



## ST. PIUS X CATHOLIC CHURCH

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March 18, 2020

Dear Friends and Parishioners,

In response to the extraordinary circumstances related to the Coronavirus pandemic, St. Pius X Parish is immediately implementing the following - until further notice. These guidelines are in keeping with the most recent federal, state, and local health instruction mandates and the Diocese of Des Moines Guidelines issued by Bishop Joensen on March 17, 2020.

1. All public daily and weekend Masses are suspended until further notice. Priests will celebrate private Masses for the Mass intentions which have been offered. The bishop has dispensed everyone from the Sunday Mass obligation.
2. Individual Lenten Confessions will be offered in the church the following times (please respect distancing):
  - Tuesdays (9am-11am)
  - Wednesdays (5pm-7pm)
  - Fridays (9am-11am and 5pm-7pm)
  - Saturdays (3pm-5pm)
3. The upcoming liturgical events have been cancelled:
  - Stations of the Cross (Fridays of Lent)
  - Mass of the Anointing of the Sick (March 21st)
  - Parish Communal Reconciliation Service (March 26th)
4. All meetings or communal gatherings of parish committees and any other groups are cancelled.
5. St. Pius X School classes and Parish Faith Formation programs have been cancelled until the week of April 14th, 2020. For more details, concerning St. Pius X School, go to the school website at ([www.stpiusxschool.org](http://www.stpiusxschool.org)).
6. Scheduled celebrations of First Communion and Confirmation are suspended. Alternative plans and dates for these celebrations are being developed with the assistance of the diocese.
7. The official March 29th launch of the Parish Capital Campaign, "*Living Our Mission – Building Our Future*" has been temporarily suspended. More detailed information will be sent out later.
8. The main church will be open from 8:30am – 4:00pm for private, individual prayer. The west church entrance will be open.
9. The Adoration Chapel will remain open with its normal hours.
10. The parish office will remain open during the hours of 8:30am – 4:30pm (Mon.-Fri.). However, please call ahead to make an appointment, as we may have a reduced staff. The office number is (515) 276-2059.

Bishop Joensen has invited us to a special day of fasting, abstinence, and prayer on **Friday, March 27, 2020** for an end to the pandemic and the healing aid of those who are afflicted by it in any way. See the bishop's pastoral Message on the parish or diocesan website ([www.dmdiocese.org](http://www.dmdiocese.org))

Further information and spiritual enrichment resources are available to all our parishioners by way of mail, the parish website ([www.stpiushome.org](http://www.stpiushome.org)), and social media. A short list of resources is listed on the back of this letter. Check-in to stay up to date on all that happening! Please contact the parish office if you have any questions or need any assistance. Let us pray for one another during this challenging time.

**ST. PIUS X - PRAY FOR US!**

Sincerely Yours in Christ,  
Rev. David P. Fleming, Pastor

# Catholic Resources

- ♦ Website (<https://www.stpiushome.org/>) for all important updates!
- ♦ Social Media (Facebook, Instagram and Twitter)
  - ◇ Facebook – St. Pius X Catholic Church
  - ◇ Instagram – st.pius515
  - ◇ Twitter -- StPiusXChurch
- ♦ Bulletin
  - ◇ You may come pick up a copy by the circle drive each week starting March 23
  - ◇ Also online – for weekly resources/reflections
  - ◇ <https://www.stpiushome.org/bulletins--announcements>

## Masses Broadcasted

- ♦ Link back to the Diocesan Website for online Masses (live and recorded)
  - ◇ <https://www.dmdiocese.org/resources/worship/coronavirus>
- ♦ Des Moines Area on KCWI—Sunday Mass at 8 am on channel 23
- ♦ EWTN (<https://www.ewtn.com/>)
  - ◇ Mediacom –channel 94 for regular TVs & channel 85-17 (for digital ready TV)
  - ◇ Dish – channel 261
  - ◇ DirectTV – channel 370
- ♦ Iowa Catholic Radio
  - ◇ Broadcasts Mass weekdays at 7 pm
  - ◇ <https://www.iowacatholicradio.com/>
- ♦ Spirit Catholic Radio Network
  - ◇ Mass weekdays at 10:30 am, weekends at 7 am and noon
  - ◇ <https://spiritcatholicradio.com/prayer-faith/join-us-for-mass/>

## Prayers

- ♦ Resources tab on our website ([www.stpiushome.org](http://www.stpiushome.org))
- ♦ Praying the Rosary and find other prayer resources  
<https://www.cathedralofmary.org/faith-formation/resources/pray-the-rosary-online>
- ♦ Blessed Is She – Daily Reflections with Daily Readings—<https://blessedisshe.net/devotions/>

## Apps

- ♦ Bible (Daily Study, Audio & Prayer)
- ♦ Formed (password and username)
- ♦ Laudate
- ♦ Iowa Catholic Radio
- ♦ Universalis
- ♦ Podcasts (Catholic Answers, UMD Newman Catholic Campus (Fr. Mike Schmitz), The Jeff Cavins Show, Blessed is She, Catholic Stuff You Should Know, etc.)

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## STEWARDSHIP OF OUR PARISH MISSION:

Love God. Love Others. Make Disciples.  
Restore All Things In Christ.

Even in this unprecedented time of health concerns and challenges, our parish mission continues.

Our school teachers are providing online learning; priests are celebrating Masses (privately); pastoral ministers are caring for the sick and homebound; and faith formation staff are producing resources and opportunities for spiritual growth - our call to service goes on!

St. Pius X Parish is still in need of your financial support during this time. Parish expenses such as staff salaries and utilities continue even during this stressful time.

Each week we average about \$20,000.00 through money and envelopes put into our basket collections at all the Masses. Over a period of a month, that can come to \$80,000 - \$100,000 dollars of income. Without our weekend Masses, this source of revenue could be greatly diminished.

It is a great help that some of you are already making your tithing gifts using automatic withdrawals.

Please consider continuing your support using one of the ways listed below:

1. Return the Automatic Withdrawal form (on the reverse side of this memo) with a voided check which authorizes St. Pius to get funds from your bank account automatically.
2. Return your weekly tithing envelope to the Parish by mail or dropping it off at the office.
3. Set up a direct payment from your bank to St. Pius X using the bank's bill pay service.
4. Visit the St. Pius X Parish website, [www.stpiushome.org](http://www.stpiushome.org) and click on the "**DONATE NOW**" button. Here you can set up automatic payments using your bank account or credit card.

If you have any questions, please contact Dean Roth in the Parish office, (515) 276-2059.

Thank you for your continued support.



Rev. David P. Fleming  
March 18, 2020

**(AUTOMATIC WITHDRAWAL AUTHORIZATION FORM - OTHER SIDE)**

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## Authorization for Automatic Debit

**May choose the 1<sup>st</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup>, but not both**

☐ I authorize you to debit my bank account on the **1<sup>st</sup>** day of each month for the amount shown below. I have attached a voided check on the account and bank I wish to have debited.

**OR**

☐ I authorize you to debit my bank account on the **15<sup>th</sup>** day of each month for the amount shown below. I have attached a voided check on the account and bank I wish to have debited.

☐ I authorize you to **CHANGE** the amount of my automatic debit to the amount shown below.

The amounts shown below are monthly amounts.

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☐ I wish you to **cancel** the automatic deduction set up for me at my bank immediately.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

(IF THIS IS A NEW AUTHORIZATION, PLEASE ATTACH A VOIDED CHECK TO THIS FORM)