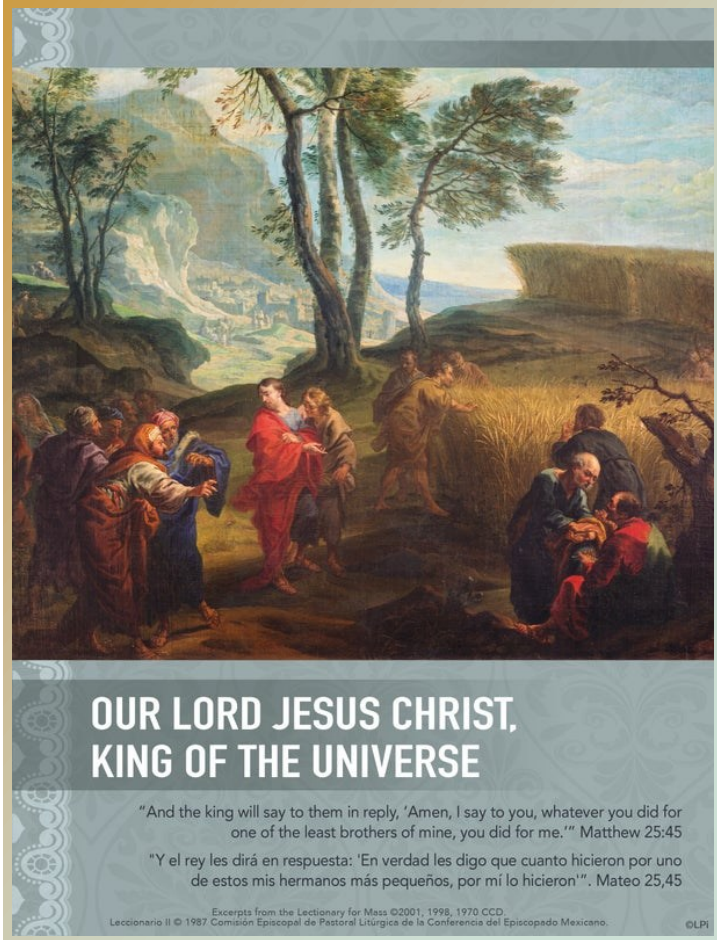
St. Pius X Catholic Community

November 22, 2026



MISSION STATEMENT

We the people of St. Pius X Church, a faith community in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Joliet, Illinois, accept the challenge to restore all things in Christ through the use of our gifts and ministry. Guided by the Father, nourished by the Eucharist, and inspired by the Holy Spirit we embrace all through our commitment to worship, education, service, and stewardship.

LEMA DE NUESTRA MISIÓN

Nosotros las personas de la Iglesia de San Pío X, una comunidad de fe Católica de la Diócesis de Joliet, Illinois, aceptamos los desafíos de restaurar todas las cosas en Cristo, por medio de nuestros talentos y ministerios. Guiados por el Padre, nutridos por la Eucaristía, e inspirados por el Espíritu Santo; unidos y comprometidos todos nosotros por medio de nuestros dones, educación y servicio.

Pastor: Father Matthew Nathan

Deacons: John Chan / Reyes González
Armando Herrera / Larry Lissak / Tom Rachubinski

School Principal: Megan Pauley

Music Ministry Director: Kirsten Currie

Religious Education Director (English & Spanish): Laura Mora

Hispanic Ministry Coordinator: Laura Mora

Religious Education: 630-627-1551
ReligiousEd@stpiuslombard.org

Youth & Young Adult Ministry: Gina Wiedman

Business Manager: Donna Cooper

Office Manager: Margaret Noah

Campus Manager: David Cilella

Pastoral Council, Chair: Kathleen Burger

Finance Council, Chair: Kristopher Goetz

Stewardship Council, Chair: Michelle Weiland

Vocations Director: Timothy Carroll

Parish Office: 630-627-4526 — **Fax**: 630-495-5926
ParishOffice@stpiuslombard.org

School: 630-627-2353 — **Fax:** 630-627-1810
SchoolOffice@stpiuslombard.org

IMPORTANT TO KNOW

MASSES

Saturday: 5:00 PM Anticipation of Sunday
Misa en Español: Sabado 7:00 PM
Sunday: 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM
Holy Days: 8:30 AM and 7:00 PM
Weekdays: 8:30 AM Monday through Friday
Saturday: 8:30 AM First Saturday each month

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION/CONFESIONES

Saturday: 3:30 to 4:30 PM or by appointment

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on the 1st Sunday of the month during the 10 AM Mass and the 3rd Sunday of the month at 11:30 AM. Parent preparation is required and is held on the 1st Monday of the month, by appointment.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Please call the Parish Office at least 6 months before your desired wedding date . Monthly Marriage Blessings on the 2nd weekend of each month at all the Masses.

FUNERALS

Arrangements should be made at the Parish Office before publication in the newspaper.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

To add a name to the Prayers of the Faithful, contact the Parish Office. Before a name can be added, you should have the approval of the affected individual or of a family member.

***SICK CALLS**

If you or a loved one is homebound, in a nursing home or hospitalized because of sickness or age, contact the Parish Office to arrange for a Priest or Minister of Care.

***ANOINTING OF THOSE FACING SURGERY OR OTHER MEDICAL CONDITIONS**

To arrange for the anointing of a loved one facing surgery, other medical conditions or complications from pregnancy, contact the Parish Office.

***ANOINTING OF THE GRAVELY ILL**

To arrange for the anointing of the gravely ill, contact the Parish Office at 630-627-4526, press 1.
*Because of HIPPA regulations, hospitals and nursing homes are not permitted to contact the parish directly.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
ST. PIUS X CONFERENCE

Food Pantry Hours: Mondays 9:30-11:30 AM (residents of Lombard/Villa Park); **Fridays 9:30-11:30 AM** (homeless neighbors); **1st/3rd Wednesdays 9:15-10:30 AM** (deliveries to homebound). **Food Drives: 3rd Saturday** of each month **9-11 AM**. **Financial assistance** is available to parishioners and people living within St. Pius X Parish boundaries. Please call **630-300-4353** to leave a detailed message including your name, current address, phone number and needs. Calls are checked periodically during the week and are handled confidentially by a conference member.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday:
9:00 AM – 12:30 PM; 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM
Friday: 9:00 AM- 12:30 PM; 1:00 PM- 3:00 PM

ADORATION PRAYER CHAPEL

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday: 9 am - 11 am
Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday: 7:00–9:00 PM
Tuesday: 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM
On Wednesdays from 8 pm to 9 pm in addition to the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, a deacon will lead the Rosary, prayers, intercessions, songs of praise, and blessing. Enter door #8 on the east side of the church building.

NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome! You are invited to come or to call the Parish Office to register. The form is also available on parish website under Forms & Resources.

MINISTRIES – GET INVOLVED

If you are interested in one of our many ministries or wish to become involved by sharing your time or talent, please contact the Parish Office or see our website for details.

BULLETIN ARTICLES

Articles are due at the Parish Office at least two weeks before the bulletin date. Please Email your article as a Word file to: **bulletin@stpiuslombard.org**. Indicate the date(s) you would like the article published. We will make every effort to accommodate your request.

VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD AND RELIGIOUS LIFE

Call 815-221-6171 or www.vocations.com

PREGNANT? CONFUSED? NEED HELP?

Call Waterleaf Women's Services at 888-98WEHELP

REPORTING SEXUAL ABUSE

Anyone who has reasonable cause to suspect the sexual abuse of a minor by a member of the clergy or other Church personnel is urged to report the matter immediately. To inform the Diocese of Joliet, call Renée M. Fidanzo, LCSW, CWEL, Director of Child and Youth Protection at 815-221-6116 or write the Diocese of Joliet, 16555 Weber Rd, Crest Hill, IL. Contact DCFS at 1-800-252-2873 or call the local County States Attorney.

FREE MINISTRY TO TRAVELING CATHOLICS

For nationwide Mass times and locations:
Masstimes.org or parishesonline.com

LITURGICAL NEWS

Liturgical Calendar

Monday November 23—Saint Clement I; Saint Columban; Bl. Miguel Agustin Pro
Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 21:1-4
8:30 am †Fr. Herb Essig by Michelle LoCoco

Tuesday November 24—Saint Andrew Dũng-Lạc
Rv 14:14-19/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/Lk 21:5-11
8:30 am †Katherine & Tom O'Keefe by Bates Family

Wednesday November 25—Saint Catherine of Alexandria
Rv 15:1-4/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 7-8, 9/Lk 21:12-19
8:30 am †Pat Turen from John & Sharon DeFalco

Thursday November 26—Thanksgiving Day Communion Service
Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 21:20-28
8:30 am In Thanksgiving for our St. Pius X Parish Family

Friday November 27—Weekday
Rv 20:1-4, 11-21:2/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a/Lk 21:29-33
8:30 am †Joseph Temborius by Family

Saturday November 28—Weekday
Rv 22:1-7/Ps 95:1-2, 3-5, 6-7ab/Lk 21:34-36
3:30-4:30 pm Reconciliation/Confesiones

Vigil—1st Sunday of Advent
5:00 pm St. Pius X Parish Family
7:00 pm Misa en español

Sunday November 29
Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19/
1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37
8:00 am †Violet & David Kuchbacker by Amy & Mike Denault
†Matt Schmit by Rae Scandiff
+David Berry by Mark & Diane Chiodo
10:00 am †Christopher Meyer by Jane Zambreno
†MaryKay Jennrich by Jim & Gerry Vittorio
†Barbara A. Bjorklund by Dan & Ginny Kelly



Pray for the following parishioners, family and friends who are ill.

Oremos por los siguientes feligreses, familiares y amigos que están enfermos:

Elizabeth McNicholas
Brad Benes
Benjamin Mauro
John Rossi
Don Lucas
Celeste McHugh
Sarah Giovenco
Jody Lanzarotta
Bill Sutton
Mark Koykar
Emilio Diaz
Areli Acuña
Maria Damaris Gomez
Colin Lavery
Diana Arellano
Heather Loar
Charlie Drury
Jake Borho
Vicente Salgado Jr
Don Cooper



Begin your Thanksgiving Day
in a spirit of gratitude!
Please join us for a **Communion Service on**
Thursday, November 26 at 8:30 am
as we come together to
thank God for His many blessings.

Parishioners will receive a blessed loaf of bread
generously donated by the
Turano Baking Company
to share at their Thanksgiving meal.

Our St. Pius X Catholic Community Welcomes our newly Baptized:

Miles Joseph
Rylie Catherine
Tyson Adam

PARISH NEWS

Our Stewardship of Sharing

Due to an early bulletin deadline, donations could not be reported.

Prayerfully consider giving a gift to St. Pius X Parish in your Estate Planning or Planned Giving.

Thank you for your continued support of our ministries to the people of God.

Online Giving

Go to: osvhub.com/stpiuslombard/giving/funds
or scan the QR Code.

Stewardship

END OF CALENDAR YEAR DONATION CONSIDERATIONS

The end of the calendar year will be here very soon, and we want to thank all of our generous parishioners for their Stewardship of Treasure. It is a great time to consider some smart options to finish 2026 with a gift that maximizes your St. Pius X support while reducing your taxes. Any donations must be dated no later than **December 31, 2026**, and received by the Parish Office by **December 31, 2026**.

1. If you make donations to St. Pius X, you can support our many ministries here and possibly qualify for an income tax deduction. If you itemize on your taxes, this can be part of your charitable contribution deductions.

2. You can make a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) directly from your Traditional IRA to St. Pius X if you are 70½ or older. You can give any amount up to $111,000. Married couples, if both meet qualifications and have separate IRAs, can donate up to $111,000 each. The QCD's can also be used to support multiple charities, as long as the sum is within the $111,000 limit.

   People who hold Individual Retirement Accounts are required to take RMD's beginning at age 73 – even if they don't need or want the funds and may face increased tax liabilities if they took the distribution as income. That same required minimum distribution increases the IRA holder's total taxable income. This income increase could potentially push the taxpayer into a higher income tax bracket. It can also trigger phase-out's, which limit or eliminate some kinds of tax deductions such as personal exemption and itemized deductions, and may trigger high taxes on Social Security Income. Your donation will be excluded from your taxable income and can also be used to satisfy all or part of your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD). The distribution must be made directly to the eligible charity from the traditional IRA or an inherited IRA.

3. You can make a gift using appreciated securities that you have owned for longer than one year. By doing this, you receive the same income tax savings as you would by making a gift of cash. You also eliminate any tax on the appreciation.

The other giving option to consider for your future is your estate plan. You can bequest a donation to the St. Pius X Parish in your will. If you do not have a will yet, the Diocese of Joliet offers a free resource for you to complete your will which can include support to the parish and/or the Diocese of Joliet. Visit: catholiclegacy.com/org/dioceseofjoliet.
If you have any questions on these suggestions, please feel free to call me. Donna Cooper / 630-627-4526, Ext. 208

OPLATKI CHRISTMAS WAFERS

Oplatki Christmas Wafers are a holiday tradition in many families. Each envelope contains four wafers.

They will be available starting **November 28-29** in the Gathering Space.

The suggested donation is **$4.00 per envelope**.

Traveling over the Holidays?

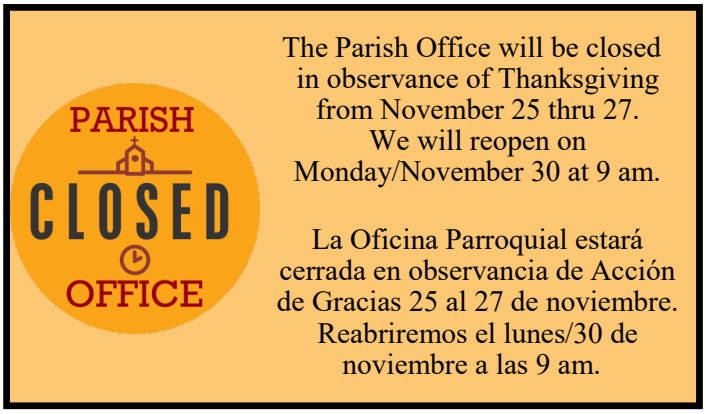
It can be difficult for Catholics to find a Mass when traveling or when it is not practical to attend their regular parishes. It is not always easy to find the right diocesan or parish websites.

Mass Times for Travel makes it much easier to search for a Mass by presenting all the possibilities in a geographical area on one page. We provide worship times, church locations, contact information, website links and maps. There are 121,000 churches in 201 countries/territories.

Go to: masstimes.org

This Week's Calendar of Events

Monday—November 23		
SVDP Food Pantry	9:30 am	Martha Room
OCIA	7:00 pm	Parish Office
Tuesday—November 24		
Catholic 101 Meeting	7:00 pm	Youth Room
Pastoral Council Meeting	7:00 pm	Parish Office
Young Adult Ministry Compline	9:30 pm	Chapel
Wednesday—November 25 (Parish Office is Closed)		
Thursday—November 26 (Parish Office is Closed)		
Friday—November 27 (Parish Office is Closed)		
SVDP Food Pantry	9:30 am	Martha Room
Saturday—November 28		
Men's Group	7:00 am	Mary Room
HM / Advent Retreat	9:00 am	Church/Martha
Traveling Crucifix Signup	6:00 pm	Shepherds' Hall
Sunday—November 29		
Rosary for Vocations	7:20 am	Church
Traveling Crucifix Signup	9:00 am	Shepherds' Hall
SVDP Packing Groceries	6:00 pm	Martha Room
Adult Basketball	7:00 pm	Social Center
Rosary for Vocations	7:00 pm	Church



The Parish Office will be closed in observance of Thanksgiving from November 25 thru 27. We will reopen on Monday/November 30 at 9 am.

La Oficina Parroquial estará cerrada en observancia de Acción de Gracias 25 al 27 de noviembre. Reabriremos el lunes/30 de noviembre a las 9 am.

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TAKE THE TIME TO WAIT FOR GOD.

Starting November 28, embark on a pilgrimage with Sojourn's daily guide through Advent, directly to your inbox!

Email sign up: daily.formed.org/advent

Advent prepares us for the coming of Christ. But where will he find us? In traffic? In a hurry? How about in the stillness of our soul? This year, make time for Advent, make room in your heart for the coming of Christ—experience *Sojourn*, a free offering of daily meditations and journaling, delivered right to your inbox. Cultivate a new longing for our Divine Redeemer and make the most of your advent journey.

Gospel Reflection

Matthew 25:31-46

I remember middle school baseball tryouts. A friend of mine, Robert, was trying to make the team to please his father, but his heart wasn't in it. He was lackadaisical and unenergetic. When the final cut-list was announced and his name wasn't on it, he was relieved. He realized the coach was not insulting him but essentially telling him, "Bobby, this only works if you actually *want* to play ball."

I was saddened he'd miss out on the fun, but I knew it was best. Putting Robert onto the team would not have been kindness. It would have made him miserable.

Jesus speaks to us today about his identity as our King and Judge. He separates those who inherit the kingdom from those who do not. The King explains, **"Whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me" (Matthew 25:40).** His judgment hinges on willingness to participate in love. Heaven is not a prize imposed at the end of life. It is a life freely chosen and engaged. Hell is not a destination prepared for human beings, but a terrible and sad acknowledgment of an opting out which God never intends for us.

Jesus' role as judge proclaims to us: "Heaven only works if you actually *want* to love." How do we know if we want it? How we serve the hungry, the sick, the imprisoned, and the forgotten. These acts of mercy are not arbitrary tests. They are the very shape of divine life. There is no better game to play than this. We ought to begin playing it right now. The King will come to judge us. — *Father John Muir*

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Vocations Ministry

TRAVELING CRUCIFIX SIGNUPS

As the year comes to an end, the Vocations Ministry will be wrapping up the Traveling Chalice program and beginning signups for the **Traveling Crucifix** program.

The Traveling Crucifix program invites families to receive a blessing at Mass when they pick up the Crucifix and then take it home for the week. Families are encouraged to pray a daily prayer together for an increase in vocations.

The Traveling Crucifix program will run from **January through May**, with the Crucifix available for the **first and third week of each month**.

The Vocations Ministry will be in Shepherds Hall the weekend of **November 28 & 29** after the Masses.

If you would like to sign up, please stop by and see us. You may also contact **Tim Carroll** at **chieftimmy@icloud.com** or **630-408-7316**.

Grateful, Thankful & Blessed

Dear Parish Family,

This Thanksgiving, I invite you to reflect on the two disciples walking toward Emmaus. They were carrying disappointment and unanswered questions when Jesus drew near and walked beside them. They heard His voice and listened as He explained the Scriptures, yet they did not recognize Him. Then, at the table, He blessed and broke the bread, and their eyes were opened. They recognized the Lord who had been accompanying them all along.

How often might we discover something similar when we look back on our own lives? In the midst of responsibilities, worries, and unfinished plans, we can overlook the ways Jesus is near. Gratitude helps us pause long enough to notice: the person who stayed beside us through a difficult season, the forgiveness that renewed a relationship, the strength we received when we thought we had none left. As we give thanks for these gifts, we begin to recognize the love of the One who gives them.

This is why the Eucharist belongs at the heart of our thanksgiving. The very word means "thanksgiving." At Mass, Jesus gathers us, speaks to us through the Scriptures, and gives Himself to us in His Body and Blood. The Lord whom the disciples recognized in the breaking of the bread continues to meet us at His altar.

For some among us, gratitude this year will come with tears. An empty place at the table or a burden still unresolved may weigh heavily. We can bring these things to the Lord, trusting that He walks beside us even when we struggle to recognize Him.

As you gather this Thanksgiving, take a moment to remember where you have received love, help, and grace this year. Give thanks for those gifts, and ask Jesus to help you recognize His presence within your story.

I am grateful for each of you and for the many ways you help others encounter Christ in our parish family. May He open our eyes, warm our hearts, and bless our tables this Thanksgiving.

With gratitude and prayers,
Fr. Matt Nathan

Gratamente, Bendecido y Agradecido

Querida familia parroquial:

En este Día de Acción de Gracias, los invito a reflexionar sobre los dos discípulos que caminaban hacia Emaús. Llevaban consigo la decepción y muchas preguntas sin respuesta cuando Jesús se acercó y comenzó a caminar junto a ellos. Escucharon su voz mientras Él les explicaba las Escrituras, pero no lo reconocieron. Luego, al sentarse a la mesa, Jesús bendijo y partió el pan, y se les abrieron los ojos. Reconocieron al Señor que los había acompañado durante todo el camino.

¿Cuántas veces descubrimos algo parecido al mirar hacia atrás y reflexionar sobre nuestra propia vida? En medio de nuestras responsabilidades, preocupaciones y planes inconclusos, podemos pasar por alto las maneras en que Jesús está cerca de nosotros. La gratitud nos ayuda a detenernos lo suficiente para reconocer su presencia: la persona que permaneció a nuestro lado durante una etapa difícil, el perdón que renovó una relación o la fortaleza que recibimos cuando creíamos que ya no nos quedaban fuerzas. Al dar gracias por estos dones, comenzamos a reconocer el amor de Aquel que nos los concede.

Por eso, la Eucaristía ocupa un lugar central en nuestra acción de gracias. La palabra «Eucaristía» significa precisamente «acción de gracias». En la Misa, Jesús nos reúne, nos habla por medio de las Escrituras y se entrega a nosotros en su Cuerpo y su Sangre. El Señor a quien los discípulos reconocieron al partir el pan continúa encontrándose con nosotros en su altar.

Para algunos de nosotros, la gratitud de este año vendrá acompañada de lágrimas. Un lugar vacío en la mesa o una preocupación que todavía no encuentra solución pueden pesar profundamente en nuestro corazón. Podemos llevar estas situaciones al Señor, confiando en que Él camina a nuestro lado, incluso cuando nos cuesta reconocer su presencia.

Al reunirse este Día de Acción de Gracias, tómense un momento para recordar dónde han recibido amor, ayuda y gracia durante este año. Den gracias por esos dones y pídanle a Jesús que los ayude a reconocer su presencia en la historia de sus vidas.

Estoy agradecido por cada uno de ustedes y por las muchas maneras en que ayudan a otros a encontrarse con Cristo dentro de nuestra familia parroquial. Que Él abra nuestros ojos, encienda nuestros corazones y bendiga nuestras mesas en este Día de Acción de Gracias.

Con gratitud y oraciones,
P. Matt Nathan

V.I.P. Seniors

LAST CALL

V.I.P. Special Christmas Luncheon

Please join us for our **V.I.P. Special Christmas Luncheon** on **Tuesday, December 8**, at Allegra Banquets, 237 St Charles Rd in Villa Park. Don't miss out on the food, fun, and friendship!

The cost is **$30 per person**. Please make checks payable to: **St. Pius X V.I.P.** You are welcome to invite family members and friends to join us for this special Christmas celebration.

Please return your check to the Parish Office or Barb Keane by **Friday, November 27**. Please don't forget to make your menu choice, so that we know how many meals to order.

We look forward to celebrating the Christmas season with you!

Thank you!



Council of Catholic Women





ALL ST. PIUS X PARISHIONERS ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ANNUAL GIVING TREE PROJECT AS PART OF THEIR ADVENT PREPARATIONS

Today is the start of the Giving Tree Project. Items listed on the tags are ONLY suggestions.

All gifts are to be returned GIFT WRAPPED unless otherwise indicated. The tag identification must be attached (with tape) to the gift for proper distribution. Please return the gifts to the tree area **ON THE WEEKENDS ONLY**: November 28 & 29 and December 5 & 6. This insures that the gifts will be safe until distribution time. **Gifts are due back no later than Noon on Sunday December 6.**

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Carol Weiland at 630-220-2647. Thank you for your generosity. May you have a joyous Advent Season.





SPX Annual Auction & Gala | A Knight at the Masters
Saturday/February 6, 2027 — A Tradition of Giving!

Every great tournament relies on a strong gallery of support! We are looking for our parent network to team up and help us secure specific donations for this year's event.

We are currently seeking cookware, gaming devices, iPads, sports tickets & memorabilia, and vacation opportunities. Every generous gesture, big or small, helps us build a lasting tradition for our students.

Thank you—

If you are interested in donations, sponsorships, or volunteering,
please email: gala@stpiuslombard.org or
call: Meghan Bisping at 630-613-0610.

SCAN QR CODE TO SEE THE LATEST NEWS FROM ST. PIUS X PARISH SCHOOL!

MINISTERIO HISPANO

Misa en Español: Sábado 7:00 pm
Confesiones: sabados de 3:30 a 4:30 p.m. o después de Misa.

Bautizos el Terccer domingo del mes a la 1:00 pm.
Pláticas Pre-bautismales: segundo viernes del mes a las 7 p.m.
Para más información, favor de comunicarse a la oficina parroquial.

Coordinadora de Ministerio Hispano Directora de Educación Religiosa: Laura Mora
Teléfono: 630-627-4526 X203 — **Horario de Oficina:** Miércoles y Jueves de 9 am—1 pm



¡Caminando junto a José y María!

Retiro de Adviento

Cuando: sábado, 28 de noviembre
Horario: 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Lugar: Parroquia de San Pio X
Dirigido por: Diacono Reyes y esposa Irma González

Favor de confirmar tu asistencia con Laura Mora al 630-418-0965

¡Todos son Bienvenidos!

2026

Parroquia de San Pío X, Lombard, IL

Horario de la Novena

3 – 11 de diciembre
3 & 4.de diciembre 7:00 p.m.
5 de diciembre 6:30 p.m.
6 & 7 de diciembre 7:00 p.m.
8 & 9 de diciembre 8:00 p.m.
10 & 11 de diciembre 7:00 p.m.



Mañanitas con Mariachi
11 de diciembre, a las 11:00 p.m.

Misa de Gallo con Mariachi
12 de diciembre, a las 12:00 a.m.

Por la tarde seguimos celebrando
Misa 7:00 p.m. Iglesia
Después de Misa Pasaremos al Gimnasio de la Escuela para disfrutar de la Obra Teatral de las Cuatro Apariciones que la Virgencita hizo al San Juan Diego
Seguido de cena y música.

¡Ven a celebrar con nosotros!

Horario de Adoración Eucarística

Lunes, martes, jueves y Viernes
9:00 a. m. – 11:00 a. m.

Lunes, miércoles y jueves
7:00 p. m. – 9:00 p. m.
Martes
7:00 p. m. – 10:00 p. m.

Entrada por la puerta # 8.
(Favor de tocar el timbre para que le abran la puerta.)

Elizabeth Ministry





Rosebuds at the Shrine of Mary Immaculate

At the Shrine of Mary Immaculate (located at the back of church), you will find a basket of artificial rosebuds. Each has an appropriate tag in support of women who are:

- Pregnant (Pink)
- Celebrating birth or adoption (Red)
- Grieving miscarriage, stillbirth, abortion, infant or child death (White)
- Wanting to become pregnant or adopt (Yellow)

You are invited to pick out the appropriate rosebud, fill out the attached tag, and put the rosebud with the tag in the crystal vase provided.

Prayer cards for the various situations are displayed next to the vase in a holder. If you fill out a tag, you are invited to take a prayer card for your personal meditation.

Please do not take the rose home. The Elizabeth Ministry uses the roses to keep your special intention in their daily prayers and will add it to their prayer chain. After a few weeks, the roses are recycled to use for new petitions. Prayer intentions can be for yourself or for someone you know.

For additional questions or direct prayer requests, please contact **Marylou Johnson at grandma1j@comcast.net**

DEANERY NEWS

VOCATION PRAYER CALENDAR

God our Father, You made each of us to use our gifts in the Body of Christ. We ask that you inspire young people whom you call to priesthood and consecrated life to courageously follow your will. Send workers into your great harvest so that the Gospel is preached, the poor are served with love, the suffering are comforted, and Your people are strengthened by the sacraments. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

—Prayer for vocations by Pope Francis

Remember these men and women in your daily prayers—Priests, Deacons, Seminarians and Religious in the Diocese of Joliet.

22 Fr. Wolf VK Werling, Fr. Charles Wheeler
23 Dcns. Edward Szymanski, Jesus Tagle, Timothy Taylor, Terrence Taylor, Dennis F. Theriault, Thomas Thiltgen
24 Fr. Luis Ron
25 Sr. Margaret McGuckin OSF
26 Sr. Mary Jean Morris OSF
27 Dcns. John Jensen, Charles Scott Parks
28 Fr. Philip Timko OSB

Prepared by Diocese of Joliet Vocation Office; Joliet Area Vocation Assoc. (JAVA); Serra Club of DuPage County.
To receive an electronic version, please request at carrgeojo@gmail.com.

Caring Network™

Women's Clinics -- Our Caring Network Clinics (CN Clinics) provide no-cost medical services in a professional, welcoming environment. We offer pregnancy confirmation, ultrasounds, STI testing, and options consultations. Ultrasound often becomes a defining moment—bringing clarity and confidence at a critical decision point while connecting women to ongoing support.

Family Support -- Choosing life is not the end of the story — it's the beginning. Through our network of trusted partners, women are connected to long-term family support that provides practical resources and community. From parenting education and material assistance to mentorship and church-based relationships, mothers gain the stability and confidence needed to thrive.

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Your response has been amazing over the last 2 years! OLA is deeply grateful for this support—let's keep it going! Here's how you can get involved:

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- **Choose how many lunches** you would like to make. Each lunch should be packed in a brown paper bag and include a sandwich, a drink, and a snack.
- **Prepare your lunches** over the weekend.
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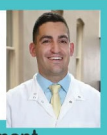
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