

4th Sunday of Advent

December 23, 2018

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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.

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



A Blessed and Merry Christmas to all, from your Parish Staff....

May your family and your friends bring you much joy during your Christmas gatherings.

May God bless you with the peace the world knew the night Christ was born.

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, Cloedean 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 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 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.

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

Readings for the week of December 23, 2018



Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-18 [4]/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45
 Monday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 [2]/Lk 1:67-79
 Tuesday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 [2a]/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25
 Midnight: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 [Lk 2:11]/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14
 Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20
 Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3c]/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14
 Wednesday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17 [6]/Mt 10:17-22
 Thursday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8
 Friday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18
 Saturday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35
 Next Sunday: 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf. 5a]/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

Observances for the week of December 23, 2018

Sunday: 4th Sunday of Advent
 Monday: Christmas Eve
 Tuesday: The Nativity of the Lord (holy day of obligation)
 Wednesday: St. Stephen, the First Martyr
 Thursday: St. John, Apostle & Evangelist
 Friday: The Holy Innocents, Martyrs
 Saturday: St. Thomas Becket, Bishop & Martyr
 Next Sunday: The Holy Family

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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



Birthday blessings to the following parishioners that celebrate their special day from December 24th to December 31st.

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



Mass Schedule

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

Monday, December 24th, Christmas Eve

4:00 pm —†Brody Douglas Robinson By Grandparents

11:00 pm—For the People of God of this Parish

Tuesday, December 25th, Christmas Day

12 Noon—†Maryjane Vitt By Gary & Maryanne Vitt

Wednesday, December 26, 2018

5:30 pm—Confession

6:00 pm—†Jim Dunphy By Shirley Rocco

Thursday, December 27, 2018

5:30 pm—Confession

6:00 pm—†Maryjane Vitt By Eugene & Marcia Griglak

Friday, December 28, 2018

5:30 pm— Confession

6:00 pm—†Annette McDonough By Jerry & Susan McDonough

Saturday, December 29, 2018

2:30 pm— Confession

4:00 pm—†Fernando (Dindo) Gomez By Lirio & Cely Polintan

—†Fr. Bill Gleeson By Lirio & Cely Polintan

—†Dawn Ballman By Sam & Lois Cocharo

Sunday, December 30, 2018

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