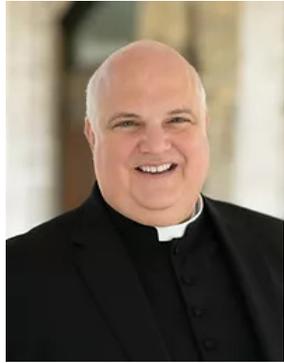




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A MESSAGE FROM MONSIGNOR

I want to thank Francine Britto, who graciously agreed to be the interim music minister during our national search for a Pastoral Associate of Music and Liturgy. A search committee was formed, and we anticipated a lengthy process. The search committee received numerous resumes, conducted interviews, and made a wide consultation. They have unanimously recommended that Francine be selected as our Pastoral Associate for Music and Liturgy and I accepted their recommendation. Francine has been offered and has accepted the position. We are very happy to welcome her to our ministry team in a full-time capacity!



Reverend Monsignor Anthony Marcaccio

Francine and her family moved to North Carolina in 2016 and they are parishioners at St. Pius X. She is married to Errol Britto, a General Surgeon who is the director of Wound Care and Hyperbaric Medicine at Novant Health and Forsyth Medical Center in Winston Salem. They have two grown children. Their son Justin lives in Los Angeles, and their daughter Julia lives in New York City. They also have a German Shepherd named Sage.

Francine has devoted her life to music and liturgy in Catholic parishes and in schools across the globe. She has a Licentiate in music from The Trinity College of Music, United Kingdom. In addition to certifications in liturgy and music, and various commissioned

compositions in liturgical music, she also has a certificate in Early Childhood Development from The London Montessori Schools. Several of her original musical compositions have been used at parishes over the years. Most recently, Francine was Director of Music and Liturgy for Holy Infant Catholic Church in Durham.

Please join me in welcoming Francine as she begins this ministry. I trust you will support her as we strive to give glory to God through our worship together, with full and active participation in the Source and Summit of our spiritual life – our celebration of the Holy Eucharist.

Also, in this edition, you will find many Lenten opportunities to grow closer to Christ. Please take advantage of these opportunities and have a Holy 40 Days in order to prepare for a glorious Easter.

Sincerely Yours in Christ, 



Francine is excited to be a part of her new family in the St. Pius X Music Ministry and looks forward to sharing her talents wherever they are needed. If you sing or are a seasoned instrumentalist, Francine would love to hear from you!

Opportunities for Lenten Reconciliation

Fridays, beginning March 3 (March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31)
3:30 - 4:30 p.m. in the Church Confessional

Saturdays from 4:00 - 4:50 p.m.

Or By Appointment

Stations of the Cross

Fridays, beginning February 24
(February 24, March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31)

6:00 p.m. in the Church - Following Daily Mass

Good Friday, April 7 at 3:00 p.m. in the Church

BEING A GOOD STEWARD THIS LENT

With Lent approaching, now is a great time to take stock of our witness to our faith. As Catholic Christians, we are called to be good stewards. Lent is the perfect time to renew our commitment. Try these four ideas to get you started on your Lenten journey, or consider using these suggestions as a springboard for other actions. We invite you to make use of these forty days of Lent to revitalize and deepen your faith.

1. Attempt a more intentional prayer life – Start a habit of prayer in the morning and before bedtime.
2. Attend Mass on Ash Wednesday. Wear your ashes out into the world as a witness to our faith.
3. Make a prayer basket at home – Write Special intentions on slips of paper or construction paper hearts (invite kids to participate). Let each person around the table picks out one before each meal.
4. Attend a weekday Mass.

Be sure to check the bulletin each Sunday during Lent or the Weekly Update for a week's worth of ideas to add meaning and grace to this holy season.

Adapted from: Stewardship ICSC

LENT

Pray + Fast + Give

SHARING THE GOOD NEWS OF YOUR FAITHFUL STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF OUR MINISTRIES AS WE REFLECT ON 2022

This year, our parish has:

- Donated over **50,000 pounds of food** in honor of the 50th Anniversary of the Diocese of Charlotte to benefit the Client Choice Pantry at Greensboro Urban Ministries.
- Awarded grants or sponsorships to support the efforts of **17 non-profit agencies** in helping those most in need in our greater community.
- Graciously and warmly welcomed **204 new households** to our faith community.
- Rejoiced with **42 families** as we joyfully welcomed newborn Catholics into our midst.
- Formed **72 children and 84 teens**, as they prepared to receive the sacraments.
- Celebrated as **19 couples** united with each other and the Lord in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony.
- Prayed and comforted **36 grieving families** as their loved ones were commended to God.
- Lovingly prepared **156 Thanksgiving baskets** for families in need.
- Thoughtfully provided **584 Christmas gifts** to underserved members of our community.
- Cheerfully offered fellowship and fun to our seniors with monthly mass, luncheons and activities.



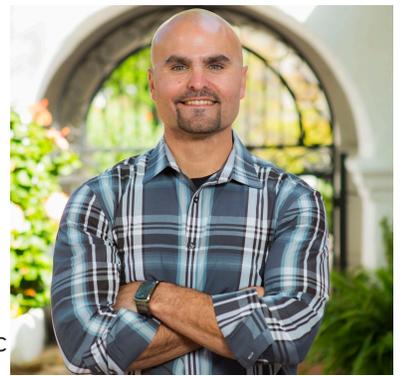
"Give something, however small, to the one in need. For it is not small to one who has nothing. Neither is it small to God, if we have given what we could." -St. Gregory Nazianzen



From January 2022-January 2023, during the Diocesan 50th Anniversary Year's "50 Acts of Charity" initiative, our parish pledged to collect 50,000 pounds of food for the hungry. We are blessed and proud to have parishioners that are such wonderful examples of generosity and stewardship. We not only met our goal, but we surpassed it! We collected over 50,000 pounds of food (that's over 25 tons!) during this past year.

CATHOLIC SPEAKER AND APOLOGIST COMING IN MARCH

Karlo Broussard, a native of Southern Louisiana, left a promising musical career to devote himself full-time to the work of Catholic apologetics. As a staff apologist and speaker for Catholic Answers, he travels the country giving talks on apologetics, biblical studies, theology, and philosophy. Karlo has published articles on a variety of subjects in Catholic Answers Magazine, is a regular guest on Catholic Answers Live, and is an active blogger. Karlo holds undergraduate and graduate degrees in theology from Catholic Distance University and the Augustine Institute, and is currently working on his masters in philosophy with Holy Apostles College and Seminary. He also worked for several years with nationally known author and theologian Fr. Robert J. Spitzer at the Magis Center. Karlo is one of the most dynamic and gifted Catholic speakers on the circuit today, communicating with precision of thought, a genuine love for God, and an enthusiasm that inspires. Please join us for one of the following events:



"Sexual Sanity: A Voice of Reason in a Sex-Crazed Culture"

Friday, March 3 from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Located in the Church - No Cost.



**REGISTER
HERE**

Is there a real meaning to sex? Is it merely in the eye of the beholder? Karlo will explain that there is a real meaning to sex, independent of what every individual happens to think, and how the sexual activities that our modern culture celebrates (masturbation, fornication, pornography, and same-sex activity) violate this meaning. He will also give reasons why we should revere this meaning and live in accord with it, our sanity being chief among them.

"Your Truth, My Truth: How to Understand Relativistic Thinking"

Saturday, March 4 from 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.
Located in the Parish Center - No Cost.



**REGISTER
HERE**

Karlo will expose the absurdities of the modern belief that Truth is relative to what an individual or culture believes. He will provide arguments to show that Truth exists independently of what an individual, or group of individuals, might think.



JOIN US AS WE WELCOME CATHOLIC APOLOGIST

Karlo Broussard
"APOLOGETICS IN AN AGE OF UNBELIEF"

FOOD BY PEPPER MOON
& ADULT BEVERAGES PROVIDED
SATURDAY, MARCH 4
6:30 PM
ST. PIUS X PARISH CENTER



\$10 PER PERSON
RESERVE ON REALM ONLINE
OR SCAN QR CODE FOR LINK:



"Apologetics for an Age of Unbelief"

Saturday, March 4 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
PARISH CENTER - \$10 per person.

Heavy Hors D'Oeuvres and Adult Beverages Provided

Karlo will give a how-to approach for dispelling the major cultural myths that serve as obstacles to faith – namely, that there is no such thing as Truth, belief in God is incompatible with science, and Jesus is no different than any other religious leaders.

Register using the Purple QR Code Above!

**All events are co-sponsored by the
Knights of Malta, Central Carolina Region.**



SPX Youth



@spxncyouth
@spxncyoungadult



SPX Young Professionals

Young Adult Ministry began a 12-week Bible Study on Tuesday, January 31, focused on the Story of Salvation. This is an opportunity for young adults in our parish to join an established ministry and make new contacts. The Story of Salvation unveils the “big picture” of God’s plan in Scripture. By showing how God’s story unfolds throughout the Bible, Young Adults will come to see not only the meaning of specific Biblical stories but also the overall narrative of God’s love for his people. Young Adult Ministry meets each Tuesday 7:00-8:30 pm in the Simmons Center. It’s not too late to join this study!



Youth Ministry has a lot planned for 2023! In addition to our Youth Group meetings on Sunday evenings, we have scheduled three separate week-long retreats in June and July. To help cover associated costs, the youth will be conducting fundraising events this spring. We’re preparing our materials to wash your cars and provide delicious baked goods during the months ahead. Stay tuned!

Confirmandi will be attending a retreat at St. Pius X on Saturday, March 4. They will examine their relationship with God, and explore their attitudes toward the sacrament of Confirmation. The retreatants will receive necessary tools and strategies to take the next steps in their journey of the Catholic faith. Please continue to pray for our Confirmandi as they prepare to celebrate Confirmation.



Now Enrolling All Grades!

St. Pius X Catholic School is now accepting applications for the 2023-2024 school year! Come and see what our 462 students

in Pre-K through 8th grade already know: St. Pius X offers a wonderful, faith-filled education and a great school community! For a tour of the school or for more information about the admissions process, contact Amy McKee, Director of Admissions, at amckee@spxschool.com or 336-273-9865.

SAINT PIUS X SCHOOL WELCOMES THE HOLY FAMILY!

There is a new statue on the Saint Pius X campus!

The Holy Family is now in place in the DeJoy Circle, near the school’s main building breezeway entrance. The imported bronze statue was made possible by a gift from Tom and Mary Martin. We will be placing a plate on the base of the statue to acknowledge the Martin’s generous gift and the area will be landscaped in the spring.

Monsignor says: “It is absolutely OK for students to touch the statue!” In fact, under his direction, the statue was placed at the height where the average second grader can reach the child Jesus’ hands. Monsignor wants everyone, especially the children of our school and parish, to feel welcome to touch the statue. How sacred and how special it is, that as students and families walk past the statue at our school, they will be able to feel the embrace of the Holy Family.



DSA 2023: TO SERVE IS TO LOVE

"To Serve is to Love" is the theme of the 2023 Diocesan Support Appeal. We are called to follow Christ's example to serve one another with love and compassion. Your contribution to the DSA helps fund the social service, educational, multicultural and vocational ministries of the diocese.

When we make our annual contribution to the Diocesan Support Appeal, we join with all our brothers and sisters in Christ throughout the diocese to do the Lord's work, works of love and service that no one individual or parish can do alone. Please visit our website at www.stpiusxnc.com/dsa to watch the 2023 DSA video that highlights some of the wonderful work done by DSA funded ministries and to donate online. St. Pius the Tenth's 2023 DSA campaign assessment is \$212,000. We will need the support of all parish families in order to meet this goal.

Thousands of people across the diocese benefit because of the DSA-funded ministries. Among those served are:

- **42,070 Children and Adults** enrolled in Faith Formation Programs
- **6,896 Students** in Catholic Schools
- **1,250 Teenagers** through Youth Ministry programs
- **1,760 Catholic college students** through Campus Ministry programs at 21 colleges/universities
- **18,762 Clients** of Catholic Charities Diocese of Charlotte, with regional offices in Asheville, Charlotte and Winston-Salem
- **136 Permanent deacons** through the Permanent Diaconate program
- **49 Seminarians** currently discerning or in formation for the diocese

Make your DSA gift online right now!

**DIOCESAN
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APPEAL 2023**

to **SERVE** *is to* **LOVE**

Thank you for your generosity. Make sure to select "parish name" so your gift applies to our goal.

www.charlottediocese.org/dsa

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TO GIVE ONLINE
RIGHT NOW!



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. Our next gathering is:

**Friday, February 10, 1:30pm– 3:00pm
Simmons Center 1st Floor Nicodemus Room**

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 and have fun!

Questions? Contact the parish office or Anne Cooper at 215-837-8859.



Seasons of Hope

Bereavement Support Group

COME AND BE COMFORTED

A Christ-centered support group is for you if any of these are true:

- You are looking for friends in Christ to share your journey of sorrow.
- You are open to new ways of coping with your grief.
- You want to get on with life but haven't been able to.
- You've been trying to find the meaning of your grief.
- You don't want to feel alone anymore.

Seasons of Hope is a Christ-centered sharing journey for the bereaved that provides an opportunity to come together to share in God's Love. The sessions are centered on Jesus Christ and grounded in the Healing Wisdom, Traditions, and practices of the Catholic Church. We will explore mourning through Scripture, prayer, reflection, and faith-sharing. With the support of your faith community, we can help you give voice to your unique journey of grief to find healing and spiritual growth. We will meet for six consecutive weeks through the Lenten Season.

**February 19 - March 26
Sundays from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Simmons Parish Center**

Register through Realm, the parish office, or contact Anne Cooper at 215-837-8859.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

March 3, May 5, June 2

12:00 noon - 5:00 p.m.

And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth.

- John 1:14



Jesus dwells among us still. He comes to us at every Mass in the Eucharist. Never leaving us as orphans, Christ's real presence, His body, blood, soul and divinity, remain with us in the Blessed Sacrament in all the tabernacles in every Catholic Church throughout the world.

At Saint Pius the Tenth we are blessed to have an extraordinary opportunity to sit and rest in quiet Adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament on the First Friday each month.

First Friday Adoration begins with the Rite of Exposition at 12 noon, which includes an ancient hymn sung by all those present. Jesus, truly present in the consecrated host, is placed in a monstrance on the Altar for all to worship and adore.

In the hours that follow Exposition, Jesus in the Eucharist remains on the altar surrounded by candles while the faithful silently and reverently come to adore Jesus throughout the day. Many spend the traditional "holy hour" with the Lord, and others come for shorter visits. Time spent in Adoration may include silent prayer, scripture reading, meditation or simply resting in the presence of our Lord, actively listening for His word. The silence pauses for a few minutes at 3:00 as those in attendance pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet together as a community. The chaplet, prayed at the hour of Christ's death on the cross, implores God's mercy on us, and on the whole world.

At 4:45 silent Adoration comes to a close with the Rite of Benediction. Another ancient hymn of praise is sung, after which Monsignor approaches the altar and raises the monstrance containing the Blessed Sacrament, imploring Christ's blessings on all those in attendance. The Sacrament is then reposed in the tabernacle, the Divine Praises are offered, and a closing hymn is sung.

All are encouraged to attend First Friday Adoration at any time of the day and for any amount of time. As there must be a constant presence in the Church when the Blessed Sacrament is exposed, there will be a sign-up each month on Realm to be sure we have a minimum of four people each hour on First Fridays. Please prayerfully consider signing up for a specific hour with Jesus during Adoration to worship and praise Him, to strengthen your faith life, and to ensure that this quiet, sacred time can always be made available at Saint Pius the Tenth.

Sign up for a specific time slot through the registration link on Realm, or come by any time during Adoration. (Pamphlets, including hymns as well as prayers and meditations focused on worshiping Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, will be available when you arrive.)

Monthly Rosary

March 5, April 2, May 7, June 4



The Knights of Columbus will lead parishioners in praying the Most Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary after the 9 am Mass on the first Sunday of each month in the chapel. Please join us with your prayer intentions. God Bless and *Vivat Jesus!*

Next Pancake Breakfast:

Sunday, March 12

10:00 - 11:30 a.m.



Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus

Socials Ministry GAME NIGHTS

February 24 @ 7:00 p.m.

March 24 @ 7:00 p.m.

April 28 @ 7:00 p.m.



RSVP on Realm and check out what we're playing each month! Parish Center - Snacks provided. Questions? Contact Alice Yorks at alicef81@aol.com.



SENIORS MINISTRY



TAI CHI

February 9, 16, 23
March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
April 20, 27

Meet at 9:30 am in the Simmons Center

SENIORS MASS & LUNCHEON

February 14, March 21, April 18
11:00 am Mass followed by a Luncheon
Advance RSVP Required



SENIORS "LET'S DO LUNCH"

February 7, March 7
Meet at 11:15 a.m.
K&W Cafeteria
in the Friendly Center
No registration necessary!



EVENT THEOLOGY UNCORKED

Thursday, February 23
6:00 - 7:15 p.m.

Wine & Hors D'Oeuvres
Complimentary

RSVP on Realm, by calling
the parish office, or email
Shelley Kreber at
skreber@stpiousxnc.com



This past winter saw many exciting things happening at our parish. **Top Photo:** Kathy Harvell, Phyllis Kirchner, and Winnie Acteson serve lunch for one of the seniors ministry events.

Middle Photo: Mary Parker, Monsignor, and Peter Leone sell raffle tickets at our Innkeeper's Feast in December to benefit Holy Family Hospital. **Bottom Photo:** Christy Holmes crosses the hands of Brian and Donna Bridgeford at the RCIA "Rite of Welcoming" during a Christ the King weekend Mass.

This report represents 6 months of activity, or the halfway mark of our fiscal year. In these economic times, when we find most of our expenses increasing, your contributions will help us meet our financial goals and fund our ministries. For questions about this financial report or our parish financial status, please contact Jay Gyure, Finance Council Chair, at jaygyure@hotmail.com.

St. Pius X Catholic Church

Report to Parishioners

December 31, 2022

PARISH STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES & CASH FLOWS	Fiscal YTD Actual	Annual Budget
Operating Revenue		
Offertory	992,069.45	1,980,096.00
Unrestricted Donations & Other Support	62,352.09	63,300.00
Fundraising Income	6,081.54	6,000.00
Religious Formation Fees	10,980.00	21,000.00
Other Fees and Misc Income	131,969.57	173,488.00
Total Operating Revenue	<u>1,203,452.65</u>	<u>2,243,884.00</u>
Operating Expenses		
Ministry & Liturgy	136,339.95	220,361.00
Religious Formation	77,231.63	121,200.00
Charity/Outreach	63,500.59	95,700.00
School Subsidy	96,060.62	199,183.00
Cemetery/Columbarium Expenses	175.00	1,250.00
Facilities Expenses	191,842.12	346,043.00
Diocesan Assessments	92,112.00	184,230.00
General & Administrative Expenses	413,911.36	815,317.00
Total Operating Expenses	<u>1,071,173.27</u>	<u>1,983,284.00</u>
Net Operating Activity	<u>132,279.38</u>	<u>260,600.00</u>
Capital Activity		
Receipts	31,307.00	60,000.00
Expenditures	0.00	0.00
Net Capital Activity, excluding debt principal pmts	<u>31,307.00</u>	<u>60,000.00</u>
Endowment Earnings, Net of Income Spent	<u>(300,675.77)</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Restricted Donations (other than capital)		
Received	388,655.00	0.00
Expended	15,900.00	0.00
Net Restricted Activity (other than capital)	<u>372,755.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Surplus (Deficit) Before Depreciation	<u>235,665.61</u>	<u>320,600.00</u>
Total Surplus (Deficit) After Depreciation	<u>235,665.61</u>	<u>320,600.00</u>

Other Sources and Uses of Cash:

(Increase)Decrease - Equipment/Facilities	(230,606.00)
(Increase)Decrease - Endowment Accounts	287,200.77
Increase(Decrease) - Debt Principal	0.00
Increase/Decrease - Current Assets and Liabilities	53,067.48
Increase(Decrease) - Custodial Obligations & Unearned Income	604.15
(Increase)Decrease - Savings/Reserve Balances	0.00

Total increase(decrease) in Checking Accounts 345,932.01

PARISH STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	End of Period	Beginning of Fiscal Year
Assets		
Checking Account Balances - Operating	891,223.53	545,291.52
Savings Accounts - Operating Reserves	118,901.53	118,901.53
Savings Accounts - Restricted	786.65	786.65
Endowment Accounts	1,487,447.81	1,774,648.58
Receivables and other Current Assets	44,926.64	72,585.78
Property, Plant and Equipment	25,148,744.24	24,918,138.24
Total Assets	<u><u>27,692,030.40</u></u>	<u><u>27,430,352.30</u></u>
Liabilities and Net Assets		
Liabilities		
Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses	26,844.69	10,480.73
Custodial Obligations	27,926.60	27,322.45
Other Liabilities	239,161.99	230,117.61
Total Liabilities	<u>293,933.28</u>	<u>267,920.79</u>
Net Assets	<u>27,398,097.12</u>	<u>27,162,431.51</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<u><u>27,692,030.40</u></u>	<u><u>27,430,352.30</u></u>

SUMMARY OF SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

	Fiscal YTD Actual	Annual Budget
School Tuition, Fees & Other Income	2,679,296.24	3,979,515.00
School (Expenses), Other than Depreciation	(2,060,364.53)	(3,979,515.00)
School Restricted, net	5,216.81	0.00
School Surplus (Deficit)	<u><u>624,148.52</u></u>	<u><u>0.00</u></u>

Where your treasure is, there
your heart will be also.

MATTHEW 6:21

NEWCOMERS . BAPTISMS . WEDDINGS . FUNERALS

NEWCOMERS - WELCOME!

Josh & Emma CORNELIUS
child Emma 27410

Gigi RENAUD 27407

Devin BYRNES & Athena TATUM
children Lucia, Corbin 27410

Kimberly DAVIS
child Reagan 27455

Trevor & Meghann LAMBERT
children Christian, Elizabeth 27410

Mauro LIZZOLI & Anca VLADU
children Matteo, Nadia 27455

Mark & Ellen McNERNEY 27410

Kevin & Donna McHUGH 28284

Bill & Martha MARSHALL 27410
David & Eileen ROCK 27455

Olga JARZEBINSKI 27410

Patrick BOWES & Elise LEGER
children Amelia, Abigail 27408

Francis & Shirley KINLAW 27410

Barbara BARROS &
Michael STIEFVATER 27406

Danny & Alejandra LUPPENS
children Jackson, Isabel 27408

Chris & Madalyn BROWN 27408

Francisco ZALDIVAR &
Dominique REYNOLDS 27262

Edward & DELORES LeHANKA 27406

Wyatt KADOFF &
Alexandria UKLEJA 27455

Leven & Barbara MORTON 27455

Dan PIERSON 27320

BAPTISMS - CONGRATULATIONS!

Luke Burket Parker Jones
Mason Mitchell Emmett Mitchell
Angela Sanchez Aleah Sanchez
Stasia Sliwinski Juan Yeomans Ojeda
Theodore Pursley

DEATHS - OUR SYMPATHY

Thomas Todino Michael Woyahn
Peter Guilmette Karen Illingsworth
Hollyn Essa Mary Smith
David Gates Joann Last
Grady Allred Mary Ann Ceh
Ersilia Buccini

WEDDING - BLESSINGS!

Colleen Moir & Matthew Murray
Ashley Rutter & Patrick Waldrom

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