



ST. PIUS X
MOBERLY, MO



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"Lord, come and save us."

December 14, 2025

We the members of St. Pius X are a people of the land who are on a pilgrimage to the Father. Guided by the Holy Spirit, God's Word, and our Catholic tradition, we reach out to others with love and service.

PARISH STAFF

Fr. Louis M. Nelen Pastor
 Email lnelen@diojeffcity.org
 John Hill Permanent Deacon
 Chris Sago Permanent Deacon
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 Audrey Harris Bookkeeper
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 Melanie Holtzclaw OCIA, Stewardship
 Mike Aulbur School Principal
 Johnna Schumann Early Childhood Center Director

THE BULLETIN DEADLINE IS TUESDAY AT NOON

OFFICE HOURS

Mon - Thurs - 9:00am to 4:00pm Friday 9-Noon

PARISH REGISTRATION

Please call or visit the Parish Office during regular office hours.

MARRIAGES

Contact the pastor six months in advance.

BAPTISMS

Parents should contact the Parish Office for instructions.

BECOMING CATHOLIC / OCIA

Anyone interested in becoming Catholic, contact the pastor.

TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Parish Office263-5243
 St. Pius X School263-5500
 Undercroft.....263-9168
 Early Childhood Center263-1840
 St. Vincent de Paul660-651-2366

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 5:15pm
 Sunday 8:00am & 11:00am

RECONCILIATION/PENANCE

Saturday4:30pm
 Sunday.....7:30am & 10:30am
 Anytime by appointment.

PARISH MASS IN SPANISH.....2nd and 4th Thursdays at 7:00 pm

PSR KIDS' FAITH FOUNDATION

Call the Parish office for information and materials.

ROSARY

A rosary will be said 25 minutes before each Mass on the weekend.

VISITATION OF THE SICK

Please keep us informed that we might minister to those who are ill at home, in the hospital, or nursing care facility.

For death or spiritual emergency, please call the parish office and press 7 for the Pastor.

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MASS INTENTIONS

Tue 12/16	5:30pm	Birthday Blessings for Flava Talley (MCC Mass)
Wed 12/17	8:00am	Anniversary Blessings for Ted & Therese Sander
Wed 12/17	12:00pm	†John Sander
Thu 12/18	5:30pm	†Joseph & Eleanor Waltz
Fri 12/19	8:00am	†Bob Flaspohler
Sat 12/20	5:15pm	†Bob Linneman
Sun 12/21	8:00am	†Harley Mattox
Sun 12/21	11:00am	People of the Parish

(We are streaming live on Facebook for the 5:15 pm Weekend Mass)

"He who carries God in his heart bears heaven with him wherever he goes."
—St. Ignatius of Loyola



ROSARY LEADERS FOR THE WEEKEND OF December 20th & 21st Masses

5:15pm Mass Dec 20th – Cole Davis
8:00am Mass Dec 21st - Pete Koenig
11:00 am Mass Dec 21st - Ann Phelps

ST. PIUS X COUNTING TEAM SCHEDULE

December 14 - December 20 Team 4
December 21 - December 27 Team 1
December 28 - January 3 Team 3
January 4 - January 10 Team 4
This schedule is subject to change



(If you have signed up for a counting team and don't know what team you are on, please contact Audrey Harris at the church office.)

MARTHAS

December 20th

Lynne Barron 660-676-6433
Sandy Dutton 660-349-0836

December 27th

Amanda Brown 660-216-7209
Sarah Mefford 660-651-8327

The first person on the list calls other to set up a time to clean. If needed, contact the church office for a code to doors. (If you are unable to be there, please find your own sub and contact your cleaning partner.)



PRAY FOR THE SICK

Father of Love, hear our prayer for the sick members of our community and for all who are in need. Amid their suffering may they find consolation in your healing presence. Show your mercy as You cure illness and make broken bodies whole. We ask this through the Lord Jesus who healed those who believe. Amen.

Amy Denton
Ashley Hobbs
Beate Rash
Bella Rader
Brooks Burton
Carole Hays
Catherine Prenger
Charles Cahill
David Long
Donna Walter
Dorothy Cater
Dorothy Denver
Dorothy Wheeler

Dwight Wheeler
Ed Kelly
Elizabeth Harbal
Faith "Wemhoff"
Kummerfield
Gertie Rufkahr
Greg Prange
Jason Eastman
James Gibson
Jim Tindle
Jim Walter
Joe Derboven
John Peebles

Josh
Joyce Wortmann
Karen Boss
Karen Powell
Kathy Kirkendoll
Larry Boswell
Leelamma Thomas
Leroy Wortmann
Linda Wilkins
Mary Ellen Wolf
Michael "Wink" Winkler
Mike Hulen
Mike Schmidt

Mirta Ferro
Missy Jeffries
Nadine Johnson
Nathaniel Meyer
Nichole Lawson
Nora Vance
Paul Gingrich
Ronda Blakley
Ruthie Edwards
Susie Mantle
Susie Vater
Tamara Tarr
Tammy Mattox

Tim Rash
Tom Boss
Travis Boots
Valerie Nichols
Zara Lear
Zeke Price
Zita McCoy

WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mon 12/15	6:00pm	OCIA Class, Undercroft
Wed 12/17	12:00pm	Friendship Circle Mass & Luncheon
Wed 12/17	6:30pm	Confirmation Class, School
Wed 12/17	7:00pm	Christmas Choir Practice
Thu 12/18	12:00pm	Finance Meeting, Ed. Bldg.
Sat 12/20	10:00am	Stitch-Pray-Love, Church Office
Sun 12/21	9:00am	Coffee Bar, Undercroft
Sun 12/21	12:00pm	Decorate Church for Christmas



PRAY FOR OUR SERVICE MEMBERS

Let us pray for our brothers and sisters as they go forth with courage and determination to face the forces of violence, weapons of destruction, and hearts filled with hate.

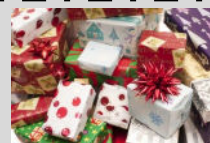


Jordan Ruiz
Rick Coffman
Samuel Peterson
Rico Hernandez

Natalie Ruiz
Joshua Howard
Jayden Pearman
Kameron Christy



December Friendship Circle Potluck



Our next gathering will be this Wednesday, December 17th. Mass at Noon followed by a potluck/covered dish luncheon in the undercroft. Bring a small gift for a fun "Christmas Gift Exchange" and join us for some good food and fellowship. All are welcome!



Repose of the Soul

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Shirley Thiemann, mother of Bob, Frank, Margaret and Patrick, and for the comfort and consolation of her family.

Keep these and all of St. Pius X family members and friends in your prayers. Please advise the Parish Office if a name should be added or removed from the prayer list and ensure the person is aware their name will be published in the bulletin.

KNIGHT'S KORNER



Dec 23rd 7:00pm Meeting
Knights of Columbus Hall
Jan 13th 7:00pm Meeting
Knights of Columbus Hall

*Stop Abortions • Pray the Rosary
Support & Join the Knights*



Feeding the Community

Get ready to spread the true spirit of Christmas!! The St Vincent de Paul Food Baskets will be put together on Saturday, December 20, 2025 at 8:30 am in the St Pius X school gymnasium. Delivery will be soon after the baskets are filled with all the food that the recipient needs.

Please plan on joining us as the baskets are put together and deliveries need to be made. This is a great moving and joyful experience in showing the example of giving to those in need.

If you are a healthy able body, we could use your help on the food pick-up scheduled at Aldi's on Friday, December 19, 2025 at 10 am. Please let me know if you can help with the food pick up by calling 660-651-7460. May God Bless You always!

Wanda Finnigan, St Vincent de Paul, President



Rest of the Soul

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Charles Baumstark, father of Susie Kennison, and for the comfort and consolation of his family.



Rest of the Soul

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Joe Heddinghaus, son of Shirley Heddinghaus, and for the comfort and consolation of his family.



Confirmation Class

Next class is this Wednesday, December 17th at 6:30pm in the Religion Classroom.



December 14, 2025

Third Sunday of Advent

Is 35:1-6a, 10 | Jas 5:7-10 | Mt 11:2-11

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

One morning, I woke up feeling exhausted after a fitful night of sleep. I was achy and generally under the weather. Despite this, I made a to-do list because the day's work still needed to be accomplished. I was determined to not let this sickness interrupt my productivity, even though I *knew* I needed to rest. It occurred to me, then, that rest — and dependence on others and God — is sacred also. In today's psalm, we hear of the many ways the Lord provides: The *Lord* gives, the *Lord* raises, the *Lord* loves, the *Lord* protects, the *Lord* saves. We cannot accomplish our own salvation, but we can rest in the promise the Lord provides, and we can hope in the salvation offered in Christ. As we wait in joyful anticipation for the coming of Jesus at Christmas, let us find time to rest in his Word and his presence, trusting that our salvation does not depend on us and has already come to fruition in Christ.

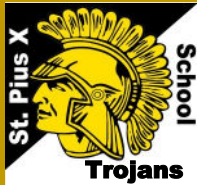
REST

We are more able to see the signs of God's providence in our lives when we take time to reflect. Make time to rest in God's presence this week. This could mean stopping into a chapel for a couple minutes of quiet prayer, reflecting on Scripture using *Lectio Divina*, or reading the story of Christ's nativity in the Gospel. These simple practices will prepare our hearts to recognize Christ's presence and goodness at each moment of our lives.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

As we saw in our psalm, God is the one who takes initiative, who provides for our salvation. In our work to share the faith with others, sometimes our task is simply to help others become aware of the ways God is providing for them by pointing out the signs of his action in their lives. When the disciples of John came to Jesus asking if he was "the one who is to come" or whether they should "look for another," Jesus reminds them of the evidence all around them: the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, and the dead are raised. As we help others to see God's work in their lives, we are also leading them to greater faith and trust in him.



UPCOMING EVENTS

December 15th: 7/8 BB vs. St. Peter @ 6 pm
 December 17th: Confirmation Class
 December 18th: All School Movie Day @ 4th street Theatre
 December 19th: End 2nd Quarter
 December 19th: Early Dismissal @ 11:30 am, NO AFTERCARE
 December 20th: St. Vincent DePaul Food Baskets @ 8:30 am
 December 22nd – January 5th: Christmas Break

*Be Respectful,
 Be Responsible,
 Be Safe,
 and Live Your
 Faith*

Save the date

REDONO 2026

Love in
 Actions

FEBRUARY 14

Tickets and tables
 will go on sale Jan
 12 @ 7:30 am at the
 School Office!

MONTHLY SPECIAL ENVELOPES FOR DECEMBER 2025

December – Christmas Flowers
 December 25th – Christmas AND Seminarian
 Formation/Priestly Retirement
 January 1st - Solemnity of Mary



8th Grade Families: Apply to Tolton Catholic Before January 15

The priority application deadline for the Class of 2030 is January 15. We encourage you to apply by this date at www.toltoncatholic.org/apply.

Financial aid and scholarships are available. Awards are determined after your child has been accepted and you have completed the separate financial aid application in March, so getting your admission application in now helps keep you on track.

If you have questions or concerns, please reach out. Contact Ashley Moore at amoore@toltoncatholic.org or 573-445-7700.

A Note from Fr. Lou...

Following is the Stewardship renewal for this year:



As of Dec. 9, 2025
 Total parish households: 592
 Commitment cards received: 144
 Response rate: 24%

Households that made prayer commitments: 132

Total number of ministry re-commitments: 963
 Total number of new ministry commitments: 215

Total offertory commitment: \$657,186
 Average annual household pledge: \$5,175



We will once again be honoring our loved ones with Christmas Poinsettias. You can place your offering, \$10 per flower, in an envelope marked **Poinsettias**. Be sure to include your loved ones' name (for example: The Smith Family, John and Jane Smith, or John Smith) and drop it in the collection basket or by the church office.

SPX YOUTH GROUP



Youth Group will meet on December 14th in the school from 2pm-4pm. We will be watching the recorded live broadcast from NCYC, where Pope Leo answered questions from teens from around the world. If anyone is willing to, provide snack, please reach out to Amanda, our youth Minister. Her information is in the bulletin.

Youth Group will meet on December 21st More details to follow.

Amanda Brown, Youth Minister

St. Pius X Church Collection Report

Week 23	Nov 30 - Dec 6
Income	
Weekend Masses	\$11,359
Other Weekly amounts	\$54,026
Weekly Total	\$65,385
YTD Total	\$1,545,784
Expenses	
Weekly Operating	\$93,208
Weekly Totals	\$93,208
YTD Total	\$1,314,218

December 20-21, 2025: Fourth Sunday in Advent

	Saturday 5:15 PM	Sunday 8:00 AM	Sunday 11:00 AM
Altar Servers	Kelly, Eli Knaebel, Carter Knaebel, Hannah	Stapleton, Holden Stapleton, Taygen Stapleton, Tinsley	Shannon, Jude Smith, Liam Smith, Sullivan
Director of Worship	Davis, Cole	Mefford, Sarah	Miller, Grant
Eucharistic Ministers	Hoch, Arnold Kelly, Bethany Kelly, Cathy Kelly, Steve	Murphy, Becky Murphy, Wayne Ritter, Adam Sander, Theodore (Ted)	O'Brien, Bill Skinner, Jeremy Smith, Adam Stephenson, Fred
Gift Bearer Family	Carver, Mary	Brubaker, Jack	Bennett, Holly M.
Greeters	Campbell, Jamila Campbell, Robert Carver, Tony	Gelski, Jeanie Gelski, Ken Gerhard, Carol	Ancell, Cliff Ancell, Linda Harris, Bobby
Lectors	Clawson, Thomas Fusselman, Colby J.	Kroner, Cathy Schumann, Evan	Holtzclaw, Melanie Jaecques, Chad
Livestream technician	Mattox, Mike	N/A	N/A
Musicians	Green, Jane O'Brien, Kellie Phelps, Ann	Schmidt, Marsha Deschu, Jessica Elliott, Elijah	Green, Jane Heath, Paula Rowland, Samantha
Ushers	Dowling, Dawn Dowling-Jackson, Rryer Elliott, David Elliott, Lilly	Buckman, Daniel Flaspohler, Linda Fuemmeler, Harold Fuemmeler, Karen	Bennett, Mallori N. Bennett, Shay L. Bennett, Xander Fuemmeler, Pam

December 27-28, 2025: Feast of The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

	Saturday 5:15 PM	Sunday 8:00 AM	Sunday 11:00 AM
Altar Servers	Meyer, Elby Meyer, Huntley	Boss, Henry Ventura, Whitley Westhues, Sydney	Schultz, Addyson R Schultz, Colton Trusty, Macie
Director of Worship	Hagedorn, Bill	O'Connor, Timothy	Pretz, Jack
Eucharistic Ministers	Gamble, Sandy Ginter, Travis Hoch, Arnold Miller, Ed	Kennison, Russ Mefford, Sarah Phelps, Ann Sander, Theodore (Ted)	Conley, Nancy Holtzclaw, Melanie Wilhite, Geeneen Wortmann, Ann
Gift Bearer Family	Brown, Sharon	Bush, Gary	Bennett, Xander
Greeters	Doubrava, Christian Dowling, Dawn Meyer, Abby	Boss, Brent Boss, Susan Farris, Jaecey	Harvey, Scott Hillen, Abbey Holman, Tempy
Lectors	Brookshire, Samantha Hauge, Gretchen	Link, Tara Summers, Regina	Fuemmeler, Pam Goins, Nancy
Livestream technician	Rowland, Heath	N/A	N/A
Musicians	Green, Jane Martin, Bridgett	Schmidt, Marsha Elliott, Elijah Thieman, Bob	Rowland, Andy Phelps, Ann Rowland, Samantha
Ushers	Brown, Clifford Derboven, LeeAnn Finnigan, Jim Finnigan, Wanda	Fusselman, Colby J. Gelski, Jeanie Gelski, Ken Hulett, Andrea	Bennett, Holly M. Bennett, Mallori N. Bennett, Shay L. Fenton, Whitney