



# 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

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#### 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

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](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.

# NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## AUGUST 13, 2023

Forget not, Lord, the life of the poor!

### MASSES FOR AUGUST 14-20, 2023

#### Monday, August 14

7:00 p.m. Vigil Mass for the Assumption  
of the Blessed Virgin Mary

#### Tuesday, August 15 – Holy Day of Obligation – Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30 a.m. (FPW) ✠ Steven Sandidge by Rose Crane

#### Wednesday, August 16

8:30 a.m. (FPW) ✠ Dan Fabian by The Swisher Family

#### Thursday, August 17

8:30 a.m. NO MORNING MASS!

#### Friday, August 18

8:30 a.m. (FMK) ✠ Deceased Members of the Bergman Family  
by the Bergman Family

#### Saturday, August 19

4:30 p.m. (FMK) ✠ Buddy Capuano by Judy & Tom Haddox

#### Sunday, August 20

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

10:00 a.m. (FMK) ✠ Jessica & Eugene McCormick  
by Tom & Chris Vollmer

### 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.*

### PULPIT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please see the bulletin article for the times of the Holy Day Mass Schedule.

Please note that there will be NO Morning Mass on Thursday, August 17. Morning Mass will resume on Friday, August 18, with Fr. Milton Kiocha.

The St. Pius X Church and School "End of Summer Carnival" will be selling raffle tickets the weekends of August 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.

### IN OUR PARISH

**Newly Baptized:** Michael Edward Furlong, III, son of Phillip & Alexandra; Piper Carroll & Canon Robert children of Robert & Shelley

**Pray for the Deceased:** Robert Dunbar

### 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 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](http://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.

**THIS WEEK AT ST. PIUS X – AUGUST 14-20, 2023**

<b>Monday, August 14</b>	Liturgy of the Hours	Church	9:00 a.m.
	Rosary	Church	9:15 a.m.
	Women Ablaze	Parish Center	10:00 a.m.
<b>Tuesday, August 15</b>	Liturgy of Hours	Church	8:00 a.m.
	Rosary	Church	9:15 a.m.
	Women Ablaze – Wine, Cheese & Chocolate Event	Parish Center	7:00 p.m.
	K of C Business Meeting	Parish Center, Meeting Room	7:00 p.m.
<b>Wednesday, August 16</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.
<b>Thursday, August 17</b>	OCIA (Formally RCIA)	Parish Center	6:30 p.m.
	TMIY	Parish Center, Room A	6:00 a.m.
	Liturgy of the Hours	Church	8:00 a.m.
	Rosary	Church	9:15 a.m.
<b>Friday, August 18</b>	Liturgy of the Hours	Church	8:00 a.m.
	Rosary	Church	9:15 a.m.
<b>Saturday, August 19</b>	Young Mother's Group	Church Chapel	8:00 a.m.
	Armory Speaker Series	Church	10:00 a.m.
	PSR Teacher Meeting	Cafeteria	10:00 a.m.
	Selling Carnival Raffle Tickets	Vestibule	Before/After Mass
<b>Sunday, August 20</b>	Selling Carnival Raffle Tickets	Vestibule	Before/After Masses
	K of C Pancake Breakfast	Parish Center	9:00 a.m. to Noon
	PSR Teacher Make up Meeting	Cafeteria	11:00 a.m.
	Rosary	Chapel	11:15 a.m.

**AUGUST 15 – HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION FOR THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

The Mass schedule for the Holy Day of Obligation will be:

Monday, August 14, 2023 Mass will be at 7:00 p.m. (Divine Mercy and Rosary are canceled)

Tuesday, August 15, 2023 Mass will be at 8:30 a.m.

There is no evening Mass on Tuesday

**COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS****For the Week of August 7, 2023**

Budget Requirements	\$	20,000.00
Special Offertory	\$	0.00
Weekly Offertory Received:	\$	11,882.46
Weekly Surplus (Deficit):	\$	(8,117.54)
Adjustments	\$	300.00
Holy Day (Assumption)	\$	52.00
**EFT (Debit) Program	\$	516.00
Envelope Offering:	\$	8,766.00
Loose Offering:	\$	2,248.46
Total Offering:	\$	11,882.46

**For the Month of August 2023**

MTD Budget Requirements:	\$	20,000.00
MTD Actual Offertory Received:	\$	11,882.46
MTD Surplus (Deficit):	\$	(8,117.54)
YTD Budget Requirements	\$	110,000.00
YTD Actual Offertory Received	\$	107,282.90
YTD Surplus (Deficit)	\$	(2,717.10)
Debit Program Participants:		30
Envelopes Used:		164



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**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY****August 13th – Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

In this Gospel, Jesus immediately stretched out his hand and caught Peter, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" Please help the Society of St. Vincent de Paul bring respite and hope to the elderly who are not able to find relief from the summer heat, and you will bring them faith and hope. In the month of July, through your gifts of \$2,515.00, our ministry brought the love and care of Jesus to the poor by assisting families providing \$300.00 in food, \$2,153.46 for utility assistance, toiletries, etc. *"Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers or sisters of mine, you did for me."* (Matt. 25:31-46)

**PARKING LOT RESURFACING**

On Monday, August 14 and Thursday, August 17, we will begin the process of sealcoating and stripping our entire parking lot. On August 14, please use the south driveway (between the school and the preschool) to enter and exit the parking lot. On August 17, please use the north driveway (between the church and school) to enter and exit the parking lot. Please observe the orange cones and signs to park in the correct parking spaces.

**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/Rector's 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.

**PARISH BUSINESS OFFICE/RECTOR'S OFFICE CLOSED ON FRIDAYS FOR THE SUMMER!**

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

**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."*

**SCHOOL TO BEGIN IN A FEW WEEKS**

Our St. Pius X School will begin again for the 2023-2024 school year in a few weeks. Important dates to remember are:

- Opening School Mass with an Open House at the school is on Tuesday, August 22
- Phase-in days: Wednesday, August 23; Thursday, August 24 and Friday, August 25.
- First full day of school will be Monday, August 28
- First All-School Mass will be Tuesday, August 29 and all Tuesdays thereafter.

We would ask parishioners to be especially careful in the parking lot. Please pay extra attention when arriving for morning Mass and leaving the parking lot at any time during the day. Please follow the cone placements in the lot for parking. Also note that the Preschool driveway is no longer a cut through during school hours. The driveway and parking lot will be blocked off until the end of the school day. If you must leave a car in the parking lot for several hours, please make sure that you park on the church side of the lot. Any car left parked on the school side of the parking lot at 1:00 p.m. will be towed. The safety of our students is our priority. We would ask that it be yours, as well. Thank 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.

**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 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!*

**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.

**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.

**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!

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

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

Currently, we need Catechists for Grade 5 and 6, 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.

**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.

**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.

**August 19-August 20: Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

	<b>Sacristan</b>	<b>Lectors</b>	<b>EMHC</b>	<b>Servers</b>	<b>Ushers</b>
<b>Saturday, 4:30 p.m.</b>	Cyndi Williams	Laura Morrison (1) Tanaka Mukudu (2)	Ken Morrison Ambo Host (EMHC 1) Carol Summa – Organ Host (EMHC 1)	Sammy Gerardi Lyla Gerardi Sam Morrison	Jim (1) Beck Paul (10) Siefert Tom (3) Haddox Dianne (7) Einstein
<b>Sunday, 8:00 a.m.</b>	Cheryl Krolkowski	Denise Trusken (1) Judy Cafmeyer (2)	De Ann Bukowski Ambo Host (EMHC 1) Kim Bratz – Organ Host (EMHC 1)	Michael Balazik Adam Rodenkirchen Maxwell Sandy	Anthony Kanne Michael Krolkowski Dan Ujcz Dave Williams
<b>Sunday, 10:00 a.m.</b>	Wayne Wingard	Bridget Masara (1) Chris Vollmer (2)	David Roby Ambo Host (EMHC 1) Gene Shultz – Organ Host (EMHC 1)	Samuel Bryan Dominic Louiso Vinnny Louiso	Steven Frase Ted Habak Gervase Ngalla Mary Ann Wingard
<b>Saturday-Sunday (Maintenance Standby) – Scott Marsh</b>					
<b>Sunday, 11:00 a.m. (Church Linens) – Ilona Ferris</b>					

**WOMEN ABLAZE – “I am not afraid... I was born to do this.” – St. Joan of Arc**

The Women Ablaze Ministry will be offering the following book studies to the Ladies of the Parish beginning September 11.

**Women Ablaze Morning Group – 10:00-11:30 a.m.**

**Love Like a Saint**, by Elizabeth M. Kelly - In *Love Like a Saint*, you are invited to be inspired by remarkable saints – virtuous, flawed, and real women who teach us how to surrender to God and be open to His grace. The women you will meet in this book have cultivated virtue through a life of surrender and love in the midst of deep sorrows and trials. Order from The Word Among Us Press or Amazon. We will meet in the PFC starting September 11-October 23.

**Gaze Upon Jesus**, by Kelly M. Wahlquist – What if you had walked beside the Virgin Mary from the Annunciation to the point at which she and Joseph found Jesus in the temple? How might seeing Christ as a child impact you and your faith? During this study, we will be following the infancy and early years of Christ as seen through the eyes of Mary and other familiar and imagined women in the Gospels. This book may be ordered from Ave Maria Press or Amazon. We will meet in the PFC starting November 6-November 27, break in December, and finish January 8 and January 15.

**Women Ablaze Evening Group– 7:00-8:30 p.m.**

**Rediscover Jesus**, by Matthew Kelly - When was the last time you were awestruck by Jesus? Is your heart yearning for more, but the demands of life have kept you running breathless and blind? Come journey with us as we rediscover the King of Kings, Lord of Lords, the simple carpenter from Nazareth who turned the world upside down. Jesus is calling you to COME and deepen your relationship with Him. Will you accept the invitation? This book may be ordered from Dynamic Catholic or Amazon.

**We will meet in the Church at 7:00 p.m. starting September 11-November 13. We will begin with 10 minutes of Adoration and Reflection and then move to the PFC. Please sign up on the St. Pius X website by September 1 for planning purposes for the morning or evening session that you would like to attend. Links to order the books will be posted with the sign-up.**

**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.

**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 year-long 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

**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.

**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!

**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](mailto:jnaporano@scprep.org).**

**EARLY FALL GETAWAY!**

Spend time this fall enriching your relationship. Experience a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter** weekend where married couples can get away from jobs, kids, chores, and phones and focus only on each other. Make 2023 the best year of your marriage by applying today! The next weekend is September 8-10, 2023 in the Central Ohio area. For more information or to apply, visit our website at [WWMEcolumbus.org](http://WWMEcolumbus.org) or contact Paul and Marilou Clouse at 614-834-6880. Early registration is highly recommended.



# Saint Joan of the Cross

(June 18, 1666-August 17, 1736)

## Saint Joan of the Cross' Story

An encounter with a shabby old woman many dismissed as insane prompted Saint Joan to dedicate her life to the poor. For Joan, who had a reputation as a businesswoman intent on monetary success, this was a significant conversion.

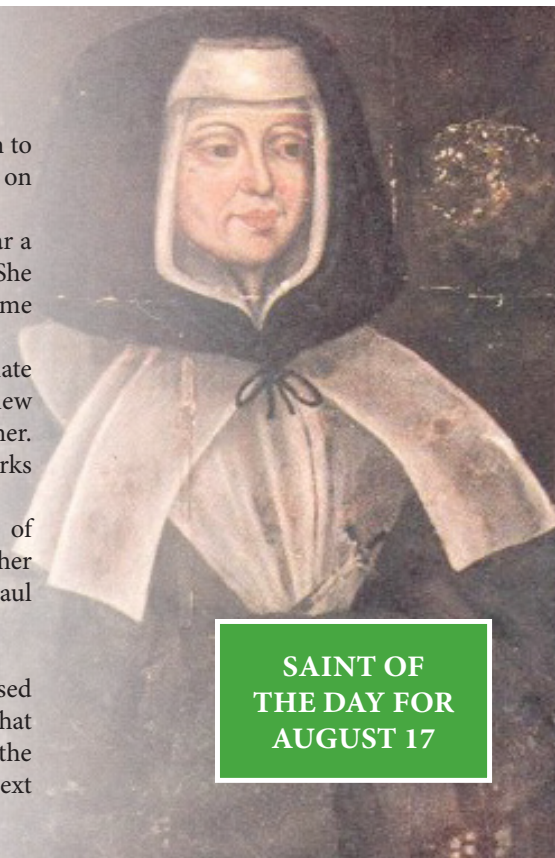
Born in 1666, in Anjou, France, Joan worked in the family business – a small shop near a religious shrine – from an early age. After her parents' death, she took over the shop. She quickly became known for her greediness and insensitivity to the beggars who often came seeking help.

That was until she was touched by the strange woman who claimed she was on intimate terms with the deity. Joan, who had always been devout, even scrupulous, became a new person. She began caring for needy children. Then the poor, elderly, and sick came to her. Over time, she closed the family business so she could devote herself fully to good works and penance.

She went on to found what came to be known as the Congregation of Saint Anne of Providence. It was then she took the religious name of Joan of the Cross. By the time of her death in 1736, she had founded 12 religious houses, hospices, and schools. Pope John Paul II canonized her in 1982.

## Reflection

The downtown areas of most major cities hold a population of "street people." Well-dressed folks usually avoid making eye contact, probably for fear of being asked for a handout. That was Joan's attitude until the day one of them touched her heart. Most people thought the old woman was crazy, but she put Joan on the road to sainthood. Who knows what the next beggar we meet might do for us?



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