



St. Pius Tenth Catholic Church

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PREPARE



“So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.”

MATTHEW 24:44

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First Sunday in Advent

December 1, 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
Permanent Deacon—Nick Nichols
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Business Manager—Jeanie Lewis
Office Associate—Laura Naviaux
Facilities Manager—Tom Rhodes
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

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: Wide-Open Eyes

When my first child was born, we had a nursery created for him that featured images from "The Beginner's Bible" painted on all the walls. As our son got older, we would point to images on the wall as we read bedtime stories to him.

We prepared quite a lot for his birth. When our next two children were born, the preparation time had decreased significantly. Most parents know what I am talking about. The newness of your first-born brings with it so much emotion that you are compelled to spend countless hours preparing. When the next children are born, you are certainly excited, but you act differently and with a little more reserve.

For most readers, this is not your first Advent. It probably won't be your last. If you approach these December days simply as a way to prepare for Christmas, you may find yourself just doing the same old thing as last year. However, if you spend this time reflecting on the time when Jesus returns or when you shall see him face-to-face, you might be able to stir up some of that emotion of anticipation within you. Jesus *is* coming again. When people of all ages understand that reality, it can be a cause for large, wide-open eyes indeed.

Readings for the week of December 1, 2019

Sunday: Is 2:1-5/ Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 1]/ Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44

Monday: Is 4:2-6/Ps122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 [cf. 7]/ Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [6cd]/ Mt 15:29-37

Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118: 1 and 8-9. 19-21, 25-27a [26a]/Mt 7:21, 24-27

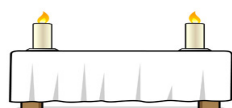
Friday: Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [1a]/Mt 9:27-31

Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

Next Sunday: Is 11:1-10/ Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 19 [cf. 7]/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12

St. Vincent DePaul:

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



Weekly Mass Count

Saturday	5 PM	Printed
Sunday	8 AM	Before
Sunday	11AM	Masses

Question of the Week (Year C) Putting on the Light of Christ

First Sunday of Advent

Reading 1 Isaiah 2:1-5 (Zion, the messianic capital)

Reading II Romans 13:11-14 (Christians use of time)

Gospel Matthew 24:37-44 (the need for watchfulness)

Key Passage: Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light.

Adult: What will you do during Advent so that others can see that you have put on the light of Jesus Christ?

Youth: What will you do during Advent so that others can see the light of Jesus in you?

Carmel Home: Eugene Head, Audline Johnson, Margaret and Randal Richeson

Hillcrest: Richard Crowe, Kathleen Clark

Owensboro Center: Cecilia Aud, Peggy Livers

Wellington Parc: Bill Froelich

Fern Terra: Nettie Noel

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

Please call the Parish Office to add or remove names.

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 2-8, 2019

8 am—Mon.—Anna Castlen †
8 am—Tues.—Barbara Coomes †
6 pm—Wed.—Sherry Millay †
8 am—Thurs.—Phil Wagner †
8 am—Fri.—Mary Alice Higdon †
8 am—Sat.—Judy Miles †
5 pm—Sat.—Bill Rhodes †
8 am—Sun.—Betty Pedley †
11am—Sun.—Parish Family

* All the Weekend Masses are scheduled for 2019.

Calendar for the week of December 1, 2019

Sunday: 1st Sunday of Advent **Rite of Acceptance**

Seminarist Corey Bruns **FiF 9:30**

First Reconciliation 2:00 PM **Vespers 5 PM**

NO HS Youth Gathering

Monday: Ordinary Time **Parish Council 6 PM**

Tuesday: St. Francis Xavier, Priest **I Give Catholic**

Year of Community **Choir Practice 6 PM**

Baptismal Prep 6 PM

Wednesday: St. John Damascene, Priest & Doctor of the Church **Day Care Christmas Music Program**

MS Youth 6 PM

Thursday: Ordinary Time **RCIA 6 PM**

Friday: St. Nicholas, Bishop **First Friday Mass**

Divine Mercy Chaplet 3:00 PM **Adoration 8 AM-7 PM**

Saturday: St. Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor of the Church **First Saturday Mass 8 AM** **Angel Tree Gifts**

Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Advent **Angel Tree**

Gifts **Vespers 5 PM**

The **Rite of Acceptance** celebrated at the Masses this weekend is a welcoming of all those who will be received into the church at Easter 2020

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.



Angel Tree Time: St. Pius X is offering the chance to share the joy and happiness of Christmas with children through the schools in our area. Please take a tag from the tree to buy gifts or gift cards to make a child's Christmas merrier! Thank you.



272 families (62% of parish) have returned Stewardship cards. Thank you for your generosity.

This Sunday is the **1st Sunday of Advent**. Vespers which are Evening Prayers 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 Christmas preparation.

Tuesday, December 3rd is Giving Tuesday,

#iGiveCatholic Day. The goal of the #iGiveCatholic Giving Day is to rally Catholic communities throughout the country in support of the organizations that shape our souls: our parishes, schools, and nonprofit ministries. There are flyers at either end of church.

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, December 8th, is NOT a holy day of obligation. The obligation to attend Mass is dispensed because December 8th falls on a Sunday and the second Sunday of Advent take precedence. The feast day is transferred to Monday, December 9th at the 8 AM Mass. No Vigil Mass on December 8th or on December 9th at 6 PM.



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

The **Apple Festival** netted \$14,481. Thank you Cooking Team and all our hard working parishioners who served and those who stopped by to eat!

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 child's best safety in mind. We will almost always error on the side of caution due to having student drivers.

High School & Middle School Youth

WEDNESDAY NIGHT, December 11th – MOVIE NIGHT/ CARD MAKING 6:00-8:00pm

We will be having a combined Youth Ministry Movie night as we get into the Christmas Spirit. There will be pizza, candy, hot chocolate, pop corn, as well as materials to make Christmas Cards for the Hospital to pass out at our Christmas Party! Hope to see you there!!

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 sweater. Please bring some sort of X-MAS dessert or a finger food to go along with the pizza. We will also be bringing back caroling, so dress warmly! 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 Youth

SUNDAY NIGHT, December 1st – NO HS YOUTH (Thanksgiving Break)

SUNDAY NIGHT, December 8th – NO HS YOUTH GATHERING

Middle School Youth

WEDNESDAY NIGHT, December 4th – BOARD GAME NIGHT

Come on out as we bring back a fan favorite when we play some old school board games... with a twist! If you have any games such as monopoly, clue, sorry, etc. please bring them.

Families in Faith



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



NEW YEAR OF GRACE

How would your faith deepen if during this new Church year your life might be directed by the Calendar of saints' days, Marian feasts, and a renewed effort to keep Sunday as the Lord's day?

FIRST RECONCILIATION TODAY AT 2:00 PM

Families will gather in church to pray with their son/daughter making the Sacrament of Reconciliation. You have prayed for this child. Please ask Jesus to keep him/her close to this Sacrament of Mercy throughout life.

NO CLASSES TODAY – DEC. 8 NEXT CLASS

PREPARE SPIRITUALLY FOR CHRISTMAS

There are many materials available in the vestibule and in the north entry of Church to enhance your spiritual Advent journey these NEXT 4 weeks. A new Church year can be a time for interior renewal and reconciliation. Will you be ready when the Lord comes again?

CROSSROADS SHELTER THANKS YOU

What a generous Parish! The women and children staying overnight in the shelter so appreciate the warm outer clothing you purchased for them this winter. May God bless you for your generosity!

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Year A)

"Put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the desires of the flesh." **Romans 14:13**

It seems impossible: how can I get ready (Advent) to Celebrate Christ's becoming flesh AND, "make no provisions...flesh" when I have Christmas and family gatherings to prepare? Shopping? Cooking? etc. The quote specifically speaks of "desires," not necessities.

ATTENDANCE FIF SOCIAL TIME
Attendance for donuts, etc.



Music Ministry

fzelinka@stpiustenthparish.org

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 and Friday 8 AM

Advent Kerygma Reflection: Friday December 6th 6:30-8:00 PM

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.

St. Pius X Daycare

Director: Brook Mattingly

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Assistant Director: Jen Howard

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

St. Pius X Daycare has a wonderful week ahead of us! Two's, Three's, & Preschool- Christmas Themes & Christmas Program Practice (begin Christmas count-down chart, & main discussions will center on Jesus's Birthday). Preschool Mass 8am Tue., Dec. 3rd. Student of the Week: Three's- Luna K., Fantastic, Preschool- Raelynn E., Way to Go!

Fri., Dec. 6th – Family Christmas Ornaments Due



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

	Week of	Year 2019/20
<i>(fiscal year begins in July)</i>	11/24/2019	To Date
Regular Collections	Printed	268,414.03
Budgeted	Before	278,000.00
Over/((Short) TOTAL	Collection	(9585.97)
E-giving October	2462.16	
Renovation Goal	1,500,000.00	
Pledges Received	1,182,313.25	
Money Received	354,658.11	

God's Housekeepers: December 1

Our wonderful St. Pius X Youth Group will be deep cleaning the church as a Service Project. They will also replace the song books with the new hymnals.



Bus Drivers: December 8

Wil Storm and Tom Payne

Musicians' Schedule: December 7th & 8th

5 PM Spirit of Serenity

8 AM Ellen, Craig, Francis

11 AM Susan and Francis



For online giving or from your electronic device:

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

or **QR code**



Sat. December 7th @5 PM

Laura Veach- Captain/Bread 1
James Fleischmann- Bread 2
Fr. Tom Buckman- Bread 3
Christa Roberts- Bread 4
Luke Roberts- Cup 1
Donna Lyles- Cup 2
Libby Johnson- Cup 3
Doris Johnson- Cup 4
Thomas Delp Family- Gift Bearer
Tom Conrey Lector 1
Patrick Hayden- Lector 2
Gary Daugherty- Greeter D-1
Grace Payne- Greeter D-2
Brenda Payne- Greeter D-3
CoraAnne Roberts- Greeter D-4
Cash Hayden- Altar Server 1
Ava Roberts- Altar Server 2
Robert Freels- Usher Captain/1
Norman Johnson- Usher 2
Charles Aud- Usher 3
Tommy Johnson- Usher 4
Beverly Aud- Rosary Leader

Sun. December 8th @8 AM

John McCarty- Captain/Bread 1
Heather Haynes- Bread 2
Fr. Tom Buckman - Bread 3
Evan Haynes- Bread 4
Carolyn McCarty- Cup 1
Emma Haynes- Cup 2
Alicia Wells- Cup 3
Michael Haynes- Cup 4
Theresa Barnett Family- Gift Bearer
Jay Moe- Lector 1
Ellen Dugan-Barrette- Lector 2
Robin Roby- Greeter D-1
Robin Alford- Greeter D-2
Sar Klo Htoo- Greeter D-3
Brownie Alford- Greeter D-4
Joseph Bae- Altar Server 1
Peyton Hagan- Altar Server 2
Jerry Wells- Usher Captain/1
Nick Howard- Usher 2
Michael Reynolds- Usher 3
Steven Haynes- Usher 4
Theresa Barnett- Rosary Leader

Sun. December 8th @11 AM

Pat Lewis- Captain/Bread 1
Donna Feldpausch- Bread 2
Fr. Tom Buckman - Bread 3
Sara Lewis- Bread 4
Suzann Millay- Cup 1
Andy Lawless- Cup 2
Jeanie Lewis- Cup 3
Michael Lewis- Cup 4
Ryan Wahnsiedler Family - Gift Bearer
Bree Simone- Lector 1
Emily Wahnsiedler- Lector 2
Brice Boarman- Greeter D-1
Bonnie Castlen- Greeter D-2
Tyler Simone- Greeter D-3
Nancy Gillians- Greeter D-4
Chloe Ebelhar- Altar Server 1
Madison Ebelhar- Altar Server 2
Robert Millay- Usher Captain/1
Gerald Castlen- Usher 2
Jared Millay- Usher 3
Matt Ebelhar- Usher 4
Larry 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. The **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. 2, 6 PM: Fr. Will Thompson, "Squinting With One Eye: How HOPE Reveals God"

Monday night, Dec. 9, 6 PM: Corey Bruns, "Making PEACE: A Sinner's Guide to Mercy & Forgiveness"

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

Wed., Dec. 4th @ 6:00 PM St. Anthony
Mon., Dec. 9th @ 6:00 PM Lourdes
Tues., Dec. 10th @ 6:30 PM Sts. Joseph and Paul
Thurs., Dec. 12th @ 6:00 PM St. Lawrence
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

HOST FAMILY NEEDED

Please consider becoming a Host Family for a Brescia University student. She is a 4.0, first semester sophomore from Somalia. Her student visa allows her to work only 20 hours a week. She is currently working in the cafeteria at Brescia. She is in jeopardy of not returning to Brescia second semester without this help. Contact Josh Clary at Brescia for more details:

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:

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Linda Calhoun270-925-5052

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Amy Silvert.....270-689-1607

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/)