

#### **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 <a href="www.catholic-foundation.org">www.catholic-foundation.org</a> to learn how your bequest of cash, stock, real estate and/or insurance can help our endowment grow, giving our parish perpetual income.

# 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 - <u>StPiusX@spxreynoldsburg.com</u>

#### 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

#### **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.

ST. PIUS X CHURCH REYNOLDSBURG, OHIO

## TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME AUGUST 27, 2023

Save the servant who trusts in you, Lord!

#### MASSES FOR AUGUST 29-SEPTEMBER 3, 2023

Tuesday, August 29

8:30 a.m. (FMK) 🕆 Vincent Jungkunz by Nancy Jungkunz

Wednesday, August 30

8:30 a.m. (FMK) 🗗 John Glodowski by Barbara Glodowski

Thursday, August 31

8:30 a.m. (FMK) Special Mass Intentions for Vocations by Seven Sisters/Serra

Friday, September 1

8:30 a.m. (FMK) 🕆 Jeanne Waibel by John Waibel

Saturday, September 2

4:30 p.m. (FMK) & Buddy Capuano by The Maietta Family

Sunday, September 3

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

10:00 a.m. (FMK) ♣ Robert Turrin by Jerilyn Turrin

#### **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

For all parishioners who are involved in the Mass on the weekends, please enter your unavailable time in MSP by September 15th for October-December.

This weekend is the Pennies for Heaven (SOS) quarterly collection to Support Our Seminarians after all Masses.

There are still several positions available at St. Pius X for the school, for PSR and for a Youth Ministry Leader. Please see the bulletin for more information.

#### IN OUR PARISH

Pray for the Deceased: Norbert Stalica

Newly Baptized: Lucca Mascia son of Nicholas & Jaclyn

#### 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 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 28-SEPTEMBER 3, 2023							
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Monday, August 28	Liturgy of the Hours Rosary	Church	9:00 a.m. 9:15 a.m.				
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Tuesday, August 29	Liturgy of Hours	Church Church	8:00 a.m. 9:15 a.m.				
	Rosary Funeral – Norbert Stalica	Church	9:13 a.m. 10:30 a.m.				
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Wednesday, August 30	Liturgy of the Hours	Church	8:00 a.m.				
	Rosary	Church	9:15 a.m.				
	Eucharistic Exposition	Sacred Heart Chapel	9:00 a.m12:00 p.m.				
			1:00-6:00 p.m.				
	Holy Hour – Confessions	Church Sanctuary Parish Center	12:00-1:00 p.m.				
	OCIA (Formally RCIA)	Parish Center	6:30 p.m.				
Thursday, August 31	TMIY	Parish Center, Room A	6:00 a.m.				
	Liturgy of the Hours	Church	8:00 a.m.				
	Rosary	Church	9:15 a.m.				
Friday, September 1	Liturgy of the Hours	Church	8:00 a.m.				
, ,	Rosary	Church	9:15 a.m.				
Saturday, September 2	Young Mother's Group	Church Chapel	8:00 a.m.				
	Parent Baptism Class	Parish Center, Room A	9:00 a.m12:00 p.m.				
	K of C Rosary	Church	After 4:30 p.m. Mass				
Sunday, September 3	Rosary	Chapel	11:15 a.m.				
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## **COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS**

For the Week of August 20, 2023:		
Budget Requirements	\$	20,000.00
Special Offertory	\$	0.00
Weekly Offertory Received:	\$	12,517.84
Weekly Surplus (Deficit):	(\$	7,482.16)
Holy Day (Assumption)	\$	744.00
**EFT (Debit) Program	\$	5,214.34
Envelope Offering:	\$	4,637.50
Loose Offering:	\$	1,922.00
Total Offering:	\$	12,517.84
For the Month of August 2023:		
MTD Budget Requirements:	\$	60,000.00
MTD Actual Offertory Received:	\$	56,143.32
MTD Surplus (Deficit):	(\$	3,856.68)
YTD Budget Requirements	\$	150,000.00
YTD Actual Offertory Received	\$	151,543.76
YTD Surplus (Deficit)	\$	1,543.76
Debit Program Participants:		93
Envelopes Used:		128



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#### **EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION:**

Any Extraordinary Ministers who are taking Communion to the sick and homebound, please contact Leah Kelly at 614-866-2859 or lpkelly1987@gmail.com with your name and the name of the individual/s you take Communion to. I am compiling a list of ministry to the sick for Father Patrick.

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#### SCHOOL IS IN SESSION!

Important dates to remember are:

- 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.

#### **WOMEN'S RETREAT:**

It's coming soon! Our annual women's retreat will be held one day only this year on Saturday, September 30 in the Parish Activity Center. Our Retreat Director will be Sharon Reed. Sharon has been involved with spirituality ministry - retreats for youth and adults, retreats for busy people, days and evenings of reflection - for over 30 years. She completed the SHALEM Program of Formation for Spiritual Direction and has served as a spiritual director ever since. She has also served as a counselor, dean of students, and Vice President for student development at Ohio Dominican University until she retired in July, 2021. She has been a Dominican Associate since 2015 and is currently a member of St. Elizabeth Parish in the Columbus Northland area. There will be talks, small and large group discussion, and quiet prayer. The day will begin at 8:30 a.m. with continental breakfast and conclude as a group at the 4:30 p.m. parish Mass. Cost for the day is \$15.00 and will include breakfast, boxed lunch and materials. Payment can be made by check or cash the day of the retreat. Reservations are required. Please sign up on the parish website by Friday, September 22. For questions, please call Leah Kelly at the rectory at 614-866-2859.



# AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE WHEN: Thursday, September 14, 2023

TIME: 12:00-6:00 p.m.

WHERE: Monsignor Funk Parish Center 1051 Waggoner Road, Reynoldsburg, OH 43068

Hosted by SPX Girl Scout Troop 6378.

For an appointment, please visit redcrossblood.org, call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or scan the QR code.

#### **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.



"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 6-27, break in December, and finish January 8 and 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.

## THE ANNUAL PSR DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP WILL BE HELD THIS SUNDAY, AUGUST 27

The annual PSR Drop-off and Pick-up will be held this Sunday, **August 27 from 11:00 a.m. until 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.

#### **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.

# 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 26-27 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!* 

#### 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.

#### 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 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR

For the 2023-2024 school year, 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, 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.

September 2-3: Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time						
	Sacristan	Lectors	ЕМНС	Servers	Ushers	
Saturday, 4:30 p.m. (No Deacon)	Carol Summa	David McCormick (1) Bridget Masara (2)	Meghan Swails – Ambo Host (EMHC 1) Megan Berger – Organ Host (EMHC 1) Michael Berger – Extra EMHC (1)	Emma Feeney Nathan Feeney Jennsen Swails	Liam (9) Bailey Tom (3) Haddox Mike (4) Angle Chris (8) Bailey	
Sunday, 8:00 a.m. (Dcn Lemay)	Michael Paszkiewicz	Linda Dlugiewicz (1) Valerie Bryan (2)	Jeff Cox – Ambo Host (EMHC 1) Ann Cox – Organ Host (EMHC 1)	Vinny Louiso (sub req.) Dominic Louiso (sub req.) Max Ujczo	Dan Ujczo Michael Krolikowski Cheryl Krolikowski David Dlugiewicz	
Sunday, 10:00 a.m. (Dcn Lemay)	Mary Ann Wingard	Kevin Briggs (1) Ted Habak (2)	Theresa Ogershok – Ambo Host (EMHC 1) David Roby – Organ Host (EMHC 1)	Maxwell Sandy Elle FRASE 2 Justin Frase	Dennis Powell Bob Outlaw Steven Frase Tom Vollmer	
Sunday, 11:00 a.m. (Church Linens) – Mary Girard						

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#### THE SPX MEN'S MINISTRY

"Instaurare Omnia in Christo!"

In the Armory with Saint Joseph What/When: First Wednesday Men's Fellowship September 6th 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
or on the Hohman Hall Patio (weather permitting)

**Cost:** Free and no need to RSVP *Includes hot food item and cold beverages.* Video Study – *The Fourth Cup:* 

#### Unveiling the Mystery of the Last Supper and the Cross

Well-known Catholic theologian, Dr. Scott Hahn, explains Christ's Paschal sacrifice on the cross as the fulfillment of the traditional fourth cup used in the celebration of Passover... through his scholarly insights and important Biblical connections, Mass will come alive for you as never before!

Lesson 4 of 14: "Rite Turns"

Saint Joseph, Terror of Demons, Pray for us!



*The Armory* invites all men of our parish, 18 years of age and older, to join us for the 13-week Fall Semester of *That Man Is You!* We are offering two different sessions, each featuring several well-known Catholic theologians and speakers:

#### 1. Thy Kingdom Come

Jesus did not say to the Jews, "I've come to save you from Roman oppression and taxation." Christ did not promise a worldly kingdom. In fact, He said, "My kingship is not of this world..." The kingdom of God is among us. Indeed, it is here now. For where the King is there is His Kingdom. Let us live with an eternal perspective. Claim your royal dignity and inheritance!

Monday Evenings, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
Starting September 11 in the Parish Family Center
-----AND ------

#### 2. The Light of Men

There is but one source of all light – Jesus! He is the light shattering the darkness of our day. To be in the light is to allow God's light to shine through you and become manifest in abundant virtue. "In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it."

Thursday Mornings, 6:00-7:30 a.m. Starting September 14 in the Parish Family Center

If you have never been a part of this program or have fallen away, you are welcome to join either group!

be provided.

If you have questions, please contact John Zacovic at 614-322-9473 or jzacovic@insight.rr.com. For more information or to register, visit www. paradisusdei.org/that-man-is-you.

#### **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

#### 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 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.



#### **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. Apply 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 or contact Paul and Marilou Clouse at 614-834-6880. Early registration is highly recommended.

## **Saint Giles**

(c. 650-710)

#### Saint Giles' Story

Despite the fact that much about Saint Giles is shrouded in mystery, we can say that he was one of the most popular saints in the Middle Ages. Likely, he was born in the first half of the seventh century in southeastern France. That is where he built a monastery that became a popular stopping-off point for pilgrims making their way to Compostela in Spain, and the Holy Land.

In England, many ancient churches and hospitals were dedicated to Giles. One of the sections of the city of Brussels is named after him. In Germany, Giles was included among the so-called 14 Holy Helpers, a popular group of saints to whom people prayed, especially for recovery from disease, and for strength at the hour of death. Also among the 14 were Saints Christopher, Barbara, and Blaise. Interestingly, Giles was the only non-martyr among them. Devotion to the "Holy Helpers" was especially strong in parts of Germany and in Hungary and Sweden. Such devotion made his popularity spread. Giles was soon invoked as the patron of the poor and the disabled.

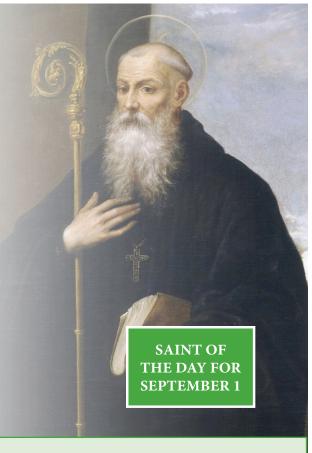
The pilgrimage center, that once drew so many, fell into disrepair some centuries after Giles' death.

#### Reflection

Saint Giles may not have been a martyr but, as the word martyr means, he was a true witness to the faith. This is attested to by the faith of the People of God in the Middle Ages. He became one of the "holy helpers" and can still function in that role for us today.

#### Saint Giles is the Patron Saint of:

Beggars; The Disabled; Disasters; The Poor



#### **PHONES** Rectory and Church Office, Fr. David J. Young, Deacon Joseph Lemay, Deacon Jim Kelly (deaconkellyspx@gmail.com), Pastoral Minister & Spiritual Mentoring, Sr. Maxine Shonk 614-866-2859



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