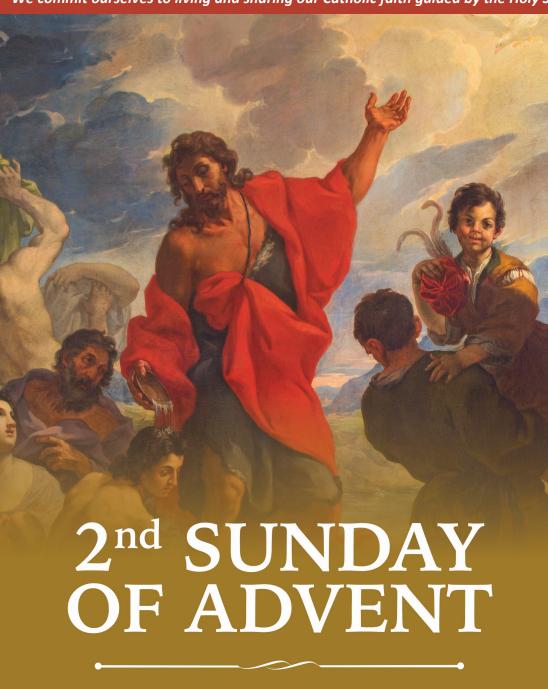
St. Pins Tenth CATHOLIC CHURCH



December 9th & 10th, 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.



John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. - Mk 1:4

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

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

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Fr. Babu Kulathumkal

Associate Pastor—

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Prayer Chain Requests:

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

<u>Pray for the Sick</u>: 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, Doris Johnson

<u>Carmel Home:</u> Audline Johnson, Annette Wimsatt, Laura Hayden

Chautauqua Health & Rehab: 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>During Advent-Every Day Mass @ 8:00am, Every</u> Friday Holy Hour & Confession after 8:00am Mass <u>December 14th-Finance Christmas Meeting @</u> 6:00pm

<u>December 17th-Penance Service @ 2:00pm</u> <u>December 24th-Christmas Eve Mass @ 4:00pm & 8:00pm</u>

<u>December 25th-</u>Christmas Day @ 9:00am, Burmese Mass @ 11:00am

Readings for the week of December 10, 2023

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/Lk

5:17-26

Tuesday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt

13:18bcde, 19/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/Mt

11:28-30

Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab/

Mt 11:11-15

Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mt 11:16-19 **Saturday:** Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-

19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Next Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-

54 (Is 61:10b)/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28



The week of December 10-17, 2023

Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Advent 8:00am—Joe Rhinerson† 11:00am—Our Parish Family

Monday: St. Damasus I, Pope 8:00am—Emily Storm

Tuesday: Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:00am—Nolan Clark 12:00pm—Charles Brown†

Wednesday: St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

8:00am—Teresa Mu 6:00 pm—Alex McGehee†

Thursday: St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church

8:00am—Chris Haycraft 12:00pm—Raymond Aud†

Friday:

8:00am—Doris Ann Millay†

Saturday:

8:00am—Gary Noel† 5:00pm—Christy Fulkerson

Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Advent

8:00am—Danny Murphy†
11:00am—Our Parish Family

Faith Formation

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

December 17-Class

December 24-No Class (Christmas)

December 31-No Class (New Years)

John - The Forerunner of Christ

In the Catholic tradition, besides Mary & Jesus, John is the only one who the Church celebrates his birthday on the liturgical calendar. Normally, the Church celebrates the day the saint died. During Advent Season, John the Baptist is mentioned in the Gospel as the one who preaches about getting ready for the Lord, "Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of

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.

who preaches about getting ready for the Lord, "Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way. A voice of one crying out in the desert: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." (Mk 1: 2-3) Mark quotes Isaiah to mention John as someone who is called by God to be a messenger for the coming of Christ. John stayed in the desert, prayed and fasted. He preached in the desert, a desolate place where no one was around, so his voice echoed back to himself in silence. The message of repentance and forgiveness of sin bounced back to his very heart. Thus, he found his true vocation as the one who was called to prepare God's people for the Messiah, and realized clearly who the Messiah is. The people came to him asking for baptism and claimed him as the Messiah, but he insisted he was not the One, "One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." (Mk 1: 7-8) Like John, we pray that we have enough grace to listen to the message of repentance and realize who we are and who God is so that we may be able to straighten our paths for the coming of the Messiah, the One to come.

Advent Colors - Violet & Rose

The Church uses the same colors of Advent and Lenten seasons to remind us of the meaning of greater celebrations that are coming. Purple or Violet are colors of pain, suffering, and penitence. These may symbolize the meaning of the Lenten Season when we prepare to commemorate the passion of Jesus and celebrate his Resurrection.

Matthew Knight, Youth Minister mknight@stpiustenthparish.org

UPCOMING EVENTS

I can not believe the holiday season is here! We have a couple of things before Christmas break that are coming up.

SUNDAY NIGHT, DECEMBER 13TH—YOUTH MINISTRY CHRISTMAS PARTY 5:00-6:30PM

SUNDAY NIGHT, DECEMBER 17TH—SERVICE OPPORTUNITY, CLEANING THE CHURCH 5:00-6:30PM

Youth Ministry

CHRISTMAS PARTY

WEDNESDAY NIGHT, DECEMBER 13th – MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH 5:00-6:30PM

Join us for our annual Christmas Party. Everyone will need a \$5 wrapped gag gift for Dirty Santa and their ugliest Christmas sweater. If you can please bring some sort of Christmas dessert or a finger food to go along with the pizza. Any Adults willing to help PLEASE CONTACT MATT VIA TEXT AT (270)454-0404. Strength in numbers will make this event run smoothly. This is arguably the most fun event we have each year, you won't want to miss it!!

CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT CONTEST

This year we have bought a new tree for the Youth Room. We will be having a contest to see who can come up with the most unique an decorated Christmas ornament for our tree. Judging will be held at the Christmas party and winner will get a \$50 gift card. Can't wait to see what everyone comes up with!

Our Community



The St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Pius X would like to thank everyone in the parish who made food and monetary donations for our annual

Thanksgiving baskets.

We provided twenty families with food for their Thanksgiving meal.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated.



Children's Christmas Music Opportunity

Any children 3-15 years who are interested in helping with the music for Christmas Eve 4:00pm Mass are welcome.

Sarah Sullivan has volunteered to lead a handbell choir for Christmas for all school age children who are interested. More information will come regarding

practices.



Retirement Fund for Religious

Visit retiredreligious.org/2023photos to meet the religious pictured

December 10th Support a lifetime of service.

Women and men religious have spent their lives serving others in prayer, ministry, education and care for those in need—usually for little or no pay. Today, their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. As they age, they require essential care and medications. Please support them by giving to the Retirement Fund for Religious. Your donation makes a difference for nearly 25,000 senior men and women religious. Please give generously.

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/



CULTURAL ENRICHMENT & OUTREACH SERIES PRESENTS

An Advent / Christmas



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 - frbabu@stpiustenthparish.org

Advent Penance Services

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	MEAL WITH CONFESSORS
12/3	2:00pm	Blessed Mother	Yes, after service
12/12	7:15pm	St. Lawrence	Yes, 5:30pm
12/13	6:00pm	Sts. Joseph & Paul	Yes, after service
12/17	2:00pm	St. Pius X	Yes, after service
12/18	6:00pm	St. Mary of the Woods	Yes, after service

Advent Spiritual Opportunities

During the Advent season as we are preparing to welcome Jesus into our hearts and lives, we all know how important it is to prepare ourselves spiritually. This Advent season you will have lots of opportunities in our parish. Please make use of them to welcome Jesus and to celebrate a Joyful Christmas.

Some of the opportunities are as follows:

- Every Day Mass at 8:00am and also regular daily Masses
- **Every Friday Mass followed by** a Holy Hour and opportunity for confessions.
- **Advent Penance Service** December 17th at 2PM





Christmas Giving Tree

The tree is up in the vestibule.

The gifts need to be turned in by December 17th. Distribution will be December 18th-20th.

Call the office if you know of a parishioner that is in need.

Tags will be added each week. (Names will <u>not</u> be published on the Giving Tree gift tags.)



ZIP SUNDAY OF ADVENT





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!

- ALL CLASSROOMS CHRISTMAS CURRICULUM (Christmas songs, Pre. A Christmas program practice, Christmas crafts)
- Preschool A
 - Religion Class Tuesday Matt Knight (Lesson: Alice in Bibleland)
- 2's & Preschool B Music Ministry (curriculum
- Student of the Week: Preschool B- Josephine., Spectacular, Preschool A- Caroline, Super!
- **Important Dates:**

December

- ♦ 11th Wear Red Like Santa
 ♦ 12th Dress Like a Christmas Tag
 ♦ 13th Wear White Like Snow
- ♦ 14th Wear a Santa Hat
- 15th Wear a Christmas Bow



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

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 16th-17th, 2023

Sat, 5:00 PM (Church)		Sun, 8:00 AM (Church)		Sun, 11:00 AM (Church)	
Truby Velotta	- Captain/Bread 1	Charlotte Hedges	- Captain/Bread 1	Gary Estes	- Captain/Bread 1
Fr. Babu Joseph	- Bread 2	Fr. Babu Joseph	- Bread 2	Fr. Babu Joseph	- Bread 2
'	Captain Asst./Bread 3	'	- Captain Asst./Bread 3	Donna Feldpausc	- Captain Asst./Bread 3
Kathy Jo Clary	- Bread 4	Linda Calhoun	- Bread 4	Michelle Jones	- Bread 4
Melanie Wallace	- Cup 1	David Fleischmann	- Cup 1	Robert Smith	- Cup 1
Tommy Velotta	- Cup 2	Wil Storm	- Cup 2		- Cup 2
NOT FILLED	- Cup 3	Heather Haynes	- Cup 3		- Cup 3
Laura Veach	- Cup 4	Mary Jo Westerfield	•		- Cup 4
Earl Castlen	Gift Bearer	Jesse Baldwin	Gift Bearer		Gift Bearer
Thomas Conrey	- Lector 1	Rosemary Smith	- Lector 1		- Lector 1
Katelyn Storm	- Lector 2	Russell Payne	- Lector 2	Josie Kroeger	- Lector 2
Amanda Storm (sub r		Maddie Baldwin	- Greeter D-1	Jeff Morrison	- Greeter D-1
Kristy Fulkerson	- Greeter D-2	Eddie Stallings	- Greeter D-2		- Greeter D-2
Kyle Fulkerson	- Server 1	Parker Baldwin	- Server 1		- Server 1
Lucas and Ella Freels	- Server 2	Eli Zoglmann	- Server 2	Colin Howard	- Server 2
Robert Freels	- Captain/Usher 1	Nick Howard	- Captain/Usher 1		- Captain/Usher 1
Colton Wallace	- Captain, Osher 1	Eric Ratliff	- Captain, Osher 1	John Zoglmann	- Usher 2
Jeff Fulkerson	- Usher 3	Larry Murphy	- Usher 3	Brion Marlowe	- Usher 3
Tommy Hayden	- Usher 4	Steven Haynes	- Usher 4	James E. Howard	- Usher 4
Marian Jones	Rosary Leader	Mary Jo Westerfield	Rosary Leader	Beverly Estes	Rosary Leader

MUSIC MINISTRY

December 16h & 17th (Third Sunday of Advent)

5:00pm— Roger Jones, Alice Freels, and Tracie Feldpausch 8:00 am —Choir & Sarah Sullivan

11:00 am -Nathan Lewis, Amanda Storm, & Dane Roberts

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

SPIRITUAL LIFE COMMITTEE

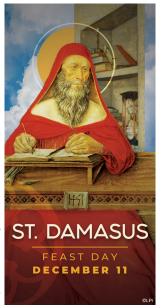
Saint Damasus | December 11

Saint Damasus served as bishop of Rome for 18 years as Pope Damasus I (366-384). He had to endure significant controversy early in his pontifical reign when a factional group of bishops insisted that their chosen claimant, Ursinus, was the true pope. Both sides resorted to violence before the issue was decided in favor of Damasus. He went on to make the unification of the Church a central focus of his papacy and fervently fought to counter any division caused by the many heretical teachings of his time.

While he was pope, Christianity was declared the official religion of the Roman Empire and Rome's authority in the Church was decided by a synod that Damasus called in 382. This synod established Rome as the direct descendant of the Church founded by the

apostle Saint Peter, the apostolic see, and put an end to confusion stemming from Constantinople, which some were already calling 'The New Rome'. To further unify the Church, Damasus introduced Latin as the principle liturgical language and commissioned his secretary, Saint Jerome, to compile and revise the various translations of the Bible into one official translation to be used by the entire Church: The Latin Vulgate. This successfully preserved the original Scriptures by making them more accessible to the average Christian.

A writer and poet himself, Saint Damasus lives on in history through his many epigrams and verse inscriptions that can be found on the Roman catacombs that he restored during his papacy. ©LPi



Stewardship Service

General Collections					
Fiscal year begins in July*	Week of : 12/3	2023			
		Year To Date			
General Collections	15,844.74	333,851.36			
Budget Goal	14,615.00	336,145.00			
Over/(Short) TOTAL	1,229.74	(2,293.64)			

Capital Campaign							
	Week of: 12/3	Total					
Total Cost of Reno		1,628,687.00					
Pledges Received		1,567,916.96					
Collected	6,559.68	1,345,375.98					

Weekly Mass Count:

December 2nd & 3rd 5:00PM—117 8:00AM—174 11:00AM—175 **Total**—466



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.

December Altar Linens:

Joanne Warren



God's Housekeepers:

Dec. 11-16
Team 3
Charles & Lois Hoskins
Sandy Morris
Tammy & Eddie Mattingly
Sharon Ford

Ron & Mary Helen Strehl

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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).