



# 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.*

### PARISH PHONE NUMBER

(614) 866-2859

### MAILING ADDRESSES

#### Rectory & Parish Business Office

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Email - [StPiusX@spxreynoldsburg.com](mailto:StPiusX@spxreynoldsburg.com)

#### St. Pius X Pre-School

1067 Waggoner Road, Reynoldsburg 43068

#### St. Pius X Elementary School

1061 Waggoner Road, Reynoldsburg 43068

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

## 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](http://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, Pastor .....Ext 102

Rev. Process Milton Kiocha, AJ,

Parochial Vicar .....Ext 102

Deacon Jim Kelly .....Ext 102

Deacon Joseph Lemay .....Ext 102

Brenda Brammer, Business Manager .....Ext 116

### PARISH MEMBERSHIP

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

# THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT – MARCH 3, 2024

My eyes are always on the Lord!

## MASSES FOR MARCH 4-10, 2024

### Monday, March 4

8:30 a.m. (FMK) † Aidan Williams by Mary Girard

### Tuesday, March 5

8:30 a.m. (FMK) † Bill Endres by Juan & Debra Orellana

### Wednesday, March 6

8:30 a.m. (FPW) † Felipe Zurita by Juan & Debra Orellana

### Thursday, March 7

8:30 a.m. (FMK) Living & Deceased Members of the Marcus Chestnut Family by Mike & Beth Treneff  
† Pam Briggs by Loretta & Rocky Sunday

### Friday, March 8

8:30 a.m. (FPW) Special Intentions for Richard Goodyear by Kathleen Goodyear

### Saturday, March 9

7:00 a.m. (FMK) Mass

4:30 p.m. (FPW) † Dominique Adair by The Beyer Family

### Sunday, March 10

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

10:00 a.m. (FPW) † Eleanor Burke by Joyce & Ron Thamen

## 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.*

**Newly Registered:** Abigail Bucher; Clivine, Fonkpu Clarise, Daniel-Jeffrey, Myra, Rayna & Raphael Nchukemeh

## COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS

### For the Week of February 25, 2024

Budget Requirements	\$	20,000.00
Weekly Offertory Received:	\$	25,089.49
Weekly Surplus (Deficit):	\$	5,089.49
Adjustments:	\$	(100.00)
Faith Direct:	\$	13,344.12
Debit Program:	\$	738.50
Envelope Offering:	\$	6,783.37
Loose Offering:	\$	4,323.50
Total Offering:	\$	25,089.49

### For the Month of February 2024

MTD Budget Requirements:	\$	80,000.00
MTD Actual Offertory Received:	\$	74,573.09
MTD Surplus (Deficit):	\$	(5,426.91)
YTD Budget Requirements	\$	714,000.00
YTD Actual Offertory Received	\$	705,761.63
YTD Surplus (Deficit)	\$	(8,238.37)
Debit Program Participants:		36
Envelopes Used:		140
Faith Direct Participants:		150

## PULPIT ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Military Outreach Program is kicking off their 14th Annual Spring Drive this weekend! Please see the article in this weekend's bulletin or stop by the table in the vestibule for more information. If you have a relative deployed overseas, please notify our committee members so they can ship your loved one a care package. Your help is always appreciated for our military men and women who are serving.

The next SPX Fish Fry taking place in the Parish Center will be on Friday, March 8, from 5:00-7:30 p.m.

St. Vincent de Paul will be taking their monthly collection next weekend after all the Masses. Please help those who are less fortunate.

On Wednesday, March 13, Morning Mass will be held on this date without the morning Confession. Adoration will be held, however, Holy Hour from 12:00-1:00 p.m. will be **cancelled**.

The 7:00 a.m. morning Mass on Saturday, March 16, will be **cancelled**. The Funeral Mass for the Berry Samba family will be held that morning.

Vespers/Holy Hour for the Church will be held every Sunday beginning at 4:00 p.m. for an hour. This is to provide additional time for parishioners to pray together.

## PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

**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](http://www.virtus.org). Pre-registration 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, [czacovic@spxreynoldsburg.com](mailto: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 18. 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.

## CRS RICE BOWLS: THIRD WEEK OF LENT- RAISING CHICKENS TO SUPPORT HER FAMILY

Nowadays, in Morazán, El Salvador, it is very difficult to know when the rainy or dry seasons will be. The unpredictable weather puts the livelihood of Sandra's family in jeopardy. Despite the challenges, Sandra and her husband, Santos, remain dedicated to ensuring their children grow healthy and succeed in school. Learn how their strong family dynamic enabled Sandra to participate in a Catholic Relief Services' project on raising chickens and how her determination has helped her family and community. Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) to read this week's Story of Hope.

## THIS WEEK AT ST. PIUS X – MARCH 4-10, 2024

Monday, March 4	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.
	Divine Mercy	Church	6:00 p.m.
	Rosary for the Sick	Church	6:30 p.m.
	Soup Supper	Parish Center	7:00 p.m.
	National Eucharistic Revival Video Series	Parish Center	7:00 p.m.
	TMIY	Parish Center, Meeting Room	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, March 5	Confessions	Church	8:00-8:20 a.m.
	Liturgy of the Hours	Church	8:00 a.m.
	Rosary	Church	9:15 a.m.
	Protecting God's Children Class	Parish Center	6:00 p.m.
	Parish Council	Parish Center, Meeting Room	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, March 6	Choir	Church	7:15 p.m.
	Confessions	Church	8:00-8:20 a.m.
	Liturgy of the Hours	Church	8:00 a.m.
	Rosary	Chapel	9:15 a.m.
Thursday, March 7	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.
	Senior Fellowship Group	Parish Center, Room A	1:15-4:00 p.m.
	OCIA	Parish Center, Room A	6:30 p.m.
	The Armory	Workshop	7:00 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.
	Stations of the Cross	Church	9:15 a.m.
Friday, March 8	National Eucharistic 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.
	Rosary	Church	9:15 a.m.
Saturday, March 9	Fish Fry	Parish Center	5:00-7:30 p.m.
	Stations of the Cross	Church	6:00 p.m.
	FIAT Mother's Group	Chapel	8:00 a.m.
	Confessions	Church	3:00-4:00 p.m.
Sunday, March 10	K of C Rosary	Church	5:30 p.m.
	St. Vincent de Paul Collection	Church	After Mass
	St. Vincent de Paul Collection	Church	After Both Masses
	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 9-10 – FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

	SACRISTAN	LECTORS	EMHC	SERVERS	THURIFER	USHERS
Saturday, 4:30 p.m.	Carol Summa	Chris Ross (1) David McCormick (2)	Meghan Swails – Ambo Host (EMHC 1) Donna Nesbitt – Organ Host (EMHC 1)	Sammy Gerardi Lyla Gerardi Emma Feeney		Jim (1) Beck Tom (2) Haddox Ken (4) Marr Paul (8) Siefert
Sunday, 8:00 a.m.	Mary Girard	Kimberly Favinger (1) Janet Rodenkirchen (2)	Michael Krolkowski – Ambo Host (EMHC 1) De Ann Bukowski – Organ Host (EMHC 1)	Max Ujcz (sub req.) Deryn Summers (sub req.) Lynden Summers (sub req.)		Anthony Kanne NOT FILLED NOT FILLED NOT FILLED
Sunday, 10:00 a.m.	Mary Ann Wingard	Susan Gilmore (1) Tod Gilmore (2)	Gary Heydinger – Ambo Host (EMHC 1) April Heydinger – Organ Host (EMHC 1)	Christopher Filous Noah Viglietta (sub req.) Maxwell Sandy	Thomas Filous	Steven Frase David Roby Bob Outlaw Ted Habak
Sunday, 11:00 a.m. (Church Linens) – Christina Zacovic						
Sunday, 4:00 p.m.	NOT FILLED			NOT FILLED	NOT FILLED	



## Pastor's Platform – Ways to Get Involved in Your Parish

Being a parishioner of a church means more than simply attending weekly services. Membership can certainly be rooted in regular attendance, but it can also look like volunteering for church functions; performing outreach duties, such as visiting parish members who are in the hospital; or leading classes or workshops for fellow parishioners.

Since community is a major pillar of worship, being a church parishioner means sharing your time and skills with others in your faith community. True spiritual growth happens when you become an active participant in worship, instead of a passive follower.

### Specific Ways to Get More Involved

There are plenty of ways to serve your church. Your choice of service usually comes down to the amount of time you can commit and where your passions lie. Consider your personal interests and skills: teacher, great with children, community outreach, public speaking, etc.

Also identify your existing talents and interests; it helps to listen to those around you. As you attend worship services and move through your parish, keep your eyes and ears open to the needs of others. Perhaps someone is having trouble making it to church every week – can you volunteer to drive them? Maybe there's growing interest in a weekly women's Bible Study group – would you be interested in leading one? The key to becoming more involved is simply being present and attuned to the needs of your church community.

Consider the following opportunities for serving your own church:

**Show Up Beyond Worship:** Even if you don't know exactly how you can help in your parish, start by attending activities outside of worship services. At SPX we host "extracurricular" events like study groups, ministries of Catholic men and women, or volunteer days. If you start showing up to these events, chances are you will see how you can help at the next one or strike up a conversation with someone who knows exactly where you could be most helpful; you may even be able to learn a new skill!

**Become Part of Weekly Worship:** There are many positions available to the laity during worship services. While some require formation or training, others require no formal preparation at all – just your time and dedication! Inquire with parish leadership about becoming an usher, deacon, lector, or acolyte extra ordinary minister of the eucharist.

**Work with Parish Kids:** Young children are an intrinsic part of a vibrant parish community like ours. If you enjoy working with children, ask how you could help in PSR. If you have the appropriate skills and experience with young people, you may even be able to become a PSR teacher or Confirmation class leader. Youth groups and Vacation Bible School are other great opportunities to volunteer with the younger members of our parish.

**Become a Parish Teacher:** Leading a Bible Study group or catechism class may require some formation guided by your parish leaders, but the opportunities you gain will be endlessly rewarding. Teaching is the best way to learn, and leading others in studying Scripture can deepen your own connection to your faith. Also one-on-one mentorship opportunities is available in our parish.

**Lead Lay Ministry:** Within every congregation, there are parishioners with their own unique needs or perspectives that can be served through small group ministry. With the right training and formation, you could lead lay ministry that speaks directly to women, teens, trauma survivors, or those who are grieving.

**Join the Events Crew:** In addition to weekly services, our parish performs and hosts weddings, funerals, and other events. Volunteer to be on the crew that sets up and breaks down these events. Duties include stocking the pews with programs, candles, and tissues; setting up decorations; sweeping and vacuuming the worship space; making sure each worship space has an appropriate number of Bibles and hymnals; and checking that all exits are clear and accessible. Event prep also includes food – if you love to cook, dust off your apron!

**Maintain the Premises:** A well-kept physical space can add great value to worship activities. If you are handy, offer to provide regular or on-call maintenance; even if you don't have specific skills, almost anyone can operate a broom or mop to keep hallways and Gathering Spaces clean. Our church has gardens and grounds; offer to weed, cut grass, or maintain flower beds.

**Stay Connected to Fellow Members:** Chances are there are members of our parish who haven't been able to attend a service in a while. Or maybe they have, but they are struggling with something outside of church. If there's someone who needs extra support outside of worship services, connect with them and ask how you can help. They may need a ride to church once a week or help around the house following the death of a spouse. Sometimes, keeping fellow members connected to their church community is as simple as paying them a visit occasionally or maintaining written correspondence – anything to let them know they are not forgotten.

**Offer Tech Support:** If social media is your bread and butter, see if church leadership would be interested in appointing you as a social media director.

**Raise Your Voice in Song:** Do you love to sing? Every parish needs people to lend their voices to the choir or become cantors. We would love to have you join or audition for our parish music program, and if you play an instrument, great!

Rev. Patrick Watikha, AJ

## MILITARY OUTREACH

The Military Outreach Program is kicking off their 14th Annual Spring Drive this weekend. We will be sending care packages and Girl Scout Cookies to deployed family members and relatives from St. Pius, Seton, Messiah Lutheran, and the VFW Post 9473. This year, we will be working with the Buckeye Blue Star Mothers to ship our remaining items to deployed soldiers from all over the Columbus area.

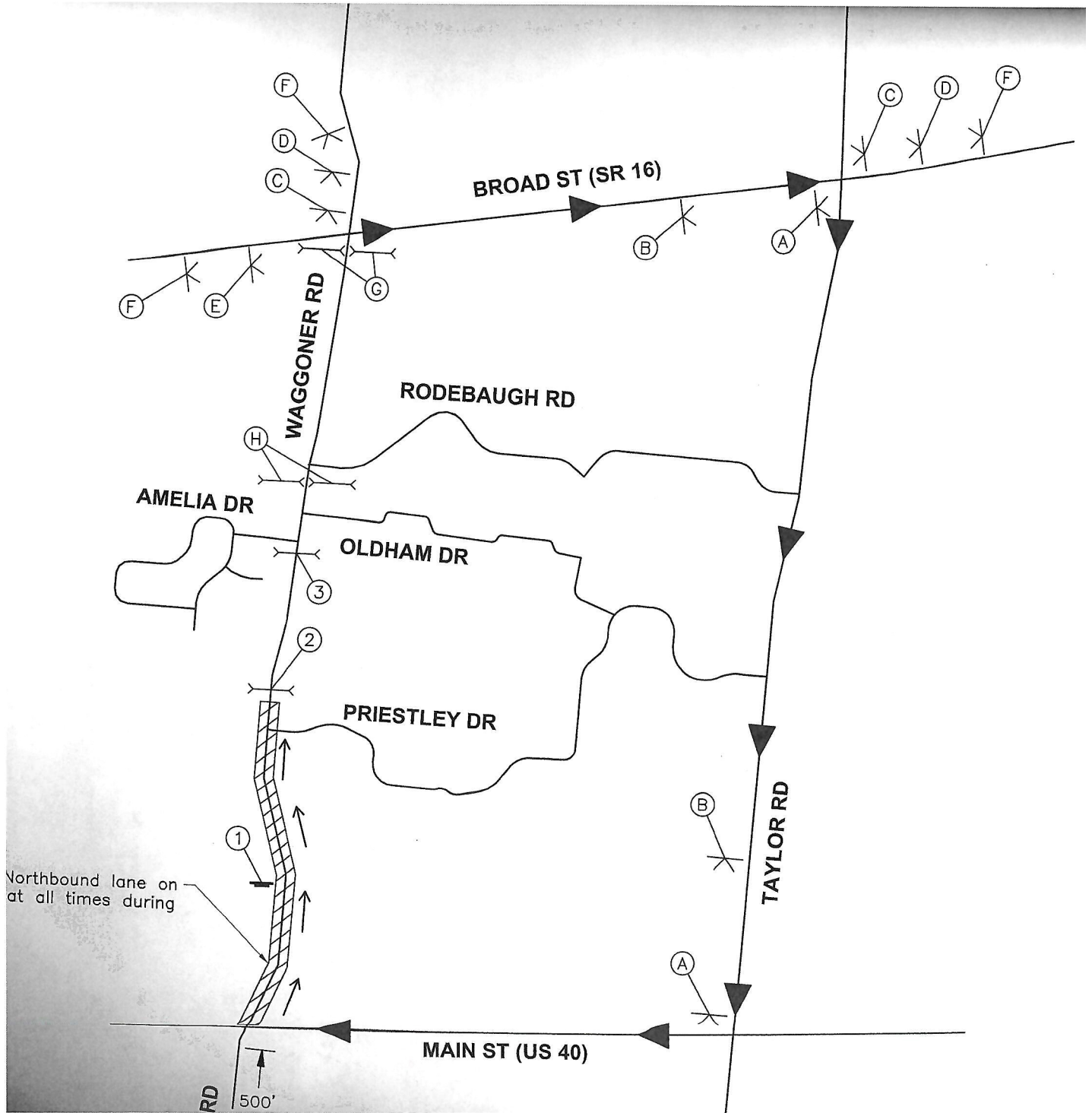
The Spring Drive also supports various veteran and active military programs throughout the year. Slips of items to buy will be located in the church vestibule. Items will need to be purchased and **returned before the 10:00 a.m. Mass on April 7**. We will have a designated bin for our Military Outreach Spring Drive located in the back entrance vestibule (near the side exit doors) to collect all of your military outreach donations. After the March 2 and 3 Masses, we ask that all cash donations be put into an envelope clearly labeled "Military Outreach Program," then mailed to the parish rectory or put into the collection baskets at Mass. Just make sure to include them in an envelope with the name of our program. Cash donations will go towards care packages and shipping costs year-round, and towards the local veteran/military support we provide throughout the year. Do you have a military family member or relative deployed overseas, do you have a veteran family member that you would like to honor, or do you have any questions regarding our program? Please contact Krista Schumacher at 614-323-7048 or delroshoe@yahoo.com. Thank you!

## SPX LENT FISH FRIES

The Parish and Knights of Columbus will be hosting one more Fish Fry this Lent on Friday, **March 8**. Dinner will be served 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 years 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.

## 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.



# WAGGONER ROAD-WIDENING PROJECT

As many of you are aware, the City of Reynoldsburg has discussed the widening of Waggoner Road. There are two phases associated with this project. Phase 1 will be from Main Street, heading north to Priestley Drive, which is expected to last approximately 18 months, and will begin in mid to late April 2024. Phase 2 will be from Priestley Drive heading north to E. Broad Street, estimating the total time of the project to last at least four years. This project includes replacing gas, water, storm water catch basins, and sanitary sewer lines. It will also include installation of new streetlights, a concrete sidewalk on the east side of Waggoner, an asphalt leisure path on the west side (our side), installing a traffic light at the intersection of Waggoner and Priestley, and a crossing light with a crosswalk near the main entrance to our campus.

When Phase 1 begins, southbound traffic will be closed from Priestley Dr. to E. Main Street, only northbound traffic will be permitted on Waggoner Road from E. Main Street, while Priestly Drive will be accessible to traffic from either direction. Please see the attached diagram from the Reynoldsburg City Service Department showing the detailed detour routes. By the same token, when exiting the campus from church or school activities, you will have to turn left onto Waggoner heading north.

The City of Reynoldsburg Service Department will have an on-site project manager to manage this project daily and he will do his best to ensure minimal disruption of travel during school drop-off and dismissal times. At this time, the city doesn't anticipate any work being performed on the weekends, so coming to and leaving Mass would be normal, other than using the detour to travel north. That being said, please allow for extra travel time and heavier traffic than normal on streets such as Priestley Drive, E. Broad Street, Taylor Road, and E. Main Street.

While we monitor the changes that construction will cause, the south driveway near the Preschool will be closed on the weekends. This will allow only one exit out of the main driveway as all traffic is heading in the same north direction.

We realize that the Waggoner Road construction will be an inconvenience to most who come to St. Pius X. We ask that, as good stewards of our faith, you remain patient and travel with caution as crews and machinery will be in operation. As more information becomes available, we will communicate this to you in our weekly bulletin.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to stop by the Rectory office or email Scott Marsh at [smarsh@cducation.org](mailto:smarsh@cducation.org) and we will do our very best to provide you with answers.



## 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 Hohmann 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!*

## CARRY THE CROSS

*"If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me." Mark 8:34*

**ATTENTION, St. Pius X Men!**

Join *The Armory* for a unique praying of the **Stations of the Cross** on **Holy Saturday, March 30th, 7:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.**

We will start at JFK Park in downtown Reynoldsburg. Our challenge is to assist each other carry a 10X6 foot cross made of 4x4 Cedar over an 8 mile round trip course from JFK, through Huber Park and Blacklick Woods along bike trails and sidewalks. Men, young and *older*, if you feel up to the challenge for a morning filled with prayer, hymns and fellowship, then mark your calendars now to join other men of SPX.

Contact John Zacovic at [jzacovic@insight.rr.com](mailto:jzacovic@insight.rr.com) or 614-205-0845 if you have any questions. *More to follow...*



## 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](http://eucharisticcongress.org). Stay tuned to the bulletin and FlockNote for more information.



## 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.; or **Monday Evenings**, March 4-18, April 8-29, 7:00-8:30 p.m. 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.

## 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](mailto:jclemay@sbcglobal.net) or 660-233-2289.**

## 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.



## 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?



## 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 (sizes 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](mailto:gailwood0630@gmail.com) or 513-515-9444.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:cyndiw2000@yahoo.com).



**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 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.

**AROUND TOWN****RADIO FUN THAT WILL LEAVE YOU SMILING – MARCH 6-8**

Deacon Charles Miller will be on the radio on **March 6, 2024** from **5:15-6:00 p.m.** Deacon Miller will be playing on a team with two other deacons, in a basketball tournament to see which Deacon Team will win the gold medal! For every donation made in his name prior to or during the **AM 820** radio event, Deacon Miller's team will receive additional shots. To make a donation, call **614-459-4820** or go online to **StGabrielRadio.com**.

**ST. CHARLES AUDITIONS**

St. Charles Preparatory School Drama Department will hold high school women's auditions for its spring production, *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time* on Tuesday and Wednesday, March 5 and 6 at 4:00 p.m. at the St. Charles Campus Theater, 2010 East Broad Street (You need only attend one of the two days.) Auditions are open to all area high school women in Central Ohio. Production Dates: April 25-28, 2024. For more information, email Doug Montgomery at [dmontgomery@scprep.org](mailto:dmontgomery@scprep.org).

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**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, D.C. 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.

**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 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 the Rectory's front door that you can use. We are not responsible if the mailman gets your money!

**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.

**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](http://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.

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## Saints Perpetua and Felicity

(d. 203)

**Saints Perpetua and Felicity's Story:** "When my father in his affection for me was trying to turn me from my purpose by arguments and thus weaken my faith, I said to him, 'Do you see this vessel – water pot or whatever it may be? Can it be called by any other name than what it is?' 'No,' he replied. 'So also, I cannot call myself by any other name than what I am – a Christian.'" So writes Perpetua: young, beautiful, well-educated, a noblewoman of Carthage in North Africa, mother of an infant son and chronicler of the persecution of the Christians by Emperor Septimius Severus.

Perpetua's mother was a Christian and her father a pagan. He continually pleaded with her to deny her faith. She refused and was imprisoned at 22.

In her diary, Perpetua describes her period of captivity: "What a day of horror! Terrible heat, owing to the crowds! Rough treatment by the soldiers! To crown all, I was tormented with anxiety for my baby.... Such anxieties I suffered for many days, but I obtained leave for my baby to remain in the prison with me, and being relieved of my trouble and anxiety for him, I at once recovered my health, and my prison became a palace to me and I would rather have been there than anywhere else."

Despite threats of persecution and death, Perpetua, Felicity—a slavewoman and expectant mother—and three companions, Revocatus, Secundulus and Saturninus, refused to renounce their Christian faith. For their unwillingness, all were sent to the public games in the amphitheater. There Perpetua and Felicity were beheaded, and the others killed by beasts.

Felicity gave birth to a daughter a few days before the games commenced.

Perpetua's record of her trial and imprisonment ends the day before the games. "Of what was done in the games themselves, let him write who will." The diary was finished by an eyewitness.

**Reflection:** Persecution for religious beliefs is not confined to Christians in ancient times. Consider Anne Frank, the Jewish girl who with her family, was forced into hiding and later died in Bergen-Belsen, one of Hitler's death camps during World War II. Anne, like Perpetua and Felicity, endured hardship and suffering and finally death because she committed herself to God. In her diary, Anne writes, "It's twice as hard for us young ones to hold our ground, and maintain our opinions, in a time when all ideals are being shattered and destroyed, when people are showing their worst side, and do not know whether to believe in truth and right and God."

**Saint Perpetua is the Patron Saint of:** Widows, Mothers of Deceased Sons

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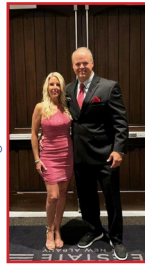
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