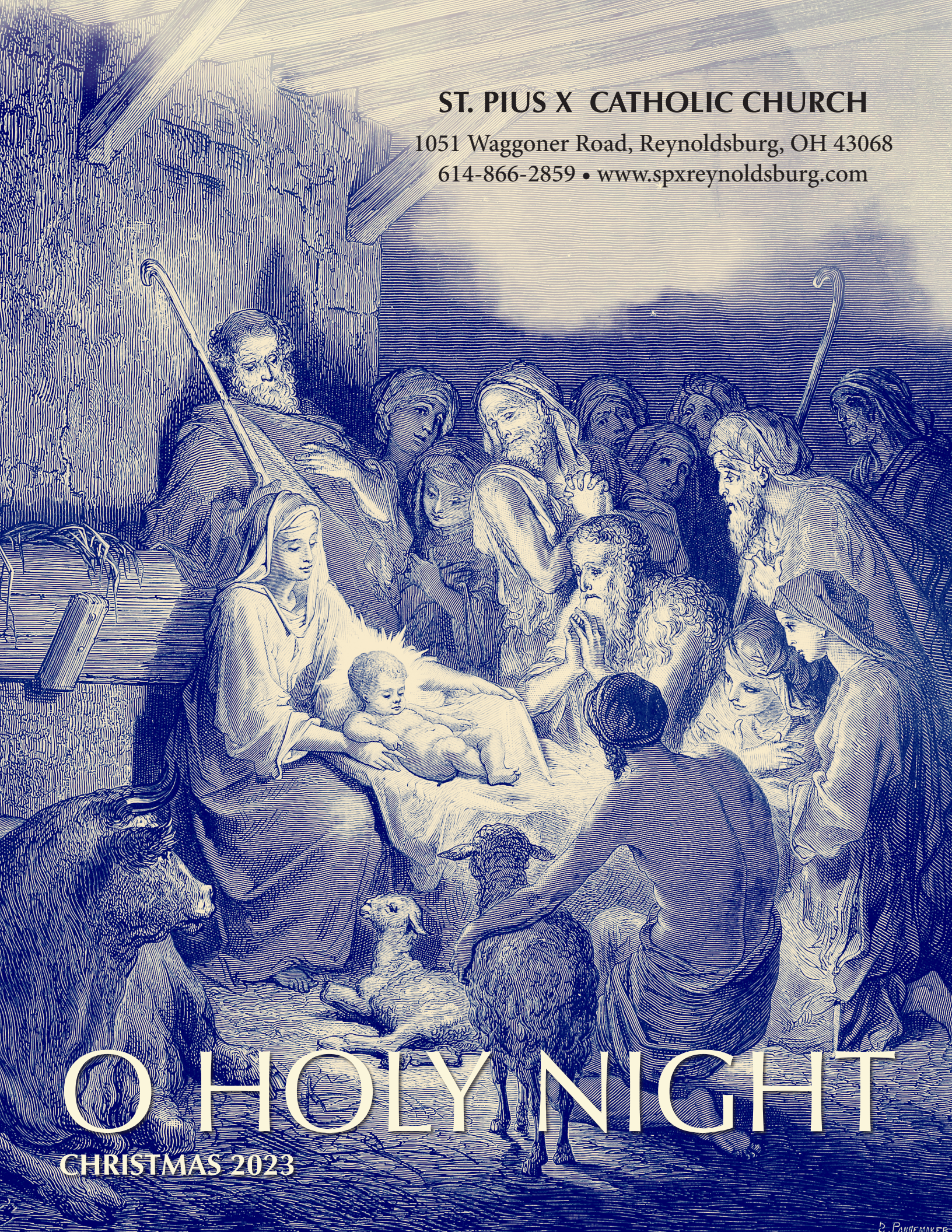


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O HOLY NIGHT

CHRISTMAS 2023

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

JANUARY 7, 2024

Lord, every nation on earth will adore You.

MASSSES FOR JANUARY 8-14, 2024

Monday, January 8

8:30 a.m. (FMK) ✠ Mike Fix by Liz & John Hoermle

Tuesday, January 9

8:30 a.m. (Seton/ Fr. Connolly) ✠ Mary Sigmund by The Ruth Taza Family

Wednesday, January 10

8:30 a.m. (FPW) ✠ Janice Smith by Mike & Teresa Paszkiewicz
✠ Roy Ladrack by Julie & Clarke Williams

Thursday, January 11

8:30 a.m. (FMK) Living & Deceased Members of the
Bob Hoye Family by Mike & Beth Treneff

Friday, January 12

8:30 a.m. (FPW) Special Intentions for Donald LeMay
by Deacon Joe & Kathy LeMay

Saturday, January 13

7:00 a.m. (FMK) Mass
4:30 p.m. (FPW) ✠ Buddy Capuano by Liz & John Hoermle

Sunday, January 14

8:00 a.m. (FRM) Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
10:00 a.m. (FPW) ✠ Dan Fabian by John & Jeanne Swisher

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

The St. Vincent de Paul Collection will be taken next weekend. Please help those who are less fortunate.

Vespers/Holy Hour for the Church will now be held every Sunday beginning at 4:00 p.m. for an hour. This is to provide additional time for parishioners to pray together. Please see Fr. Patrick's article.

COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS

For the Week of December 17, 2023

Budget Requirements	\$	24,000.00
Weekly Offertory Received:	\$	14,111.20
Weekly Surplus (Deficit):	\$	(9,888.80)
Christmas	\$	140.00
Holy Days:	\$	5.00
**EFT (Debit) Program	\$	5,292.34
Envelope Offering:	\$	6,777.00
Loose Offering:	\$	1,896.86
Total Offering:	\$	14,111.20

For the Month of December 2023

MTD Budget Requirements:	\$	72,000.00
MTD Actual Offertory Received:	\$	59,389.31
MTD Surplus (Deficit):	\$	(12,610.69)
YTD Budget Requirements	\$	498,000.00
YTD Actual Offertory Received	\$	491,317.47
YTD Surplus (Deficit)	\$	(6,682.53)
Debit Program Participants:		92
Envelopes Used:		152



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THIS WEEK AT ST. PIUS X – JANUARY 8-14, 2024

Monday, January 8	Confessions	Church	8:00-8:20 a.m.
	Liturgy of the Hours	Church	8:00 a.m.
	Rosary	Church	9:15 a.m.
	Women Ablaze (Morning)	Parish Center	10:00 a.m.
	Divine Mercy	Church	6:00 p.m.
	Rosary for the Sick	Church	6:30 p.m.
	Women Ablaze (Evening)	Church/Parish Center	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, January 9	Confessions	Church	8:00-8:20 a.m.
	Liturgy of the Hours	Church	8:00 a.m.
	Rosary	Church	9:15 a.m.
	Respect Life Group	Parish Center, Meeting Room	9:30 a.m.
	OCIA Team Meeting	Parish Center, Room A	6:30 p.m.
	K of C Officers' Meeting	Parish Center, Meeting Room	7:00 p.m.
	Parish Council Meeting	Workshop	7:00 p.m.
	Choir	Church	7:15 p.m.
Wednesday, January 10	Confessions	Church	8:00-8:20 a.m.
	Liturgy of the Hours	Church	8:00 a.m.
	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.-12:00 p.m. 1:00-9:00 p.m.
	Holy Hour - Confessions	Church Sanctuary	12:00-1:00 p.m.
	OCIA	Parish Center, Room A	6:30 p.m.
	Home & School Meeting	Library	6:30 p.m.
Thursday, January 11	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, January 12	Confessions	Church	8:00-8:20 a.m.
	Liturgy of the Hours	Church	8:00 a.m.
	Rosary	Church	9:15 a.m.
Saturday, January 13	FIAT Mothers' Group	Church Chapel	8:00 a.m.
	Confessions	Church	3:00-4:00 p.m.
	St. Vincent de Paul Collection	Church	After Mass
Sunday, January 14	St. Vincent de Paul Collection	Church	After Both Masses
	Rosary	Chapel	11:15 a.m.
	Vespers/Holy Hour for Church	Church	4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

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 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 a scam 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 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 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.

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, De'Andre Berry-Samba, lost their lives. Thankfully, Skylar Berry-Samba, an SPX 7th grader, and Zeena Berry-Samba, an SPX 5th grader, were able to escape to safety. We have started a Go Fund Me account to help this family with their expenses through this devastating loss. Please visit <https://www.gofundme.com/f/support-for-the-berry-samba-family> to donate 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. This will be the only weekend Mass it will be used.

FROM FR. PATRICK'S DESK:

As we begin the New Year 2024, I would like to provide more opportunities for communal prayer and Adoration. In the spirit of our capital campaign theme: we continue renewing everything in Christ.

With that said, we shall have Vespers, Adoration (Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet or Spiritual Reading from the Doctors of the Church alternatively) and Benediction every Sunday beginning **January 7, 2024**, always at **4:00 p.m.**

Format remains the same:

1. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
2. Each week will follow a rotation:
 - A. First Sunday – Rosary
 - B. Second Sunday – Divine Mercy Chaplet
 - C. Third Sunday – Spiritual reading from the Doctors of the Church
 - D. Fourth/Fifth Sunday – Rosary
3. Silent Adoration and prayers (for approx. 15 minutes)
4. Vespers (Evening Prayer Book – Sunday Vespers will be provided)
5. Traditional Catholic hymn: Faith of Our Fathers
6. Benediction: Tantum Ergo....The Divine Praises.... Closing Hymn: Holy God We Praise Thy Name

Adoration:

Will remain the same schedule on Wednesdays:

1. Wednesday: 9:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.
 - A. 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Exposition and Adoration in the main church
 - B. 12:00 noon-1:00 p.m., Benediction and Confessions
 - C. 1:00 p.m., transfer the Blessed Sacrament to the Adoration Chapel.
 - D. 5:30 p.m., Communal Vespers
 - E. 8:45 p.m., Night prayers (Compline) Benediction and reposition.

We will consider having 24-hour Adoration on the First Friday of the month if there is a good response to the sign-up for the ENTIRE time of Exposition.

2. First Friday and First Saturday, 9:00 a.m.-6:30 a.m. in the chapel
 - A. 9:00 a.m., Exposition in the main church but transferred to the chapel for Adoration.
 - B. 6:30 a.m., Benediction and reposition in the chapel.

ST. PIUS X CHURCH & SCHOOL BLOOD DRIVE
THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 2024

12:00-6:00 p.m.

SPX Monsignor Funk Parish Family Center
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St. Pius X Community Carnival 2022, 2023 and Festival 2021, 2019, 2018
Income Statement by Class
August 26, 2023

Class	Income					Expense					Net Income				
	2023	2022	2021	2019	2018	2023	2022	2021	2019	2018	2023	2022	2021	2019	2018
Raffle	\$ 19,460.00	\$ 22,620.00	\$ 25,540.00	\$ 19,886.00	\$ 19,783.00	\$ 6,956.00	\$ 6,864.00	\$ 6,522.00	\$ 7,975.00	\$ 8,075.00	\$ 12,504.00	\$ 15,755.00	\$ 19,018.00	\$ 11,911.00	\$ 11,708.00
(see Kids Games) Tickets	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,188.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 17.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,171.00
Beer Garden	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,985.00	\$ 4,705.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,516.00	\$ 2,089.00	\$ 1,621.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,469.00	\$ 2,616.00	\$ 879.00
Donors	\$ 75.00	\$ 374.00	\$ 2,450.00	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 1,250.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 267.00	\$ -	\$ 75.00	\$ 374.00	\$ 2,450.00	\$ 1,933.00	\$ 1,250.00
*Silent Auction (WineToss)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 966.00	\$ 16,130.00	\$ 16,165.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,324.00	\$ 2,034.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 966.00	\$ 14,806.00	\$ 14,131.00
Adult Games	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 837.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 35.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 837.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 465.00
Kids Games	\$ 5,877.00	\$ 7,103.00	\$ 1,863.00	\$ 995.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 2,528.00	\$ 2,372.00	\$ 3,679.00	\$ 1,510.00	\$ 769.00	\$ 3,349.00	\$ 4,731.00	\$ (1,816.00)	\$ (575.00)	\$ 231.00
Wristbands	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,736.00	\$ 1,008.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,736.00	\$ 1,008.00	\$ 1,000.00
50/50	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 963.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 963.00
Vendor Food Trucks	\$ 275.00	\$ -	\$ 1,150.00	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 1,250.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 275.00	\$ -	\$ 1,150.00	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 1,250.00
PAC Kitchen Food	\$ 2,215.00	\$ 3,703.00	\$ 3,907.00	\$ 3,379.00	\$ -	\$ 793.00	\$ 1,723.00	\$ 2,491.00	\$ 3,591.00	\$ -	\$ 1,422.00	\$ 1,980.00	\$ 1,416.00	\$ (212.00)	\$ -
*Monte Carlo	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,602.00	\$ 1,583.00	\$ 4,124.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,602.00	\$ 1,583.00	\$ 4,124.00
*Volleyball Dunk Tank	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,460.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
K of C Women Book Sale	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 314.00	\$ 197.00	\$ 183.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,460.00	\$ 561.00
Bake Sale	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Postage	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,020.00	\$ 1,429.00	\$ 337.00	\$ 334.00	\$ -	\$ (1,020.00)	\$ (1,429.00)	\$ (337.00)	\$ (334.00)
Entertainment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 2,300.00	\$ 2,300.00	\$ (500.00)	\$ (500.00)	\$ (1,600.00)	\$ (2,300.00)	\$ (2,300.00)
Advertising	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 56.00	\$ 164.00	\$ 420.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (56.00)	\$ (164.00)	\$ (420.00)
Tents and Tables	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,183.00	\$ 3,640.00	\$ 3,608.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (3,183.00)	\$ (3,640.00)	\$ (3,608.00)
Catholic Table	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 402.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 402.00	\$ -
Special Duty Officers	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 440.00	\$ 1,512.50	\$ 1,598.00	\$ 1,104.00	\$ -	\$ (440.00)	\$ (1,512.50)	\$ (1,598.00)	\$ (1,104.00)
Square Fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 247.00	\$ 172.46	\$ 102.92	\$ 281.00	\$ -	\$ (247.00)	\$ (172.46)	\$ (102.92)	\$ (281.00)	\$ -
Festival Supplies	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 56.00	\$ -	\$ 881.36	\$ 246.00	\$ 473.00	\$ (56.00)	\$ -	\$ (881.36)	\$ (246.00)	\$ (473.00)
Light Towers	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,737.46	\$ 960.00	\$ 976.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (1,737.46)	\$ (960.00)	\$ (976.00)
Storage Unit	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 288.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (288.00)
Nerf Wars for Youth Group	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 613.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 613.00	\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$ 27,902.00	\$ 33,800.00	\$ 45,350.00	\$ 54,511.00	\$ 52,467.00	\$ 11,080.00	\$ 13,091.46	\$ 24,710.24	\$ 26,282.00	\$ 22,054.00	\$ 16,822.00	\$ 20,708.54	\$ 20,639.76	\$ 28,229.00	\$ 30,413.00

Please contact Brenda Brammer, Business Manager, if you have any questions at bbrammer@spxreynoldsburg.com
or call (614) 866-2859 ext. 116.

January 7, 2024, Bulletin – Pastor’s Platform

The Celebration of Mass and the Benefits

The Mass, or the celebration of the Eucharist, is the fundamental liturgical ritual in the Roman Catholic Church. It is the central action and aspect of our lives of faith and the primary way in which Catholics worship God as a community.

The word “Mass” comes from the Latin word *missa* meaning “mission” or “sending” because its purpose is to send forth the faithful to share the Good News of Jesus. The faithful are sent to be His presence in the world. It is also a time to give God thanks and praise, as the word Eucharist means “thanksgiving.” Participation in the gift of the Eucharist is said to feed, transform, and heal us in our spiritual journey. We are empowered to go forth and minister as Jesus did in our daily lives.

Sunday is the most important and holiest day of the week for us as Christians because it is the day of Christ’s Resurrection. Our participation in the Eucharist on Sunday is our celebration of the new Passover – of Jesus’ Passion, Death, and Resurrection for our salvation. That is why we are required to go to Mass every Sunday.

At the same time, there is also an ancient tradition (going back even to Judaism) of keeping the *vigil*. A vigil is an observance of a holy day on the evening before (sometimes into the night). Even the word vigil comes from Latin for “watchful” or “keeping awake.” This is why the Church permits going to Mass on Saturday evening instead of on Sunday.

The reason that a Mass on Saturday evening (4:30 p.m. at SPX) satisfies the Sunday obligation is because the Saturday evening Mass is a *vigil Mass* for Sunday. You’re *anticipating* the celebration of Sunday on the evening before! NB: The Saturday morning Mass (7:00 a.m. at SPX) is a daily morning Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary, NOT an additional vigil Mass for Sunday.

There is something very special about participating at a weekday Mass: it changes our day, sanctifies it, unites us with Jesus and the Church. It reminds us that we belong to God and not to the world. We live in a culture focused on trivial, unimportant things.

“You are what you eat.” This popular phrase is usually related to eating healthy food, but some have raised the question as to whether this applies to eating the Body and Blood of Christ. Is it truly possible to become more like Jesus Christ because of attending daily Mass and partaking of the “daily bread” that we hear about in the Our Father. As we can learn from the saints who have gone before us, the answer to that question is “Yes.” Attending daily Mass changes us in many ways.

The Eucharist is “the source and summit of the Christian life.” If God leads and we follow, the Eucharist – and by nature, the Mass – will become the center of our life and of our days. As St. John Vianney said, “There is nothing so great as the Eucharist. If God had something more precious, He would have given it to us.” The more we understand the beauty of this gift from God, the hungrier we become to receive it regularly.

We Grow in Holiness: Our faith increases because we learn more, both intellectually and spiritually. As the Word of God enters our minds and our hearts, we begin to be transformed. We begin to see how to change vices into virtues.

Sometimes, we see elements of our own lives in the readings or the homilies that we hear, allowing us to make a personal goal of aligning ourselves to the ways in which God wants us to live. Receiving the Eucharist continues this transformation, helping us to understand how to love as God does. As St. Therese of Lisieux stated, “I understood that love comprises all vocations – that love is everything, and because it is eternal, embraces all times and places.”

Visiting Jesus daily in the Tabernacle can also help us to grow in holiness. St. John Paul II said, “Love Jesus present in the Eucharist. He is present in a sacrificial way in Holy Mass, which renews the Sacrifice of the Cross. To go to Mass means going to Calvary to meet Him, our Redeemer. He comes to us in Holy Communion and remains present in the tabernacles of our churches, for He is our friend.” In the same way that the women and the Beloved Disciple likely grew in holiness as they stood with Jesus through His Passion and Death, we, too, have the opportunity to grow in holiness as a result of being at the foot of the Cross during the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Specifically, we begin to see our own crosses as a cause for joy as we stay near the never-ending hope of our Savior’s Cross.

We Become Detached from Sin: At the same time, we grow in holiness, we grow a distaste for sin. “He who devoutly hears Holy Mass will receive a great vigor to enable him to resist mortal sin, and there shall be pardoned to him all venial sins which he may have committed up to that hour.” (St. Augustine)

The desire to attend Mass and to follow Jesus wholeheartedly helps us to conquer vices and grow in virtue.

St. Faustina wrote that the “bread of the Strong gives me all the strength I need to carry on my mission and to do whatever the Lord asks of me.” And St. Leo the Great says, “Our sharing in the Body and Blood of Christ has no other purpose than to transform us into that which we receive.” So, receiving the Eucharist can transform one’s spiritual life. That’s why Pope Francis said in his Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium*, the Eucharist “is not a prize for the perfect, but a powerful medicine and nourishment for the weak.”



The Armory invites all men of our parish 18 years of age and older to join us for the 13-week Spring 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

Set your eyes on the ultimate prize of eternal life with perseverance and precision. Experience a journey into the heart of the kingdom and heart of the Father. Together with a band of brothers, embark upon the narrow road to salvation as opposed to the superhighway of perdition. Claim your royal dignity and inheritance. The spring semester is practical, profound and even prophetic.

Monday Evenings 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Starting January 15th in the Parish Family Center

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2. The Light of Men

Journey through Lent into the Holy Land as we take you places TMIY has never gone before. We will be leaving the TMIY stage behind and filming on location in Nazareth and Jerusalem. With reflections from over fifteen guests, we aspire to enter into the Mysteries of Christ's Passion. The greatest fruit of your contemplation will be your own transformation. Nonetheless, there is no Christianity without the Resurrection! We will end with both hope and compelling evidence that Our Lord is truly risen!

Thursday Mornings 6:00 to 7:30 a.m.

Starting January 11th in the Parish Family Center

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Both programs are free. There will be a video presentation followed by small group discussions. A light snack or continental breakfast with beverages may be provided.

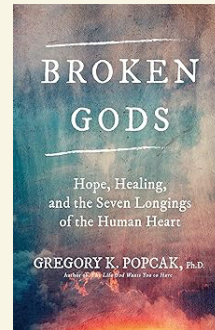
If you have never been a part of this program or have fallen away, you are welcome to join either group!

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



The **Women Ablaze Monday Morning group** will be offering a book study "**Surrender All**," starting **January 29th through March 18th** in the PFC from **10:00 a.m. to 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 develop a devotion to The Stations of the Cross and help 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 off of 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 from 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. to 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 teacup! 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

MINISTRY SCHEDULE: JANUARY 13-14: SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

	SACRISTAN	LECTORS	EMHC	SERVERS	USHERS
Saturday, 4:30 p.m.	Meghan Swails	Tanaka Mukudu (1) Chris Ross (2)	Donna Nesbitt – Ambo Host (EMHC 1) Carol Summa – Organ Host (EMHC 1)	Sammy Gerardi Lyla Gerardi Lenna Sinicropi	Mike (3) Angle Ken (4) Marr Dianne (5) Einstein Paul (8) Siefert
Sunday, 8:00 a.m.	Michael Paszkievich	Janet Rodenkirchen (1) Denise Trusken (2)	Juan Orellana – Ambo Host (EMHC 1) Debra Orellana – Organ Host (EMHC 1)	Adam Rodenkirchen Maxwell Sandy Max Ujcz	David Dlugiewicz Anthony Kanne Dan Ujcz Michael Krolkowski
Sunday, 10:00 a.m.	David Roby	Don Downs (1) TJ Bryan (2)	Tom Vollmer – Ambo Host (EMHC 1) Denise Colucci – Organ Host (EMHC 1)	Christopher Filous Samuel Bryan Kayley Mains	Wayne Wingard Steven Frase Ted Habak Bob Outlaw
Sunday, 10:00 a.m. (Thurifer) – Thomas Filous					
Sunday, 11:00 a.m. (Church Linens) – Brenda Boeriurt					

OCIA (RCIA)

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Do you want a deeper understanding of your faith?

Are you a baptized Catholic,

yet have not received all of the sacraments?

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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.

NOVENA FOR LIFE

The Knights of Columbus Council 5253 is again sponsoring the Novena for Life in January. The Novena will start on January 14th and end on January 22nd. We are asking the parishioners of St. Pius X to pray the prayers of the Novena for Life during this time. Prayer cards and Novena cards will be in the Narthex to be picked up before Masses and Adoration. Please sign the intention sheet, so we can track the number of participants.

THE MELCHIZEDEK PROJECT

The Melchizedek Project is a spiritual discernment group that helps high school and college-aged 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 are 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.

Blessed William Carter

(c. 1548-January 11, 1584)

Blessed William Carter's Story: Born in London, William Carter entered the printing business at an early age. For many years, he served as apprentice to well-known Catholic printers, one of whom served a prison sentence for persisting in the Catholic faith. William himself served time in prison following his arrest for "printing lewd [i.e., Catholic] pamphlets" as well as possessing books upholding Catholicism.

But even more, he offended public officials by publishing works that aimed to keep Catholics firm in their faith. Officials who searched his house found various vestments and suspect books, and even managed to extract information from William's distraught wife. Over the next 18 months, William remained in prison, suffering torture and learning of his wife's death.

He eventually was charged with printing and publishing the *Treatise of Schisme*, which allegedly incited violence by Catholics and which was said to have been written by a traitor and addressed to traitors. While William calmly placed his trust in God, the jury met for only 15 minutes before reaching a verdict of guilty. William, who made his final confession to a priest who was being tried alongside him, was hanged, drawn, and quartered the following day: January 11, 1584. He was beatified in 1987.

Reflection: It didn't pay to be Catholic in Elizabeth I's realm. In an age when religious diversity did not yet seem possible, it was high treason, and practicing the faith was dangerous. William gave his life for his efforts to encourage his brothers and sisters to keep up the struggle. These days, our brothers and sisters also need encouragement – not because their lives are at risk, but because many other factors besiege their faith. They look to us.

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