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Building the Future of Our Parish: A Year of Faith, Fellowship, and Generosity

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At St. Pius X, our mission to *Know, Love, and Serve the Lord* calls us to be good stewards of the spiritual and physical gifts we've been entrusted with. As our parish continues to grow in faith and fellowship, we also face the important task of caring for the campus and facilities that support our vibrant community life.

We are called to be good stewards of all that God has given us, not only in caring for our parish buildings, but in building up the Church itself. These efforts are not just about bricks and mortar; they are about creating spaces where Christ is encountered, where faith is nurtured, and where the Kingdom of God is made present in our midst.

This year, we are launching a coordinated effort to raise funds for much-needed capital improvements and to engage our entire parish in a culture of joyful giving. With your support, we hope to address key capital priorities and expansion of our ever-growing ministries.

To support these efforts, we are hosting a series of community-building events throughout the year, including our beloved Italian Festival, a lively Casino Night, and the Inaugural Parish Ball - just to name a few! These events will not only bring us together in celebration, but will also serve as key opportunities to raise funds and awareness for our *Legacy Giving Initiative*.

There are many ways to participate and make an impact and more information will be available in the coming weeks and months. And every gift matters. Whether you are able to give a leadership-level donation or a small but meaningful gift, your generosity helps ensure that our parish remains a strong, safe, and sacred space for all who gather here. We are especially grateful for the legacy of support that so ...

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ST. PIUS X
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ST. PIUS X CATHOLIC CHURCH

Liturgy News & Updates

The Solemnity of the Assumption

Thursday, August 14
Vigil Mass 5:30 pm

Friday, August 15
Masses 8:30 am, 12:00 pm



There will be NO 8:30 am First Saturday Mass on **Saturday, September 6** due to the Eucharistic Congress in Charlotte.

Daily Masses will move back to the church beginning **Thursday, August 14**. Please use the main church doors to enter. This includes First Friday Adoration.

Welcome to our 2025-2026 ALTAR SERVER TEAMS! Teams and schedules have been sent out. Training is underway and we look forward to working together.

Rescheduled! End-of-Summer Cookout

Friday, August 22 from 6:00 - 7:30 pm

Join the Faith Formation department for a celebration in the Cloister. All are welcome! We'll have Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Games, Giant Water Slide, Music, and Fun! Families are welcome. Kids under 14 must be accompanied by a parent/guardian. See you there!



SAINT PIUS X CATHOLIC CHURCH



HOLY FAMILY HOSPITAL
of Bethlehem Foundation



Thank You. Your generosity at St. Pius X raised \$22,011.87 through the Giving Tree program last Advent. Your kindness allowed us to deliver life, peace, and hope in the Holy Land; providing 153,000 services in 2024 to a catchment area of 1 million people in the Bethlehem region. Due to the regional wars, many families of Bethlehem find themselves without jobs and little food to put on their table. Every dollar allows us to help extend their tables and provide hope. Your gifts enable the Hospital to deliver lifesaving medical care to the most vulnerable and at-risk families in Bethlehem. We are profoundly grateful for your support and prayers for our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land.

To hear more Good News, please visit us at
birthplaceofhope.org.

Building the Future

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... many of you have helped to build, and we invite you to continue that legacy with us.

We have a new Philanthropy Committee at St. Pius X and we want you to know that we are here to partner with you in this shared mission. Philanthropy is an expression of our love in action. It is an opportunity to give back in gratitude for the blessings we've received. It strengthens the mission of the Church, builds community, and allows each of us to participate in something greater than ourselves. Through generous giving, we help ensure that our parish remains a place of faith, service, and welcome for generations to come. Anyone can be a philanthropist because philanthropy isn't only about large financial gifts. At its heart, philanthropy means "love of humankind." It's expressed through generosity of time, talent, prayer, advocacy, and resources - however big or small. Whether you're donating \$10, offering your skills, volunteering at a parish event, or simply spreading the word about a cause, you are actively participating in the work of building up the Church and serving others. Every act of generosity - especially when done with love and intention - is a form of stewardship, philanthropy, and a contribution to the mission of Christ.

For more information on ways to give or to become an event sponsor, please contact a member of the Philanthropy Committee:

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**Let's continue to grow in faith
and build for the future
with hearts full of gratitude
and a spirit of shared mission!**

Diocese of Charlotte Eucharistic Congress



Featuring this year ...
Bishop Michael Martin
Matt Maher
Chris Stefanick

Rediscover hope.
Renew your spirit.
Walk with Christ.



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6
CHARLOTTE CONVENTION
CENTER

Join us on the St. Pius X bus
and make transportation a
breeze! Sign up today. \$20 per
person. Family discounts
available. Spaces are limited.

Harvest of Hope – Discerning Your Gifts, Devoting Your Time

Am I using the talents God gave me to serve others, build up the Church, and reflect Christ in the world? Catholic stewardship is more than a concept—it's a way of life rooted in gratitude, responsibility, and generosity. At its heart, stewardship is a response to God's love: recognizing that all we have is a gift from Him, and that we are called to use these gifts—our time, talent, and treasure—for His glory and the service of others. One of the best ways to live out stewardship is by joining a parish ministry. Whether it's helping with liturgy, music, outreach, faith formation, hospitality, or social justice, every ministry is a channel of grace—both for those who serve and for those who are served.

Why join a ministry?

- To grow spiritually: Serving in a ministry draws us closer to God and deepens our understanding of the faith.
- To build community: Ministries are places of fellowship. You meet others who share your faith and walk with you in your spiritual journey.
- To use your gifts: God gives each person unique talents. Ministries are opportunities to use those gifts in meaningful ways.
- To serve the Church: The Church is the Body of Christ. Each part is vital—and your role matters.

People often think that they don't have time, or their talent is not enough to share. Ministry is not about perfection; it's about willingness. Even small offerings of time or talent can bear great fruit when offered with love. When you join a ministry, you're not just a volunteer. You are becoming the hands and feet of Christ in the world by answering your baptismal call to discipleship.

Wondering where to start? Plan to be a part of our annual parish celebration of stewardship on the weekend of **October 25 and 26** as we gather to celebrate the abundance of gifts God has given us. There will be representatives from many of our parish ministries who can answer questions and help guide you as you discern where you can joyfully serve God, our parish and others in the community. Think about joining a ministry with a friend or make it a family affair by finding ministries to participate in together.

By embracing stewardship and becoming active in ministry, you will not only build up the Church – you become the Church. And in doing so, you become more fully who God made you to be.

"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace."
– 1 Peter 4:10

Coping with Grief During the Holidays

Guest Speaker: Mary Easton, Licensed Clinical Social Worker and Parishioner

Program: "Navigating the Upcoming Holidays - How to best use Advent to cope with Grief and Loss"

Sunday, November 16
1:00 to 4:00pm

Simmons Parish Center - Nicodemus Room

"The Lord is my strength and my song." Exodus 15:2

Please register through REALM or call Anne Cooper at 215-837-8859.



Fall Campaign Begins September 27

40 Days for Life is a campaign that aims to end abortion locally through prayer, fasting, community outreach, and peaceful vigil. The SPX Knights of Columbus invite you to join us from September 27 - November 1. We will meet from 9 to 11 am at Women's Choice, the abortion clinic on Randleman Rd. We will pray for all mothers who are considering abortion and for the abortion providers (bring your rosaries!). Success is measured in hearts changed and women reconsidering the decision to abort, as well as in workers at the clinic who discover that they can no longer justify what they do. We have witnessed many instances of conversion and changed hearts. Please consider praying with us! For more information, contact Jim Furman at 336-202-9717.



**know,
love,
serve.**
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St. Pius X Seniors Ministry Updates & Events

Register on Realm for the following events! Please see bulletins, weekly updates or contact Alice Yorks ayorks@stpiusxnc.com (336) 272-4681 for additional information.

THEOLOGY UNCORKED

October 2 with Deacon Jack Yarbrough

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Thursdays from 9:30 – 10:15 am
Practice Sessions on Mondays. Bring a friend!

K&W LUNCH & FELLOWSHIP

September 2 with Deacon Jack & Rachel Yarbrough,
October 7, November 4

SENIOR ACADEMY

August 21, 28, September 4, 11, 18, 25

MEET & MINGLE

Prayers, Praises, & Pearls
Part 1 & 2: September 9, October 14

SENIOR LUNCHEONS

September 16 - Welcome Back Bingo & Angels
October 21 - Healing Gardens
November 18 - TBD

ADULT GAME NIGHTS

August 22 - Farkel (Dice Game)
September 26 - Five Crowns (Card Game)
October 24 - Tens (Card Game)

HEALING GARDENS FIELD TRIP

October 23

CHRISTMAS BUS TRIP

Let's Celebrate the Season in Myrtle Beach, SC!

THEOLOGY UNCORKED



GAME NIGHT



Many Thanks From Our Friends at Greensboro Urban Ministry

Therese Chase, Community Life

We received a lovely, handwritten thank-you note from our friends at Greensboro Urban Ministry, and it is transcribed here for our parishioners. Please know that your donations truly make a difference in the lives of so many who go without in our community. Thank you for your generosity and your stewardship.

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

On Behalf of everyone at Greensboro Urban Ministry, we want to express our deepest gratitude for your extraordinary service and support over the years. Your unwavering generosity and commitment have been a cornerstone of our mission to serve neighbors in crisis with compassion, dignity and hope.

Providing food lets people know that they are cared about and not forgotten. Please share our thanks with everyone in your congregation.

With Blessings,
Your friends at GUM



Congregational Nurse Program

Mind • Body • Spirit

findhelp.org by
findhelp - Search
and Connect to
Social Care

Search and connect to support. Find financial assistance, food pantries, medical care, and other free or reduced-cost help in your area, anywhere in the US.

www.findhelp.org

Helpful Healthcare Resource

The St. Pius X Healthcare Ministry would like to share a helpful resource from Cone Congregational Nurses. You can visit the website here and enter your zip code to search for various types of assistance. Also, you can always dial 2-1-1 to find local assistance.

www.FINDHELP.org

News From the Knights

Council Shines as Recipient of Knight's Top Award

The St. Pius X Knights of Columbus Council 11101 has earned the Star Council Award, the organization's top honor for local councils. This award recognizes excellence in membership, fraternal insurance promotion, faith formation, and service activities. During the 2024-2025 year, Council 11101 supported many charitable initiatives, including disaster relief for Hurricane Helene victims, coat distribution for children, meals for local families, scholarships for seminarians, and donations to Room at the Inn and organizations serving individuals with disabilities. The Knights also fostered faith by leading Sunday Rosaries, Stations of the Cross, and supporting OCIA and First Holy Communion candidates. Additionally, they organized family-friendly events such as the Italian Fest games, parish Pancake Breakfasts, and the annual Lenten Fish Fry. If you're a Catholic man (18+) seeking to live your faith and make a difference, the Knights of Columbus offers a platform for meaningful service. For more information, contact Membership Director Marty Sosnicki at 631-335-3882 or Grand Knight Scott Richter at 336-549-8826, or visit www.kofc.org/join.



Knights of Columbus®

St. Pius X Knights of Columbus Council Earns International Recognition

St. Pius X Knights of Columbus Council 11101 has been honored with the Star Council Award, the highest distinction a local council can receive from the international Knights of Columbus organization. This prestigious award recognizes outstanding achievement in membership growth, promotion of fraternal insurance benefits, sponsorship of faith formation programs, and service-oriented activities. The 2024-25 Fraternal Year was a Year of Impact: Charity, Faith and Community. Council 11101 demonstrated exceptional dedication to its core principles, providing both financial support and hands-on assistance for numerous initiatives. Charity, a cornerstone of the Knights of Columbus's faith and work, was evident in a wide array of impactful projects, including:

- Disaster Relief: The Council provided crucial aid to those affected by Hurricane Helene.
- Community Support: Hundreds of coats were distributed to children in need, meals were provided to local families, and food donations delivered to Room at the Inn.
- Support for Individuals with Disabilities: The Council raised money provided manpower to support local organizations dedicated to helping individuals with disabilities.
- Seminarian Scholarships: Financial assistance was provided to support our future priests.

The Knights actively fostered faith within the parish community:

- Spiritual Leadership: They led monthly Sunday Rosaries, organized the Stations of the Cross during Lent and encouraged devotion to the Holy Family.
- Sacramental Support: The Council provided sacramental gifts to and First Holy Communion candidates.
- Council 11101 played a vital role in building parish community through engaging family activities.
- Games at the Italian Fest
- Parish Pancake Breakfasts
- The annual Lenten Fish Fry

Recognition as Star Council highlights Council 11101's unwavering commitment to faith, family, and service within the St. Pius X parish and the wider community. If you are a Catholic man (18 years or older) who desires to live out your faith in action and make a meaningful impact, the Knights of Columbus provides a powerful platform to do so. For more information about Knights of Columbus council 11101, contact Membership Director Marty Sosnicki at 631-335-3882 or Grand Knight Scott Richter at 336-549-8826. Information on the Knights can also be found at www.kofc.org/.

From the rising of the sun to its setting let the name of the LORD be praised.

Psalm 113:3

OCIA: Adults, Teens, and Children Seeking Initiation into the Catholic Church



Are you interested in becoming a member of the Catholic Church? Have you missed any of your Catholic Sacraments? Have you been away from the Catholic Church for a long time and are now returning home?

Join the OCIA. OCIA is the Order of Christian Initiation for Adults, (formerly referred to as RCIA). OCIA is a lifelong commitment to the Catholic faith and the new name reflects the progressive nature of this spiritual journey. Let us help you discover, learn, reflect, and build community during this process.

Classes Begin September 4!

Questions? Contact Lindsay Sartorio at lsartorio@stpiusxnc.com



PILGRIMS OF HOPE NATIONAL SHRINE BUS TRIP

September 27-29



Trip Includes: Charter Bus, 2-Night Stay in Frederick, MD, 2 Breakfasts, 3 Lunches, 2 Dinners

Travel To: National Shrine Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes, National Shrine of St Elizabeth Ann Seton with Mass, Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land in America, Basilica of National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, St John Paul II National Shrine. **Price:** \$375 pp (double occ.) / \$475 pp (single occ.) Register on Realm or call the parish office. Questions? Contact Scottie Rumley at 336-508-2814 or scottierumley@yahoo.com.

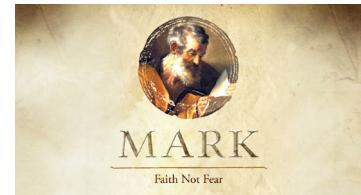
Upcoming Fall Study Opportunities

Watch the Bulletin the weekend of 8/16-8/17 for more details and registration information!

Lectio: Mark "Faith Not Fear"

Immerse yourself in this action-packed Gospel that offers Saint Peter's account of Christ's life and teaching. Combining the insights of Dr. Tim Gray with the masterful artistry of the Augustine Institute, this Lectio series uses the Church's rich tradition of Lectio Divina to help you better understand and better pray with the Gospel of Mark.

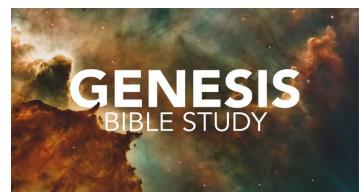
- Wednesdays Beginning September 3
- 14 sessions, 1:00 - 3:00 pm



Brother Against Brother: Opening the Book of Genesis

This guided Scripture study will cover the book of Genesis and the stories of Cain & Abel, Ishmael & Isaac, Esau & Jacob, and Joseph & his brothers.

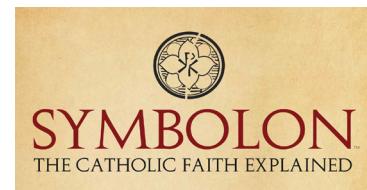
- Tuesdays Beginning September 9
- 8 sessions, 1:00 - 2:30 pm



Symbolon: The Catholic Faith Explained

This study and discussion group will lead you through a systematic presentation of our Catholic Faith, looking at the "big picture" with the Creed as the guide. Perfect for Catholics that want to learn more!

- Sundays, Beginning September 7
- 20 Sessions, 1:00 - 3:00 pm (10 Fall & 10 Spring)



Coffee Talk Resumes on September 7!

Join us to discuss The Boy from Milan: Stories of Carlo Acutis. Be inspired by Carlo's true story and discover that holiness is possible in daily life. Blessed Carlo Acutis will be canonized on September 7. Coffee Talk meets on most Sundays from 10:15 - 11:15 am in the Nicodemus Room in the parish center. No RSVP is required! The nursery is open and all are welcome. Donuts, coffee, and good conversation are provided. Meeting dates during the Fall are September 7, 14, 21, 28, October 12, 19, 26, November 2, 9, 16, and December 7 and 14.



SCAN FOR
MORE INFO:



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4

11:00 AM - 8:00 PM

ITALIAN FESTIVAL

2025 SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE!

SCAN THE QR CODE ABOVE OR CONTACT

LINDSAY SARTORIO FOR MORE INFORMATION

(LSARTORIO@STPIUSXNC.COM)

Live Entertainment All Day!

NEW! Oktoberfest Beer Garden

"Zona Bambini" - Kids' Zone

2nd Annual "Marcaccio Marinara" Contest

"Taste of Italy" - Food Vendors

"Tutto Bene" - Spirit Tasting Tent

Local Vendors

Prize Baskets & Trip Raffle



THIS YEAR, WITH AN
**INTERNATIONAL
TWIST!**

Funerals Baptisms Weddings

George Perkins Sr.
Richard Schmidt
Joan Dondero
Tom Ammeter

Edith Golden
Evelyn Thayil
Myra Reynolds
Finnon Reynolds
Sloane Edwards
John Hogan
Eveline Simaan

Connor Plaster & Taylor Key
Emma Moncla & Gavin Grady
Jamie Simaan & Scott Kershner
Brianna Paul & Samuel Kaplan
Paige Becker & Taylor Dick
Esmeralda Covarrubias Camacho
& Luis Sanchez Hernandez
Mary DeFriest & Josh Rathburn

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Newcomers

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Margaret CHAMBERS	27410	Wakefield & Emelia GERRISH	27407	Kelly & Megan NANCE	Samuel & Alexandra SPENCE	27408
Seth & Susan COLE	27410	child Wakefield	27407	child Bailee	child Collins	27408
child Connor		Ryan & Katherine HOGAN	27455	Genilson PEREIRA & Dany JASCO	Amy VOLPE	27410
Thomas & Katherine COLL	27408	children Conor, John	27455	child Laura	Madison WILLIAMS	27410
Megan & Colton CROSS	27401	David & Denise KASPER	27410	Alicia PERRY	children Charles, Sophia	24055
child Amelia		Sean & Sarah KELLY	27455	child Madelyn	Edward & Carroll WINDFELDER	27408
Bryan & Lindsay DANIEL	27310	children Declan, Emerson	27410	William & Cathy PERRY	William WRIGHT & Maria PEREZ-SUAREZ	27403
child Callen		Kyle & Laurie KENNEDY	27410	James & Wendy RANKIN	child Isabel	
		Nicholas LaPIERRE	27215	Luis SANCHEZ-HERNANDEZ & Esme		
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