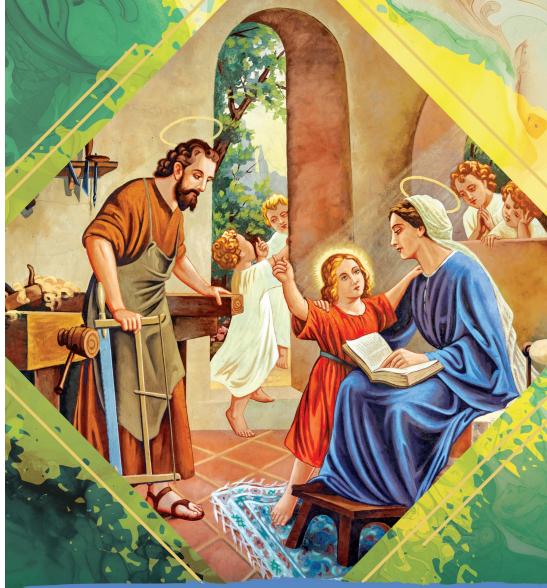


The Church community of St. Pius Tenth hears the call to a deep, personal relationship with God in Jesus Christ. We commit ourselves to living and sharing our Catholic faith guided by the Holy Spirit and expressed in love.



### THE HOLY FAMILY

The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him. - Lk 2:40

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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:** Saturdavs 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



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Youth Ministry— Matt Knight Daycare Director— Brook Mattingly Daycare Asst. Director— Jennifer Howard

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# Worship Prayer



### 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 Shrewsberry, 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

<u>Carmel Home:</u> Audline Johnson, Annette Wimsatt, Laura Hayden <u>Chautauqua Health & Rehab</u>: Cecilia Aud <u>Heritage</u>: Ed Howard <u>Fern Terrace:</u> Gary Horn

<u>Pray for the Homebound:</u> 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:**

<u>January 1st-</u> Mass @ 9:00am, Parish Office Closed (New Year's Day) <u>January 2nd-</u>Finance Committee Meeting @ 6:00pm <u>January 4th-</u>Parish Council Meeting @6:00pm <u>January 8th-February 9th</u>-Father Babu is on home vacation

### Readings for the week of December 31, 2023

**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

**Monday:** Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (2a)/Gal 4:4-7/ Lk 2:16-21

**Tuesday:** 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 1:19-28 **Wednesday:** 1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/Jn 1:29 -34

Thursday: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Jn 1:35-42 Friday: 1 Jn 3:11-21/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Jn 1:43-51 Saturday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38 or 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38 Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11)/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

### +Mass INTENTIONS

### The week of December 31-January 7, 2023

**Sunday**: The Holy Family; New Year's Eve 8:00am-Jeff Hedges<sup>+</sup> 11:00am-Our Parish Family

Monday: Mary, The Holy Mother of God, New Year's Day, World Day of Peace 9:00am—Harry Baumgarten<sup>+</sup>

**Tuesday**: Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church 12:00pm—Margaret Mary Ratliff<sup>†</sup>

Wednesday: The Most Holy Name of Jesus 6:00 pm—Larry Harralson† & Alex McGehee†

**Thursday**: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious 12:00pm—Gerald Haynes<sup>†</sup>

Friday: St. John Neumann, Bishop 8:00am—Jonathan Payne†

**Saturday:** St. André Bessette, Religious 8:00am—Danny Murphy<sup>+</sup> 5:00pm—Mary Edgell<sup>+</sup>

Next Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord 8:00am-Charles Wathen<sup>+</sup> 11:00am-Our Parish Family

# **Faith Formation**

**Youth Ministry** 

### Mary, the Mother of God

The New Year starts with the Feast of Mary, the Mother of God and ends the year with Sunday, the Feast of the Holy Family. Mary and Joseph are the closest and most important people to Jesus when He was on earth. Mary and Joseph were chosen to be the parents of Jesus, the Messiah. In the role of Mary, the Mother of Jesus, who gave birth to Jesus, she received numerous gifts from God for the sake of her Son. All the gifts she received prepared her for being the mother of Jesus: Mother of God, Assumption into Heaven, Ever Virgin, and Immaculate Conception. God kept her away from all sins since Jesus must be born from the perfect womb. The gifts she received were not for her sake but for the Savior and the salvific mission of humanity. She was chosen among all women since God knew she would always "fiat" to Him. Although the Church's teachings and Bible never mentioned Joseph's personal life, he was a "righteous man."(Mt 1:19) This is something very special about Joseph since the Bible doesn't seem to mention anyone else with that title.

January 3rd-RCIA will resume January 7—Community Breakfast and Faith Formation will resume



Matthew Knight, Youth Minister mknight@stpiustenthparish.org



**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**

Thank you on behalf of the Flower Committee to all who have generously given to help make the parish festive and beautiful all year long!

### Koinonia #21 FEB. 16TH - 18TH

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!

<u>PLEASE CALL</u> Gail Wallace: (270)302-5259 Melody Clark: (270)315-0066

### St. Pius X Catholic Church Director of Music Ministry

St. Pius X Catholic Church in Owensboro, KY is seeking a *Full-Time Director of Music Ministry*.

Requirements include a Bachelor's Degree in music or equivalent experience, excellent people skills and proficient computer knowledge. Candidate must be a practicing Catholic in good standing with the Roman Catholic Church. Outstanding written and oral communication skills. The position collaborates with the Pastor, Parish Staff and Worship Committee. Must understand the Roman Catholic Church regarding liturgical theology, praxis and liturgical music and the ability to successfully complete a criminal history and background check.

St. Pius Tenth Catholic Church is an equal opportunity employer with a range of benefits. All interested applicants may email a cover letter and resume to: Fr. Babu K. Joseph, Pastor -<u>frbabu@stpiustenthparish.org</u>



### 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 weekend of December 30-31. Please pick up some postcards to share with family, friends, neighbors, and coworkers. 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!!

### Condolences to the family of

### Doris Johnson

Please keep her family in your thoughts and prayers.

### **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.

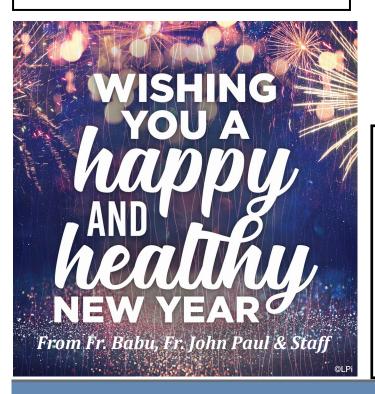
January 13, 2024 – Holy Spirit Church in Bowling Green February 24, 2024 – Blessed Mother in Owensboro. Learn more and register by visiting https://owensborodiocese.org/parenting-resources/



In-person retreat day for couples completing the Unveiled Online PreCana program. At Gasper River Retreat Center. FREE. This is an optional retreat in addition to the

online program.

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



## St. Pius X Daycare

### **Director: Brook Mattingly** (bmattingly@stpiustenthparish.org)

**Assistant Director: Jen Howard** (ihoward@stpiustenthparish.org)

### WE HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK AHEAD OF US!

Regular Curriculum- 1's Cozy Corner Curriculum: Munch a Bunch (talk about food – healthy & unhealthy), 2's Creative Curriculum: Trees Study, Pre. A & B LiteraSci Curriculum: Properties of Matter (shape drawing, 100th day of school activities, Where Do Puddles Go)

Student of the Week: Preschool B- Jensen, Terrific, Preschool A- Adalee, Splendid!

**Important Dates:** January

- DAYCARE CLOSED 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> - $\Diamond$ **HAPPY NEW YEAR**
- 4<sup>th</sup> Elderly Dress up Day 5<sup>th</sup> Mismatch Day





#### 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

Sat, 5:00 PM (Church)		Sun,
Truby Velotta	<ul> <li>Captain/Bread 1</li> </ul>	
Fr. Babu Joseph	- Bread 2	
Katelyn Storm -	Captain Asst./Bread 3	
Spencer Roberts	- Bread 4	
Peggy Castlen	- Cup 1	
Ava Roberts	- Cup 2	
Luke Roberts	- Cup 3	
Christa Roberts	- Cup 4	
Carolyn Abel	Gift Bearer	
Thomas Conrey	- Lector 1	
Steve Hollman	- Lector 2	
Zachary Masterson	- Greeter D-1	
Janice Masterson	- Greeter D-2	
Kyle and Kami Fulkersor	n - Server 1	
Erica Masterson	- Server 2	
Roger (Chip) Thompson	- Captain/Usher 1	
Thomas Blair	- Usher 2	
Jeff Fulkerson	- Usher 3	
Tommy Velotta	- Usher 4	
Leon Aud	Rosary Leader	

, 8:00 AM (Church) Mary Jo Westerfield Fr. Babu Joseph Heather Haynes Pray Reh Carol Payne David Fleischmann Charlotte Hedges Tina Zoglmann John Mattingly Donna Howard Eli Zoglmann Rebecca Krampe Audrey Hagan Keaton Mattingly Peyton Hagan Thomas Payne
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# Sun, 11:00 AM (Church) sterfield - Captain/Bread 1 Htay Meh - Captai eph - Bread 2 Fr. Babu Joseph rnes - Captain Asst./Bread 3 Rebecca Jones - Captain Asst - Bread 4 Suzann Millay - Cup 1 Catherine Marlowe hmann - Cup 2 Shelly Maffia - Cup 4 edges - Cup 4 Marion Bates - Cup 4 gly Gift Bearer Bosco Reh Nay O

- Lector 1 - Lector 2 - Greeter D-1 - Greeter D-2 - Server 1 - Server 2 - Captain/Usher 1 - Usher 2 - Usher 3 - Usher 4 Rosary Leader

n, 11:00 AM (Church)	
Htay Meh	- Captain/Bread 1
Fr. Babu Joseph	- Bread 2
Rebecca Jones	- Captain Asst./Bread 3
Suzann Millay	- Bread 4
Catherine Marlowe	- Cup 1
Shelly Maffia	- Cup 2
Amanda Kauffeld	- Cup 3
Marion Bates	- Cup 4
Bosco Reh Nay	Gift Bearer
Bryan Krampe	- Lector 1
Gary Estes	- Lector 2
Olyvia and Leo Frazier	- Greeter D-1
Lorhn Frazier	- Greeter D-2
Jacksen Isbill	- Server 1
Samuel Krampe	- Server 2
Robert (Tony) Millay	- Captain/Usher 1
Zackary Kauffeld	- Usher 2
Brion Marlowe	- Usher 3
Ellen Marlowe	- Usher 4
Beverly Estes	Rosary Leader

### MUSIC MINISTRY

### January 1st (Solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God)

9:00am - Amanda & Mary Lou Storm

### January 6th & 7th (The Epiphany of the Lord)

5:00pm—Alice Freels, and Tracey Feldpausch 8:00am—Ellen Dugan-Barrette & Craig Barrette 11:00am-Nathan, Rebekah & Dane

### Sacramental Preparation

#### <u>Baptism</u>

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 

 Weekly Mass Count:

 December 16th-17th

 5PM—150
 8AM—207

 11AM—162
 Mass Count for December 23rd & 24th dates will be published in the next bulletin issue due to an early submit date.



### SPIRITUAL LIFE COMMITTEE

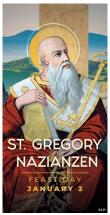
#### St. Gregory Nazianzen | January 2

The story of St. Gregory of Nazianzen (325 – 390) is a great example of how ordinary people can do extraordinary things! Baptized at the age of 30, St. Gregory eagerly accepted his friend St. Basil the Great's request to join him in a newly founded monastery. But soon after, St. Gregory's father, a bishop at the time, needed help in his diocese. According to the story, St. Gregory was ordained a priest almost forcefully, and only reluctantly accepted the responsibility asked of him.

He managed to avoid a split that threatened when his father made compromises with believers of the Arian heresy. At 41, St. Gregory was chosen Suffragan Bishop of Caesarea, and soon after came into conflict with the Emperor Valens, who supported the Arians. In addition, his friendship with Basil, his archbishop, became strained.

After with the death of Valens, St. Gregory was called to rebuild the faith in Constantinople, which had been under Arian teachers for more than three decades. He dreaded being drawn into a vortex of corruption and brutality, but he managed to stay at a friend's home, which soon became the only orthodox church in the city. In such surroundings, he began giving the great sermons on the Trinity for which he is famous today. In time, Gregory did rebuild the faith in the city, but at the cost of great suffering, slander, insults, and even personal violence.

St. Gregory Nazianzen shares his feast day with St. Basil the Great. ©LPi



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# Stewardship Service

General Collections			
Fiscal year begins in July*	Week of : 12/17	2023	
		Year To Date	
General Collection	14,077.85	361,316.18	
Budget Goal	14,615.00	365,375.00	
Over/ <mark>(Short)</mark> TOTAL	(537.15)	(4,058.82)	

Capital Campaign				
	Week of: 12/17	Total		
Total Cost of Reno		1,628,687.00		
Pledges Received		1,567,916.96		
Collected	3,395.10	1,351,084.63		

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD



# Want to learn more about ONLINE GIVING?

visit http://bit.ly/StpxOboro





### 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: Donna Feldpausch





God's Housekeepers: January 1-6 <u>Team 6</u> Carolyn & Gene Abel Steve & Sharon Clark Cindy Mattingly Sara Clark Julie Castlen Lisa Mattingly

### Staff Contact Information Parish Office (270) 684-4745

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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).