

**October 1, 2023**

**Ministry Schedule**

**Lectors**

Sat. 9/30 Bob Meierdierks  
Sun. 10/1 Minnie Hughes  
Sat. 10/7 Deb Slecta  
Sun. 10/8 Marian Delay

**Eucharistic Ministers**

Sat. 9/30 Bob Meierdierks  
Sun. 10/1 Minnie Hughes  
Sat. 10/7 Deb Slecta  
Sun. 10/8 Marian Delay

**Ushers**

Sat. 9/30 Bob Meierdierks  
Andy Savarese  
Sun. 10/1 Jim McGann  
Alex Andrews  
Sat. 10/7 Bob Meierdierks  
Jason McKinney  
Sun. 10/8 John Coesens  
Robert Tupek

**Prayer Line**

If you would like prayers for any serious health or personal reason, you can call Patti at 259-5290 and she will activate the prayers of at least 20 others.

**Confession Schedules**

MOAB: Confessions are heard at 4:15pm on Saturday afternoons or by appointment at St. Pius X.  
MONTICELLO: Confessions are heard at St Joseph's on the last Sunday of the Month.

**Scripture Readings  
and  
Mass Intentions for the Week**

**Sun** - 10/1 – Mass 9:00 am  
Ezekiel 18: 25-28  
Philippians 2: 1-11  
Mt 21: 28-32  
**Mon** - 10/2 – Mass 8:30 am  
Zechariah 8: 1-8  
Mt 18: 1-5, 10  
**Tues** – 10/3 – Mass 8:30 am  
Zechariah 8: 20-23  
Lk 9: 51-56  
**Wed** – 10/4 – Mass 8:30 am  
Nehemiah 2: 1-8  
Lk 9: 57-62  
**Thurs** – 10/5 – Mass 8:30 am  
Nehemiah 8: 1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12  
Lk 10; 1-12  
**Fri** – 10/6 – **No Mass**  
Baruch 1: 15-22  
Lk 10: 13-16  
**Sat** – 10/7 – Mass 5:00 pm  
Baruch 4: 5-12, 27-29  
Lk 10: 17-24

**Praying the Rosary**

The Rosary is the most potent prayer for us Catholics. One Hail Mary is enough to drive away the devil. It is also a prayer to obtain peace, which our family, society and the world are badly in need. In this regard, I would like to invite each Catholic to pray the Rosary before daily Mass at 8:10 am in the Church.

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

One hour Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is every Thursday after the Mass. Jesus said “Can you not watch one hour with me?”. Thursday is the day Jesus instituted the Holy Eucharist. We adore Christ present in the Eucharist. We lift Him all our cares, concerns and problems, for he is there ready to listen to our pleas.

**The Schedule for the 2023 National Collection**

Oct. 22 - Mission Sunday Collection  
Nov. 19 – Campaign for Human Dev.  
Dec. 3 – Catholic Community Services (Diocesan)

**Volunteers Needed**

The parish is in need of teachers for children’s Catechism, first communion and confirmation. Those interested, please see Father Noel.

**Sunday Collection**

St. Pius X Offertory: \$1,569.<sup>00</sup>

**Diocesan Development Drive**

Have you given your gift to the Diocesan Development Drive (DDD) in response to Bishop Solis’ appeal? St. Pius X relies on DDD gifts to aid us in ministries and services both spiritually and temporarily. We are benefactors with the priest at our parish. DDD funds are the resource to educate and train men to become priest to fill the vacancies in small communities. The QR code below will take you to an online opportunity to give. There are blank forms and

envelopes in the back of the church that you can use as well. Just drop them in the collection basket. Thank you and may God Bless you. Call Marian with any questions 435-260-8028.



**Sacramentals**

A sacramental is any object set apart and blessed by the Church to lead us to good thoughts and increase our devotion. A sacramental is like a sacrament in that it is a means of grace and an outward sign of an invisible mystery of faith. Sacraments were initiated by Christ while Sacramentals were established by the Church. Sacraments convey grace directly in our souls, while Sacramentals do so indirectly by leading us to devotion and providing us an occasion when we respond to God’s grace. In the 4<sup>th</sup> century of St. Gregory of Nyssa preached a homily about Sacramental principle. Drawing from the Old Testament, he noted the common items that God has invested with miraculous power: Moses’ wooden staff, Elijah’s mantle of rough cloth, and the bones of the dead Elisha. St. Gregory saw that such a dispensation of power had not only continued in his own day, but increased many times over so it continues into our time too offering us manifold graces. To name a few of the Sacramentals we commonly use The

Cross, holy water, brown scapular and medals, and relics of the saints. Let us continue these practices for they help us in our daily Christian life.

### **A HISTORY OF CATHOLICS IN MOAB**

(as reported in the Church dedication program of Nov. 27, 1955)

To attempt to present a comprehensive history of the Catholic people in Moab since the first Catholic family came into this Valley would be almost impossible. We do not have any way of knowing if any Catholics lived here before 1923. We do know that Ella Garcia, her brother Jose Garcia, and her children were living here in 1923 and there was only one other Catholic family living in Moab at that time.

The names of Missionary priests who passed through Moab are written in the annals of time. Some of the priests who served the area from Carbon County were Msgr. Giovinoni, Father Ruel, Father Collins, and Father Freegard. Father Sanders was named pastor of St. Joseph Church in Monticello in 1937 and was in charge of serving Moab. He was later assigned as Pastor of Good Shepherd Church in East Carbon and traveled to Moab and Monticello monthly for Mass. St. Pius X Parish had its beginnings during Father Sander's visits to the area. The Parish grew with the arrival of new Catholic families to the area in the early 1950's.

The first Catholic baptism in the Parish took place in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mohler in April 1953.

In 1953, Father Thomas Kaiser was assigned as Pastor of Grand and San Juan

Counties and St. Pius Parish was erected on February 2, 1954. Mass was celebrated in local homes prior to 1943 and then it was celebrated in the American Legion Hall after Father Kaiser arrived. The first Mass celebrated on this present site was October 30, 1955 in the newly built Parish Hall.

In 1954, Sisters of the Atonement came to Moab to conduct the first summer Catechism classes. They returned in the summer of 1955 to prepare the first Holy Communion class of six children. In May 1955, ground was broken for the construction of the Church and the dedication by Bishop Duane Hunt took place on November 27, 1955.