



## St. Pius X Roman Catholic Church Diocese of Baker

*“Those who try to do something and fail are infinity better  
than those who try to do nothing and succeed.”*



### **St. Pius X Roman Catholic Church**

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## **Parish Commission Handbook**





## What are Commissions?

With the advent of the second Vatican Council, much emphasis was placed on the role and involvement of all Catholics in the work of the Church. In order to provide more opportunities for parishioners to be involved in the activities within St. Pius X, the Pastoral Council has identified six commissions that address major areas of parish life. This model will provide the opportunity for parishioners with the desire to contribute their time, talents, and treasures to join a commission that focuses on activities related to their interest.

St. Pius X will accomplish its work in an organized and systematic way through effective working groups or commissions. Although the commissions can be defined as the working arm of the Pastoral Council, they are also responsible for visioning and planning for a specific area. These commissions make recommendations to the Pastoral Council and implement the council's policies. Every effort will be made for effective two-way communication between the Pastoral Council and the commissions.

It's been said that "St. Pius X is a living, vibrant parish full of men, women and children fully involved in their faith." Commissions will provide an organized means to coordinate the activities within the parish and will contribute to its spiritual growth. We need to thrive on the abundant life God has offered to all of us. We should constantly challenge ourselves and those around us to "Dare to Dream" and realize that with God, anything is possible.

## Parish Staff

Rectory: Julie Kraan	884-4242 Office Manager
Religious Education: Charles Catterall/Tami Lucht	882-7593 Director
Youth Ministry: Charles Catterall/Tami Lucht	882-7593 Director
Ministry to the Homebound: Julie Kraan	884-4242
Adult Education and RCIA: Vic Scaravilli & Tami Lucht	884-6905
Natural Family Planning: Jennifer Snoozy	892-6066

## Organizations

Altar Society Robin Ferreira	882-7824
Men's Club Ed Bickett	882-6170
Golden Girls	882-1125
Catholic Daughters of the Americas Deb Scaravilli	273-0262
Knights of Columbus Dave Taylor—St. Pius X	884-5527
St. Vincent de Paul	281-5345
Respect Life Carolyn Taylor	273-0953

# St. Pius X Roman Catholic Church Commission Structure

## Pastoral Council Members:

Father Shiju Thuruthiyil

### At Large Members

Aaron Croxford  
Jan Bos  
Tami Lucht  
Liz Maddalena  
Susan Baird  
Ben Quen  
Mike Green

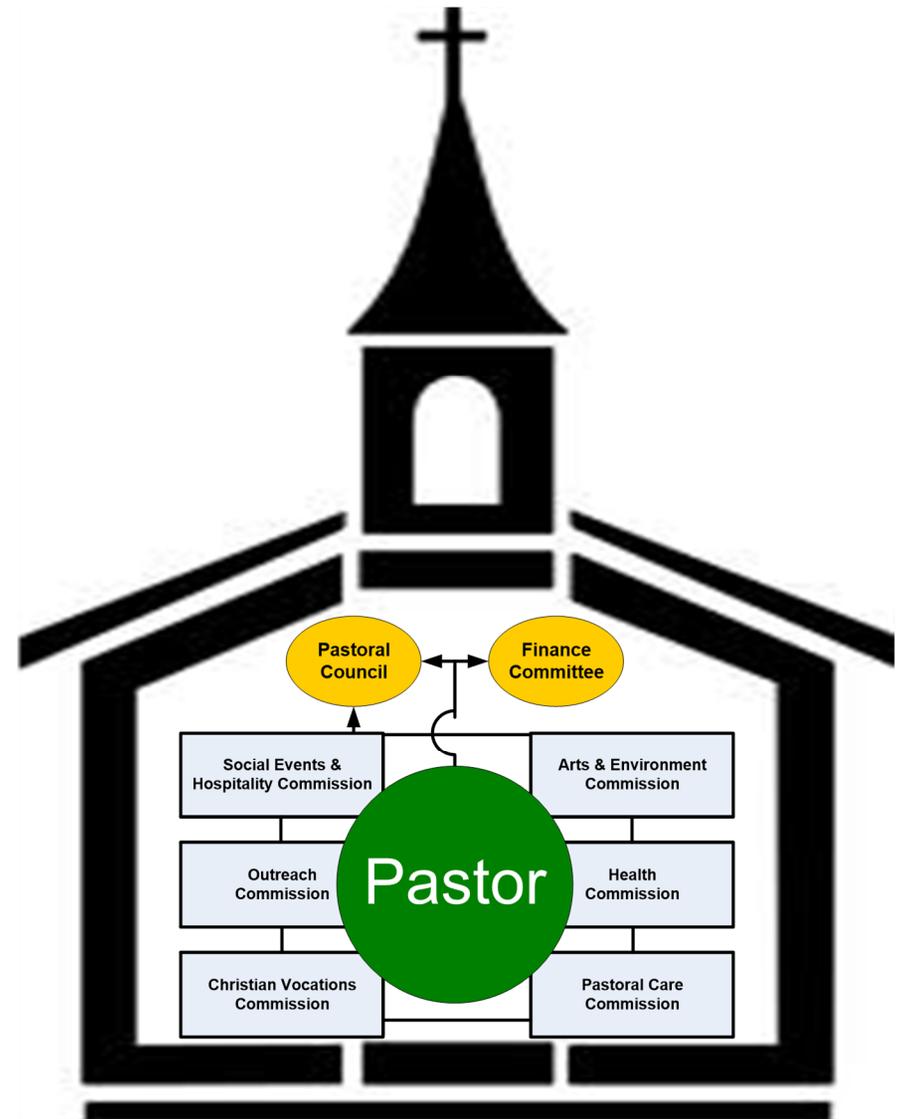
### Ex-Officio Members

Julie Kraan  
Charles Catterall  
Deacon Paul Hillyer  
Jennifer Snoozy

## Finance Committee Members:

Father Shiju Thuruthiyil

Mike Bandfield  
Hank Caldwell  
Ed Cunion  
Steve Harper  
Larry King  
Julie Kraan  
Kathy Pence  
Ray Holliday  
Don York



## What is the value of Commissions?

Each standing commission implements the Pastoral Council's priorities and goals in its own areas of responsibility in the collaborative spirit of working together to accomplish the Word of God, calling people to prayer and motivating people to serve others.

The design of this form of leadership is five-fold. First, with a congregation of our size, we have the opportunity to distribute leadership so that the broad level of persons are empowered with the capability to design and implement programs. Second, the work of the Pastoral Council, the Finance Committee, and the parish staff are more clearly defined and that time spent by both is utilized appropriately. Third our many ministries are grouped in terms of function and can accomplish tasks that center on common areas of interest and activity. Fourth, that there is a fundamental level of accountability for process, progress and evaluation. Finally, the broadest level of the parish family can become involved in our organizational life.

Commissions will give the parish a working model of leadership that supports the larger faith community in its life and mission. Ministries are grouped into six defined commissions germane to our parish life.

- A. Catholic Vocations Commission
- B. Outreach Commission
- C. Social Events/Hospitality Commission
- D. Health Commission
- E. Pastoral Care Commission
- F. Arts and Environment Commission

<b>SOCIAL EVENTS/HOSPITALITY COMMISSION</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Men's Club
<input type="checkbox"/>	Golden Girls
<input type="checkbox"/>	Parish Picnic
<input type="checkbox"/>	Coffee Hour
<input type="checkbox"/>	Monthly Breakfast
<input type="checkbox"/>	Friday Date Night
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mass Greeters
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ushers
<input type="checkbox"/>	Parish Potluck
<input type="checkbox"/>	New Parishioner Orientation
<b>PASTORAL CARE COMMISSION</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Homebound
<input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation
<input type="checkbox"/>	Prayer Chain
<input type="checkbox"/>	Funeral Luncheon
<input type="checkbox"/>	No One Dies Alone/Friendly Visitor
<input type="checkbox"/>	Bereavement Support
<b>PASTORAL COUNCIL</b>	
<b>FINANCE COMMITTEE</b>	
<b>BUILDING AND GROUNDS</b>	

## OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

CHRISTIAN VOCATIONS COMMISSION	
<input type="checkbox"/>	College Age Ministry
<input type="checkbox"/>	Marriage Encounter
<input type="checkbox"/>	Vocations Committee
<input type="checkbox"/>	Small Group Bible Study
OUTREACH COMMISSION	
<input type="checkbox"/>	St. Vincent de Paul/Food Pantry
<input type="checkbox"/>	Catholic Daughter of America
<input type="checkbox"/>	Hope Center Baby Bottle appeal
<input type="checkbox"/>	Military Support
<input type="checkbox"/>	Lenten Rice Bowls
<input type="checkbox"/>	Christmas Angel Tree
<input type="checkbox"/>	College Student Support
<input type="checkbox"/>	Respect Life
HEALTH COMMISSION	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Natural Family Planning
ARTS & ENVIRONMENT COMMISSION	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Altar Society
<input type="checkbox"/>	Church Decorating

## Catholic Vocations Commission:

The Mission of the Catholic Vocation Commission is to provide opportunities for all members of St. Pius X Parish to develop and strengthen each person's own vocation in life, which is our way to God Below are those current and proposed activities that are within the scope of the commission.

*College Age Ministry*

*Marriage Encounter*

*Vocations Committee*

*Small Group Bible Study*

## Outreach Commission:

The Outreach Commission recommends strategic policies and programs to the pastor which addresses the social mission of the Church. This commission is to engage in a careful study of Church teaching and monitor the social need present in the area. The commission recommends ways in which the parish can minister to the needs of those in the wider community. The commission seeks ways to promote justice and peace in the parish community itself, and ways the parish can become involved in the social justice issues in society. Through its deliberations, through consultation and educational efforts, this commission promotes a deeper understanding of an individual's baptismal commitment and communal call to service to the poor. Below are those current and proposed activities that are within the scope of this commission.

*St Vincent de Paul/Food Pantry*

*Catholic Daughters of America*

*Hope Center Baby Bottle appeal*

*Military Support (Care Packages)*

*Lenten Rice Bowls*

*Christmas Angel Tree*

*College Student support*

*Respect Life*

### **Social Events/Hospitality Commission:**

The Social Events/Hospitality commissions recommends to the Pastor, policies and programs that address the social life and community development of the parish. The commission seeks ways to promote the development and renewal of community and hospitality in the parish. Through its consultations, deliberations and programs, this commission promotes a deeper understanding of each individuals baptismal commitment and communal call to build up the Christian community.

The commission plans and conducts programs to build community and hospitality in the parish. Additionally, it helps to coordinate the services of the various ministries which address the social life and community development of the parish. Below are those current and proposed activities that are within the scope of this commission.

*Men's Club  
Golden Girls  
Parish Picnic  
Coffee Hour  
Monthly Breakfast*

*Friday Date Night  
Mass Greeters  
Ushers  
Parish Potluck  
New Parishioner Orientation*

### **Health Commission:**

Following Jesus the Healer, this commission seeks wellness of body, mind and sprit for our faith community in partnership with social and health organizations and through the talents, resources and loving support of the whole parish community.

The Health Commission promotes health and wellness of body, mind, and sprit for all members of the parish community through activities involving education, presence, and prayer. It creates and environment that will enable all parishioners to become ministers of health.

The commission assess the health needs of the parish and facilitates the development of programs and resources to respond to these needs. Below is the current activity that is within the scope of this commission

*Natural Family Planning*

### **Pastoral Care Commission:**

The Pastoral Care commission is a service ministry which provides physical, spiritual and emotional support the the St Pius X Church community. It discerns and responds actively to a wide variety of parishioner needs in a respectful and compassionate way. It strives to instill Christ's sprit of unconditional caring throughout the parish. Below are those current and proposed activities that are within the scope of the commission.

*Homebound  
Transportation  
Prayer Chain  
Funeral Luncheon  
No One Dies Alone/Friendly Visitor  
Bereavement Support*

### **Arts and Environment Commission:**

The Arts and Environment Commission recommends strategic policies and programs to the pastor which addresses the environment of the Church. This commission is especially devoted to creating an environment that emphasizes the particular Church season and/or special liturgy celebrations. This commission also strives to provide a clean and inviting environment in which we can come together to worship and praise God. Below are those current and proposed activities that are within the scope of the commission.

*Altar Society  
Church Decorating*