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INTRODUCTORY INFORMATION

Parish Information

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If you are interested in serving on the Stewardship Committee at St. Pius X, please contact Therese Chase, our Pastoral Associate for Parish & Community Life.

The general email for stewardship related inquiries is:
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REALM INFORMATION

On our parish website, you will see a small cloud logo that says “Realm.” This Realm platform is our church management software, and it is cloud-based, meaning that it can be accessed from anywhere that you have an internet browser or the Realm app. Within Realm, there are ministry areas and groups within each of those areas. The groups correspond to our different ministries, teams, classes, etc. They each have leaders assigned and those leaders can communicate with group members, add and remove group members, store digital files and resources, create events, and much more. As a parishioner, you can express interest in joining a group (a ministry) at any time during the year. The group leader will be in touch with you to confirm your interest, to welcome you, and to get you started!

MINISTRY INTEREST

In order to express your interest in a certain ministry or group, please follow the instructions below.

- Step 1** Make sure you have a Realm account. If you don't, please request one by contacting the parish office. We will need a valid email address in our system in order to process your request. Tutorials for this can be found on our website at www.stpiusxnc.com/realm.
- Step 2** Log into your Realm account.
If you are on the desktop version: On the left side of the computer screen, you will see an option to select “Groups” from the menu. Here you will see groups you are already a part of, as well as the option to “Find Groups,” where you can explore the different ministry areas and groups.
If you are on the app: There are three dots on the bottom menu and if you click on those you will see an option to select “Groups” from the next screen. If you scroll all the way down, you will be able to select “Find Groups” from this menu and follow the same steps as above.
- Step 3** Join ministry groups as you desire! The leaders will be in contact with you and get you started. ***Please set your privacy settings to receive emails!** If you are unable to access Realm or prefer to join a ministry by submitting your information to the parish office, please see the interest form at the back of this booklet.

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MINISTRY INFORMATION

Our ministries are organized into four categories as listed below. These are ministries that are always seeking and recruiting good stewards to join. Some ministries are considered “closed group” and will not display in Realm because they are only open to members of that class or group. Other groups will not be visible to you on Realm if you are not eligible to join. (For example, if you are a female you may not see the option to join the Knights of Columbus, an all-male fraternal organization.)

**Please note that any ministries involving interaction with minors requires those who are 18 or older to complete a safe-environment training called VIRTUS, and pass a background check, through the Diocese of Charlotte.*

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ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE

ADMINISTRATION

Parish Council

The Council, in conjunction with the Pastor provides direction to the parish through pastoral planning, visioning, assessing needs and setting goals and objectives in support of the Parish Mission Statement. The Council approves all policy matters. Any participating parish member 18 years or older with a sincere desire to guide parish administration may express an interest. Meet monthly with some work between meetings.

Staff Relations Committee

Work in cooperation with the Pastor and parish staff to manage human resource needs and issues in a confidential and professional manner. Anyone may volunteer and a background in HR management or a related area is preferred.

Mailing Distribution

Prepare our parish newsletter for mailing. Meet on a weekday morning monthly for 2-3 hours. All are welcome to join. Come when you can.

General Office Help

Help file, shred, copy, insert bulletin flyers, and work on special projects as needed. Detail-oriented adults and teens with organizational skills may volunteer.

Front Desk Help

Cover the phones during the parish Secretary's absence. Volunteers should be comfortable using a multi-line phone system with voice mail, taking messages, greeting visitors and using general office skills. Training is provided. Phone coverage needed daily at lunch-time and on an as-needed basis.

FINANCE

Finance Council

Advise the Pastor on all matters pertaining to the financial affairs of the parish. Establish a yearly budget for the parish and review income and expenses against that budget monthly. The Pastor makes all appointments. Knowledge of accounting, financial statements, and borrowing practices is necessary to serve.

Offertory Processing

A team that meets twice monthly to count the weekly offertory, and prepare it for deposit and posting.

CAMPUS MANAGEMENT

Buildings & Facilities

Helps maintain the facilities addressing maintenance such as touch-up painting, changing light bulbs, batteries, and replacing ceiling tiles.

Grounds & Gardens

Help maintain the St. Pius X grounds and gardens. Adults, families, or teens may volunteer especially if you enjoy gardening, planting, pruning, and getting your hands dirty. Watering of indoor plants in the church is also needed. Time commitment will be seasonal, but no more than 3-4 hours.

COMMUNICATIONS

Parish Communications

Assist with identifying effective methods for publicizing and marketing parish events and programs using a variety of print and digital mediums, including social media campaigns.

FORMATION & EVANGELIZATION

CHILDREN

Faith Formation Families

(Closed Group for the Families of those children enrolled in Faith Formation)

First Reconciliation & First Holy Communion

(Closed Group for the Families of those children currently enrolled in Sacramental Preparation)

Elementary Faith Formation – Grades K-5

Children are invited to learn about Jesus, the Catholic Church and Christianity as a way of life. Faith Formation sessions are on Sundays from 10:15-11:15 am at St. Pius X School. For children with special needs, we also offer inclusive Faith Formation led by specially trained catechists.

TEENS

Confirmation I – Grade 7

(Closed Group for the Families of those children enrolled in Confirmation I)

Confirmation II – Grade 8

(Closed Group for the Families of those children enrolled in Confirmation II)

HeBrews Teen Coffee Talk – Grades 6-12

Meetings are held on Sundays in-between the Mass times. This is an informal and social time, often reviewing relevant video series or offering discussion topics.

Youth Group – Middle School Grades 6-8

Middle school youth gather during the school year for faith formation sessions, retreats, summer trips, and other special events.

Youth Group – High School Grades 9-12

High school youth meet regularly throughout the year for stewardship opportunities, prayer services, faith-based presentations, and social events. All students in grades 9-12 are welcome to inquire about high school youth programs, retreats, camps and summer trips.

Youth Council

Provides direction for the youth ministry programs at the parish through planning, assessing needs, and setting goals and objectives. Any parish member age 14 or older, with a desire to guide parish youth ministry, may express an interest. Typically this is a youth-representative position on our regular Parish Council with once-monthly meetings.

YOUNG ADULTS

College Ministry

Fellowship and fun events for college-age students and recent high school graduates.

Young Professionals

St. Pius X young adults learn to love God and each other more fully. This group is open to men and women age 18-39. The group meets for community dinners, small groups, local and regional group trips and outings, and Adoration.

Young Families Ministry

Provides an organized set of activities to best fit the "new parent" lifestyle. Play-date-nights, community dinners, and a network of support and like-minded people of faith.

ADULTS

Adult Enrichment and Scripture Studies

Adult Formation at St. Pius X consists of Scripture studies, contemporary issues, and other topics. Programs vary seasonally and are published in the bulletin, in *Echoes*, and on our parish website.

Coffee Talk

Meetings are held on Sundays, September through May, from 10:20-11:15 am in the Nicodemus Room of the Simmons parish center. They include a wide range of guest speakers and videos on topics that impact the lives of Catholics. For more information visit: www.stpiusxnc.com/coffee-talk or watch the Sunday bulletin.

Vocational Discernment

Are you feeling called to a vocation within the Church? To answer this call, one must be open to a dialogue between God and the soul. To discover one's vocation is a journey that takes time and interior growth. Because it involves a relationship with God, it requires a balance between active pursuit and passive waiting and receptivity.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

Adults, children, and families who are interested in becoming Catholic, or learning more about the Catholic faith, may enter the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) or our Children's Catechumenate program at any time. Programs meet once weekly throughout the school year, with inquiry sessions held during the summer and early fall.

Jubilee

Jubilee is our annual parish weekend retreat experience that educates, enlightens, and offers peace. It's a weekend of fun, music, food, and fellowship. Anyone may attend.

CATECHISTS & VOLUNTEERS

Evangelization Committee

This ministry seeks to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ to our parishioners and the community. Help brainstorm, implement, and support parish programs and other efforts. Plan and support various Evangelization and outreach events and parish missions.

RCIA Team

Confirmed members of the Catholic Church who are well-educated in the Faith are welcome to join the RCIA team as presenters or small group leaders. RCIA meets weekly throughout the school year.

Adult Formation Team

Assist the Director to create and implement the overall vision for adult Evangelization and catechesis. Those with a desire to serve on a leadership team, or through the facilitation of adult formation programs, are encouraged to inquire.

Baptismal Prep Team

Parents that would like to have their child baptized at St. Pius X are required to be parishioners and attend a baptismal preparation class. The class is facilitated by a member of our baptismal prep team and all curriculum/materials are provided.

Children's Formation Team

St. Pius X relies on good stewards to serve as teachers of the faith. Two catechists are assigned for every elementary school class. Catechists support parents as they pass on the Catholic faith to their children. Diocesan training is provided at St. Pius X. The time commitment is small, but the reward is eternal.

Confirmation Team

Preparing the young men and young women of our parish to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation is a very rewarding ministry opportunity. Team members will work in small groups with our teens and help to plan retreats and other service opportunities.

Youth Ministry Team

Adult stewards are welcome to join the Youth Ministry team as small group leaders, chaperones, volunteer drivers, prayer leaders, and catechists. Help is always needed at both the middle and high school levels. No experience is necessary - just a genuine desire to help form the future of the Church!

Vocations Team

Help interested men and women discern God's will in their lives, no matter the calling. Join this ministry to pray and implement uplifting and encouraging activities that create a fertile environment so God can plant the seed and the Holy Spirit can water that seed in the hearts of individuals.

Jubilee Team

Assist the pastor and staff with the planning, preparation, and execution of our annual Jubilee Retreat, held at the St. Francis Springs Parish Center.

Pre-Cana Mentors & FOCCUS Facilitators

Our marriage preparation process thrives because of husbands and wives who serve in this ministry, providing great witness to our engaged couples about the joys and struggles of married life. Couples who have been married for at least five years, and who are willing to share their experiences, are encouraged to serve in this ministry.

FRATERNAL ORGANIZATIONS

Knights of Columbus

A Catholic, Fraternal organization for men age 18 and older based on the principles of charity, brotherhood, faith, and patriotism. The Knights sponsor the Right to Life Yard Sale, fish fries during Lent, pancake breakfasts, blood drives, the Tootsie Roll drive to aid people with disabilities, and other parish-wide activities. Meetings are on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm in the Simmons Center.

Ancient Order of Hibernians

A Catholic, Irish-American, Fraternal Organization founded in New York City in 1836. The Order traces its roots back 300 years to a parent organization in Ireland of the same name. The AOH supports the Church and her mission through fundraising, which supports the St. Vincent de Paul Society, Greensboro Urban Ministry, Catholic education, Room at the Inn, and more.

Scouts BSA

Troop 244 is a scout-led troop of boys, ages 11-17, with adult, trained leadership with scouting experience. This is a fun, adventurous, challenging, learning, and responsibility-promoting group that helps to develop character and values for a lifetime.

Cub Scouts

Pack 244 is open to boys in grades 1-5. Cub Scouts are involved in fun activities that build character and instill important values. Citizenship, courage, faith, health and fitness, respect, and responsibility are among the important values that the scouting program promotes and inspires. Meetings are on Mondays at 7:00 pm at St. Pius X School during the school year.

ST. PIUS X CATHOLIC SCHOOL

School Faculty & Staff

(Closed Group for the Faculty & Staff of St. Pius X School)

School Families

(Closed Group for the Families of St. Pius X School)

PTO & School Board

(Closed Group for the PTO Members & School Board Members at St. Pius X School)

St. Pius X School

St. Pius X Catholic School provides a Catholic education for Pre-Kindergarten through 8th grade students. Currently, the school serves approximately 450 students (315 families) and employs 55 lay faculty and staff members.

PARISH & COMMUNITY LIFE

PARISH LIFE

Stewardship Committee

Responsibilities include raising awareness of stewardship and encouraging stewardship efforts in our parish through events and ministry workshops. The time commitment is 2 hours every 4 to 6 weeks.

Martha's Helpers

Bake or help cook when you are called and bring your item to the designated location. Your baked item, whether a cake, cookies, bread, or cupcakes might be used for a reception after Mass or a celebration of some other kind. This ministry is open to men and women of all ages and requires only one or two hours occasionally.

Newcomers Ministry

Welcome new members to the parish. Welcoming activities include hosting a New Member dinner, personally meeting new members after certain Masses to provide information on parish life, and helping new parishioners identify liturgical, service, and social activities. All are welcome. Time commitment varies according to your schedule.

Socials Ministry

Help enhance our sense of community. Volunteers are needed to help organize parish-wide activities such as the Valentine's Day Dinner and Dance, monthly game nights, and various trips throughout the year. No previous experience is necessary, just a desire to organize events, socialize, and work with others.

Early Years Ministry

This ministry is for parents or expecting parents and hosts regular events such as morning get-togethers and monthly excursions to local venues and attractions for family days out. All activities are centered around the idea of Christ-centered parenting to help nurture our members through these challenging times in their lives.

COMMUNITY LIFE

Mobile Meals Delivery

Teams of drivers and navigators deliver meals to the homebound and/or elderly individuals on the 1st Monday of each month.

Hot Dish and Hope

Hot Dish and Hope serves an already prepared dinner to over 150 individuals every Tuesday & Thursday evening from 4:00-6:00 pm. This is a great chance for entire families to participate together.

Potter's House Community Kitchen Evening Meal

Purchase, prepare, and serve the evening meal to shelter residents at Weaver House, at Greensboro Urban Ministry. Our parish participates the 3rd and 5th Friday of every month. Dinner preparation starts at 5:00 pm.

We Care Committee

As a tithing parish, we share our resources. This committee, appointed by the Parish Council, determines how our resources will be shared with organizations and groups who serve those in need. Any adult may express interest in being appointed. The time commitment is 2-4 hours per month.

Sunshine Club

Our parish provides dinner, social, and recreational activities at the parish for adults with intellectual or developmental disabilities on the 1st Friday of the month. Activities include karaoke, bingo, pot lucks, and dances. This is a great volunteer activity for families and donations of dinner food are also needed.

CROP Walk

An annual event that raises awareness and money for local, national and international services for the poor and hungry. St. Pius X is one of the top money-raisers in Greensboro with many participants. Planning starts in late summer and the walk takes place in the fall.

Holiday Food Baskets: Planning and Logistics

Our parish collects and delivers food baskets during Thanksgiving and other holidays. Help plan the logistics of food donation and delivery and pick up the food on the day of distribution. If you have project planning experience and a passion to help others, your talents are appreciated.

Christmas Giving Tree: Planning and Logistics

An annual Advent project providing Christmas gifts to approved community agencies. In addition to the gifts, volunteers address gift tags, set up the gift trees in our church, shop, sort the gifts and deliver them.

Guys Doin' Stuff

All guys, all ages. A group with one goal - to help our fellow parishioners and those in need. "Have tools, will travel!" Jobs, times and schedules

vary according to needs and your schedule. No meetings and no requirements – just guys doin' stuff!

Purple Hat Ministry

Meet monthly to knit and crochet purple hats given to new parents as part of an educational program for the prevention of Shaken Baby Syndrome. Hats are delivered to the hospital or crisis pregnancy centers. Learn how to knit and crochet at the group or knit and crochet on your own.

Respect Life Ministry

St. Pius X respects life at all ages, stages and ability through our Community Life partners, Greensboro Urban Ministry, the Purple Hat Ministry, Dolan Manor, Sunshine Club, Caring Services and more. Consider spending time in prayer or joining us in one of our meaningful and impactful endeavors.

Healthcare Ministry

Promote the physical, spiritual, and emotional well-being of the parish community by helping people understand the relationship between faith and good health. This ministry provides educational resources in mental health, CPR, babysitting, health screenings, etc. through the Cone Congregational Nurse Program.

Friends of Peru Ministry

Work with other members of the parish, the pastoral staff, and members of the Peruvian community to organize mission work and needs for our parish friends in Peru.

FUNERALS & GRIEF SUPPORT

Funeral Receptions

Volunteers are needed to provide hospitality in the form of a meal following the funeral. Prepare, set-up, and serve the meal. Take part in all, or just portions, of this ministry. Time commitment varies according to needs.

Consolation Ministry

Volunteer Team Leaders assist the family of the deceased in preparing the funeral liturgy and offer family support as needed. Team members are called on to assist with church set-up for the funeral liturgy and may serve as ushers, lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, sound techs, or just helping hands. Individuals sensitive to family needs are encouraged

to volunteer. Training is provided and additional training in Hospice or bereavement counseling is helpful.

Grief Support Ministry

Minister to those who have experienced the death of a loved one. A six-week session is facilitated in the spring during Lent and a one-day event in the fall. Training is provided. Time commitment varies according to needs.

Sisters of Hope

Please join us for a time of friendship and sharing. If you have lost a spouse or are alone and want to spend some time in a common atmosphere with others of the St Pius X Parish family, please join us on the 2nd Friday of each month. Sharing each other's company for a short time once a month may be just what you're looking for. We share our news, resources, fellowship, and have fun!

SENIORS MINISTRY

Saint Pius X Seniors

Retired parishioners meet several times throughout the year for various liturgical, fellowship and health and wellness activities. Monthly Mass and Luncheons are offered September through May. Seniors serve as volunteers as well as attendees. Weekly Tai Chi classes are offered every Thursday and quarterly Theology Uncorked events are held throughout the year. The Senior Ministry also helps to organize transportation to those attending the activities when possible.

Ministry to the Sick

Homebound parishioners or those suffering long-term illnesses can receive the Eucharist on a regular basis. This ministry serves Catholic residents of several assisted living and long-term care facilities. Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion who wish to be trained as Ministers to the Sick will find this a rewarding ministry. Time commitment varies according to the need. Those interested must be trained and have pastoral approval.

Seniors Luncheon Volunteers

Help out once a month at our Seniors' Ministry Luncheons by decorating, preparing and/or serving food, or cleaning up.

Friends of Hall Towers

Hall Towers affordable senior housing is located near the parish campus. Assist with social activities year-round and pack Christmas care packages.

LITURGY & WORSHIP

MUSIC & SOUND

Adult Mass Choir

The choir is made up of high school and adult vocalists, instrumentalists, and those who provide music at weekend Masses, on Holy Days, and for other special liturgies. Rehearsal is on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm.

Children's Choir

Open to children Kindergarten through 5th grade. Rehearsal is on Wednesdays during the school year from 6:00-6:45 pm.

Hand Bell Choir

Open to high school students and adults. Play at selected Masses and in the community throughout the year. Ability to read music is helpful but not required. Rehearsal is on Wednesdays from 5:45-7:00 pm.

Sound Technicians

Responsible for running the soundboard at each liturgy, maintaining equipment, and ensuring microphones are in good working order for the choir, priest, and deacons. Experience is helpful but not required. High school students and adults may inquire.

LITURGY & PRAYER

Altar Servers

Fourth grade or above may serve. Yearly training is required. There is no term limit on this ministry, however we ask that you serve a minimum of one year.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Parishioners approved by the Pastor are trained in distributing the Eucharist. Confirmed high school students and adults may serve as ministers with renewable 3-year terms. All are welcome to inquire.

Ministers of Hospitality (Ushers)

Our Ushers assist the clergy and parishioners at Mass. Confirmed high school students and adults may inquire about joining this ministry. Annual training is required.

Ministers of the Word (Lectors)

Confirmed high school students and adult ministers proclaim the Word at Mass. Yearly training is required. The coordinator and lectors serve renewable 3-year terms.

Sacristans

Sacristans prepare the altar and church for the liturgy. Responsibilities include laundering linens and vestments, organizing and placing items which are used in the liturgy, and the general upkeep of the church. All are welcome.

Artisans and Environment

Help with liturgical environment and church furnishings. An ability to sew, paint, work with wood, or other artistic talent is necessary. Time commitment varies depending on the parish needs.

First Friday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

On the First Friday of every month, St. Pius X offers Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Chapel from 12:00 noon to 5:00 pm, with daily Mass at 5:15 pm. All are welcome to come and spend time with Jesus. For more information or to sign up for an hour, visit: www.stpiusxnc.com/adoration

St. Joseph Prayer Group

Meet Mondays at 7:30 pm for prayer and praise for individual and parish needs. All are welcome.

NURSERY

Nursery Families

(Closed Group for the Families utilizing the Parish Nursery)

Parish Nursery

We want families to be a part of parish life. The Parish Nursery is available during weekend Masses and other special events throughout the week. Care is provided for children ages 10 months to 4 years. A childcare professional organizes a volunteer co-op for these efforts. Adult and teen volunteers are essential to help the nursery run smoothly.

SACRAMENTS

Baptism

Our parish is glad to bring children into God's family and the staff is here to help make the process easy and joyful! Parents must be regularly attending Mass and registered at St. Pius X for at least six months. Preparation sessions are held every other month.

First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion

First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion typically take place during a student's 2nd grade year. Prerequisites include Christian Baptism and the completion of two years of Faith Formation classes or religious education through a Catholic school. Parents must attend periodic meetings to help prepare their children for these sacraments through an at-home component of the program.

Confirmation

Confirmation preparation is a two-year process, typically beginning in 7th grade, with Confirmation taking place in the spring of 8th grade. Our program meets throughout the school year and utilizes dynamic videos, talks, retreats, and small-group discussions to help teens develop a deeper understanding of their Faith, ultimately leading them closer to Christ.

Matrimony

Our parish prepares engaged couples for the wonderful Sacrament of Matrimony through an initial Pre-Cana session at the parish, followed by an enjoyable mentor process, guiding them through the joys and struggles of married life. Couples wishing to prepare for their marriage at St. Pius X should contact the parish office at least six months in advance to schedule a date and begin the preparation process.

Annulments

If you or your spouse were married previously, if you are getting married for the second time, or if you are currently divorced, and if you would like information about annulments – please contact the parish office.

Anointing of the Sick

Through the ministry of the priest, it is Jesus who touches the sick to heal them from sin – and sometimes even from physical ailment. The Rite of Anointing tells us there is no need to wait until a person is at the point of death to receive this Sacrament. A careful judgment about the serious nature of the illness or situation is sufficient.

INTEREST FORM

Name _____

Best Contact Phone _____

Best Contact Email _____

Please list the ministry/ministries you are interested in joining or participating with:

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____
- 5. _____

Please list any sacraments or programs you would like more information about:

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____
- 5. _____

Turn this form into the parish office by handing it to our receptionist, placing it in the drop-box outside of the office doors, or placing it in the offertory basket at Mass.