

# St. Pius X

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## Parish Newsletter

Ordinary Time 2024

### Discipleship

Discipleship is a fundamental concept in Catholicism. Discipleship is a lifelong journey of growing in intimacy with Christ, deepening our faith, and living out our baptismal call to follow Jesus Christ. As disciples we are called to listen to and obey God's word, imitate Jesus' example of love, compassion and service, bear witness to the Gospel in our daily lives, grow in holiness and virtues, and to support and encourage each other in our faith journey. "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations." *Matthew 28:19*. We will not comprehend this mission unless we are totally attentive to His calling.

A disciple does not walk alone with Christ but walks along with others. The journey of discipleship is not private; it is not for the weak and conflicted. Jesus should be our first priority, which requires wholehearted commitment and faithfulness.

As members of St. Pius X Church, we are also ambassadors of St. Pius X Church. As we enter this upcoming Discipleship year, let us try to focus our attention on the St. Pius X parish Vision and Mission statement.

I express gratitude to all parish personnel involved in the vital ministry of Discipleship and Sacramental Preparations.

May the Lord bless all of us under the title of the glorious Pope of the Eucharist, Saint Pius X!

Sincerely in the Lord,

Fr. Shiju Thuruthiyil OSH  
Pastor

### Vision Statement

To increase the disciples of Jesus Christ within our parish and community"

# Join us after Mass this weekend in the Parish Hall



Where might God be calling you to share your gifts?

**Did you know St. Pius X has over 40 active ministries?**

St. Pius X Ministry Fair invites you to explore and learn more about the many active ministries in our parish. Join us in the Parish Hall after both Masses for refreshments—browse through the tables and ask questions. You may discover that there is an opportunity for you and/or your family to share your special gifts and talents.

You won't want to miss the information provided by the ministry leaders.

## Stewardship of Talent

Are you currently serving here at St. Pius X Catholic Church? With our busy family and work schedules, we all need time to relax and exercise but we also need to balance things with renewing ourselves through service to others. Reaching out in generosity to others is spiritually refreshing and a necessary part of our Catholic Faith in serving our community here at St. Pius X and our community at large.

Perhaps you could become part of our food pantry (SVdP), bring communion to the homebound, or join one of our many Bible studies. No matter how big or small your contribution, our parish needs you! When we serve together, we not only form friendships with one another, but we also deepen our relationship with God and the Church.

“There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service, but the same Lord; there are different workings, but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit.” 1 Corinthians 12:4-7

# Ministry Leaders

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Vic Scaravilli—Adult Bible Study & RCIA	541 884 6905
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Colleen Quirk—Divine Mercy Prayer & Action	541 539 1333
Ken Waters & Lou Blankenship—Men’s Club	541 273 0262
Ipo Ross—That Man Is You	541 331 1416
Georgi VanCott/ Darlene Shimek—Golden Girls	Meet every Tuesday at 9 AM
Shawn & Jennifer Snoozy—Marriage Prep & Natural Family Planning	541 892 6066 jennifersnoozy@gmail.com
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Finance Council	Fr. Shiju, Mike Bandfield, Hank Caldwell, Steve Harper, Ray Holliday, Kathy Pence, Don York

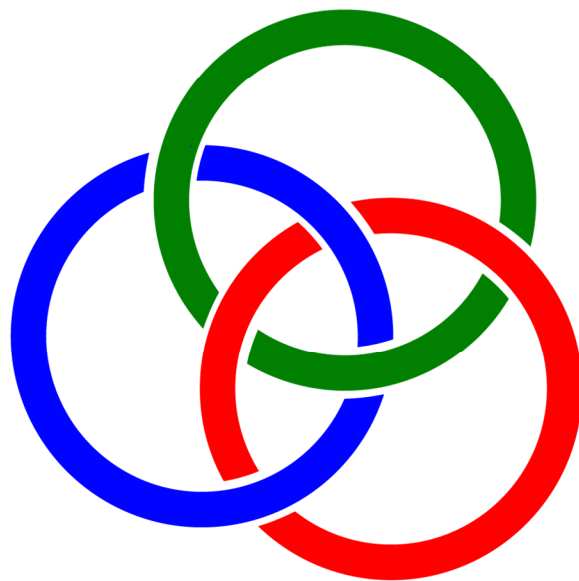
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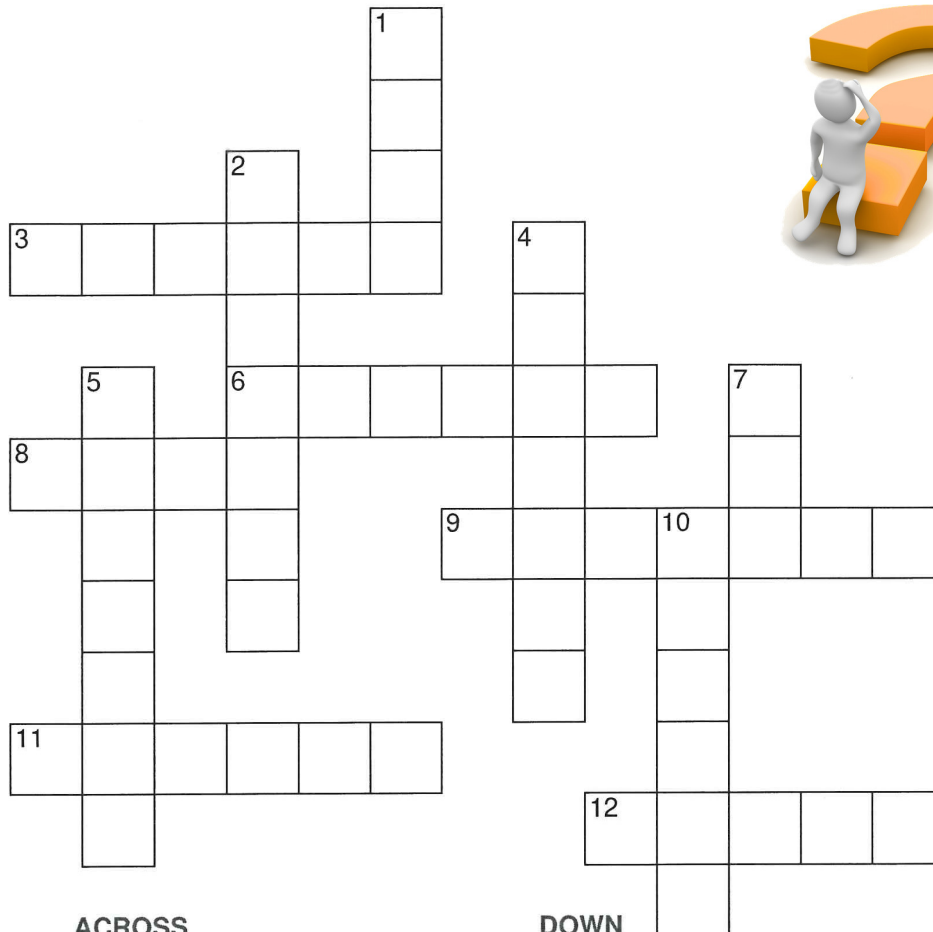
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- God the Holy Spirit
- Let there be light
- Just and fair God
- God the Father
- Creation Story
- Jesus the word
- Apostles Creed
- Omnibenevolent
- Johns Gospel
- Nicene Creed
- God the Son
- Incarnation
- Omnipresent
- Seven Days
- Omnipotent
- Omniscient
- Monotheism
- Trinity
- Creator
- Genesis



# SAINTS FOR SEPTEMBER



## ACROSS

- 3 This saint was the brother of St. Cosmas; they were early Roman martyrs.
- 6 St. Peter \_\_\_ baptized and ministered to many thousands of African slaves.
- 8 The Holy \_\_\_ of Mary is celebrated on September 12th.
- 9 The Feast of Our Lady of \_\_\_ is usually celebrated on September 15th.
- 11 This saint translated the Bible into Latin; his translation is called "the Vulgate" and is the official translation of the Church.
- 12 The Exaltation of the Holy \_\_\_ is celebrated on September 14th.

## DOWN

- 1 St. \_\_\_, archbishop of Constantinople who died in 407, earned the nickname Chrysostom, which means "golden mouthed," for his eloquent preaching.
- 2 St. \_\_\_ de Paul is well known for his service to the poor.
- 4 Pope St. \_\_\_ the Great has a calendar and a type of church music named after him.
- 5 This man was a tax collector before he became an Apostle.
- 7 St. \_\_\_ of Pietrelcina spent long hours in the confessional and had the gift of reading souls.
- 10 St. \_\_\_ Bellarmine wrote a famous catechism.

# What does it mean to light a candle?

## Essential to Catholic Celebrations

In most every part of Catholic celebrations and rituals, lighting of candles play a very significant role. Candles are lighted during the celebration of the Mass, on liturgical and funeral processions and evening prayer ceremonies. Candles are lit before the Tabernacle to signify the Lord's presence in the Blessed Sacrament and to call for reverence on the part of the faithful.

## Significant in Judaism

In Judaism, a perpetual light was kept burning in the Temple and the synagogues not only to insure the ability to light other candles or oil lamps in the evening but also to show the presence of God (Exodus 27:20-21 and Leviticus 24:2-4). Later, the Talmud prescribed a lit lamp at the Ark, where the Torah and other writings of Sacred Scripture were kept, to show reverence to the Word of God. This practice probably influenced our own tradition of having a lit (Red Sanctuary Candle) candle near the Tabernacle to indicate the presence of and to show reverence for the Blessed Sacrament.



## Pre-Dates Written History

Christians adapted the use of lit candles for Mass, liturgical processions, evening prayer ceremonies, funeral processions, and, again, to show reverence to the reserved Blessed Sacrament. Moreover, there is evidence that lit candles or oil lamps were burned at the tombs of saints, particularly martyrs, by the 200s, and before sacred images and relics by the 300s. However, this practice probably existed well before our available written evidence.

## A Symbol of Christ

In our Catholic tradition, in early times as well as today, light has a special significance — Christ. Recall Jesus said, “I am the light of the world. No follower of mine shall ever walk in darkness; no, he shall possess the light of life” (John 8:12) and “I have come to the world as its light, to keep anyone who believes in me from remaining in the dark” (John 12:46).

In our liturgy for the Sacrament of Baptism, the priest presents a candle lit from the Paschal candle, which in turn symbolizes the Paschal mystery, and says to the newly baptized, “You have been enlightened by Christ. Walk always as children of the light and keep the flame of faith alive in your hearts. When the Lord comes, may you go out to meet him with all the saints in the heavenly kingdom” (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults). The light is a symbol of Christ Himself.

## The Light Is A Reminder to Stay Present to the Lord

With this background, we can appreciate the usage of votive candles. Here, as in early Christian times, we light a candle before a statue or sacred image of our Lord or of a saint. Of course, we do not honor the statue or the image itself, but whom that statue or image represents. The light signifies our prayer offered in faith coming into the light of God— allowing us to be filled with His light. With the light of faith, we petition our Lord in prayer, or petition the saint for intercession— to pray with us and for us to the Lord. The light also shows a special reverence and our desire to remain present to the Lord in prayer even though we may depart and go about our daily business. <https://www.saintpats.org/parish/catholics-light-votive-candles/>

# White Elephant Sale

**Volunteers Needed: Set up, clean up, or work a shift.**



Once again, the St. Pius X Catholic Church Altar Society is asking for your generosity and support. All proceeds generated from the White Elephant sale are used for expenses related to Altar care and other ministries in the Parish.

## Items Requested

**Foods:** Jams, Jellies, Pickles, Breads, Cookies, Cakes, Pies, Cupcakes, Candies, Confections, etc.

**Handcrafted items:** Sewing, Woodworking, Knitting, Crochet, such as Booties, Scarves, Aprons, Dishcloths, Afghans, Mittens, Blankets, Tablecloths, etc.



**White Elephant:** Gently used items! Pots, Pans, Dishes, Knick-Knacks, Jewelry, Pictures, Books, Flatware, Working Small Appliances, Working Electronics, Glassware, etc.

**PLEASE—No Clothing**



All donations can be dropped off at the Parish Hall  
Friday, November 22nd between 9:00 AM and 6:00 PM.

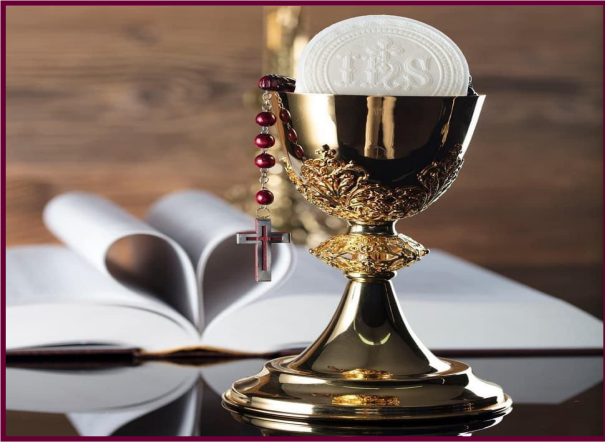
**WHEN**

**White Elephant Sale is:  
Saturday November 23rd, 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM.**

If you have any questions or need more information contact  
Robin Ferreira 541-882-7824.



***Thanks for your support!***



# Are you receiving the Eucharist?

## Reasons why one may not be receiving the Eucharist.

### Confession?

Because the Eucharist is a sign, symbol, and expression of communion with God, the Church has always taught that a person who is conscious of grave sin should not ordinarily receive the Eucharist without first making a sacramental confession.

*Confession times are every Saturday beginning at 3:00 pm or by appointment.*

### Marriage?

We [bishops] understand the pain of those for whom divorce seemed the only recourse. We urge them to make frequent use of the sacraments, especially the Sacraments of Holy Eucharist and Reconciliation if you are divorced and not remarried or cohabitating. We encourage divorced persons who wish to marry in the Catholic Church to seek counsel about the options that exist to remedy their situation, including the suitability of a declaration of nullity when there is no longer any hope of reconciliation of the spouses.

*Please make an appointment to meet with Father Shiju—maybe he can help.*

## 2024 Women's Retreat—October 18-19

### Women's Retreat

Oct 18-19 2024

Keep Me as the Apple of  
Your Eye. Ps 17:8

Welcoming all women  
both young women and  
young at heart

Guest speaker: Patty Schneier

### The talk topics include:

1. Lord, I Sure Could Use a Little PEACE
2. A Beacon of Light : Faith, Hope, Love
3. The Eucharist: The Source and Summit of Everything

Patty Schneier is a life-long Catholic, housewife, and mother of three from the Archdiocese of St. Louis. For the past 20 years Patty has been speaking at parishes, Catholic conferences, and retreats across the United States.

She brought great joy and faith-sharing to our parish in 2017. Patty has been a guest on EWTN and various Catholic Radio shows.

Her book, "Love Letters from Mom on What Matters Most" is an inspiring collection of letters on what it means to be a Catholic in the world today, and why it matters. Her writings and talks encourage all of us to live for Christ, to strive for holiness, and to desire heaven.

We, your retreat team, whole-heartedly invite you and all your friends to save the date and plan to join us for this grace-filled event. Let Jesus touch your heart as He "keeps you as the apple of His eye" Ps. 17:8

Contact persons: Mary Lou Kranenburg 541 281 8948 [kmkranenburg@gmail.com](mailto:kmkranenburg@gmail.com)

Mary Beard 541 892 0390 for information about the **young women's** special plans in connection with this event.



# CHOOSE JOY! Youth Retreat

On Holy Thursday 2024 NET (National Evangelization Teams) Ministries hosted an event for all youth ages 13 – 18 yrs. The theme was CHOOSE JOY! They played skits, games, music, food, shared Scripture/Church teaching, prayer/Adoration. 32 Youth participated in this event working toward revitalizing the SPX youth ministry.



Sacraments received at the Easter Vigil 2024, administered by Father Shiju Thuruthiyil.

**Congratulations** to the newly baptized, the faithful catechumens and their sponsors for participating in the eight-month RCIA process of coming into the Church and receiving these Sacraments of Initiation—Baptism, Confirmation, and 1st Eucharist at the Easter Vigil.

*Our prayers are with each of you as you begin your journey of living a life of a faithful Catholic. Please continue to keep our new Catholics and their sponsors in your prayers for their continued growth and perseverance in the Faith.*



## 1st Communion 2024

St. Pius X offers First Communion preparation for children in first and second grade, and older as needed. To register your children,

please complete a registration form on our website [www.piusxkf.com](http://www.piusxkf.com) or pick one up in the vestibule or Parish Office and submit form to the Parish Office by Sunday, September 8th. You will need to present a Baptism certificate with your registration form. Preparation begins Sunday, September 8th from 10:30 – 11:45 AM in the Parish Hall. If you have any questions, contact Charles in the Parish Office at 541-882-7593 or [stpiusff@piusxkf.com](mailto:stpiusff@piusxkf.com)





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# Learn NFP

classes are taught by  
Jennifer Snoozy  
certified FEMM instructor  
Pregnancy Hope Center  
Klamath Falls, Oregon

For more information on  
FEMM please visit  
[www.femmhealth.org](http://www.femmhealth.org)

to reserve your spot at  
our next seminar please  
call: 541-883-4357



The food pantry operates every Wednesday from 4 to 5:15 or later if there are more people to serve. The only Wednesdays we are not open are the Wednesday before Thanksgiving or if a holiday falls on a Wednesday. We usually have 7 volunteers working each week. We have (4) packing food boxes according to family size and (3) that work in the Parish Hall entering the clients in the computer, writing their information on a log sheet or greeting and handing numbers out to those waiting in their cars. Volunteers usually work once a month unless we are short on volunteers.

Thanks to the parish's support we serve 150 or more families a month. Sacred Heart donates food monthly and we have a few volunteers from Sacred Heart that work in the hall or pantry.

We are in need of volunteers to work in the Hall. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Barb Rhodes 541-882-1802 or [foodpantry.stpiusx@gmail.com](mailto:foodpantry.stpiusx@gmail.com).

If you wish to donate food the pantry can always use:

- ◆ Mac and cheese
- ◆ Peanut butter and jelly
- ◆ Canned fruit and veggies
- ◆ Canned soup, chili, stew, meat
- ◆ Cereal
- ◆ Rice
- ◆ Ramen noodles

*Thanks again for your support and may God bless you.*

Please place items in the blue bins at the entrances of the church and the parish hall. You may also donate online at the St. Pius X website, use the drop down menu to select St. Vincent de Paul. <https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/st4880150>

# A Catholic Cruise that will Change Your Marriage Forever



Fun. Romance. Devotion.

January 5-11, 2025  
[www.goodnewscruise.com](http://www.goodnewscruise.com)

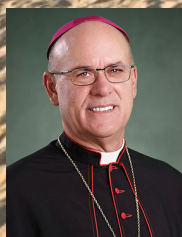
## Why Join the Good News Cruise?

Get away with your spouse on a fun, relaxing, and rejuvenating cruise with inspiring speakers, daily Mass, and endless memorable experiences!

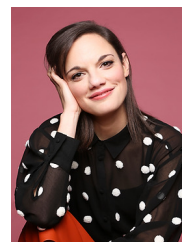
Change your marriage forever on our fun-filled Catholic cruise that offers the perfect romantic getaway with your spouse.

Relax and rejuvenate with daily Mass, inspiring speakers, and endless memorable experiences!

## Meet Our 2025 Presenters



CARDINAL TIMOTHY DOLAN, Speaker, BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES, Speaker  
FATHER MIKE SCHMITZ, Speaker, FATHER JOSEPH KRUPP, Cruise Emcee  
FATHER JOSH JOHNSON, Speaker, SISTER JOSEPH ANDREW, OP, Speaker



IMMACULÉE ILIBAGIZA, Speaker, DEBBIE & PETER HERBECK, Speakers,  
DR. RAY GUARENDI & TERESA TOMEO & DEACON DOM PASTORE, AVE MARIA RADIO HOSTS,  
SARAH KROGER, Musician, MELISSA & JASON SHANKS, Speakers



### 2025 Cruise Itinerary

- ⇒ January 5— Depart Fort Lauderdale, FL
- ⇒ January 6—CocoCay
- ⇒ January 7—Day at Sea
- ⇒ January 8—Falmouth
- ⇒ January 9—Labadee
- ⇒ January 10—Day at Sea
- ⇒ January 11—Return to Fort Lauderdale, FL

# Our Parish



## The Saints Next Door Program



*Our Small Faith Catholic Communities have had great success, enjoyed each other's company, and found comfort getting to know their Catholic neighbors.*

Do you ever wish you could see more familiar faces and feel more “at home” at your church? In Small Faith Catholic Communities you will make personal connections that allow your feelings of “community” to grow. You get to know people on a deeper level and learn the “stories” behind the faces you see at Mass. You make connections with other parishioners and more....

**The Saints Next Door**—SFCC's are groups/households/families and personal support networks, that live near each other. For one to know there is a Catholic that lives next door can bring peace of mind—whether it is spiritually, socially, help on a project, help shoveling the driveway, or just I need a cup of sugar.



*Do you want to know your Catholic neighbor?  
Call the office for more information  
541 884 4242.*



## Catholic Singles Ministry

*Thank you Larry Redd for your passion and hard work in initiating this ministry.*

The St. Pius X singles group is a new ministry which started this year. The goal of the ministry is to bring single members of the Catholic faith together for prayer, fellowship and fun.

So far, we have had movie nights, bowling, potlucks, games nights, barbeques and lots of fun. We are always looking for singles to join our group from all surrounding area parishes. If you are single and between 18 and 118 years old contact Father Shiju, the parish office, or Larry Redd at 541-892-3350 for more information about the group.



# Community



## EWTN Appearance

Deb Scaravilli was a guest on EWTN, the global Catholic broadcasting network, to share her conversion story on the Journey Home program. Every week for over 25 years,

men and women, both clergy and laity, from every imaginable faith background have been sharing powerful stories of how they came home to the Catholic Church. The program can be seen on the EWTN Network each Monday at 5 and 10 pm.

Deb traveled to their studio in Zanesville, Ohio in July, 2023, to tape the program which was aired on television and radio in December. She gave details of her journey from being a “preacher’s kid” from a small denomination, to evangelical, and eventually to the Catholic Church. In addition to her conversion story, she also taped a segment on her love of the sacraments, especially the Eucharist, that was posted on their website.

Deb’s conversion story can be seen online at: <https://chnetwork.org/journey-home/deb-scaravilli-former-evangelical-protestant/>

## RCIA Reunion—2nd Annual Event

A reunion for those who converted to the Catholic Church was recently held in the Parish Hall. Those who became Catholic years ago as well as those who entered at the Easter Vigil were invited. The godparents and sponsors of the newest members also attended.

Before the event began, each convert wrote his or her name beside the year when he or she became Catholic on a whiteboard. Each person who became a Catholic at the 2023 Easter Vigil was introduced, and each gave a testimony of his or her journey into the Church. Each person’s sponsor or godparent then shared a perspective of the person’s spiritual journey.

Several converts who joined the Church in the past gave their personal experiences on what they did to remain engaged and active in their parish. The common theme from all of them was to continue to learn more about the faith and then to become involved in the parish.



Do you know of anyone interested in joining the Catholic faith? Classes begin September 10. For information, call Vic Scaravilli at 541 884 6905.

# Mt. Calvary Catholic Cemetery

Thank you to all who supported the Mt. Calvary dinner fundraiser!

We raised \$9,095

50 U.S. Flags



On Memorial Day, Independence Day, and Veterans Day Mt. Calvary proudly displays 50 U.S. flags throughout the cemetery. We are replacing the existing flagpoles and flags and installing a permanent concrete base. Your donation of \$350 will go towards a new flagpole and flag. At the base of the flagpole is a 4x5 bronze plaque containing your dedication text which is affixed to a concrete base.

Contact Ipo Ross if you would like to sponsor a flagpole.

[iposnmarys@ccountry.com](mailto:iposnmarys@ccountry.com)

541 331 1416.

Online Donations, please visit:

<https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/mtca8110173>

Thank you for your continued support.

## Honorary Bricks



Mt. Calvary Catholic Cemetery offers the public a special way of honoring your family, remembering a special person or recognizing a group. You can purchase Engraved Memorial Bricks containing your unique message that will become a permanent fixture at the cemetery. The 4" x 8" x 2 1/4" Engraved Memorial Bricks will be installed as a border to the main walkway leading to the Chapel entrance. Order your special brick today! Your personalized brick makes a meaningful gift for someone special. Above is an example of an inscriptions you can have engraved on the brick. One brick \$100.

*You may pick up forms for the flags and/or bricks at the parish office.*

# Planning the Funeral Rites

On occasion a Catholic dies before sharing with family members or friends his/her wishes concerning a funeral and burial. In such a case, the person may be buried without a Catholic funeral or even before the parish knows of the death. In order that family, friends and your parish church understand your wishes in regard to the Funeral Rites of the Catholic Church, please prayerfully consider the information and questions provided Funeral Planning Book (Available at the parish office). The parish representatives are happy to meet with you and any family members to explain the Rites and the choices that are available in planning the liturgies.

## *Several reasons to consider pre-planning a funeral:*

- You decide exactly what kind of funeral and burial you want. This includes but is not limited to scripture readings and liturgical music
- Your family or friends won't have to make decisions during an already difficult time
- Avoid any confusion or misunderstandings from family members or friends unfamiliar with Catholic funeral rites
- Avoid unnecessary costs one could incur when working with a funeral home and/or cemetery. Even if a person elects not to pre-finance their funeral home or cemetery choices, having those choices identified is important
- Consider pre-planning your funeral as a final gift to your loved ones at the time of your death.
- Contact Father—he can help you with this process. 541 884 4242.

*"At the death of a Christian, whose life of faith was begun in the waters of Baptism and strengthened at the Eucharistic table, the Church intercedes on behalf of the deceased because of its confident belief that death is not the end, nor does it break the bonds forged in life. The Church also ministers to the sorrowing and consoles them in the funeral rites with the comforting Word of God and the Sacrament of the Eucharist."*  
(Order of Christian Funerals, no. 4)

## **How to save family from *conflict* when you pass.**

- Plan your funeral—choose your readings & songs (please pick up a funeral planning book at the office—or we can email you a digital copy)
- Make arrangements with Mt. Calvary Catholic Cemetery 541 331 1416.
- Set up your will or trust (ensure estate division fairness) - state your wishes, take time to have the hard conversations and minimize family conflict. (Oregon Will requirements)  
[https://oregon.public.law/statutes/ors\\_112.235](https://oregon.public.law/statutes/ors_112.235)
- Set up a Pro-Life medical advanced directive, map out these difficult decisions while you are still able. <https://www.ortl.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/ORTL-Advance-Directive.pdf>

*We are stewards of the gifts God has entrusted to us. And he has entrusted them to us primarily for the benefit of others.*

1 Peter 4:10  
Romans 12:4–6



# How can I memorize like Charles?

Full disclosure, this is Julie’s question idea, but I am glad to give an answer . For me, memorizing begins with motivation. Before I memorize portions from Scripture or the Catechism, I first experience an intense drive to memorize it. For example, prior to Lent 2024, I began experiencing an intense desire to memorize the Gospel of Matthew chapters 5 – 7, the so-called Sermon on the Mount. So, on Ash Wednesday in the wee hours of the morning, I first prayerfully read Matthew 5-7 in full, then I memorized a few verses from chapter 5 before going out for a run. During my run, I prayed those verses repeatedly until I KNEW them, not just memorized them. Then, the next morning I read through Matthew 5-7 again and memorized a few more verses and prayed all that I had

memorized from chapter 5 while I ran. Also, whenever I would walk somewhere, like to the Parish Office for work and back home, I would pray through all that I had memorized, again and again. One more important activity I performed while memorizing those verses and chapters, I read and seriously studied the Hebrew Bible, books on the Jewish faith, and commentaries on the Gospel of Matthew. I have found over the years that the better I understand the Scripture and books of Scripture as a whole, the easier it is for me to memorize and know them. The same goes for the Catechism.

Well, by the time Lent concluded, I had not only memorized Matthew 5-7, but I KNEW those chapters. Now, whenever I walk or run, I just keep praying and meditating upon those chapters and the LORD blesses me with exhilarating insights that I then have the opportunity to share with others. So, this is how I memorize in a nutshell:

- Experience an intense desire to memorize a passage.
- Begin memorizing one or a few verses or sentences at a time.
- Right away, begin praying through all that has been memorized, again and again.
- Simultaneously, prayerfully read and study Scripture and the Catechism as a whole, and prayerfully read and study other high-quality sources on the topic being studied.

As you can see, I work tremendously hard to memorize and know Scripture, the Catechism, or anything else that I have been given an intense desire to learn. This takes many, many hours of heartfelt work, prayer and meditation, and...running and walking! That understood, this practice has enriched my mind and life in ways beyond description. Every ounce of effort has been more than worth it.

*Charles Catterall*

## Gardening Tips

### Late Summer Watering...

- ◆ Thoroughly soak your containers.
- ◆ Water early morning hours or late evening.
- ◆ Water every other day.
- ◆ Water **daily** when temperatures are sustained and above 88-90 degrees.
- ◆ When temperatures start to fall, adjust the watering schedule back down.
- ◆ Deadhead your plants often.
- ◆ Fertilize about every 2-3 weeks for best results.
- ◆ Trim any plants that are “Leggy” or “scruffy” looking and tidy up your container (s).
- ◆ Trim them back significantly to promote new growth going into Fall.
- ◆ When nightly temperatures drop below 40, adjust your watering again and only water in the mornings.

Jenny Dreyer, St. Pius X Landscaper



Thanks Jenny,  
your hard work is  
delicious—  
especially the  
roses.



# SAVE THE DATE

**ST. MAURUS HANGA ABBEY (SMHA)  
“FUNDRAISER DINNER”**



**DATE OF EVENT:  
SEPTEMBER 28<sup>TH</sup>, 2024**

*(To be held at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Klamath Falls, OR)*

As you may know, SMHA provides many services to the surrounding villages (approx. 50,000 people) including medical treatment through the monastery dispensary, regional transportation, and education (operating two secondary schools, one primary school, and one co-ed school). SMHA also assists the community in many other areas of need such as helping families get out of poverty and pursuing development projects that provide long-term sustainability. In 2004 a “clean water” project was established that helped bring clean water from the mountains to the surrounding villages. Clean water saves lives and helps reduce the high infant mortality rate that is caused by contaminated water. The abbey continues to work hard at bringing clean safe drinking water by drilling wells and installing hand pumps not only for the surrounding villages, but other villages at large. The funds of this event will go towards the “clean water” project and much needed dispensary enhancements.

Your Vote Matters!!!

## Pro-life Candidates Make Impressive Showing in 2024 Primary Election



Pro-life candidates who earned the endorsement of Oregon Right to Life Political Action Committee won impressive victories throughout Oregon in the 2024 primary election.

Oregon Right to Life PAC (ORTL PAC) supported 79 candidates in the primary election, making 76 endorsements and three recommendations. Of the supported candidates, 67 will move forward thanks to strong pro-life turnout in the May 21 primary.

“Pro-life candidates truly swept to victory in this election,” Oregon Right to Life Executive Director Lois Anderson said on election night. “After tonight’s results, we can look forward with confidence to the general election in November.”

In one of the most significant wins of the night, pro-life and ORTL PAC-endorsed candidate Darin Harbick (R) defeated incumbent Representative Charlie Conrad (R-Dexter) in House District 12. ORTL PAC launched a campaign against Conrad in June of 2023 after he voted for a far-reaching bill that, among its most egregious provisions, would have allowed abortion providers to perform the procedure on young girls without their parents’ knowledge or consent.

Harbick beat Conrad overwhelmingly, taking home more than 82 percent of the vote.

Darin Harbick was among six ORTL PAC-endorsed state representative candidates who won pro-life victories in contested races. ORTL PAC-endorsed candidates also claimed wins in contested Senate races where the sitting pro-life senators were barred from running for re-election after their historic walkout protesting radical pro-abortion legislation.

Todd Nash scored a victory in Senate District 29, Noah Robinson replaced his father Sen. Art Robinson (R-Cave Junction) in Senate District 2 and Diane Linthicum replaced her husband and Republican Secretary of State nominee, Sen. Dennis Linthicum (R-Klamath Falls), in Senate District 28.

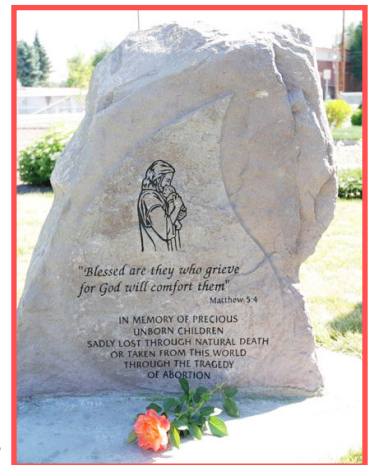
ORTL PAC also endorsed candidates in 35 contested races. Of these, 27 races will move forward with a strong pro-life candidate, three of whom already won outright.

“Oregon’s abortion and assisted suicide laws are radical and out of touch,” Anderson says. “This election once again proves that ordinary Oregonians support sensible pro-life candidates and common sense protections for our state’s most vulnerable, including the unborn and medically vulnerable adults.”

Oregon Right to Life is deeply grateful for the support and dedication of pro-life advocates throughout our state who helped ensure victory for the many winning pro-life candidates from the May 21 election.

### Thank you for voting pro-life!

“You are called to stand up for life! To respect and defend the mystery of life always and everywhere, including the lives of un-born babies, giving real help and encouragement to mothers in difficult situations. You are called to work and pray against abortion.” – St. John Paul II



### Peacefully Praying for the unborn



"Pray-4-Life" The parishes in the Diocese of Baker participated in a Prayer Vigil for 40 days...September 27th and ending November 3rd, 2023 in front of the Planned Parenthood facility in Ontario, Oregon.

**Know your alternatives!** Stanton Healthcare is committed to providing you with quality medical care and services, at no-charge, to help you make an informed and empowered decision about your pregnancy.





## Ontario's Hope Pregnancy Center Uniquely Situated for Impact

Hector Juarez loves to ask men and women coming out of the ultrasound room at Hope Pregnancy Center (HPC) in Ontario what they just saw.

“Many times, they are emotional, and they come back and say, ‘This changes everything,’” says Juarez, the center’s director since 2018. “Even though this area is very rural, with our population being just over 11,000, we’ve had over 25,000 client visits and performed around 860 ultrasounds. We have seen God use us to minister to so many people.”

The center opened in 1986 and has been at its third and current location on 6<sup>th</sup> Street in the Oregon border town since 2010. HPC offers free pregnancy testing, ultrasounds, pregnancy counseling to discuss the family’s options, community education, maternity and baby gear, STD testing and resource referrals.

“We’re dealing with a life-and-death issue here, because humans are made in the image of God,” Juarez says. “The world is really good at shutting the opposition down and calling us names, but human life is a gift from our maker.”

It’s a very personal issue to Juarez, who paid for the abortion of his own child when he was a teenager.

“It broke my heart for many years, and it wasn’t until Christ found me that that area of my life was redeemed,” he says. “When I started at Hope Pregnancy Center meeting with men through the men’s ministry before I became the director, I felt this very intimate connection because I could see myself in them.”

HPC is minutes away from Idaho, a state that effectively banned abortion (with exceptions to save the mother’s life or in cases of rape and incest) in 2022 after the overturning of *Roe v. Wade*. That means that a significant number of pregnant Idahoans will travel to Oregon, one of the most abortion-friendly states in the nation, to abort their children. HPC has seen a 41 percent increase in abortion-minded or abortion-vulnerable clients, in fact, since the *Dobbs* decision that returned abortion regulation to individual states. Juarez says that many Idaho clients come to Ontario looking for an abortion, scared of Idaho laws or simply confused.

“Yesterday, we had a female client come who drove from Idaho, intending to get an abortion in Oregon,” Juarez says. “Thankfully, somebody intervened and encouraged her not to go through with it. She is still very abortion-minded, but we offered her an ultrasound and had staff meet and pray with her.”

To adapt to Oregon’s “abortion tourism” realities, Juarez says that HPC is looking to expand its hours, client services (including hiring another nurse for sonography), online advertising and influence with local churches and community stakeholders in the very near future. Since 2010, at least 161 babies have been saved from abortion because of HPC’s services — but Juarez and his team want that number to massively increase.

“We’re giving these women and families more information about their child, about their options, about the laws,” Juarez says. “We’re delivering compassionate care, because we’re not just trying to promote a pro-life message, but an *abundant* pro-life message.” For more information, visit [hpcontario.com](http://hpcontario.com) or call 541-889-4272.

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## St. Pius X Respect Life Group

The Respect Life Group goal is to foster awareness in our churches, community, and with our elected government officials regarding how abortion, euthanasia and moral issues affect our society. To foster this awareness our members write letters to the editor, educate and inform themselves and our community regarding pro-life issues and support pro-life functions.

We participate in the children’s fair, parades, patriotic rosary, 40 Day’s for Life, a booth at the Klamath County Fair and the Tulelake Fair, Support Life Rally at the government center, Life Chain (One hour silent prayer on South Sixth Street), and many other events.

**Most importantly, we encourage you to VOTE and to VOTE PRO-LIFE. Without Life there is no need to talk about Liberty or the Pursuit of Happiness. As Catholics we have an obligation to protect those who cannot speak for themselves.**

We highly encourage anyone who is interested in a Catholic Pro-Life group and has a heart to help us with our mission please contact: Lisa Elfbrandt, Pro-Life Coordinator 541 880 4240 [lisa@elfbrandt.net](mailto:lisa@elfbrandt.net).





## Mission Statement

“St. Pius X Roman Catholic Church, within the Diocese of Baker, is a community of Catholic Christians who are united by God, formed by the Gospels, strengthened by the sacraments and the liturgy as well as the teachings of the Catholic Church.

We are committed to evangelization and education. We encourage a greater commitment to love and follow Christ, by living out the Catholic faith and to promote peace and justice in our parish, our community, and our world.

Guided by the Holy Spirit, we pledge ourselves to pursue this mission through participation in the liturgical, sacramental, educational, and social ministries of the Church.”