Saint Pius Tenth Church

Our Parish Mission: "Everyday we reach to restore all things in Jesus Christ"



PARISH CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, December 26

Mass 7:30 AM and 9:30 AM

MONDAY. December 27

TUESDAY, December 28

WEDNESDAY, December 29

Music Practice 6:30 PM - Church

THURSDAY, December 30

FRIDAY, December 31 - Parish Office Closed

SATURDAY, January 1

Confessions 2:30 PM - 3:15 PM

SUNDAY, January 2

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED FRIDAY DECEMBER 31

PARISH OFFICE HOURS For WALK-IN, IN PERSON SERVICE

Mon - Thur: 9 am - 1 pm, Fri: 9 am - 11 am

REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY 4:00 pm

SUNDAY 7:30 am and 9:30 am

DAILY MASS Monday - Friday 7:30 am

CONFESSIONS Saturday 2:30 - 3:15 pm

HEALING MASS Every First Monday 6:30 pm

The Feast of the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God is NOT a Holy Day of Obligation. There will be no extra Masses for this Feast Day.



THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

Confessions 2:30 pm - 3:15 pm, Saturday, January 2 Mass Schedule Saturday, January 2 - 4:00 pm Sunday, January 3 - 7:30 am and 9:30 am

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE



Social Ministry wants to thank you, in a very big way, for your generous response to the parish Christmas Giving Tree Ministry. Each of the agencies is grateful for the

outpouring of gifts from our parishioners. The spirit of "Christmas Giving" is truly present.

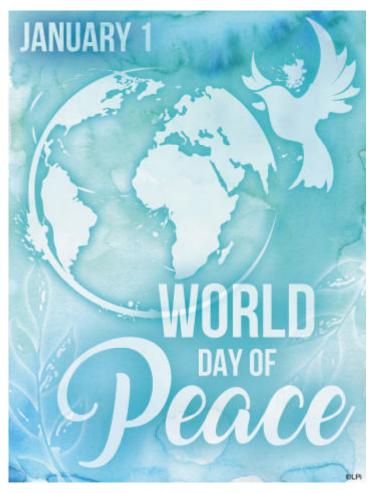
(We also want to thank the SPX students who cut the tags.)





Lonely? Experiencing a Difficult Time?

MINISTRY. Don't suffer alone! Our Stephen Ministers are trained caregivers, ready to listen, care for and encourage you, pray with and for you, and help you through a crisis or difficult time. To find out more, talk with Emily (224-6296) or Dick (469-0615). Our Stephen Ministers are there to care.



Loving God,

We ask for your help in bringing about peace among all people.

As Your children, we are bound to each other through our created nature.

Help us to see that our differences are not cause for conflict.

Open our eyes and allow us to see our neighbors as our bothers and sisters.

Bless our actions, that they may be the cause of peace and not injustice.

Bless our lips, that they may speak your

loving words in conversation with all people and be an avenue for change through prayer.

Amen.

Those of us who are a "certain" age will remember Fr.
Gerry Connor. Most people will remember his admonition, "Don't forget to share your smile" at the end of Mass. Not everyone remembered that once they got to the parking lot!

But my favorite memory of Fr. Connor was his homily on the Sunday after Christmas, the Feast of the Holy Family. He would say a few words at the ambo, I don't remember exactly what they were. But after all the traveling, the gifting, the eating, and the clean-up associated with Christmas with our families, Father knew that most of us were just worn out, so he gave us exactly what we needed. He placed his "boom box" (remember, this was the '80's) on one of the altar platform steps, and played a recording of Palchelbel's Canon in D, then he sat down.

I remember the first time I experienced this homily. At first I wasn't sure what to do, but soon I closed my eyes and welcomed the experience of just being in the presence of God. Just being in the embrace of God. And it was beautiful and peaceful. And it's exactly what we needed.

A few years ago, I was introduced to Fr. Richard Rohr's simple prayer of being, based on Psalm 46:10. It was recommended that I find a quiet place, gently close my eyes, and take a few breaths, then start with the first line, either aloud or quietly to myself. After a couple of deep breaths, pray the second line. After a few more deep breaths, pray the third line, and so on. The prayer can be repeated if you'd like, and it goes like this:

Be still and know that I am God,

Be still and know that I am.

Be still and know,

Be still,

Be,

Amen

May we all find a few quiet moments this Christmas season to be still and experience God's presence.

Ellen Franco,

Parish Council Member

St. Pius X School

Saint Pius Tenth School 585-247-5650

Maria Cahill, Principal email: maria.cahill@dor.org

Kindness

By: Mrs. Battisti

As I am writing this school bulletin, it amazes me how blessed I am to be working with the St. Pius Tenth School Community.

I am in my second year as the Student Advocate. I meet with students in large and small groups and one on one, at times. This year our school theme is Kindness.

Kindness is being selfless, compassionate and merciful to one another. This is part of a quote from the Bible on Kindness, "Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other." We say this each and every day, but do we **act** kind to one another each day? In sharing the theme of kindness with the students at St. Pius Tenth School, we have discussed that we are the special sunshine of God's Love, and we want to share His love by being kind to others in a variety of ways.

I meet with the boys and girls in their classrooms, as well as meeting with them during their lunch times where we discuss how important it is to be kind to one another. We share stories, role play, read books and share examples of how we are the special sunshine of God's love.

For Advent, I met in small groups with the students as we discussed the Advent Season and how Kind Acts will be beautiful gifts to give to baby Jesus on His birthday. Students made their promises of kindness gifts for baby Jesus on strips of paper that were made into a classroom chain in remembrance of waiting for baby Jesus' birth.

The students inspire me so much every day as they model acts of kindness. I know the little baby Jesus will love His gifts this year from the children of St. Pius Tenth School.

May all of your homes be filled with joy, peace, hope, love and blessings this Christmas Season and in the New Year!

God Bless,

Mrs. B



YOUTH MINISTRY

Barb Legere, Youth Ministry Director

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Bethany House

On December 29th, at 5:30 pm. St Pius X Church has been invited to lead a prayer service for the residents of Bethany House (1111 Joseph Ave). Additionally we have the opportunity to make a meal for the residents on a different date. If you are interested in making a meal or helping with the prayer services Please email me at Barb.Legere@dor.org

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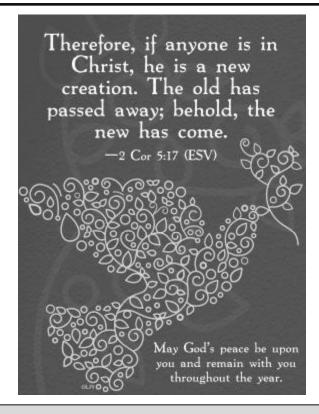






One and Done will continue to make PB&J sandwiches for St. Peter's kitchen on the fourth Thursday of the

month in 2022. If you would like to help prepare sandwiches, donate supplies or both please contact Brenda Brown at browns005@gmail.com. Supplies needed: creamy peanut butter, jelly, zip lock sandwich bags, plastic tablecloths. Thank you for your generous support of this project.



INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

It was the best of times and it was the worst of times. Our families can bring out the best and the worst in us. This is true of our families of origin, the current family of which we are a part, the family of our church, our society, and the like. In all of our family experiences, what stands out as our most challenging memory? Everything human can be found on the pages of family life. But there is also a Divine story to be discovered as well. When life gets difficult and perplexing, today's Feast of the Holy Family stands to remind us that it is not just by human effort that we tread treacherous waters. We have to remember and learn from the Divine effort too. We need this perspective if our love lessons are going to be learned completely and well. We are all works in progress and we all come from homes that are broken by imperfection. In whatever life brings us and in whatever family we find ourselves, may the promptings we feel toward faith and hope lead us to greater love.

A MOMENT WITH TODAY'S SCRIPTURES

Families can be very difficult things to negotiate. This is true not only of our families of origin, the current family of which we are a part, the family of our Church, our society, and our global family as well. Everything human can be found in family stories. Those stories speak of wonderful life-giving successes as well as painful spirit-robbing abuses. Our greatest joys and our greatest wounds are usually connected with the experience of family. Our needs, experiences, and unresolved baggage often color what we bring to our familiar relationships. They contribute to our level of defensiveness, how guarded and protected we become, and what prejudices we believe.

In order to break the cycle of dysfunction we have to remember that it is not only by human effort that we negotiate the difficult and challenging events of our lives. There is a Divine Effort at work as well. For sure, the human effort can create quite a mess and easily destroy lives. This is true of any family with which we are associated. Today's Feast of the Holy Family serves to help us understand that there is a Divine Story being told as well. It is a story of perseverance in the face of hardship, determination in the face of despair, healing when we see nothing but wounds, and light where there is darkness.

Do we believe that God is always working, guiding, restoring, and leading? Unless we do, we will never be free from the imperfections and wounds that bind us and never be able to understand what it really means to forgive. Pope Francis tells us that the "light which comes from the Holy Family encourages us to offer human warmth to other families." While this is most certainly true, we can only really begin to do this when we realize that we are still works in progress, not anchored to the wounds and sins of our past, and still a leading star in God's continually unfolding story of love. The Holy Family persevered and radiated warmth because they knew they were not alone. We can too.



LIFE LONG FAITH FORMATION MINISTRIES

Deacon Johan Engström, Director of Faith Formation

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LIFELONG FAITH FORMATION MINISTRIES

St. Pius X Church offer opportunities for children, youth, young adults & adults (parents, grandparents or not) to come to know Jesus and His teachings and grow in sense of community with one another.

TODAY WE CELEBRATE THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

CELEBRATE FAMILY!

A Feast that can Inspire us all to Find Safe and Healthy Ways to Share Memories, and Begin a New Family Customs.





Faith Formation
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YOUNG ADULTS

AT ST. PIUS X

1st & 3rd Thursday of Month in Parish Center



Gatherings posted on Parish website

(Use QR Code on the Left)

And Facebook Page

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Next Gathering January 6 @ 7 pm

SPX ADULT FF GATHERING

Fishers of Men— in person in the Parish Center at 7:00 am—1st & 3rd Saturday.



Ladies of Grace Bible Study, Starting in January in the Parish Center, on Wednesdays 1—3 pm

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MERRY CHRISTMAS

This past week, December 24, Christmas Eve, we began our celebration of Christmas.

Christmas is a "Season" not just a "Day", and it lasts until the Sunday after Epiphany (January 6), so Christmas will not end until January 9!

SOLEMNITY OF MARY THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

On January 1 we celebrate the Solemnity of Mary to remember and celebrate the part that Mary played in the mystery of



salvation. It is an occasion for renewing adoration of the newborn Prince of Peace.



SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION SPRING OF 2022

If you never prepared for your First Reconciliation, we invite you, regardless of age, to register and prepare this spring.

First Reconciliation Registration

January 3, 2022 - February 1, 2022.

Parent Meeting - Sun, Jan 30, 12:30 pm in Parish

Center OR Tue, Feb 1, 6:30 pm in Church.

Celebration—Wednesday, March 10, 6:30 pm

The candidate need to have celebrated

First Reconciliation before First Eucharist

First Eucharist Registration Feb 14 -Mar 15, 2022

Parent Meeting - Sunday, March 13, 12:30 - 1:30 pm

OR Tuesday, March 15, 6:30 - 7:30 pm.

Celebrations— Planned for May, Dates TBA

RCIA GATHERINGS

Mondays, 6:30—8 pm, in Parish Center Next Meeting Monday, January 3 Contact Dcn. Johan for more information.



STEWARDSHIP & FINANCES

OFFERING REPORT

December 12 & 13, 2021

Week # 24 Attendance 636

Weekly Actual Weekly Goal Variance \$ 17,846.51 \$ 17,250.00 + \$ 596.51

Y-T-D Actual Y-T-D Goal Variance \$ 421,220.12 \$ 414,000.00 + \$ 7,220.12

Includes online giving and mailed donations.

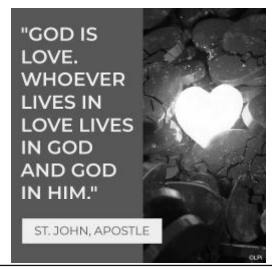
The Offering Report for December 18 & 19 was not available at the time the bulletin was sent to the publisher.

It will appear in next week's bulletin.

2021 GIVING STATEMENTS

During the first weeks of January we will be preparing and mailing the Annual Giving Statements to all parishioners who have donated to St. Pius X during 2021.

The Parish Office is closed on December 31st. To be included on your 2021 statement donations must be received before the close of business (1:00 pm) on December 30th <u>OR</u> postmarked no later than December 31st.



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

All in the Family

At first glance, we can often find the image of the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph and the Christ Child intimidating — who are we to aspire to that level of discipleship? How could we ever hope to conform ourselves to that mold? Sometimes, it can even be painful — perhaps we hail from a broken family or struggle with a broken relationship within our family, or perhaps we long to be a mother or a father ourselves and that state in life has eluded us.

But the image of the Holy Family is, in reality, a beautiful invitation to us all, no matter our vocation or our state in life, and the example of Mary, Joseph and Jesus is rich with the symbolism of stewardship.

You need not be a biological mother who has carried a child in her womb to be a mother in spirit. Who in your world needs you to love them with the heart of a mother?

The same goes for fatherhood. The Church and the world are crying out for the courageous witness of Christian men like St. Joseph. Who can you love with the steadfast, selfless protection of a father?

Who in your life needs you to love them with the faithful, unconditional love of a son? Who needs your gentle and constant love as a daughter?

We are the Body of Christ, friends. Those of us rejoicing in heaven, those of us suffering in purgatory, and those of us struggling here on earth. We are the great family. Let us love each other well.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



Our CMA Goal this year is \$138,457.00 as of 12/13/2021 donations in the amount of \$73,163.00 (52.84%) have been pledged by 310 donors

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MASS SCHEDULE

Monday—Friday 7:30 AM Saturday 4:00 PM Sunday 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday -Thursday 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Friday 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

PARISH STAFF

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<u>Baptism:</u> Arrangements for preparation (can be done before birth) see website. Contact Deacon Johan Engstrom

Marriage Prep Call the Parish Office (at least 6 months, preferably 12 months before intended date to marry).

Reconciliation Saturdays 2:30 p.m. - 3:15 p.m. or by appointment.

Anointing of the Sick. Call the Parish Office to arrange. Sacraments: First Eucharist, First Reconciliation and Confirmation, contact Deacon Johan Engström.

<u>Joining the Catholic Church (RCIA or RCIC)</u>: For anyone 4th grade or older, please contact Deacon Johan Engström.

<u>Communion for the Homebound:</u> contact Deacon Jim Briars.

<u>Hospital Visits:</u> Call the parish office if you or someone you know will be entering the hospital so one of the parish staff can plan a visit.

St. Pius Tenth CYO Sports Barb Legere

<u>Music</u> – Share vocal and/or instrumental gifts in at Mass. Questions about our music ministry, contact Bob Schrader.

<u>Parish Membership</u>: Register by visiting the Parish Office, picking up the materials at the Welcome Table, or online.

<u>SUBMIT BULLETIN ITEMS TO:</u> <u>CSTPIUSX@DOR.ORG</u> at least 9 (nine) days before the publication date.



December 27, 2021 - January 2, 2022

Monday - St. John, Apostle & Evangelist

7:30 AM Patricia Caster by The Caster Family

Tuesday - The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

7:30 AM Mark Cassidy by Mr & Mrs James Cassidy & Family

Wednesday - St. Thomas Becket, Bishop & Martyr

7:30 AM Elizabeth Sheehan by Eileen Fallon

Thursday - Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

7:30 AM Richard Gusherowski by Ken & Mary Kay Mangan

Friday - St. Sylvester I, Pope

7:30 AM Don Palermo by Jim Spillan

Saturday - Epiphany of the Lord

4:00 PM Living & Deceased Members of the Parish

Sunday - Epiphany of the Lord

Carol Yacobucci by Mike & Sue Bierley

7:30 AM
The Barrett Family by Eileen Barrett

Giovanna DeFavolo by Grace Marsocci

Betty Allison by Bary & Mary Beth Dambra

9:30 AM Darcy Farrell by Bill & Joy Amering

MASS REQUESTS

Mass Intentions can be requested via mail. Send the name of whom the mass is for, by whom the mass is requested, address to send the card and the \$10 stipend (along with a postage stamp) to the Parish Office. Please include your phone number in case there are any concerns or questions about your request. Dates cannot be guaranteed with mailed requests.

The Mass Book for January & February 2022 is now open.



The Sanctuary Candle in the Church is offered this week for

JOYCE CONNER at the request of

The Leahy & Reale Families

Scripture Readings for

January 2, 2022

First Reading: Is 60: 1-6

Sec. Reading: Eph 3: 2-3a, 5-6

Gospel: Mt 2: 1-12

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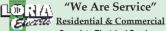
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