



# ST. PIUS X

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

*We, the people of God at St. Pius X Parish, are a community of believers faithful to the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the Catholic Tradition. We seek holiness through prayer, worship and the sacramental life of the Church. Inspired by the fire of the Holy Spirit, we give witness to the Gospel through education, service and sharing of our time, talent and treasure so that God's kingdom may live and grow in our midst.*

### CELEBRATION OF HOLY MASS

#### SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday 4:30 PM

Sunday 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM

#### HOLY DAY MASSES

Evening vigil as announced

On the day at 8:30 AM

#### WEEKDAY MASSES

8:30 AM, Rosary follows

#### CONFESSIONS

Saturday 3:00-4:00 PM

Wednesday 12:00-12:45 PM

### MAILING ADDRESSES

#### Rectory & Parish Business Office

1051 Waggoner Road, Reynoldsburg 43068

Email - [StPiusX@spxreynoldsburg.com](mailto:StPiusX@spxreynoldsburg.com)

#### St. Pius X Pre-School

1067 Waggoner Road, Reynoldsburg 43068

#### St. Pius X Elementary School

1061 Waggoner Road, Reynoldsburg 43068

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

### BULLETIN DEADLINE

Monday by noon

### SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturday from 3:00-4:00 PM, Wednesday from 12:00-12:45 PM during Holy Hour, and by appointment by calling the rectory office.

### WEDDINGS

No date may be reserved until after an appointment with a parish minister at least six months prior to the desired date.

### BAPTISMS

Baptismal preparation classes for parents are held quarterly. Please register with the rectory for a class. Baptisms are celebrated on the first and third Sundays of the month after Mass at 11:30 AM. Please call the rectory to schedule a date for baptism.

### SICK CALLS

Please call the rectory office, (614) 866-2859, and follow the prompts. If you are homebound, please notify the rectory if you wish to receive Holy Communion.

**ST. PIUS X ENDOWMENT FUND #320CL** - Please contact The Catholic Foundation at 614-443-8893 or visit [www.catholic-foundation.org](http://www.catholic-foundation.org) to learn how your bequest of cash, stock, real estate and/or insurance can help our endowment grow, giving our parish perpetual income.

### PARISH PASTORAL STAFF

Dial (614) 866-2859 for

Fr. David J. Young, Pastor ..... Ext 102

Deacon Jim Kelly ..... Ext 102

Deacon Joseph Lemay ..... Ext 102

Brenda Brammer, Business Manager ..... Ext 116

### PARISH MEMBERSHIP

Formal registration to St. Pius X Church is encouraged. New parishioners may stop at the rectory from Monday-Friday between 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM to register. You may also register directly from our website by completing a secure form or by downloading a registration form and returning it.

# PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

## APRIL 2, 2023

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord

### MASSES FOR APRIL 4-9, 2023

#### Tuesday, April 4

8:30 a.m. (FDY) ✠ Isabella Scarpelli by Grandma Mary & Uncle Dave

#### Wednesday, April 5

8:30 a.m. (FDY) Mass Intention of Priests by Seven Sisters/Serra  
7:00 p.m. Tenebrae

#### Thursday, April 6 – HOLY THURSDAY

7:00 p.m. (FDY) Mass of the Lord's Supper

#### Friday, April 7 – GOOD FRIDAY

3:00 p.m. (FDY) Lord's Passion

#### Saturday, April 8 – EASTER VIGIL

8:00 p.m. (FDY) Living & Deceased Members of the Parish

#### Sunday, April 9 – EASTER SUNDAY

8:00 a.m. (MPG) Living & Deceased Members of the Parish  
10:00 a.m. (FDY) Living & Deceased Members of the Parish

### PULPIT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Confessions at St. Pius X will be heard on Monday, April 3 from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. This will be the last time that Fr. Dave will hear Confessions. He will not hear private Confessions during Holy Week.

The Rice Bowls will be collected this weekend, April 1 and 2. If you have forgotten yours at home, you may turn the rice bowls into the Rectory on Monday and Tuesday only.

The Holy Week schedule is in the bulletin. Please review it for times of Masses from Wednesday through Easter Sunday.

Mass Intentions are available for 2023. Stop in or call the Rectory to schedule.

### COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS

#### For the Week of March 26, 2023:

Budget Requirements	\$	22,500.00
Special Offertory	\$	0.00
Weekly Offertory Received:	\$	26,780.44
Weekly Surplus (Deficit):	\$	4,280.44
Faith Direct	\$	15,233.44
**EFT (Debit) Program	\$	868.50
Envelope Offering:	\$	6,543.00
Loose Offering:	\$	4,135.50
Total Offering:	\$	26,780.44

#### For the Month of March 2023

MTD Budget Requirements:	\$	90,000.00
MTD Actual Offertory Received:	\$	85,139.66
MTD Surplus (Deficit):	\$	(4,860.34)
YTD Budget Requirements	\$	806,000.00
YTD Actual Offertory Received	\$	817,500.75
YTD Surplus (Deficit)	\$	11,500.75
Debit Program Participants:		40
Envelopes Used:		150
Faith Direct Participants:		172

### 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.*

### IN OUR PARISH

**Newly Baptized:** Agnes Montserrat Vidales, daughter of Edgar & Corrinne; Moti Michael Degaga, son of Gemechis & Erica; Nox Attilio Petkac, son of Jacob & Teresa

### THIS AND THAT...

"The Word Among Us" (\$2.00) and "Living Faith" (\$1.00) publications are available in the Rectory Office.

**All Donation Bins** are now located at the side entrance (back of church through the double doors by the Holy Family statue). Please do not leave donations in the Narthex/Vestibule.

**Lost & Found** is located in the Narthex/Vestibule near the Quieting Room.

**Emails/Text Messages from Fr. Dave:** If you receive a message from Fr. Dave asking for gift cards of any sort, please be aware that this is a **SCAM. DO NOT** respond to it!! These scammers are really good. If you have questions or need clarification, always call the Rectory.

**Donation Envelopes:** Please, please **DO NOT** leave your donation envelopes in the big white mailbox in the parking lot at any time of the day. The locked black mailbox is located on the railing of the front porch next to the Rectory's front door that you can use. We are not responsible if the mailman gets your money!

**New Parishioner Registration:** Register online from SPX Website or visit the Rectory for a registration. We encourage all who attend Masses to formally register with St. Pius X Church to become a member.

**JOIN Donations:** Any small size items, such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, mouthwash, soap, shampoo and lotions, are always needed and appreciated for the needy. Please use the JOIN donation bin to put your items in.

**Joseph's Coat:** Please consider volunteering your time with this organization to help the needy. Household goods, furniture and mattresses, etc., are in great need. Please be a benefactor to Joseph's Coat by mailing monetary donations at any time to 240 Outerbelt Street, Suite 5, Columbus, OH 43213. Please visit [www.josephs-coat.org](http://www.josephs-coat.org) for additional information.

**Lending Library:** This library of books is located in the vestibule of the church on the bookcases. Please feel free to take a book to read and return it when finished.

**Can't get to Mass on a regular basis?** Want Communion brought to you at home? Call Leah Kelly at the Rectory at 614-866-2859 and schedule a visit.

**Sr. Maxine is now back** on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the Bride's Room from 9:00-11:30 a.m. Stop in to see her during this time without an appointment. Please call the Rectory to schedule a personal appointment to see her at a time convenient for you both.

## THIS WEEK AT ST. PIUS X – APRIL 3-7, 2023

<b>Monday, April 3</b>	Liturgy of the Hours	Church	9:00 a.m.
	Rosary	Church	9:15 a.m.
	K of C Women's Group	Parish Center, Meeting Room	1:30 p.m.
	Divine Mercy	Church	6:00 p.m.
	Rosary for the Sick	Church	6:30 p.m.
<b>Tuesday, April 4</b>	TMIY(Evening)	Parish Center, Meeting Room.	7:00 p.m.
	Liturgy of the Hours	Church	8:00 a.m.
	Rosary	Church	9:15 a.m.
	Stations of the Cross	Church	9:30 a.m.
	Choir	Church	6:00 p.m.
<b>Wednesday, April 5</b>	Liturgy of the Hours	Church	8:00 a.m.
	Rosary	Church	9:15 a.m.
	Senior Fellowship Group	Parish Center, Room A	1:30 p.m.
<b>Thursday, April 6</b>	TMIY (Morning)	Parish Center, Room A	6:00 a.m.
	Liturgy of the Hours	Church	9:00 a.m.
	Rosary	Church	9:15 a.m.
<b>Friday, April 7</b>	Liturgy of the Hours	Church	9:00 a.m.
	Rosary	Church	9:15 a.m.
	Novena for Divine Mercy	Church	9:45 a.m.
	Stations of the Cross	Church	6:00 p.m.

**SENIOR FELLOWSHIP GROUP**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 5, 2023 from 1:15-4:00 p.m. in the Parish Center, Room A. New members are always welcome.

**THE PONTIFICAL GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION**

The Good Friday Collection will be used to help support the Christians who live in the Holy Land and to preserve the Holy Sites in the Holy Land. Thank you in advance for your generous donations.

**RICE BOWL COLLECTION WEEKEND:**

Please note that Rice Bowls will be collected on Palm Sunday Weekend, April 1 and 2. To make it easier for the office staff counting the money, please convert your donation to a **CHECK** made out to **SAINT PIUS X** and place it on the table located in the back of church. Thank you so much for your generosity and participation in this Lenten program.

**RECONCILIATION MONDAY**

The Diocese of Columbus will be having Reconciliation Monday on April 3 during Holy Week. Father Dave will be available to hear Confessions in church from 4:00-7:00 p.m. that evening. This will be your last opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Penance in Lent. There are no Confessions on Holy Saturday.

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY, APRIL 16**

Please join us for Divine Mercy Sunday. Beginning at 11:00 a.m. and concluding at 1:00 p.m., there will be Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Rosary will be prayed. Confessions will be heard from 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. We will then close with Benediction. All are invited!

**MILITARY OUTREACH**

Just a reminder that donations for the Military Outreach Program need dropped off in the side entrance vestibule (adjacent to the Holy Family statue in the back of the church) by Sunday, April 2. If you were unable to bring in your donation, just drop it off at your earliest convenience. We will be shipping items out by April 5. Any remaining items donated after April 5 will be used in some of our early summer deployment care packages. You are welcome to come help sort and pack the goods on Sunday, April 2 after the 8:00 a.m. Mass in the Latchkey Workshop. Anyone is welcome to volunteer in this spring sorting event. Questions can be directed to Krista Schumacher at 614-323-7048 or delroshoe@yahoo.com. Thank you so much for your support of this very worthwhile effort!



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**PARISH CENTER MONITORS**

We have a GREAT need to have a group of volunteers that could monitor the PARISH FAMILY CENTER when events are going on, such as Wedding Receptions, Rehearsal Dinners, Graduation Parties, Birthday Parties, Wedding/Baby Showers, Fundraisers, etc., basically anytime the PFC is rented out. We only need one person at a time, but could have two or three at a time if you wanted to buddy up. If we don't have monitors, then we can't rent the Parish Center out, which results in a loss of income. If you have wanted to volunteer in some capacity for the church, this would be a great opportunity! If you would like more information, please contact Cyndi Williams at cyndiw2000@yahoo.com or call 614-390-4718. A training session will be scheduled. The most critical need will be for May, June and July.

**SPRING 2023 SUPER CASH BONANZA CHARITY CAMPAIGN**

NOW FULLY UNDERWAY, with \$108,000.00 to be given away, 25 prizes in all. Drawing to take place at the Knights of Columbus State Convention, Saturday, May 20th at the Hilton Downtown. Tickets are \$5.00 each. All proceeds benefit local charities, such as \$2,000.00 tuition assistance to St. Pius School, \$500.00 to St. Vincent de Paul for Food Baskets, \$500.00 to Pregnancy Distress Center, \$500.00 to Columbus Diocese Religious Education, Coats for Kids and Adopt-a-Student in MacArthur, Reynoldsburg Halloween Party, \$500.00 scholarship for two boys and two girls to Hartley and Newark Catholic and one boy to St. Charles, Rosaries for First Communicants, Altar Server awards at the end of school year, Basketball Free Throw Contest, Soccer Challenge, Support for Veterans, and Ronald McDonald House, just to name a few of the many programs the Knights at St. Pius undertake with your generous support. Tickets will be available from any member of the Knights of Columbus.





### ROSARY GARDEN FOR ST. PIUS X CHURCH TO FLOURISH!

The Adam Schneider Memorial Rosary Garden was redesigned last summer. This summer, we want to add more plantings and added design. We are gratefully accepting donations from Parishioners for this continued project. Please put your donations in an envelope labeled *Rosary Garden* and place in the Offertory basket or drop off at the Rectory/Business Office.

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

SAVE THE DATES! Seton and St. Pius will team up again this summer for Vacation Bible School from June 19th to 23rd! This year's theme is SonForce Kids: Special Agents for God. It will once again be hosted by Seton. Registration will open for volunteers (Students who have completed grade 5 through Adults) on April 1st. Many volunteers are needed – Please prayerfully consider being a part of this exciting event. Registration will open for participants on May 1st. For more information, contact Judie Bryant at [spx\\_cia\\_news@yahoo.com](mailto:spx_cia_news@yahoo.com).

### ATTENTION ALL GOLFERS

It is that time of year and the St Pius X golf league is once again looking for new players. We play at Blacklick Woods golf course on Tuesday nights, starting this year on May 2nd. The season runs for 15 weeks. It is a handicap league open to both men and women. The cost is \$15.00 per week to play, with another \$6.50 per week for a cart if desired. Anyone interested, please contact Ed Greer at 614-542-7010 or email at [51eag69@gmail.com](mailto:51eag69@gmail.com).

### PRAYERS FOR THE GIFT OF LIFE

Prayers for Paul Reisinger, a parishioner of St. Pius X, who is in need of a kidney transplant. If you might be interested and willing to give the Gift of Life, there's an online health history questionnaire you can fill out at [osuwexmedlivingdonor.org](http://osuwexmedlivingdonor.org) or you may contact Paul at [PaulNeedsKidneyDonor@gmail.com](mailto:PaulNeedsKidneyDonor@gmail.com). In the encyclical *"Evangelium Vitae"* ("The Gospel of Life"), Pope St. John Paul II said that, in the mystery of the Cross, "Jesus reveals the value of every person, and how life attains its fullness in the sincere gift of self. Over and above such outstanding moments, there is an everyday heroism, made up of gestures of sharing, big or small, which build up an authentic Culture of Life. A particularly praiseworthy example of such gestures is the donation of organs, performed in an ethically acceptable manner, with a view to offering a chance of health and even of *life itself* to the sick..." To be an organ/tissue donor is truly a beautiful witness to the Gift of Life!

### NEW PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS NEEDED

WE NEED YOU! The St. Pius X Pastoral Advisory Council (PAC) seeks interested parishioners to serve on the Council. The Council acts as an adviser to our pastor to identify and meet parish needs. The commitment involves attending one monthly Council meeting from September through June. Usually, meetings are held the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Family Center. This is your opportunity to become involved in parish life and various activities offered throughout the year to give our parishioners a greater sense of community. Please prayerfully consider submitting an application for this wonderful opportunity to serve God. The term of office is three years. It's amazing how quickly three years can go by! The Council is made up of your fellow parishioners who like to have a little fun, too. If you have any questions, please email Cyndi Williams at [cyndiw2000@yahoo.com](mailto:cyndiw2000@yahoo.com). Applications may be completed on the parish website at [www.spxreynoldsburg.com](http://www.spxreynoldsburg.com) and click at the top on **Ministries**, then select **Parish Council** and then select **Apply Online to Parish Council** to submit your application electronically or print it out and turn it in to the Parish Office. We look forward to learning of your interest in joining the Council.

### WOMEN ABLAZE

We have extra shirts/sweatshirts for Women Ablaze if you are interested. The shop did a few extra for us. We have two Men's Short Sleeve T-shirts, \$20.00 each; Women's Long Sleeve Shirt – one Small and one XXL, \$25.00 each; two Sweatshirts 2XL, \$35.00 each. This sale helps support events hosted by the Women's Ablaze Ministry. If you are interested in purchasing, please stop in at the rectory. Thank you!

### WALKING WITH PURPOSE – STUDY: ROOTED AND RADIANT

Please join the Women Ablaze Ministry for a Walking with Purpose Bible Study titled "Rooted and Radiant." This study is written by author and speaker Mallory Smyth. She will help us understand the challenges that the Colossians faced, recognizing that they are remarkably similar to our own challenges we face today. Please join us on either Monday mornings from 10:00-11:30 a.m. or Monday evenings from 7:00-8:30 p.m., **starting April 17th and ending May 22nd**. For planning purposes, we ask that you **register by April 7th**. Please go to the St. Pius X website to register and there is a link to order your book from Walking with Purpose.



### THE ARMORY – The SPX Men's Ministry "Instaurare Omnia in Christo!"

#### Carry the Cross:

*"If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me."* Mark 8:34

**ATTENTION! Men of St. Pius X.** Why not join *The Armory* for a unique praying of the Stations of the Cross on **Holy Saturday, April 8th from 7:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.** We will meet at JFK Park in downtown Reynoldsburg. Our challenge is to assist each other in carrying a 10x6 foot cross made of 4x4 Cedar over an eight-mile round-trip course from JFK, through Huber Park and Blacklick Woods along bike trails and sidewalks. Men, young and *older*, if you feel up to the challenge for a morning filled with prayer, hymns and fellowship, then mark your calendars now to join other men of SPX. Contact John Zacovic at [jzacovic@insight.rr.com](mailto:jzacovic@insight.rr.com) or 614-322-9473 if you have any questions. *More to follow...*

### HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

- April 3** Diocesan "Reconciliation Monday"  
Confessions, 4:00-7:00 p.m. at St. Pius
- April 4** Chrism Mass at St. Joseph Cathedral  
Check Diocesan Website for details
- April 5** Tenebrae, 7:00 p.m.
- April 6** Holy Thursday  
Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7:00 p.m.  
Adoration until 10:00 p.m.
- April 7** Celebration of the Lord's Passion, 3:00 p.m.  
Stations of the Cross and  
Eucharistic Exposition, 6:00 p.m.  
**Day of Fast and Abstinence**
- April 8** Blessing of Easter food baskets, 1:00 p.m., church  
Easter Vigil, 8:00 p.m.  
No Confessions
- April 9** Easter Sunday  
8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.
- April 16** Divine Mercy Sunday  
Devotions, 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.  
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament,  
Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Rosary  
Confessions will be heard until 12:30 p.m.

**FAST** refers to the amount of food eaten. All Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 are to fast on **Ash Wednesday and Good Friday**. This means that only one full meal and two smaller meals are to be eaten on these two days. Solid foods between meals are to be avoided. **ABSTINENCE** means that all Catholics over 14 years of age are obligated to abstain from meat on **Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent**.

**Matt and Abby Andres**

	Sacristan	Lectors	EMHC	Servers	Ushers	MC Server
<b>Thursday, 7:00 p.m.</b> <b>Holy Thursday</b> (Dcn Kelly and Dcn Lemay)	Mary Girard	John E. Goetz (1) Judy Cafmeyer (2)	Seminarian – Ambo Host (EMHC 1) Deacon – Organ Host (EMHC 1)	Max Ujczó Andrew Bassetti Ryan Bassetti Nathan Ogden	Dan Ujczó Bob Outlaw <b>NOT FILLED</b> <b>NOT FILLED</b>	
<b>Friday, 3:00 p.m.</b> <b>Good Friday</b> (Dcn Kelly and Dcn Lemay)	Cyndi Williams	Denise Colucci (1) Michael Paszkiewicz (2)	Seminarian – Ambo Host (EMHC 1) Deacon – Organ Host (EMHC 1)	Deryn Summers Lynden Summers Andrew Bassetti	<b>NOT FILLED</b> <b>NOT FILLED</b> <b>NOT FILLED</b> <b>NOT FILLED</b>	
<b>Saturday, 8:00 p.m.</b> <b>Holy Saturday</b> <b>Easter Vigil</b> (Dcn Kelly and Dcn Lemay)	Cyndi Williams	Donna Nesbitt (1) Ted Habak (2) Teresa Iannaggi (3)	Seminarian – Ambo Host (EMHC 1) Deacon Deacon – Organ Host (EMHC 1)	Megan Luallen Cara Luallen Max Ujczó Lynden Summers	Dan Ujczó <b>NOT FILLED</b> <b>NOT FILLED</b> <b>NOT FILLED</b>	Seminarian
<b>Sunday, 8:00 a.m.</b> <b>Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord</b> (Dcn Kelly)	Michael Paszkiewicz	Linda Dlugiewicz (1) Carol McGlone (2)	Seminarian – Ambo Host (EMHC 1) Marilyn Wikoff – Organ Host (EMHC 1)	<b>NOT FILLED</b> <b>NOT FILLED</b> Victoria McDowell	David Dlugiewicz Dave Williams <b>NOT FILLED</b> <b>NOT FILLED</b>	Seminarian
<b>Sunday, 10:00 a.m.</b> <b>Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord</b> (Dcn Lemay)	Laura Briggs	Denise Colucci (1) Judy Cafmeyer (2)	Seminarian – Ambo Host (EMHC 1) Mary Ann Wingard – Organ Host (EMHC 1)	Andrew Bassetti Ryan Bassetti <b>NOT FILLED</b> <b>NOT FILLED</b>	Wayne Wingard Steven Frase Gervase Ngalla Dennis Powell	Seminarian
<b>Saturday, 8:00 p.m. (Lector Epistle) – Michael Berger</b>						
<b>Sunday, 11:00 a.m. (Church Linens) – De Ann Bukowski</b>						

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### MSP MINISTRY SCHEDULE

For all parishioners who are involved in the Mass on the weekends, we have begun using the Ministry Scheduler Pro, as we did several years ago before Covid. The weekly schedules will now be in the bulletin each week. It is requested that you always use the Sub Request feature if you are unable to honor your scheduled time AND that you **continue to enter your unavailable times in MSP**. Any questions, please email Cyndi Williams at [cyndiw2000@yahoo.com](mailto:cyndiw2000@yahoo.com).

### AROUND TOWN

#### SETON PARISH GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

The Seton Parish Grief Support Group will be starting Sunday, April 16, at 1:30 p.m. in the parish library. The group is for anyone who has lost a loved one and needs help coping. For more information or to sign up, please contact Kathy Willard at [mamakath@aol.com](mailto:mamakath@aol.com).

#### EVENING OF EXCELLENCE

Please join us for Bishop Hartley's 32nd annual Evening of Excellence, Saturday, April 15, 2023. The Evening of Excellence is our single-largest school fundraiser and provides the primary funding for Hartley's merit-based scholarship and need-based tuition assistance programs. The evening features dinner and live and silent auctions. Visit the Bishop Hartley Evening of Excellence website at [bishophartley.org/eveningofexcellence](https://bishophartley.org/eveningofexcellence) to donate or purchase tickets.

#### CURIOUS ABOUT NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING?

As Catholics, we've been told that Natural Family Planning (NFP) is a morally permissible way for couples to intentionally plan their family. Where does this teaching come from? How do the different models of NFP work to help couples trying to conceive or postpone pregnancy? Are they effective? Find the answers to these questions and any of your own about NFP at **Human Love in the Divine Plan: An Introduction to NFP**, a free weekly online session with Diocesan NFP Specialist Jennifer Fullin. Register at <https://www.picktime.com/marriageandfamilylife>. Or gather a group and invite Jennifer to speak at your next meeting. [jfullin@columbuscatholic.org](mailto:jfullin@columbuscatholic.org) or 614-241-2560.

#### CONVERGING ROADS HEALTH CARE ETHICS CONFERENCE

Catholic Medicine in a Secular Society, April 22, 2023 - Pontifical College Josephinum, Columbus, Ohio. Presented by the St. John Paul II Foundation, the Diocese of Columbus and The Catholic Medical Association of Central Ohio. Continuing education credits for healthcare professionals will be offered. In-person Registration: \$75.00-\$159.00, based on CME/CNE inclusion. Online registration: \$45.00-\$129.00, based on CME/CNE inclusion. For more information, please visit [convergingroads.com](https://convergingroads.com) or email [CR@forlifeandfamily.org](mailto:CR@forlifeandfamily.org).

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## RESPECTING LIFE AT THE END OF LIFE

*Join us for a faith-filled seminar this spring*

1. DID YOU KNOW THERE ARE CATHOLIC DIRECTIVES FOR SERIOUS ILLNESSES AND END OF LIFE DECISIONS THAT LET YOU BE IN CONTROL (INSTEAD OF MEDICAL PERSONNEL)?
2. WOULD YOU LIKE TO SAVE YOUR FAMILY THE STRESS OF PLANNING THE READINGS AND HYMNS FOR YOUR FUNERAL?
3. DO YOU KNOW THE CATHOLIC PROTOCOL FOR THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL?

**APRIL 23, 2023 | SUNDAY**

**2PM - 5PM | AT THE SPX PARISH FAMILY CENTER**

**Presenters**

- Fr. David Young on *Catholic Funerals*
- Beth Vanderkooi from *Greater Columbus Right to Life on End of Life Decisions*
- Christy Steffy from the *Catholic Foundation on Endowment Awareness*

*Drinks and snacks will be provided! So we know how many handouts to provide, RSVP using the sign up genius on the SPX website. Walk-ins welcome! If you have any questions, please email Gail Wood at [gailwood0630@gmail.com](mailto:gailwood0630@gmail.com).*



# Saint Isidore of Seville

(c. 560 – April 4, 636)

## Saint Isidore of Seville's Story

The 76 years of Isidore's life were a time of conflict and growth for the Church in Spain. The Visigoths had invaded the land a century and a half earlier, and shortly before Isidore's birth, they set up their own capital. They were Arians – Christians who said Christ was not God. Thus, Spain was split in two: One people (Catholic Romans) struggled with another (Arian Goths).

Isidore reunited Spain, making it a center of culture and learning. The country served as a teacher and guide for other European countries whose culture was also threatened by barbarian invaders.

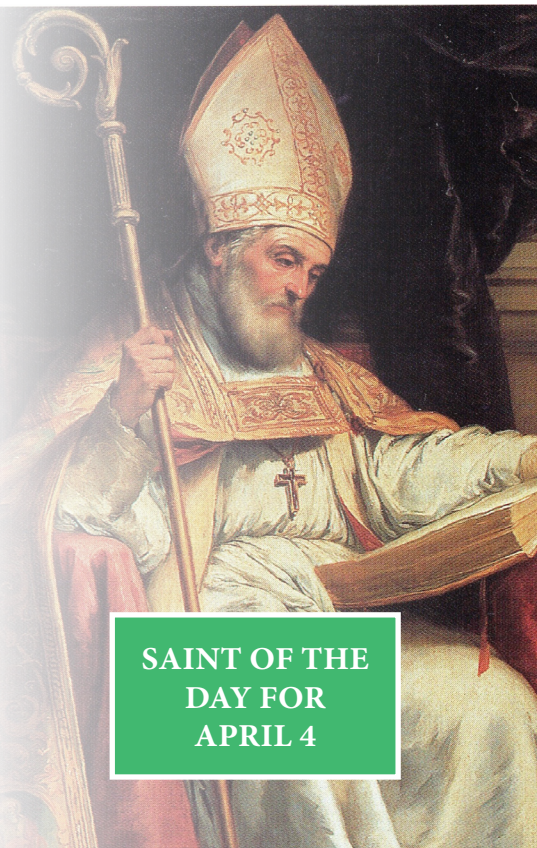
Born in Cartagena of a family that included three other sibling saints – Leander, Fulgentius and Florentina – he was educated by his elder brother, whom he succeeded as bishop of Seville.

An amazingly learned man, he was sometimes called "The Schoolmaster of the Middle Ages" because the encyclopedia he wrote was used as a textbook for nine centuries. He required seminaries to be built in every diocese, wrote a Rule for religious orders, and founded schools that taught every branch of learning. Isidore wrote numerous books, including a dictionary, an encyclopedia, a history of Goths, and a history of the world – beginning with creation! He completed the Mozarabic liturgy, which is still in use in Toledo, Spain. For all these reasons, Isidore has been suggested as patron of the Internet. Several others – including Anthony of Padua – also have been suggested.

He continued his austerities even as he approached age 80. During the last six months of his life, he increased his charities so much that his house was crowded from morning till night with the poor of the countryside.

**Reflection:** Our society can well use Isidore's spirit of combining learning and holiness. Loving, understanding and knowledge can heal and bring a broken people back together. We are not barbarians like the invaders of Isidore's Spain. But people who are swamped by riches and overwhelmed by scientific and technological advances can lose much of their understanding love for one another.

**Saint Isidore of Seville is the Patron Saint of:** Internet users; Computers users



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