

# *Welcome to* **ST. PIUS X CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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*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.*

**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**

Saturday 7:00 AM  
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 OFFERTORY**

Please complete and return in the offertory basket or church business office. Or you can register with ParishSoft Giving to make recurring offertory or special gives by using the QR code to the right. Thank you for your generosity!



## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### NOVEMBER 30, 2025

#### MASSES DECEMBER 1-7

##### Monday, December 1

8:30 a.m. +James Kaminski  
by Eileen Kaminski

##### Tuesday, December 2

8:30 a.m. Special Intention for All  
Homebound Parishioners  
by D'alesio Family  
+Gordan and Ann Burke  
by Orellana Family

##### Wednesday, December 3

8:30 a.m. +Msgr. David R. Funk by  
Tom and Chris Vollmer  
+Ted Crane by Rose Crane

##### Thursday, December 4

8:30 a.m. +Stephen Cicak Sr.  
by Cicak Family  
+Charlie Giametta by  
John and Jeannie Swisher

##### Friday, December 5

8:30 a.m. +De'Andre Berry-Samba and  
Marielda Nanagah  
by Berry-Samba Family

##### Saturday, December 6

7:00 a.m. +Patty Cahill by Mary Girard  
4:30 p.m. Special Intention for the  
Schilling Schaad Family  
by the Schilling Family

##### Sunday, December 7

8:00 a.m. +De'Andre Berry-Samba and  
Marielda Nanagah by  
Berry-Samba Family  
10:00 a.m. Living and Deceased Members  
of St. Pius X Parish

THE *Lord, your God*, IS IN  
YOUR MIDST, A MIGHTY SAVIOR;  
HE WILL *rejoice* OVER YOU  
**WITH GLADNESS,**  
AND **RENEW** YOU IN HIS LOVE.

– ZEPHANIAH 3:17



#### PASTOR'S PLATFORM

##### Importance of the Advent Season in our Spiritual Life

This year, 2025 Advent is from November 30 through December 24. The word “Advent” derives from the Latin word *adventus*, meaning “coming.” In this case, it refers to the coming birth of Jesus Christ at Christmas and the return of Christ during the Second Coming. Advent is an important season in the Catholic Church because it is a joyful moment of preparation for the coming of our Messiah and Savior Jesus in our lives. It is a time for prayer, reflection, and repentance, focusing on hope and anticipation for Christ’s arrival in our lives.

The Advent season reminds us about the importance of Christ in our lives, prepares us to meet Him. We consider all these three comings when we celebrate Advent. Traditionally, Catholics will focus more on prayer and an element of fasting throughout this period. It also means living into it by practicing a generous way of love and care for our neighbors as we partner with Jesus to bring peace on Earth. The purple vestments are used during this time signifying penitence and traditionally, we have an Advent wreath with four candles.

The Advent wreath consists of four candles, which are arranged in a circular pattern, surrounded by evergreen branches. Each candle corresponds to the four respective Sundays through Advent. Three of the candles will be purple/blue in color, and the other one will be Rose. The blue/purple candles represent penitence, while the Rose candle refers to the third Sunday of Advent, which is known as Gaudete Sunday – joy – rejoice. This is meant to encourage participants to continue praying, as Advent is soon to reach its conclusion.

So, Advent:

- prepares the faithful to celebrate the birth of Jesus, remembering the Old Testament prophecies that foretold His arrival and the salvation He brought.
- is also a time to look forward to Christ’s future return at the end of time, which is why it begins with an emphasis on watchfulness and readiness.
- reminds people of their imperfections and the need for a call to conversion and repentance. Practices like prayer, fasting, and almsgiving are encouraged to help quiet the heart for Christmas.
- fosters a sense of hope, peace, and joy in anticipation of the love of Jesus. It is a time to focus on what needs to be added to one’s life, such as grace and joy, in contrast to the sorrow of Lent.
- is a time to listen to the Word of God, letting it deeply affect the mind, heart, and soul. The prophet John the Baptist is a key figure, whose message was to “prepare the way of the Lord.”

By participating in this season, the Church helps us make present the ancient anticipation of the Messiah and through the reflection on the first coming, we renew our desire for His Second Coming. It is a time to unite with the desire of John the Baptist, who said of Jesus, “He must increase, but I must decrease.” Have a happy and holy preparation for the coming of the Lord in our lives. Saturday, December 6, 2025, starting 9:00 a.m. through 2:30 p.m., we have Advent Retreat with the Leaven of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Sisters; all are welcome and it is FREE ENTRY!

Rev. Patrick Watikha, AJ

UPCOMING EVENTS

	EVENT	LOCATION	TIME
<b>Monday 1</b>	Confessions	Parish Center	8:00 a.m.
	Liturgy of the Hours	Parish Center	8:00 a.m.
	Women Ablaze (Morning)	Parish Center	9:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.
	Rosary	Parish Center	9:15 a.m.
	Divine Mercy, Rosary	Parish Center	6:00 p.m.
	That Man Is You	Parish Center, Mtg Rm	7:00-8:30 p.m.
	Women Ablaze (Evening)	Parish Center	7:00-8:30 p.m.
<b>Tuesday 2</b>	Confessions	Parish Center	8:00 a.m.
	Liturgy of Hours	Parish Center	8:00 a.m.
	Rosary	Parish Center	9:15 a.m.
	Senior Fellowship Luncheon	Parish Center, Rm A	12:30-4:30 p.m.
	Youth Choir	Parish Center	5:30-6:15 p.m.
	Adult Choir	Parish Center	7:00-8:30 p.m.
<b>Wednesday 3</b>	Confessions	Parish Center	8:00 a.m.
	Liturgy of the Hours	Parish Center	8:00 a.m.
	Adoration	Chapel	9:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.
	Rosary	Parish Center	9:15 a.m.
	OCIA Team Meeting	Parish Center, Rm A	4:30-5:00 p.m.
	Armory	Parish Center, Mtg Rm	7:00 p.m.
	OCIA	Parish Center	5:00-8:00 p.m.
<b>Thursday 4</b>	That Man Is You	Parish Center, Rm A	6:00-7:30 a.m.
	Liturgy of the Hours	Parish Center	8:00 a.m.
	Adoration	Chapel	9:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.
	Rosary	Parish Center	10:00 a.m.
<b>Friday 5</b>	Confessions	Parish Center	8:00 a.m.
	Liturgy of the Hours	Parish Center	8:00 a.m.
	Rosary	Parish Center	9:15 a.m.
<b>Saturday 6</b>	Parish Advent Retreat	Parish Center	9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
	Parish Baptism Class	Parish Center, Mtg Rm	9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
<b>Sunday 7</b>	Rosary	Parish Center	9:30-10:00 a.m.
	CCM Parents Day Out	Gym/Cafeteria	11:30 a.m.
	OCIA Script. Studies	Parish Center, Mtg Rm	10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
	Vespers	Parish Center	4:00 p.m.

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE: DECEMBER 6-7**

For all parishioners who are involved in the Mass on the weekends, we have begun using 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 Teresa Iannaggi at [teresaispx2024@yahoo.com](mailto:teresaispx2024@yahoo.com).

SACRISTAN		LECTOR	EMHC	SERVER	THURIFER	USHER
<b>Saturday, December 6</b> 4:30 p.m.	Bob Outlaw	Donna Nesbitt (1) Anthony D. Torres (2)	Megan Berger – Ambo Host (EMHC 1) Patty McMenemy – Organ Host (EMHC 1)	Olivia Berger Lillian Guifoyle <b>NOT FILLED</b>		Mike (3) Angle Ken (4) Marr Paul (8) Siefert Mike (9) Holt
<b>Sunday, December 7</b> 8:00 a.m.	Cheryl Krolikowski Michael Krolikowski	Carol McGlone (1) Michael Paszkiewicz (2)	Linda Dlugiewicz – Ambo Host (EMHC 1) Rick Terranova – Organ Host (EMHC 1)	Dean Himmelberg Ethan Miller Maxwell Sandy		David Dlugiewicz <b>NOT FILLED</b> <b>NOT FILLED</b> <b>NOT FILLED</b>
<b>Sunday, December 7</b> 10:00 a.m.	Meghan Swails	Marie-Therese Okupa (1) Michael Barnhart (2)	Ifeoma Uzoh-Anigbogu – Ambo Host (EMHC 1) John E. Goetz – Organ Host (EMHC 1)	Thomas Filous Christopher Filous Ryleigh Henney	Sammy Gerardi	Keegan Fitzpatrick Ted Habak Gervase Ngalla Richard Robicheaux
<b>Sunday, December 7, 11:00 a.m. (Church Linens) Ilona Ferris (1)</b>						
<b>Sunday, December 7</b> 4:00 p.m. (Vespers and Holy Hour)	Mary Girard			Deryn Summers	Lynden Summers	

**Bishop Earl K. Fernandes’**

**Thanksgiving Message**

Dear Parishioners of St. Pius X Parish, As we celebrate this season of Thanksgiving, I find myself reflecting on the many blessings we share as a diocesan family. Among those blessings, I am especially grateful for you, the faithful people of St. Pius X parish and your pastor Rev. Patrick Watikha, AJ, for your extraordinary generosity and commitment to the 2025 Appeal, *Together in Mission*.

Scripture reminds us, “Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever” (Psalm 107:1). Your generous response to this year’s Appeal is a beautiful expression of that enduring love. Through your sacrifice and stewardship, you have strengthened not only your parish community but also your brothers and sisters across the Diocese of Columbus.

The theme of this year’s Appeal, *Together in Mission*, calls us to live the words of the Gospel of Mark (16:15): “Go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature.” You have answered that call with open hearts and willing hands. Because of your generosity, we are able to support the vital ministries that bring Christ’s presence to others, through evangelization, education and faith formation, social doctrine, and the fostering of vocations.

During this time of Thanksgiving, please know how deeply I appreciate your faith, your example, and your trust in the mission we share. The Diocese cannot do its work without you. Your generosity sustains the Church’s ministry and enables us to bring the hope of the Gospel to a growing and diverse community.

May God continue to bless you and your loved ones abundantly this Thanksgiving and throughout the remainder of this Jubilee Year.

With heartfelt gratitude,  
+ Earl K. Fernandes  
Bishop of Columbus



**The Appeal**  
*Together in Mission*  
**2025**

**Appeal reminder**

Dear parishioners, you are reminded to keep paying on your pledges! These payments can be made early to beat the end of the year, if you choose; but payments for the 2025 Appeal can be made through April 30, 2026. Parish refunds will be issued in January (for payments received through December 31) and in June (for payments received through April 30).

Thank you ~ Wishing you a very Happy Thanksgiving. Thank you for all you do, and God bless you!

Rev. Patrick Watikha, AJ  
Pastor SPX

**A Thanksgiving Blessing and a Call to Generosity**

This season of Thanksgiving, we pause to reflect on the many blessings God has given us, our families, our parish community, and the gift of faith that unites us in love and service. This time of year reminds us that gratitude naturally leads to generosity. Together, we have the opportunity to share our blessings by supporting the 2025 Appeal, which helps our diocese continue its mission to serve those in need, support our parishes and schools, and strengthen our ministries of faith and formation. We are grateful to all who have already made a gift or pledge to this year’s Appeal. If you have not yet participated, we invite you to prayerfully consider joining us. Every gift – no matter the size – brings us closer to reaching our parish goal and ensures that our community continues to thrive in faith and service.

**To donate:**

Use a pledge envelope available in the basket at the back of the church. Or give securely online at [columbuscatholicgiving.org](http://columbuscatholicgiving.org). Let us give thanks for the many ways God is at work among us and let our gratitude shine through our shared commitment to the mission of the Church. “Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever.” – Psalm 107:1. Wishing you and your loved ones blessings and joy.

St. Pius X Appeal Team 2025

VOCATIONS 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.

SPX PARISH HAPPENINGS

All the Latest from Our Ministries & Community



St. Pius X Advent Retreat

A parish retreat with the Leaven of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Sisters

December 6, 2026
9:00AM-2:30PM
St. Pius X Church and Parish Center



RSVP

Doors open at 8:30AM • Free Entry



“Santa Claus is Coming to Town”... Once again, the St. Vincent de Paul Society will prepare Christmas gift bags for approximately 90 residents at The Woodlands Assisted Living Facility, and we need your help. Small stocking stuffers such as chocolate candy (no nuts), candy canes, life savers, individually wrapped candies and mints, lip balm, emery boards, travel size toiletry items and small puzzle books are greatly needed. Kindly drop off any items into our donation bin currently located in the Parish Center entrance. We will accept donations through December 14th. Thank you.

St. Pius X BREAKFAST With Santa
Visit with Santa, take photos, and receive a small gift!
Santa's Elves' Gift Shop will be open for kids to pick out special presents for family.
DECEMBER 13, 2025 8AM-11AM
\$7 PER PERSON | \$30 PER FAMILY
All are welcome - no RSVP needed!

Helping Hands Food Pantry would once again like to thank St. Pius parishioners for your donations in October and November. Due to your generous response, 34 bags of food were delivered to the food pantry! In December, St. Pius Cub Scout Pack 3326 will again be conducting their annual Scouting for Food drive for Helping Hands Food Pantry. Please support them next month! We will resume our monthly collections for Helping Hands in January.



The Respect Life Ministry

Now I am finishing my development and concentrating on gaining weight. I am probably starting to make my mother uncomfortable with my size. For some time now I have recognized my mother's voice. In a short time, I will be born. On behalf of mom and me, thank you for your prayers for the past eight months. It has not been easy, but your prayers have given her the grace she needed to make the right choices.

“The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law; but thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through Our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not in vain in the Lord.” Cor. 15:56-58





# The Armory

St. Pius X Men's Ministry



*"To Restore All Things in Christ"*

## THAT MAN IS YOU!

**Monday 12/01, 7:00 to 8:30 PM**

In the Family Center: Blessed Mother Room

*Worthy of the Call*

Session 11: The Presentation (Mysteries of the Rosary)

Speaker: Mark Hartfiel

*Foreshadowing the drama to come...the long wait is over*

*"For my eyes have seen your salvation"*

**Thursday 12/04, 6:00 to 7:30 AM**

In the Family Center: Room B

*Apostles of the New Springtime*

Session 12: The Witness of the Apostolic Fathers

Speaker: Dr. Andrew Swafford

*We sin because we are addicted to pleasure; virtue is about living the fullest way of life...we can be bold and fearless!*

Questions, contact John Zacovic: [jzacovic1@icloud.com](mailto:jzacovic1@icloud.com)

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### **First Wednesday: In the Armory with Saint Joseph**

**Wednesday 12/03 - 7:00 to 9:00 PM**

Our Lady of Guadalupe

A video presentation by Chris Stephanik with group discussion

Includes hot food item and cold beverages

Followed by Adoration in the Sacred Heart Chapel

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### **Men's Scripture Study and Faith Sharing**

**Saturday 12/13, 7:30 to 9:00 AM** (every other Sat)

In the Family Center: Blessed Mother Room

A continental breakfast is offered

Questions, contact Mike Paszkiewicz: [mpptlp@twc.com](mailto:mpptlp@twc.com)

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## ✨Join Our Church Linen Ministry! ✨

### A Beautiful Behind-the-Scenes Way to Serve

Have you ever wondered who lovingly cares for the altar linens used at Mass each week? Our **Church Linen Ministry** is a quiet but deeply meaningful way to support the heart of our parish liturgy. By washing, ironing, and preparing these sacred linens, volunteers help ensure that our worship is reverent, beautiful, and ready to welcome Jesus in the Eucharist.

This ministry is **perfect for individuals, couples, or families** looking for a flexible service opportunity. Each volunteer is scheduled just a few times a year to pick up the linens after the weekend Masses, care for them at home, and return them to the parish during the week. Simple, prayerful, and so appreciated!

Whether you love helping behind the scenes, enjoy laundry that has a purpose, or are simply looking for a new and rewarding ministry – **this is a wonderful way to be involved!**

♥ **No previous experience is necessary – just a willing heart.**

👉 All instructions are provided.

🙏 Your service directly supports our liturgical celebrations.

If you would like to learn more or be added to the rotation for 2026, please contact:

📞 Katie in the Parish Office at 614-866-2859, ext. 102 or email [KChilicki@spxreynoldsburg.com](mailto:KChilicki@spxreynoldsburg.com).

**Holy Hour and Vespers**  
**Every Sunday**  
**4:00 to 5:00 p.m.**  
**In Church**  
 Exposition and  
 Benediction

*Focus For Each Sunday:*  
 1st Rosary  
 2nd Divine Mercy Chaplet  
 3rd Readings from a Doctor of the Church  
 4th (5th) Rosary/Selected Prayers-Meditations

### SENIOR GROUP LUNCH MEETING

To accommodate Wednesday Adoration, the ST PIUS X SENIOR FELLOWSHIP GROUP, open to Parishioners 55 and older, is now meeting on Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m. The **FIRST** Tuesday we meet in the Parish Family Center, Room A, for a buffet lunch and activities. On the **THIRD** Tuesday we meet at a restaurant. Reservations are encouraged for that. All are welcome. Please join us Tuesday, December 2nd at 1:00 p.m. We will share a buffet lunch and, after a short business meeting, will enjoy some social time. On Tuesday, December 16th we will meet at the Olive Garden on 256. Please text reservations and queries to Denise Colucci at 248-497-9025.



# St. Pius X Adopt-A-Child



Ronald McDonald House Charities  
Central Ohio

## 2025 Holiday Wish List

**GIFT DONATIONS MUST BE NEW, UNUSED AND UNWRAPPED.**

INFANT GIFT NEEDS (0-2 years)



- Clothing (both preemie and baby sizes)
- Musical toys
- Push/pull toys
- Lighted toys
- Pack-n-Play
- Baby rattles
- Swaddles
- Play mats
- Blocks
- Shape sorters
- Picture books
- Fingerpaints
- Crayons & coloring books
- Baby teething toys
- Baby bath and body gift sets
- Pacifiers
- Hand/Foot keepsake
- Halloween costumes

this age group is a top priority for the need of gifts this year!

CHILD GIFT NEEDS (2-10 years)



- Action figures
- Art/jewelry kits
- Gaming devices
- Baby dolls
- Play-Doh sets
- Science kits
- Building blocks
- Lego sets
- Barbies
- Cars & trucks
- Dress up clothes

YOUNG ADULT GIFT NEEDS (11-17 years)



- Video games (PS4 & Xbox)
- Self care kits/ beauty products
- Wallets, purses, or handbags
- Headphones
- Blankets
- Slippers
- Smart speakers
- Notebooks, journals & pens
- Mini smart phone printer
- Water bottles
- Squishmellows
- Gaming controllers (for PS4 & Xbox)

ADULT GIFT NEEDS



- Purses/wallets
- Clothing
- Tool kits
- Phone chargers (Andriod & Apple)
- Journals & pens
- Travel mugs
- Luggage/bags
- Card games
- Coloring books/ colored pencils
- Jewelry
- Watches
- Shower gifts/ shave sets
- Portable chargers
- Fishing items
- Bath and Body Work items
- Every Man Jack items

this age group is a top priority for the need of gifts this year!

We are asking for **gift donations to give to children and their families** staying at the Columbus Ronald McDonald House this holiday season.

Please see the age groups and **gift suggestions** we've provided, and use them as recommendations for what you could donate. **We also accept gift wrap, stockings, and stocking stuffers!**

**PLEASE DROP OFF YOUR GIFTS TO THE RECTORY OFFICE BY 6:00PM ON THURSDAY DECEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup> 2025**

**We need gifts for all ages but there is a special need for Infant and adult gifts this year. Thank you!**

### Questions?

Contact Katie Chilicki at 614-866-2859 or [kchilicki@spxreynoldsburg.com](mailto:kchilicki@spxreynoldsburg.com)

**Thank you for your generous support.** Your donations will make an impact on the lives of our families.

**HOUSE NEEDS:** • Gas station gift cards • Walmart gift cards • Lowes & Home Depot gift cards

📄 Ready to Sign Up?  
Scan the QR Code!!!

*Joseph's Coat*  
**COOKIE SALE**  
**BAKERS NEEDED**

*We are asking each volunteer to:*  
**Bake at least 6 dozen cookies** - or more if you're feeling extra generous!  
**Pack them in disposable containers** (a shirt box lined with wax paper works perfectly!)

**Drop off Dates**  
Thursday 12/18 9:00am-4:00pm  
Friday 12/19 9:00am-4:00pm  
Saturday 12/20 7:00am-8:30am  
Contact: [kchilicki@spxreynoldsburg.com](mailto:kchilicki@spxreynoldsburg.com)

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*Joseph's Coat*  
**COOKIE SALE**  
**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

*Do you hear what I hear?! It's the joyful jingle of Christmas bells and the sweet aroma of cookies baking in the oven--and that means it's almost time for our annual cookie sale!*

*This cherished event can only happen with the help of many caring hands.*

**We Need:**  
Cookie Wranglers  
Box Builders  
Dessert Distributors  
Contact: [kchilicki@spxreynoldsburg.com](mailto:kchilicki@spxreynoldsburg.com)

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**PREPARE  
THE WAY  
FOR THE LORD; MAKE STRAIGHT  
IN THE DESERT A HIGHWAY  
FOR OUR GOD.**

**HOPE • PEACE • JOY • LOVE**

## NEW YEAR

*Reflection on Matthew 24:37-44*

The beginning of a new year, on this first Sunday of Advent, always feels to me like God has blessed us with another chance for realizing God's presence and purpose in our lives and in our world. It all can begin again! There are new possibilities, another chance to change, and right the wrongs of this past year.

And here is Matthew, who will be our tour guide through this new year, starting us out with a warning and an admonition. We are warned that it all could end at any minute, that we cannot know the day or the hour, that the Son of Man will come at a time we least expect. So we really only have now – this moment – to get it right. This hints at the great wisdom in the 12-step recovery process: live one day at a time.

The admonition, the encouragement for how to live vitally and fully in the day, in the moment, is simple: Pay attention! Jesus wants our attention for a very specific reason and message. He wants us to pay attention so that we do not miss the most important event of our lives: the coming of God into our lives, which happens daily, moment by moment. The call to alertness, with our whole being poised and focused, listening and alert, waiting actively for God's coming, is our Advent.

– Father Jay

THE *Lord, your God*. IS IN  
YOUR MIDST, A MIGHTY SAVIOR;  
HE WILL *rejoice* OVER YOU  
**WITH GLADNESS,**  
AND **RENEW** YOU IN HIS LOVE.

– ZEPHANIAH 3:17



## WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

### Sunday, November 30, 2025

*First Sunday of Advent*

Isaiah 2:1-5

Psalms 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9

Romans 13:11-14

Matthew 24:37-44

### Monday, December 1, 2025

*Advent Weekday*

Isaiah 4:2-6

Psalms 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9

Matthew 8:5-11

### Tuesday, December 2, 2025

*Advent Weekday*

Isaiah 11:1-10

Psalms 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17

Luke 10:21-24

### Wednesday, December 3, 2025

*Saint Francis Xavier, Priest*

Isaiah 25:6-10a

Psalms 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6

Matthew 15:29-37

### Thursday, December 4, 2025

*Advent Weekday*

Isaiah 26:1-6

Psalms 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a

Matthew 7:21, 24-27

### Friday, December 5, 2025

*Advent Weekday*

Isaiah 29:17-24

Psalms 27:1, 4, 13-14

Matthew 9:27-31

### Saturday, December 6, 2025

*Advent Weekday*

Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26

Psalms 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6

Matthew 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

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the New American Bible,  
Revised Edition (NABRE) online at  
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## SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER

*Saint of the Day: December 3*

*Patron Saint of Japan and Jewelers*

Jesus asked, "What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?" (Matthew 16:26a). The words were repeated to a young teacher of philosophy who had a highly promising career in academics, with success and a life of prestige and honor before him.

Francis Xavier, 24 at the time, and living and teaching in Paris, did not heed these words at once. They came from a good friend, Ignatius of Loyola, whose tireless persuasion finally won the young man to Christ. Francis then made the spiritual exercises under the direction of Ignatius, and in 1534, joined his little community, the infant Society of Jesus. Together at Montmartre they vowed poverty, chastity, obedience, and apostolic service according to the directions of the pope.

From Venice, where he was ordained a priest in 1537, Xavier went on to Lisbon and from there sailed to the East Indies, landing at Goa, on the west coast of India. For the next 10 years, he labored to bring the faith to such widely scattered peoples as the Hindus, the Malaysians, and the Japanese. He spent much of that time in India, and served as provincial of the newly established Jesuit province of India.

Wherever he went, Xavier lived with the poorest people, sharing their food and rough accommodations. He spent countless hours ministering to the sick and the poor, particularly to lepers. Very often he had no time to sleep or even to say his breviary but, as we know from his letters, he was filled always with joy.

Xavier went through the islands of Malaysia, then up to Japan. He learned enough Japanese to preach to simple folk, to instruct, and to baptize, and to establish missions for those who were to follow him. From Japan he had dreams of going to China, but this plan was never realized. Before reaching the mainland, he died. His remains are enshrined in the Church of Good Jesus in Goa. He and Saint Thérèse of Lisieux were declared co-patrons of the missions in 1925.

Read the full article: "Saint Francis Xavier" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars,  
<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-francis-xavier/> (Accessed November 14, 2025).



### 🎸 Calling All Guitar Players! 🎸

Our Joy in the Morning folk group is looking for a few new guitarists to join them at the 4:30 p.m. Saturday Masses! If you enjoy playing, love sharing your gifts, and want to be part of a warm, welcoming music ministry, they would love to have you. Even a small commitment of one Mass a month would be a huge blessing in continuing this long standing group at St. Pius X! New singing members are always welcome as well! No need to be a professional – just a willing heart and a joyful spirit! ❤️ Interested? Send a message to Traci Kister at [tracikister@gmail.com](mailto:tracikister@gmail.com) or contact the Parish Office at 614-866-2859.

### 🌟 St. Pius X Adopt-A-Child Christmas Outreach 2025 🌟 Sharing Christ's Love with Families in Need

As we enter this holy season of Advent and prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ, we invite our parish family to participate in our annual **Adopt-A-Child Christmas Outreach**. This year, we are blessed to support **St. Pius X families in need** as well as families staying at **Ronald McDonald House Charities**. Your generosity brings hope, comfort, and joy to children and families experiencing hardship during a time when love is needed most.

### Ways to Give – 🎁 Purchase a Gift

Please consider selecting an **ornament tag** from our *Tree of Giving* located in the Parish Center Room C – each tag lists a needed item for an infant, child, teen, or adult in need. **Ornament tags will be available starting at our weekend Masses on November 29-30 through December 10.** If you cannot come get an ornament tag from our Tree of Giving, please look at the suggested list in the bulletin. These items will be helping families at Ronald McDonald House. **Please drop off all gifts to the parish business office by: Thursday, December 11, 2025 – 6:00 p.m.** All donations must be **new and unwrapped**.

### 💖 Make a Monetary Donation

If you prefer to make a **monetary donation**, your gift will be used to purchase toys and/or a holiday meal for St. Pius X families in need.

**Please drop off your cash or check donation in the church offertory basket in an envelope labeled “Adopt-A-Child” or drop off your donation to the parish business office. Please do this by Tuesday, December 16, 2025 – 4:00 p.m.**

If you are an St. Pius X family in need of some help this Christmas, please reach out to Katie Chilicki at 614-866-2859, ext. 102.

*Your kindness allows us to serve Christ through our care for one another. Thank you for helping us brighten Christmas for those who need it most. “Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.”*  
– Matthew 25:40

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**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 & 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 pastor, Fr. Patrick **WOULD NEVER** and **WILL NEVER** send an email out to you for these things. Scammers are using bogus email addresses to pose as him. Please pay attention to the email address that the email is coming from. If or when you receive an email from Fr. Patrick, please call the Business Office right away and give the office the specific email address that the email was sent from so that we can report it.

**Donation Envelopes:** Please, please **DO NOT** leave your donation envelopes in the big white mailbox in the parking lot at any time of the day. The locked black mailbox is located on the railing of the front porch next to Rectory's front door that you can use. We are not responsible if the mailman gets your money!

**New Parishioner Registration:** Register online from SPX Website or visit the Rectory for a registration form. We encourage all who attend Masses to formally register with St. Pius X Church to become a member.

**JOIN Donations:** Any small size items such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, mouthwash, soap, shampoo, and lotions are always needed and appreciated for the needy. Please use the JOIN donation bin to put your items in.

**JOSEPH'S COAT:** Please consider volunteering your time with this organization to help the needy. Household goods & 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) for additional information on how to donate or call 614-863-1371.

**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.

**St. Pius X Church Prayer Chain:** Still active and operating. Overseen/handled by Christina Zacovic. Please send intentions or requests to Christina via email at [CZacovic@spxreynoldsburg.com](mailto:CZacovic@spxreynoldsburg.com) or phone at 614-866-2859, ext. 112

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.

Bulletin Deadline to the Business office: Monday at Noon.

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Psalm 34:6



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