

# 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 the Parish Pastor 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; and any other Sacraments.

## 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!



## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 14, 2025

### MASSES DECEMBER 15-21

**Monday, December 15**

8:30 a.m. +Gerladine Pouzide  
by Gerald Cooke

**Tuesday, December 16**

8:30 a.m. Mary Stock by John Stock  
+Joseph J. Dutko  
by Maria Harkins

**Wednesday, December 17**

8:30 a.m. +Stephen Cicak Sr.  
by Cicak Family

**Thursday, December 18**

8:30 a.m. +Rose and Tom Condo  
by MaryAnn Tackett  
+Laurent Taza  
by Mrs. Ruth Taza

**Friday, December 19**

8:30 a.m. +Fr. Joseph Ehwald  
by Durusan Family

**Saturday, December 20**

7:00 a.m. Special Intention of Birthday  
Blessings for Alica LeMay by  
Dcn. Joe and Kathy LeMay  
4:30 p.m. +Lisa Summa  
by Mom and Dad

**Sunday, December 21**

8:00 a.m. Special Intention of Pottkotter  
Family by Patty McMenemy  
10:00 a.m. Living and Deceased Members  
of St. Pius X Parish

### PASTOR'S PLATFORM

**Rejoice in the Lord always**

**This third Sunday of Advent, we are** invited to rejoice at the rebirth of Jesus in our lives as we are preparing for our annual Christmas celebration. So, to express this our joy in the coming of Jesus as our Savior into our hearts and lives, we begin with the phrase *“Rejoice in the Lord always.”*

Isaiah the prophet encouraged the exiled Jews in Babylon to rejoice because their God was going to liberate them from slavery and lead them safely to their homeland, in the first reading we heard. While James the Apostle encourages the early Christians to rejoice and wait with patience for the imminent Second Coming of Jesus, in the second reading.

Jesus encourages John the Baptist in prison to rejoice by casting away his wrong expectations about the Messiah and simply accepting Jesus’ healing and preaching ministry as the fulfillment of the Messianic prophecy of Isaiah. Matthew presents Jesus, the true Messiah, paying the highest compliments to John the Baptist as His herald and the last of the prophets, and giving special credit to the courage of John’s prophetic convictions, asking His listeners to rejoice in the greatness of His herald.

Dear friends, we rejoice because Jesus is going to be reborn in our lives, deepening in us His gifts of love, mercy, forgiveness and service during the Christmas season. Therefore, let us joyfully share God’s bountiful grace, forgiveness, and mercy with others. What Jesus demanded of John’s disciples, He demands of us as well: *“Go and tell others what you hear and see.”* For we have to share with others our experience of the rebirth of Jesus within us.

We are reminded this Sunday that our lives can be transformed if we are patient and place our trust in God. God is present among us, in our everyday lives. So, we must prepare our hearts to recognize and welcome Him by allowing a *transformation* brought about by the Holy Spirit, with our cooperation to take place in us during Advent that we may joyfully receive the Messiah at Christmas.

Fr. Patrick Watikha, AJ

### MINISTRY SCHEDULE: DECEMBER 20-21

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 20 4:30 p.m.</b>	Chad Jones	Susan Gilmore (1) Pat Rolwing (2)	Carol Summa – Ambo Host (EMHC 1) Barb Martin – Organ Host (EMHC 1)	Dean Himmelberg Adi Vega Everly Weis		Jim (1) Beck Tom (2) Haddox Chris (6) Bailey Mike (9) Holt
<b>Sunday, December 21 8:00 a.m.</b>	Stephen & Tricia Cicak	Mary Vail (1) Linda Dlugiewicz (2)	Michael Krolikowski – Ambo Host (EMHC 1) Cheryl Krolikowski – Organ Host (EMHC 1)	Lana Hannahs Isaac Hannahs Max Ujcz		David Dlugiewicz Dan Ujcz <b>NOT FILLED</b> <b>NOT FILLED</b>
<b>Sunday, December 21 10:00 a.m.</b>	John E Goetz	Bridget Masara (1) Yolanda Holliday (2)	Beth Antommarchi – Ambo Host (EMHC 1) Bob Outlaw – Organ Host (EMHC 1)	Justin Frase Elle Frase Alex Frase	Thomas Filous	Keegan Fitzpatrick Steven Frase Ted Habak Richard Robicheaux
<b>Sunday, December 21, 11:00 a.m. (Church Linens)</b> Leah Siefert (1)						
<b>Sunday, December 21 4:00 p.m. (Vespers and Holy Hour)</b>	John & Jeanne Swisher			Deryn Summers	Lynden Summers	

UPCOMING EVENTS

	EVENT	LOCATION	TIME
<b>Monday 15</b>	Confessions	Church	8:00 a.m.
	Liturgy of the Hours	Church	8:00 a.m.
	Women Ablaze (Morning)	Parish Center	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
	Rosary	Church	9:15 a.m.
	Divine Mercy, Rosary	Church	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.
	SVDP Meeting	Church, Bride's Rm.	7:00- 8:00 p.m.
<b>Tuesday 16</b>	Confessions	Church	8:00 a.m.
	Liturgy of Hours	Church	8:00 a.m.
	Rosary	Church	9:15 a.m.
	Youth Choir	Church, Music Rm.	5:30-6:15 p.m.
	Finance Council Meeting	School Library	6:30-7:30 p.m.
	Adult Choir	Church	7:00-8:30 p.m.
	K of C Fraternal Meeting	Parish Center, Mtg. Rm.	7:00-8:30 p.m.
<b>Wednesday 17</b>	Confessions	Church	8:00 a.m.
	Liturgy of the Hours	Church	8:00 a.m.
	Adoration	Church/Chapel	9:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.
	Rosary	Church	9:15 a.m.
	Holy-Hour Confessions	Church	12:00-1:00 p.m.
	OCIA Team Meeting	Parish Center, Rm A	4:30-5:00 p.m.
	OCIA	Parish Center	5:00-8:00 p.m.
<b>Thursday 18</b>	That Man Is You	Parish Center, Rm A	6:00-7:30 a.m.
	Liturgy of the Hours	Church	8:00 a.m.
	Adoration	Chapel	9:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.
	Rosary	Church	10:00 a.m.
	Praise and Worship Adoration	Church	7:00-9:00 p.m.
	Sister Mary Grace (Evening of the Merciful Jesus)		
	New Creation Practice	Music Rm	7:00 p.m.
<b>Friday 19</b>	Confessions	Church	8:00 a.m.
	Liturgy of the Hours	Church	8:00 a.m.
	Rosary	Church	9:15 a.m.
<b>Saturday 20</b>	Men's Faith Sharing/ Scripture Study	Parish Center, Mtg. Rm.	7:30-9:00 a.m.
	FIAT Mothers Group	Church, Bride's Rm.	8:00 a.m.
	Cookie Drop-Off/Boxing	Parish Center, Rm. A	7:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
<b>Sunday 21</b>	Rosary	Parish Center	9:30-10:00 a.m.
	OCIA Script. Studies	Parish Center, Mtg. Rm.	10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
	Vespers	Parish Center	4:00 p.m.

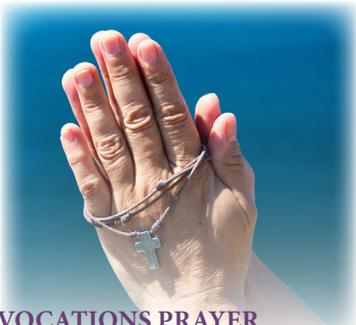
**COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS**

**For the Week of December 7, 2025:**

Budget Requirements:	\$ 20,000.00
Weekly Offertory Received:	\$ 26,037.00
Weekly Surplus (Deficit):	\$ 6,037.00
Adjustments:	\$ 36.00
Christmas:	\$ 2,421.00
Holy Days:	\$ 471.00
ParishSoft:	\$ 13,952.00
Debit Program:	\$ 396.00
Envelope Offering:	\$ 7,074.00
Loose Offering:	\$ 1,687.00
Total Offering:	\$ 26,037.00

**For the Month of December 2025**

MTD Budget Requirements:	\$ 20,000.00
MTD Actual	
Offertory Received:	\$ 26,037.00
MTD Surplus (Deficit):	\$ 6,037.00
YTD Budget Requirements:	\$ 447,000.00
YTD Actual	
Offertory Received:	\$ 412,188.95
YTD Surplus (Deficit):	(\$ 34,811.05)



**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*

**Newly Joined Members:**  
Agbor, Grace, Cleopatra  
and Murphy Enow

# 2025 Advent Calendar

*Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

**December 8** 8:30AM & 7:00PM

*Christmas Eve Masses*

**December 24** 4:00PM (Children's)

6:30PM & 9:00PM

*Christmas Day*

**December 25** 9:00AM

*Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God Vigil*

**December 31** 7:00PM

*Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God*

**January 1** 9:00AM



**St. Pius X CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIAL DONATIONS 2025**

Your Christmas Flower donations with your loved one's name must be received by the Rectory/Business office by Tuesday, December 16th. If submit via ParishSoft, please let the office know of the names you would like listed and it is for the Flower Parish Flower Memorial.



★ YOU ARE INVITED TO THE ★  
ANNUAL PARISH DINNER

# CHRIST OUR LIGHT

## A CELEBRATION OF EPIPHANY & NEW YEAR BLESSINGS



# JANUARY 10, 2026

5:30PM

MSGR. FUNK PARISH CENTER

**RSVP BY JANUARY 3, 2026**

As we conclude the joyful season of Christmas and begin a new year centered in Christ, you are warmly invited to a special parish evening of fellowship, gratitude, and blessing. Join us as we honor the light of Christ revealed at Epiphany and look ahead with hope to the year before us. This festive gathering will include a warm meal, joyful conversation, and a moment of prayer as we ask God's blessing upon our parish family in 2026.

Come celebrate the gifts of the season, the beauty of community, and Christ...our guiding light.

📱 **Scan the QR Code to RSVP**

—or—

**Contact:** Katie Chilicki at 📞 614-202-2493 or ✉️ [KChilicki@spxreynoldsburg.com](mailto:KChilicki@spxreynoldsburg.com)

We look forward to sharing this joyful evening with you.

**May Christ's light guide our hearts and homes in the new year!**



**December 14th – Third Sunday of Advent**

In today’s Gospel, Jesus tells us that the good news can be seen, touched, felt and heard through the lives of God’s people. We are now charged to take up the ministry of Jesus, but we can’t just ask people to take our word for it; our actions must speak for us.

**Since Christmas is a time of love and gift giving, please share in Jesus’ ministry by giving a gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that those who are poor can know the good news of Jesus.**

In the month of November, through your gifts of \$6,333.06, our ministry brought the love and care of Jesus to the poor by assisting families providing \$368.43 in food, \$1,683.16 for utility assistance, \$500.00 to avoid evictions and \$654.11 to local food pantries, etc. We especially would like to thank the Father Hohman Council #5253 Knights of Columbus and the Knights of Columbus Women’s Club for their monetary donations this holiday season.

*Dear Jesus, You are the Light that shines in the darkness of our world. As your humble servant, allow me to join others who are the Light of your love into the lives of the poor and forgotten, this Christmas season and beyond. May we draw closer to you by serving our neighbors’ spiritual and material need, sharing the Good News of hope and salvation – gifts won for us by Your life, death and Resurrection. Amen.*



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

**Safe Environment Compliance Update:**

Our parish is blessed with many generous volunteers who help make our ministries, programs, and liturgies possible. As we continue our commitment to providing a safe and welcoming environment for all children and vulnerable persons, we are preparing for the Diocese of Columbus’ updated Safe Environment requirements.

All volunteers are asked to be fully compliant with Protecting God’s Children training and complete the required background checks by January 2, 2026. These steps help ensure that our parish remains a place of trust, protection, and faith for every member of our community.

**Background Check Requirements**

To meet diocesan policy, the following background checks are required for volunteers:

- **BCI (Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation)** background check – required for all volunteers. Needs to be renewed every 5 years.
- **FBI background check** – in addition to BCI, FBI is required for volunteers who have lived outside the state of Ohio at any point in the past five years.

If you currently volunteer, or plan to volunteer in the future, we warmly encourage you to check that your VIRTUS account is active and up to date, and that your background checks have been completed within the required timeframes. Please contact the parish office with any questions or for assistance completing your background check or VIRTUS requirements. Our staff is happy to help guide you through the process. Thank you for your faithful service and continued commitment to protecting God’s children. *Scan the QR code to visit the Diocese of Columbus Safe Environment webpage for more details.*



**OCIA Announcement for the Bulletin on December 14**

The OCIA program at St. Pius is thriving! We have a group of individuals who will be entering the second stage of the OCIA process with a rite commonly called “Entrance into the Catechumenate” or the “Rite of Welcome.” Those entering the catechumenate are coming together for the first time in front of the Church to state their intent to become members of the Catholic community. God grants them His grace, since their desire is expressed openly in this celebration, and their reception and first consecration are marked by the Church. These individuals will be entering as catechumens: Rene Ngenkeng, Terry Ngenkeng, Glenn Ngenkeng, Rose Ngenkeng, Derrick Dedino, Kevin Cordell, Jacen Weaver, Jerry Reed, James Joseph, Kara Joseph, Zachary Jones, Rodney Goudy, and Ashley Hastings. Starria Goetz and Lisa Torres will be candidates for the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation. Please pray for all of these individuals as they continue their journey of faith.



## The Armory

St. Pius X Men’s Ministry



“To Restore All Things in Christ”

**THAT MAN IS YOU!**

**Monday 12/15, 7:00 to 8:30 PM**

In the Family Center: Blessed Mother Room

*Worthy of the Call*

Session 12/13: The Finding in the Temple & A Sweet Exchange  
 (Mysteries of the Rosary)

Speaker: Mark Hartfiel

*Love Empties Itself and Never Counts the Cost*

*How Should Our Family Imitate the Holy Family &*

*Our Christian Communities Need to Become Schools of Prayer?*

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

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***Men’s Scripture Study and Faith Sharing***

**Saturday 12/27, 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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# 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)




Scan me



Ready to Sign Up to be a Volunteer? Scan the QR Code or contact Katie Chilicki

# 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)




Scan me



Ready to Sign Up to be a baker? Scan the QR Code or contact Katie Chilicki

🎵 Calling All Guitar Players! 🎵

Our Joy in the Morning folk group is looking for a few new guitarists to join them at the 4:30pm 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 YOUTH MINISTRY



@PIUSXYOUTHMINISTRY

📌 Stay Connected, Stay Inspired! 🙌

Follow our Youth Ministry on Instagram! 📱

♥️ Show some love, stay in the know, and grow in faith with us! ♥️

👉 Follow on Instagram @PIUSXYOUTHMINISTRY for updates, events, inspiration & community!

#FaithInAction #StayConnected #FollowForMoreBlessings

## EVENINGS WITH THE MERCIFUL JESUS



**THURSDAY, 18 DECEMBER | 7PM-9PM**  
**ST. PIUS X - 1051 WAGGONER RD, REYNOLDSBURG, OH 43068**

All are invited to St. Pius X for an evening of Eucharistic Adoration accompanied with Music of Praise by Katherine Vichinsky and with guests speakers the Sisters of Life, including Sr. Mary Grace Langrell, SV

**CONTACT US**

📞 614.866.2859  
 ext 118

🌐 [spxreynoldsburg.com](http://spxreynoldsburg.com)

### ✨ 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)

**Interim Music Director: Maternity Cover**

St. Pius X Catholic Church is looking for an Interim Music Director starting mid-March 2026 for eight weeks.

The Interim Music Director will be responsible for the coordination of music ministry at St. Pius X.

The interim candidate will serve as the principal pianist/organist for Mass and parish events that include music (Praise and Worship, Vespers, etc.) and as interim director of the Adult and Youth Choirs.

Responsibilities:

- Accompany congregational hymns, liturgical music, and choral pieces for Masses and special services including Holy Week/Easter
- Direct and lead weekly Adult and Youth choir rehearsals (Tuesday evenings)
- Collaborate with the Assistant Director/Conductor of the Adult Choir
- Communicate with each group as needed
- Provide music for the Praise and Worship event once a month
- Accompany hymns for Vespers on Sunday afternoons
- Accompany funerals as needed and coordinate the Resurrection Choir

Please email your cover letter, resume, and three personal references to Brenda Brammer, Business Manager, at [bbrammer@spxreynoldsburg.com](mailto:bbrammer@spxreynoldsburg.com), or mail to St. Pius X Business Office, Attention Brenda Brammer, 1051 Waggoner Road, Reynoldsburg, OH 43068.

This position requires the completion of the Protecting God's Children Class and completion of an approved FBI and BCI background check.

**Extending Christ's Love:**

**Monthly Senior Living Communities Masses & Ministry to the Homebound**

St. Pius X is blessed to extend the Eucharist and pastoral care beyond our church walls to those in local senior communities. Each month, our parish presides at Mass in four area residential care facilities, offering comfort, connection, and the presence of Christ to our faith-filled brothers and sisters who are no longer able to attend parish Mass in person.

**Monthly Senior Living Mass Schedule:**

- **First Thursday of every month**  
1:00 p.m. – *Wesley Ridge*, 2225 Taylor Park Drive, Reynoldsburg  
[lec.org](http://lec.org)
- **Second Thursday of every month**  
1:15 p.m. – *Tuscany Gardens*, 7400 Hazelton Etna Road, SW, Pataskala  
[tuscany-gardens.net](http://tuscany-gardens.net)
- **Third Thursday of every month**  
1:00 p.m. – *Cherry Blossom Senior Living*, 79 Blossom Field Blvd, Columbus  
[continentalseniorcommunities.com](http://continentalseniorcommunities.com)
- **Fourth Tuesday of every month**  
1:00 p.m. – *Inn at Summit Trail*, 8115 Summit Road, Reynoldsburg  
[innatsummittrail.com](http://innatsummittrail.com)



These Masses are a cherished part of our parish's mission, reminding us that no member of the Body of Christ is ever forgotten. Sharing the Sacraments with our elderly and homebound parishioners brings immeasurable joy and spiritual nourishment to all involved.

If you have a Catholic family member, friend, or neighbor who is hospitalized, recovering from surgery, homebound, or residing in a skilled nursing or assisted living facility and cannot attend Mass, please contact the parish office at 614-866-2859. We will reach out to schedule a visit and bring them Holy Communion regularly. **Only trained and commissioned Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC) may bring Holy Communion to the sick and homebound.** Our ministry team can also arrange for a priest to offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation or Anointing of the Sick."

Even when not physically present at Mass, these individuals remain an essential part of our parish family, and we are committed to ministering to them with compassion and care.

If you feel called to serve or want to learn more about the **St. Pius X Homebound and Sick Ministry**, please reach out to **Deacon Michael Berger** at [mberger@columbuscatholic.org](mailto:mberger@columbuscatholic.org) or contact the parish rectory. Let us continue to be a parish that brings the light and love of Christ to every corner of our community.

**THIS & THAT**

“The Word Among Us” (\$2.00) & “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 & Found** is located in the Narthex/Vestibule near the Quieting Room.

#### SCAMMERS AT IT AGAIN...

##### Emails/Text Messages from Fr. Patrick

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**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.

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**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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Programming 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

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Matthew 14:27



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## ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS

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John is a saint because his life was a heroic effort to live up to his name: "of the Cross." The folly of the cross came to full realization in time. "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me" (Mark 8:34b) is the story of John's life. The Paschal Mystery – through death to life – strongly marks John as reformer, mystic-poet, and theologian-priest.

Ordained a Carmelite priest in 1567 at age 25, John met Teresa of Avila and like her, vowed himself to the primitive Rule of the Carmelites. As partner with Teresa and in his own right, John engaged in the work of reform, and came to experience the price of reform: increasing opposition, misunderstanding, persecution, imprisonment. He came to know the cross acutely – to experience the dying of Jesus – as he sat month after month in his dark, damp, narrow cell with only his God. Yet, the paradox! In this dying of imprisonment John came to life, uttering poetry. In the darkness of the dungeon, John's spirit came into the Light. There are many mystics, many poets; John is unique as mystic-poet, expressing in his prison-cross the ecstasy of mystical union with God in the Spiritual Canticle.

But as agony leads to ecstasy, so John had his Ascent to Mt. Carmel, as he named it in his prose masterpiece. As man-Christian-Carmelite, he experienced in himself this purifying ascent; as spiritual director, he sensed it in others; as psychologist-theologian, he described and analyzed it in his prose writings. His prose works are outstanding in underscoring the cost of discipleship, the path of union with God: rigorous discipline, abandonment, purification.

Read the full article: "St. John of the Cross" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars, <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-john-of-the-cross/> (Accessed November 16, 2025).



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