



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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Deacon Jim KellyExt 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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT – MARCH 10, 2024

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her

MASSES FOR MARCH 11-17, 2024

Monday, March 11

8:30 a.m. (FMK) † Jerry Casper by Tim & KC Boyles

Tuesday, March 12

8:30 a.m. (FPW) † Frank & Donna Burgstaller
by Juan & Debra Orellana

Wednesday, March 13

8:30 a.m. (MPG) † Scott Williams by Bob & Laura Briggs

Thursday, March 14

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

Friday, March 15

8:30 a.m. (FPW) Mass Intentions of Priests by K of C/Serra

Saturday, March 16

7:00 a.m. **Mass is Cancelled for Funeral**

4:30 p.m. (FPW) † Norbert Stalica by Mary Girard

Sunday, March 17

8:00 a.m. † Mary Talerico by Mr. & Mrs. O'Sullivan

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

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 Baptized: Stella Grace & Frankie Maggio D'Andrea children of Dominic & Danielle

Pray for the Deceased: Rose Klott and Afra Johnson

PULPIT ANNOUNCEMENTS

St. Vincent de Paul will be taking their monthly collection this 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 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.

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.

COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS

For the Week of March 3, 2024

Budget Requirements	\$ 20,000.00
Weekly Offertory Received:	\$ 10,200.80
Weekly Surplus (Deficit):	\$ (9,799.20)
Adjustments:	\$ 167.00
Debit Program:	\$ 486.00
Envelope Offering:	\$ 8,230.77
Loose Offering:	\$ 1,317.03
Total Offering:	\$ 10,200.80

For the Month of March 2024

MTD Budget Requirements:	\$ 20,000.00
MTD Actual Offertory Received:	\$ 10,200.80
MTD Surplus (Deficit):	\$ (9,799.20)
YTD Budget Requirements	\$ 734,000.00
YTD Actual Offertory Received	\$ 715,962.43
YTD Surplus (Deficit)	\$ (18,037.57)
Debit Program Participants:	28
Envelopes Used:	194

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

March 10th – Fourth Sunday of Lent

In today's Gospel, God demonstrates great love for us by sending his Son so that we may believe in Him. We demonstrate our great love for God by doing good works: reaching out to others, acting in justice and charity. Through your almsgiving you are performing a good work; far greater than you think. Know that your nickel, dime, quarter or dollar is multiplied by coins placed by others in the St. Vincent de Paul bucket. In the month of February, through your gifts of \$1,970.71, our ministry brought the love and care of Jesus to the poor by assisting families providing \$454.98 in food for their families, \$1,059.99 to keep their lights and heat on, \$500.00 to avoid an eviction and \$850.00 to assist local food pantries. *Dear Lord, In this season of renewal, you call us to a closer walk with You through the inestimable gift of faith, hope and love. Grant me the desire and means to share all that I am, all that I have, with everyone around me, especially those who walk daily in the shadow of poverty, illness, or despair. Allow me to dispel their darkness by reflecting the light of Your life into theirs. Amen.*

GALA OF GIVING 50/50 RAFFLE

The Gala of Giving Committee is excited to share a chance to put money back in your pocket while supporting the Panthers! The Gala Committee is hosting a 50/50 Raffle. Purchase your \$10.00 raffle ticket(s) today at <https://tinyurl.com/bdh2k279>. Please share this with your friends and family! Tickets will be sold online now through Friday, March 22, 2024 (cutoff at 5:00 p.m. EST). The winning raffle ticket will be drawn at the Gala of Giving on March 23rd. You don't have to be present to win. Proceeds benefit St. Pius X School.

CRS RICE BOWLS – FOURTH WEEK OF LENT:

INCREASING DISASTERS, INCREASING RESILIENCE

Located in Southeast Asia between the Pacific and Indian Oceans, Indonesia has beautiful beaches, diverse cultures and the world's fourth largest population. Many of the country's more than 17,000 islands are in the Ring of Fire, where volcanic eruptions and earthquakes are common. Climate-related disasters such as cyclones are also becoming more frequent and destructive. Find out how – with the support of Catholic Relief Services and generous communities like yours – Evita and her disaster preparedness group are working to keep their community safe. Visit crsricebowl.org to read this week's Story of Hope.

THIS WEEK AT ST. PIUS X – MARCH 11-17, 2024

Monday, March 11	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.
	SVDP Meeting	Bride's Room	7:00 p.m.
	Soup Supper	Parish Center	7:00 p.m.
	National Eucharist Revival Video Series	Parish Center	7:00 p.m.
	TMIY	Parish Center, Meeting Room	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, March 12	Confessions.	Church	8:00-8:20 a.m.
	Liturgy of Hours	Church	8:00 a.m.
	Rosary	Church	9:15 a.m.
	OCIA Team Meeting	Parish Center, Room A	6:30 p.m.
	K of C Officer's Meeting	Parish Center, Meeting Room	7:00 p.m.
	Choir	Church	7:15 p.m.
Wednesday, March 13	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. to 12:00 p.m. 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Thursday, March 14	Holy Hour-Confessions	Church Sanctuary	12:00-1:00 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.
	Stations of the Cross	Church	9:15 a.m.
	National Eucharist Revival Video Series	Parish Center, Room C	10:00 a.m.
	Funeral - Afra Johnson	Church	11:00 a.m.
	New Creation	Church Music Room	7:00 p.m.
Friday, March 15	Confessions	Church	8:00-8:20 a.m.
	Liturgy of the Hours	Church	8:00 a.m.
	Rosary	Church	9:15 a.m.
	Stations of the Cross	Church	6:00 p.m.
Saturday, March 16	Men's FS/SS	Parish Center, Meeting Room	7:30 a.m.
	FIAT Mother's Group	Chapel	8:00 a.m.
	Funeral (Berry Samba)	Church	10:00 a.m.
	Confessions	Church	3:00-4:00 p.m.
Sunday, March 17	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 16-22 – FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

	SACRISTAN	LECTORS	EMHC	SERVERS	THURIFER	USHERS
Saturday, 4:30 p.m.	Carol Summa	Pat Rolwing (1) David McCormick (2)	Duane Wikoff – Ambo Host (EMHC 1) Meghan Swails – Organ Host (EMHC 1) (sub req.)	Jennsen Swails (sub req.) Adi Vega Andrew Bassetti (sub req.)		Jim (1) Beck Tom (2) Haddox Mike (3) Angle Dianne (5) Einstein
Sunday, 8:00 a.m.	Michael Paszkiewicz	Megan Borowski (1) Judy Cafmeyer (2)	Cheryl Krolikowski – Ambo Host (EMHC 1) Linda Dlugiewicz – Organ Host (EMHC 1)	Adam Rodenkirchen Thomas Filous Christopher Filous		David Dlugiewicz Anthony Kanne Dan Ujcz Michael Krolikowski
Sunday, 10:00 a.m.	Wayne Wingard	Ed Holliday (1) Bridget Masara (2)	David Roby – Ambo Host (EMHC 1) Gene Shultz – Organ Host (EMHC 1)	Vinny Louiso Justin Frase Elle Frase	Dominic Louiso	Ted Habak Steven Frase Gervase Ngalla Mary Ann Wingard
Sunday, 11:00 a.m. (Church Linens) – Rosie Albert						
Friday, 6:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross	Cyndi Williams			Deryn Summers	Lynden Summers	

Pastor's Platform – Anointing of the Sick during this Lenten Season

The Anointing of the Sick is administered to bring spiritual and even physical strength during an illness, especially near the time of death. It is most likely one of the last sacraments one will receive. A sacrament is an outward sign established by Jesus Christ to confer inward grace. In more basic terms, it is a rite that is performed to convey God's grace to the recipient, through the power of the Holy Spirit.

The sacrament's institution: Like all the sacraments, holy anointing was instituted by Jesus Christ during his earthly ministry. The *Catechism* explains, "This sacred Anointing of the Sick was instituted by Christ our Lord as a true and proper sacrament of the New Testament. It is alluded to indeed by Mark but is recommended to the faithful and promulgated by James the apostle and brother of the Lord" (CCC 1511; Mark 6:13; Jas. 5:14-15).

The Anointing of the Sick conveys several graces and imparts gifts of strengthening in the Holy Spirit against anxiety, discouragement, and temptation, and conveys peace and fortitude (CCC 1520). These graces flow from the atoning death of Jesus Christ, for "this was to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah, 'He took our infirmities and bore our diseases'" (Matt. 8:17).

Mark refers to the sacrament when he recounts how Jesus sent out the twelve disciples to preach, and "they cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many that were sick and healed them" (Mark 6:13). In his epistle, James says, "Is any among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord; and the prayer of faith will save the sick man, and the Lord will raise him up; and if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven" (Jas. 5:14-15).

The early Church Fathers recognized this sacrament's role in the life of the Church. Around A.D. 250, Origen wrote that the penitent Christian "does not shrink from declaring his sin to a priest of the Lord and from seeking medicine... [of] which the apostle James says: 'If then there is anyone sick, let him call the presbyters of the Church, and let them impose hands upon him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord; and the prayer of faith will save the sick man, and if he be in sins, they shall be forgiven him'" (*Homilies on Leviticus* 2:4).

In the year 350, Bishop Serapion wrote, "We beseech you, Savior of all men, you that have all virtue and power, Father of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and we pray that you send down from heaven the healing power of the only-begotten [Son] upon this oil, so that for those who are anointed... it may be effected for the casting out of every disease and every bodily infirmity... for good grace and remission of sin..." (*The Sacramentary of Serapion* 29:1).

The sacrament's effects: "The special grace of the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick has as its effects: the uniting of the sick person to the passion of Christ, for his own good and that of the whole Church; the strengthening, peace, and courage to endure in a Christian manner the sufferings of illness or old age; the forgiveness of sins, if the sick person was not able to obtain it through the sacrament of penance; the restoration of health, if it is conducive to the salvation of his soul; the preparation for passing over to eternal life" (CCC 1532).

Does a person have to be dying to receive this sacrament? No. The *Catechism* says, "The Anointing of the Sick is not a sacrament for those only who are at the point of death. Hence, as soon as anyone of the faithful begins to be in danger of death from sickness or old age, the fitting time for him to receive this sacrament has certainly already arrived" (CCC 1514).

Does God always heal? Today, some Christians go to extremes in their expectation of divine healing. On one hand, some say that if a Christian is not healed of all his diseases, this reflects his lack of faith. Others claim that divine healings were only for the apostolic age when all diseases were healed instantly and automatically. Both extremes are wrong.

God does not always heal the physical infirmities that afflict us. Paul preached to the Galatians while he was afflicted by a "bodily ailment" (Gal. 4:13-14). He also mentions that he had to leave his companion Trophimus in the town of Miletus because he was too sick to travel (2 Tim. 4:20). In his first letter to Timothy, Paul urges his young protégé to "no longer drink only water, but to use a little wine for the sake of your stomach and your frequent ailments" (1 Tim. 5:23).

The last passage is especially informative. Not only does it reveal that illnesses were not always healed in the apostolic age, but it also shows an apostle's practical advice to a fellow Christian on how to deal with an illness. Notice that Paul does not tell Timothy to pray harder and have more faith that God will heal him from his stomach ailment. Rather, he tells him how to manage the illness through medicinal means.

Some argue that healings were always instantaneous and were only for those living during the apostolic age, but that afterward the gift of healing disappeared. The problem with that theory is that the Bible tells us otherwise. For example, when Jesus healed the blind man at Bethsaida, he laid his hands upon him twice before the man was fully healed (Mark 8:22-26).

Finally, we have a standing command of the New Testament in James 5:14-15, cited earlier. This command is never revoked anywhere in the Bible, and there are no statements anywhere that God will cease to heal. Thus, the command is in effect to this very day.

Of course, our healing, like all things, is subject to God's will. As James pointed out just a chapter earlier, "You do not know about tomorrow. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes. Instead you ought to say, 'If the Lord wills, we shall live and we shall do this or that.'" (Jas. 4:14-15, emphasis added). We have a promise of healing, but not an unqualified one. It is conditional on the will of God.

Next weekend we shall celebrate the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick after all the three Masses.

Fr. Patrick Watikha, AJ

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)

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

Soup Suppers – Monday evenings through March 18, 7:00-8:30 p.m. during the video series *Jesus and the Eucharist* for the National Eucharistic Revival.

Families are welcome



THE ARMORY – The SPX Men's Ministry – "Instaurare Omnia in Christo!"

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 from 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 or 614-205-0845 if you have any questions. *More to follow...*

ST. PIUS X PRESCHOOL/PRE-K TEACHER OPPORTUNITY

St. Pius X is seeking a Preschool/Pre-K teacher for the 2024-2025 school year. The St. Pius X Preschool is licensed by the Ohio Department of Education. The staff consists of dedicated, qualified teachers, who are committed to providing a high quality program for children. Applicants should be proficient in the following areas:

- Develop a careful and creative program suitable for preschool and Pre-K children
- Responsible for submitting weekly lesson plans to preschool director
- Creating a monthly letter for parents to inform of classroom activities
- Teach a variety of educational techniques (storytelling, educational play, media, etc.)
- Observe each child to help them improve their social competencies and build self-esteem
- Guide children to develop their artistic and practical capabilities through a carefully constructed curriculum (identify shapes, letters, numbers, colors, and doing crafts, etc.)
- Organize daily activities and supervise children to ensure they are safe at all times

- Track children's progress and report to parents
- Communicate with parents regularly to understand the children's background and psyche
- Collaborate with other educators and be a team player
- Maintain a clean and tidy classroom consistent with health and safety standards
- Familiar with Early Learning Content Standards as mandated by the Ohio Department of Education

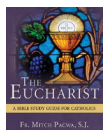
REQUIREMENTS:

- Experience working with children
- Minimum of a High School diploma
- Current Satisfactory FBI and BCI background checks
- Must have completed Protecting God's Children Workshop
- Trained in CPR, First Aid, recognition of Communicable Disease, and Child Abuse
- Regularly attend continuing education classes

All interested applicants should email a résumé to Sharon Miller, Preschool Director, at smiller@spxelementary.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.



Join **Women Ablaze on Monday mornings 10:00-11:30 a.m.** for a book study on "**The Eucharist**" by Fr. Mitch Pacwa, S.J. **starting April 1st-May 6th** in the Parish Center. **Please register on the Parish website no later than March 22nd.** You will need the book below, Bible and a notebook for every session. The book may be purchased at Amazon or Our Sunday Visitor. To register, visit <https://www.spxreynoldsburg.com/>. "They devoted themselves to the teachings of the apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of the bread and to the prayers" – Acts 2:42. It is called the "source and summit" of our Catholic faith - The Holy Eucharist. But do we really understand its true meaning? In Fr. Mitch Pacwa's *The Eucharist: A Bible Study Guide for Catholics*, you will see the essential connection between the Eucharist and the Scriptures, and through reflection and discussion you'll learn to apply the principles in your own life. In this study you will find answers to these questions and more:

- Where do we see symbols of the Eucharist in the Old Testament?
- How do the Old Testament sacrifices prefigure Christ's sacrifice?
- What did Jesus mean when he said "Do this in remembrance of me"?
- Why is Jesus called the Lamb of God?
- How do we meet Jesus in the breaking of the bread?

**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 or 513-515-9444.

RESPECT LIFE...THE JOY OF LIFE CORNER

Here are more ways to enhance our lives and the lives of other through our Lenten practices:

PRAYER: Prayer should be intentional and consistent. We feed our bodies with food. We need to feed our souls with prayer. • Have a set time each day to pray and make it a Holy Habit. • Prayer is also listening to God. What better place than in Adoration?

FASTING: How is your fasting going? It's not too late to start over. • Don't let Satan disrupt your plan. **Persevere!**

ALMSGIVING: Almsgiving can also be giving our love and forgiveness to others. • Share God's love and joy. It can be as easy as a smile. We all know the pillars of Lent are Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving.

PRAYER: It's Lent but don't fast from the Eucharist. Come and be fed with the Bread of Life. Can you attend Mass one extra day? • Develop the Holy Habit of popping in to spend time with Jesus and 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?

**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.

**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 will offer two opportunities for you to view this video series: **Monday Evenings**, March 4-18, April 8-29, 7:00-8:30 p.m.; **Thursday Mornings**, February 22-March 14, April 4, 18 and May 2, 10:00-11:30 a.m. Place: Family Parish Center. Please sign up using the SPX website. Soup Suppers will be held during the Monday evening session through March 18.

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 jclmay@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**THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS, 14 IMPROVISED MEDITATIONS**

Sunday, March 17, 2024 at 3:00 p.m. at St. Joseph Cathedral, downtown. Dr. Richard K. Fitzgerald, Cathedral Director of Music and Organist, will take you through an extraordinary musical experience as he plays the Fritts Grand Gallery Organ. This performance promises to be a great way to prepare for the Easter celebration.

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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.

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, J.O.I.N. 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.

J.O.I.N. 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 J.O.I.N. 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.

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Blessed Angela Salawa

(September 9, 1881-March 12, 1922)

Blessed Angela Salawa's Story

Angela served Christ and Christ's little ones with all her strength.

Born in Siepraw, near Kraków, Poland, she was the 11th child of Bartłomiej and Ewa Salawa. In 1897, she moved to Kraków where her older sister Therese lived. Angela immediately began to gather together and instruct young women domestic workers. During World War I, she helped prisoners of war without regard for their nationality or religion. The writings of Teresa of Avila and John of the Cross were a great comfort to her.

Angela gave great service in caring for soldiers wounded in World War I. After 1918, her health did not permit her to exercise her customary apostolate. Addressing herself to Christ, she wrote in her diary, "I want you to be adored as much as you were destroyed." In another place, she wrote, "Lord, I live by your will. I shall die when you desire; save me because you can."

At her 1991 beatification in Kraków, Pope John Paul II said: "It is in this city that she worked, that she suffered and that her holiness came to maturity. While connected to the spirituality of **Saint Francis**, she showed an extraordinary responsiveness to the action of the Holy Spirit" (*L'Osservatore Romano*, volume 34, number 4, 1991).

Reflection

Humility should never be mistaken for lack of conviction, insight or energy. Angela brought the Good News and material assistance to some of Christ's "least ones." Her self-sacrifice inspired others to do the same.

Blessed Angela Salawa is a Patron Saint of:

Domestic workers

SAINTS OF
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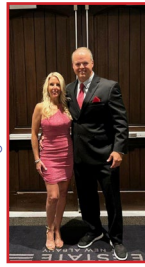
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