



**ST. PIUS X**  
MOBERLY, MO



**THE FOURTH  
SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

*“Through (Jesus) we have received  
the grace of apostleship.”*

**December 21, 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  
Sharrae Bell ..... Parish Secretary  
Evan Schumann ..... DRE, Fix It Crew  
Audrey Harris ..... Bookkeeper  
Regina Summers ..... Office Assistant  
Amanda Brown ..... Youth Minister  
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 Office .....263-5243  
St. Pius X School .....263-5500  
Undercroft.....263-9168  
Early Childhood Center .....263-1840  
St. Vincent de Paul .....660-651-2366

**WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE**

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

**RECONCILIATION/PENANCE**

Saturday .....4:30pm  
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 12/23	5:30pm	†David Doss (MCC Mass)
Wed 12/24	5:30pm	†Bud & Dolly Mae Welker
Wed 12/24	10:00pm	†People of Parish
Thu 12/25	9:00am	†George Vitt
Fri 12/26	8:00am	No Mass
Sat 12/27	5:15pm	†Frank & Shirley Thieman
Sun 12/28	8:00am	†Skinner Families & Relatives
Sun 12/28	11:00am	People of the Parish

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



The Parish office will be closed on Wednesday, December 24th and Thursday, December 25th for the Christmas Holidays. Merry Christmas to everyone!



### ROSARY LEADERS FOR THE WEEKEND OF December 27th & 28th Masses

5:15pm Mass Dec 27th – Jim Finnigan  
8:00am Mass Dec 28th– Don Schmidt  
11:00 am Mass Dec 28th - Alex & Michelle Westhues

### ST. PIUS X COUNTING TEAM SCHEDULE

December 21 - December 27 Team 1  
December 28 - January 3 Team 3  
January 4 - January 10 Team 4  
January 11 - January 17 Team 1

\*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 27th

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

### January 3rd, 2026

Meghan, Ryder & Maura Dutton 660-998-6885  
Cyndi Farris 660-276-9219

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

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.

## WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Sun 12/21	12:00pm	Decorate Church for Christmas
Mon 12/22	6:00pm	OCIA Class, Undercroft
Tue 12/23	5:30pm	Delta Theta Tau, Undercroft
Tue 12/23	7:00pm	Parish Mass in Spanish
Thu 12/25	10:30am	Private Event, Undercroft
Sat 12/27	10:00am	Stitch-Pray-Love, Church Office
Sun 12/28	9:00am	Coffee Bar, Undercroft

## 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, USN  
Samuel Peterson  
Rico Hernandez  
Natalie Ruiz  
Joshua Howard

Jayden Pearman  
Kameron Christy  
Brylie Stupart, USN  
Cooper Coffman, USN  
James Coffman, USAF



If you haven't been receiving an email from the parish office for the weekly bulletin or messages from eCatholic, please check your spam folder or junk email since we changed the parish email address. The new email address is: stpiusxchurchmo@gmail.com. Thank you.



### Mass Schedule for Christmas, New Year's Eve & New Year's Day

Wednesday - December 24th 5:30pm and 10:00pm  
Thursday - December 25th at 9:00am  
Wednesday, December 31st, New Year's Eve 6:00pm  
Thursday, January 1, 2025, New Year's Day - 9:00am

## KNIGHT'S KORNER



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

Jan 27th 7:00pm Meeting  
Knights of Columbus Hall

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



**Children's/Youth choir  
practice on Monday,  
December 22  
at 5:30 in the church.**

*Merry Christmas!*

As a gift to the St. Pius X community, I offer "Bible Basics for Catholics" by Dr. Bergsma. I have taken Dr. Bergsma's Biblical Studies courses through my Theology studies at Franciscan University, so I know firsthand the insight, wit, and wisdom he offers on Sacred Scripture. "Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ" as St. Jerome says. One of the best ways to get to know Jesus is through study of the Bible. It is my prayer that this book can be a wonderful resource for you to broaden the depths of your biblical understanding.

Please take one per household. Read it, study it, talk about it, and pass it along! Keep the faith...just not to yourself.

My prayers are with you all during this joyous Christmas season and always.  
Pax Christi,  
Your DRE



- Matthew 1:21

**REMINDER to all parishioners in regard to your giving. Even if the date of your check is in 2025 but not received in the office before 12/30/25, it will be recorded on the 2026 giving statement. So, your giving checks/money must be received in the church office no later than December 30, 2025**



December 21, 2025  
Fourth Sunday of Advent  
Is 7:10-14 | Rom 1:1-7 | Mt 1:18-24

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

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

Throughout my life, I have had a litany of requests for God. I have asked for mundane and ultimately inconsequential favors and also for guidance in much more important matters. But I have often hesitated to ask for the deepest desires of my heart. Those requests feel too big, too impossible, and possibly too selfish — as though asking these things would take away from God's ability to provide for others. But in thinking this way, I am putting limits on a limitless God. In today's first reading, the Lord speaks to Ahaz and tells him to ask for a sign — "let it be deep as the netherworld, or high as the sky!" When Ahaz refuses, God speaks through the prophet Isaiah to deliver the most impossible promise — that "the virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel." God wants to give us everything we need to be close to him, so much so that he sent his Son to open the pathway to eternal life with him. God *wants* us to ask for him to do the impossible because he longs to give generously to us.

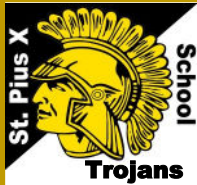
### **PRAY**

As we begin this final week of Advent, the Church continues to pray with the O Antiphons, which we hear in the hymn, "O Come, O Come Emmanuel." Listen to the refrain, which speaks of Israel's immense longing to be set free and for her savior to appear. As you reflect on the first reading and upon this hymn, bring your own deepest desires to the Lord. Spend some time in prayer asking for what you need to draw closer to God.

### **GO EVANGELIZE**

#### **PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT**

God brings about his plan of salvation in an extraordinary way: The virgin Mary conceives Jesus in her womb through the power of the Holy Spirit. Although God does all the spiritual heavy lifting here, notice that our Gospel tells us that he also desired and asked for Joseph's cooperation. "Do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home," the angel tells Joseph. The Gospel tells us that Joseph "did as the angel of the Lord commanded him." In our work of evangelization, God does the heavy lifting: it's God who moves the hearts of others to seek him. But the amazing thing is that God still wants us to be part of the way his plan unfolds. We, too, cooperate with God's work of sharing the faith and bringing salvation to others by our actions and obedience.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

December 22nd – January 5th: Christmas Break  
 January 5th: No School, teacher workday  
 January 6th: Student return to school  
 January 9th: 2nd quarter report cards emailed home  
 January 12th: Redono tickets go on sale  
 January 19th: No School, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. day  
 January 25th – January 31st: Catholic Schools Week

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



Our Hispanic community celebrated the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe (Patroness of the Americas) last Thursday, December 11th. They then met in the undercroft for food and fellowship.

### MONTHLY SPECIAL ENVELOPES FOR DECEMBER 2025

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



### SAFE ENVIRONMENT

**Breaking the Silence of Abuse:** As a diocese, we are committed to breaking the silence of abuse. When someone is reporting abuse, we must acknowledge their pain and how difficult it is to talk about it. False allegations are very rare. Our initial response to someone who is disclosing abuse for the first time must be compassionate. For those who need to report abuse, encourage them to contact our Victims Assistance Coordinator, Jacqueline Baldwin, (573-694-3199) and to make use of the appropriate State of Missouri hotline (1-800-392-3738) or the Attorney General's clergy abuse online form. All of this information is also on our website, under the 'report abuse' tab. For those who want information or want to convey a message to the Diocesan Administrator, please encourage them to write to us at [reportabuse@diojeffcity.org](mailto:reportabuse@diojeffcity.org)

### SPX YOUTH GROUP



Youth Group will meet for the last time of 2025 on December 21st, 2 pm-4 pm, make sure to remember your cookies (handmade or store bought). Have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Amanda Brown, Youth Minister



### 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](http://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 [amoores@toltoncatholic.org](mailto:amoores@toltoncatholic.org) or 573-445-7700.



**Pope's January 2026 Prayer**  
**For Prayer with the Word of God.** Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

## SHEER GOODNESS

MISSOURI CATHOLIC SUMMIT 2026



ST. JOSEPH CATHEDRAL  
 JEFFERSON CITY, MO

FEBRUARY 28, 2026

COLLEGE /GED YOUNG ADULTS 18-25

For more information and registration, visit [diojeffcity.org/mo-catholic-summit/](http://diojeffcity.org/mo-catholic-summit/)



Missouri Catholic Summit (MCS) is a large gathering of Catholic young adults, ages 18-25, from across Missouri. The summit is a day dedicated to celebrating the Christian life and fostering fellowship among faithful young adults. Participants grow together in a warm and lively environment through inspiring talks by esteemed speakers, reflection, and prayer. Please invite young people in your community to join us for the MO Catholic Summit 2026 on February 28, 2026, at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Jefferson City, MO!

### St. Pius X Church Collection Report

Week 24	Dec 7 - Dec 13
<b>Income</b>	
Weekend Masses	\$29,731
Other Weekly amounts	\$25,727
<b>Weekly Total</b>	<b>\$55,459</b>
<b>YTD Total</b>	<b>\$1,601,243</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Weekly Operating	\$82,340
<b>Weekly Totals</b>	<b>\$82,340</b>
<b>YTD Total</b>	<b>\$1,396,258</b>

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

	<i>Saturday 5:15 PM</i>	<i>Sunday 8:00 AM</i>	<i>Sunday 11:00 AM</i>
Altar Servers	Meyer, Elby Meyer, Huntley <b>NOT FILLED</b>	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	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>
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

## January 3-4, 2026: The Epiphany of the Lord

	<i>Saturday 5:15 PM</i>	<i>Sunday 8:00 AM</i>	<i>Sunday 11:00 AM</i>
Altar Servers	Miller, Beckett Miller, Sydney O'Brien, Aiden	Boss, Henry Boss, Leland Hulett, Andrea	Farris, Jaecey Schultz, Olyvia <b>NOT FILLED</b>
Director of Worship	Davis, Cole	Bush, Gary	Sago, Nannette
Eucharistic Ministers	Finnigan, Jim Finnigan, Wanda Miller, Ellen Powell, Edgar	O'Connor, Timothy Schmidt, Edward Schopp, Elizabeth Schumann, Chuck	Fuemmeler, Pam Goins, Nancy Martin, Bridgett Sasek, Kathy
Gift Bearer Family	Brown, Clifford	Derboven, LeeAnn	Bennett, Mallori N.
Greeters	Dunlop, Toni Duree, Anabell Duree, Sarah	Boss, Brent Boss, Susan Flaspohler, Linda	Fenton, Whitney Jaecques, Chad Jaecques, Tonya
Lectors	Thieman, Bob Wolf, Mary Ellen	Mefford, Sarah Phelps, Ann	Hillen, Abbey Miller, Cliff
Livestream technician	Shannon, Bella	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>
Musicians	Knaebel, Brian Turner, Amy K Carver, Mary	Schmidt, Marsha Elliott, Elijah Thieman, Bob	Green, Jane Heath, Paula Holtzclaw, Melanie
Ushers	Brown, Sharon Gamble, Sandy Ginter, Travis Hoch, Arnold	Kennison, Russ Kennison, Susie Knaebel, Barb Knaebel, Rich	Bennett, Holly M. Bennett, Shay L. Harris, Audrey Harris, Bobby