



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

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 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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 23, 2023

May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord, Jesus Christ

MASSES FOR APRIL 25-30, 2023

Tuesday, April 25

8:30 a.m. (FSO) ✠ Ed & Sarah Urban by the Messaros Family

Wednesday, April 26

8:30 a.m. (FDY) ✠ Deceased Members of the Gaus Family
by Ann Gaus

Thursday, April 27

8:30 a.m. (FDY) Mass Intentions for Vocations
by SPX Men's Group/Serra

Friday, April 28

8:30 a.m. (FDY) Living and Deceased Members of the Parish

Saturday, April 29

4:30 p.m. (FDY) Special Intentions for Diego Alcauter
by Laura Campos

Sunday, April 30

8:00 a.m. (FDY) Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
10:00 a.m. (MPG) ✠ Shirley Callahan by Karen, Jake
& Josh Lundgren

PULPIT ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Pancake Breakfast will take place after both Sunday Masses on April 23 in the Parish Center. Plan to attend to get a great breakfast to start your day and visit with friends!

The Respect Life Committee will be holding an "End of Life" Seminar this Sunday, April 23. Please see the bulletin article in this bulletin for the topics that will be covered.

COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS

For the Week of April 16, 2023:

Budget Requirements	\$	20,000.00
Special Offertory	\$	0.00
Weekly Offertory Received:	\$	37,430.73
Weekly Surplus (Deficit):	\$	17,430.73
Faith Direct	\$	21,714.09
**EFT (Debit) Program	\$	5,656.84
Envelope Offering:	\$	8,654.00
Loose Offering:	\$	1,405.80
Total Offering:	\$	37,430.73

For the Month of April 2023

MTD Budget Requirements:	\$	60,000.00
MTD Actual Offertory Received:	\$	72,568.75
MTD Surplus (Deficit):	\$	12,568.75
YTD Budget Requirements	\$	866,000.00
YTD Actual Offertory Received	\$	888,569.50
YTD Surplus (Deficit)	\$	22,569.50
Debit Program Participants:		105
Envelopes Used:		164
Faith Direct Participants:		216

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 Registered: Jeremy, Karen, Gavin & Gracie Kehres; Diane Tiefenthaler

Newly Baptized: Nathan Gabriel Searles, son of Adam & Sarah; Colby Zane Shalosky, son of Martin & Terri

THIS AND THAT...

"The Word Among Us" (\$2.00) & "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 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 visiting www.josephs-coat.org for additional information on how to donate.

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 will be available by appointment only. Please call the Rectory to schedule a personal appointment to see her at a time convenient for you both in the Bride's Room.

THIS WEEK AT ST. PIUS X - APRIL 24-30, 2023

Monday, April 24	Liturgy of the Hours	Church	9:00 a.m.
	Rosary	Church	9:15 a.m.
	Women Ablaze (Morning)	Parish Center	10:00 a.m.
	Divine Mercy	Church	6:00 p.m.
	Rosary for the Sick	Church	6:30 p.m.
	Women Ablaze (Evening)	Parish Center	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, April 25	TMIY	Parish Center, Meeting Room	7:00 p.m.
	Liturgy of the Hours	Church	8:00 a.m.
	Rosary	Church	9:15 a.m.
	Choir	Church	6:00 p.m.
	Finance Council	Parish Center, Room A	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, April 26	Liturgy of the Hours	Church	8:00 a.m.
	Rosary	Church	9:15 a.m.
	Knit/Crochet Group	Parish Center, Room A	9:30 a.m.
	Eucharistic Exposition	Sacred Heart Chapel	9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
	Holy Hour-Confessions	Church Sanctuary	12:00-1:00 p.m.
	RCIA	Parish Center, Meeting Room	6:30 p.m.
Thursday, April 27	Liturgy of the Hours	Church	8:00 a.m.
	Rosary	Church	9:15 a.m.
	New Creation	Church	7:00 p.m.
Friday, April 28	Liturgy of the Hours	Church	8:00 a.m.
	Rosary	Church	9:15 a.m.
	Friends Across Time	Parish Center	10:15 a.m.
Saturday, April 29	Men's FS/SS	Parish Center, Meeting Room	7:30 a.m.
	Young Mother's Group	Church Chapel	8:00 a.m.
	First Communion	Church	10:00 a.m.
Sunday, April 30	PSR	School	11:15 a.m.-12:45 p.m.
	New Parishioner Brunch	Parish Center	11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.



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PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting their monthly all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast **following the 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Masses this Sunday, April 23rd** in the Msgr. Funk Parish Center. Price will be \$6.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children (12 and under), and \$20.00 for families. Please join your fellow parishioners for breakfast and fellowship. Cash and credit card are accepted.

FIRST ANNUAL ST. PIUS X FLEA MARKET

Save the date for our first SPX flea market on Saturday, June 10 from 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. with all proceeds **benefiting the SPX Latchkey program**. If interested in renting a space, the fee is \$30.00 for two parking spaces. One space for your car and one space for what you are going to sell. This fee includes one table for your use, additional tables are \$5, or you can bring your own. If you feel one parking spot is not enough for what you have to sell, for an additional \$20.00, you can get another two parking spaces, one for another car (if needed) and one (or two) for the items you are selling. Paper and online registrations will open May 1. **More details to come next weekend.** If you have any questions, please feel free to email Patricia Zeitman at pzeitman@spxreynoldsburg.com.



CRS RICE BOWL: THANK YOU

Our community changed lives this Lent through CRS Rice Bowl, and we want to say THANK YOU! As a Parish Community, we collected \$3,128.04. May God bless your generosity.

ROMANS 12:13 NEW PARISHIONER BRUNCH

All those new to St. Pius X, new to the Catholic Faith, those that may have missed an earlier brunch or anyone who's been away from the Church and has now returned home, we cordially invite you and your family to attend a New Parishioner Brunch after the 10:00 a.m. Mass on **April 30th from 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.** in the Parish Family Center. The brunch will be an excellent opportunity to meet our ministry team, other ministry leaders as well as pastoral staff members and to learn about the St. Pius X Parish Family! Please be sure to attend and we look forward to meeting you.

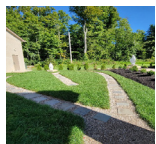
SEMINARIAN, MICHAEL HAEMMERLE'S REFLECTIONS

The Gospel today has a couple important points that I want to write about. First, Jesus showed the disciples who were walking away from Jerusalem that all the Scriptures pointed to Him. What Scriptures was He talking about? The New Testament hadn't been written yet. This was the Jewish Scriptures, the Old Testament. Everything in the Old Testament points to Jesus. He is active in a hidden way throughout the whole story of Salvation History. The prophets foretell Him. He is prefigured in Adam, and Moses and others. St. Augustine wrote that the New Testament is concealed in the Old Testament and the Old Testament is revealed in the New Testament. The second thing is that Jesus was recognized by the disciples in the breaking of the bread. The phrase "breaking of the bread" is how St. Luke and St. Paul often refer to Mass. Jesus was made visible to the disciples in the Mass. And it is through the Mass that Jesus is made visible to us in the Eucharist. The Eucharist is the real, true, substantial presence of Jesus Christ.

The final thing for this weekend is that Jesus met the disciples on the road to Emmaus walking away from Jerusalem. They had given up on Him and were going back to their old lives. They had betrayed Him. And Jesus chased after them. He found them running away and He didn't condemn them or smite them but had a conversation with them. He gently showed them where they had gone wrong. And then He gave them Himself in the Eucharist. How often we run away from what God calls us to, and each time He chases after us calling us back to Him.

ST. PIUS X SCHOOL BOARD SEEKING NEW MEMBERS

The St. Pius X School Board is looking for three new members for the upcoming 2023/2024 school year. The Saint Pius X School Advisory Board functions in an advisory role to the Saint Pius X School principal and the parish pastor. The Board is comprised of 15 voting members who serve a three-year term. Twelve members must be registered parishioners of St. Pius X, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton and/or a parent or guardian of a St. Pius student. Volunteers to the School Advisory Board should be over the age of 21 and be able to attend monthly meetings that are held on the third Tuesday of each month between September and May at 7:00 p.m. Because Board members may be involved in school events throughout the school year, volunteers are required to have a BCI including fingerprinting and complete a Protecting God's Children workshop. Parents interested in serving on the board will be required to attend the upcoming board meeting on Tuesday, May 16th at 7:00 in the school cafeteria. Please email school board president, Craig Lomonico, at clsomonico@gmail.com to express your interest.



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.

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 or you may contact Paul at 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!



To Jesus through Mary

Praised be Jesus Christ!*All are welcome!***Ordination to the Diaconate***for the Diocese of Columbus*

On May 5, 2023 at 7 o'clock in the evening

Saint Paul the Apostle Church

313 N State Street Westerville, Ohio

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The First Preaching Mass of

Deacon Michael Robert Haemmerle

On Saturday, May 6, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.

Reception to Follow

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish

600 Hill Road North, Pickerington, Ohio

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, Fund Raisers, etc., basically anytime the PFC is rented out. We only need 1 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.

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. Applications may be completed on the parish website at 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. **Applications are due by April 30, 2023.**

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.

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ST. PIUS X CATHOLIC CHURCH

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.

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.

Dear St. Pius X Family,

We are parishioners of St. Pius X and are currently working to raise money for an autism service dog for our son, Eli. Autistic children often have struggles to some degree in all aspects of life. Eli has continued to struggle with communication and often gets frustrated when he is unable to communicate his wants and needs. Imagine living in another country where the people don't speak your language and struggle to communicate. How frustrating! He also demonstrates several stimming behaviors, like hand flapping, spinning, jumping and head shaking, which he does when he gets excited, overwhelmed, or frustrated. Over the last year, Eli has been struggling more and more with elopement. This has been our biggest reason for pursuing a service dog for him. Elopement is common in children with autism and occurs when the child wanders or runs away. Training a service dog to meet the requirements can be very costly. On average, it costs between \$40,000.00-\$60,000.00 to raise, train, and place a service dog at 4 Paws for Ability. We are tasked with raising \$23,000.00 of that amount and are hoping that we can receive assistance to make our family's dream come true. If you are interested in helping our cause, you can go to www.mightycause.com and search for "4 Paws for Eli"

All our love,
Matt and Abby Andes

April 29-30: Fourth Sunday of Easter

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THE ST. PIUS X ARMORY 2023 SPEAKER SERIES *"Instaurare Omnia in Christo!"*

Recent polls have shown that 70% of Catholics do not believe in the Real Presence of Our Lord in the Eucharist. Considering these statistics, The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops is in the midst of a multiyear **National Eucharistic Revival** to help restore an understanding and devotion to this great mystery by helping us renew our worship of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. In response to this **Revival** initiative, The Armory invites all members of the parish to join us for a 2023 Quarterly Speaker Series:

"Living in the Presence of Our Eucharistic Lord"

When: Saturday, May 13th from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Theme: *"The Eucharist in the Bible"*

Where: In the Church

Featured Speaker: Fr. Thomas Blau, OP of St Patrick's Priory.

****Each session includes Exposition/Adoration and Confession.**

****There will also be light refreshments.**

"Our world is hurting. We all need healing, yet many of us are separated from the very source of our strength. Jesus Christ invites us to return to the source and summit of our faith in the celebration of the Eucharist."

AROUND TOWN



NEWARK CATHOLIC AUCTION

The Newark Catholic Touch of Class Auction will be held on April 29th at Newark Catholic High School. The event will kick off with a mix-and-mingle for attendees starting at 7:00 p.m. Heavy hors d'oeuvres and drinks will be available. Join with your friends and other supporters of NCHS to make this a historic fundraising event!

Silent Auction items will be available for bidding on the auction website starting on April 28th. The Silent Auction will conclude prior to the Grand Auction which will start live on April 29th at 8:30 p.m. Grand Auction items will only be open for bids from attendees at the event. We are thrilled that this hybrid event will allow an unlimited number of participants to attend across the country and bid on the generous Silent Auction items donated by our local business supporters!

Tickets for admission to The 30th Annual Touch of Class Auction will be available for purchase NOW! Visit <https://newarkcatholic.ejoinme.org/MyEvents/ATouchofClassAuction2023/> to purchase tickets! (select the Admission Ticket & Cash Donation tab) You are also able to make a cash donation and purchase a sponsorship package on this site. Please consider making a cash donation.

Please invite your family, friends, colleagues and others who may want to attend by sharing this email. Also, follow us, share and interact with our Facebook and Instagram pages @nchsauktion.

If you have questions, please send an email to auction@newarkcatholic.org.

SETON PARISH GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

The Seton Parish Grief Support Group started 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.

ST. CHARLES OFFERING 24 SUMMER PROGRAMS, CAMPS, AND CLASSES

This June and July, St. Charles will offer 24 different camp sessions for students of all ages and interests. These include co-ed camps in Robotics, Volleyball, Ice Hockey, and Basketball, for those as young as incoming 1st graders! In addition, learn about Camp Cardinal (a day-camp all about having fun and exploring the best of St. Charles!) Baseball, Basketball Shooting, Football, Lacrosse, Soccer and Speed camps. To register or learn more about these opportunities, visit www.scprep.org and select "Summer Programs" under the "About" section. Contact Ned Gruber at 614-804-7230 or ngruber@scprep.org with questions.



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. Contact her at jfullin@columbuscatholic.org or 614-241-2560.

SPICE SOCIAL GROUP SUMMER CAMPS

Join us at Bishop Hartley this summer for a special social group as we focus on general social skills and the specific needs of students at the start of their educational career. These camps are designed for children who have been diagnosed with a disability who need support in the areas of communication, social interactions and relationships. The camps will help students work on skills needed to better understand emotions, build friendships, learn expectations of the school setting, and develop confidence in many different social situations. July 10-13, Grades 5-9; July 17-20, Grades 1-4. REGISTER TODAY! For questions, please contact Cara Rezabek at crezabek@cducation.org.

Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen

(1577 – April 24, 1622)

Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen's Story

If a poor man needed some clothing, Fidelis would often give the man the clothes right off his back. Complete generosity to others characterized this saint's life.

Born in 1577, Mark Rey became a lawyer who constantly upheld the causes of the poor and oppressed people. Nicknamed "the poor man's lawyer," Rey soon grew disgusted with the corruption and injustice he saw among his colleagues. He left his law career to become a priest, joining his brother George as a member of the Capuchin Order. Fidelis was his religious name. His wealth was divided between needy seminarians and the poor.

As a follower of Saint Francis of Assisi, Fidelis continued his devotion to the weak and needy. During a severe epidemic in a city where he was guardian of a friary, Fidelis cared for and cured many sick soldiers.

He was appointed head of a group of Capuchins sent to preach against the Calvinists and Zwinglians in Switzerland. Almost certain violence threatened. Those who observed the mission felt that success was more attributable to the prayer of Fidelis during the night than to his sermons and instructions.

He was accused of opposing the peasants' national aspirations for independence from Austria. While he was preaching at Seewis, to which he had gone against the advice of his friends, a gun was fired at him, but he escaped unharmed. A Protestant offered to shelter Fidelis, but he declined, saying his life was in God's hands. On the road back, he was set upon by a group of armed men and killed.

Fidelis was canonized in 1746. Fifteen years later he was recognized as a martyr.

Reflection: Fidelis' constant prayer was that he be kept completely faithful to God and not give in to any lukewarmness or apathy. He was often heard to exclaim, "Woe to me if I should prove myself but a halfhearted soldier in the service of my thorn-crowned Captain." His prayer against apathy, and his concern for the poor and weak make him a saint whose example is valuable today. The modern Church is calling us to follow the example of "the poor man's lawyer" by sharing ourselves and our talents with those less fortunate and by working for justice in the world.



SAINT OF THE
DAY FOR
APRIL 24

PHONES

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