



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.

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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BULLETIN DEADLINE

Monday by noon

PARISH PASTORAL STAFF

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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 12:00-1:00 PM

Monday-Friday 8:00-8:20 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturday from 3:00-4:00 PM, Wednesday from 12:00-12:45 PM during Holy Hour, and by appointment by calling the rectory office.

WEDDINGS

No date may be reserved until after an appointment with a parish minister at least six months prior to the desired date.

BAPTISMS

Baptismal preparation classes for parents are held quarterly. Please register with the rectory for a class. Baptisms are celebrated on the first and third Sundays of the month after Mass at 11:30 AM. Please call the rectory to schedule a date for baptism.

SICK CALLS

Please call the rectory office, (614) 866-2859, and follow the prompts. If you are homebound, please notify the rectory if you wish to receive Holy Communion.

ST. PIUS X ENDOWMENT FUND #320CL – Please contact The Catholic Foundation at 614-443-8893 or visit www.catholic-foundation.org to learn how your bequest of cash, stock, real estate and/or insurance can help our endowment grow, giving our parish perpetual income.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP

Formal registration to St. Pius X Church is encouraged. New parishioners may stop at the rectory from Monday-Friday between 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM to register. You may also register directly from our website by completing a secure form or by downloading a registration form and returning it.

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 14, 2024

All on the earth shall sing to your name, O Most High!

MASSES FOR JANUARY 15-21, 2024

Monday, January 15

8:30 a.m. (FMK) ✠ Nicky Eramo by The Family

Tuesday, January 16

8:30 a.m. (FPW) ✠ Eileen Toledo by Bill & Rosann Strohm

Wednesday, January 17

8:30 a.m. (FMK) ✠ John Callahan by Richard & Theresa Winter

Thursday, January 18

8:30 a.m. (FPW) ✠ Sandra Queen by Clarke & Julie Williams

Friday, January 19

8:30 a.m. (FPW) ✠ Norbert Stalica by Maria Harkins

Saturday, January 20

7:00 a.m. (FPW) Mass

4:30 p.m. (FMK) ✠ Teresa Johnson by Emily Jones

Sunday, January 21

8:00 a.m. (MPG) ✠ Tim Trusken by Judy Cafmeyer

10:00 a.m. (FMK) Living & Deceased Members of the Parish

Newly Registered: Loius & Joan Burke

Newly Baptized: Rose Marie Amnah, daughter of John & Lindsay;
Emerson Marie Weimer, daughter of Nicholas & Kiley

Pray for Our Deceased: Linda Marcum

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

If you would like to take a poinsettias home with you, please take as many as you would like after any of the Masses this weekend! The flowers need to be removed as the Christmas decorations will be taken down this week.

St. Vincent de Paul will have their monthly collection this weekend. Please help those who are less fortunate.

St. Pius X is hosting the American Red Cross Blood Drive this Thursday, January 18. There are many time slots available while the need for blood is great. Please consider donating. See the article in the bulletin.

The Music Ministry will be having a bake sale next weekend. Your support of this ministry is greatly appreciated.

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.

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 DePaul, 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 the Rectory at 614-866-2859 to schedule a visit.

THIS WEEK AT ST. PIUS X – JANUARY 15-21, 2024

Monday, January 15	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 16	Confessions	Church	8:00-8:20 a.m.
	Liturgy of the Hours	Church	8:00 a.m.
	Rosary	Church	9:15 a.m.
	K of C Business Meeting	Parish Center, Meeting Room	7:00 p.m.
	School Board Meeting	Library	7:00 p.m.
	Parish Council Meeting	Parish Center, Room A	7:00 p.m.
	Choir	Church	7:15 p.m.
Wednesday, January 17	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.
	Holy Hour - Confessions	Church Sanctuary	12:00-1:00 p.m.
	OCIA	Parish Center, Room A	6:30 p.m.
Thursday, January 18	Confessions	Church	8:00-8:20 a.m.
	Liturgy of the Hours	Church	8:00 a.m.
	Rosary	Church	9:15 a.m.
	Red Cross Blood Donation	Parish Center, Room C	1:00-6:00 p.m.
	Melchizedek Project	Parish Center-Meeting Room	6:00 p.m.
	New Creation Practice	Church	7:00 p.m.
	Confessions	Church	8:00-8:20 a.m.
Friday, January 19	Liturgy of the Hours	Church	8:00 a.m.
	Rosary	Church	9:15 a.m.
	Men's FS/SS	Parish Center, Meeting Room	7:30 a.m.
Saturday, January 20	FIAT Mother's Group	Church Chapel	8:00 a.m.
	Confessions	Church	3:00-4:00 p.m.
	Music Ministry Bake Sale	Church	After Mass
Sunday, January 21	Music Ministry Bake Sale	Church	After Both Masses
	Rosary	Chapel	11:15 a.m.
	PSR	School	11:15 a.m.-12:45 p.m.
	Vespers/Holy Hour for Church	Church	4:00-5:00 p.m.

ST. PIUS X CHURCH & SCHOOL BLOOD DRIVE

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 2024, 12:00-6:00 P.M.

SPX Monsignor Funk Parish Family Center

1051 Waggoner Road, Reynoldsburg, OH 43068

<https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=StPius>

For an appointment, please visit RedCrossBlood.org

Or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

LAST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH (JANUARY 28)...

TIME FOR PANCAKES!

Last Sunday of the month means PANCAKE BREAKFAST TIME!

Please join all your fellow Parishioners for a Pancake Breakfast on **Sunday, January 28, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.** All welcome! All invited! Bring the kids – everyone loves pancakes! Costs: \$6.00/person, \$25.00/family. Cash, check or card ALL accepted. Dine-in or take-out available!

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Practice resumes Tuesday, January 16, 2024 at 5:15-5:45 p.m. in the Choir Room in the Church. We have a great group but always room for more! Contact John Pottkotter at 614-309-3152 or email me at pottkotterj@gmail.com, for more information. Thank you!



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COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS

For the Week of December 25, 2023:

Budget Requirements	\$	24,000.00
Weekly Offertory Received:	\$	38,467.88
Weekly Surplus (Deficit):	\$	14,467.88
Christmas	\$	8,487.00
Holy Day	\$	50.00
Faith Direct	\$	16,003.88
**EFT (Debit) Program	\$	516.00
Envelope Offering:	\$	6,902.00
Loose Offering:	\$	6,509.00
Total Offering:	\$	38,467.88

For the Month of December 2023

MTD Budget Requirements:	\$	96,000.00
MTD Actual Offertory Received:	\$	97,857.19
MTD Surplus (Deficit):	\$	1,857.19
YTD Budget Requirements	\$	522,000.00
YTD Actual Offertory Received	\$	529,785.25
YTD Surplus (Deficit)	\$	7,785.35
Debit Program Participants:		30
Envelopes Used:		139 + 91
Faith Direct Participants:		158

For the Week of December 31, 2023:

Budget Requirements	\$	24,000.00
Weekly Offertory Received:	\$	21,454.00
Weekly Surplus (Deficit):	\$	(2,546.00)
Christmas	\$	10,048.00
Holy Day	\$	118.00
**EFT (Debit) Program	\$	768.50
Envelope Offering:	\$	7,334.50
Loose Offering:	\$	3,185.00
Total Offering:	\$	21,454.00

For the Month of December 2023

MTD Budget Requirements:	\$	120,000.00
MTD Actual Offertory Received:	\$	119,311.19
MTD Surplus (Deficit):	\$	(688.81)
YTD Budget Requirements	\$	546,000.00
YTD Actual Offertory Received	\$	551,239.35
YTD Surplus (Deficit)	\$	5,239.35
Debit Program Participants:		38
Envelopes Used:		117 + 43

For the Week of January 7, 2024:

Budget Requirements	\$	22,000.00
Weekly Offertory Received:	\$	11,157.89
Weekly Surplus (Deficit):	\$	(10,842.11)
Adjustments:	\$	(370.00)
Faith Direct	\$	948.89
**EFT (Debit) Program	\$	496.00
Envelope Offering:	\$	7,287.00
Loose Offering:	\$	2,796.00
Total Offering:	\$	11,157.89

For the Month of January 2024

MTD Budget Requirements:	\$	22,000.00
MTD Actual Offertory Received:	\$	11,157.89
MTD Surplus (Deficit):	\$	(10,842.11)
YTD Budget Requirements	\$	568,000.00
YTD Actual Offertory Received	\$	562,397.24
YTD Surplus (Deficit)	\$	(5,602.76)
Debit Program Participants:		29
Envelopes Used:		137
Faith Direct Participants:		8

Pastor's Platform – Importance of St. Michael the Archangel Prayer

Ultimately, we pray the St. Michael prayer to gain the Archangel's protection in battle, to strengthen our bodies and souls against the powers of evil, and to grow in humility through greater reliance on God and less on ourselves.

The recitation of the prayer to St. Michael has become more common in U.S. parishes. There are a couple of reasons for this. First, there is rising concern about the presence and activity of demonic forces in our world and in our families and communities. Second, the prayer to St. Michael was once a part of the prayers which Pope Leo XIII prescribed to be recited at the conclusion of Mass.

The prayer to St. Michael is not part of the Mass. It is recited after Mass has finished, though usually before the priest leaves the sanctuary. Nevertheless, the Mass is concluded and there is no requirement for anyone to stay once the priest or deacon has given the dismissal. Having certain prayers and devotions after Mass, such as the Rosary, is common in many parishes. However, in those cases, the prayers begin after the priest leaves the sanctuary. But the priest himself leads the prayer to St. Michael before leaving.

Technically, the Roman rite makes no provision for the recitation of prayers after the dismissal. The General Instruction of the Roman Missal states: "The concluding rites consist of:

- Brief announcements if they are necessary.
- The priest's greeting and blessing, which on certain days and occasions is enriched and expressed in the prayer over the People or another more solemn formula.
- The dismissal of the people by the deacon or the priest, so that each may go out to do good works, praising and blessing God.
- The kissing of the altar by the priest and the deacon, followed by a profound bow to the altar by the priest, the deacon, and the other ministers" (No. 90).

While it is arguably problematic that the prayer to St. Michael is added after the words of dismissal, one should note that there is also no mention of a hymn that is to be sung as the priest and others leave the sanctuary. But this is a very widespread custom in parishes, especially on Sundays. No recessional hymn has ever been prescribed in the Roman rite. It is merely a custom about which the General Instruction is silent. It is neither forbidden nor prescribed.

Chances are you know the St. Michael Prayer. But do you know where it comes from? The prayer dates to 1886, when Pope Leo XIII wrote it in response to some horrifying visions he had of demonic activity in Rome. He asked the faithful across the world to pray the St. Michael Prayer at the end of Mass.

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil; May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; And do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

Who is St. Michael and why do we invoke his intercession against evil?

St. Michael is an Archangel, and we learn about his battle against evil in the Book of Revelation 12:7-8, "Then war broke out in heaven; Michael and his angels battled against the dragon. The dragon and its angels fought back, but they did not prevail and there was no longer any place for them in heaven."

Pope Leo XIII, after composing the St. Michael Prayer, sought to counter darkness and defend the Church during turbulent times by praying the St. Michael Prayer after Mass.

Our nation and Church need daily protection from St. Michael the Archangel. Let's invoke his protection for the Church and also in our own lives when we feel spiritual attack. He's a powerful intercessor!

Fr. Patrick Watikha, AJ

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL HOLIDAY UPDATES:

Christmas Baskets... We are pleased to report that through your generous contributions, we provided Kroger gift cards to 75 families and two Veteran homes over the Christmas Season. Once again, our friends at the St. Pius X Knitting and Crocheting group provided a large number of knitted hat/scarf sets for the veterans, The Woodlands Assisted Living Facility residents, Reynoldsburg Helping Hands and the Bishop Griffin Resource Center. The work performed by the knitting ministry is greatly appreciated.

The St. Pius X Elementary School Food Drive... Our ministry would like to thank the SPX and Seton Parish students, parents, teachers, and staff for conducting a food drive to benefit the Bishop Griffin Resource Center (BGRC) food pantry. We believe that the food drive set a record over the holiday season. Each turn in was weighed as it was delivered to BGRC. Over a ton of food items were collected during the four (4) week food drive. The exact total came to 2,275 pounds. An amazing accomplishment. The BGRC sends their appreciation for this tremendous donation.

The Woodlands Assisted Living Facility Holiday Bags... As always, our ministry requested stocking stuffer items and the SPX parishioners responded. The St. Vincent de Paul conference members prepared, delivered, and helped to pass out 85 holiday bags and lap blankets for the residents. We also had a little help from Santa, his two (2) little elves and the Grinch. Plenty of smiles from the residents during the party.

As always, a big thank-you to everyone in the SPX community. May the grace of our Lord fill your hearts with the same happiness and hope that you have given so much over the holidays. Peace, health and happiness to all in 2024.

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.



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 p.m. to 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

+++++ 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.

ST. PIUS X SCHOOL PROSPECTIVE FAMILY INFORMATION

Wednesday, January 24

New Kindergarten Family Parent Information Night

6:30-7:30 p.m. in the SPX School Cafeteria

Doors Open at 6:15 p.m. with a presentation beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Childcare Provided

Please RSVP at www.spxelementary.com.

Wednesday, January 31

Prospective Family Open House for Preschool-8th Grade

6:30-7:30 p.m. Preschool and School

Tour the school, meet the teachers, and learn about the St. Pius X difference!

Please RSVP at www.spxelementary.com.

February 1-February 15

New Student Application Window

February 22 and 23

Kindergarten Screening

For questions about admissions, please email cvanmete@cducation.org.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE: JANUARY 20-21: THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

	SACRISTAN	LECTORS	EMHC	SERVERS	USHERS
Saturday, 4:30 p.m.	Ken Morrison	Laura Morrison (1) Pat Rolwing (2)	Meghan Swails – Ambo Host (EMHC 1) Diane Bailey – Organ Host (EMHC 1)	Sam Morrison Jennsen Swails Adi Vega	Jim (1) Beck Tom (2) Haddox Mike (3) Angle Dianne (5) Einstein
Sunday, 8:00 a.m.	Mary Girard	Kimberly Favinger (1) Megan Borowski (2)	Michael Paszkiewicz – Ambo Host (EMHC 1) Rick Terranova – Organ Host (EMHC 1)	Max Ujcz Thomas Filous Christopher Filous	Michael Krolkowski Dan Ujcz Anthony Kanne David Dlugiewicz
Sunday, 10:00 a.m.	Mary Ann Wingard	Emerson Summers (1) John E Goetz (2)	Karen Kostora – Ambo Host (EMHC 1) Wayne Wingard – Organ Host (EMHC 1)	Lynden Summers Justin Frase Elle FRASE 2	Gervase Ngalla Ted Habak Steven Frase Tom Vollmer
Sunday, 10:00 a.m. (Thurifer) – Deryn Summers			Sunday, 11:00 a.m. (Church Linens) – Ilona Ferris		
Sunday, 7:00 p.m.	Cyndi Williams			Deryn Summers Lynden Summers	



The Women Ablaze Monday Morning group will be offering a book study **“Surrender All,”** starting **January 29th through March 18th** in the PFC from **10:00-11:30 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, 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 teacup! For this event, we are asking you to please bring a food item to donate to Helping Hands and we will also 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)

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.

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.

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 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.

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Saint Anthony of Egypt's Story

The life of Anthony will remind many people of **Saint Francis of Assisi**. At 20, Anthony was so moved by the Gospel message, "Go, sell what you have, and give to [the] poor" (Mark 10:21b), that he actually did just that with his large inheritance. He is different from Francis in that most of Anthony's life was spent in solitude. He saw the world completely covered with snares and gave the Church and the world the witness of solitary asceticism, great personal mortification, and prayer. But no saint is antisocial, and Anthony drew many people to himself for spiritual healing and guidance.

At 54, he responded to many requests and founded a sort of monastery of scattered cells. Again, like Francis, he had great fear of "stately buildings and well-laden tables."

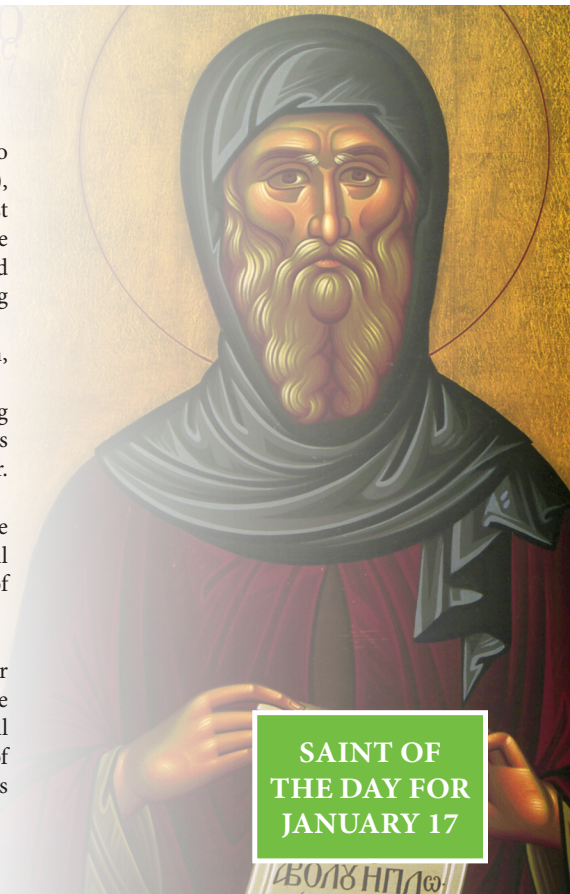
At 60, he hoped to be a martyr in the renewed Roman persecution of 311, fearlessly exposing himself to danger while giving moral and material support to those in prison. At 88, he was fighting the Arian heresy, that massive trauma from which it took the Church centuries to recover. "The mule kicking over the altar" denied the divinity of Christ.

Anthony is associated in art with a T-shaped cross, a pig and a book. The pig and the cross are symbols of his valiant warfare with the devil – the cross his constant means of power over evil spirits, the pig a symbol of the devil himself. The book recalls his preference for "the book of nature" over the printed word. Anthony died in solitude at age 105.

Reflection

In an age that smiles at the notion of devils and angels, a person known for having power over evil spirits must at least make us pause. And in a day when people speak of life as a "rat race," one who devotes a whole life to solitude and prayer points to an essential of the Christian life in all ages. Anthony's hermit life reminds us of the absoluteness of our break with sin and the totality of our commitment to Christ. Even in God's good world, there is another world whose false values constantly tempt us.

Saint Anthony of Egypt is the Patron Saint of: Butchers; Gravediggers; Skin Diseases



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