



# 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.

# FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

## APRIL 30, 2023

The merciful love of God fills the earth!

### MASSES FOR MAY 2-7, 2023

#### Tuesday, May 2

8:30 a.m. (FDY) ✠ Homer & Alice DeMange  
by John & Susan Pottkotter

#### Wednesday, May 3

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

#### Thursday, May 4

8:30 a.m. (FDY) Todd Harkins by Maria Harkins

#### Friday, May 5

8:30 a.m. (FDY) All Souls in Purgatory by Viginia Ziza

#### Saturday, May 6

4:30 p.m. (MPG) ✠ Mary Ann Messaros by the Messaros Family

#### Sunday, May 7

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

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

### 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.*

### COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS

#### For the Week of April 23, 2023:

Budget Requirements	\$	20,000.00
Special Offertory	\$	0.00
Weekly Offertory Received:	\$	26,230.10
Weekly Surplus (Deficit):	\$	6,230.10
Faith Direct	\$	17,740.00
**EFT (Debit) Program	\$	616.00
Envelope Offering:	\$	6,590.00
Loose Offering:	\$	1,284.10
Total Offering:	\$	26,230.10

#### For the Month of April 2023

MTD Budget Requirements:	\$	80,000.00
MTD Actual Offertory Received:	\$	63,660.83
MTD Surplus (Deficit):	\$	(16,339.17)
YTD Budget Requirements	\$	886,000.00
YTD Actual Offertory Received	\$	914,999.60
YTD Surplus (Deficit)	\$	28,999.60
Debit Program Participants:		32
Envelopes Used:		138
Faith Direct Participants:		174

### PULPIT ANNOUNCEMENTS

A New Parishioner Brunch is being held this morning from 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. in the Parish Center for those who are new to St. Pius X Church, for those who have been away from the church and are returning home or missed an earlier brunch. Come meet the ministry team and learn about St. Pius X Church!

### IN OUR PARISH

**Pray for Our Deceased: Hans-Rolf Bauer, Tammy Cyrus, John Callahan & Duane Casto**

### 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](http://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 –MAY 1-7, 2023

<b>Monday, May 1</b>	Liturgy of the Hours	Church	9:00 a.m.
	Rosary	Church	9:15 a.m.
	Women Ablaze (Morning)	Parish Center	10:00 a.m.
	K of C Women's Group	Parish Center, Meeting Room	1:30 p.m.
	Divine Mercy	Church	6:00 p.m.
<b>Tuesday, May 2</b>	Rosary for the Sick	Church	6:30 p.m.
	Women Ablaze (Evening)	Parish Center	7:00 p.m.
	Liturgy of the Hours	Church	8:00 a.m.
	Rosary	Church	9:15 a.m.
	Funeral – Duane Casto	Church	11:00 a.m.
<b>Wednesday, May 3</b>	Choir	Church	6:00 p.m.
	Parish Council	Parish Center, Meeting Room	7:00 p.m.
	Liturgy of the Hours	Church	8:00 a.m.
	Rosary	Church	9:15 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.
<b>Thursday, May 4</b>	Holy Hour – Confessions	Church Sanctuary	12:00-1:00 p.m.
	Senior Fellowship Group	Parish Center, Room A	1:15 p.m.
	RCIA	Parish Center, Meeting Room	6:30 p.m.
	The Armory	Workshop	7:00 p.m.
	Liturgy of the Hours	Church	8:00 a.m.
<b>Friday, May 5</b>	Rosary	Church	9:15 a.m.
	New Creation	Church	7:00 p.m.
	Liturgy of the Hours	Church	8:00 a.m.
<b>Saturday, May 6</b>	Rosary	Church	9:15 a.m.
	Young Mother's Group	Church Chapel	8:00 a.m.
	K of C Rosary	Church	After Mass
<b>Sunday, May 7</b>	Rosary Sale	Church Vestibule	After Mass
	Donut Sunday	Church Vestibule	After 10:00 a.m. Mass
	Rosary Sale	Church Vestibule	After both Masses
	PSR	School	11:15 a.m.-12:45 p.m.



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**SENIOR FELLOWSHIP GROUP:**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 3, 2023 from 1:15-4:00 p.m. in the Parish Center, Room A. New members are always welcome.

**LIVING ROSARY:**

There will be a Living Rosary on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 14 following the 10:00 a.m. Mass in the Rosary Garden between the rectory and parish center. Come join fellow parishioners for a recitation of the Rosary. Honor your mother, living or deceased, by attending this celebration.

**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.

**THE APPEAL 2023 (FORMERLY THE BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL)**

The 2023 Appeal is here. Forward With Jesus is a clear reminder to keep our thoughts and hopes in our Lord. In seasons of change and uncertainty, we find ourselves more dependent on our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. The 2023 Appeal will benefit evangelization, vocations, Catholic education, and social concerns, and services of the Diocese. Next week is Commitment Weekend, at which time you are asked to make a gift to help our Catholic ministries. Our parish has been asked to raise \$126,512.31. Together, I believe we can meet our goal. Let us remain mindful that any amount raised over our parish goal will be rebated back to our parish and used for our needs. I thank you for your prayers and for your generous support!

**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 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.



### AUTISM WALK TO BENEFIT THE ANDRES FAMILY SUPPORT DOG

During the month of April, SPX students participate in educational initiatives dedicated to autism awareness and understanding. A parish family parish has called on the church community for assistance with raising funds for an autism service dog for their young son.

Members of the SPX 7th grade class recognized this as an opportunity to serve and has organized a family walk on **Saturday, May 6th from 9:00-11:00 a.m.** at Thomas J. Evans Foundation Park\* to benefit the Andres Family's "4 Paws for Eli" fundraiser with 4 Paws for Ability, Inc. The cost to walk is \$5.00 per person or \$20.00 for a family.

To register, please complete the Google Form at <https://forms.gle/H5r6fKpAaqmybrgXA>.

You may remit payment to the SPX School by:

- Cash (please include names of walkers on the envelope)
- Checks made payable to "Abigail or Matthew Andres" (please include names of walkers on the envelope)
- Payments can also be made via Venmo to @Jennifer-PackHarsh (please include names of walkers in the memo)

### FOR SPX PARISHIONERS – PAYMENT CAN BE MADE BY:

Putting cash or checks made payable to Abigail or Matthew Andres in an envelope with the names of walkers on it and drop it off in the Rectory by 12:00 Noon on Friday, May 5. The Rectory will take donations if you cannot participate in the walk.

- Family walk details are located below. Need help with registration? Please email AddisonHarsh415@gmail.com or lisalomonico@gmail.com.
- Arrive at Foundation Park between 8:45-9:00 a.m.
- \*\*Children must be supervised.\*\*

**Directions from Broad Street:** Turn on to Oak Meadow Drive (BP Gas station is on the corner). Make a left on Bent Tree Lane. **Park in the parking lots by the softball/baseball fields.** You can also enter the park from John Reese Parkwy (The Settlement neighborhood). The walk will begin at the trail entrance off the parking lot at 9:00 a.m. Families are welcome to walk (or jog) the perimeter trail, take a detour onto the scenic wooded trail, or do both.

\*Foundation Park hosts two trails, a 1.4 mile perimeter trail around the soccer fields and park, and a 1-mile woodland trail that follows the South Fork Licking River.

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](http://www.mightycause.com) and search for "4 Paws for Eli."

All our love,

Matt and Abby Andes



### THE SPX MEN'S MINISTRY

*"Instaurare Omnia in Christo!"*

*In the Armory with Saint Joseph*

**What/When: First Wednesday Men's Fellowship**

**May 3rd from 7:00-8:30 p.m.**

**Who:** All men 18 and older (16-17 with dad)

**Where:** In the St. Joseph Workshop of Parish Family Center

**Cost:** Free and no need to RSVP

*Includes hot food item and cold beverages.*

Video Study from the St Paul Center for Biblical Theology:

*"Genesis To Jesus" – Lesson 12 of 12: The Kingdom Transformed*

The covenant with David is the culmination of God's covenants in the Old Testament, gathering all the nations in his Temple for worship. In the New Testament, we see that Jesus is the true Son of David, of whose kingdom there will be no end. He offers the *Todah* in the Eucharist, the ultimate sacrifice of thanksgiving. He restores the kingdom on earth by giving Peter the keys, establishing His Church, and renewing the priesthood. And we await the new heavens and the new earth in the heavenly Jerusalem where we will worship God forever. *Saint Joseph, Pillar of Families, Pray for us!*

### FIRST ANNUAL ST. PIUS X FLEA MARKET – PAPER AND ONLINE REGISTRATION OPEN MAY 1

The summertime is fast approaching and what a better time to spring clean for the first annual St. Pius X Flea Market on June 10 from 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. in the parish parking lot. 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 \$5.00 each, 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.

- ★ All are welcome to sell and/or come to shop; used items, new items, crafts, antiques, collectibles, this is a sale for everyone. The money you receive from your items is yours to keep; St. Pius X is only charging for the rental fee which will benefit the Latchkey program.
- ★ Please register online at [www.spxreynoldsburg.com/latchkey](http://www.spxreynoldsburg.com/latchkey) or get a form from the table in the Narthex. The rental agreement must be signed and turned in as soon as possible to Patricia Zeitman to reserve your spot. Your rental fee is due by Tuesday, June 6.
- ★ If you do not want to have a table at the flea market, donated items can be dropped off Thursday, June 8 and Friday, June 9 from 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. at the Workshop. These donated items will be sold by the SPX Latchkey program and proceeds will go to the Latchkey program.

If you have any questions, please email Patricia Zeitman, Latchkey Director, at [pzeitman@spxreynoldsburg.com](mailto:pzeitman@spxreynoldsburg.com).

### 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 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Please email school board president, Craig Lomonico, at [clomonico@gmail.com](mailto:clomonico@gmail.com) to express your interest.

JOIN OUR ST. PIUS X TEAM!



WE'RE HIRING!

Pre-Kindergarten Teacher  
2nd Grade Teacher  
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St. Pius X Church would like to congratulate the following children who received their First Communion on Saturday, April 22, 2023.

Nicholas Balazik  
Ethan Baumhoyer  
Breyelle Burns  
Arianna Catano-Osorio  
Camilla Catano-Osorio  
Leliana DiCocco  
Lou Dodovski  
Justin Dranschak  
Sadie Dusenberry  
Ethan Ellos  
Jackson Gatterdam  
Evelyn Gruenwald  
Jacob Guilfoyle  
Lillian Guilfoyle  
Madeline Heinz  
Gracie Kehres

Natalie Koscielnny  
Leonardo Kozlowski  
Hollis Littrell  
Joseph Marcy  
Madelyn McClintock  
Landon Nighland  
Braylon Preston  
Anna Read  
Carly Rowland  
Gavinn Scarver  
Kaitlyn Strahler  
Lyla Strahler  
Sean Swails  
Emilia Vega  
Everly Weiss

## SEMINARIAN, MICHAEL HAEMMERLE'S REFLECTIONS


Who would you rather be, Superman or Clark Kent? Superman has all sorts of powers, is confident and courageous. Clark Kent is clumsy, timid and kind of cowardly. And yet Superman and Clark are the same person. The Apostle Peter had a somewhat similar personality change. During Jesus' Passion, Peter abandoned Him and hid. Then, in the courtyard of the High Priest, he was so terrified by a young servant girl that he denied Jesus three times. But in the first reading, Peter is acting in a very different way. He isn't the timid cowardly Peter. He is incredibly bold. Peter stands up in the middle of a crowd and starts proclaiming the Jesus is God. Not only that, he calls out those listening to him for crucifying Jesus. Nothing close to timid or cowardly.

So what changed? What turned cowardly Peter into Peter the bold Apostle who would preach the Gospel boldly and not be frightened by multiple trips to jail and threats of execution? Peter received the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. The Holy Spirit gave Peter the gifts of fortitude, knowledge, fear of the Lord, counsel, wisdom, piety, and knowledge. The Holy Spirit put things in perspective for Peter and he saw that following Jesus Christ and proclaiming the good news was what would make him most himself, make him most satisfied.

In the Gospel today, Jesus says that He came that we might have life and have it more abundantly. Who do you think was living a more abundant life: scared Peter, or Holy Spirit-filled Peter? Living a Christian life boldly can be scary or seem like it is all hard work. But the life that Jesus is calling you to is the only life that will satisfy you, the only way you will be truly yourself. Jesus is our Good Shepherd. He will guide us to where we need to go, tend to our hurts and wounds, and be with us always, even when we turn away.



## 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).

## 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).

**May 6-7: Fifth Sunday of Easter**[illegible]



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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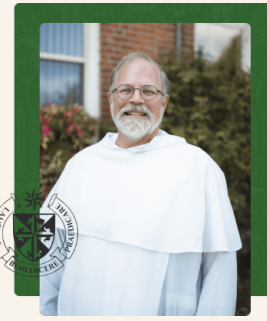
**Deacon Michael Robert Haemmerle**

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

*Reception to Follow*

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish

600 Hill Road, North Pickerington, Ohio



#### 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."*

#### 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. **Applications are due by April 30, 2023.**

#### 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 [osuwxmedlivingdonor.org](http://osuwxmedlivingdonor.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!

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# Saint Pius V

(January 17, 1504 – May 1, 1572)

## Saint Pius V's Story

This is the pope whose job it was to implement the historic Council of Trent. If we think popes had difficulties in implementing Vatican Council II, Pius V had even greater problems after Trent four centuries earlier.

During his papacy (1566-1572), Pius V was faced with the almost overwhelming responsibility of getting a shattered and scattered Church back on its feet. The family of God had been shaken by corruption, by the Reformation, by the constant threat of Turkish invasion, and by the bloody bickering of the young nation-states. In 1545, a previous pope convened the Council of Trent in an attempt to deal with all these pressing problems. Off and on over 18 years, the Fathers of the Church discussed, condemned, affirmed, and decided upon a course of action. The Council closed in 1563.

Pius V was elected in 1566 and charged with the task of implementing the sweeping reforms called for by the Council. He ordered the founding of seminaries for the proper training of priests. He published a new missal, a new breviary, a new catechism, and established the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine classes for the young. Pius zealously enforced legislation against abuses in the Church. He patiently served the sick and the poor by building hospitals, providing food for the hungry, and giving money customarily used for the papal banquets to poor Roman converts. His decision to keep wearing his Dominican habit led to the custom—to this day—of the pope wearing a white cassock.

In striving to reform both Church and state, Pius encountered vehement opposition from England's Queen Elizabeth and the Roman Emperor Maximilian II. Problems in France and in the Netherlands also hindered Pius' hopes for a Europe united against the Turks. Only at the last minute was he able to organize a fleet which won a decisive victory in the Gulf of Lepanto, off Greece, on October 7, 1571.

Pius' ceaseless papal quest for a renewal of the Church was grounded in his personal life as a Dominican friar. He spent long hours with his God in prayer, fasted rigorously, deprived himself of many customary papal luxuries, and faithfully observed the spirit of the Dominican Rule that he had professed.

## Reflection

In their personal lives and in their actions as popes, Saint Pius V and Saint Paul VI both led the family of God in the process of interiorizing and implementing the new birth called for by the Spirit in major Councils. With zeal and patience, Pius and Paul pursued the changes urged by the Council Fathers. Like Pius and Paul, we, too, are called to constant change of heart and life.

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