



St. Pius Tenth Catholic Church

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BEHOLD



“This is the one about whom it is written: Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way before you.”

MATTHEW 11:10

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Third Sunday in Advent

December 15, 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
Youth/Young Adult Ministry—Matt Knight
Daycare Director—Brook Mattingly
Daycare Asst. Dir.—Jennifer Howard

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: Leading the Way

There are many examples of false prophets in history. In today's modern world filled with so much technology and sophisticated communication platforms, one must be careful not to buy into a lie or scam so easily.

John the Baptist didn't have any modern technology in his toolbox as he was preparing the way for the Messiah, Jesus. He moved people with a profound message and by the way he lived his life. People questioned whether he was the One who was to come, but he assured them that he was not. Instead, what he did was to prepare people for Jesus' coming.

You and I can either lead people to Jesus by our words and actions, or we can lead them away. Our stewardship can be a powerful witness to how Jesus has changed our lives. If we are not changed and instead, act in ways that are contrary to a mature disciple, we can lead people down the wrong path. During the Advent season, there is much to be done to get ready for the celebration of Christmas. However, this is not about a day; it is about Jesus. May our actions and words bear witness to the transformative power of Jesus Christ in our lives, not just during this season, but all year long.

Readings for the week of December 15, 2019

Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10/ Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 [Is 35:4]/ Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [4]/Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 [cf. 7]/ Mt 1:1-17

Wednesday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 [cf. 7]/ Mt 1:18-25

Thursday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17 [cf. 8]/Lk 1:5-25

Friday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 7c and 10b]/Lk 1:26-38

Saturday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 [1a; 3a]/Lk 1:39-45

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

St. Vincent DePaul:

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



Weekly Mass Count

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| Saturday | 5 PM | 144 |
| Sunday | 8 AM | 243 |
| Sunday | 11 AM | 175 |

Question of the Week (Year A) Actions Worthy of Praise

Reading I: Isaiah 35:1-6, 10 (Israel's deliverance)

Reading II: James 5:7-10 (patience)

Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11 (Christ's witness to John)

Key Passage: Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, among those born of women to one has arisen greater than John the Baptist, yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he." (Matthew 11:11)

Adult: How do you prepare yourself to meet Christ in those around you?

Youth: What good thing have you done so far during Advent to be like Jesus?

Pray for the Sick: David Adkins, Charlie Aud, Cecilia Aud, Barbara and Dan Durbin, Axel Fleischmann, Larry Harralson, Hannah and Roy Johnson, Doris Johnson, Clifton Love, Jeanetta Mayfield, Mary Ann McLeod, Corky and Elaine Norcia, Joyce Payne, J.R. Payne, Patty Payne, Georgene Poole, Julie S., Robert Shrewsberry, Ron Tucker, Laura Veach, Phyllis Whitaker

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

The Pray list for the sick will start over anew on December 15th. Please call the office to add names. Thank you for your prayers.

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

Michelle Jones: nanarunner15@gmail.com 270-925-1021

ST. PIUS X PARISH NEWS

Masses for the week of December 16-22, 2019

8 am—Mon.—Patsy Greenwell †

8 am—Tues.—Daniel Fuzz Blair †

6 pm—Wed.—Jeff Hedges †

8 am—Thurs.—Bill Rhodes †

8 am—Fri.—Loretta Mayfield †

5 pm—Sat.—Bill Rhodes †

8 am—Sun.—Tom Fogle †

11am—Sun.—Parish Family

* All the Weekend Masses are scheduled for 2019.

Calendar for the week of December 15, 2019

Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Advent **FIF 9:30 AM**

Youth Christmas Party 4-6 PM **Vespers 5:00 PM**

Monday: Advent

Tuesday: Advent Choir Practice 6:00 PM

Wednesday: Advent **Last School Day** **NO MS Youth**

Thursday: Advent **St. Pius X Penance Service 6 PM**

NO RCIA

Friday: Advent

Saturday: St. Peter Canisius, Priest & Doctor of the Church **Fr. John Paul**

Next Sunday: 4th Sunday of Advent **Fr. John Paul**

NO FIF **NO HS Youth** **Vespers 5 PM**

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

This Sunday is the **3rd Sunday of Advent**. Vespers will be said each Sunday 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.

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.



2019 contributions: Thank you to all our generous parishioners who have contributed to the various ministries 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

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! The first **registration will take place after the weekend Masses of December 14th and 15th** at St. Pius X. Free childcare will be offered. For more information, contact Gary Estes at 270-314-4419.

St. Pius X Penance Service will be Thursday, December 19th at 6 PM. Let us prepare our hearts as well as our homes to welcome Christ this season.



Christmas Mass Schedule:

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

Christmas Day 10:00 AM with Spirit of Serenity
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.

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.



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
mknight@stpiustenthparish.org

Parents and Parishioners

WEATHER CANCELATIONS – As the weather changes I would like to remind all youth and their parents that my primary source for getting out information about cancelations is through the remind app. You can join by texting **@spxhs11** to **81010** for High School, **@spxms22** to **81010** for Middle School, and **@spxp33** to **81010** for Youth Group Parents. Know that whatever we choose to do based on the weather, always has YOUR best safety in mind. We will almost always error on the side of caution due to having student drivers.

High School & Middle School Youth

SUNDAY NIGHT, December 15th – YOUTH GROUP CHRISTMAS PARTY 4:00-6:00pm

Join us for our annual Christmas Party. Everyone will need a \$5 wrapped gag gift for Dirty Santa and their ugliest Christmas sweat. Please bring some sort of XMAS dessert or a finger food to go along with the pizza. We will also be bringing back caroling so dress warm! Any Adults willing to help PLEASE CONTACT MATT VIA TEXT AT (270)454-0404. Strength in numbers will make this event run smoothly.

High School and 8th Grade

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEARS CAMP @ Gasper, December 29th – January 1st

Every December 29th to January 1st, current 8th graders and high schoolers are invited to attend Christmas/New Year's Camp @ Gasper – COST IS \$125/person. It's a great way for 8th graders to meet kids they'll be going to Camp Life with next summer, and for High School Campers to reconnect with old friends. This camp is much more laid back than summer camp; campers still do all the activities, celebrate the Sacraments, and have Mass and Adoration, but with a more relaxed atmosphere. This is a great way to end one year, and begin the next! BUT HURRY ITS FILLING UP

Families in Faith



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



NEW YEAR OF GRACE

PURPLE: Advent liturgical color with a dash of **PINK** to allow us a peek into the Christmas JOY, JESUS that we desire. Come, Lord Jesus, Come quickly now!

RECONCILIATION CELEBRATION

"Children live what they learn." This line from *Desiderata* reminds us that if a child lives with adults who receive RECONCILIATION often, that child is more likely to do the same as an adult.

DEC. 15 - REGULAR CLASS SESSION TODAY

Today is our final 2019 FIF class session. This last week of Advent gives us the JOY of the ancient Biblical texts, the "**O Antiphons.**" These praises are based on beautiful names for God who sent Jesus, the promised One. Check them out in the Gospel Acclamations of each day beginning Dec. 17: www.usccb.org/readings

THERE'S AN 'APP' FOR THAT!

Like to listen to someone read the Mass Scriptures? The usccb.org web site offers the audio with the click of a button. Give it a try while you cook, clean, exercise, etc.
 Options: FREE Apps- *Laudate* or *iBreviary*. Sometimes during Adoration, I use one of these to do Lectio or to pray the Divine Office.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Year A)

"LORD, COME AND SAVE US." ~ISAIAH 35:4
Challenge: During Advent, find your Baptism date—Celebrate it! It is "the most important day of your life." (Bishop Henry J. Soenneker to newly ordained priests in 1975.)

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



Music Ministry

fzelinka@stpiustenthparish.org

This Sunday is known in the Church as Gaudete Sunday. "Gaudete" means rejoice in Latin. Advent is the season of preparing for the arrival of the Lord Jesus (both his first coming and his second coming), and by the third Sunday of Advent, we are most of the way through the season.

Thus it is appropriate to rejoice as we see the goal of the season approaching: "The Lord is near." We hear in the reading from Isaiah that the desert will rejoice and sing and bloom with abundant flowers. This is of course a metaphor for the desert of our hearts, we are called to rejoice because Christ is near.

Daily Mass Music: Thursday December 19th @ 8 AM

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

Children's Choir Practice: Sunday December 22nd, 6-7 pm

St. Pius X Daycare

Director: Brook Mattingly

[\(bmattingly@stpiustenthparish.org\)](mailto:bmattingly@stpiustenthparish.org)

Assistant Director: Jen Howard

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St. Pius X Daycare has a wonderful week ahead of us! Two's, Three's, & Preschool Curriculum- Christmas Themes (letter to Santa, scissor skills practice, candy cane thumb print, Christmas cookies & stories with Mrs. Claus – shhh...). DCPL will visit Preschool on Mon., Dec. 16th 10:50-11:10. Student of the Week: Three's- Jack H., Splendid, Preschool- Harper B., Terrific!

Fri., Dec. 20th – Christmas Sock Day



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> | 12/8/2019 | To Date |
| Regular Collections | 13,010.65 | 305,640.56 |
| Budgeted | 13,900.00 | 319,700.00 |
| Over/(Short) TOTAL | (889.35) | (14,059.44) |
| Religious Retirement | 226.00 | |
| Immaculate Concep | 491.00 | |
| Renovation Goal | 1,500,000.00 | |
| Pledges Received | 1,209,447.25 | |
| Money Received | 370,899.31 | |



Bus Drivers: December 22nd

Tom Payne and Steve Boarman

Musicians' Schedule: December 21st & 22nd

5 PM Roger and Sarah
8 AM Sarah Mc. and Francis
11 AM Casey and Francis



For online giving or from your electronic device:

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

or **QR code**



Sat. December 21st @5 PM

Donna Lyles- Captain/Bread 1
Josie Kroeger- Bread 2
Fr. Tom Buckman- Bread 3
Libby Johnson- Bread 4
Truby Velotta- Cup 1
Deacon Nick Nichols- Cup 2
Tommy Velotta- Cup 3
Brenda Coombs- Cup 4
Shirley Millay Family- Gift Bearer
Katie Rhodes- Lector 1
Laura Naviaux- Lector 2
Sally Brooks- Greeter D-1
Lisa Sisk- Greeter D-2
Amanda Storm- Greeter D-3
Sarah and Leo Frazier- Greeter D-4
Savannah Lyles- Altar Server 1
Eli Kroeger- Altar Server 2
Robert Freels- Usher Captain/1
Tommy Johnson- Usher 2
Donald Powers- Usher 3
Tommy Hayden- Usher 4
Alice Freels- Rosary Leader

Sun. December 22nd @8 AM

Charlotte Hedges- Captain/Bread 1
Fr. John Paul Mang- Bread 2
Fr. Tom Buckman- Bread 3
Wil Storm- Bread 4
Nichole Johnson- Cup 1
Gail Wallace- Cup 2
Pat Storm- Cup 3
Maddie Baldwin- Cup 4
Ben Johnson Family- Gift Bearer
Jay Moe- Lector 1
Russell Payne- Lector 2
Bill Mattingly- Greeter D-1
Sheila Mattingly- Greeter D-2
Poe Meh- Greeter D-3
Carol Payne- Greeter D-4
Hta Reh- Altar Server 1
Than Poh Pheh- Altar Server 2
Thomas Payne- Usher Captain/1
Stephen Boarman- Usher 2
David Goetz- Usher 3
Bryan Jones- Usher 4
Lisa Haynes- Rosary Leader

Sun. December 22nd @11 AM

Colleen Bachmeier- Captain/Bread 1
Vincent Millay- Bread 2
Fr. Tom Buckman- Bread 3
Michelle Jones- Bread 4
Joe Bachmeier- Cup 1
Shelly Maffia- Cup 2
John Davis- Cup 3
Nathan Jones- Cup 4
Roger Kirk Family - Gift Bearer
Bree Simone- Lector 1
Joshua Campbell- Lector 2
Adalyn Gentry- Greeter D-1
Tyler Simone- Greeter D-2
Josh Maffia- Greeter D-3
Mary Evans- Greeter D-4
Lilly Payne- Altar Server 1
Callee Payne- Altar Server 2
Paul A. Payne- Usher Captain/1
Jeff Jones- Usher 2
Joseph Hicks- Usher 3
Thomas Whitford- Usher 4
Vincent Millay- 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."

The Office of Vocations and St. Pius X invite you to be a part of the Matthew 9 Mission. **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.

2019 Advent Theology on Tap Series

Ages 18-39 welcome. Location: Fetta Specialty Pizza, 118 St. Ann Street, Owensboro. Speaker lineup:

Monday night, Dec. 16: 6 PM: Kristin Dorth, "JOY: Why You Need It & Why You Don't Have It"

Questions: charlie.hardesty@pastoral.org, rob-in.tomes@pastoral.org. Follow us at Facebook.com/OwensboroYoungAdult. [Flyer available here.](#)

Advent Communal Penance Services East Deanery

Sun., Dec. 15th @ 2:00 PM Blessed Mother
Mon., Dec. 16th @ 6:00 PM St. Mary
Tues., Dec. 17th @ 6:00 PM St. William
Thurs., Dec. 19th @ 6 :00PM St. Pius X

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.

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:

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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 AcknowledgementOwensboro."

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.