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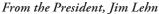
### Mission Statement

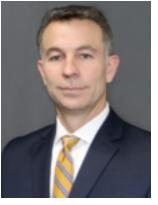
St. Pius X High School is a Catholic community dedicated to the education of the whole person, in an environment where extraordinary care and concern for the individual is ordinary.

## Vision Statement

We, the Catholic learning community of St. Pius X High School, strive to maintain recognized excellence in all educational programs for students of all abilities. We strive to impart Christian ethical principles of living to students, preparing them to be productive and contributing members of a global society. We, as members of the St. Pius X High School community, seek to challenge each other individually to become lifelong learners in mind, body, and soul.







Each of us, as Catholics, have the responsibility to tell others about our faith in the hope that they might find and accept Jesus Christ as their Savior. For many, this takes us out of our comfort zone, but for those of us at St. Pius X High School, this is at our core. In addition to spiritual formation, our students receive an extraordinary education and the

building blocks for a healthy lifestyle. This holistic approach is a proven formula to ensure our students receive the necessary life skills that prepare them for the future.

As we approach our 60th anniversary, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our families, past, present and future, who sacrifice in order to invest in their children's future. It is my goal to make an education at St. Pius X affordable for all those who wish to send their children here.

I invite you to share with your friends and family what a great treasure we have here at St. Pius X High School. Preserving the legacy of Catholic education is a task worthy of our utmost devotion and dedication.

"We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God."

-2 Corinthians 5:20



From the Principal, Karen DeCosty, '93

Too often we get caught up in our busy lives to sit back and self reflect. Most of the time this is not a bad thing since much of our day is routine. However, not taking time to reflect could result in a missed opportunity. How often have you experienced something amazing, like the birth of a child, a concert, going on vacation, and never take the time to reflect on the experience? Reflection is encouraged frequently in the Bible. The Book of Proverbs (27:19) states. "As in

water face reflects face, so the heart of man reflects the man." We look in the mirror all the time. We reflect on how we are changing as we grow older. How often does one look into their heart?

For the 2019-2020 school year, we will be introducing the St. Pius X High School Senior Capstone. Many colleges and universities require some type of project like this at the end of a degree program. The purpose of a project like this is to ask the student to reflect. High school is such a chaotic four years. Students are experiencing so much in such a short amount of time that they forget to take a step back and reflect on it all. It is important for them to process through the knowledge, skills, and values they get from all of their experiences.

There are several pieces to this project that will be completed during their four years as a Lancer. They will be asked to reflect on how they have grown spiritually, academically, socially, emotionally and physically. Students will be required to take part in a service learning project as well as job shadowing. This capstone will allow our students to look back on, think critically about, and learn from their SPX experiences and how they will help them in their future.

Be on the lookout! St. Pius X will be hosting the Capstone Poster Project in the spring of 2021. All students will be displaying their growth and future plans throughout the building for all to see.

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## **SPRING 2019 STUDENTS OF THE MONTH**

St. Pius X High School honors students each month who have exhibited great strength in a set of identified character traits. Building excellent character in our students is important to the teachers and staff at SPX.

These are students who apply for this award and are recognized by our faculty and staff for achievements in academics as well as other school-related involvement. We are very proud of these students. Students of the Month receive a certificate of recognition, speak at a Rotary luncheon, have their photos displayed in St. Pius X High School's second-floor foyer for the month and are invited as a group to have lunch with the Principal. The student also received a special Student of the Month parking space!

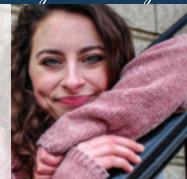
## JANUARY: Jordan Schulze

"Do not be afraid to try new things, meet new people, and challenge yourself. It is now time for you truly to formulate your own beliefs, develop a voice of your own, express your passions, and learn for you. You only have this high school experience once, so savor every moment and make sure you won't look back wishing you had done more."



# FEBRUARY: Kelsey Cheaney

"Don't be afraid to befriend new people of all ages! The next four years of your life really do go by quickly, so make the best of them. And always stick up for yourself in whatever situation you may be in."



## MARCH: Daniel Draves



"Work hard, be yourself, and be involved. It is important to always be focused on your grades so you don't fall behind. If you are involved in school activities you have so many new opportunities."

## APRIL: Jax Byington

"Learn how to pray and pray often. You will face certain choices that will impact your character a great deal, having a solid prayer life will help your character become strong and not weaken it with poor decisions."



## MAY: Jonah Darian

"Always work harder now rather than later when it comes to school work. You will regret not trying your best if you wait."



## OH THE PLACES YOU WILL GO...





- 72 graduates
- Students in the class were admitted to 55 different schools in 15 states
- Class of 2019 graduates will be attending 32 schools in 12 states
  - Alabama, Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Mississippi, Nebraska, New York, Texas, Wisconsin
- 10 graduates will be attending five different Catholic universities
  - 2 students entering Seminary
- This class collectively earned \$3.04 MILLION in ACCEPTED academic, leadership, merit and athletic scholarships over two or four years (an increase of over \$1 million from 2018)
- 88% of the class earned scholarships
- 5 Bright Flight Scholarship awardees (30+ on ACT)

## **CLASS OF 2019 COLLEGE SELECTIONS**

Ball State University

Benedictine College

Creighton University

Fontbonne University

Grabber School of Hair Design

Illinois College

Jefferson College

Kansas State University

Kenrick-Glennon Seminary

Lindenwood University

Maryville University

Mineral Area College

Missouri State University

Ozark Community College

Paul Mitchell School

Ranken Technical College

Saint Louis University

Southeast Missouri State University

Southern Illinois University-

Edwardsville

St. Charles Community College

St. Louis Community College

St. Mary's University (Texas)

Truman State University

University of Arkansas

University of Central Missouri

University of Mississippi

University of Missouri

University of North Alabama

University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point

Webster University

Westminster College

William Jewell College

## **GRADUATION**

The Graduation Ceremony took place on May 17, 2019 with the Commencement Address given by St. Pius X alumni, Senator Paul Wieland class of 1981.





## **HOUSE SYSTEM**

The House System continues to establish rich traditions. Each House chooses a charity to bring awareness and raise donations:

Borgia House has adopted Helping Hands and Horses. We were fortunate to hear from clients who benefit from the equine therapy they provide. Our students brought in enough money to adopt a horse, which means it covers their care expenses for the year. In addition, the freshmen spent a day there in April cleaning, painting, rebuilding fences, and whatever work they needed help with.

**Dalton House** adopted FamilyForward of Jefferson County. Students brought in money for the purchase of hygiene kits for their foster care division counselors to carry and use for children that are brought into their custody. The kit included snack crackers, baby wipes, shampoo, soap, toothbrush and toothpaste.

**Deutschmann House** adopted the Jefferson County Homeless Youth Initiative. In addition to the school bringing in money for this, the senior class had the chance to take part in Box City, an overnight simulation of homelessness.

**Genevieve House** adopted Mary's House of Hope. The students brought in a record amount of money for this cause. Any

student who brought in \$5 or more will have their name on a brick at their new facility being built. Over 90 students will be displayed!

**Medieval Days:** Dalton House took down the two year reigning champion, Genevieve House.

**The Annual House Cup:** The winner of the House competition this year was the Deutschmann House!







## **LEGACY FAMILIES**



Luke Comparato Mary (McAfee '80) Comparato



Dalton Coomes Amy (Portell '91) Coomes Tom Portell '63



Aubrey Creed Rene' (Surdyke '93) Creed



**Jonah Darian** Tracy (Ames '91) Darian Dan Darian '89



Alexandria Dolde Denise (Schmidt '85) Dolde Bill and Carol Schmidt Hall of Fame 2011



Adam Eimer Terry (Lauterwasser '86) Eimer Timothy Eimer '84



Jack Engelskind Lisa (Weatherholt '91) Engelskind



**John Herrell** Kevin Herrell '78



Conner Krodinger Lawrence Krodinger '90 Larry Krodinger '63



Sarah Loucks Lori (Ayotte '88) Loucks Dr. Ronald Loucks '89



Kimberly Mathis Kevin Mathis '89



Austin Meyer Michelle (Baker '97) Meyer Mark Meyer '95 Larry Meyer '75



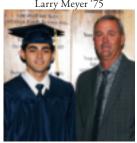
Zachary Mikko Tim Mikko '95



Benjamin Miller Kirsten (Queen '83) Miller



Brendan Otec Kelly (Hoesli '92) Otec Rob Otec '88



Tyler Ott James Ott '87



Jordan Schulze Wendy (Webelhuth '88) Schulze Muschong



**Luke Swaller** Dean Swaller '88



Brendan Weatherholt Tammy Weatherholt-Florek '01 John Lamping '01



Nicole Wieland Paul Wieland '81



Susana Wilson & Lilly Bollman Dr. Diane (Werkmeister '80) Wilson

## **CAMPUS MINISTRY**

#### Father Tom Vordtriede

One of my greatest joys since beginning my time at St. Pius X last fall has been witnessing the faith of our students. I have seen this by fielding deep theological questions in the classroom and participating in retreats. I have also had many discussions with students in the hall and in the sacristy after Mass. But perhaps my most favorite moments of encountering the depth of this faith occur on Fridays during lunch.

Each Friday during the lunch hour, the Blessed Sacrament is placed on the altar, allowing time for Eucharistic Adoration in the chapel. The smell of incense and the sound of chant fill the chapel and the hallway as exposition—the short liturgy involving the transfer of the Eucharist from the tabernacle to the monstrance—begins the hour. When the Eucharist is exposed in the monstrance, the Church requires that there be at least one person in the room keeping prayerful vigil. We ask for students to sign up for several minute increments in order to make sure that the whole hour is covered.

I am told that in addition to those who have signed up for prayer slots, many other students stop in to pray...some for two minutes, others for twenty. I have not technically witnessed this myself because after I expose the Blessed Sacrament, I walk across the hall and begin hearing confessions in my office. I set up my office in such a way that a student can go to confession face-to-face or anonymously behind the screen attached to a kneeler. It is through offering the Sacrament of Reconciliation that I encounter the depth of our students' desire to grow in holiness.

Priests rarely remember confessed sins themselves because sins are nothing unique; they are like garbage that is being taken out to the curb. The more memorable experience for a confessor is hearing a person's humility and thirst for virtue shine through the conversation. Time and time again I have been in awe as I listen. The trust our students place in Jesus never to define them simply by their sinfulness gives them the courage to give those sins over to Him.

After hearing confessions, I return to the chapel for the benediction liturgy in the last few minutes of the lunch hour. More incense and more chant remind us that we are at the threshold of heaven whenever we are in the Lord's presence. The benediction itself is when a priest makes the sign of the cross with the monstrance, blessing the entire school with the Eucharist. What a privilege it is to bring Jesus' blessings to the school in such a poignant way!

As the school year has progressed, I have noticed that the chapel is frequented with visits all throughout the day, and there seem to be more people taking advantage of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. While the lunch hour on Friday is my favorite time, it is not simply an isolated hour of faith and prayer each week. Prayer in the chapel and a desire for confession are bleeding into the other days of the week, and it is this above all that reminds me how blessed I am to be in this community.



## **SPORTS RECAP**



## **COLLEGE ATHLETIC SIGNINGS**

STUDENT	SCHOOL	SPORT
Dustin Burch	William Jewell College	Football
Miranda Childers	Maryville University	Stunt Team
Luke Comparato	William Jewell College	Football
Elijah Dale	Kansas State University	Baseball
Carter Easter	Jefferson College	Soccer
Tyler Hedtkamp	St. Charles Community College	Baseball
Jeremy Isenman	Maryville University	Baseball
Jarret Kort	University of Wisconsin Steven's Point	Football
Haley Lewis	Illinois College	Volleyball
Ryan Loveless	Lindenwood University	Shotgun Sports
Kaylee Portell	Mineral Area College	Volleyball
Jordyn Spreck	University of North Alabama	Soccer
Kaleb Schweigert	Fontbonne University	Baseball

## **WINTER/SPRING SPORTS WRAP-UP:**

note: wrap-up current as of May 15

Boy's tennis had another strong season, dominating conference play en route to a third consecutive district championship and a second straight Jefferson County Athletic Association title. In individual play, the doubles team of sophomore Blake Dokey and senior Robert Vance earned a spot in the state tournament.

The **baseball** team reached new heights, posting its first ever No. 1 ranking in the state polls in late April, ultimately finishing with a 17-3 record before a hard-fought loss in the district semi-finals in Jerry Woods' final season as the head coach.

The **golf** team posted a .500 record during the season but got hot at the right time, with three players advancing through district play to sectionals, where senior John Herrell finished ninth to qualify for the state tournament at Rivercut Golf Club in Springfield, MO, where he finished 70th.

**Girl's soccer** played a tough schedule, including 4 games against state-ranked teams and several against much larger schools, en route to an 8-12-1 regular season record. The year ended with a two overtime penalty shootout loss to perennial state power Saxony Lutheran.

**Track** sent eight athletes to the district meet, with two (sophomore Rita Eimer, 400 meters and 800 meters and freshman Nate Ruble, discus) advancing to the sectional meet.

## **COACHING STAFF**

The sidelines for several sports will look different for the 2019-20 school year. **Jerry Woods**, the head football coach for 13 years and head baseball coach for 11 years, has retired from coaching but remains on the St. Pius X staff. **Eric Lawrence**, the head coach for boy's basketball for four years and assistant for baseball and football, resigned from those positions to become the athletic director at Bayless High School. **Steve Smith** is stepping down as head coach of girl's soccer but will remain with the girl's team as assistant coach. **Aaron Portell '94** will take on the role of head coach for boy's soccer, along with keeping the same title for girl's soccer and girl's basketball.

Join us in thanking our departing coaches for their years of service to St. Pius X, and please help our new coaches feel welcome. Stay tuned to <a href="stepius.com">stepius.com</a> for announcements on the new coaches coming to our school.



## FINE ARTS FESTIVAL AND SENIOR EXHIBITION

The Fine Arts Festival and Senior Exhibition took place on Thursday, May 2. The event featured a showcase of our student's visual works, theatrical props, instrumental and choral performances. On this night, families and guests were invited to view artwork displayed throughout the school before entering the gym for the band and choir performances.

The art exhibit included paintings, ceramic pieces and mixed media created by our incredibly talented students, taught by Cathy Needham. The art exhibit featured a section for Senior Art. These projects are evaluated for artistic quality and awards are given to seniors for exemplary work in different categories. Congratulations to Jordan Schulze, Aubrey Creed, Zach Mikko, Jakob Reichardt, and Trevor Huck who received high honors for their outstanding work.

In conjunction with the Art Exhibition, instruments and voices came together for the evening and included stellar performances from our Beginning Band, Concert Band, Jazz Band, Beginning Choir, and Concert Choir, led by Ron Roskowske. Congratulations

to Maggie Key, Hannah Schappe, Rose Surdyke, Emma Tucker, Sam Tucker, and Gabe Verzola, who proudly represented our school at the Jefferson County Honors Band.

This year our students in Circle Theatre participated in several events at our district meet. These events included reader's theatre, storytelling, dramatic interpretation, comedic interpretation, poetry reading, prose reading, U.S. extemporaneous speaking and duet acting. They learned much from their experience. Looking ahead to next year, they hope to build the program and advance beyond districts. The Circle Theatre also gave wonderful performances in The Cabaret variety show in the fall and in Seussical the Musical in the spring, each led by Dennis Moore, '98. Circle Theatre would like to thank everyone who helped to make their productions a success. They had a great time performing and hope that their audience had just as much fun watching. Join them in the fall for their next musical!













## Featured Alumni: AMIE HELD '13

If you have a story you'd like to share, fill out the Featured Alumni form at www.stpius.com/featuredalumni

"My time at St. Pius X prepared me above and beyond for what I would encounter in the next six years of my life—especially spiritually and academically. I can't thank the faculty and staff of St. Pius X enough for all the time and effort they devote to each individual student! I'm lucky to be a Lancer for Life!"



CURRENT POSITION: Assistant Volleyball Coach, Kennesaw State University

BACHELOR'S DEGREE: Movement & Exercise Science: Sports Psychology, Northern Iowa University

MASTER'S DEGREE: Sports
Administration, Georgia
State University



Following a stellar volleyball career at St. Pius X, including being an integral part of the state championship winning team in 2011, Amie continued her playing career at Northern Iowa University. She then played two years of sand volleyball at Georgia State while earning her master's degree. In early 2019 she was named as the new assistant volleyball coach at Kennesaw State University in Georgia. The announcement for her hiring lauded her academic prowess, as Amie was a three-time Missouri Valley Conference first-team scholar athlete honoree and while working towards her master's degree at Georgia State she was named to the President's List all four semesters.

## PAVE THE WAY...LEGACY WALKWAY

The front entrance to St. Pius X High School is paved with individually inscribed bricks. An already popular idea, Lancer Landmark bricks are a timeless way to honor St. Pius X families, graduates, parents, faculty members, and friends. It is an inviting walkway, enjoyed by everyone, leading to our front foyer. Symbolically, it bridges alumni, parents, and friends to future generations of the St. Pius X High School family.

To order your brick contact <u>alumni@stpius.com</u> or visit <u>www.stpius.com/legacybricks</u>.



## **LEGACY GALA DINNER AUCTION**

It was another successful year for the annual St. Pius X High School Legacy Gala Dinner Auction which took place on April 6, 2019. After expenses, we raised over \$125,000!

St. Pius X sophomore Grace Halfmann spoke to those in attendance about what receiving tuition assistance has meant to her and her family over the years, and you responded with donations of \$11,200 to the Friends of Fr. Dalton Tuition Assistance Fund, which will continue to provide much needed tuition assistance to many of the St. Pius X families.

In keeping with the "Fit for the Future" theme, Gala guests watched a video produced by students featuring St. Pius X supporters, Jeanne Aubuchon and Coach Jordan Underwood. After the video, Athletic Director Tilden Watson gave a passionate pitch for the Wellness Center. Another \$26,303 was raised for this

Fund-a-Need item to supplement the Jefferson Foundation grant and the Show Me Weights Video Challenge award.

This year's Gala once again featured a Lucky Lotto Raffle, sponsored by Dr. David Stansfield '75 and Jacob Stansfield '04, as well as a St. Pius X Alumni Association sponsored Handgun Raffle, and a 50/50 raffle.

St. Pius X Legacy Gala chairs Kelly Lehn and Tina Fischer would like to thank the numerous volunteers, donors, sponsors, advertisers, Business Alliance members, faculty, staff, parents and students who helped make this event a success.

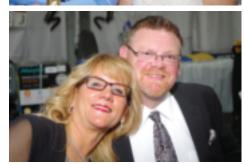
We look forward to seeing you at next year's Gala, when we will be celebrating the 60th anniversary of St. Pius X High School!















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## **60TH ANNIVERSARY**

# Y E A R S 1959-2019 A Marine CARY

# St. Pius X High School, founded in 1959, is celebrating 60 years!

That's 60 years of providing extraordinary education, care and compassion for Jefferson County and beyond. Our holistic philosophy of mind, body and soul is the cornerstone of our continued success.

https://www.stpius.com/60th-anniversary.html

## **CLASS REUNIONS**

# St. Pius X High School is now offering Class Reunion Packages.

You choose your date, reunion package and catering option then kick back, relax and enjoy visiting with your classmates. All packages include mass, campus tours, meal & bar options.

To get more information or book your reunion today email <u>advancement@stpius.com</u> or call us at (636) 931-PIUS.



## A Continuing Commitment to the Students of St. Pius X Lancer Endowment at St. Pius X (L.E.A.P.)

In the early 1980s, Rev. Donald T Dalton gathered a group of St. Pius X founders, patrons, and parents. The group resolved to establish a fund to assist in the tuition payments where there was a need.

The Lancer Endowment at St. Pius X (L.E.A.P.) is a 501 (c)(3) independent tax-exempt corporation that functions through an eleven-member Board of Directors who are appointed for three-year staggered terms. All are volunteers deeply committed to the belief that tuition assistance is an investment in youg people who hold the promise of tomorrow.

The L.E.A.P. Board oversees an endowment which funds a portion of tuition assistance each school year at St. Pius X High School. Their primary responsibility is to grow the endowment and work to preserve the principal fund through careful management.

This is just one example of the many members of the St. Pius X family who contribute "time, talents, and treasure" in support of the extraordinary students of St. Pius X.

The L.E.A.P. Board of Directors

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## **WELLNESS CENTER**

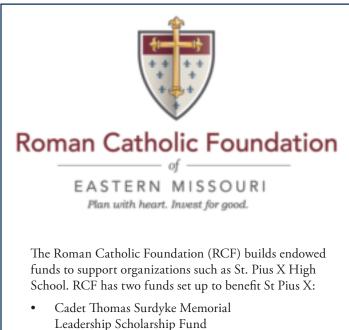


By the time you are reading this, construction of our new Wellness Center will be well underway. Our new facility will be used to continue our holistic approach to providing the core building blocks for a healthy lifestyle.

The Wellness Center became possible when St. Pius X High School was awarded a \$198,898 grant from the Jefferson Memorial Foundation. The new Wellness Center will serve our students, faculty, staff, and the greater St. Pius X community. In addition to this, we won a school spirit competition hosted by Show Me Weights and will be receiving \$8,000 worth of fitness equipment.







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## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

FIREWORKS EXTRAVAGANZA WEDNESDAY JULY 3, 2019

ST. PIUS X GOLF TOURNAMENT FRIDAY AUGUST 2, 2019

FRESHMAN FIRST DAY OF 19/20 SCHOOL YEAR Monday August 12, 2019

ALL STUDENTS FIRST DAY OF 19/20 SCHOOL YEAR Monday August 12, 2019

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION
OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
(HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION)
THURSDAY AUGUST 15, 2019

POPE ST. PIUS X FEAST DAY WEDNESDAY AUGUST 21, 2019

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTION CEREMONY TUESDAY AUGUST 27, 2019

PARENT PARTY Thursday August 29, 2019

MIDDLE SCHOOL TRIVIA NIGHT SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 7, 2019

PRESIDENT'S LEADERSHIP CIRCLE DINNER RECEPTION WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 25, 2019

HOMECOMING WEEK
WEEK OF OCTOBER 14-18, 2019

SPX OPEN HOUSE Sunday October 26, 2019

ALL SAINTS DAY (HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION)
FRIDAY NOVEMBER 1, 2019

BLOOD DRIVE Tuesday november 5. 2019

SPX DAY OF GIVING Thursday november 7, 2019

> FALL PLAY November 21-23, 2019

GRANDPARENTS DAY Tuesday december 17, 2019

Please note: Dates/events are subject to change

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