

# Press Release

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## **Saint Pius X Catholic Church Sixth Annual Flyin' Lion 5K and 1 Mile Fun Run/Walk**

July 27, 2022 (Granger, Ind.)-Saint Pius X Catholic Church is excited to welcome the entire Michiana community to the Sixth Annual Flyin' Lion 5K and 1 Mile Fun Run/Walk on Saturday, August 27. The 5K race starts at 8:00 a.m. and the 1 Mile Fun Run/Walk begins immediately following the start of the 5K. Featuring a chip-timed race and a post-race celebration, this community event kicks off a day of festivities for the Parish. The Solemnity of Saint Pius X will be joyfully celebrated at all regularly scheduled Sunday Masses as well on August 28 at 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Proceeds from the annual Flyin' Lion event benefit the youth and young adult pilgrims planning to travel to Lisbon, Portugal to participate in World Youth Day 2023 and those participating in the Youth Ministry's Annual Mission Trip. The World Youth Day pilgrimage, taking place roughly every three years, gathers over a million young Catholics from around the world with Pope Francis to grow in faith through prayer, teaching, and fellowship. The Flyin' Lion event provides an exciting opportunity for the church, school, and local community members to come together in an active way, while supporting youth and young adults in the area.

Pastor of Saint Pius X Monsignor William Schooler, commonly known as "Father Bill", said, "I am excited again to ride my bike, serving as the pacer for the Flyin' Lion 5K this year!"

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Everyone, from the competitive runner to the recreational runner or walker is welcome to participate. Post-race celebrations including refreshments, awards for the top overall male and female finisher and additional prizes for male and female age-group winners will culminate the morning's events.

Those interested in learning more about the *Flyin' Lion 5K* may contact Audrey Lewis, Saint Pius X Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry and Race Director, at [alewis@stpius.net](mailto:alewis@stpius.net) or by contacting the Parish Office at (574) 272-8462, ext. 211. The media is welcome to attend the event for photos and pre and/or post-race interviews. Summary of event information can be found on next page.

***About Saint Pius X Catholic Church:** Saint Pius X Parish continues to grow, now home to over 2,800 families and almost 10,000 parishioners. This is a vibrant, faith-filled community dedicated to sharing and living the Good News. Programs and events touching the lives of every facet of the parish provide opportunities for education and spiritual growth. Saint Pius X has been described as a large parish with a small community feel, a true family of faith that seeks to respond to God's wondrous love and grace.*

***Mission Statement:** Saint Pius X Catholic Parish, dedicated to renewing all things in Christ, is committed to evangelization through prayer, service, sacrificial giving, faith formation, and community.*

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**RACE WEBPAGE:** [StPius.net/FlyinLion](http://StPius.net/FlyinLion)

### **EVENT INFORMATION**

**Date:** Saturday, August 27, 2022

**Location:** Saint Pius X Catholic Church, Granger, Indiana

#### **Events & Courses:**

8:00 a.m. – 5K Race

8:05 a.m. – 1 Mile Fun Run/Walk

No bicycles, skateboards, or animals allowed

All courses close by 9:00 a.m.

Water stations and restrooms will be provided

### **REGISTRATION ([StPius.net/flyinlionregistration](http://StPius.net/flyinlionregistration))**

**Sunday, August 14:** Deadline for Pre-Registration with Race Shirt

**Wednesday, August 24:** Final Deadline for Pre-Registration (no race shirt)

**Saturday, August 27:** Onsite Race Day Registration

Visit [StPius.net/FlyinLion](http://StPius.net/FlyinLion) for details and fees.

### **PACKET PICKUP**

Friday, August 26, 3:00-6:00 p.m. or Saturday, August 27, 6:30-7:30 a.m.

Saint Pius X Church Pole Barn - located adjacent to the Parish Rectory and Athletic Fields off of Santa Monica Drive, across from the Parish Education Center

### **PARKING**

Parking will be available in the North, East, and South Lots on the parish campus

Access to the South and East Lots will be from Fir Road

Access to the North Lot will be from Santa Monica Drive at SR-23 only

### **ROAD CLOSURES**

Santa Monica Dr will be closed just south of the entrance to the North Parking Lot

Grande Vista Dr and Santa Monica Dr will be closed to through traffic

Fir Road will close between Beacon Pkwy and Cleveland Rd

Cleveland Rd westbound will be closed

Capital Avenue southbound will be reduced to one lane

Beacon Parkway eastbound will be closed

### **POST-RACE CELEBRATION**

Refreshments will be provided

Award for top overall male & female finisher

Additional prizes for male & female age group winners