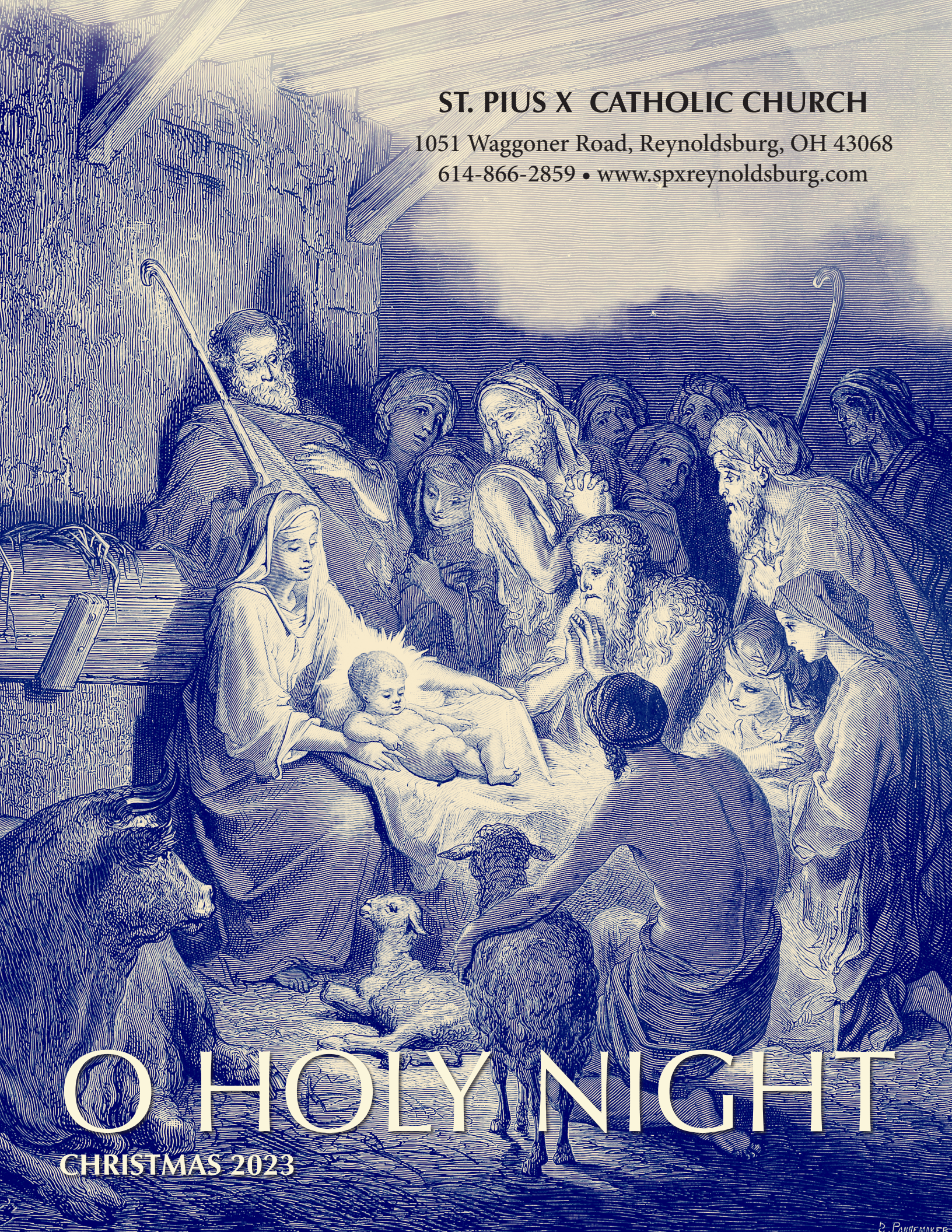


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O HOLY NIGHT

CHRISTMAS 2023

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 24, 2023

Let the earth be opened and bring forth a Savior!

MASSES FOR DECEMBER 25-31, 2023

Monday, December 25 CHRISTMAS DAY

9:00 a.m. (FRM) Living & Deceased Members of the Parish

Tuesday, December 26

8:30 a.m. (MPG) ✠ Edward Albrecht by Emily & TJ Bryant Family
✠ Saverio Capuano by Shirley Fix

Wednesday, December 27

8:30 a.m. (FPW) Special Intentions for Children & Grandchildren
by Mary Girard

Thursday, December 28

8:30 a.m. (FMK) ✠ Pam Briggs by Cyndi & Jim Williams

Friday, December 29

8:30 a.m. (FPW) ✠ Buddy Capuano by Sue & Dan Hodges

Saturday, December 30

7:00 a.m. (FMK) Mass
4:30 p.m. (FPW) ✠ Shirley Garcia by Alicia Garcia

Sunday, December 31

8:00 a.m. (FMK) Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
10:00 a.m. (FPW) ✠ John Callahan by Steve & Ann Stirn

IN OUR PARISH

Vocation Prayer: *In every age, Lord, You raise up women and men who are strong in their faith and bold in their actions to give witness to the Gospel. Fill St. Pius with Your Spirit and give us a burning desire to make a difference in our world because of our love for You. Bless our Church with holy and courageous priests, deacons, religious sisters and brothers, devoted married couples, dedicated single men and women and enthusiastic youth. We ask in Jesus' name. Amen.*

PULPIT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please make sure that you are familiar with the Mass Schedule for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

The Mass schedule for the Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 23 and 24, will remain the same.

The Rectory/Business Office will be closed on Tuesday, December 26 and will open Wednesday, Thursday and Friday with limited hours, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Confessions are canceled before morning Mass on Tuesday, December 26.

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.) 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.

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

Scammers at it Again... Emails/Text Messages from Fr. Patrick: 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 a scam email 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 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 register formally with St. Pius X Church to become a member.

JOIN Donations: Any small-sized 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 or calling 614-863-1371 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.

THIS WEEK AT ST. PIUS X – DECEMBER 25-31, 2023

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| Monday, December 25 | ALL ACTIVITIES CANCELED! | | |
| Tuesday, December 26 | Confessions are canceled before Mass | | |
| | Liturgy of Hours | Church | 8:00 a.m. |
| | Rosary | Church | 9:15 a.m. |
| Wednesday, December 27 | Confessions | Church | 8:00-8:20 a.m. |
| | Liturgy of the Hours | Church | 8:00 a.m. |
| | Rosary | Church | 9:15 a.m. |
| | Eucharistic Exposition | Sacred Heart Chapel | 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. |
| | | | 1:00-9:00 p.m. |
| Thursday, December 28 | Holy Hour-Confessions | Church Sanctuary | 12:00-1:00 p.m. |
| | Confessions | Church | 8:00-8:20 a.m. |
| | Liturgy of the Hours | Church | 8:00 a.m. |
| | Rosary | Church | 9:15 a.m. |
| | New Creation Practice | Church | 7:00 p.m. |
| Friday, December 29 | Confessions | Church | 8:00-8:20 a.m. |
| | Liturgy of the Hours | Church | 8:00 a.m. |
| | Rosary | Church | 9:15 a.m. |
| Saturday, December 30 | Confessions | Church | 3:00-4:00 p.m. |
| Sunday, December 31 | Rosary | Chapel | 11:15 a.m. |

To My Dear St. Pius Family:

As of December 29, 2023, I will be officially retiring as the Pastoral Minister at St. Pius X Church. For a little over 19 years, I have served the parish's spiritual needs with programs and planning. I have also served the sick and elderly of the parish in the hospital, nursing homes, assisted living facilities and their personal homes by providing them weekly communion and personal visits. I have made many friends over all of these years, and I have journeyed with many in their final days of life. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve the people of this parish. I can only hope that I have made a difference in the lives of the people I have served and in the life of this parish. I will continue to pray for all of you and ask that you keep me and my husband, Deacon Jim, in your prayers as well. Deacon Jim is not retiring and will continue to serve all of you.

Many blessings,
Leah Kelly

PRAYERS AND SUPPORT REQUESTED

It is with heavy hearts that we reach out to our St. Pius X community, asking for your prayers and support for a family of our parish and school. In the wake of a devastating house fire, one of our parishioners who attended Mass daily, Marielda Achu-Samba Nangah, and her grandson, an SPX Pre-K student, DeAndre Berry-Samba, lost their lives. Thankfully, Skylar Berry-Samba, a SPX 7th grader, and Zeena Berry-Samba, a SPX 5th grader, were able to escape to safety. We have started a GoFundMe account to help this family with their expenses through this devastating loss. To donate, visit <https://www.gofundme.com/f/support-for-the-berry-samba-family> and please pray for this family.

USE OF INCENSE AT 10:00 A.M. SUNDAY MASS

Incense will be used at the 10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass every weekend beginning Sunday, December 31. This will be the only weekend Mass it will be used.

WEDNESDAY ADORATION EXTENDED

Wednesday evening Adoration has been extended to 9:00 p.m., starting immediately. If anyone feels that they can cover the hours from 6:00-9:00 p.m., please sign up online under Eucharistic Exposition. It is suggested that anyone attending Adoration at a certain time on a regular basis should please sign up online as well.

PLEASE PARTICIPATE IN THE SURVEY

We will take a survey to see how many parishioners would be interested in attending an evening Mass during the week. Many parishioners are not able to attend the morning weekday Masses and it was suggested to see if there is an interest in an evening Mass on Mondays at 7:00 p.m.. This mass would not be a substitute for the Sunday obligation. Please take the time to answer The Survey. We will collect your answers in the Blue and White box in the Narthex until the end of the year.



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Christmas 2023 Bulletin – Pastor's Platform

Merry Christmas 2023!

Christmastime begins with evening prayer on the Vigil of the Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) and ends with after evening prayer on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord.

Christmas is one of the most important days of the Church year, second only to Easter itself. Celebrating the birth of the Lord Jesus Christ is the culmination of the mystery of the Incarnation, the feast of God becoming flesh.

Christmas is an incredibly special time for all Catholics. This period signifies the birth of the savior, Jesus Christ. "Christ is the reason for the season." This Christmas, I would like to share these beautiful quotes from saints for you to ponder during the Christmas season.

St. Augustine of Hippo (354-430) "Man's maker was made man, that He, Ruler of the stars, might nurse at His mother's breast; that the Bread might hunger, the Fountain thirst, the Light sleep, the Way be tired on its journey; that the Truth might be accused of false witness, the Teacher be beaten with whips, the Foundation be suspended on wood; that Strength might grow weak; that the Healer might be wounded; that Life might die."

St. John Chrysostom (347-407) "This day He Who Is, is born; and He Who Is becomes what He was not."

St. Ambrose of Milan (340-397) "Open wide your door to the one who comes. Open your soul, throw open the depths of your heart to see the riches of simplicity, the treasures of peace, the sweetness of grace. Open your heart and run to meet the Sun of eternal light that illuminates all men."

St. Anthony of Padua (1195-1231) "O Father, in your Truth (that is to say, in your Son, humbled, needy, and homeless) you have humbled me. He was humbled in the womb of the Virgin, needy in the manger of the sheep, and homeless on the wood of the Cross. Nothing so humbles the proud sinner as the humility of Jesus Christ's humanity."

St. Cyril of Jerusalem (315-386) "Teacher of children became himself a child among children, that he might instruct the unwise. The Bread of heaven came down to earth to feed the hungry."

St. Gregory Nazianzen (329-390) "Christ is born, glorify Him! Christ from heaven, go out to meet Him! Christ on earth, be exalted! Sing to the Lord all the whole earth; and that I may join both in one word, let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad, for Him who is of heaven and then of earth. Christ in the flesh, rejoice with trembling and with joy; with trembling because of your sins, with joy because of your hope."

St. Leo the Great (c.400-461) "Dearly beloved, today our Savior is born; let us rejoice. Sadness should have no place on the birthday of life. The fear of death has been swallowed up; life brings us joy with the promise of eternal happiness. No one is shut out from this joy; all share the same reason for rejoicing. Our Lord, victor over sin and death, finding no man free from sin, came to free us all."

St. Alphonsus Liguori (1696-1787) "Arise, all ye nobles and peasants; Mary invites all, rich and poor, just and sinners, to enter the cave of Bethlehem, to adore and to kiss the feet of her newborn Son. Go in, then, all ye devout souls; go and see the Creator of heaven and earth on a little hay, under the form of a little Infant; but so beautiful that he sheds all around rays of light. Now that he is born and is lying on the straw, the cave is no longer horrible, but is become a paradise. Let us enter; let us not be afraid."

St. Bernard of Clairvaux (1090-1153) "Awake, you who lie in the dust, awake and give praise. Behold, the Lord cometh with salvation. He comes with salvation, He comes with unction, He comes with glory. Jesus cannot come without salvation, Christ cannot come without unction, nor the Son of God without glory. For He Himself is salvation, He is unction, He is glory, as it is written, 'A wise son is the glory of his father.'"

St. Peter Chrysologus (c.380-c.450) "Christ's birth was not necessity, but an expression of omnipotence, a sacrament of piety for the redemption of men. He who made man without generation from pure clay made man again and was born from a pure body. The hand that assumed clay to make our flesh deigned to assume a body for your salvation. That the Creator is in his creature and God is in the flesh brings dignity to man without dishonor to him who made him." "Why then, man, are you so worthless in your own eyes and yet so precious to God?"

Lastly, getting into the festive spirit and learning the true meaning of Christmas is as easy as going to watch The Nativity at your school or local Church! Each scene tells the story of Jesus' birth and how Mary and Joseph followed the Star of Bethlehem to find a resting place, where the newborn King was welcomed to the world for the very first time.

The Nativity reminds us to be thankful for everything that we have and spread good cheer! Merry Christmas and may the newborn Messiah be born in your families and lives. Behold the gift of his birth and the light he shines; behold the love and grace he brings to our lives; I share the joys of Christmas and wish you all God's great blessings!

Rev. Patrick Watikha, AJ



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In Memory of Daniel G. Schaner
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2023 ADVENT CALENDAR**December 24**

Christmas Eve Masses Sunday Evening
at 4:00 p.m., 6:30 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.

December 25

Christmas Day Mass 9:00 a.m. only
There is NO Midnight Mass

December 30 and 31

Regular Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday, 4:30 p.m.; Sunday, 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

There is NO Vigil Mass for New Year's Day

New Year's Day is NOT a Holy Day this year.

January 1

Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God

Regular weekday Mass schedule, 8:30 a.m.

This is NOT a Holy Day of Obligation this year.

**Regular Confession schedule
throughout the season of Advent:**

Monday through Friday 8:00 to 8:20 a.m.

Wednesday during Holy Hour 12:00 to 1:00 p.m.



St. Pius Cub Scout Pack 3326 is conducting our Annual Scouting for Food drive for Helping Hands Food Pantry during December. Please support us to support our local community!

The following items are requested for December:

- Soup (all varieties)
- Jelly
- Pancake Mix and Syrup
- Canned Tuna
- Canned Fruit
- Toilet Paper

Your donations provide meals for local families and are greatly appreciated. Merry Christmas and God bless you!

THE ARMORY**The SPX Men's Ministry**

"Instaurare Omnia in Christo!"

In the Armory with Saint Joseph



What/When: First Wednesday Men's Fellowship

January 3rd from 7:00 p.m. to 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 7 of 14: "The Lamb from the Beginning"

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Saint Joseph, Diligent Protector of Christ, Pray for us!



The Women Ablaze Monday Morning group will be offering a book study, **"Surrender All,"** starting **January 29th-March 18th** in the PFC from **10:00-11:30 a.m.** This study is written by contemporary Catholic artist Jen Norton who offers a unique opportunity to ponder the extravagant love of Christ through the Stations of the Cross. This study combines Norton's powerful, full-color illustrations with Scripture, her original reflections and prayers, with journaling space. **"Surrender All"** will help you encounter Christ's Passion in a new light. We hope this book will help you to develop a devotion to The Stations of the Cross and prepare you for Lent as well as encourage you to attend The Stations of the Cross that are offered during Lent at St. Pius X. This book can be ordered through Amazon. For planning purposes, **please sign up no later than January 15th!**

**WOMEN ABLAZE – EVENING SESSION**

Have you ever wondered why you long for the things you do? Where do these longings come from and are they even worth pursuing? Who doesn't need Hope and Healing? In his book, **"Broken Gods,"** Dr. Gregory Popcak outlines the seven longings of the human heart, how the world distorts them, and the holy remedies (virtues) that can transform and heal us and get us back on the correct path to God. **"Broken Gods"** by Dr. Gregory Popcak will be the next book study, beginning January 8-February 12 from 7:00-8:30 p.m. – only six weeks with no breaks!



Women Ablaze will be hosting a St. Valentine's Tea for the ladies (daughters are welcome) of the Parish on **February 3rd from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.** in the Parish Center. Our theme is **"Love Like A Saint."**

Come learn about the Saints! Please bring your own special tea cup! For this event, we are asking you to please bring a food item to donate to Helping Hands and we also will have a 50/50 raffle! Come and enjoy fellowship with your Sisters in Christ and hear the book studies being offered for the Winter/Spring of 2024. For planning purposes, please sign up on the St. Pius X website by **January 28th, 2024** at www.spxreynoldsburg.com.

"I am not afraid...I was born to do this." – St. Joan of Arc

**ADD YOUR VOICE**

Do you love to sing? Have you been told that you have a nice voice? Do you play an instrument ... guitar, etc.? Come share the word of God through music with New Creation! We would love to have you sing with us! We are in need of singers, guitarist, and other musicians. Please prayerfully consider offering your gifts and talents to God in this way. It will allow you not only to enter deeply into the liturgy through prayer in song, but also helps fellow parishioners to fill their minds, hearts and souls with sounds of praise to God.

New Creation provides music at the 8:00 a.m. Sunday Mass. We sing three Sundays a month, and occasionally at the 10:00 a.m. Mass. If interested, please send an email to mcmenepp@insight.rr.com or jzacovic1@gmail.com.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE DECEMBER 30/31: THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

| | SACRISTAN | LECTORS | EMHC | SERVERS | USHERS |
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| Saturday, 4:30 p.m. | Meghan Swails | Laura Morrison (1) (sub req.) Pat Rolwing (2) | Michael Barnhart Ambo Host (EMHC 1) Carol Summa Organ Host (EMHC 1) | Sammy Gerardi Jennsen Swails Adi Vega | Jim (1) Beck Tom (3) Haddox Ken (6) Marr Dianne (7) Einstein |
| Sunday, 8:00 a.m. (Dcn Kelly) | Michael Krolikowski | Emerson Summers (1) Dennis Summers (2) | Michael Paszkiewicz Ambo Host (EMHC 1) Cheryl Krolikowski Organ Host (EMHC 1) | Lynden Summers Deryn Summers Max Ujcz | David Dlugiewicz Anthony Kanne Dan Ujcz Dave Williams |
| Sunday, 10:00 a.m. (Dcn Kelly) | Wayne Wingard | Tod Gilmore (1) Gene Shultz (2) | Susan Gilmore Ambo Host (EMHC 1) Theresa Ogershok Organ Host (EMHC 1) | Christopher Filous Thomas Filous Noah Viglietta | Ted Habak Gervase Ngalla Bob Outlaw David Roby |
| Sunday, 11:00 a.m. (Church Linens) –Michelle Carey | | | | | |

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OCIA (RCIA)

“I am calling you. Come, follow me.” (Luke 18:22)

Do you want to learn about the Catholic faith?**Do you want a deeper understanding of your faith?****Are you a baptized Catholic,****yet have not received all the sacraments?****Do you have a family member or friend you would like to introduce to the Catholic faith?****Have you been thinking about joining the Church?****Interested or want more information?****Contact Deacon Joseph LeMay at****jclemay@sbcglobal.net or 660-233-2289.****MOMMY & ME ADORATION**

The Confraternity of Christian Mothers is a group of women who embrace our vocation as wives and mothers. We are dedicated to deepening our faith, strengthening our marriages, and forming our children in a Christian way of life. We would love for you and your children to join us once a month, from 8:00-10:00 a.m. for **Mommy & Me Adoration** at St. Pius X! We will gently lead you and your children through some quiet prayers, meditation, and song as we worship Jesus in the presence of the Holy Eucharist. We also will allow moms some quiet time in Adoration, while we lead your children in a faith-driven activity in the Quietening Room. All ages are welcome! Have questions? Want to know more? Email us at stpiusccm@gmail.com

THE MELCHIZEDEK PROJECT

The Melchizedek Project is a spiritual discernment group that helps high school and college-age men consider a vocation to the Priesthood. It is based on the book, “To Save A Thousand Souls,” by Fr. Brett Brannen. All participants will enjoy a meal at each meeting and receive the book for free. Led by Fr. Patrick Watikha, AJ and Fr. Milton Kiocha, AJ; St. Pius X Church, 1051 Waggoner Road, Reynoldsburg, OH 43068. The sessions at St. Pius X is primarily for high schoolers. The group meets on the Third Thursday of each month. Dinner and discussion beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Blessed Mother Room of the Msgr. Funk Parish Family Center, followed by some time in the Adoration Chapel. Please email Michelle Carey at MCarey@spxreynoldsburg.com for more information or to join the group.

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 now will 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 or you may contact Paul at PaulNeedsKidneyDonor@gmail.com. To be an organ/tissue donor is truly a beautiful witness to the Gift of Life!

AROUND TOWN**ST. CHARLES HOSTING WOMEN'S AUDITIONS FOR “THE LIGHTNING THIEF: THE PERCY JACKSON MUSICAL” PRODUCTION**

The St. Charles Preparatory School Drama Department will hold women's auditions for *The Lightning Thief: The Percy Jackson Musical* on Wednesday and Thursday, January 3 and 4, 2024 at 4:00 p.m. at the St. Charles Campus Theater, 2010 East Broad Street (You need only attend one of the two days.) Auditions are open to all area high school women in Central Ohio. Production Dates: February 29-March 3, 2024. If you would like additional information, please email Doug Montgomery, at dmontgomery@scprep.org

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Nativity of the Lord

The Story of the Nativity of the Lord

On this day, the Church focuses especially on the newborn Child, God become human, who embodies for us all the hope and peace we seek. We need no other special saint today to lead us to Christ in the manger, although His mother, Mary, and Joseph, caring for his Foster-son, help round out the scene.

But if we were to select a patron for today, perhaps it might be appropriate for us to imagine an anonymous shepherd, summoned to the birthplace by a wondrous and even disturbing vision in the night, a summons from an angelic choir, promising peace and goodwill. A shepherd willing to seek out something that might just be too unbelievable to chase after, and yet compelling enough to leave behind the flocks in the field and search for a mystery.

On the day of the Lord's birth, let's let an unnamed, "non-celebrity" at the edge of the crowd model for us the way to discover Christ in our own hearts – somewhere between skepticism and wonder, between mystery and faith. And like Mary and the shepherds, let's treasure that discovery in our hearts.

Reflection:

The precise dating in the Scripture readings for today sounds like a textbook on creationism. If we focus on the time frame, however, we miss the point. It lays out the story of a love affair: creation, the deliverance of the Hebrews from slavery in Egypt, the rise of Israel under David. It climaxes with the birth of Jesus. Some scholars insist that from the beginning God intended to enter the world as one of us, the beloved people. Praise God!

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