to encourage parishwide participation by offering food and children's activities.
- We hired an assistant director of engagement to focus on ways to better communicate with parishioners and keep them involved in the life of the parish.
- We began a Catholic in Recovery ministry that serves members of the Saint Pius community and other parishes the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend by offering hope and healing for those recovering from addictions, compulsions and unhealthy attachments.

Faith Formation

Saint Pius X Parish will enable parishioners to encounter Christ, grow in their Catholic faith, and live as disciples in the world through a comprehensive approach to lifelong faith formation.

- We recruited a Returning Catholics volunteer team to invite, support and advocate for the needs of disaffiliated Catholics
- We established an adult Confirmation program, which will assist Catholic adults seeking to complete their Christian initiation each spring.
- We expanded seasonal and ongoing Adult Faith Formation opportunities through the launch of monthly Catechism Chats and a spring book study on Brandon Vogt's *Return: How to Draw Your Child Back to the Faith*.
- We offered multi-generational and family oriented opportunities to grow in faith, especially through the visit of Catholic speaker Meg Hunter-Kilmer
- We began an annual mini-retreat to orient parish leaders to the parishwide theme and facilitate networking among diverse ministries and groups.
- We expanded parent preparation for sacraments to allow for peer sharing and deeper parent engagement.
- We began hosting monthly young adult social events, focusing on outreach to young adults at the parish and in the wider community.
- We ran our second College Crew Speaker Series for students returning to the area for summer break.
- Volunteers began a monthly parishwide Exposition with Praise and Worship ministry.

Grow



*Encounters on the Road Retreat with
Meg Hunneter-Kilmer*



That Man Is You!

Ask Me
Anything
with Msgr.
Mike
Heintz



Adult Faith Formation

89 *Encounters on the Road* retreat partici-
pants

1,900 Copies of *Becoming Eucharistic
People* distributed in the Parish Book
Program

177 Parish Book Program participants

90 Participants in Ask Me Anything with
Msgr. Mike Heintz

37 Participants in the Spring book study of
Return

45 Seasons of Hope Retreat participants

25 Adolescents, teens and adults became
Catholic at the Easter Vigil

25 Adults and children made rosaries in
March

21 Participants in Christ Renews His Parish

36 *Jesus* video series attendees



Becoming Catholic (RCIA)

SAINT PIUS X **CATHOLIC CHURCH** **Year of Encounter** **2022-2023**



“Our connectedness with one another, our ability to be familial and loving of each other in this context, is so critical. Then it allows upon first encounter to say not only am I encountering you but I would like to welcome you into something that is much bigger than myself, not only our Catholic faith but also this community here at St. Pius. The way by which you love one another, the way by which you worship, the way by which you then are sent forth into a world to not only encounter but to draw people in.”

Fr. Pete McCormick, C.S.C.
 Year of Encounter Kickoff Speaker

Children's Religious Education

200 in Sunday Catechesis
65 in Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
5 in Children of Saint Angela Merici
91 in Family Catechesis
46 in the Homeschool Program

132 Children received their First Communion
103 Teens were Confirmed

There were **649** students enrolled in Saint Pius X Catholic School last year.



First
 Communion
 Retreat

Theology of
 the Body



Gather

The Feast of Saint Pius





Date Night for Married Couples



Year of Encounter Kickoff



Young Adult
Bowling

Summer
Sports Night

*We came together as a parish
in a variety of fun ways this
year to share food, community
and our faith.*



New Parishioner Welcome



Youth
Ministry

Our Mission Statement

Saint Pius X Catholic Parish, dedicated to renewing all things in Christ, is committed to evangelization through prayer, service, sacrificial giving, faith formation, and community.

PRAYER: We celebrate and embrace the traditions of the Catholic faith centered on the Eucharist, inspiring our community to grow spiritually through the liturgy, the sacraments, and many forms of personal and communal prayer.

SERVICE: We discern our gifts and talents to serve the parish and to live the principles of Catholic social tradition to help those in need.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING: We share our financial gifts, generously offering our “first fruits” to support the ministries, programs, services, and operations of the parish and the needs of the poor and vulnerable.

FAITH FORMATION: We participate in lifelong formation to develop a relationship with Jesus Christ and to deepen our understanding of the Catholic faith, becoming faithful disciples in the world.

COMMUNITY: We extend genuine hospitality to all, creating a community that supports one another throughout our faith and life journeys.

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