



# 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.*

### 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

### 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

### 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

### 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 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.

# THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

## MAY 21, 2023

### You kingdoms of the earth, sing to the Lord!

#### MASSES FOR MAY 23-28, 2023

##### Tuesday, May 23

8:30 a.m. (FLC.) ☩ Lillian Bergman by John & Linda Bergman

##### Wednesday, May 24

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

##### Thursday, May 25

8:30 a.m. (FDY) Mass Intentions for Vocations by K of C/Serra

##### Friday, May 26

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

##### Saturday, May 27

4:30 p.m. (FDY) ☩ Lisa Summa by Carol & Leonard Summa

##### Sunday, May 28

8:00 a.m. (MPG) Living & Deceased Members of the Parish  
10:00 a.m. (FDY) Special Intentions for Brian O'Shea  
by Sharon Stout

#### 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 May 14, 2023:

Budget Requirements	\$	20,000.00
Special Offertory	\$	0.00
Weekly Offertory Received:	\$	34,757.45
Weekly Surplus (Deficit):	\$	14,757.45
Adjustments	\$	350.00
Faith Direct	\$	18,126.79
**EFT (Debit) Program	\$	5,556.84
Envelope Offering:	\$	8,755.77
Loose Offering:	\$	1,968.05
Total Offering:	\$	34,757.45

##### For the Month of May 2023:

MTD Budget Requirements:	\$	40,000.00
MTD Actual Offertory Received:	\$	49,058.06
MTD Surplus (Deficit):	\$	9,058.06
YTD Budget Requirements	\$	946,000.00
YTD Actual Offertory Received	\$	973,096.79
YTD Surplus (Deficit)	\$	27,096.79
Debit Program Participants:		103
Envelopes Used:		160
Faith Direct Participants:		212

#### PULPIT ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Divine Mercy and Rosary for the Sick will not be held on Mondays, May 22 (Confirmation) and May 29 (Memorial Day).

All-day Adoration with Holy Hour/Confessions is canceled for Wednesday, May 31, 2023.

#### IN OUR PARISH

Newly Registered: John, Francis, John, Isabella & Julian Duran; Joseph, Nell & Steven Jacobs

#### 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 Quietening 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 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 22-28, 2023

<b>Monday, May 22</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.
	Women Ablaze (Evening)	School Cafeteria	7:00 p.m.
	Confirmation	Church	7:00 p.m.
<b>Tuesday, May 23</b>	Liturgy of the Hours	Church	8:00 a.m.
	Rosary	Church	9:15 a.m.
	Choir	Church	6:00 p.m.
	Finance Committee	Parish Center, Room A	6:00 p.m.
<b>Wednesday, May 24</b>	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.
	Holy Hour – Confessions	Church Sanctuary	12:00-1:00 p.m.
	RCIA	Parish Center, Meeting Room	6:30 p.m.
<b>Thursday, May 25</b>	Liturgy of the Hours	Church	8:00 a.m.
	Rosary	Church	9:15 a.m.
	New Creation	Church	7:00 p.m.
<b>Friday, May 26</b>	Liturgy of the Hours	Church	8:00 a.m.
	Rosary	Church	9:15 a.m.
	Friends Across Time	Parish Center	10:15 a.m.
<b>Saturday, May 27</b>	Young Mother's Group	Church Chapel	8:00 a.m.
	SOS/Pennies for Heaven		
	Collection	Church	After Mass
<b>Sunday, May 28</b>	SOS/Pennies for Heaven		
	Collection	Church	After Mass

Divine Mercy and Rosary for the Sick have been canceled for the following two Monday evenings:

**Monday, May 22, 2023 (Confirmation) and Monday, May 29, 2023 (Memorial Day)**

Adoration and Holy Hour with Confession has been canceled for:

**Wednesday, May 31, 2023**



**SIGN UP FOR FLOCKNOTE!**  
**WE LOVE HAVING YOU AS**  
**a part of our Flock!**

Keep in touch with us via  
email and text!



**TEXT SPXREY TO 84576**



**SCAN THE QR CODE OR VISIT THE**  
**URL TO CONNECT WITH US ONLINE:**  
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Text STOP to 84576 to stop text notifications at any time.  
Text HELP for help. There is no charge for this service,  
but your carrier message and data rates may apply. View  
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## SEVEN SISTERS APOSTOLATE

Dear Ladies,

Would you like to join a ministry at St. Pius X but have limited time during the week?

We invite you to consider Seven Sisters Apostolate. You commit to one hour a week for one year. You choose the day. You pray for one of our priests. We provide two books full of prayers for priests. This can be done at home if you have a quiet place without distractions, in a church, or anywhere in the world. Contact marygirard44@gmail.com, call or text 614-327-4670.



Helping Hands Food Pantry is very grateful to the St. Pius X community for your donations of 27 bags and one box of food in April.

The following items are requested for April:

- **Hamburger Helper**
- **Saltine Crackers**
- **Brownie Mix**
- **Canned Tomato Sauce**
- **Canned Pork & Beans**
- **Toilet Paper and other toiletries are always needed**

Collection weekend will be **May 27th-28th**. Your donations provide meals and personal items for local families and are greatly appreciated. Thank you and God bless you!

### CATHOLIC CEMETERIES OF COLUMBUS MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES – MONDAY, MAY 29

St. Joseph  
11:00 a.m. Mass/12:00 p.m. Flag Ceremony  
Mt. Calvary  
11:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours  
Holy Cross  
10:30 a.m. Flag Ceremony/11:00 a.m. Mass  
Resurrection  
12:00 p.m. Flag Ceremony/1:00 p.m. Mass

### FIRST ANNUAL ST. PIUS X FLEA MARKET – PAPER AND ONLINE REGISTRATION OPENED 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).

### PENNIES FROM HEAVEN (SOS: “SUPPORT OUR SEMINARIANS”) QUARTERLY DONATION

It is that time of year again - 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 would ask our 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 ongoing worthy cause, where 100% of all donations go to support our future Priests. **OUR NEXT COLLECTION WILL BE ON May 27th and 28th AFTER ALL MASSES.** 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 and 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!*

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**SIGN UP NOW FOR VBS!** 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.

*Vacation Bible School participant registration is now open, and it is filling up fast! Also, Volunteers grades 5 through adult are still needed - those who sign up before June 1st will receive a free T-shirt! For more info, or to sign up for either, visit <https://vbspro.events/p/events/setonspx2023>. For more information, contact Judie Bryant at [spx\\_cia\\_news@yahoo.com](mailto:spx_cia_news@yahoo.com).*

### RED CROSS BLOODMOBILE AT ST. PIUS X...

#### SCHEDULE YOUR APPOINTMENT!

St. Pius X Church and School

Thursday, June 15, 2023, 12:00-6:00 p.m.,

SPX- Msgr. Funk Parish Center

1051 Waggoner Road, Reynoldsburg, OH 43068.

For an appointment, please scan the QR code or visit

<https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=StPius>

Or, call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

\*Hosted by SPX Girl Scout Troop 6378

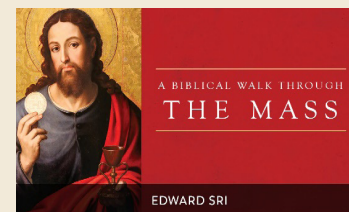


### THE ARMORY

THE SPX MEN'S MINISTRY

“INSTAURARE OMNIA IN CHRISTO!”

Men of St. Pius X, consider joining one of The Armory's  
Summer Faith Sharing Groups:



The Mass is nothing short of amazing. Through it, we encounter God in the most intimate way possible... we hear Him speak and we receive Him **Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity in the Holy Eucharist.**

The words, the gestures, the rituals... are rich in meaning and steeped in biblical language. **A Biblical Walk Through the Mass** by Dr. Edward Sri explores the extraordinary biblical roots of the Liturgy and reveals what it all means and why it all matters. This fascinating tour will renew your faith and deepen your love and devotion to the Holy Eucharist.

This is a five-part series and it meets in the Parish Family Center

Starting: Thursday, June 15th - 6:00-7:15 a.m.

Cost: \$15.00 Book

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### MYSTERIES of the ROSARY

*Mysteries of the Rosary* integrates deeply reflective insights on the life of Christ, theological truths, and captivating stories together with breathtaking scenery, illuminating sacred art, and inspiring music. By filming on location in the Holy Land, our aspiration is to make the Rosary come alive in the hearts and minds of the participants. Encounters with Christ in the episodes and discussions will lead to even deeper encounters with Him in personal prayer and contemplation. *Rediscover the power of the Rosary!*

This seven-part series is meeting in the Parish Family Center

Starting: Monday, June 12th - 7:00-8:30 p.m.

No Cost

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Contact John Zacovic, 614-205-0845 or [jzacovic1@gmail.com](mailto:jzacovic1@gmail.com) for more information/to register (or just show up)



# The 44<sup>th</sup> Diocesan Senior Citizens Day Celebration

Tuesday, June 27, 2023

**St. Catharine Catholic Church**

500 S. Gould Rd, Columbus, Ohio

**Bishop Earl K. Fernandes, celebrant**

**10:30 a.m. Mass, Luncheon to Follow**

Registration for the celebration is \$20.

Please register by June 20.



DIocese of  
COLUMBUS

## 2023 Senior Citizens Day Celebration Registration

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

(You may include additional names on the back of this flyer.)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Parish: \_\_\_\_\_

Number Attending: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Special or dietary needs: \_\_\_\_\_

*Lunches provided by Freedom a la Cart*

**Lunch options: Please include the number needed for each option. Each option is available gluten-free.**

\_\_\_\_\_ Turkey & Swiss \_\_\_\_\_ Ham & Provolone \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken Bacon Caesar Wrap  
\_\_\_\_\_ Life Salad – Ohio mixed greens with nuts, berries, blue cheese, etc. \_\_\_\_\_ Gluten Free

**To register by mail:** Please send check payable to the **Office for Social Concerns**, Catholic Diocese of Columbus, 197 E. Gay Street, Columbus, OH 43215 | (614) 241-2540  
[socmailbox@columbuscatholic.org](mailto:socmailbox@columbuscatholic.org)

**To register online go to:** <https://dioceseofcolumbus.org/social-concerns-online-payments>



Your gift to The 2023 Appeal is vital to the success of this diocesan-wide campaign and can benefit our parish. We are off to a good start toward our parish goal of \$126,512.31. Thank you to all those families who have made a gift or pledge. If you have not yet made your gift to this year's Appeal, please consider doing so in the days ahead. Your gift will help continue the vital work of the various ministries and services that reach so many in need. Please pray for the success of The Appeal and remember no amount of giving is too small. There is still plenty of time to make your pledge!

More registration forms are in the vestibule of the church.

If you or anyone you know is interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith, come join us on Wednesdays beginning on June 21st at 6:30 p.m. for our Inquiry Sessions. Have your questions answered and explore your faith journey. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Deacon Joseph LeMay at 660-233-2289 or come to the St. Pius X Family Center on June 21st at 6:30 p.m. (Enter at door number 4).

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).

Cost: \$30.00 for adults (13 years and up); \$15.00 for those 12 years and under  
With the support of folks like you, Shepherd's Corner has been able to help combat food insecurity by donating over 42,995 pounds over the last 15 years. Proceeds from the 17th annual Farm Fresh 5K will benefit Shepherd's Corner Ecology Center's environmental education programs, land and water conservation projects, and our efforts to provide fresh, naturally grown produce to those in need. This fun run/walk will help us continue these important efforts. A 2023 project of Shepherd's Corner is the creation of a **wetland area** that will be visible from the racecourse.

	Sacristan	Secondary Sacristan	Lectors	EMHC	Servers	Ushers
<b>Saturday, 4:30 p.m.</b> (No Deacon)	Meghan Swails	Carol Summa	Dennis Summers (1) Emerson Summers (2)	Kim Kirkland – Ambo Host (EMHC 1) Barb Martin – Organ Host (EMHC 1) Donna Nesbitt – Extra EMHC (1)	Deryn Summers Lynden Summers Lenna Sinicropi	Jim (1) Beck Stan (2) Michnowicz Mike (4) Angle Chris (8) Bailey
<b>Sunday, 8:00 a.m.</b> (No Deacon)	Cheryl Krolikowski	Michael Krolikowski	Michael Paszkiewicz (1) Janet Rodenkirchen (2)	Linda Dlugiewicz – Ambo Host (EMHC 1) (sub req.) Nancy Majerus – Organ Host (EMHC 1) Rick Terranova – Extra EMHC (1)	Adam Rodenkirchen Christopher Filous Thomas Filous	David Dlugiewicz Anthony Kanne Dave Williams <b>NOT FILLED</b>
<b>Sunday, 10:00 a.m.</b> (No Deacon)	Mary Ann Wingard	Wayne Wingard	Ed Holliday (1) Yolanda Holliday (2)	April Heydinger – Ambo Host (EMHC 1) Gary Heydinger – Organ Host (EMHC 1) John E. Goetz – Extra EMHC (1)	Lyla Gerardi Sammy Gerardi Maxwell Sandy	David Roby Bob Outlaw Gervase Ngalla Tod Gilmore
<b>Sunday, 11:00 a.m. (Church Linens) – Ilona Ferris</b>						

**TOUR ITALY IN OCTOBER!**

This is a special invitation for the parishioners of St. Pius X to join a tour to Italy with someone who excels at sharing this experience. Remo Faieta and his wife, Eva, are members of Seton Parish and have been taking tour groups to Italy for the past 40 years. Remo is a first generation Italian and really loves taking folks to see Italy. They are leaving for their 100th tour on May 16 for two weeks. The October trip will be their 101st trip. There are still 22 reservations available for the October trip. The sites that you will see are phenomenal. If you have always wanted to travel to Italy, this would be the tour to consider taking!

If you are interested in going to Italy with parishioners of St. Pius X and Seton, please contact Remo or Eva Faieta at 614-833-5716 for additional information, an itinerary and pricing. For more info, email [italiantours@aol.com](mailto:italiantours@aol.com) OR visit [www.italianheritagetours.com](http://www.italianheritagetours.com).

**PANTHER HAWK CAMP COMING TO ST. PIUS X SCHOOL THIS SUMMER!**

Join Bishop Hartley students and coaches for a one-day camp experience at St. Pius X School Monday, June 5th, from 9:00-11:00 a.m.

Campers will experience a variety of sports and activities including football, basketball, volleyball, baseball, track, soccer, wrestling, and field hockey, right in their own backyard! No experience is necessary, and all campers will be introduced to several activities.

Registration is open to students entering grades 1-8 at St. Pius. Please complete one registration form per participant. Cost is \$10.00 with a family max of \$30.00. Please bring cash or check to the event on Monday, June 5. Questions? Contact Andrea Klein at [aklein1@cducation.org](mailto:aklein1@cducation.org)!

**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!

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 you 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 of that amount and am 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

**AROUND TOWN****SHRED IT DAY AT SPENCE FUNERAL HOME IN PICKERINGTON! PAPER RECYCLING EVENT**

When: Saturday, June 3, 2023

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Where: Spence Funeral Home,

550 Hill Road N., Pickerington (Next to Seton Parish)

THERE IS A 5 BOX LIMIT FOR PAPER SHREDDING

They will also be accepting onsite donations for:

- Nonperishable Food and Cash Donations for the PCMA Food Pantry of Pickerington
- Dog and Cat Food and Supplies Donations for the Fairfield County Humane Society
- Clothing and Household Donations for St. Vincent de Paul Society
- Lions Club will collect eyeglasses.

**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](http://www.scprep.org) and select "Summer Programs" under the "About" section. Contact Ned Gruber at 614-804-7230 or [ngruber@scprep.org](mailto:ngruber@scprep.org) with questions.

**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](mailto:crezabek@cducation.org).

# Saint Rita of Cascia

(1381–May 22, 1457)

## Saint Rita of Cascia's Story

Like Elizabeth Ann Seton, Rita of Cascia was a wife, mother, widow, and member of a religious community. Her holiness was reflected in each phase of her life.

Born at Roccaporena in central Italy, Rita wanted to become a nun but was pressured at a young age into marrying a harsh and cruel man. During her 18-year marriage, she bore and raised two sons. After her husband was killed in a brawl and her sons had died, Rita tried to join the Augustinian nuns in Cascia. Unsuccessful at first because she was a widow, Rita eventually succeeded.

Over the years, her austerity, prayerfulness, and charity became legendary. When she developed wounds on her forehead, people quickly associated them with the wounds from Christ's crown of thorns. She meditated frequently on Christ's Passion. Her care for the sick nuns was especially loving. She also counseled lay people who came to her monastery. Beatified in 1626, Rita was not canonized until 1900. She has acquired the reputation, together with Saint Jude, as a saint of impossible cases. Many people visit her tomb each year.

**Reflection:** Although we can easily imagine an ideal world in which to live out our baptismal vocation, such a world does not exist. An "If only ...." approach to holiness never quite gets underway, never produces the fruit that God has a right to expect.

Rita became holy because she made choices that reflected her Baptism and her growth as a disciple of Jesus. Her overarching, lifelong choice was to cooperate generously with God's grace, but many small choices were needed to make that happen. Few of those choices were made in ideal circumstances – not even when Rita became an Augustinian nun.

**Saint Rita of Cascia is the Patron Saint of:** Difficult Marriages; Impossible Causes; Infertility; Parenthood



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