



PREPARE



“Prepare the way
of the Lord.”

MARK 1:3

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*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 guided by the Holy Spirit and expressed in love.*

Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5:00 PM

Sunday: 8:00 AM and 11:00 AM

Monday and Friday: 8:00 AM

Tuesday and Thursday: 12:00 Noon

Wednesday: 6:00 PM

Holy Day Vigil: 6:00 PM

Holy Day: 8:00 AM and 6:00 PM

Confession: Saturdays at 12-1:00 PM

Adoration: First Friday of the month
9 AM—8 PM

Bulletin Deadline: Monday at Noon



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Worship & Prayer

Pray for the Sick: Cecilia Aud, Lois Davis, Axel Fleischmann, Larry Harralson, Dorothy Mattingly, Alex McGehee, Theresa Murphy, Dan Murray, Corky and Elaine Norcia, JR Payne, Agnes Powers, Cindy Reed, Robert Shrewsberry, Ron Tucker, Sharon Warren, Carrie Weaver, James Wimsatt.

Carmel Home: Eugene Head, Audline Johnson, Margaret Richeson, Annette Wimsatt

Owensboro Center: Cecilia Aud, Peggy Livers

Heritage: Ed Howard

Golden Living Center, Tell City, IN: Joe McKay

Pray for the Homebound: Arch Bamberger, Tamara Burns, Louise Crowe, Richard Crowe, Wilford Crowe, Betty Greenwell, Donald & Sylvia Hamilton, Sharon Merkley, Janet Rehrauer, Nathan Ramage, Margaret VanBussum, John Williams

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

Brian A. McDaniel: Marine Corp

Tony Pace: National Guard

Joshua Jones: Army National Guard Greenville, KY

Nathan Jones: Army National Guard Greenville, KY

Cory Vance: US Marines

Scott Wallace: National Guard

There will be no vigil mass for the Immaculate Conception on December 7th. Please join us on December 8th at noon or 6 pm mass.

St Pius will not have a communal penance service in Advent due to safety concerns over Covid-19. Multiple opportunities for confessions are still available:

- After each weekday mass
- December 16, 17, & 19 from 6:00-7:00 pm
- Each Saturday from 12:00 Noon—1:00 pm
- By appointment

Prayer Chain Requests:

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

“Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.”

The comment we often hear when someone is acting silly or goofy is “Oh, that is just George [or whatever the person’s name] being George.” We can wonder what Elizabeth or Zachariah said when people told them that their son John was living in the desert, wearing a camelhair shirt and leather belt [expensive belts were braided or made of fine linen] and eating locust and wild honey. Did they say, “Oh, that’s just John being John.” If so, they were right. John was being *who* and *what* God created him to be - a messenger sent by God to prepare the way of the Lord by making straight his path and calling people to repent for their sins. John had accepted his role and mission in life. He knew he was not the Messiah but that he was to prepare the way for the Messiah. He may have dressed a little strange and eaten an unusual diet, but he did what God created him to do. Are we doing what God created us to do? Are we preparing the way for the Lord, at least the way for the Lord to come into our heart?



Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Advent

8:00 am— Ann Roby †

11:00 am— Our Parish Family

Monday: St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:00 am—Lara Jane Green †

Tuesday: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

12:00 Noon Robert N Hood †

6:00 pm—The Poor Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday: St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin

6:00 pm—Janet Hayden †

Thursday: 12:00 Noon —Debby Stallings †

Friday: St. Damasus I, Pope

8:00 am—Helen Rose Payne Kanter †

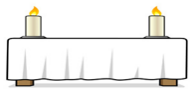
Saturday: Our Lady of Guadalupe

5:00 pm—Thomas Turner, Birthday

Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Advent

8:00 am—Charles Leo Howard †

11:00 am—Our Parish Family



Weekly Mass Count

5:00 pm 88
8:00 am 109
11:00 am 88

MUSIC MINISTRY

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Advent comes from the Latin *adventus*, meaning coming. The Catechism stresses the two-fold meaning of this coming. On one hand, the faithful reflect back and are encouraged to celebrate the anniversary of the Lords first coming into this world. We ponder again the great mystery of the incarnation when our Lord humbled Himself, taking on our humanity, and entered our time and space to free us from sin. On the other hand, we recall in the Creed that our Lord will come again to judge the living and the dead and that we must be ready to meet Him. The Advent wreath is also full of symbolism related to the season. The wreath is a circle, which has no beginning or end: So we call to mind how our lives, here and now, participate in the eternity of Gods plan of salvation and how we hope to share eternal life in the Kingdom of Heaven. The Advent wreath is made of fresh plant material, because Christ came to give us new life. Three candles are purple, symbolizing penance, preparation, and sacrifice; the pink candle symbolizes the same but highlights the third Sunday of Advent, Gaudete Sunday, when we rejoice because our preparation is now half-way finished.

Daily Mass Music:

Tuesday 12pm Noon, Immaculate Conception

Christmas Mass Survey Results

Thank you to everyone who responded to our Christmas Eve and Day Mass attendance survey. At this time, we believe we will be able to accommodate everyone who plans to attend each mass. However, **Please Note: The 4:00 pm will be heavily attended. We have a limit of 175 attendants and it is possible that with visitors and walk-ins this limit will be reached.** If you wish to attend the 4:00 pm mass, please arrive early, or attend one of the other masses we are offering.

We have a sign up for greeters and ushers for these services available by the front door of the Parish Hall. Please consider signing up for a ministry.

Liturgical Life

Minister Schedule for December 12-13

Sat, 5:00 PM

Fr. Tom Buckman	Eucharistic Minister - Bread 2
Laura Veach	Lector - Lector 1
Zack Rhodes	Greeter - Greeter D-1
Katie Rhodes	Greeter - Greeter D-2
Robert Freels	Usher - Captain/Usher 1
Patrick Hayden	Usher - Usher 2

Sun, 8:00 AM

Fr. Tom Buckman	Eucharistic Minister - Bread 2
Rosemary Smith	Lector - Lector 1
Robbie Merritt	Greeter - Greeter D-1
Kim Merritt	Greeter - Greeter D-2
Jerry Wells	Usher - Captain/Usher 1
David Goetz	Usher - Usher 2

Sun, 11:00 AM

Fr. Tom Buckman	Eucharistic Minister - Bread 2
Sara Lewis	Lector - Lector 1
Mary Evans	Greeter - Greeter D-1
Michael Lewis	Greeter - Greeter D-2
Paul A. Payne	Usher - Captain/Usher 1
Samuel Clements	Usher - Usher 2

Readings for the week of December 6, 2020

Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

Monday: Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [Is 35:4f]/Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [1]/ Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10 [1]/Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab [8]/Mt 11:11-15

Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [cf. Jn 8:12]/ Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19 [15:9d] Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Next Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 51-54 [Is 61:10b]/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

Faith Formation

Go therefore and make
disciples of all nations



ADVENT IS WAITING

We enter into our heart-space and feel that something is missing. That something is actually SOMEONE. This Person is not missing but am I missing this SOMEONE, the One Promised to save me? We light one candle per week to symbolize 4,000+ YEARS of Old Testament waiting. Can I wait and be silent for just a few MINUTES daily to listen to that Spirit of Jesus within my deep heart-space?

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS FAMILY KITS

Today: Feast of St. Nicholas- Who was he and what did he have to do with the poor? Look in your pizza box (children K-8 & family). Then, ask Alexa or Google or catholicsaints.org. Be an informed fan of ol' St. Nick! Can you find an action to follow his example this week? Oh, and thank him for the special candy treats in your box!

MYANMAR and ST. PIUS "BUILDS"

Fr. Timothy is building a new church, understanding that they were to receive certain grants for its completion. The grants have "dried up" due to Covid expenses. Rosemary Trowbridge, friend of Fr. Timothy, was at SPX last weekend to conduct a fundraiser: 3 (corrected) new Hallmark Christmas ornaments for a donation of \$10. Please let Sr. Suzanne know if you missed it and want to help.

ALPHA for ADVENT PRAYER

ALPHA prayer coordinator (270-313-2701); prayer line: joyceyeiser5200@gmail.com for any prayer intentions. Also, Joyce will add you (if you ask her) to the list of those who receive these intentions anytime, any day!

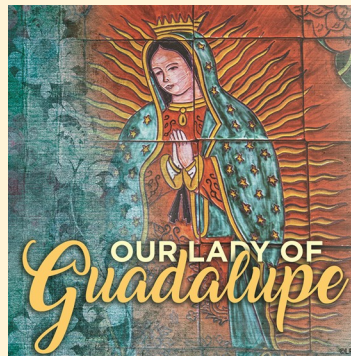
Youth Group

Middle & High School Text Updates

As things continue to stay crazy please remember to sign up for our text updates. We use the REMIND app to help inform when we meet for youth as well as cancelations. You can join by texting @spxhs11 (High School), @spxms22 (Middle School), or @spxp33 (Parents) to 81010. You can also join by sending me your name in a text to (270)-454-0404.

Due to the flux of the current pandemic and our holiday printing schedule, it's **even more important** to sign up for these remind updates so you can stay informed on the youth events going on. If you have any questions or concern, please contact me.

Matthew Knight, Youth Minister
mknight@stpiustenthparish.org



On December 9, 1531, Our Lady appeared to a simple Aztec Indian who had converted to the Catholic faith, Juan Diego. Three days later, at Juan Diego's request, Mary provided a sign so the local bishop would believe that she

actually had appeared. Roses grew out of the cold winter soil, and when Juan Diego opened his cloak to show the bishop what he had found, an image of Our Lady appeared on the fabric. These occurrences led to the conversion of most of Mexico and remain today a strong sign of Our Lady's concern and love for us.

St Juan Diego's Feast is celebrated on December 9th. The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe is celebrated on December 12.

Have you yet to experience the power of prayer at **Sunday Vespers in Advent at 5:00 pm**? Vespers is an excellent way to prepare for the birth of the Savior. Learn more at: bit.ly/2IFwBvd

RCIA Catechumans, **Htwar Meh** and **Jeff Morrison**, were welcomed with the Rite of Acceptance last Sunday. Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare for Easter Reception into the Church.

232 Families have returned their Stewardship Cards (56% of Parish). Please take the time to complete a card online at the parish website. Thank you for your generosity!

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.

St. Pius X Daycare

Director: Brook Mattingly

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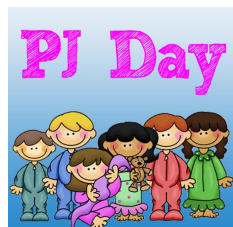
Assistant Director: Jen Howard

(jhoward@stpiustenthparish.org)

We have a wonderful week ahead of us!

- 1's & 2's Cozy Corner Curriculum: Snap, Crackle, Moo (sounds to hear & imitate)
- 2's & 3's Creative Curriculum: Building Study
- Preschool Literasci Curriculum: Light, Shadows, & Reflections (what makes a shadow, shadow puppets, letter Pp, Christmas songs, recognizing & naming basic shapes, using language of order, & shape recognition bingo)
- Student of the Week: Preschool A- Trace, Splendid, Preschool B- Everly, Spectacular!

**FRIDAY,
DECEMBER 4TH
IS:**



Our Community

Dear Lord,

During this Advent Season we pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ would be nourished by the word of God and a life of prayer.



Birthright's Christmas Layette Needs

Birthright prepares layette gift bags for new moms and babies to give throughout the year. So far in 2020 they have given 106 away. It is through generous donors that Birthright is able to continue this beautiful ministry. If you would like to help with this joyful ministry please consider donating the following items as a way to honor the Christ Child during this season of expectation.

Donations may be taken to Birthright of Owensboro at 512 W 7th St, Owensboro, KY 42301

If you have any questions please contact Terri LaHugh at 270-570-5319

Baby

Newborn outfits (0-3 mo)
Newborn Sleepers (0-3 mo)
Preemie Sleepers
Preemie Outfits
Diaper Bags
Crib Sheets
Small Books (Christian
Theme when possible)
Newborn diapers
Size 5 Diapers

Mom

Maternity Pants
Maternity Tops
Robes
Slippers
(All Sizes, including plus)

Due to the circumstances surrounding Covid-19 dates and times of events are subject to change. Please contact the parish office/the event coordinator to confirm dates if unsure.

Stewardship & Service

WEEKLY GIVING		
	Week of	2020/21
<i>(fiscal year begins in July)</i>	11/22/2020	To Date
Regular Collections	12,162.90	254,280.18
CCHD	135.00	
Budget Goal		285,600.00
Over/(Short) TOTAL	(-1,437.10)	(-31,319.82)
Renovation Goal		1,500,000.00
Pledges Received		1,353,248.34
Money Received		635,459.60
	Week of	2020/21
<i>(fiscal year begins in July)</i>	11/29/2020	To Date
Regular Collections	12,230.64	
Children's Collection	2.50	
Budget Goal		299,200.00
Over/(Short) TOTAL	(-1,366.86)	(-32,686.68)
Renovation Goal		1,500,000.00
Pledges Received		1,354,073.34
Money Received		639,197.70

For online giving:
<http://bit.ly/StpxOboro>
 or scan our QR code:



December Altar Linens & Alter Server Albs:
 Marion Bates

God's Housekeepers: December 7 –12

Becky Krampe
 Justin Krampe
 John Zoglmann Family
 Leslie Krampe
 Wayne & Susan Zoglmann



St. Vincent DePaul: Volunteers are available on Tuesday and Thursday mornings 9-11:00 AM.

Thank you for your generous support the week of the 22nd for the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development! As a parish, we raised **\$135.00** to support those on the margins who are living in

December is St Pius Tenth's SVDP group's turn to assist the Help Office. Food pantry donations can be dropped off in the bin at the back of the parish hall beside the office door. You can also find paper bags with suggested donations beside the bin as well. Thank you for your generosity!



Thank you to all parish members for your prayers, generosity and turning in your renovation 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 cannot contribute financially, we ask that you please still return your pledge card and pray.

Parish Staff

Pastor—Fr. Tom Buckman
Dir. of Faith Formation—Sr. Suzanne Sims O.S.U.
Business Manager—Jeanie Lewis
Office Associate—Sara Lewis
Facilities Manager—Nick Spinks
Building and Grounds—Ed Mattingly
Director of Music—Francis Zelinka
Youth/Young Adult Ministry—Matt Knight
Daycare Director—Brook Mattingly
Daycare Asst. Dir.—Jennifer Howard

To ensure you receive emails from the staff in the parish office, please add their emails to your email contact list. You can find the emails on the parish website under the **'More Ministries'** tab. www.stpiustenthparish.org

ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBER(S), OR EMAIL CHANGES

Please contact us at the parish office if you have any changes or incorrect information in our records. We appreciate being able to contact you to let you know about events/updates.

Renovation UPDATES



Week of November 22-28:

Construction of the base for the cross is Undergoing completion. While light installation and finishing work is taking place inside, work on the parking lot has begun! The new parking in the back of the parish hall has been paved, and prep work to redo the front parking lot has started as well.

Be sure to follow our Facebook page for more updates!

[facebook.com/SPXCathChurch](https://www.facebook.com/SPXCathChurch)

Starting Soon:

- Preparing the grid for the dropped, oak, hanging ceiling.
- Laying the floor tile design.
- Installing opaque/art glass in windows and doors.
- Start on the outside eaves (fascia and soffit)
- Finish the ceiling and eaves and soffit for the covered drive thru.
- Begin landscaping.

Prayerful



Simple



Beautiful