

Padre Pio "Pray, hope and don't worry"

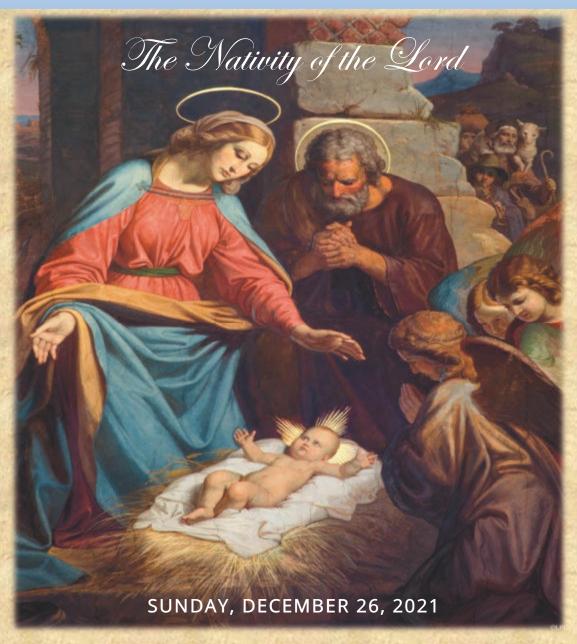
ST. PIO OF PIETRELCINA PARISH Catholic Community

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Our Mission Statement

We, the Catholic Community of St. Pio, inspired by the Holy Spirit, celebrate the Eucharist with hope, to share our faith, love, and the Good News of Jesus Christ through outreach and fellowship.



"For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord."
-Lk 2:11

St. Pio Parish Directory

Parish Staff

Rev. Greg Rozborski Pastor Rev. Mr. Arthur Majkowski Deacon Selma Yaldoo Business Manager Sandi Banovetz Parish Secretary Natalia Palubinskas Bookkeeper Tina Bullis Christian Service Coordinator Roxanne Gronkiewicz Faith Formation Coordinator Mark Naworol Maintenance Deborah Szeliga Music Director

Parish Information

Address - 18720 E 13 Mile Road, Roseville MI 48066

Parish Office Phone Number (586) 777-9116, #0 Parish FAX Number (586) 279-1660 Parish Emergency After Hours Number (586) 204-3427 Parish E-mail: stpiosecretary@gmail.com Parish web page stpioparish.org Faith Formation Phone Number (586) 777-9116, #3 R.C.I.A. - Roxanne Gronkiewicz (586) 777-9116, #5 St. Pio Prayer Line (586) 777-9116. #1

> Christian Service Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 9:00 am to 12:00 noon

Food Pantry / Baby Closet (586) 777-9116, #2 St. Vincent de Paul (586) 334-4333

> Main Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday: 9:00am to 12:00 pm & 1:00pm to 4:00pm Friday: 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Eucharist Adoration Mondays, 9:30 am-3:30 pm Confessions Saturdays, 2:30-3:30 pm

Sacramental Prep: Baptism

Baptisms will be held on the 2nd and 4th weekends of every month and need to be scheduled three months in advance. Contact the Parish office at (586) 777-9116, #0.

Sacramental Prep: Marriage

Arrangements to be made with the Parish Office one year prior to wedding date. Please call Mark and Betty Squier at (586) 296-9589.

Sacred Heart Cemetery Information Office Hours:

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday: 8:00 am - 9:00 am Wednesday: 9:00-2:00 pm Cemetery Winter Hours 9:00 am - 5:00 pm Daily

Cemetery Coordinator Sandi Banovetz
Cemetery Phone Number (586) 777-9116, #4
Cemetery Fax Number (586) 279-1660
Cemetery web page sacredheartcemetery.org

Turning Point Inc.

24-Hour Crisis Line (Domestic Violence Abuse) (586) 463-6990

READINGS AND OBSERVANCES

Readings for the week of December 26, 2021

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/ Lk 2:41-52 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf. 5a]/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

Monday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8 Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18 Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35 Thursday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40 Friday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18 Saturday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21 Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Observances for the week of December 26, 2021

Sunday: The Holy Family

Monday: St. John, Apostle and Evangelist Tuesday: The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

Wednesday: St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr Friday: St. Sylvester I, Pope; New Year's Eve

Saturday: New Year's Day; Mary, The Holy Mother of God; World Day of Peace Next Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord; Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory

Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church



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2021 GOAL **\$67,563**

PLEDGED **\$50,205 74% of our goal**



St. Pio of Pietrelcina Parish Offertory Collection The Week ending 12-12-2021

To operate each week, our parish requires a minimum of \$12,575.00

This week's offertory collection, we received, in envelopes \$5762.00 in loose collection \$0.00 in e-giving and direct deposit \$1,302.00

For a total of \$7,064.00

Under budget for the week \$5,511.00

Number of Envelopes Used 175

Number of Envelopes Issued 475

Number of E-Giving & Direct Giving Transactions 26

Thank you to all who support our Church.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Saturday, December 25 **CHRISTMAS DAY**

10:00 Mass No 4:00 pm Mass

Sunday, December 26

Feast of the Holy Family

9:00 am Mass

NO RCIA

11:00 am Mass, No Children's Liturgy Knights of Columbus Consecration to

the Holy Family

Monday, December 27

9:00 am Mass

9:30 am-3:30 pm, Eucharistic Adoration

11:00 am-12:00 pm, Prayer Line

NO K-6 Classes

7:00 pm-SVdP, Social Hall

Tuesday, December 28

9:00 am Mass

10:00 am - 2:00 pm Seniors, SH

11:00 am-12:00 pm Prayer Line

7:00 pm Choir

Wednesday, December 29

OFFICES CLOSED

Thursday, December 30

9:00 am Mass

10:30 am Mass at American House

11:00 am-12:00 pm Prayer Line

7:00 pm Prayer Group, Room 2

Friday, December 31

NEW YEAR'S EVE

Solemnity of Mary

PARISH OFFICES CLOSED

NO 9:00 am Mass

4:00 pm Mass

Saturday, January 1 Solemnity of Mary

2:30 pm Confessions

4:00 pm Mass

Mass Intention Teams

Sunday, January 2

9:00 am Mass

10:00 am RCIA, CR

11:00 am Mass NO Children's Lit.

Mass Intention Teams

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 25, 10:00 am

†Antonio, Carmela, Pasquale, Vincenzo and Giovanna Battaglia (Family)

†Julius & Domenica Montrose (Family)

†Daniel Japalucci (Japalucci Family) †Andrew & Mary Dorko

(Japalucci Family) †Ann Trbovich (Family)

†Jennifer Elias (Family)

†Harry Josefiak

(Geraldine Josefiak & Family)

†Janet, Fred and Dave Kudola (Children) †Edward Boike (Wife, Delcy & Family)

†Dorothy Boike (Delcy & Family)

†Earl Jacques-58th Anniversary

(Jacques Family)

†Charles & Maraia Cutajar

(Cutajar Family)

†Joseph & Theresa D'Agostino

(D'Agostino Family)

†Stephany Taormina (Sandra Walko)

Robert Novak (Daughters)

Sunday, December 26, 9:00 am

†John & Rose Worzniak

(Edward Ochylski)

†Eleanor Burley (Family)

†Ruth Hercula (Daughter)

†Delphine Doyle

(Mr. & Mrs. Simone Salvatore)

Pete Andary (Nathan, Katherine,

Gabriel, Samuel)

Health for the Hercula Family

(SandyTolliver)

Sunday, December 26, 11:00 am

†Janet Stehlin (Family)

†Matthew Reyes (Family)

†Theresa Costa (Children)

Jim Fyn-Happy Anniversary

(Wife, Kathy)

†John Mackovjak-15th Anniversary

(Wife, Betty)

Robert Haskins (Jack & Diane Haskins)

Monday, December 27, 9:00 am

Elinor Pockey & Family

(Michael Pockey)

New Year's Eve

Friday, December 31st

4:00 pm Mass

New Year's Day

Saturday, January 1st 4:00 pm Mass

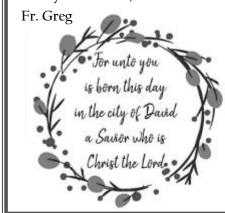
Sunday, January 2nd

9:00 am & 11:00 am Mass

My Dear Friends,

Christmas is a special time. "For unto us a Child is born," reveals to us that Jesus was born as God's gift to each one of us. Like the wise Men, who sought truth and found Jesus, we are pilgrims on a journey toward Christ. We seek the wisdom, the peace and the joy that only the spirit of Emmanuel can provide. As your Shepherd, I invite You to gather around the Lord's table with me to celebrate the richness of Christ's presence with all the people of God in our family of St. Pio. May this Christmas season find you abounding in Love, rejoicing in Hope and secure in a God's Peace. May the Lord's blessing continue with You and your family through the coming year.

Merry Christmas,



LECTOR SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 8, 4:00 pm C. LOMBARDO Sunday, January 9, 9:00 am M. GARAGIOLA Sunday, January 9, 11:00 am C. MURRAY



FAITH FORMATION

A Promise Fulfilled

For thousands of years people waited for the coming of a Messiah. God made many promises to His people and one day God sent His only begotten Son. Not as most would think of a would-be king, but The Messiah, a child, a baby to be Emmanuel, God with us!! One, both human and Divine, the promised One. The light of the world. The One who saves, a Savior, meek and humble and born in a manger. This child would save us from our sinful ways and bring us to salvation to live with Him for all eternity in the Heavenly Kingdom. Jesus, hope for the world...hope for all humanity. During the Christmas Season, let us live in hope and see the joy of Jesus in all things, especially as we serve the poor and one another.

Peace be with you all! We wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Faith Formation Classes will resume on Monday, January 3rd for Grades K-6 and on Friday, January 6th for Middle School Ministry and High School Ministry.

Have a very blessed Christmas Season!

Roxanne Gronkiewicz, Faith Formation Director

CHRISTIAN SERVICE

Christmas is the season of joy, of giftgiving, and of families uniting. Christmas Spirit is joyfully giving and being grateful for the gifts we have.



People who have Christmas spirit are cheerful and happy about celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ. In the spirit, I want to take a moment and thank you for all that you do every day for our families, Parish, and community. The last years have been more challenging than we could have imagined, yet we have found a way to make things work. I am proud of your work, accomplishments, faith and dedication. I consider myself blessed to work with such committed and dedicated volunteers who serve others. I wish you peace on earth throughout the year. May your Christmas memories be as beautiful and as special as YOU!

"He who has not Christmas in his heart will never find it under a tree." - Roy L. Smith

Wishing you a Merry Christmas

Tina Bullis, Christian Service

Musical Notes...



For unto us a Child is born: unto us a Son is given, and the government shall be upon His shoulder; and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

These words from Isaiah were set to music by Handel and incorporated into his oratorio, Messiah in 1741. One of my personal enduring Christmas traditions is to listen to this most glorious expressions of sacred joy. I love to attend local performances annually. There is something very special to me when I sit in a beautiful church and listen to a collection of singers and instrumentalists perform this work.

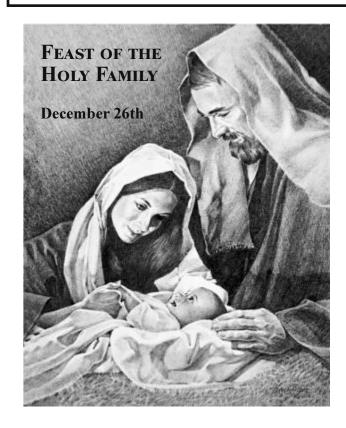
I can remember as a young child, my Dad had a recording of The Cambridge Singers singing a collection of Christmas carols. This song was my favorite. So much so that I would play this recording over and over again. To this day, when I hear it, I am brought back to my childhood home at Christmas. That's one of the things I love about music, it has the power to transport us to the unreachable.

Whatever your Christmas traditions are, I pray that they give you much joy and peace this Christmas!

Just a reminder to the Cantors and Instrumentalists that there will be no rehearsal this Tuesday, December 28, 2021

My warmest wishes to you for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Debi



The Most Perfect Dance

"He so loved us that for our sake He was made man in time, through Whom all times were made; was in the world less in years than His servants, though older than the world itself in His eternity; was made man, Who made man; was created of a mother, whom He created; was carried by hands which He formed; nursed at the breasts which He had filled; cried in the manger in wordless infancy, He the Word without Whom all human eloquence is mute (St. Augustine, Sermon 188)."

The miracle of what happens at Christmas is truly an awesome mystery. Revealed in the silent ordinariness of life is God's intimate love for humanity and all that he made. The Word, existing for all time, comes and dwells among us. God kisses us. We can seek and soar with playful delight as a joy never known before fills our heart.

Joy is best expressed through dance. There is just something truly wonderful about the self-abandon a beautiful melodic dance reveals. If we are able to let go and really be free, it celebrates life in a way few other experiences really can. With the birth of Jesus Christ, God takes the Divine Dance to a deeper and more tangible level. We can now not only see what we believe but believe what we see! This most perfect dance is a call to beauty, innocence, truth, purpose, hope, faith, and love. Today we know, beyond doubt, that we are a necessary part of God's beautifully choreographed masterpiece of life and not just a random happening without real intent or purpose. We are loved, treasured, and blessed.

Accepting the truth of God's birth in time we also accept an invitation to dance with God. We can let go of what tethers us to anxious concerns and superficial securities. Throw caution to the wind and go with God. We have been blessed with talents, gifts, and life eternal. Follow the rhythm of the dance with joy and listen to what the Word who became flesh tells us about what the next steps can be. Today, heaven remains the same, but earth has been profoundly changed.

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'Twas the Night Before Jesus Came

'Twas the night before Jesus came and all through the house, not a creature was praying, not one in the house. Their Bibles were lain on the shelf without care, in hopes that Jesus would not come there.

The children were dressing to crawl into bed, not once kneeling or bowing a head. And Mom in her rocker with baby on her lap, was watching the Late Show while I took a nap.

When out of the East there arose such a clatter, I sprang to my feet to see what was the matter. Away to the window I flew like a flash, tore open the shutters and threw up the sash!

When what to my wondering eyes should appear but angels proclaiming that Jesus was here! With a light like the sun sending forth a bright ray, I knew in a moment this must be The Day!

The light of his face made me cover my head, for it was Jesus returning just like he had said. And though I possessed worldly wisdom and wealth, I cried when I saw him in spite of myself.

In the Book of Life which he held in his hand was written the name of the saved from every land. He spoke not a word as he searched for my name; When he said, "It's not here," my head hung in shame.

The people whose names had been written with love, He was gathering to take to his Father above. With those who were ready he rose without a sound, while all the rest of us were left standing around.

I fell to my knees, but it was too late; I had waited too long and thus sealed my fate. I stood and I cried as they rose out of sight; Oh, if only I had been ready tonight.

In the words of this poem the meaning is clear; The coming of Jesus is still drawing near. There's only one life and when comes the last call. we'll find that the Bible was true after all!"

Author Unknown



Eucharistic Adoration

Mondays, 9:30 am-3:30 pm Please follow social distancing protocol and wear a mask.

Angels of the Feast

If you would like to have the candles, wine and/or hosts dedicated to the memory of a loved one at one of the St. Pio Masses, Candles are \$30 for the month, the Hosts are \$80, and the Wine is \$50. please call the Parish Office (586) 777-9116 ext. 0
For the Month of December:
Candles & Hosts in Honor of
Harry Josefiak

Growing with the Gospel

There is an insert in our bulletin for the children of our Parish each week. If you would like to help offset the cost of this outreach h to our young Parish members, a donation of \$36.00 will sponsor the printing of these inserts for one month. You may place your donation in a marked envelope in the collection basket at Mass or call the Parish Office (586) 777-9116 ext 0

For the Month of August: St. Vincent de Paul

Please Pray for our Armed Forces

"Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. Amen."

FCSN, Janelle Holder, Navy
A1C, Ryan Holland, Air Force
SSgt. Matthew Huck, Army
Tech. Srgt. Tate Jarczewski, Army
Sfc. Justin Keown, Army
CWO II Phillip Keown, Army
SSgt. Sean McDowell, Army
SPC. Keegan Murphy, Army
CMD Peter T. Murphy, Navy
SSgt. Jacob Piechowski, Army
CPT. Michael Reed, Army
CPO Timothy J. Smith, Navy
SSgt David C. Vancell, Air Force
Maj. Robert Weiss, Air Force

Children's Tuition Assistance Fund

If you would like to help a St. Pio family in need to pay for their child's Faith Formation tuition, Simply place any donation in an envelope marked "Children's Tuition Assistance" and place in the collection basket at mass, or drop off to the Faith Formation Office.

Glory & Praise Hymnal Donation Program

Honor a loved one with a

donation to help defray the monthly expense of our hymnals.

A bookplate will be placed on the inside front cover for each donation.

Hymnal Costs:
\$20-Pew Hymnal
\$30-Choir Hymnal
\$70-Solo Instrument Set
\$110-Guitar Set
\$140-Keyboard Set
Please place your donation in the collection with your information and the name(s) you would like to remember.

You may also bring your envelope to the Parish office.



PRAYER TO Padre Pio FOR HEALING

Padre Pio of Pietrelcina, bedient father, you loved the sick and infirm more than

yourself because in them you saw Jesus. In the name of God you performed miracles of healing in body, soul and mind.

Your intercession with God healed the ills of past and present and strengthened people to respond with confidence to future challenges. Those who came to you regained a sense of spiritual integrity as you rekindled hope in their lives, and encouraged them to renew the spirit in their hearts.

Through the intercession of Our Heavenly Mother, may we experience your powerful assistance and be healed in our bodily and spiritual needs. Gratefully give praise and thanks to God for all His blessings.

Amen



Act of
Spiritual
Communion
My Jesus,
I believe that You
are present
in the

Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen



Pray to St. Michael for protection against the power of evil, and to bring us closer to God.

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the devil.

May God rebuke him,
we humbly pray; and do Thou,
O Prince of the Heavenly Host,
by the power of God,
thrust into hell Satan,
And the other evil spirits,
who prowl about the world
for the ruin of souls.

Amen

Pray for our Sick

Bobby Barba
Dan Beers
Owen Binkowski
Madeline Budnick
Elliana Budnick
Haven Budnick
Mike Campau
Ken Campau
Patrice Cornwell
Joseph Cusmano
Martha Cusmano
Joe Cusumano
Alice Cooper
Dina Cunningham
Lori DeLang

Kathleen Fisher
Marie Gregory
Dawn Gunn
Glen Gunn
Shirley Harper
Elle Haugland
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Mark Vander Hagen

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If your loved one is no longer sick, please call the Parish Office to remove their name from our list. 586) 777-9116



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The Gift of Eternal Family

There is a lot of imagery around Christmas that has to do with adoption -or, more specifically, with a child being loved by another as if they belonged to that person and loved in such a profound way that in time, they do come to belong to that person.

We see this with Joseph and the infant Jesus. Joseph is not Jesus' biological father. But through a series of actions, and through his faithfulness in small, everyday matters, Joseph becomes the foster father of Jesus.

Perhaps we are parents who have adopted children, or we ourselves were adopted. We have also seen how, through a series of actions of love and sacrifice, someone can become the parent of a person who is not their "blood." A lot of times these families celebrate the day of the adoption. I've heard it called a "gotcha day," and it's marked joyously, like a birthday.

Most of us are not descended from the Israelites, God's Chosen People. But through a series of extraordinary actions of love and sacrifice, God has made Himself our parent, too. And through our own actions, and through faithfulness in small and everyday matters, we are His children.

But in this family, instead of blood ties, we have stewardship ties. It's not about who we look like, it's about how we treat one another. How we take care of one another.

So this Christmas, let's think about how we will celebrate our adoption. As much as it is Jesus' birthday, it's also our "gotcha day" — the day we received the gift of eternal family.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS @LPi

Oh. Holy Night



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