

St. Pius Tenth CATHOLIC CHURCH

December 23rd & 24th, 2023



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.



4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

“Therefore the child to be born will be called holy,
the Son of God.” - Lk 1:35

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Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5:00 PM

Sunday: 8:00 AM & 11:00 AM

Monday: NO MASS

Tuesday & Thursday: Noon

Wednesday: 6:00 PM

Friday: 8:00 AM

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

Confession:

Saturdays 12-1:00 PM

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

First Fridays & Saturdays :
Mass @ 8:00AM

Bulletin Deadline:

Monday at Noon

(content pending Father's approval)

Office Hours:

Mon-Thurs: 8:00am-4:00pm

Friday: 8:00am-1:00pm

Parish Staff

See Contact Info Page 7

Pastor—

Fr. Babu Kulathumkal

Associate Pastor—

Fr. John Paul Mang

Faith Formation—

Kimly Hoang

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Youth Ministry—

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Worship & Prayer

Readings for the week of
December 24, 2023



**PRAY
FOR
SOMEONE
NEW
EVERY
DAY!**

Prayer Chain Requests:

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

Pray for the Sick: Cecilia Aud, Lois Davis, Pat Harralson, Laura Hayden, Vincent Hayden, Mary Elaine Johnson, Rina Lyle, Theresa Murphy, Dan Murray, Corky and Elaine Norcia, Liz Parker, Chris Payne, Agnes Powers, Joseph A. Roby, Jr., Mary Shrewsbury, Louella Stroud, Carrie Weaver, Carrie Wieder, and Elizabeth Johnson, Joe Roby, Linda Roby, Alexis Bibb, Marvin & Mary Ann Bickwerment, Patty Adamic, Vincent Millay, Mark Bullock, Jack Hutton, Doris Johnson

Carmel Home: Audline Johnson, Annette Wimsatt, Laura Hayden

Chautauqua Health & Rehab: Cecilia Aud

Heritage: Ed Howard

Fern Terrace: Gary Horn

Pray for the Homebound: Tamara Burns, Louise Crowe, Richard Crowe, Wilford Crowe, Donald & Sylvia Hamilton, Rob Hamilton, Geraldine Keller, Joseph Roby, Mildred Smith

Pray for Our Military

Stuart Castlen: Navy, Fort Meade, Maryland

LT Patrick Clouse: Navy; Monterey, CA

Master Sgt. Jeffery Cooper: Iraq

Kaleb Hedden: Iraq

MAJ. Ben Hedges: US Army, Ft. Sill, OK

Sgt. Brandon Johnson: National Guard

Brian A. McDaniel: Marine Corp

Wesley Osborne: National Guard

Tony Pace: National Guard

Joshua Jones: Army National Guard Greenville, KY

Nathan Jones: Army National Guard Greenville, KY

Lt. Col. Joshua Murphy: Army Colorado Springs, CO

UPCOMING EVENTS:

December 24th-Christmas Eve Masses

4:00pm & 8:00pm

December 25th-Christmas Day @ 9:00am,

Burmese Mass @ 11:00am

December 26th-Parish Office Closed

December 26th-29th-Parish Office Closed

(can take phone calls in case of emergency)

January 1st- Mass @ 9:00am,

Parish Office Closed

Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38

Monday: *Vigil:* Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25 *Night:* Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14 *Dawn:* Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20
Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

Tuesday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17/Mt 10:17-22

Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Thursday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8/Mt 2:13-18

Friday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6/Lk 2:22-35

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Lk 2:36-40

Next Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40



The week of December 24-31, 2023

Sunday: 4th Sunday of Advent; Christmas Eve

8:00am—Our Parish Family

11:00am—Bill† and Martha Zoglmann†

4:00pm—Vincent† and Mildred O'Bryan†

8:00pm—Jimmy Haynes†

Monday: The Nativity of the Lord

9:00am—Judy Roby†

Burmese Mass-11:00am-Theresa

Tuesday: St. Stephen, First Martyr

12:00pm—Brian Feldpausch†

Wednesday: St. John, Apostle and Evangelist

6:00 pm—Kenny Clark†

Thursday: The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

12:00pm—Dora McCarty†

Friday: St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr

8:00am—Bob & Mary Lou Storm†

Saturday:

5:00pm—David Haynes

Next Sunday: The Holy Family; New Year's Eve

8:00am—Jeff Hedges†

11:00am—Our Parish Family

Faith Formation

Kimly Hoang, Coord. of Faith Formation
khoang@stpiustenthparish.org

December 24-No Class (Christmas)
December 31-No Class (New Years Eve)
January 7-Community Breakfast (Short Class)

Children's Liturgy of the Word will
be at 8:00am Mass.

Children from 3-6 years old are
invited.

We are looking for volunteers in
this ministry if your interested,
please contact Kimly Hoang.

Christmas - Emptiness & Rejection



These days, about 2000 years ago, Joseph and Mary were in Bethlehem, the name means Bayt Lahm ("House of Meat") in Arabic and Bet Lehem ("House of Bread") in Hebrew. In the small town of David, they couldn't find a place to stay. No one knew that the baby who was about to be born is the Messiah. Mary and Joseph perhaps were not so sure and did not understand clearly the mission and identity of the child. The weather was cold, and they were in a strange place, in a very lowly living condition. That night, the Messiah was born, the King of the universe. The Infant Child who emptied himself as the Son of God to become the poorest of the poor. He was laid in a manger, in a stable where animals were kept. That is the message of Christmas when the Son of God became a human, fragile and poor for the salvation of humanity. The message of Christmas and the mission of the Messiah are being empty and rejected. He chose being poor and rejected to save and restore what was destroyed by sin. Both Christmas and Easter show how the Messiah was poor and rejected for the salvation of all.

Matthew Knight, Youth Minister
mknight@stpiustenthparish.org

Youth Ministry

MIDDLE SCHOOL LOCK IN

JANUARY 12th and 13th
7:00pm-7:00am

Save the date!! We will be having our first ever Middle School Lock In. The night will have NERF wars, ping pong tourney, pancake buffet, and much more! THIS IS A PERFECT EVENT TO INVITE A FRIEND TO!

PARENTS: The key to making this a success is strength in numbers. Please consider joining us for the night.



Our Community



The Nativity of the Lord

Our hearts are aglow with the joy of Christmas! Our senses are alive with the season, from the rich smells of evergreen and gingerbread to the feel of crisp air on our skin and the warmth of a loved one's embrace. At some point in the holiday hustle and bustle, take a few moments of quiet. In the silence, reflect on the other senses of the season. Imagine the cool damp of an animal stable, the earthy smell of hay and feed, and the crisp night air blowing in softly. Imagine kneeling beside an exhausted, joyful mother and a relieved, protective father. Imagine an infant wrapped in cloth scraps held out to your open arms. Imagine holding the infant Jesus. As his eyes meet yours, welcome into your heart the greatest gift of Christmas.

Thank you all for the beautiful cards and gifts. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

Have a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year,
-Father Babu



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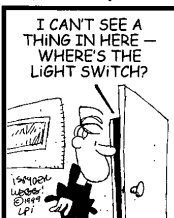
Do you enjoy community? Do you want to grow deeper in your relationship with Christ? Save the dates for an opportunity to do just that!

PLEASE CALL

Gail Wallace: (270)302-5259

Melody Clark: (270)315-0066

CHRISTMAS



Mardi Gras 2024 Bourbon & More

It's that time again! Mardi Gras will once again be online this year starting January 2, 2024 and ending February 8, 2024. Tickets are \$100 each. We have 11 great prizes!

HOW CAN YOU HELP...

Postcards with all the info about the fundraiser will be available before & after Masses starting the week-end of December 30-31. Please pick up some postcards to share with family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers. No matter where a person lives they can buy tickets!

Posters will also be available if you would like to pick up one to display at your place of business or where you work.

Participate by buying a ticket or share information on the auction or share on your Facebook page.

Pray for success!!

MUSIC MINISTRY

December 25th (Nativity of the Lord)

9:00am— Amanda & Mary Lou Storm

December 30th & 31st (The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph)

5:00pm— Roger, Alice, and Tracey

8:00am— Sarah, Girls & Guys

11:00am— Amanda, Nathan & Dane



St. Pius X Daycare

Director: Brook Mattingly

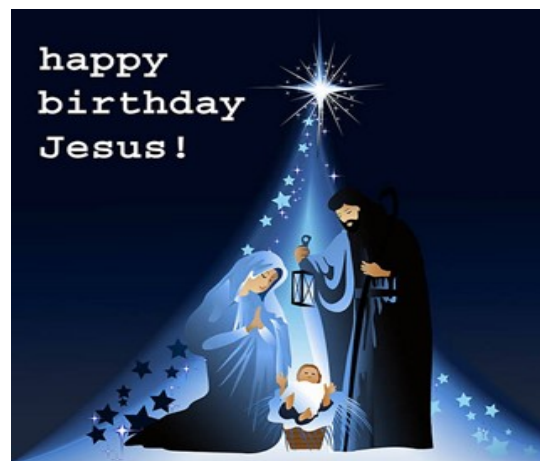
(bmattingly@stpiustenthparish.org)

Assistant Director: Jen Howard

(jhoward@stpiustenthparish.org)

WE HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK AHEAD OF US!

- ALL CLASSROOMS – New Year's Crafts & Lessons
- Student of the Week: Preschool B- Logan M., Way to Go, Preschool A- Aunna, Super!
- **Important Dates:**
 - December
 - 25th & 26th – DAYCARE CLOSED – MERRY CHRISTMAS
 - 29th – Wear a Party Hat
 - January
 - DAYCARE CLOSED 1st & 2nd (Happy New Year)



PreCana

SAVE THE DATE

In person Retreat Day

January 13, 2024

Gaspar River Retreat Center

In-person retreat day for couples completing the Unveiled Online PreCana program. At Gaspar River Retreat Center.

FREE. This is an optional retreat in addition to the online program.

Learn more: <https://owensborodiocese.org/precana/>

MERRY CHRISTMAS!



From Father Babu, Father John Paul & Staff

St. Benedict's

St. Benedict's Needs Volunteers!!

Currently, there is a team of 12 volunteers that feed 64 men on the 3rd Thursday of each month. This may be the only meal that a person eats that day. We really need more people to join this ministry as not everyone is available each month.

We have selected menus that we use and usually this means a casserole or dish of food is needed from each volunteer.

Please contact: **Linda Dixon at 270-929-6633 or Bonnie Castlen at 270-313-4136** if you are interested in volunteering.

Liturgical

Ministry Schedule for December 30th & 31st, 2023

| Sat, 5:00 PM (Church) | | Sun, 8:00 AM (Church) | | Sun, 11:00 AM (Church) | |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| Kathy Jo Clary | - Captain/Bread 1 | Carol Payne | - Captain/Bread 1 | Colleen Bachmeier | - Captain/Bread 1 |
| Fr. Babu Joseph | - Bread 2 | Fr. Babu Joseph | - Bread 2 | Fr. Babu Joseph | - Bread 2 |
| Truby Velotta | - Captain Asst./Bread 3 | John McCarty | - Captain Asst./Bread 3 | Michelle Jones | - Captain Asst./Bread 3 |
| Peggy Castlen | - Bread 4 | Wil Storm | - Bread 4 | Brenda Coombs | - Bread 4 |
| Luke Roberts | - Cup 1 | Ed Calhoun | - Cup 1 | Htay Meh | - Cup 1 |
| Melanie Wallace | - Cup 2 | Tina Zoglmann | - Cup 2 | Suzann Millay | - Cup 2 |
| Katelyn Storm | - Cup 3 | David Fleischmann | - Cup 3 | Julia Law Meh | - Cup 3 |
| Tommy Velotta | - Cup 4 | Linda Calhoun | - Cup 4 | Melody Clark | - Cup 4 |
| Jennifer Ball | Gift Bearer | Tammy Mattingly | Gift Bearer | Joe Bachmeier | Gift Bearer |
| Laura Veach | - Lector 1 | Mary Jo Westerfield | - Lector 1 | Josie Kroeger | - Lector 1 |
| Thomas Conrey | - Lector 2 | Linda Logsdon | - Lector 2 | Stephanie Lewis | - Lector 2 |
| Lisa Sisk | - Greeter D-1 | Paula Annin | - Greeter D-1 | Elliet Kroeger | - Greeter D-1 |
| Robert (Bob) Storm | - Greeter D-2 | Jeannie Foster | - Greeter D-2 | Patty Marr | - Greeter D-2 |
| NOT FILLED | - Server 1 | Eli Zoglmann | - Server 1 | Jessica Payne | - Server 1 |
| NOT FILLED | - Server 2 | Peyton Hagan | - Server 2 | Eli and Wes Kroeger | - Server 2 |
| Robert Freels | - Captain/Usher 1 | Thomas Payne | - Captain/Usher 1 | Robert (Tony) Millay | - Captain/Usher 1 |
| Thomas Blair | - Usher 2 | Jill Campbell (sub req.) | - Usher 2 | Tim Bowen | - Usher 2 |
| Jonah Damin | - Usher 3 | Gary Warren | - Usher 3 | Robert Smith | - Usher 3 |
| Tommy Hayden | - Usher 4 | Dennis Zoglmann | - Usher 4 | Paul A. Payne (sub req.) | - Usher 4 |
| Alice Freels | Rosary Leader | Catherine Barnett | Rosary Leader | Beverly Estes (sub req.) | Rosary Leader |

Upcoming Parent Workshop!

Join a Parents workshop hosted in 2024 (two choice of days to attend). As a parent and first educator of your child you have a challenge to accurately answer questions about "growing up". Learn how to joyfully accompany your child in the emotional, spiritual, and physical journey to adulthood through scripture and the sacraments. Leave with an abundance of resources available to you as parents.

Parents of any age child are welcome to attend.

January 13, 2024 – Holy Spirit Church in Bowling Green

February 24, 2024 – Blessed Mother in Owensboro.

Learn more and register by visiting

<https://owensborodiocese.org/parenting-resources/>

Weekly Mass Count:

December 7th December 8th

6PM—121 **8AM—134**

December 9th & 10th

5PM—146

11AM—167

Total—313

Mass Count for December 16th & 17th dates will be published in the next bulletin issue due to an early submit date.



SPIRITUAL LIFE COMMITTEE

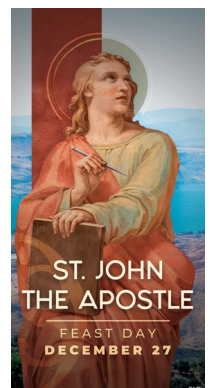
Saint John the Apostle | December 27

Saint John was one of the Twelve, part of Jesus' inner circle, among the few that witnessed the Transfiguration, the raising of Jarius' Daughter, and the Agony in the garden at Gethsemane. He and his brother James were the sons of Zebedee and Salome. When Jesus called them, they left their father mending nets and followed him. Jesus called the brothers "Boanerges," meaning "sons of thunder" — they were passionate in their faith and Jesus had to rebuke them for their fiery zeal on more than one occasion. John, the younger brother, possibly the youngest disciple, was the only one present at Jesus' death.

Saint John the Apostle is traditionally thought to be the author of the fourth Gospel, the three Epistles of John, and the Book of Revelation. However, there has been some debate among scholars from antiquity to the present. Tradition also gives him the title Beloved Disciple and John's Gospel sees him seated next to Jesus at the last supper and the one to whom Jesus gives the care of Mary at the crucifixion. Although Church tradition says that John survived the other disciples, living a long life, much of it is steeped in myth and legend. Some say he retired to Ephesus after the crucifixion with Mary and remained there until he died. But in other traditions he is more active. For a time he remained in Jerusalem with the other disciples, then founded churches in Asia Minor. In a legend of his persecution, during the reign of the Emperor Domitian, John is taken to Rome and thrown into a cauldron of boiling oil but preserved from death. He is then exiled to the island of Patmos where the Book of Revelation was written.

Most accounts agree that after his exile and the Assumption of Mary he returned to Ephesus where he died sometime after 98, during the reign of the emperor Trajan.

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Sacramental Preparation

Baptism

For the Sacrament of Baptism for their child parents must attend a preparation class. Please contact Kimly Hoang at 270-684-4745 or khoang@stpiustenthparish.org

Matrimony

One or both persons of the engaged couple must be active and registered parishioners at St. Pius X. If not, you may still contact Father Babu at 270-684-4745 or frbabu@stpiustenthparish.org.

First Reconciliation/Holy Communion, and Confirmation

Registered parishioners are encouraged to register for preparation for the sacraments.

For more information for children age 3-8th grade and First Communion, please contact Kimly Hoang, Faith Formation Coordinator at 270-684-4745 or khoang@stpiustenthparish.org.

For Confirmation please contact Matt Knight, Youth Minister at 270-684-4745 or mknight@stpiustenthparish.org

Order Of Christian Initiation Of Adults

If you are considering becoming a Catholic we offer an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter season. There are separate sessions for children or youth. Please contact the church office at 270-684-4745 or khoang@stpiustenthparish.org

Stewardship & Service

| General Collections | | |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| <i>Fiscal year begins in July*</i> | Week of : 12/10 | 2023 |
| | | Year To Date |
| General Collection | 13,386.97 | 347,238.33 |
| Budget Goal | 14,615.00 | 350,760.00 |
| Over/(Short) TOTAL | (1,228.03) | (3,521.67) |

| Capital Campaign | | |
|---------------------------|-------------------|--------------|
| | Week of: 12/10 | Total |
| Total Cost of Reno | | 1,628,687.00 |
| Pledges Received | | 1,567,916.96 |
| Collected | 2,313.55 | 1,347,689.53 |

**Immaculate Conception
Collection: \$597.00**



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or scan our
QR code



Counseling

Are there things in life that are stressing you out? You are not alone. Please call Catholic Charities at 270-683-1545 and mention CAP. We will direct you to a licensed counselor. You may also visit owensborodiocese.org/counseling.

January Altar Linens:

TBD



God's

Housekeepers:

Dec. 25-30

Team 4

Ed & Linda Calhoun

Charlotte Hedges

James & Cheryl Gerteisen

Melanie & Colton Wallace

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Cathy Hagan: 270-315-8893

Finance Committee Chairperson

Debbie Daugherty: 270-695-7199

Safe Environment: The safety of our children is the responsibility of every Christian. Anyone aware of the abuse of a person under the age of eighteen is required by law to report this to the proper state authorities (270) 685-8442; local law enforcement (270) 687-8888; or the Kentucky Child Abuse Hotline (toll-free: 1-877-597- 2331). To report abuse to the diocese, current or past, by anyone acting in the name of the Church (paid or volunteer), call Scott Ingram, Pastoral Assistance Coordinator (English) on the confidential phone line: 270-852-8380, or Susan Montalvo-Gesser/Miguel Quintanilla, Pastoral Assistance Coordinators (Spanish): 270-880-8360. The Diocese of Owensboro's sexual abuse policy is available at this parish in the parish office, and also on the diocesan website (<https://owensborodiocese.org/safe>).