

THE PARISH PRESS

The monthly newsletter of St. Pius X Parish Community

A Reflection from Fr. Paul

We know that Advent is about waiting. But, waiting for what? I would suggest three things:

Christmas

Advent is a time in which we prepare to celebrate the first coming of Christ over 2,000 years ago in a stable. The Little Blue Book, which the parish provides, helps us to reflect on the reality that God became one of us. Our readings at Mass the last two weeks of Advent orient us to the celebration of the birth of Christ. But that is the **past**.

End of our Lives

Our readings the last few weeks of the Church year leading up to the feast of Christ the King, as well as the readings the first two weeks of Advent, remind us that we need to live in such a way as to be ready to meet our King, when he will say to us: *when I was hungry, you gave me to eat...when I was alone, you visited me...* Hopefully, He will say to us, *now enter into the home of my Father*. But, when we are preparing to meet the Lord at the end of our lives, we are focused on the **future**.

Christ coming to us today

If we are conscious of trying to meet Christ in the people and events of our daily lives, we are living in the **present!** This is ultimately what is most important, because it is how we are living in the present that will prepare us for our encounter with Christ the King. Many of our Advent songs have the words, "Come, Lord Jesus." And Jesus does come to us every day in the people we meet and the opportunities we have to bring His goodness and kindness to them. The more we can bring peace and love to those around us and help those most in need, the better we will be prepared to meet Christ our King, because we will have been meeting Him every day.

May our focus this Advent be on meeting Christ in the people and events of our daily lives, bringing His love to all we meet, here and now! That is the most meaningful way to celebrate His first coming and prepare for His final coming. May you have a blessed and prayerful Advent and a joyful celebration of the first coming of Christ into our world.

Parish Updates

Fr. Paul Portland, SDS

Parish Survey

Thank you to the 89 parishioners who took the time to fill out the survey. On page 8, you will find a summary of what we learned. Hopefully, we will find ways to increase evangelization efforts and social activities in the year ahead. If you have any ideas, please share them with me, particularly activities involving young families and young adults.

Parish Meeting

Our annual parish meeting was held after each Mass the weekend of November 11th & 12th. Thank you to the 92 parishioners who attended. I gave a general overview of how things are going, spending most of my time on the survey results (mentioned above). Dean Weyer, our Director of Operations and Finances, reviewed the financial report that was included in the September Parish Press and shared information on our facilities and long-term plans/outlook. I would just mention that I talked with the owner of the development company that bought our parking lot, who assured me they are planning to begin construction as soon as they are able.

Weekends in Racine

As some of you know, I am the Director of Candidates for the Salvatorian brothers and priests. That means I am the mentor for those entering the community during their first year before they enter the novitiate. Part of the programming is going to Racine a number of weekends a year, so that our candidate(s) meet candidates from other communities and those of us who are mentoring can support each other. After a Covid break, we are back in action again, with one candidate being mentored. I will be in Racine the following weekends: January 13th & 14th, March 16th & 17th, and April 13th & 14th. Please keep the candidate and me in your prayers as vocational discernment continues.

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Parish Updates, cont.

Sister Parish Collection

We sent \$9,812 to our sister parish, Mother of the Savior in Nakapanya, Tanzania. We will be kept informed of how it is used. Thank you for your generosity. Pius parishioners Always Come Through!

Advent Sacramental Opportunities

As we do every Advent and Lent, we will offer the following this Advent: Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick at all Masses the weekend of December 16th & 17th and a Communal Reconciliation Service Tuesday, December 19th at 7:00 pm, with three priests to hear individual confessions after the service. I invite you to take advantage of these opportunities to prepare for the celebration of the birth of our Savior.

Advent Resources

If you have not done so, please pick up a “Little Blue Book,” an Advent/Christmas reflection book for adults, and a “Here Comes Christmas” Advent activities book for children in the back of church. Finally, information on adult formation opportunities being offered for Advent can be on pages 4 & 5 in this newsletter. God bless.

Operations & Finance

Dean Weyer

Director of Operations & Finance

Finances

Through the first five months of our fiscal year, our expenses continue to hold on pace to the budget. However, as published in the weekly bulletin, stewardship income is running a bit behind (about \$6,000 or 4%) of the budget.

Speaking of the bulletin, did you notice the new information shared in the November 5th issue for the month of October (repeated below)? We will be sharing this information every month in an effort to be more transparent.

October Donations	
Facilities, B & G Improvements Fund	\$938
Angel Fund (Tuition Assistance)	\$275
Justice & Peace Special Needs Fund	\$864
St. Vincent DePaul Meal Program	\$194
Offertory	\$1,281

Love One Another (LOA) Campaign

We received our second quarterly disbursement of funds from the LOA Campaign. Thanks to your support, we have now received \$45,589 (of the anticipated \$288,000 over five years if pledges are fulfilled). We’ve already used \$23,702 of this to repair our air conditioning unit this summer, leaving approximately \$22,000 in reserves. What’s next? Well, if the furnaces can hold up for the season, and the roofs are patched for a year or two, as part of our evangelizing effort, we will be installing a new electronic message board at the corner of 76th & Wright. This will allow us to more effectively promote who we are as a parish community and more proactively (hopefully more successfully) invite others to join us.

Pius Supports Catholic Elementary School Education!

Do you have or want to place your child in a Catholic elementary school? Please be aware of our policy to financially assist our families who choose to send their child(ren) to a Catholic elementary school at another parish, but wish to remain parishioners of St. Pius X. Pius will cover the school’s “non-parishioner tuition penalty”. Additional assistance is also available for even the base tuition costs. Contact me for more information.

Census Info

Do you ever look around at church and say to yourself: “this is the same old crowd”? You may be surprised to learn that in the past five years we have registered **102 new families!** That’s almost 25% of our parishioner base. These families are here for Mass and are contributing to our ministries. Next time you see a new face, say hi!

Our Tenant

On Veterans Day, Kingdom Prep Lutheran High School (KP) held a special service in the church to honor our Veterans with a presentation by a local Veteran, prayer and song (pictured below). KP holds assembly prayer services in our church (they call it chapel time) three mornings a week during the school year.



Faith Formation

Rob Hoffmann

Director of Adult Formation

The Nativity Challenge

On December 1, 2019, Pope Francis visited the Shrine of the Nativity in Greccio, Italy, the site of what we think is the second Nativity of Jesus. Of course, the original took place in Bethlehem, but we believe the second recreation of the Nativity happened under the direction of St. Francis of Assisi in a town called Greccio. St. Francis wanted to “bring to life the memory of that babe born in Bethlehem.”* Eight hundred years ago, on December 25, 1223 “friars came to Greccio from various parts, together with people from the farmsteads in the area, who brought flowers and torches to light up that holy night. When Francis arrived, he found a manger full of hay, an ox and a donkey. All those present experienced a new and indescribable joy in the presence of the Christmas scene.”*

Today, you can witness this indescribable joy and awe in the eyes of children and adults looking at a manger scene. Pope Francis offered us a challenge “I wish to encourage the beautiful family tradition of preparing the Nativity scene in the days before Christmas, but also the custom of setting it up in the workplace, in schools, hospitals, prisons and town squares. Great imagination and creativity is always shown in employing the most diverse materials to create small masterpieces of beauty. As children, we learn from our parents and grandparents to carry on this joyful tradition, which encapsulates a wealth of popular piety. It is my hope that this custom will never be lost and that, wherever it has fallen into disuse, it can be rediscovered and revived.”

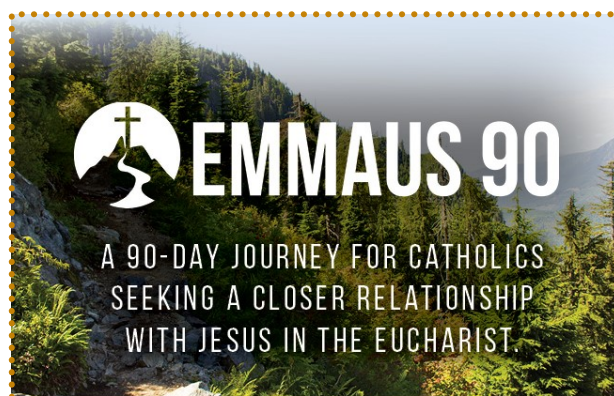
Challenge accepted! This Advent let's pull out our Nativity scenes, or perhaps it's even time to acquire one! Maybe, you have an exterior one, which can gently evangelize neighbors, relatives, friends and strangers. Our fellow parishioner, Gary Pokorny, pointed out that “One of the challenges that Catholics face this time of year is how to ‘keep Christ in Christmas’ ...One visible reminder of the meaning of Christmas is the Nativity scene.”

Next, let's share our Nativity scenes! Take a picture of it and send it to us and we will display it at the back of church, on Facebook and Instagram and on our St. Pius X website. Let's see how many we can collect! Email your picture to tneureuther@stpiusparish.org or bring a copy of it to the display area at the back of church.

If you are interested in reading Pope Francis's Apostolic Letter on the Meaning and Importance of the Nativity Scene, visit <https://bit.ly/3GIWN8x>.

I invite you, your family and your friends to our Advent faith and spirituality programs (on the next page) this season!

**Taken from Pope Francis' Apostolic Letter on the Meaning and Importance of the Nativity Scene.*



NEW YEARS TO EASTER

90 days to encounter Jesus Christ, grow more firm in your faith, and emerge more confident in sharing the Gospel than ever before.

Emmaus 90 “pilgrims” receive:

- > daily prayer prompts
- > challenges to grow in holiness
- > robust formation sessions
(by livestream on Thursday nights or recording)
- > discussion questions for small groups and families

MORE INFO AND REGISTER BY DEC. 10
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Click anywhere in the graphic above to be taken directly to the website for more information and to register.

Advent Faith Formation Programs

Adoration & Evenings of Reflection

Dates: Wednesdays, December 6th, 13th & 20th
Time: 6:30 pm - Adoration, 7:00 pm - Evening of Reflection
Location: Chapel (enter the main church doors)
Come to church to quietly pray in front of our Lord during Adoration from 6:30 - 7:00 pm and/or join us for an evening of prayer, song, worship and reflection at 7:00 pm.



Video Series & Discussion Group

Series Title: *Behold - Advent with Sr. Miriam James, SOLT*
Description: In the video series, Sr. Miriam walks with us as we explore familial wounds with the help of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. Join us each week as we watch one of the videos and then share how the themes connect to our lives. No registration is required.

Zoom

Dates: Thursdays, December 7th, 14th & 21st
Time: 7:00 pm
Zoom link: <https://bit.ly/3sGrwdp> (or scan the QR code).



In-person

Dates: Sundays, December 3rd, 10th & 17th
Time: 9:15 -10:15 am

Scripture Study Group

Book Title: *Advent: Season of Divine Encounter*
Description: Each week we will read about and discuss one of the passages on the different ways we encounter God. Books are available in the back of church and at the parish office, or we can bring one to you! No registration is required.

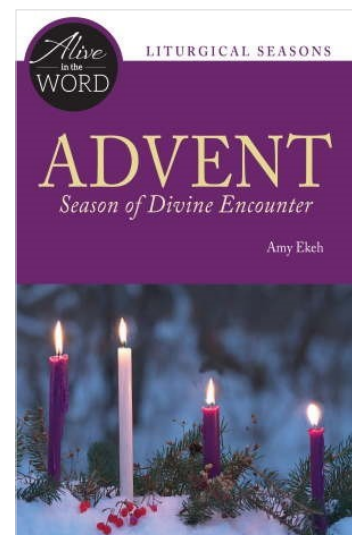
Zoom

Dates: Tuesdays, December 5th, 12th & 19th
Time: 7:00 pm
Zoom link: <https://bit.ly/47zLx46> (or scan the QR code).



In-person

Dates: Wednesdays, December 6th, 13th & 20th
Time: 8:30 am
Location: Francis Jordan Room



Upcoming at Pius

Mass for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Date: Friday, December 8th

Times: 8:00 am & 7:00 pm

Join us at Mass to celebrate this feast day and holy day of obligation.

St. Pius X Open Doors

Dates: Saturday, December 9th & Sunday, December 10th

Times: Directly after the Masses

Meeting Location: TBA

Where is the Salvatorian archive? Where is Fr. Paul's office and is his desk clean or messy? Where were the horses stabled? Inquiring minds want to know! Get the answers to these questions and more during the 15(ish) minute tour of St. Pius X! *Wait...did you say there were horses in our building?*

Dick's 30th Blood Drive

Date: Saturday, December 16th

Time: 8:00 am - 1:00 pm

Location: St. Pius X Cafeteria

Now's your chance to be a holiday hero! Come and donate blood at Dick's 30th Blood Drive! Pancakes and sausages will be served to all donors and their guests.

To schedule your appointment, scan the QR code, go to <https://tinyurl.com/CancerFree121623>, or call the Versiti Blood Center of Wisconsin at (877) 232-4376 or Mary at (414) 915-4147.



Anointing of the Sick

Dates: Saturday, December 16th & Sunday, December 17th

Times: During the Masses

Because Christmas falls on a Monday,
we have back-to-back 4th Sunday of Advent
& Christmas Mass obligations.

Family Movie Night

Date & Time: Saturday, December 16th

Time: 6:00 pm

Location: Francis Jordan Room

Bring the family for a movie night! We will be watching two short Catholic Christmas movies (both combined are less than an hour) and enjoying pizza and popcorn! Please RSVP to the parish office by Thursday, December 14th. The suggested donation is \$10 per family.

Christmas Pancake Breakfast & Secret Santa Workshop

Date: Sunday, December 17th

Time: 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Location: Cafeteria

Enjoy a delicious breakfast and then let the kids shop at the Secret Santa Workshop! Make sure they bring their Christmas lists', it's been rumored that Santa will be there!

Ticket prices:

\$7.00 - Adults	Free - Under 5 years
\$4.00 - Children 5 - 12 years	\$20 Maximum per Family

Advent Reconciliation Service

Date: Tuesday, December 19th

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: Church

ST. PIUS X
Christmas Schedule

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

4:15 pm - Children's Christmas Pageant
4:30 pm - Mass

9:40 pm - Christmas Concert & Carols
10:00 pm - Mass

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25

9:15 am - Christmas Carols
9:30 am - Mass




Justice & Peace

John Pandl

The fall food drive for the Wauwatosa Food Pantry was a great success! Over 70 bags of groceries were delivered to the Food Pantry in mid-October. Many thanks to all who brought food to church!

Food Sunday during Advent is December 16th and 17th. Please bring non-perishable (and unexpired) food items with you to Mass that weekend and place them in the back of church. The food collected that weekend will be donated to the Hunger Task Force because the Wauwatosa Food Pantry receives enough donations during December to meet its needs.

The Justice and Peace Commission is exploring the topic of food insecurity for our focus for the next 12-18 months. We are conducting research on the topic of food insecurity and with organizations that provide service to people who are food insecure. We are hoping to start providing information and service options for parish members in early 2024 after the Christmas and New Year's holidays. Stay tuned for more information.

Health Ministry

Pat Bruce

Milwaukee County Energy Assistance Available

Stay warm this winter. The Energy Assistance Program provides qualified Milwaukee County residents with a one-time, annual payment toward heating and electric bills. The funding pays a portion of energy costs determined by household size, income, and energy costs. The benefit is usually paid directly to the energy supplier. Additional services are also available for qualified applicants. To learn more and see if you qualify, visit KeepWarmMKE.com or call (414) 270-4653.

We Are Looking for Our Homebound

Are you or someone you know homebound or now in a supportive living environment? Health Ministry has a tradition of staying in touch on behalf of all of us in the Pius faith community. We never want someone to feel the parish doesn't care or are forgotten just because you can't join in with us any longer.

We have 19 folks on our current "homebound list" and know there are more. If you would like to keep connected or know someone that would, please call the parish office at (414) 453-3875 with the name and contact information. Our homebound ministry stays in touch with cards throughout the year and holiday plants. This holiday season may just be the time to reconnect!

Catholic Identity

Holly Cartier

"When I'm worried and I can't sleep
I count my blessings instead of sheep"
(Irving Berlin).

I often try to relate these song lyrics around an event or a line of Scripture, but this week I could not get this out of my mind. One of my greatest blessings is St. Pius X. My parents were charter members, I attended school here during much of my elementary years, received the sacraments of Reconciliation, First Communion, Confirmation and Matrimony in this church. My first coach was Fr. Leander, my teachers were Sisters of the Divine Savior, and I learned to roller skate in this rink. My grandchildren were baptized here, my parents buried from here. My spiritual life is rooted here. How could I not feel blessed?

You too, my parish family, are counted as one of my great blessings. May God's grace and gifts make your holiday season bright and happy. May His care and love surround you. May we all remember to see His face in each other. And may we remember this is our Faith, this is our Catholic identity.

Holly appreciates your comments at hcarts.hc@gmail.com.

Stewardship Commission

Sue Haertel, SDS

This month we are featuring a completed Living Waters well in the community of Mawasiliano:



Dear St. Pius X Community,

I am delighted to inform you that Safe Water for Life and Dignity (SWLD) has successfully completed a Living Waters project at Mawasiliano community. Currently, there are more than 700 people benefitting from this well, the majority of them being subsistence farmers. In the past, the community experienced an acute shortage of clean water. Villagers had been using water from traditional wells which were uncovered; thus unsafe for domestic uses as they easily got contaminated with various sediments due to human activities, wind and animals. Due to the poor quality of water, villagers, including children were frequently hospitalized after being affected by water borne diseases.

The village leadership contacted us at SWLD for intervention. Before requesting help from SWLD they applied to many organizations with no avail. Thanks to the Living Waters funds from St. Pius X, SWLD responsively installed a well at Mawasiliano community. This new well has increased villagers' accessibility to safe water and making life easier for everyone. It is envisaged that the new well will contribute significantly towards poverty alleviation, and improving the livelihoods and well-being of the people. It will also reduce the rate of water borne diseases, therefore, reducing infant mortality rate and increase the quality of life among individuals in the community. On behalf of the villagers, I express much thanks and gratitude to all at St. Pius X for your continuous support and generosity.

Many thanks to you,

Dr. James Nyangas, President of SWLD



Survey Results

Eighty-nine parishioners filled out our recent survey! A little more than half the respondents were over 65 years old. A significant majority attend Mass weekly, pray daily, and are involved in one or more parish ministries. The following shows the responses given to the various questions:

	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Leadership Overall				
Adequate Communication	0	1	26	61
Finance Management	1	2	31	52
Vision Provided by Leaders	0	5	37	46
Overall Sense of Community	1	6	25	57
Fostering Spiritual Growth	0	5	27	53
Worship Overall				
Welcoming Spirit	0	1	16	70
Environment	0	5	36	45
Music	0	13	38	35
Homilies	1	1	11	73
Mass Times	1	6	32	46
Faith Formation/Evangelization				
Children's Religious Education				
Tri Parish Religious Ed Program (K3-5)	1	2	11	4
Tri Parish Religious Ed Program (6-8)	1	0	10	4
Youth Ministry (9-12)	1	1	7	4
Faith Formation for Adults	1	2	26	35
Social Activities	3	11	37	11
Evangelizing Initiatives	4	13	20	5
Stewardship				
Encouraging Sharing Time, Talent & Treasure	0	1	27	59
Inviting to Participate in Parish Ministries	0	1	26	59
Human Concerns, Justice and Peace and Outreach Overall				
Commitment to Social Justice	0	0	25	59
Outreach Programs for Those in Need	0	1	27	47

Highlights

Four of the five categories had percentages in the 90's with ratings of excellent or good. Faith formation/evangelization was the weakest with 81.1%. The two categories that lowered this number were social activities and evangelization initiatives.

Here are some more highlights, suggestions, and/or challenges from each category:

Worship

- Highlights
 - Welcoming
 - Relevant homilies
 - Outstanding spirit of community
- Suggestions
 - Mass time changes
 - Choir & instruments at different Masses
 - Liturgy of the Word for children

Leadership

- Highlights
 - Openness
 - Availability
 - Collaborative
 - Good communication
- Challenge
 - Getting more volunteers

Faith Formation/Evangelization

- Highlights
 - Positive responses about adult faith formation & activities for seniors
- Challenge
 - More activities for children & young families
 - Invite people in our neighborhood

Stewardship

- Challenges
 - Getting more people involved, as the same people do everything
 - Sometimes there are too many collections close together

Human Concerns & Justice & Peace

- Highlights
 - Outreach activities are highly valued/going well
- Challenge
 - Getting younger people involved



St. Pius X Parish Community

December 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
101 = Room 101 CGS = Catechesis of the Good Shepherd CK = Christ King FJ = Francis Jordan Room MA = Mary of the Apostles Room YM = Youth Ministry Fellowship Sundays = Join us for donuts, juice and coffee served after the Sunday Masses in the cafeteria					1 Mass, 8:00am Reflection on Sun. Scriptures, 8:30am, FJ CGS (1), 10-11:30am, CK	2 Reconciliation, 4:00- 4:30pm, Church Mass, 5:00pm
3 - Fellowship Sunday Mass, 8:00am <i>Behold</i> Advent Series, 9:15-10:15am, FJ CGS (Toddlers, 1, 2 & 3), 9:15-10:00am, CK Mass, 10:30am CGS (1 & 2), 1-2:30pm, CK Middle School YM, 4:00-5:30pm, CK HS Small Groups, 6:30-8:00pm, CK HS Alpha, 6:30- 8:00pm, CK <i>First Sunday of Advent</i> <i>Card Sunday</i>	4 Mass, 8:00am Rosary, 8:30am, Church CGS (2), 4:15-5:45pm, CK RCIA, 6:00pm, FJ Jammin' 4 Jesus Rehearsal 7:00 pm	5 Health Ministry, 6:00pm, FJ Scripture Study, 7:00pm, Zoom	6 Mass, 8:00am Advent Scripture Study, 8:30am, FJ CGS (1, 2 & 3), 4:15-5:45pm CK CGS (3), 6-7:30pm, CK Adoration, 6:30pm, Chapel Advent Evening of Reflection, 7pm, Chapel Formation & Evangelization, 7pm, FJ	7 Rosary, 6:00pm, Zoom* <i>Behold</i> Video Series, 7-8pm, Zoom Celebration & Christmas Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 pm, Church	8 Mass, 8:00am Reflection on Sun. Scriptures, 8:30am, FJ CGS (1), 10-11:30am, CK Mass, 7:00pm <i>Feast of the Immaculate Conception**</i>	9 Reconciliation, 4:00- 4:30pm, Church Mass, 5:00pm
10 - Fellowship Sunday Mass, 8:00am <i>Behold</i> Advent Series, 9:15-10:15am, FJ CGS (1, 2 & 3), 9:15-10:00am, CK Mass, 10:30am CGS (1 & 2), 1-2:30pm, CK <i>Second Sunday of Advent</i> <i>Gift Sunday</i>	11 Mass, 8:00am Rosary, 8:30am, Church CGS (2), 4:15-5:45pm, CK RCIA, 6:00pm, FJ	12 Boy Scouts, 6:30pm, 101 Justice & Peace, 7:00pm, FJ Scripture Study, 7:00pm, Zoom	13 Mass, 8:00am Advent Scripture Study, 8:30am, FJ CGS (1, 2 & 3), 4:15-5:45pm CK CGS (3), 6-7:30pm, CK Parish Council, 6pm, FJ Adoration, 6:30pm, Chapel Advent Evening of Reflection, 7pm, Chapel	14 Rosary, 6:00pm, Zoom* <i>Behold</i> Video Series, 7-8pm, Zoom	15 Mass, 8:00am Reflection on Sun. Scriptures, 8:30am, FJ CGS (1), 10-11:30am, CK	16 Dick's Blood Drive, 8am - 1pm, Cafeteria Reconciliation, 4:00- 4:30pm, Church Mass with anointing, 5pm Family Movie Night, 6:00pm, FJ
17 Mass, with anointing, 8am Pancake Breakfast, 9:00am-1pm, Cafeteria <i>Behold</i> Advent Series, 9:15-10:15am, FJ CGS (1, 2 & 3), 9:15-10:00am, CK Mass, with anointing, 10:30am CGS (1 & 2), 1-2:30pm, CK Third Sunday of Advent Food Sunday	18 Mass, 8:00am Rosary, 8:30am, Church CGS (2), 4:15-5:45pm, CK Stewardship, 5:00pm, FJ Finance Council, 6:00pm, FJ RCIA, 6:00pm, FJ	19 Reconciliation Service, 7:00pm, Church Scripture Study, 7:00pm, Zoom	20 Mass, 8:00am Advent Scripture Study, 8:30am, FJ CGS (1, 2 & 3), 4:15-5:45pm CK CGS (3), 6-7:30pm, CK Adoration, 6:30pm, Chapel Advent Evening of Reflection, 7pm, Chapel	21 Rosary, 6:00pm, Zoom* <i>Behold</i> Video Series, 7-8pm, Zoom Celebration & Christmas Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 pm, Church	22 Mass, 8:00am Reflection on Sun. Scriptures, 8:30am, FJ CGS (1), 10-11:30am, CK	23 Reconciliation, 4:00- 4:30pm, Church Mass, 5:00pm




*Contact the parish office or scan the QR code to request the Zoom link.

**Holy Day of Obligation



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24 Mass, 8:00am Mass, 10:30am Christmas Pageant, 4:15pm Christmas Eve Mass, 4:30pm Concert & Carols, 9:40pm, Church Christmas Eve Mass, 10pm Fourth Sunday of Advent & Christmas Eve**	25 Christmas Carols, 9:15am, Church Christmas Mass, 9:30am Christmas**	26	27 Mass, 8:00am	28 Rosary, 6:00pm, Zoom*	29 Mass, 8:00am Reflection on Sun. Scriptures, 8:30am, FJ	30 Reconciliation, 4:00- 4:30pm, Church Mass, 5:00pm
31 Mass, 8:00am Mass, 10:30am New Year's Eve	January 1 Mass, 9:30 am (Not a holy day of obligation) Feast of Mary, the Mother of God	 *Contact the parish office or scan the QR code to request the Zoom link. **Holy Day of Obligation				

Advent Collections

Every year during Advent, we have three Sundays of collections. These collections help meet the needs of those in our community and spread Christmas cheer to them and to our homebound parishioners. Listed below are the dates and details of each collection.

Card Sunday - December 2nd & 3rd

Thank you to everyone who dropped off cards!

The Christmas plants and cards for the homebound will be ready for pickup in the back of church on the weekend of December 16th and 17th. If you are a family member or friend of any of the recipients, please help us by delivering them to your loved one. Those remaining after the 10:30 am Mass on the 17th will be distributed by members of the Health Ministry Committee. Thank you in advance!

Gift Sunday - December 9th & 10th

Your generous gifts provide a wonderful holiday for those in need! See the bulletin insert for details on Gift Sunday at www.stpiusparish.org/bulletins--inserts.html or pick up a copy in the back of church.

Please note that we are no longer accepting Scrip orders through the parish office, but you are welcome to purchase them after the 10:30 am Masses, or from a store.

After the 10:30 am Mass on Sunday, December 10th, we would greatly appreciate some extra help with sorting all the gifts. Please meet in the front of church.

Contact Pat Bruce at (414) 534-5554 or Bernie Bates at (414) 801-1795 with any questions.

Food Sunday - December 16th & 17th

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