



St. Pius Tenth Catholic Church

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SAVE



“She will bear a son and
you are to name him Jesus,
because he will save his
people from their sins.”

MATTHEW 1:21

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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Fourth Sunday in Advent

December 22, 2019

Mission Statement: The Church community of St. Pius Tenth hears the call to a deep, personal relationship with God in Jesus Christ. We commit ourselves to living and sharing our Catholic faith

PARISH STAFF:

Pastor—Fr. Tom Buckman
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Director of Music—Francis Zelinka
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MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday 5:00 PM
Sunday 8:00 AM and 11:00 AM
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 8:00 AM
Wednesday 6:00 PM
Holy Day Vigil 6:00 PM
Holy Day 8:00 AM and 6:00 PM
Adoration First Friday of the month 9 AM—8 PM
Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 9 AM—4 PM
Friday 9 AM—1 PM
Bulletin Deadline: Monday at Noon

WORSHIP and PRAYER

Everyday Stewardship: Afraid, Yet Never Alone

A lot of people do not end up doing the great job that they had hoped when they began. Sometimes we mess up, sometimes we are afraid of decisions and the possible repercussions. At times we do not feel strong enough to lead. Fear occasionally leads up toward inaction or mistakes. The only thing to get us through the tough times is Jesus.

When we try to tackle life alone, we can find ourselves in a very lonely position. Just like Jesus' parents, we need God to assist us and provide us with the strength for what lies ahead. Joseph needed God to be with him as he took Mary as his wife and became a father. Every parent needs God to become more than they can be on their own.

How do you treat those who you love? Who is there to help you when a relationship faces an obstacle? We are called to love others as our Father in heaven loves us. That is really an unreachable goal. Yet with God, all things are possible. As this Advent ends, may your Christmas be about more than presents and decorations. May the most profound gifts you give and receive be that of each other, and may your lives be decorated with the fruits of that love.

Readings for the week of December 22, 2019

Sunday: Is 7:10-14/ Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [7c, 10b]/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24

Monday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/Lk 1:57-66

Tuesday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 [2]/Lk 1:67-79

Vigil (5 PM): Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 [2a]/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25

Night (8 PM): Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 [Lk 2:11]/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14

Day (10 AM): Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3c]/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14

Thursday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17 [6]/ 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Saturday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18

Next Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/ Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

St. Vincent DePaul:

Volunteers are available on Tuesday and Thursday



Weekly Mass Count

Saturday	5 PM	153
Sunday	8 AM	243
Sunday	11 AM	175

Question of the Week (Year A)

Welcoming Light

Reading I Isaiah 7:10-14 (birth of Emmanuel)

Reading II Romans 1:1-7 (greetings from Paul)

Gospel Matthew 1:18-24 (the birth of Jesus)

Key Passage: When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took Mary as his wife (Matthew 1:24)

Adult: Whom do you find it difficult to welcome in your life?

Youth: What could you do this week to make someone feel welcome?

Pray for the Sick: Lois Davis, Corky and Elaine Norcia, Julie S., Carrie Weaver.

The Prayer list for the sick has been renewed. Please call the office to add names. Thank you for your prayers.

Carmel Home: Eugene Head, Audline Johnson, Margaret and Randal Richeson

Hillcrest: Kathleen Clark

Owensboro Center: Cecilia Aud, Peggy Livers

Wellington Parc: Bill Froelich

Fern Terra: Nettie Noel

Pray for the Homebound: Arch Bamberger, Tamara Burns, Richard Crowe, Wilford Crowe, Betty Greenwell, Donald & Sylvia Hamilton, Gerald Haynes, Jeanetta Mayfield, Sharon Merkley, Janet Rehauer, Nathan Ramage, Janet Schwartz, Margaret VanBussum, John Williams

Please Pray for Our Military

Stuart Castlen: Navy, Fort Meade, Maryland

LTJG Patrick Clouse: Navy; Norfolk, VA

Sgt. Jeffery Cooper: Iraq

Kaleb Hedden: Iraq

CPT. Ben Hedges: US Army, Ft. Knox, KY

Sgt. Brandon Johnson: National Guard: Iraq

LTC. Jason Jones: US Army-Deputy Director NATO Italy

Brian A. McDaniel: Marine Corp

Tony Pace: National Guard

MSgt. Kevin Payne: Dyess, AFB Abilene, Texas

Joshua Jones: Army National Guard Greenville, KY

Nathan Jones: Army National Guard Greenville, KY

Cory Vance: US Marines

Scott Wallace: National Guard

Prayer Chain Requests:

Joyce Yeiser: joyceyeiser5200@gmail.com or 270-929-4914

ST. PIUS X PARISH NEWS

Masses for the week of December 23-29, 2019

8 am—Mon.—Martha Zoglmann †
5 pm—Christmas Eve—Brad Shrewsberry †
8 pm—Christmas Eve—Harvey-Marie Johnson †
10 am—Christmas Day—Sherry Millay †
8 am—Thurs.—Eric Ramage †
8 am—Fri.—Dora McCarty †
5 pm—Sat.—Bryan Storm †
8 am—Sun.—Abbie Stallings †
11am—Sun.—Mary Alice Higdon †
* All the Weekend Masses are scheduled for 2019.

Calendar for the week of December 22, 2019

Sunday: 4th Sunday of Advent **Burmese meet with Fr. John Paul NO FiF NO HS Youth 5 PM Vespers**

Monday: St. John of Kanty, Priest

The Office is Closed

Tuesday: Christmas Eve **Masses at 5 PM and 8 PM**

The Office is Closed

Wednesday: The Nativity of the Lord (holy day of obligation) **Mass at 10:00 AM** The Office is Closed
NO MS Youth

Thursday: St. Stephen, the First Martyr **NO RCIA**

The Office is Closed

Friday: St. John, Apostle & Evangelist

The Office is Closed

Saturday: The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

Next Sunday: The Holy Family

The Church Office will be closed Christmas Week beginning Monday, December 23rd through New Year's Day, Wednesday, January 1st.

Koinonia Retreat 2020 January 24, 25, and 26.

Refresh your faith. Contact St. Pius X office or Kenny and Debbie Lanham 270 993-2462
Koinonia Forms are at both entrances of church.

THANK YOU to all parish members for your prayers, generosity and turning in your pledge cards! ***If you have not turned in a pledge card, please turn them in as soon as possible so we can meet our goal.*** If you have already been contributing in the green "Renovation Fund" envelopes, it **will count** toward your pledged amount! If you cannot contribute financially, we ask that you please still return your pledge card and pray for the parish renovation.



I wish you and your family a blessed and joyful Christmas. Let us open our hearts to receive the Christ Child with love and humble hearts. Let us remember the reason for the season and how the Word become Flesh for our sakes. ~ Fr. Tom

2019 contributions: Thank you to all our generous parishioners who have contributed here at St. Pius X and the Diocese. All 2019 contributions must be dated and sent no later than December 31st of this year for tax credit due to tax laws. Please let the office know if you need any information regarding your donations

This Sunday is the **4th Sunday of Advent**. Vespers will be said at 5 PM. This will be followed by a soup supper. All parish members and their families are invited to share in this short prayer service as part of their Advent preparation.

Christmas Mass Schedule:

Christmas Eve 5:00 PM Children/Adult Choirs
8:00 PM Jubilation and Francis

Christmas Day 10:00 AM Spirit of Serenity and Francis

Mary, Mother of God (Holy Day) January 1st:

December 31st Vigil Mass 5 PM

January 1st 10:00 AM

290 families (66% of parish) have returned Stewardship cards. Thank you for your generosity.



Thank you to our Boy Scout and Cub Scout Troop 120 for their thoughtful donations to the SVDP food pantry for Thanksgiving and Winter and their check to help children and families this Christmas.

The **Dave Ramsey Financial Peace University's** next class will be offered starting on **Sunday, January 19, 2020 at St. Pius X Catholic Church**. The class is for nine weeks with ½ of the cost of \$90 refunded to those missing no more than one class. This makes a great Christmas gift! Free childcare will be offered. For more information, contact Gary Estes at 270-314-4419.

Advent Angel Tree: Thank you all so much for the wonderful donations to Daviess County Middle, Meadowlands, and Deer Park. We received and donated 2 HUGE boxes of Christmas gifts, \$500 in gift cards and an additional \$865. Christmas is a joyous time of year!



ST. PIUS X YOUTH NEWS

Matthew Knight, Youth Minister
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Parent's and Youth

SAVE THE DATE – If you haven't realized by now, I really believe in Missions ☺ We are inviting all current High Schoolers and 8th graders to join us on another **Mission Trip to Caruthersville, MO on July 5th-12th**. If you joined us on our last trip to Caruthersville, MO you know that this is a town in A LOT of need. Sister Sharon is super pumped to have us come down there again. My hope for Mission Trips in the future is to continue this first full week of July being our Mission Trip week and to alternate Caruthersville (or something small) with a big trip like we did in Chicago. There will be an information meeting the first of the year to go over exact details. I just want to give you all as much heads up as I can so it can be marked on your calendars.

Middle School and High School

Our Youth minister program is on a little bit of a break due to the Holidays. I would like to wish all of you a Merry Christmas. You all have been super supportive during this past year with the transition of being a father. Caty and I are very thankful!

High School Youth will start back up on Sunday, January 5th.

Middle School Youth will start back up on Wednesday, January 8th.

I hope everyone has a relaxing and rejuvenating holiday season. Youth... don't forget to be present with your families during the Holidays! I will see you in the new year!



Families in Faith



Called to be Missionary Disciples
'We walk with Jesus together.'
Families in Faith

The Virgin is with child, and shall bear a son, and she will call him Emmanuel.

INCARNATION – GOD IN OUR FLESH

What a mystery that "God is with us!" The mystery goes beyond the actual day of Jesus' birth. How is Christ enfleshed in me today? In the ordinary day's events? Jesus' most REAL PRESENCE is in the Eucharist, His VERY Body and Blood, into my body and blood. Jesus, I want you to transform me in your image more closely.

8 am - BURMESE LANGUAGE MASS TODAY

You are invited to participate in either venue for 8 am Mass today, in English or in Burmese. Fr. John Paul will Join the Myanmar Community for a Christmas social and potluck meal. Please know that you are welcome.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL

You and your loved ones will be included in the Eucharistic Liturgies celebrated in our Mount Saint Joseph Motherhouse Chapel on Christmas Eve and once each month throughout 2020.

I wish you all a very **Blessed Christmas** as we rejoice in Christ our Savior who is God-with-us! It is a JOY to be here to serve you for now 3 years. Thank you for all you do for me and the Ursulines.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Year A)

"Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, And they shall name him Emmanuel, which means "God is with us."
Matthew 1:23

O Come, O Come Emmanuel (God is with us)



Music Ministry

fzelinka@stpiustenthparish.org

This is the last Sunday of our preparation for Christmas, the anniversary of Christ's birth. Like Joseph, we can all feel unworthy of the honor of welcoming him into our hearts and our homes. We are indeed unworthy, not because we have little of this world's goods, but because we have so little humility, so little charity, so little faith and trust in God's goodness. Let us try to imitate Joseph and Mary, the humblest of the humble, the kindest of the kindly, and the greatest-ever believers in God's goodness and mercy. We can never hope to equal them, but we can follow them humbly, from afar.

"Excerpted from The Sunday Readings by Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M."

There will be a special practice for the Adult Choir on Sunday December 22nd from 6-8 pm.

Our final Children's Choir practice is Sunday, December 22nd, 6-7 pm

St. Pius X Daycare

Director: Brook Mattingly

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Assistant Director: Jen Howard

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St. Pius X Daycare is Closed Christmas Eve & Christmas Day, & New Year's Eve & New Year's Day. Two's, Three's, & Preschool Curriculum- Christmas & New Year's Themes. Student of the Week: Three's- Amelia C., Way to Go, Preschool- Paige H., Great Job! **HAPPY BIRTHDAY JESUS!**

Fri., Dec. 27th – Hot Chocolate Sale!



Membership In Parish

We extend a hearty welcome to all new families or persons moving into our parish. Please register in the Parish Office.

Stewardship

St. Pius Tenth Parish is a warm, welcoming community of faith. We want everyone to feel welcome to be a part of our faith community and an active member of our vibrant parish life!

Marriage

Call the Parish Office at least six months before the proposed date.

Communion to Shut-Ins

Any home-bound parishioner wishing to receive Communion or a pastoral visit is asked to call the Parish Office @ 270-684-4745.

Please notify the Parish Office upon admission of a family member into nursing homes or hospital.

Baptismal Preparation

For parents and godparents, the Baptism Formation "Belonging" will generally be held on the first Tuesday of the month from 6:00-8:00 pm. You may attend this 2 hour session before or after the birth of your child. Please call the Office to schedule your formation one week or more in advance.

RCIA and RCIC

Adults, youth, children age 7+ and persons interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, to discern a call to Baptism, Holy Eucharist, or Confirmation, please register by calling the Parish Office. Classes are Thursday evenings each week 6-7:30 p.m.

Anointing of the Sick

Anointing of the sick is celebrated twice a year with the whole community. Anointing of the Sick is also celebrated on the First Friday of every month during Mass. Anyone having surgery or wishing to receive the Sacrament is asked to call the Parish Office.

STEWARDSHIP and SERVICE



Altar Linens and Albs: December

Debbie Murphy
Laura Naviaux

God's Housekeepers: December 23-28

Charles and Lois Hoskins
Sandy Morris
Tammy and Ed Mattingly
Sharon Ford
Jerry and Ginger McBride



	Week of	Year 2019/20
<i>(fiscal year begins in July)</i>	12/15/2019	To Date
Regular Collections	Bulletin	333,600.00
Budgeted	printed	
Over/((Short) TOTAL	before	
	collection	
Renovation Goal	1,500,000.00	
Pledges Received	1,209,447.25	
Money Received	370,899.31	

For online giving or from your electronic device:

Web address is: <http://bit.ly/StpxOboro>

or QR code



Bus Drivers: December 29th

Wil Storm and Richard Duvall

Musicians' Schedule: December 28th & 29th

5 PM Amanda and Mary Lou
8 AM Don, the Girls, and Francis
11 AM Susan and Tracie



Sat. December 28th PM

Kathy Jo Clary- Captain/Bread 1
Fr. Tom Buckman- Bread 2
Keith Franey- Bread 3
Agnes Powers- Bread 4
Peggy Castlen- Cup 1
Doris Johnson- Cup 2
Christa Roberts- Cup 3
Cathy Franey- Cup 4
Earl Castlen Family- Gift Bearer
Jane Strehl- Lector 1
Gene Strehl- Lector 2
Linda Logsdon- Greeter D-1
Deborah Daugherty- Greeter D-2
Don Logsdon- Greeter D-3
Gary Daugherty- Greeter D-4
Kyle Fulkerson- Altar Server 1
Spencer Roberts- Altar Server 2
Roger Kirk- Usher Captain/1
Jonah Damin- Usher 2
Jeff Fulkerson- Usher 3
Roger Thompson- Usher 4
Marian Jones- Rosary Leader

Sun. December 29th @8 AM

Carol Payne- Captain/Bread 1
Fr. Tom Buckman- Bread 2
Carolyn McCarty- Bread 3
Beth McKay- Bread 4
Peetru Aung- Cup 1
David Fleischmann- Cup 2
Donna Nichols- Cup 3
Andrew Ngun Pheh- Cup 4
Jonathan Payne Family- Gift Bearer
Thang Za Nang- Lector 1
Rosemary Smith- Lector 2
Julie McDonald- Greeter D-1
Alicia Payne- Greeter D-2
Plae Reh- Greeter D-3
Mark McDonald- Greeter D-4
Jaxson Payne- Altar Server 1
Anna Claire Bennett- Altar Server 2
Eddie Mattingly- Usher Captain/1
Mike Roby- Usher 2
Danny Morris- Usher 3
Dan Bennett- Usher 4
Tammy Mattingly- Rosary Leader

Sun. December 29th @11 AM

Larry Millay- Captain/Bread 1
Fr. Tom Buckman- Bread 2
John Davis- Bread 3
Kenny Lanham- Bread 4
Donna Feldpausch- Cup 1
Debbie Lanham- Cup 2
Cathy Knight- Cup 3
Matt Johnson- Cup 4
Paul Brown Family - Gift Bearer
Justin Krampe- Lector 1
Ellen Marlowe- Lector 2
Gerald Castlen- Greeter D-1
Mariah Castlen- Greeter D-2
Bonnie Castlen- Greeter D-3
Jasey Roberts- Greeter D-4
Colin Howard- Altar Server 1
Braedan Nichols- Altar Server 2
Tom Rhodes- Usher Captain/1
Ryan Miles- Usher 2
Roberts Smith- Usher 3
Eric Miles- Usher 4
Debbie Lanham- Rosary Leader

* Those who serve as Cup 1 at any Mass are requested to help the Captain, Bread 1 with cleaning the vessels. Thank you!

Matthew 9 Mission

Matthew 9:38 "Ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest."

Matthew 9 Mission is a response to Christ's call to pray for vocations. Participants will choose at least one day a month to pray the Rosary specifically for vocations to priesthood. More than one person may pray on a particular day and you may choose more than one day a month to pray. The goal is to have someone in all 78 parishes in the Diocese of Owensboro praying the Rosary for vocations to priesthood every day of the year. Please sign up in the vestibule on the monthly calendar.

If you have any questions regarding the Matthew 9 Mission, please contact your parish office or the vocations office: 270-683-1545 or vocations@pastoral.org.

Married Couples Retreat

Growing in love with one another; Growing in love with God. **Jan. 31– Feb. 2, 2020** with retreat directors: Bridget Brenna and Jerry Shen is being offered at Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center.

Marriage Help Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi) has helped thousands of couples who are disillusioned or even experiencing misery in their marriage. This program can help you too. For confidential information about or to register for the January program beginning with a weekend on Jan. 31, 2020, call the Family Life office at 270-683-1545, or visit the web site at www.retrouvaille.org.



Join Bishop William F. Medley for an opening Mass to kick-off National Migration Week.

Únase al Obispo William F. Medley para la Misa de apertura de la Semana Nacional de Migración.

January 4, 2020
4 de Enero
11:00 AM

St. Stephen Cathedral
610 Locust Street
Owensboro, KY

St. Pius X Daycare is hiring for
Part-Time (10am-1pm),
Full-Time (10am-5:30pm),
Substitute (times may vary)



Applications available at daycare & in the back of church (18 years or older may apply).

St Pius X Daycare has open enrollment in our 3 year old classroom and our Preschool Program. We are open Monday-Friday 6:30 AM-5:30 PM.

PARISH COUNCIL:

Chairperson:

Linda Calhoun270-925-5052

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Eddie Stallings.....270-570-4636

Leigha Mattingly...Youth Representative

Emily FergusonYoung Adult Rep.

OCS Education Council,

Amy Silvert.....270-689-1607

Safe Environment Policy Change Requires Online Acknowledgement Revisions to the diocesan Safe Environment Policy and forms went into effect February 1, 2019. All individuals imported into the CMG Connect system who still have current background check and training dates need to log into CMG Connect to document their acceptance of the policy (instead of turning in paper forms), by scrolling through OPTIONAL TRAINING CURRICULUMS to find and complete "A. Required Policy Acknowledgement Owensboro."

Safe Environment:

To report suspected abuse, call the Kentucky Child Protection Hot Line: 1-877-597-2331 (Toll Free) or contact your local Commonwealth Attorney to report abuse to the diocese, current or past, by anyone acting in the name of the Church, call Louanne Payne, Pastoral Assistance coordinator (English) at 270-852-8380, or Nuria Elizondo, Pastoral Assistance coordinator (Spanish) at 270-880-8360. You may also visit the Office of Safe Environment (owensborodiocese.org/safe) for more information.