



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

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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

Rev. Patrick Watikha, AJ, Pastor Ext 102

Rev. Process Milton Kiocha,

AJ, Parochial Vicar..... 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 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.

FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

AUGUST 6, 2023

Listen to my beloved!

MASSSES FOR AUGUST 8-13, 2023

Tuesday, August 8

8:30 a.m. (FPW) Special Intentions for
Joseph's Coat Workers by Ruth Taza

Wednesday, August 9

8:30 a.m. (FPW) Mass Intentions of Priests
by Senior Fellowship/Serra

Thursday, August 10

8:30 a.m. (FPW) † Terry Potter by Mike & Beth Treneff

Friday, August 11

8:30 a.m. (FPW) † Kathryn M. Fabian by The Swisher Family

Saturday, August 12

4:30 p.m. (FPW) † Ron Franz by Carol Franz

Sunday, August 13

8:00 a.m. (FPW) † Kathleen Schutz by Tim & Kaycie Boyles
10:00 a.m. (FPW) Living & Deceased Members of the Parish

IN OUR PARISH

Newly Registered: Frederique Diambu & Anna,
Zephyrin & Aristide Nzuzi

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 in the Narthex/Vestibule.

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

Emails/Text Messages from Fr. Patrick: If you receive a message from Fr. Patrick 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 form. 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 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/Narthex 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 to 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 of the church.

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.



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THIS WEEK AT ST. PIUS X – AUGUST 7-13, 2023

Monday, August 7	Liturgy of the Hours	Church	9:00 a.m.
	Rosary	Church	9:15 a.m.
	Women Ablaze	Parish Center	10:00 a.m.
	Divine Mercy	Church	6:00 p.m.
	Rosary for the Sick	Church	6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, August 8	Liturgy of Hours	Church	8:00 a.m.
	Rosary	Church	9:15 a.m.
	Respect Life	Parish Center, Meeting Room	9:30 a.m.
	K of C Officer's Meeting	Parish Center, Meeting Room	7:00 p.m.
	Liturgy of the Hours	Church	8:00 a.m.
Wednesday, August 9	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.
	Liturgy of the Hours	Church	8:00 a.m.
Thursday, August 10	Rosary	Church	9:15 a.m.
	Liturgy of the Hours	Church	8:00 a.m.
Friday, August 11	Rosary	Church	9:15 a.m.
	Young Mother's Group	Church Chapel	8:00 a.m.
Saturday, August 12	St. Vincent de Paul Collection	After Mass	5:30 p.m.
	Selling Carnival Raffle Tickets	Vestibule	Before/After Mass
Sunday, August 13	St. Vincent de Paul Collection	After Mass	5:30 p.m.
	Selling Carnival Raffle Tickets	Vestibule	Before/After Masses
	PSR Application/Pay Fees	Parish Center Portico	11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
	New Parishioner Brunch	Parish Center	11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.
	Rosary	Chapel	11:15 a.m.

PARISH BUSINESS OFFICE/RECTORY CLOSED ON FRIDAYS FOR THE SUMMER!

Please note that the Parish Business Office/Rectory will be closed on Fridays now through August. All business must be conducted Monday through Thursday. Phone calls will not be monitored on Fridays and the weekends.

COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS

For the Week of July 30, 2023

Budget Requirements	\$	18,000.00
Special Offertory	\$	0.00
Weekly Offertory Received:	\$	29,284.64
Weekly Surplus (Deficit):	\$	11,284.64
Faith Direct:	\$	16,278.64
**EFT (Debit) Program	\$	768.50
Envelope Offering:	\$	11,330.00
Loose Offering:	\$	907.50
Total Offering:	\$	29,284.64

For the Month of July 2023

MTD Budget Requirements:	\$	90,000.00
MTD Actual Offertory Received:	\$	95,400.44
MTD Surplus (Deficit):	\$	5,400.44
YTD Budget Requirements	\$	90,000.00
YTD Actual Offertory Received	\$	95,400.44
YTD Surplus (Deficit)	\$	5,400.44
Debit Program Participants:		38
Envelopes Used:		131
Faith Direct:		168

PULPIT ANNOUNCEMENTS

The St. Pius X Church and School "End of Summer Carnival" will be selling raffle tickets the weekends of August 5/6, 12/13 and 19/20. Raffle tickets are **NOT** being mailed out this year to parishioners, so please pick up a letter and four books of tickets (two adult and two children). Prizes will be on display in the Narthex. Payment for the tickets may be made by: 1) putting in the collection basket (put tickets and payment in an envelope marked "Raffle", 2) mailed or 3) dropped off at the Rectory/Business Office by Friday, August 25. The drawing will be held on Saturday, August 26 at 3:00 p.m.

GUIDEBOOK AND DIRECTORY BEING UPDATED FOR 2024

The GuideBook and Directory for St. Pius X is currently being updated. Changes will be accepted through Monday, September 25. Please call business office/Rectory office if you have:

1. Changed your address or your telephone number,
2. If you have children who are no longer living with you or are over the age of 21. Any child not living with you or over the age of 21 should register on their own as they are an adult.
3. If you know of someone or a family who is listed in the directory and know that they have moved, please notify the Business Office at 614-866-2859.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE REST OF 2023 OR BEGINNING OF 2024.

Mass Intentions are greatly needed for the rest of the year. Please visit the Rectory during office hours to schedule Masses for the deceased or for special intentions for the living. Mass Intentions are \$10.00 each.

SCAMMERS AT IT AGAIN...

Scamming emails have started again, this time with Fr. Patrick. If you receive an email from Fr. Patrick asking you to contact him, asking you for a favor or asking you for gift cards of any sort, please do not answer these emails. As much as everyone wants to please the new pastor, Fr. Patrick **WOULD NEVER** and **WILL NEVER** send an email out to you for these things. Scammers are using bogus email addresses to pose as him. Please pay attention to the email address that the email is coming from. If or when you receive an email from Fr. Patrick, please call the Business Office right away and give the office the specific email address that the email was sent from, so that we can report it.

DONATION BINS

The donation bins are for very specific causes that are most likely mentioned in the bulletin. It has come to our attention that random items are being left in the bins that should be given to St. Vincent de Paul, which has a box at the back of the parking lot. If you are not donating to the Food Pantry, Coats for Kids (new or gently used and laundered), Adopt-A-Child School Supplies, JOIN or Military Outreach (when requested), **PLEASE DO NOT** leave your random bags of clothing or housewares in these bins for us to move; take them to the back of the parking lot for SVDP. Thank you.

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 **August 13th from 11:15 a.m.-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!

END-OF-SUMMER COMMUNITY CARNIVAL

Saturday, August 26, 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Soda Pop and Cake Walk Donations are Needed!

The community carnival committee is inviting everyone to donate a case of soda or a case of bottled water or juice/kool aid boxes for the carnival. Also, we are in need of donations for the Cake Walk; cake mixes – yellow or chocolate, and frosting – vanilla or chocolate. The drop-off weekends are August 12-13 and 19-20. Please drop off at the Parish Center workshop room 30 minutes before Mass and immediately after all Masses conclude or drop off anytime in the donation bin located in the side entrance of the Church.

Monetary donations for soda/water and Cake Walk supplies will gladly be accepted and can be dropped in the offertory basket or mailed to the rectory.



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, August 19th from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Theme: *"Getting More Out of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass: Ten ways Catholics can grow in their love and reliance on the Mass"*

Where: In the Church

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

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

We have 100 free copies of Bishop Barron's new book:

"This is My Body" to be handed out at the conclusion of the talk.

"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."



WOMEN ABLAZE WILL BE OFFERING TWO FUN MOVIES IN AUGUST ON MONDAY MORNINGS.

Come join us in the Parish Center on **August 7th at 10:00 a.m.** for a delightful comedy about two mischievous students who turn a convent school upside down with their pranks – ***"The Trouble with Angels,"*** (1966) starring Rosalind Russell and Haley Mills. We will then view the sequel the next Monday on **August 14th at 10:00 a.m., *"Where Angels Go, Trouble Follows,"*** (1968). The comedy continues when Mother Superior (Rosalind Russell) is challenged by a modern young nun when they take the girls of St. Francis Academy on a bus trip across the United States. We will have light snacks and beverages. Come join us for both or just one movie! Please sign up on the SPX website.



WOMEN ABLAZE will be hosting their Annual Wine, Cheese and Chocolate event for the Ladies of the Parish on **August 15th from 7:00-9:00 p.m.** in the Parish Center. There will be, as the name says, Wine,

Cheese, Chocolate, along with Lemonade, Water and other goodies served. We will pray a selection of prayers for The Feast of the Assumption. Come and enjoy fellowship with your Sisters in Christ and hear the plans of the book studies being offered this Fall into Winter. For planning purposes, please sign up on the St. Pius X website by **August 7th** at www.spxreynoldsburg.com.

"PAM BRIGGS LENDING LIBRARY"

The **"Pam Briggs Lending Library"** has been re-organized! The shelves are now labeled so you can go to a specific category if you have something specific in mind you are looking for. When returning the books you borrow, please return them to the correct category or leave them on the shelf that is labeled **"Return"** so we can get them back to the correct category. We are also accepting donations of **Catholic books** – you may leave them in a donation bin located at the side entrance/exit door by the Holy Family Statue at the back of church.

RCIA – RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

What is RCIA? Generally, we think of it for those who are trying to become Catholic. RCIA is a pathway into the Catholic faith. However, it is much more than that. It is catechesis that continues for a lifetime of faith development. On June 15th, we began the inquiry sessions for 2023 for those who would like to know more about the Catholic faith. The RCIA name will soon be changing to OCIA, which means the Order of Christian Initiation for Adults. The name will change, but the content remains the same! St. Pius X Parish welcomes all who wish to join the Catholic faith or just want to better understand our faith, every Wednesday of each week at 6:30 p.m. in the Msgr. David Funk Parish Family Center. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Deacon Joseph LeMay at 660-233-2289.

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 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 AUGUST 26TH AND 27TH 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!*

THE ANNUAL PSR DROPOFF AND PICKUP WILL BE HELD**ON TWO SUNDAYS IN AUGUST.**

The annual PSR dropoff and pickup will be held on two Sundays in August: **August 13 and August 27 from 11:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at the Parish Hall Portico.** PSR families can drop off the PSR paperwork for the coming year and pick up the textbooks. If you have any questions, please feel free to call De Ann Bukowski’s cell at 614-648-9191.

SPX SCHOOL POSITION AVAILABLE

St. Pius X School is seeking an intervention specialist and tutors for the 2023-2024 school year. Please contact Lisa Ruth, principal, at lruth@spxelementary.com for more information.

PSR CATECHISTS (TEACHERS) AND**AIDES NEEDED FOR THE COMING****PSR SPX SCHOOL YEAR 2023-2024**

This coming school year, the 2023-2024 PSR Classes are in need of Catechists, High School and Adult Aides on Sunday mornings from 11:15 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

Currently, we need Catechists for Grade 5, 6, and 7, along with several High School and Adult aides for various grades.

Anyone who is 18 years old and older and out of High School will need to meet the Protecting God’s Children requirements of a Protecting God’s Children Class and BCI Finger Printing.

ALSO NEEDED IS A RCIC-PSR TEACHER TO TEACH OLDER CHILDREN WHO NEED THEIR BASIC SACRAMENTS.

If anyone is interested or has any questions, please call De Ann Bukowski’s cell at 614-648-9191.

COATS FOR KIDS DRIVE

Your Knights of Columbus Council 5253 is, again, heading up the “Coats for Kids” coat drive benefitting St. Francis Evangelization Center in McArthur, Ohio. This has become a yearlong collection and thanks to our donation area (side entrance: back of church and through the double doors by the Holy Family statue), you have a drop-off location any time. As in prior years, we are requesting new and/or “slightly/gently” used and clean cold-weather coats for children of all ages and sizes. Our delivery to St. Francis will be sometime in October. In 2022, due to your generosity, we delivered over 130 coats to needy children in southeastern Ohio.

Thank you for your consideration and God bless!!

Scott Banaski

614-565-4815

August 12-14: Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time; The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary					
	Sacristan	Lectors	EMHC	Servers	Ushers
Saturday, 4:30 p.m.	Cyndi Williams	David McCormick (1) Pat Rolwing (2)	Donna Nesbitt – Ambo Host (EMHC 1) Carol Summa – Organ Host (EMHC 1)	James Baljak Josie Baljak Jennsen Swails	Tom (3) Haddox Ken (6) Marr Chris (8) Bailey Liam (9) Bailey
Sunday, 8:00 a.m.	Michael Paszkiewicz	Janet Rodenkirchen (1) Megan Borowski (2)	Dan Ujczko – Ambo Host (EMHC 1) Kurt Rodenkirchen – Organ Host (EMHC 1)	Adam Rodenkirchen Max Ujczko Noah Viglietta	Anthony Kanne Dave Williams NOT FILLED NOT FILLED
Sunday, 10:00 a.m.	Mary Girard	Kevin Briggs (1) Ted Habak (2)	Karen Kostora – Ambo Host (EMHC 1) Mary Ann Wingard – Organ Host (EMHC 1)	Justin Frase Elle Frase 2 Nathan Ogden	Steven Frase Gervase Ngalla Bob Outlaw Dennis Powell
Monday, 7:00 p.m.	Michael Berger	Gene Shultz (1) Bridget Masara (2)	Megan Berger – Ambo Host (EMHC 1) Carol Summa – Organ Host (EMHC 1)	Andrew Bassetti Justin Frase Elle Frase 2	
Saturday-Sunday (Maintenance Standby) – Scott Marsh					
Sunday, 11:00 a.m. (Church Linens) – Michelle Carey					

CATHOLICS OF OHIO UNITE!



Help secure a pro-life,
pro-family culture in our state.

AUG. 8, 2023:

VOTE YES TO KEEP OHIO'S CONSTITUTION
SAFE & HELP LIFE-AFFIRMING MEDICINE THRIVE!

A **YES VOTE** would protect our Ohio constitution by raising the threshold to **amend the constitution to 60%+ 1** from the very "low bar" of just 50%+ 1 & help secure a pro-life, pro-family culture in our state.

A **YES VOTE** would prevent outside groups who support **abortion, assisted suicide, & drug legalization** from mobilizing outside money & special interests to enshrine a culture of death in our state through deception.

A **YES VOTE** would be consistent with our Bishop, priests, & faithful's encouragement to live out the **moral obligation to vote** & in a way that aligns with the moral truth of the Gospel (CCC, 2239-2240).

NOV. 7, 2023: VOTE NO ON THE DECEPTIVE & RADICAL ABORTION BALLOT!

Vote **NO** on the **extreme** Abortion Ballot Initiative that will legalize abortion to the 9th month of pregnancy, after the baby can feel pain, and nullify parental consent laws — pushing us radically past the anti-science tragedy of *Roe v. Wade*.

Vote **NO** on the **radical** Abortion Ballot Initiative, which deceptively mentions "protecting" "contraception, fertility treatment, continuing one's own pregnancy, & miscarriage care" —though **no threats exist in our state to any of these**; life-affirming medical care is already available to every woman in our state.

Vote **NO** on the **anti-woman** Abortion Ballot Initiative that fails to recognize the dignity of women and mothers, **not even using the words "mother" or "woman"** in the ballot language.

Vote **NO** on the **deceptive** Abortion Ballot Initiative that would erase 50 years of pro-life legislative and judicial victories in our state, making us an **abortion "sanctuary state"** along with CA and MI.

Vote **NO** on the **anti-science** Abortion Ballot Initiative that **contradicts sound science, & medicine**, which has unequivocally acknowledged the humanity of the unborn child (*Nature*, (2002): 418: 14-15).

**ALL OF OHIO'S BISHOPS & THE CATHOLIC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION
URGE FAITHFUL CATHOLICS TO VOTE NO IN NOVEMBER!**

"It is impossible to further the common good without acknowledging and defending the right to life, upon which all the other inalienable rights of individuals are founded and from which they develop... Only respect for life can be the foundation and guarantee of the most precious and essential goods of society, such as democracy and peace." (Pope St. John Paul II, *Evangelium vitae* (1995), no. 101)



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RIGHT TO LIFE

The SPX Respect Life Ministry hopes this will clarify any questions you may have about the upcoming voting issues. We urge you to read Bishop Earl Fernandes' article in the July 16th issue of *The Catholic Times*. In this article, he states the proposed amendment in November is a **moral issue**. We ask you to pray about this and use your freedom to vote to uphold our Catholic beliefs to defend the unborn and to uphold the rights of all human life as God has commanded us to do. We pray to Jesus, Mary, His Mother, and St. Joseph, the protector of the Holy Family to help us respect all life from conception to natural death.

POSITION AVAILABLE – YOUTH MINISTRY

St. Pius X Church and School is looking for a dynamic, energetic, faith-filled disciple of Jesus Christ to serve as Director of Youth Ministry to help facilitate the evangelization, formation, and discipleship of middle and high school students, grades 6-12. Primary responsibilities include coordinating and organizing youth ministry weekly activities and events, retreats, and annual trips (including the March for Life, Gospel Road Work Camp, and the National Catholic Youth Conference). This position is also responsible for the planning and implementation of the parish Vacation Bible School program. Ideal candidates must be actively involved in a Roman Catholic Parish and have a comprehensive understanding of Catholic doctrine. A bachelor's degree or equivalent in theology, youth ministry, religious education, communication, or a related field is preferred, as well as youth ministry leadership experience. Experience with budgeting and marketing a plus. This is a full-time, year-round position, and night/weekend availability is a must. If interested, please send résumé, cover letter, and references to Brenda Brammer, Business Manager, at bbrammer@spxreynoldsburg.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 osuwxmedlivingdonor.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!

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.

AROUND TOWN

FOOD + EDUCATION = HOPE:

It has been said that one person can make a difference, and we all know that to be true. But, our church is universal, **think of what we can accomplish together!** As fellow Catholics, we are called. Called to serve one another. Called to help form one another. Called to both **local and global** opportunities. **On September 28th, join together with those you know to purchase a table or tickets to an event called: An Evening With.** This year, the keynote speaker is the founder and CEO of **Mary's Meals, Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow**. Mary's Meals is a global hunger organization that provides meals in the classroom leading to a bridge out of poverty. **This inspirational evening supports two educational opportunities, locally and worldwide, through Mary's Meals. Proceeds support both Mary's Meals and tuition assistance.** Contact Julie at jnaporano@scprep.org.

Saint Lawrence

(c. 225-August 10, 258)

Saint Lawrence's Story

The esteem in which the Church holds Lawrence is seen in the fact that today's celebration ranks as a feast. We know very little about his life. He is one of those whose martyrdom made a deep and lasting impression on the early Church. A celebration of his feast day spread rapidly.

He was a Roman deacon under Pope Saint Sixtus II. Four days after this pope was put to death, Lawrence and four clerics suffered martyrdom, probably during the persecution of the Emperor Valerian.

Legendary details of Lawrence's death were known to Damasus, Prudentius, Ambrose, and Augustine. The church built over his tomb became one of the seven principle churches in Rome and a favorite place for Roman pilgrimages.

A well-known legend has persisted from earliest times. As deacon in Rome, Lawrence was charged with the responsibility for the material goods of the Church, and the distribution of alms to the poor. When Lawrence knew he would be arrested like the pope, he sought out the poor, widows, and orphans of Rome and gave them all the money he had on hand, selling even the sacred vessels of the altar to increase the sum. When the prefect of Rome heard of this, he imagined that the Christians must have considerable treasure. He sent for Lawrence and said, "You Christians say we are cruel to you, but that is not what I have in mind. I am told that your priests offer in gold, that the sacred blood is received in silver cups, that you have golden candlesticks at your evening services. Now, your doctrine says you must render to Caesar what is his. Bring these treasures – the emperor needs them to maintain his forces. God does not cause money to be counted: He brought none of it into the world with Him – only words. Give me the money, therefore, and be rich in words."

Lawrence replied that the Church was indeed rich. "I will show you a valuable part. But give me time to set everything in order and make an inventory." After three days, he gathered a great number of blind, lame, maimed, leprous, orphaned, and widowed persons and put them in rows. When the prefect arrived, Lawrence simply said, "These are the treasure of the Church."

The prefect was so angry, he told Lawrence that he would indeed have his wish to die – but it would be by inches. He had a great gridiron prepared with coals beneath it and had Lawrence's body placed on it. After the martyr had suffered the pain for a long time, the legend concludes, he made his famous cheerful remark, "It is well done. Turn me over!"

Reflection

Once again, we have a saint about whom almost nothing is known, yet one who has received extraordinary honor in the Church since the fourth century. Almost nothing – yet the greatest fact of his life is certain: He died for Christ. We, who are hungry for details about the lives of the saints, are again reminded that their holiness was, after all, a total response to Christ, expressed perfectly by a death like this.

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