



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

Monday - Friday, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

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

Monday-Friday 8:00-8:20 a.m. • Wednesday 12:00-1:00 PM

Saturday 3:00-4:00 PM

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Monday-Friday from 8:00-8:20 AM, Wednesday from 12:00-12:45 PM during Holy Hour, Saturday from 3:00-4:00 PM, 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 PASTORAL STAFF

Dial (614) 866-2859 for

Rev. Patrick Watikha, AJ, PastorExt 102

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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 OF LENT – FEBRUARY 25, 2024

It is your face, O Lord, that I seek!

MASSES FOR FEBRUARY 26-MARCH 3, 2024

Monday, February 26

8:30 a.m. (FMK) ✠ John Callahan by Dave & Cindy Sepos

Tuesday, February 27

8:30 a.m. (FPW) Special Intention for Family Members
by Juan & Debra Orellana

Wednesday, February 28

8:30 a.m. (FMK) ✠ Benjamin & Agatha Orellana
by Juan & Debra Orellana

Thursday, February 29

8:30 a.m. (FPW) Special Intention for Bridget & Ambrose Filous
by Grandmother

Friday, March 1

8:30 a.m. (FPW) ✠ Pat & Frank Farrell by Jim & Cyndi Williams

Saturday, March 2

7:00 a.m. (FPW) Mass
4:30 p.m. (FMK) ✠ Jacquelyn Crane by the Crane Family

Sunday, March 3

8:00 a.m. (FPW) ✠ Charlotte McGervey by Deacon Jim & Leah Kelly
10:00 a.m. (FMK) ✠ Living & Deceased Members of the Parish

PULPIT ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPX Pennies for Heaven/Support Our Seminarians collection will take place this weekend after all the Masses.

Reminder that Vespers has been cancelled this Sunday, February 25 at 4:00 p.m. in preparation for the Parish Mission.

All Meetings/Groups have been cancelled on Monday, February 26 and Tuesday, February 27 evenings, starting at 5:00 p.m., due to the Parish Mission.

The next SPX Fish Fry taking place in the Parish Center will be on Friday, March 1, from 5:00 to 7:30 p.m..

Fr. Stephen Hayes, the Parish Mission Director, will preach at all Masses this weekend. We hope that many of our SPX parishioners will be able to attend the three evenings of the Parish Mission.

COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS

For the Week of February 18, 2024

Budget Requirements	\$	20,000.00
Weekly Offertory Received:	\$	13,524.63
Weekly Surplus (Deficit):	\$	(6,475.37)
Debit Program:	\$	5,272.34
Envelope Offering:	\$	6,688.23
Loose Offering:	\$	1,564.06
Total Offering:	\$	13,524.63

For the Month of February 2024

MTD Budget Requirements:	\$	60,000.00
MTD Actual Offertory Received:	\$	49,483.60
MTD Surplus (Deficit):	\$	(10,516.40)
YTD Budget Requirements	\$	694,000.00
YTD Actual Offertory Received	\$	680,672.14
YTD Surplus (Deficit)	\$	(13,327.86)
Debit Program Participants:		91
Envelopes Used:		125

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.*

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

The St. Pius X Lenten Parish Mission dates are as follows: February 25-27 (Sunday-Tuesday). Fr. Stephen Hayes, OP, will be our Mission Director. The Mission will begin at 7:00 p.m. for an hour, followed by a reception.

BIO FOR VERY REV. STEPHEN DOMINIC HAYES, OP

Father Hayes is currently assigned as a full-time mission and retreat preacher based at Saint Patrick Priory, Columbus Ohio, where he is the Conventual Prior of the Dominican community. He is a native of Boston, Massachusetts. Born in 1953, has seven brothers and sisters and rejoices in his Irish heritage. He holds an A.B. in Biology from Saint Anselm College, Manchester, New Hampshire, a J.D. from Boston University School of Law, and an S.T.B. from the Pontifical Faculty of the Immaculate Conception (the Dominican House of Studies) in Washington, D.C. In June 2022, he received a certificate as an Associate Scholar in the Hebraic Context of the Bible program from the Israel Institute of Biblical Studies (accreditation with the Hebrew University of Jerusalem). After practicing law for a few years, he entered the Dominican Order in 1982, made solemn profession in 1986, and was ordained a priest in 1988. He has served as a priest, pastor, and preacher based for 34 years in Ohio and Kentucky. Fr. Hayes currently enjoys the priestly faculties of the Diocese of Columbus, Ohio. In addition to parochial service, Father Hayes has had experience in retreat work, parish missions, pilgrimage direction, and as a spiritual director and confessor, as well as experience in Catholic radio and print media. Currently, he is serving as a National Eucharistic Preacher of the National Eucharistic Revival being conducted by the National Conference of Catholic Bishops from 2022-2024. For further information see www.eucharisticrevival.org. He has for many years been active in the Knights of Columbus and the Ancient Order of Hibernians. He is particularly interested in Holy Scripture, Sacramentology, and medieval Christian history.

VIRTUS

A **Protecting God's Children** class will be held at St. Pius X on Tuesday, March 5, from 6:00-9:00 p.m. in the Parish Center. To sign up for the class, please register at www.virtus.org. Preregistration is required; no walk-ins accepted. This class, along with BCI fingerprinting, is a Diocesan requirement to volunteer at the school, or at the parish level, if your volunteer position has contact with minors. If you have any questions, please contact Christina at the rectory at czacovic@spxreynoldsburg.com or 614-866-2859, or contact the school office.

EASTER BULLETIN DEADLINES

The Palm Sunday bulletin will be submitted on March 14. The Easter Bulletin will be submitted on March 21. All bulletin articles need to be submitted the Monday before these submission dates.

EASTER FLOWERS

Your Easter Flower donations with your loved one's names to appear in the bulletin must be received by the Business Office by Monday, March 19. If you use Faith Direct, you need to let the office know that you contributed through Faith Direct and what names should appear in the bulletin for you.

THIS WEEK AT ST. PIUS X – FEBRUARY 26-MARCH 3, 2024

Monday, February 26	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	Parish Center	10:00 a.m.
	Parish Misson	Church	7:00-8:00 p.m.
	Parish Misson Reception	Vestibule	8:00-9:00 p.m.
Tuesday, February 27	Confessions	Church	8:00-8:20 a.m.
	Liturgy of Hours	Church	8:00 a.m.
	Rosary	Church	9:15 a.m.
	Parish Mission	Church	7:00-8:00 p.m.
	Parish Mission Reception	Vestibule	8:00-9:00 p.m.
Wednesday, February 28	Confessions	Church	8:00-8:20 a.m.
	Liturgy of the Hours	Church	8:00 a.m.
	Rosary	Chapel	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.
Thursday, February 29	Holy Hour - Confessions	Church Sanctuary	12:00-1:00 p.m.
	Choir (Adult)	Church	7:15 p.m.
	OCIA	Parish Center, Room A	6:30 p.m.
	TMIY	Parish Center, Room A	6:00 a.m.
	Confessions	Church	8:00-8:20 a.m.
	Liturgy of the Hours	Church	8:00 a.m.
Friday, March 1	Stations of the Cross	Church	9:15 a.m.
	National Eucharist Revival Video Series	Parish Center, Room C	10:00 a.m.
	New Creation	Church Music Room	7:00 p.m.
	Confessions	Church	8:00-8:20 a.m.
	Liturgy of the Hours	Church	8:00 a.m.
	24 Hours of Adoration	Chapel	9:00 a.m.-6:30 a.m.
Saturday, March 2	Rosary	Church	9:15 a.m.
	Fish Fry	Parish Center	5:00-7:30 p.m.
	Stations of the Cross	Church	6:00 p.m.
	24 Hour Benediction & Reposition	Chapel	6:30 a.m.
	Men's Faith Sharing	Parish Center, Meeting Room	7:30 a.m.
	FIAT Mother's Group	Chapel	8:00 a.m.
Sunday, March 3	Confessions	Church	3:00-4:00 p.m.
	K of C Rosary	Church	5:30 p.m.
	Military Outreach Kickoff	Church	After Mass
	Military Outreach Kickoff	Church	After Both Masses
	Donut Sunday	Vestibule	11:00 a.m.
	Rosary	Chapel	11:15 a.m.
	PSR	School	11:15 a.m.-12:45 p.m.
	Vespers/Holy Hour	Church	4:00 p.m.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE: MARCH 2-8 – THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

	SACRISTAN	LECTORS	EMHC	SERVERS	THURIFER	USHERS
Saturday, 4:30 p.m.	Carol Summa	Donna Nesbitt (1) Tanaka Mukudu (2)	Meghan Swails – Ambo Host (EMHC 1) Kim Kirkland – Organ Host (EMHC 1)	Josie Baljak James Baljak Lenna Sinicropi		Dianne (5) Einstein Chris (6) Bailey Liam (7) Bailey Paul (8) Siefert
Sunday, 8:00 a.m.	Michael Paszkiewicz	Corrinne Vidales (1) Judy Cafmeyer (2)	Paul Bratz, Jr. – Ambo Host (EMHC 1) Kim Bratz – Organ Host (EMHC 1)	Dominic Louiso Vinny Louiso Adam Rodenkirchen		Anthony Kanne Cheryl Krolkowski Dan Ujcz Michael Krolkowski
Sunday, 10:00 a.m.	David Roby	John E Goetz (1) Denise Colucci (2)	Michael Barnhart – Ambo Host (EMHC 1) Karen Kostora – Organ Host (EMHC 1)	Ryan Bassetti Chiamaka Anigbogu Samuel Bryan	Andrew Bassetti	Ted Habak Gervase Ngalla Wayne Wingard Bob Outlaw
Sunday, 11:00 a.m. (Church Linens) – Leah Siefert						
Sunday, 4:00 p.m.	NOT FILLED			Deryn Summers	Lynden Summers	

Pastor's Platform – The Holy Rosary is a Powerful Tool

We honor the Blessed Mother Mary when we pray the Holy Rosary and we deepen our understanding of the Gospel mysteries.

Mary can help us to better know her Son, Jesus Christ. When the angel appeared to Mary and told her that she would conceive and bring forth the Son of God, she answered, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." (Luke 1:38) Her "fiat" – her Yes to following God's will – was an indispensable moment in the story of the salvation of the world. Mary was present throughout Jesus' life, even at His crucifixion. By praying the Rosary, we can contemplate how we too can serve God by following her example.

Those who pray the Rosary are promised graces and indulgences. Alanus de Rupe, a 15th-century Dominican friar, was visited by the Blessed Virgin Mary, who gave 15 promises to Christians who prayed the Rosary. These include the assurance of receiving the sacraments at the time of death, never being conquered by misfortune, and her own special protection. Additionally, those who pray the Rosary often receive plenary indulgences – the remission of temporal punishment due to sin. During the Year of St. Joseph, Pope Francis announced ways to gain an indulgence, several which involved praying the Rosary: reciting of the Rosary in families and among engaged couples.

It brings victory in battle. The Rosary is a powerful weapon – amid both spiritual warfare and worldly battles. In 1571, Pope Pius V organized a group of Christian forces, known as the Holy League, in defense of an imminent invasion by the Ottoman Empire. Before a battle with the Ottoman fleet in the Gulf of Patras, in the Ionian Sea, the pope called on all of Europe to pray the Rosary for victory. These prayers were answered, with the Holy League defeating the much larger Ottoman forces on October 7 at the Battle of Lepanto. To commemorate the victory, Pius V established the feast day of "Our Lady of Lepanto" – also known as Our Lady of Victory or Our Lady of the Rosary. As for spiritual battles, nothing prepares you to persevere against temptations like the Rosary.

It's an opportunity to reflect on the Gospel mysteries. When praying the Rosary, we are invited to reflect on the joyful, sorrowful, glorious and luminous mysteries revealed in the Gospels. By reflecting on these stories from the Gospels, we not only increase our understanding of the life and ministry of Jesus, but we can also discover how God is calling us to live our own lives. As Pope John Paul II states in his apostolic letter, *Rosarium Virginis Marie* (2002), the Rosary is a "compendium of the Gospel" and has "all the depth of the Gospel message in its entirety."

It's the perfect way to make time for God. Pope John Paul II also stated in *Rosarium Virginis Marie* that the Rosary is a "sweet chain linking us to God" because it gives the faithful time to "contemplate the beauty on the face of Christ and to experience the depths of his love." But it is also the First Commandment that we must love the Lord with all our heart, soul, strength, and mind. And Jesus reiterates the vital importance of this commandment in the Gospels when asked, "What must I do to inherit eternal life?" By praying the Rosary, we can put God at the forefront of our lives, while also allowing God to speak with us, as Pope John Paul II affirms in *Rosarium Virginis Marie*. So, take the time to rediscover the beauty of the Rosary today.

Fr. Patrick Watikha, AJ

SPX SCHOOL – SPRING SPORTS REGISTRATION

Attention all St. Pius X families: Spring sports registration is now open!! There is T-ball, 10U softball and baseball, 8U softball and baseball, baseball for grades 4-8, softball for grades 4-8, and track and field for grades 4-8. To be eligible, your child must attend St. Pius X school or be actively enrolled in St. Pius X PSR. Registration closes March 1 and there are no late registrations!! To register, go to SPXAA.net and follow the links!

CRS RICE BOWLS

SECOND WEEK OF LENT: OVERCOMING HUNGER

In Akwangagwel, Uganda, the climate is very hot and dry. Farmers in this region depend heavily on the rainy season for a successful harvest. But lately – due to the changing climate – the rain has been coming later than it used to and is more inconsistent. Sometimes, when it does rain, it causes flooding and ruins the crops. Learn how Adolf and Florence have taken the matter into their own hands, implementing new farming techniques they learned from a Catholic Relief Services program to improve their farm and fight against hunger in their community. Visit crsricebowl.org to read this week's Story of Hope.

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PLEASE NOTE THAT BOTH THE ENVELOPES AND FAITH DIRECT INDICATE THE OLD PRICE OF \$17.00. IF YOU CANNOT AFFORD THE DIFFERENCE WITH BEING ON A FIXED INCOME, CONTACT THE EDITOR, DOUG BEAN, AND HE WILL WORK SOMETHING OUT WITH YOU.

SPX LENT FISH FRIES

The Parish and Knights of Columbus will be hosting two more Fish Fries this Lent – **March 1 and March 8**.

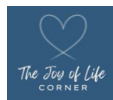
Dinner will be served Fridays, 5:00-7:30 p.m. in the Parish Center.

Dine-in or take-out available. We accept cash, check or credit card.

Menu will include fried fish, fried shrimp, cheese pizza, hushpuppies, coleslaw and french fries.

Pricing is: \$17.00/Adult; \$10.00/Child (4-10); Free/Child up to 3 old; \$60.00/Family. *All invited! All welcome! Come enjoy some good food with good company!*

*Volunteers needed to help please email/text/call John Swisher to help at swisher721@gmail.com or 614-477-7730.



THE JOY OF LIFE

How can we enhance our lives and the lives of others through our Lenten practices? We all know the pillars of Lent are Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving.

Prayer:

- It is Lent, but don't fast from the Eucharist. Come and be fed with the Bread of Life. Can you attend Mass one extra day?
- And develop the Holy Habit of stopping in to spend time with Jesus; watch your life be transformed.

Fasting:

- Doesn't mean just giving up screen time, for example. Use that time to reach out to family, friends and neighbors as we build God's family.
- As Fr. Patrick said, sometimes our fasting is just a game and not a penance. Is your fasting intentional in helping to build the culture of life from womb to tomb?

Almsgiving:

- It is not just giving of our "treasures," but can be sharing of our time and talent.
- How are you involved in contributing to the life of your parish family?

SUPPORT OUR SEMINARIAN ("SOS") DONATION COLLECTIONS

Help support our future priests with your donations! Donations accepted after all **Masses February 24 and 25**. Cash and checks accepted. 100% of your donation goes to support seminarians from the Columbus Diocese. *Thank you for your generosity!*

**THE ARMORY – THE SPX MEN'S MINISTRY***"Instaurare Omnia in Christo!"**In the Armory with Saint Joseph***What/When: First Wednesday Men's Fellowship
March 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 10 of 14: "The Hour"

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*Saint Joseph, Most Chaste, Pray for us!***TAX LETTERS**

If you need a tax letter for your 2023 donations to the church, you must call the business office at 614-866-2859, to request one. We no longer send them out automatically.

MILITARY OUTREACH

Next week, the Military Outreach Program will be kicking off their 14th Annual Spring Drive. We will be shipping care packages, including an assortment of Girl Scout Cookies to each deployed family member or relative from St. Pius, Seton, the VFW Post 9473, and Messiah Lutheran. This Spring Drive also supports various veteran and active military programs throughout the entire year. Do you have a military family member or relative that you would like added to our program? Do you have a relative deployed overseas? Do you want to be a part of our program or have any questions? Please contact Krista Schumacher at 614-323-7048 or delroshoe@yahoo.com.

GOLFERS OF ST. PIUS X

"FORE!" Attention, all golfers. It is that time of year and the St. Pius X Golf League is once again looking for new players. We play at Blacklick Woods Golf Course on Tuesday nights, starting this year on April 30th. The season runs for 15 weeks. It is a handicap league, open to both men and women. The cost is \$15.00 per week to play with another \$6.50 per week for a riding cart, if desired. Anyone interested or needing more information, please contact Ed Greer at 614-542-7010 or email at 51eag69@gmail.com.

**RESPECT LIFE BABY CLOTHES & DIAPER DRIVE FOR PDHC**

Please join the Respect Life Ministry in collecting baby items for Pregnancy Decision Health Centers (PDHC) during Lent this year.

Items needed include:

- Baby clothing (boys' and girls' sizes NB-18 months). Spring or summer preferably, but they will be grateful for any season.
- Socks and shoes (size 12-18 months)
- Diapers (size 1-6) for PDHC & Bottoms Up.
- Baby Wipes

The collection will be through Sunday, March 17. Please place your items in the bin marked "Respect Life" located in the side entrance to the church. PDHC has between 400-430 mothers enrolled in pregnancy and parenting classes. They earn points for the classes and use those points to purchase clothing and diapers. PDHC also gives diapers and layettes to all new babies. Let's help build a culture of life by serving moms and babies right here in Central Ohio. Your prayers are greatly needed as well! If you have any questions, please contact Gail Wood at gailwood0630@gmail.com or 513-515-9444.

LENTEN CALENDAR 2024**Sacrament of Penance**

Wednesday: 12:00-1:00 p.m. **except** for Wednesday of Holy Week
Weekdays (Monday-Friday): 8:00-8:20 a.m.; Saturdays 3:00-4:00 p.m.

Reconciliation Monday, March 25, 4:00-7:00 p.m.

No Confessions on Holy Saturday

Eucharistic Exposition

Every Wednesday: 9:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.

except for Wednesday of Holy Week

First Friday of the Month: 24-Hour Adoration

9:00 a.m.-6:30 a.m. in the Chapel

Stations of the Cross

Thursdays: 9:15 a.m.; Holy Week: Tuesday 9:15 a.m., instead of Thursday

Fridays: 6:00 p.m. with Eucharistic Exposition

Catholic Relief Services

Operation Rice Bowl – Return: March 23/24 (Palm Sunday)

Knights of Columbus Fish Fry

March 1 & 8: 5:00-7:30 p.m. – Monsignor Funk Parish Center

Anointing of the Sick – March 16/17 after all Masses

Soup Suppers

Monday Evenings, March 4-18, 7:00-8:30 p.m. during the video series

"Jesus and the Eucharist" for the National Eucharistic Revival.

Families are welcome

Parish Mission

February 25- 27: 7:00-8:00 p.m., Church

"The Holy Eucharist: Real Presence, True Sacrifice, Call to Union

and Mission" Very Rev. Stephen Dominic Hayes, OP, Presenter

Confessions from 8:00-9:00 p.m.



NATIONAL
Eucharistic
Congress

NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

Our world is hurting. We all need healing, yet many of us are separated from the very source of our strength. Jesus Christ invites us to return to the source and summit of our faith in the celebration of the Eucharist. The National Eucharistic Revival is a movement to restore understanding and devotion to this great mystery here in the United States by helping us renew our worship of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. As part of this Revival, a National Eucharistic Congress will take place **July 17-21, 2024** at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis, IN. For more information, including registration for the Congress, go to eucharisticcongress.org. Stay tuned to the bulletin and FlockNote for more information.



NATIONAL
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Revival

JESUS AND THE EUCHARIST - SEVEN-WEEK VIDEO SERIES

As part of the National Eucharistic Revival, we are excited to announce a new video series on Jesus and the Eucharist, which we believe will be an excellent opportunity to deepen our faith and grow in community with our fellow parishioners. St. Pius X will offer two opportunities for you to view this video series: **Thursday Mornings**, February 22-March 14, April 4 and 18, and May 2, 10:00-11:30 a.m. – Light Breakfast; or **Monday Evenings**, March 4-18, April 8-29, 7:00-8:30 p.m. – Lenten Soup Suppers. All are invited to attend! Light refreshments will be served. All sessions will take place in the Msgr. Funk Parish Center. Please sign up using the links on the SPX website.

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.

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.**

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**SERRA, NOW MORE THAN EVER!**

Are you looking to get more involved in promoting, encouraging, and praying for vocations? Serra Clubs, a lay apostolate, have been in our Columbus Diocese for 70 years. We seek members to stand alongside our priests and seminarians to support vocations for the Diocese of Columbus. **GOD IS STILL CALLING.** Serra Club of North Columbus meetings include the Rosary, lunch, and a speaker at 11:30 a.m. on the first Tuesday of every month at the Jessing Center at the Josephinum. Downtown Serra Club meetings include lunch and a speaker at Noon on the second Friday of each month at the Cavello Center at St. Charles Preparatory School. Check out our website SERRACOLUMBUS.ORG, for more information and scheduled events.

15TH ANNUAL FATHER/SON MASS AND BREAKFAST – MARCH 2

St. Charles is pleased to host the **15th Annual Father/Son Mass and Breakfast** on Saturday, March 2. Invited to attend are all alumni and alumni fathers with their sons, current and incoming students and their fathers, and any young man in grade school (with his father) who is interested in learning more about the school. We will start with Mass at 9:30 a.m., followed by a buffet breakfast in the Robert C. Walter Student Commons. Our guest presenter is SC father, Mr. Adam Johnson, the Chairman and CEO of NetJets Inc. The breakfast is free, but you are still asked to RSVP to the school's Alumni Affairs and Communications Director, Louis J. Fabro '83 by Monday, February 26, at lfabro@scprep.org.

ST. CHARLES DRAMA DEPARTMENT TO PRESENT**THE LIGHTNING THIEF: THE PERCY JACKSON MUSICAL**

The St. Charles Preparatory School Drama Department is proud to announce its winter musical, *The Lightning Thief: The Percy Jackson Musical*. *The Lightning Thief* will be presented February 29, March 1 and 2 at 8:00 p.m. and Sunday, March 3 at 3:00 p.m. in the St. Charles Campus Theatre, 2010 E. Broad Street. Reservations may be placed by visiting the St. Charles website homepage at scprep.org – Buy Tickets button.

LAGHI CHAIR LECTURE AT THE JOSEPHINUM

The Pontifical College Josephinum's 2024 Pio Cardinal Laghi Chair Lecture will feature a presentation by alumnus Father Thomas Petri, OP, STD, President of the Pontifical Faculty of the Dominican House of Studies in Washington, DC. He will present "Grace, Freedom, and Beauty: Saint Thomas Aquinas on the Blessed Mother" on Wednesday, March 13, at 7:00 p.m. in the Jessing Center. Free admission and parking; reservations not required. For more information, please call 614-985-2274.

The Pio Cardinal Laghi Chair was inaugurated at the Josephinum in 1992 in honor of Pio Cardinal Laghi, then Prefect of the Congregation for Catholic Education. American cardinals and presidents of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops promoted the funding of this chair in recognition of Cardinal Laghi's dedicated service to the Catholic Church in the United States.

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.

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New Parishioner Registration: Register online from the 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.

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Saint Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrows

(March 1, 1838-February 27, 1862)

Saint Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrows' Story: Born in Italy into a large family and baptized Francis, Saint Gabriel lost his mother when he was only four years old. He was educated by the Jesuits and, having been cured twice of serious illnesses, came to believe that God was calling him to the religious life. Young Francis wished to join the Jesuits but was turned down, probably because of his age, not yet 17. Following the death of a sister to cholera, his resolve to enter religious life became even stronger and he was accepted by the Passionists. Upon entering the novitiate, he was given the name Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrows.

Ever popular and cheerful, Gabriel quickly was successful in his effort to be faithful in little things. His spirit of prayer, love for the poor, consideration of the feelings of others, exact observance of the Passionist Rule as well as his bodily penances – always subject to the will of his wise superiors – made a deep impression on everyone.

His superiors had great expectations of Gabriel as he prepared for the priesthood, but after only four years of religious life, symptoms of tuberculosis appeared. Ever obedient, he patiently bore the painful effects of the disease and the restrictions it required, seeking no special notice. He died peacefully on February 27, 1862, at age 24, having been an example to both young and old.

Saint Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrows was canonized in 1920.

Reflection: When we think of achieving great holiness by doing little things with love and grace, Therese of Lisieux comes first to mind. Like her, Gabriel died painfully from tuberculosis. Together, they urge us to tend to the small details of daily life, to be considerate of others' feelings every day. Our path to sanctity, like theirs, probably lies not in heroic doings, but in performing small acts of kindness every day.

Saint Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrows is a Patron Saint of: Clergy; Students; Young People



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