



# *St. Pius X Church*

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**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**  
Monday-Friday  
8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

## **MASS SCHEDULE**

**Sunday Masses** Saturday, 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday, 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.

## **Holy Day Masses**

On the day, 6:30 a.m., 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.  
(except Christmas & New Year)

## **Weekday Masses**

Monday-Friday, 6:30 & 8:00 a.m.  
Saturday, 8:00 a.m.

## **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

Thursday, 7:00-8:00 a.m.  
Saturday, 4:00-4:45 p.m. or by appointment.

## *Mission Statement*

We, the family of St. Pius X Parish, in union with the Holy Catholic Church seek to become ever more fully a people of God. The mission of St. Pius X Parish is to gather as the body of Christ to worship with one another in prayer, liturgy, and Sacraments; to continually renew our faith as we grow to understand its significance in our daily Christian life; to provide a program of total Catholic education to all members of our parish and community at large; to give of our time, talent, and treasure to benefit our parish, community, diocese and the world; and to live the gospel of Jesus Christ as Catholic individuals who welcome, support, and love one another with positive attitudes.

**First Sunday of Lent****February 21, 2021****We live on the words that come from God.****MASSES FOR FEBRUARY 22-28, 2021****Monday**8:30 a.m. (FDY) ✠ Msgr. David Sorohan  
by St. Pius X Parish**Tuesday**

8:30 a.m. (FDY) ✠ Mary Held by St. Pius X Parish

**Wednesday**

8:30 a.m. (FDY) ✠ Pam Briggs by Cyndi Williams

**Thursday**8:30 a.m. (FDY) ✠ Barbara Moulden  
by Mike & Ellen Sommer**Saturday**4:30 p.m. (FDY) ✠ Deceased Family Members  
by John & Brenda Beyer**Sunday**8:00 a.m. (FRM) Living & Deceased Members  
of the Parish10:00 a.m. (FDY) ✠ Mary Ann Berra  
by Tricia & Greg Canfield**VOCATION PRAYER**

*In every age Lord, You raise up women and men who are strong in their faith and bold in their actions to give witness to the Gospel. Fill St. Pius with Your Spirit and give us a burning desire to make a difference in our world because of our love for You. Bless our Church with holy and courageous priests, deacons, religious sisters and brothers, devoted married couples, dedicated single men and women and enthusiastic youth. We ask in Jesus' name. Amen.*

**PULPIT ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Confessions on all Saturdays during Lent will begin at 2:30 p.m. (2:30-4:00 p.m.)

Stations of the Cross will be said on the Mondays of Lent at 9:15 a.m., immediately after Mass in place of the Rosary.

**NEWLY REGISTERED:**

Don & Rose Herron; Chad, Amy & Aiden Jones

**IN OUR PARISH**

**"THE WORD AMONG US" AND "LIVING FAITH"** publications are now available in the Rectory office Monday-Thursday, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. A suggested donation of \$1.00 per book is appreciated.

**NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION:** There are three ways to register to become a parishioner of St. Pius X. 1) Please go to our website, [www.spxreynoldsburg.com](http://www.spxreynoldsburg.com), and complete the online form and submit it; 2) Come to the Rectory during office hours Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. to obtain the form to complete, or 3) Call the Rectory and we will send you a form to complete. It is requested that if you are attending St. Pius X that you register as a member of the parish.

**WARNING!!!**

Please note that some parishioners are receiving TEXT messages from Fr. Dave asking them to buy gift cards or asking for a favor. These are fake messages sent by someone else by a phone number that is not Fr. Dave's. Please **DO NOT** answer these messages! Fr. Dave would never text anyone asking for gift cards. We would ask that you call the Rectory to let us know that you received a text message and give us the phone number of the sender. Again, **DO NOT** answer these messages as they are fake.

**HELPING HANDS FOOD PANTRY** would once again like to thank St. Pius parishioners for your donations in January. Due to your generous response, **47** bags and boxes of food and toiletries were delivered to the food pantry. The following items are requested for February:

- Cereal for adults - ex: Raisin Bran, Cheerios, Corn Flakes, Chex
- Pancake Syrup
- Hamburger Helper
- Tomato Sauce and Diced Tomatoes
- Toiletries and other personal products are always needed.



Collection weekend will be **February 27-28**. These donations provide hot meals and personal items for local families. Your almsgiving is a wonderful act of charity this Lenten season! God bless you!



## THIS WEEK AT ST. PIUS X – FEBRUARY 22-28, 2021

Monday	Liturgy of the Hours	Church	8:00 a.m.
	Stations of the Cross	Church	9:15 a.m.
	Divine Mercy	Church	6:00 p.m.
	Rosary for Sick	Church	6:30 p.m.
Tuesday	Liturgy of the Hours	Church	8:00 a.m.
Wednesday	Liturgy of the Hours	Church	8:00 a.m.
	Adoration	Church	7:30 a.m.-7:00 p.m.
	Holy Hour	Church	12:00-1:00 p.m.
Thursday	Liturgy of the Hours	Church	8:00 a.m.
Friday	Liturgy of the Hours	Church	9:00 a.m.
	Rosary	Church	9:15 a.m.
	Stations of the Cross	Church	6:00 p.m.
Saturday	Confessions	Church	2:30-4:00 p.m.

**GIRL SCOUT SUNDAY:** Girl Scout Sunday will be held on March 7, 2021 at the 10:00 a.m. Mass. This year will mark the 109th birthday of the founding for this premier organization. In honor of the Girl Scout Birthday, the Girl Scout troops of St. Pius X are invited to attend Mass together to recognize the role God has in their work, and to celebrate all that Girl Scouts of the USA have done for local communities across the country.

**GIRL SCOUT COOKIE SALE!** SPX Girl Scout troops will be selling all your favorite Girl Scout cookies in the church parking lot on **Saturday, March 6, from 3:00-6:00 p.m. and Sunday, March 7, from 7:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.** Sales will be made through drive-through lanes to ensure safe and speedy service! Forms of payment include cash, checks (made payable to the troop number) and credit card. Please stop by and support our Girl Scouts!!

**WOMEN OF THE PARISH...BOOK STUDY:** We will be offering a study on the book given out at Christmas, "I Heard God Laugh," starting March 10 through April 28 on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm. via Zoom for Women of the Parish. If you are interested, please contact Cyndi Williams by **Friday, March 5, 2021**, via email at [cyndiw2000@yahoo.com](mailto:cyndiw2000@yahoo.com) or call 614-390-4718. If you did not pick up your book at Christmas, they are still available in the church on the bookshelf by the Sacristy or the exit by the school.

**PENNIES FROM HEAVEN (SOS: "Support our Seminarians") Quarterly Donation** – SPX Family, it is that time of year again (August) – time to dig deep into your pockets, purses and wallets, and donate to our quarterly *Pennies From Heaven* Collection (a.k.a. SOS: "Support our Seminarians"). We need ALL Parishioners to contribute to this quarterly collection, so we can send much needed funds to The Pontifical College Josephinum to support all the young men there in formation to be our future Priests! Please support this on-going worthy cause, where 100% of all donations go to support our future Priests. Please note, because of the on-going Covid-19 situation we can't solicit donations after Mass, nor distribute SOS donation envelopes. Therefore, we need you to write a check (\*payable to: K of C Council 5253) and mail it to the Council (\*address: K of C Council 5253, PO Box 31, Reynoldsburg, OH 43068). Thanks for your generosity! *Remember*, without our Priests, there is no Mass, and without the Mass, there is no Eucharist! The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and the Holy Eucharist (the Body, Blood, Soul & Divinity of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ) are the "source and summit of our Catholic Faith!" *Be part of the SPX family that supports our future Priests!*

**UPCOMING "HOLY HOUR FOR HOLY MOTHER CHURCH" PRAYER SERVICE AT SPX:** Please mark your calendar for **Sunday, February 21 at 7:00-8:00 p.m.** for our next quarterly "Holy Hour" prayer service at St. Pius X. The prayer service will be held in the SPX Church Sanctuary. This is a family event. *All invited! All welcome!*

\*The service will also be livestreamed on the St. Pius X website for those who can't attend in person: <https://spxreynoldsburg.com/>. The one hour prayer service will include: Adoration, Readings, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, Music and Benediction. Please join your fellow SPX parishioners in praying for our Parish, our Diocese and Holy Mother Church around the world!

**THE CATHOLIC TIMES:** Thank you to all new and returning readers of *The Catholic Times* online and in print. It's not too late to subscribe for the upcoming year for a minimum donation of \$17.00. Sign up online at [columbuscatholic.org/catholictimes](http://columbuscatholic.org/catholictimes) under the subscription payments tab. You may also use the envelope provided in your February packet, or simply write your name and *The Catholic Times* on a plain envelope, make your check payable to the Diocese of Columbus – *Catholic Times* and drop it into the collection basket. Another option is to mail your \$17.00 check payable to the Diocese of Columbus – *Catholic Times* to our office at 197 E. Gay Street, Columbus, OH 43215. You'll find *The Catholic Times* very useful to keep up on all of the news throughout the diocese and the Catholic Church.

## LENTEN CALENDAR 2021

<b>Sacrament of Penance</b>	Wednesday, 12:00-1:00 p.m., except for Ash Wednesday and Wednesday of Holy Week Saturdays of Lent, 2:30-4:00 p.m. Monday, March 29, 4:00-7:00 p.m.
<b>Eucharistic Exposition</b>	Every Wednesday except for Ash Wednesday and Wednesday of Holy Week Diocesan "40 Days of Adoration," March 24, 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. at St. Pius X
<b>Stations of the Cross</b>	Fridays 6:00 p.m. with Eucharistic Exposition
<b>Knights of Columbus Fish Fry</b>	February 19, March 5 and March 19 Drive Thru, 5:00-7:00 p.m. at the Monsignor Funk Family Center
<b>Anointing of the Sick</b>	Saturday, March 20 at the 4:30 p.m. Mass
<b>Parish Mission</b>	March 14-16 at 7:00 p.m. Church, "Be Healed, Be Empowered, Be Transformed" by Dan DeMatte

### A MESSAGE FROM SR. MAXINE:

Greetings to my fellow parishioners! I've been told that not everyone is aware of what we are up to in the RCIA office, so I want to call it to your attention because it involves all of you! Back in August, with the pandemic raging (as it continues to do now) we decided to suspend the regular RCIA program of initiating new members into the Catholic faith because the restrictions are not conducive to the sharing and community building that are essential to the program.

Instead, we saw it as a perfect opportunity to focus on and build on and renew the community we already have together. We called it **Renewing Catholicism for the Intentional Adult** (RCIA for the parish Community). **This is a review or a renewing of our Catholic faith for the entire parish.**

- So each week in the bulletin, this section is meant for **your** eyes and **your** enrichment.
- You may have noticed (or not!) the poster in the vestibule which features a "**Blessing Tree**" that is sprouting many blessings for you! You are invited to randomly take a blessing when you pass and see what the Spirit has in store for you. God knows that during this very unusual and often difficult time, we need His blessing!

Peace to all,  
Sr. Maxine

### REVIEW & RENEW YOUR CATHOLIC FAITH

Renewing Catholicism for Intentional Adults

DON'T FORGET TO CHECK OUT THE PARISH WEBSITE/FAITH/RCIA VIDEO SERIES

### RENEWING CATHOLICISM

We are a People of Justice and Love

As the Lenten season begins it seems appropriate to reflect on these Social Teachings of the Catholic Church. We need to discern how we as individuals and as a community value and honor life within and without. We need to work for quality of life for ourselves for ALL people from conception till death. The Social Teachings cover the whole gamut as is evident in the themes we are presenting here.

**SOLIDARITY OF THE HUMAN FAMILY:** *Solidarity helps us to see the "other" (whether a person, people or nation) as a neighbor, a "sharer," a "helper," irrespective of age, race, gender, ethnicity, political persuasion, etc. there is an interconnection among all people demanding that we value and respect the experience of all. We are all part of the household, no one should be left out.*

**DIGNITY OF WORK** *Work is an extension of the person, his/her gifts, talents, education. It is also that person's contribution to the common good. Work should enhance the human person, not demean him/her for less noble motives. People should be able to earn a living wage with adequate benefits and be employed in good working conditions. Workers must also respect their employers and perform their job honestly.*

*Pope Leo XIII in his encyclical "On the Dignity of Work" in 1891 drew up the principles for both management and the worker. In this historical document, the Church laid out its adherence to the principles of workers' rights to organize and the managements' rights to receiving a full day's work for a full day's pay. The rights and responsibilities for both sides were identified.*

**BLESSING:** *May the God of VISION be with you. May you see as God sees and dream as God dreams for the world around you. With the eyes of God, may you look upon those who are hurting and know compassion, upon those who are holy and know joy, upon those who are broken and know understanding and mercy. May this God help you to see the truth about yourself no matter how beautiful it is. May the blessing of VISION be on you.*

**NEWS FROM FR. DANIEL SWARTZ:** The infantry battalion with which Fr. Daniel Swartz is chaplain has just received orders to the Middle East. Fr. Swartz is a priest of our Diocese and was ordained in May of 2016. He is also a military chaplain and was commissioned into the United States Navy Chaplain Corps, in January of 2015. Due to changes in administration and geopolitical shifts, Fr. Swartz's assignment came on quite a short notice. He will be departing the United States with his unit in early April and is set to return by October of this year. Mission parameters are still being drawn up, but will include Kuwait, Iraq, Syria, Djibouti, and Jordan. Fr. Swartz asks for you to remember his marines and sailors in your prayers during this time.

### ST. PIUS X CHURCH & SCHOOL DRIVE UP FISH/SHRIMP FRIES

St. Pius X will host three Lenten Fish/Shrimp Fries this year. These will be on March 5, and March 19, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. in front of the Family Center Kitchen.

This is a simple menu for everyone to drive up to the Family Center Kitchen, place your order and return home to eat your fish or shrimp.

The menu this year is very simple. You may order:

Three pieces of fried fish (Icelandic Cod-Battered Tavern Brand) **OR** six pieces of fried shrimp (panko bread crumb). The side dishes are rice pilaf **OR** 8 hushpuppies. The meal is \$10.00 each.

No additional side dishes or items will be offered. No condiments or cutlery or napkins. People will be taking this home to eat it and these items will be very stable and still taste good when you arrive home.

You may also email [jbeyer@spxreynoldsburg.com](mailto:jbeyer@spxreynoldsburg.com) to pre-order your meals with a preferred pick-up time on Fridays, the day of the event up to 4:00 p.m.

All profits will go to the SOS fund, Support Our Seminarians. Father Andrew H. Hohman Knights of Columbus Council #5253. St. Pius X is currently supporting two Seminarians.

St. Pius X/Father Hohman Council #5253 Shrimp/Fish Fry Friday dates are March 5, and March 19, 2021, 5:00-7:00 p.m.



## CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE – PREPARING TO COMPLETE PHASE II OF THE CAMPAIGN

Thank you to everyone who has participated (or plans to participate) in our Capital Campaign through pledges, prayers, or both. Our goal, throughout this project, has been to build-up our community, to strengthen the personal connections that unite us together as a parish family, and to provide new ways to grow closer to Christ Jesus. Please join me in praying for God's continued blessings on our parish.

– Fr. Dave

**Exciting Updates for our Capital Campaign:** We currently have raised over \$4.4 million dollars in pledges and over \$3.6 million in cash. The past eight weeks I have contacted many parishioners who have not paid on their pledges for several months, and requested they contact me to confirm whether they are going to be able to continue their pledge payments. Many have confirmed they will continue, while a few have needed to discontinue their pledge and we are still waiting on some folks to let us know. If we lay out the cost increases from Sullivan Builders of \$57,436.00, plus the additional expenses of furniture, religious items for the Adoration Chapel and appliances for the kitchenette of \$50,000.00 for a total increase of \$107,436.00. Add this to the balance of needed pledges and this is \$156,476.00. If you are asking yourselves if we can complete this very soon, **YES, WE CAN!!** Two weeks ago, we had another generous parishioner come forward to offer an additional pledge of up to \$30,000.00 of *matching funds*, for any new pledges or pledge increases. This could bring an additional \$60,000.00 to the Campaign! We have received \$5,872.00 in new pledges and increases so with the matched pledge, this is \$11,744.00 total off the balance of \$156,476.00, for a total of \$144,732.00 as of this week.

**If you can make a new pledge or an additional pledge increase, please remember to call 614-866-2859 or email John Beyer at [jbeyer@spxreynoldsburg.com](mailto:jbeyer@spxreynoldsburg.com) to let me know so I can add these to our numbers. If you do so through Faith Direct, please let me know this also.**

The entire Phase II project is focused on building-up our parish: as a community of friendship with Christ, and as a communion of faith in Christ, with every person valued, and every family involved.

**We are extremely proud and thankful for all of you that have made a pledge and continue to honor this commitment to St. Pius X Church and School by continuing to pay on your pledge until it is completed.**

**From all the Staff here at St. Pius X, Father Dave, and I, thank you and God Bless!**

**John Beyer, Campaign Chair**

## SEMINARIAN, JACOB STINNETT'S COLUMN

The COVID-19 pandemic has been in America for nearly a year now, and we have all experienced a lot of suffering from it. By now, we all know someone who has had COVID and maybe even people who have died from it. Many have been struggling with unemployment or underemployment, with making ends meet for our families. With so many schools being closed, helping our children learn has been a stressful experience. There are the social distancing and mask restrictions that become tedious and exhausting quickly. There is also the fear and psychological stress of the pandemic that has afflicted all of us. I don't mean to make this just a list of bad things; we all know them. But I want to acknowledge the suffering of the past year. This Lent, I would like to reflect with you on a letter that Pope St. John Paul II wrote in 1984 called *Salvifici Doloris*, "On the Christian Meaning of Suffering." Each week, we will look at a new section of the letter and delve into the great saint's understanding of suffering and how we can grow closer to grow precisely *through* our suffering, not just in spite of it. My only caution is that if you are only a casual reader of this column, please know that the next several weeks will be building on each other, and thus they are to be read as a series, and maybe not as stand-alone pieces.

John Paul II begins with one of my favorite quotes from St. Paul's letters. It is Colossians 1:24 "In my flesh I complete what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of His Body, that is, the Church." Understanding just what Paul means when he writes this is the goal of the pope's letter, and hopefully it will become clearer for all of us through this Lenten journey together. Suffering is part of being human, and it is something unique to being human, because we can reflect on it, we experience our own suffering in a way that no other creature can and does. Our dog or cat might be in pain, but it cannot ask the question "Why?" and it does not know that this suffering should not be. This is part of the mystery of suffering, a mystery that "is as deep as man himself, precisely because it manifests in its own way that depth which is proper to man. [...] Suffering seems to belong to man's transcendence: it is one of those points in which man is in a certain sense 'destined' to go beyond himself, and he is called to his in a mysterious way" (SD 2). That suffering is a mystery does not mean that we cannot make any sense out of it, as if it were unknowable. Suffering is a mystery because it is something beyond us, something that is greater than our power to know. We can give meaning to suffering (the goal of our Lenten journey through *Salvifici Doloris*), but we cannot comprehend it fully.

Chapter II of *Salvifici Doloris* is entitled "The World of Human Suffering." The purpose of this chapter is to acknowledge the fact that people suffer, that it is a part of everyone's life. This may seem obvious, but there are temptations to think other things about suffering. Some might try to deny it outright, saying that suffering does not really exist, that it is just in our minds. Some might take the attitude that suffering can never be understood at all, and we just have to resign ourselves to this cruel existence. A popular belief today is that suffering can be understood and eliminated completely in some future utopia, so get on board. In the face of all these notions, the Christian claim is the only one that ultimately remains coherent and addresses suffering and humanity's experience of it. Christianity does not deny suffering, does not resign us to suffering, but does admit that suffering is not something that we can fully understand and overcome. Nowhere does Jesus say that He came to eliminate suffering.

John Paul II begins by acknowledging the hard and mysterious reality of suffering, because this is what Jesus did in His earthly mission. In taking on our human nature, Jesus, too, experienced pain and suffering. We know He wept at the death of His friend Lazarus; He sweat blood thinking about the pain of His Crucifixion, and He experienced the full reality of death on Good Friday. There is both physical suffering and moral suffering, or what the pope describes as "pain of the soul." This "suffering seems almost inexpressible and nontransferable": our pain and suffering is our own; we cannot give it to someone. Suffering comes from an encounter with evil. "Man suffers on account of evil, which is a certain lack, limitation or distortion of good. We could say that man suffers *because of a good* in which he does not share, from which in a certain sense he is cut off, or of which he has deprived himself. He particularly suffers when he ought—in the normal order of things—to have a share in this good and does not have it" (SD 7). This is not something nice to come face to face with, but there is hope in this statement by the pope: the meaning of suffering comes through the good that is lost in the suffering. The good is how we can come to make sense of suffering and even rejoice in it like St. Paul. Next week, we will look at Chapter III, entitled "The Quest for an Answer to the Question of the Meaning of Suffering."





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## PRESCHOOL THROUGH 8TH GRADE

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### Academic Rigor

We strive for the highest level of educational excellence from preschool through 8th grade. Throughout your children's time here, we develop and nurture their preparedness for each stage of life. Teachers make students aware of their unique gifts and talents, and encourage them to share these as good stewards of their community.

## CATHOLIC FORMATION

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### Our Faith is Our Core

Our students attend weekly Mass as a community, receive faith formation and sacramental preparation, plan and participate in liturgies, and engage in numerous service learning opportunities. We partner with parents to raise children who are strong in their Catholic faith.

## AROUND TOWN

**SPRING CLEAN UP** – St. Joseph, Resurrection, Holy Cross and Mt. Calvary Catholic Cemeteries will begin removing wintertime decorations beginning March 1st, weather permitting. Families are advised to remove any personal keepsakes they wish to retain as soon as possible.

**JOSEPH'S COAT NEEDS YOUR HELP!** There are many families in our community struggling with meeting their basic needs. We have an urgent need for gently used dressers, mattresses, box springs and metal frames; tables and chairs, sofas, chairs and microwaves. We do not have sufficient inventory to meet the requests that we have received and the demand is growing. If you have gently used furniture items you'd like to donate, please **Visit our website at [josephs-coat.org](http://josephs-coat.org). Click on How to Help, then Donate Items. Scroll down to the bottom of the page and fill in the furniture form and click "Submit."** A volunteer will contact you! We offer free pick-up of basic furniture if you are within our designated pickup area! Thank you for helping us provide stabilizing resources to those in need in our community!

**STARTED BY THE DOMINICAN SISTERS OF PEACE** over 25 years ago, the DLC offers English as a Second Language (ESL) and GED prep in both English and Spanish to adult learners. Learners are matched with volunteer tutors based on availability, subject area, (and personality). ESL learners continue in the program until they feel they have gained the skills that they want to acquire. GED learners, however, have a very specific end goal and typically only stay with us until they have successfully completed their GED (General Equivalency Diploma). Prior to being matched with a learner, all tutors are trained in the subject area that they have chosen to tutor. At this time, the majority of our matches are working together via Zoom or another online platform, but when the pandemic allows, we will also encourage those that can, to meet in person at our South Side location. We ask our tutors to commit to working with their learner for 1½-2 hours a week. If you would like more information about enrolling an adult learner in one of our programs or about volunteering with the DLC, please feel free to contact me at [denise.hilliard@oppeace.org](mailto:denise.hilliard@oppeace.org) or 614-444-7330, ext. 8. Thank you and God Bless!

**FACE FORWARD PRESENTS THE 2021 SERVICE AWARDS:** Sponsored by the Diocese of Columbus, Office of Vocations. Applications opened February 1 and must be received by March 22, 2021. **INSPIRED YOUNG CATHOLICS, Enter to win a \$500.00 service award.** Application Criteria is Parish Involvement and Volunteer Work, plus a short essay telling a story about your time during the pandemic and how it has shaped or grown your faith. This award is open to students in Grades 8-12. Visit [Faceforwardcolumbus.com/service-awards](http://Faceforwardcolumbus.com/service-awards).

**CATHOLIC FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS:** The Catholic Foundation's Applications for Scholarships opened on February 1 and close March 1. Since 2007, The Catholic Foundation has awarded over \$1,300,000.00 in scholarships empowering over 200 young people to continue their academic and vocational studies. For more information and to apply, please visit [www.catholic-foundation.org/scholarships](http://www.catholic-foundation.org/scholarships). If you have any questions about our scholarship process please feel free to contact Dan Kurth, VP of Grants, at 614-443-8893 or [dkurth@catholic-foundation.org](mailto:dkurth@catholic-foundation.org).

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## SAINT OF THE DAY FOR FEBRUARY 24

**Blessed Luke Belludi** (1,200-c. 1,285)**Blessed Luke Belludi's Story:**

In 1220, Saint Anthony was preaching conversion to the inhabitants of Padua when a young nobleman, Luke Belludi, came up to him and humbly asked to receive the habit of the followers of Saint Francis. Anthony liked the talented, well-educated Luke and personally recommended him to Francis, who then received him into the Franciscan Order.

Luke, then only 20, was to be Anthony's companion in his travels and in his preaching, tending to him in his last days and taking Anthony's place upon his death. He was appointed guardian of the Friars Minor in the city of Padua. In 1239, the city fell into the hands of its enemies. Nobles were put to death, the mayor and council were banished, the great university of Padua gradually closed and the church dedicated to Saint Anthony was left unfinished. Luke himself was expelled from the city but secretly returned.

At night he and the new guardian would visit the tomb of Saint Anthony in the unfinished shrine to pray for his help. One night a voice came from the tomb assuring them that the city would soon be delivered from its evil tyrant.

After the fulfillment of the prophetic message, Luke was elected provincial minister and furthered the completion of the great basilica in honor of Anthony, his teacher. He founded many convents of the order and had, as Anthony, the gift of miracles. Upon his death he was laid to rest in the basilica that he had helped finish and has had a continual veneration up to the present time.

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