

3rd Sunday of Advent

December 16, 2018

St. Pius X Catholic Church

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**Baptism:**

Contact the Parish Office for information.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:**

Tuesday thru Friday @ 5:30 pm & Saturdays, 2:30—3:30pm.

**Anointing of the Sick**

Please contact the parish office to make arrangements.

**Weddings:**

Please contact the parish office one year in advance.

**Pray the Rosary** every Sunday morning before Mass.

**ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICES****Our Lady of the Meadows December 21 @ 7:00 pm**

Eucharistic



Adoration

**Monthly Adoration Night!**

Looking for a great way to prepare for Christmas?

Join us at any point from **6:40-7:40 pm** for our monthly hour of Eucharistic Adoration on **Friday, December 21st** following daily mass.

*“When you look at the crucifix, you understand how much Jesus Loved you then. When you look at the Sacred Host, you understand how much Jesus loves you now.”*

**HOLIDAY PLANNING****Christmas...**

December 24th— Vigil Mass at 4:00 pm followed by Mass at 11:00 pm

December 25th— Mass at 12 Noon

**Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God...**

December 31st—Mass at 5:00pm

January 1st—Mass at 9:00am and 6:00 pm

**Practicing Hospitality This Christmas!**

As Christmas approaches, it is likely that there will be several new faces and visitors at St. Pius X for our Christmas Masses. Christmas is one of the most attended Masses throughout the year, so it is important that we make our brothers and sisters in Christ feel welcome. Practicing hospitality is a great way to make visitors and newcomers feel at home in our parish. Here is a list of some practical ways to show hospitality:

- Smile! Just by smiling, we send a message to others that we are glad they are with us and that they are welcome in our community. Pope Francis often talks about how we as Catholics need to stop looking like we have just come out of a funeral after every Mass. As Christians, we have a duty to be joyful, and to share that joy with those around us.
- Introduce yourself to any newcomers and ask for their name. Everyone wants to be known!
- Sit towards the middle of the pews if you are able. It can be difficult for people to find a seat if all the ends of the pews are filled up and only the middle is open.
- If someone shows up late, don't stare at them, but rather give them a smile so they know they are welcome. It's not up to us to make assumptions about why they are late!
- If someone's cell phone goes off during Mass, stay focused on what's happening, and avoid the temptation to turn around or stare at that person. They are probably already embarrassed, and staring can cause them to feel more alienated.
- The same goes for children crying or making noise! They belong in the church just like we do. Jesus says in the Bible, "Let the children come to me, and do not prevent them; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." – Matthew 19:14
- Show others the song/page number if they are struggling to find it.

This is not an exhaustive list, but just a handful of ways that we can help others feel welcome at St. Pius X this Christmas. These should of course be practiced all throughout the year, but especially during Christmas! Thank you all for the many ways you have already shown hospitality in our community! Let's spread some Holiday Cheer!

Finance Council

The Finance Council is looking for a few members from our St. Pius parish who have experience in the business field such as an owner of a business, finance manager, business teacher, etc. and who would have a desire to work with their fellow parish members to continue to advise Father in the task of managing the finances of our parish. If you or if you know someone who would like to be considered in this very rewarding volunteer position with our St. Pius X Parish, please let Pat or any present board members know (Sam Keiffer, Cloedan Stringfellow, Bob Moreschini, or Patsy Lowry). We look very forward to hearing from you!



**Christmas Day Potluck—December 25th from 1:30-4:30 pm.** If you're looking for something to do; dress as festive, formal or casual as you wish; bring a favorite dish, drinks, game, and/or holiday CD. Please RSVP to the office ahead of time if possible, mentioning what food/drinks you plan to bring.

**Men's Group & Rise Challenge**

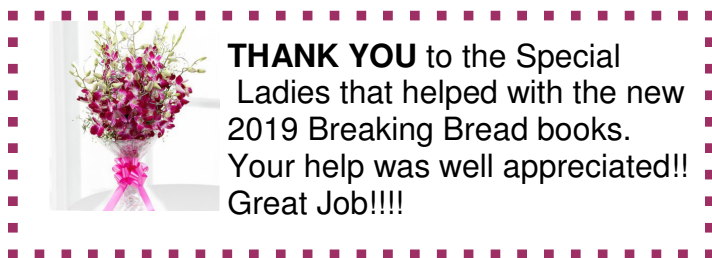
**Men, do you have a plan in place that will take your life to the next level? The men of our Parish are stepping up to the RISE challenge on January 14th. Will you join us?**

The RISE: 30 Day Challenge is a powerful video series that has changed the lives of thousands of men around the world. It's delivered right to your email and only takes about 5 minutes each morning. The investment of \$1/day (\$30 total) in yourself and your family is priceless. To register, contact Kevin Hackenmueller at [kevin\\_hackenmueller@comcast.net](mailto:kevin_hackenmueller@comcast.net) Payments can be dropped off at the Parish office or given to Kevin (please write checks out to St. Pius X).

There is an optional men's group meeting each Saturday morning at 8 AM in the parish social hall (coffee & donuts will be served). These meetings will give us a chance to form a community of men, discuss the videos, and hold one another accountable to becoming the men that Christ is calling us to be. The meeting will take place on 01/12 (introduction & informational meeting), 01/19, 01/26, 02/02, & 02/09. For more information on the RISE challenge check out [www.MenRiseUp.org](http://www.MenRiseUp.org) Let's RISE this New Year!

**7 Steps to Becoming Financially Free..**

This is a Catholic based financial program. Registration will take place in early January. Classes will start in early February. More information will follow.



**THANK YOU** to the Special Ladies that helped with the new 2019 Breaking Bread books. Your help was well appreciated!! Great Job!!!!

**The 2019 Catholic Extension Calendars are now available in the front foyer of the church. We Thank More Skinney Used Cars for sponsoring our calendars.**

**Readings for the week of December 16, 2018**



Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [6]/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18  
 Monday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:1-17  
 Tuesday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:18-25  
 Wednesday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17 [cf. 8]/Lk 1:5-25  
 Thursday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 7c and 10b]/Lk 1:26-38  
 Friday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 [1a; 3a]/Lk 1:39-45  
 Saturday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd [cf. 1a]/Lk 1:46-56  
 Next Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45

**Observances for the week of December 16, 2018**

Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Advent  
 Friday: St. Peter Canisius, Priest & Doctor of the Church  
 Next Sunday: 4th Sunday of Advent  
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**The Choir is looking for Bb Clarinet and a French Horn to borrow for the holiday. We do have musicians to play them. If you can help us, please contact Joyce at 542-4264 or [joyceschwartzegmail.com](mailto:joyceschwartzegmail.com)**

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**CAN YOU HELP.....**

We would like to set up 2 sets of Café tables and chairs in the front foyer of the church. If you would like to contribute toward the purchase, please call Pat in the parish office. 542-4264

**Please pray for our Sick & Hospitalized**

Lucy Atencio, Pat Greer, Alexander Gary, John Distefano, Rhonda Mackey, Joe Reyes, MaryAnn Niccoli, Jean Scoles, Aislie Rosnok, Scott Stevenson, Mary Luton, Doug Beach, Rod Metz, Mary Ayala, Barbara Martinez, Ruben Bernal, Eloveida Velasquez, Nanci Welte, Doug Weatherfield, Pauline Salazar, Mary Kelleher, Bette Mantelli Isabel Bueno.

**Birthday blessings** to the following parishioners that celebrate their special day from December 17th to December 23rd.



- Randal Gutenkunst—12/17
- Mary Moreschini—12/17
- Carol Story—12/17
- Toni Brooks—12/18
- Chris Compton—12/18
- Kris Miceli—12/18
- Dolores Chavez—12/19
- James Platt—12/19
- Gina Reyes—12/19
- Melody Weatherfield—12/19
- Laura Armenta—12/20
- Samuel Duarte—12/20
- Makison Mondragon—12/20
- Matthew reyes—12/20
- Hannthy Tran—12/20
- Viola Cortez—12/22
- Tom Niccoli—12/22
- Angelina Sciacca—12/22
- Roger Matters—12/23



**Saturday , December 15, 2018**

**2:30 pm—** Confession

**4:00 pm—**For the People of God of this Parish

**Sunday, December 16, 2018**

**9:00 am —†**Talo & Flora Nava By Family

—†Virginia Wilson By Betty Barbera

**Tuesday, December 18, 2018**

**5:30 pm—**Confession

**6:00 pm —†**Lynn Howard McWhorter By Mary Weber

**Wednesday, December 19, 2018**

**5:30 pm—**Confession

**6:00 pm—**"For the Intentions of the victims of clergy child abuse, and in reparation for the crimes of the perpetrators."

**Thursday, December 20, 2018**

**5:30 pm—**Confession

**6:00 pm—†**Emile Racine By Charles & Paula Racine

**Friday, December 21, 2018**

**5:30 pm—** Confession

**6:00 pm—**Special Intention for Dennis & Steve Casias

**Saturday , December 22, 2018**

**2:30 pm—** Confession

**4:00 pm—**For the People of God of this Parish

**Sunday, December 23, 2018**

**9:00 am —**For the People of God of this Parish

