

St. Pius Tenth CATHOLIC CHURCH

December 16th & 17th, 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.



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—
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Youth Ministry—
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Daycare Director—
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3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. - Jn 1:6-7

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Worship & Prayer

Readings for the week of
December 17, 2023



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, 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:

During Advent-Every Day Mass @ 8:00am, Every Friday Holy Hour & Confessions after 8:00am Mass

December 17th-Penance Service @ 2:00pm

December 24th-Christmas Eve Mass @ 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 (but can take phone calls in case of emergency)

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

Monday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/Mt 1:18-25

Tuesday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17/Lk 1:5-25

Wednesday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 1:26-38

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

Friday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Lk 1:46-56

Saturday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/Lk 1:57-66

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

Mass INTENTIONS

The week of December 17-24, 2023

Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Advent

8:00am—Danny Murphy†

11:00am—Our Parish Family

Monday:

8:00am—Dan Spalding†

Tuesday:

8:00am—Gene Krampe†

12:00pm—Steve Teasley†

Wednesday:

8:00am—Anthony Gene & Mary Alice Higdon†

6:00 pm—Brad & Bob Shrewsberry†

Thursday: St. Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church

8:00am—Brian Feldpausch†

12:00pm—Holly Johnson Birthday

Friday:

8:00am—Michael Hunt

Saturday: St. John of Kanty, Priest

8:00am—Ryan & Caroline Clark

5:00pm—Greg & Marion Bates

Next Sunday: 4th Sunday of Advent; Christmas Eve

8:00am—Our Parish Family

11:00am—Bill & Martha Zoglmann†

4:00pm—Vincent & Mildred O'Bryan†

8:00pm—Jimmy Haynes†

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)

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.

Isaiah - The Prophet of the Messiah during Advent

Isaiah is a great prophet where we learn about the Messiah and his mission in a very special way. Isaiah's writings portrait Jesus's coming during Advent and Jesus' salvific mission during Lent. This Advent season, I would like to invite you to pay attention to Isaiah's writing in the readings. He describes the kingdom of the Messiah where wolf and lamb are guests, leopard being around kids, cow and bear are neighbors and baby and cobra are playing together. These images, he states, "There shall be no harm or ruin on all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be filled with knowledge of the Lord, as water covers the sea." (Is 11:9) In another message, he describes the kingdom as a feast, "the Lord of hosts will provide for all peoples a feast of rich food and choice wines, juicy, rich food and pure, choice wines. (Is 25:6) Another one, "Comfort, give comfort to my people, says your God. Speak to the heart of Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her service has ended, that her guilt is expiated, that she has received from the hand of the Lord double for all her sins. (Is 40:1-2) The Church in her wisdom uses these readings from Isaiah during Advent to teach us the meaning of Christmas where the Son of God being born and lying in the manger to bring peace, joy and comfort. We are, through Jesus' mission, forgiven, consoled, and loved that the world cannot give. The world is dominated by sin and has distorted the love of God in us; but in Christ Jesus, everything is restored, sanctified and renewed.

Matthew Knight, Youth Minister

mknight@stpiustenthparish.org

CHURCH SERVICE PROJECT

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

Through out the Holiday Season there are a lot of family members and visitors that come through our church doors. This Sunday we have an opportunity to make our church look nice and clean. I hope you will join this great opportunity to give back to our parish and our visitors.

Youth Ministry

THE Joy CANDLE

Also known as the Shepherds' Candle, this third candle of Advent signifies the joy of our coming Savior.

And Mary said: "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my savior."

-Luke 1:46-47

Our Community

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

December 17, 2023
3rd Sunday of Advent

Why do we believe in Jesus and the Catholic Church? Why should we continue to do so? We've never seen him face-to-face (at least not most of us, I assume). Most of us have never had mystical visions of angels or saints. We live in the same world as our atheist and secularists friends. Why do we believe in Christ if we've never seen him?

The simple, symbolic answer the Gospel presents to us this week might surprise us: we believe because of John the Baptist. Early in John's Gospel we hear: "There was a man sent from God, his name was John. He came for testimony, to bear witness to the light, that all might believe through him." The Baptist powerfully announces Jesus. This is a historical fact, and it is also now a *pattern* at work in our lives.

John the Baptist stands for the entirety of the old covenant, everything entrusted to the Jewish people. And yet he prophetically opens the door to something entirely new in Jesus, to the revival and fulfillment of God's promises. In every generation, and in every human life, God continues to do this. He has done it through people named Augustine, Francis, Catherine, Theresa, and countless others. In my life, the Baptist's spirit has come through persons named Eric, Paul, Mary, and Ron. I challenge you to name at least three people through whom God has announced the coming of Jesus in your life. Consciously thank God for their testimony. And let's commit ourselves to listening to the spirit of John the Baptist testify again this week so that we might more strongly believe in the light.

— Father John Muir ©LPi



Advent Penance Services

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>TIME</u> | <u>LOCATION</u> | <u>MEAL WITH CONFESSORS</u> |
|-------------|-------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
| 12/17 | 2:00pm | St. Pius X | Yes, after service |
| 12/18 | 6:00pm | St. Mary of the Woods | Yes, after service |

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

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!

PLEASE CALL

Gail Wallace; (270)302-5259

MeLody Clark; (270)315-0066



Please give generously to the upcoming collection.

Retirement Fund for Religious

Visit retiredreligious.org/2023photos to meet the religious pictured.
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THANK YOU!
Our women and men religious offer gratitude.

A sister shares, "I thank the Lord for all who give. I don't think we would make it without them." Thank you for giving to the Retirement Fund for Religious last week. Your donation makes a difference in the lives of elderly women and men religious. To learn more about how your gift helps, visit retiredreligious.org.

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/>

MUSIC MINISTRY

December 23rd & 24th (4th Sunday of Advent/ Christmas Eve

5:00pm— Amanda & Mary Lou Storm

8:00am— Charlie Hardesty

11:00am— Nathan Lewis, Susan
Zoglmann, & Rebekah

4:00pm— Children Choir & Sarah Sullivan

8:00pm— Jubilation

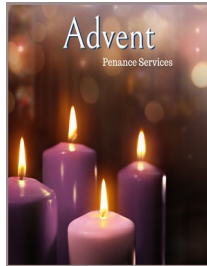


Advent Spiritual Opportunities

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 not be published on the Giving Tree gift tags.)



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 – CHRISTMAS CURRICULUM (Christmas songs, Pre. A Christmas program practice, Christmas crafts) (special guest – Santa will visit December 22nd Shhhhhh it's a secret)
- Preschool A
 - ◇ Religion Class Tuesday – Kimly Hoang (Lesson: Christmas)
 - ◇ December 22nd – Christmas Program 10am in the Parish Hall
- 2's & Preschool B – Music Ministry (curriculum TBA)
Student of the Week: Preschool B- Demi, Excellent, Preschool A- Charlie, Great Job!
- **Important Dates:**
December
 - ◇ 18th – Wear Red & White like a Candy Cane
 - ◇ 19th – Dress Red & Green
 - ◇ 20th – Wear a Christmas Tie
 - ◇ 21st – Wear an Ugly Christmas Sweater
 - ◇ 22nd – Wear Christmas Pajama's
 - ◇ 25th & 26th—DAYCARE CLOSED(Merry Christmas!)



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 23rd-24th, 2023

| Sat, 5:00 PM (Church) | | Sun, 8:00 AM (Church) | | Sun, 11:00 AM (Church) | |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Laura Veach | - Captain/Bread 1 | Charlotte Hedges | - Captain/Bread 1 | Amanda Kauffeld (sub req.) | - Captain/Bread 1 |
| Fr. Babu Joseph | - Bread 2 | Fr. Babu Joseph | - Bread 2 | Fr. Babu Joseph | - Bread 2 |
| Kathy Jo Clary | - Captain Asst./Bread 3 | Wil Storm | - Captain Asst./Bread 3 | Htay Meh | - Captain Asst./Bread 3 |
| Truby Velotta | - Bread 4 | Donna Lyles | - Bread 4 | Denice Moore | - Bread 4 |
| Peggy Castlen | - Cup 1 | Geoff Snyder | - Cup 1 | Charles Moore | - Cup 1 |
| Katelyn Storm | - Cup 2 | Carolyn McCarty | - Cup 2 | Rebecca Jones | - Cup 2 |
| Tommy Velotta | - Cup 3 | Pray Reh | - Cup 3 | Gary Estes | - Cup 3 |
| Luke Roberts | - Cup 4 | Heather Haynes | - Cup 4 | Donna Feldpausch | - Cup 4 |
| Jane Strehl | Gift Bearer | Jessica Hughes | Gift Bearer | John Zoglmann | Gift Bearer |
| Steve Hollman | - Lector 1 | Steve Clark | - Lector 1 | Gerald Castlen | - Lector 1 |
| Gene Strehl | - Lector 2 | Rosemary Smith | - Lector 2 | Larry Millay | - Lector 2 |
| Melanie Wallace (sub req.) | - Greeter D-1 | John McCarty | - Greeter D-1 | Samuel, Caroline, & Elliot Clements | - Greeter D-1 |
| Scott Wallace (sub req.) | - Greeter D-2 | Jamison Ray Hughes | - Greeter D-2 | John & Beth Clements | - Greeter D-2 |
| Kyle Fulkerson | - Server 1 | Keaton Mattingly (sub req.) | - Server 1 | Grayson Moore | - Server 1 |
| NOT FILLED | - Server 2 | Eli Zoglmann | - Server 2 | Andrew Moore | - Server 2 |
| Sam Potts | - Captain/Usher 1 | Eddie Mattingly | - Captain/Usher 1 | Tom Rhodes | - Captain/Usher 1 |
| Colton Wallace (sub req.) | - Usher 2 | Stephen Boorman | - Usher 2 | Wayne Zoglmann | - Usher 2 |
| Thomas Melton | - Usher 3 | Steven Haynes | - Usher 3 | James E. Howard | - Usher 3 |
| Roger (Chip) Thompson | - Usher 4 | Danny Morris | - Usher 4 | Robert Smith | - Usher 4 |
| Leon Aud | Rosary Leader | Jane Johnson | Rosary Leader | Beverly Estes (sub req.) | Rosary Leader |

Liturgical:

Ministry Schedule Sign-up sheets for Christmas Eve & Christmas Day Masses can be found in the vestibule. Thank you!

Weekly Mass Count:

December 9th & 10th

Mass Count for these dates will be published in the next bulletin issue due to an early submit date.



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 John of Kanty | December 23

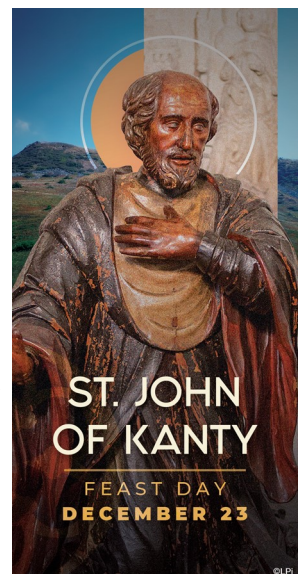
Saint John, sometimes called John Cantius, was born in the Polish town of Kanty in 1390. Not much is recorded about his early life, however, he was a bright young man who did well in his studies at the university in Krakow. He earned his doctorate in philosophy and went on to be ordained and earn a doctorate in theology as well.

He began teaching at the university immediately following the conferring of his doctorate in philosophy. Unfortunately, his popularity worked against him, and he was dismissed from his post on false charges. Saint John was reassigned to a post as a parish priest in the town of Olkusz, Bohemia. His parishioners did not receive him with open arms, and he was unsettled in his new position. But John did not give up, his honest care for the people of his parish eventually endeared him to them.

After a time, he was invited back to the university and he returned to teaching, filling leadership roles in the philosophy and theological areas until the end of his long life. Saint John deeply cared for the poor, giving everything but only what he needed to survive away. He lived an aesthetic life but was such an engaging man that he often dined with nobility.

Saint John of Kanty died on December 24, 1473. He was canonized in 1767, by Pope Clement XIII. In 1998, a new religious community chose the saint for their patron and the Canons Regular of Saint John Cantius, was formed in Chicago, Illinois. © LPI

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Stewardship & Service

| General Collections | | |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| <i>Fiscal year begins in July*</i> | 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) |

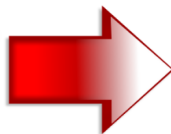
| Capital Campaign | | |
|---------------------------|------------------|--------------|
| | Week of: 12/3 | Total |
| Total Cost of Reno | | 1,628,687.00 |
| Pledges Received | | 1,567,916.96 |
| Collected | 6,559.68 | 1,345,375.98 |

Numbers above are the same as the previous bulletin due to an early submission. The numbers will be updated in the next bulletin.

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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.

December Altar Linens:

Joanne Warren



God's Housekeepers:

Dec. 18-23
Team 4
Gail & Ricky Wallace
Delores Turnage
Karen Wells
Valerie Thomas
Robert Smith
Jeannie & David Foster
Bonnie Castlen

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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>).