



# Connections

A Quarterly Newsletter for the St. Pius X Church and School Community

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## Expansion and Renewal

**Monsignor David Funk, Pastor**



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

St. Pius X Parish was founded in late August 1958 by Bishop Clarence Isenmann, who appointed Fr. Andrew Hohman as the founding pastor. Because the announcement about the new parish was close to the time of the feast of Pope St. Pius X, Bishop Isenmann chose St. Pius X as the parish’s patron saint.

During his reign as Pope of the Church, St. Pius X chose “To Renew All Things in Christ” as the motto of his pontificate. Since the inception of this parish, its mission has been to enliven and to renew faith in Christ in the people of the parish.

From its humble beginnings of gathering for Mass on Sundays at French Run School and on weekdays in the little cinder block chapel that is now Hohman Hall to building the school, whose cafeteria served as the church for ten years beginning in 1960, our parish has steadfastly been renewing itself in Christ.

The growth that the parish and the school saw in the late 1980s brought forth the addition of the gymnasium and the Parish Activity Center. This was the last time a major expansion and capital campaign to build was done. Over the years, care for and maintenance of the campus has been diligently kept. Updates have included new windows for the school, electrical upgrade of the school, whole school air-conditioning, all classrooms remodeled with new cabinetry, sinks and tile, HVAC replaced in the gym and cafeteria, moving the kindergarten from Hohman Hall to renovated rooms in the school, gas-line repair into the school, expansion of and betterment of the parking lot, and a new boiler for the church. All of these projects have been spearheaded and overseen by the St. Pius X Site Planning Committee. The result is that \$572,500.00 has been invested in the campus of the parish and \$1,264,400.00 has been invested in the school in the last nine years.

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### MISSION STATEMENT

*Connections* is the quarterly newsletter of the St. Pius X Church and School. The purpose is to support our community of believers who are faithful to the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the Catholic Tradition by providing information that will help enrich, inspire and connect us as we work together by sharing our time, talent and treasure so that God's Kingdom will continue to live and grow in our midst.

### PUBLICATION SCHEDULE

*Connections* is published quarterly in February, May, August and November. We seek interesting stories or articles from our parishioners that will help us grow in faith together. Please consider sending a story or column idea for an upcoming issue to our editor or our parish administrative assistant. Your feedback is welcome and encouraged.

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# Looking Ahead to a New School Year

## Carole Winkel, Interim Principal, St. Pius X School

The lazy days of summer are drawing to a close and the beginning of a new school year at St. Pius X School is about to begin. As is the norm at St. Pius X, the summer was quite busy with preparations for the upcoming school year. The floors throughout the building have been cleaned, stripped and waxed. The café kitchen was updated with a new six-burner stove and a new double-stack oven and the air conditioning unit for the school cafeteria was replaced with a new system. The building is gearing up to welcome over 540 students on our first day of school, Wednesday, August 24, 2016.

The funds from our annual *A Night in Green* event have been used to purchase an array of new items that support the arts. This year's fundraiser was a huge success and we have been able to purchase a classroom set of ukuleles for our music program, many art apps for iPads such as Drawing Pad, Sketchbook, and Imotion, new equipment for our art program, an additional 20 iPads for student use, a new circulation desk for the Media Center and \$500 grants for each classroom teacher. We are very blessed to have all these additional supplements to support our school programs!

Our theme for the 2016-17 school year is *Be Kind to One Another*. More than just a phrase, this theme further builds upon the Ohio Catholic School Accrediting Association's accreditation goal of empathy. Our focus will be to guide our students in expressing genuine concern for the well-being of others. From the book that I am reading, *Un-selfie: Why Empathetic Kids Succeed in Our All-About-Me World* by Michele Borba, there are many studies that confirm "why we must help our kids also recognize and value their moral strengths and caring assets. A moral identity shapes our children's character and the people they become, and is a significant piece to raising empathetic children and helping them thrive."

All of our efforts at St. Pius X School are made possible through the support of our wonderful pastor, committed parents and faithful parishioners. We are truly a blessed school community. As we prepare to begin this school year, we again ask for your prayers as we partner with our parents and our entire faith community to instill kindness and empathy in our students.

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Registration for the 2016-2017 school year at St. Pius X School for Kindergarten as well as new students in grades 1-8 is now open. St. Pius X School offers strong academics, math enrichment, weekly music, art, physical education, Spanish, and library classes, all in a setting focused on our faith. Students attend Mass each week. Student services include a guidance counselor, speech therapist, reading specialist and an intervention specialist.

For more information or to schedule a tour, please contact the school office at (614) 866-6050 ext. 223.

**2016-17 FACULTY OF ST. PIUS X SCHOOL**

Pastor – Monsignor David Funk  
 Interim Principal – Mrs. Carole Winkel  
 Assistant Principal – Mr. Darren Smith

Kindergarten Lions – Mrs. Beth Marvin  
 Kindergarten Tigers – Mrs. Patty Woods  
 Kindergarten Bears – Mrs. Bridget Kilpatrick  
 1st Grade, Room 111 – Mrs. Roberta Marchi  
 1st Grade, Room 113 – Mrs. Lori Evans  
 2nd Grade, Room 112 – Mrs. Nancy Himmelspach  
 2nd Grade, Room 114 – Mrs. Susan O'Donnell  
 3rd Grade, Room 213 – Mrs. Melanie Schiele  
 3rd Grade, Room 214 – Mrs. Tricia Canfield  
 4th Grade, Room 211 – Miss Abigail Shoemaker  
 4th Grade, Room 212 – Mrs. Suzanne Mathys  
 5th Grade, Room 207 – Mrs. Diana Rees  
 5th Grade, Room 209 – Mrs. Theresa Wiseman  
 6th Grade, Room 205 – Mrs. Suzy Farrell  
 6th Grade, Room 206 – Miss Paula Harting  
 7th Grade, Room 203 – Mrs. Barbara Schwab  
 7th Grade, Room 204 – Mr. Jeremy Kehres  
 8th Grade, Room 201 – Mrs. Stephanie Maloney  
 8th Grade, Room 202 – Mrs. Patricia Berger

Advanced Math/ PEP – Mrs. Judy Signoracci  
 Art – Mr. Adam Sharpe  
 Library/Media Center – Mrs. Karen Trainer  
 Music – Mrs. Karen Smith  
 Physical Education – Mrs. Sarah Hennessey  
 Spanish – Ms. Dia Mixon  
 Technology – Mrs. Mary Kay Adzima  
 Guidance – Miss Bridget Held  
 Intervention Specialist – Mrs. Shelley Shoemaker  
 Reading Specialist – Mrs. Lisa Rogich  
 Speech Therapist – Mrs. Tracy Harmon



Do you take care of a family pet? You are being a disciple of Jesus when you love and care for God's creatures.

## How Can I Be a Disciple of Jesus?

Who was Jesus' greatest disciple? His mother Mary was his greatest disciple. Without hesitation, she agreed to be the mother of God's Son. She followed Jesus on his lifetime journey and was at his side when he was crucified on the cross to save us.

Through Mary's example, we can be a disciple of Jesus in many ways. We can attend Sunday Mass which includes receiving the Eucharist, read Bible stories by looking up Bible verses, by receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation, by praying, and by keeping the Ten Commandments; the list could go on-and-on.

During this coming school year, the Religious Education Bulletin Board will have an area to post items that you have completed by following Jesus. The Religious Education Bulletin Board is just past the stairway of the school at Door C on the left.

Currently we post the Stewardship Committee's Young Steward List on the

bulletin board showing how these young people follow Jesus by acts of time, talent, and treasure. The *Following Jesus Postings* will show how each student puts his or her Catholic faith into actions such as the examples given above.

Please fill out the form below and return it to the Religious Education office to show how you chose to follow Jesus. You can put it in an envelope marked Religious Education and put it in the collection at Mass on Saturday evening or on Sunday.

By being a disciple, you are showing that you are a follower of Jesus Christ. You believe that God is in your life by keeping the Catholic Faith every moment of the day.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call De Ann Bukowski, Coordinator of Religious Education at St. Pius X at (614) 648-9191 (cell).

**De Ann Bukowski**  
*Coordinator of Religious Education*

**I FOLLOW JESUS BY...**

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**Monsignor Funk**, Continued from Page 1

These aspects of renewal, however, have led to a continuing vision for the future. Our parish community currently serves approximately 5,500 parishioners in the Reynoldsburg, Pataskala, east side Columbus, Blacklick and Pickerington areas. Our mission and our ministries to care pastorally for all our parishioners is outstripping our present facilities. Our Site Planning Committee has envisioned an exciting plan for expansion to meet the new and future needs of the parish.

Hiring architect John Eberts, who did the expansion plan for Bishop Hartley High School, the Site Planning Committee met over several years, honing the proposed expansion plan in light of the 2008 Parish Self-Study, the ministries' expansion, and the present needs of the parish and the school. The expansion plan has several phases. The first phase is the expansion of Hohman Hall by a second story addition that will support the Latchkey and the Youth Ministry programs. This will connect to a new building that will house restrooms, a commercial kitchen, a social hall with a close to 300-person capacity and which can be subdivided into meeting rooms. Additional storage space for all the ministries will be utilized in the lower level of the old Latchkey facility and the new basement of the commercial kitchen. New offices will be added to the present rectory office wing. The second phase will expand the vestibule/narthex of the church to three times its current size and create an adoration chapel, a choir room and new restrooms. The third phase will give our school a new secure entrance with offices and new classrooms for kindergarten and first grade in the school building.

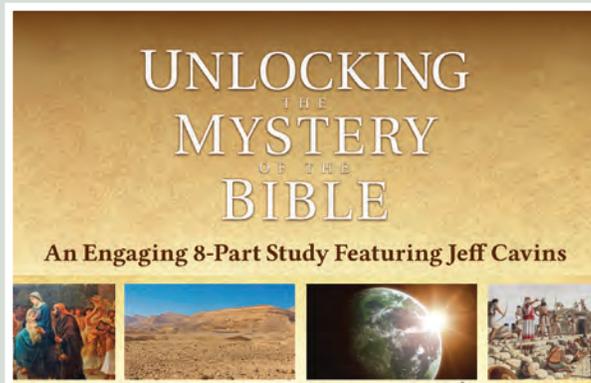
For this project to move forward, Guidance and Giving, a professional fund-raising company, has been retained. Because the expansion plans so directly reflect the renewal of the life of this parish, the motto of St. Pius X will serve as our theme, *Continuing to Renew All Things in Christ*.

The formation of a leadership team is now in place and the initial stage of the Capital Campaign has begun. This is a very big expansion and to achieve all the phases will take our whole parish to pray for its success and to come forward with sacrificial giving. This vision will not only answer present needs but carry the parish far into the future. The last capital campaign and expansion of the late 1980s has carried us and our needs to the present but we have grown and now must consider our future.

Beginning in September, we will be rolling out all the details of this expansion and we will be asking for **your** support in both prayer and in financial giving. We ask your help to *Continue to Renew All Things in Christ* here at St. Pius X Parish.

Sincerely in Christ,

*Msr. David Funk*, Pastor



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If you would like to have a deeper relationship with God and a better understanding of your faith, join us for *Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible*. You will not only benefit personally from being part of this study but you will also help to bring about a profound renewal in our parish as we grow closer to Christ.

*Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible* helps you uncover the story woven through Scripture with its clever narrative approach and an ingenious color-coded Bible Timeline. It is a great way to get the "big picture" of the Bible and to see how our Catholic Faith is rooted in Scripture. You will see how the Bible reveals God's loving plan for your life and you will learn helpful ways to put your faith into practice.

The study includes a series of eight informative and engaging half-hour videos presented by Jeff Cavins. Each video will be followed by a lively group discussion. You will receive a color-coded Bible Timeline chart, a Bible study workbook, and the ability to stream the study videos online at your convenience.

St. Pius X will begin *Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible* the **week of September 12, 2016**. The program will comprise eight evenings, one per week through early November. Because space will be limited, advance registration will be required. The schedule for sign-ups will be announced in upcoming Sunday bulletins.

**Jim Kelly**  
Deacon



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Once again, the St. Pius X men's ministry, The Armory, invites all men of the parish family 18 years of age and older to join us for another year of *That Man Is You*. This year's program is entitled *The Spirit of Nazareth* and it will be divided into two 12-week semesters. In particular, this year is designed for those wishing to take the next step to learn how to discern the will of God in their lives. Spiritual formation is deeper than just learning and more profound than just training. It allows participants to understand more fully the life to which God is calling them and to kindle a desire for that life. It prepares one's heart for transformation by practicing new skills in the spiritual life and in understanding deeply the reasons that those practices were established in our faith.

The Fall Semester considers the inner struggles of men and describes the time-tested means used to overcome these challenges. It also provides practical guidelines for developing an authentic prayer life and spiritual plan of life.

The Spring Semester considers the seven essential steps in spiritual discernment by offering practical guidelines for hearing and fulfilling the will of God in your life while providing an opportunity

to respond to the call to become an apostle of a new springtime for the church and for Christianity.

The great thing about the program is that even if you missed last year, you can still jump into the program and benefit from it.

**When:** Thursday mornings beginning **September 22, 2016**

**Time:** 5:45 AM to 7:15 AM

**Where:** St Pius X School Cafeteria

**Fee:** Free unless you choose an optional \$10 book

A continental breakfast will be provided.

#### Questions

If you have questions please contact **John Zacovic**, (614) 322-9473 or [jzacovic@insight.rr.com](mailto:jzacovic@insight.rr.com) for more information.

**To register visit:** [http://www.paradisusdei.org/index.php/tmiy/location\\_detail/68918](http://www.paradisusdei.org/index.php/tmiy/location_detail/68918)

After-Mass registrations will take place September 10 and 11, 2016 and September 17 and 18, 2016.

#### St. Pius X Children's Center Open House • October 16, 2016

## Preschool & Pre-K Celebrates 25 Years

Twenty-five years ago, Pastor Monsignor Mike Donovan, with the help of several parishioners and the newly hired Preschool Director, Judie Bryant, opened the doors of St. Pius X's new preschool. The preschool is housed in the former St. Pius X Convent.

I was fortunate enough to be hired by Judie and included in what we called "The Original Five." Judie has since moved on to be our Youth Minister and I am grateful to her for thinking that I would be a "good fit" for the preschool. I have witnessed so many St. Pius X families form life-long friendships that started here in our preschool. Twenty-five years later, we are now seeing our first students bringing in their little ones! How great it is that they have returned to their preschool "Home!" Each year, an average of 45% of our Pre-K students go on to attend our St. Pius X Elementary School.

We have a terrific staff of ten highly-qualified teachers including my wonderful co-director and friend, Sharon Miller. Thanks to Michelle

Zuccarelli, you can visit our new website at [spxchildrenscenter.com](http://spxchildrenscenter.com) to learn more about our center and our staff.

I believe that our success comes from having a warm and friendly atmosphere, where the children and their families are treated with respect and kindness, while the staff continues to keep updated on the latest research on early learning methods.

We will celebrate our 25 years of educating our community's youngest students with an Open House on October 16, 2016 from 1:30 PM to 3:00 PM. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us in celebrating our successes of the past as we plan and look forward to the future.

**Mary Benedict**

*Co-Director*

## Creative Painting Evening

The St. Pius X Women's Ministry welcomes women age 18 years and older to renew their creative spirit! Join us in the St. Pius X School cafeteria on Wednesday, September 14, 2016 at 7:00 PM for a fun night of fellowship and painting. Instructor Cindy Brumbaugh will help each of us recreate a beautiful painting of the Holy Spirit that is shown to the right. The cost to participate is \$20 and covers all painting supplies. Drinks and appetizers will be provided by the Women's Ministry. Registration for this event is required and will be held before and after all Masses on the weekends of August 20-21 and August 27-28, 2016. This event will help us prepare for our annual St. Pius X Women's Retreat, *Dancing in the Spirit*, scheduled for September 23-25, 2016. Participants of our paint night are not required to attend the retreat but we hope you will be inspired to consider it! Questions may be directed to Cyndi Williams at (614) 390-4718 or cyndiv2000@yahoo.com.



Annual Women's Retreat • September 23-25, 2016

## Dancing in the Spirit

Our annual women's retreat will be held September 23-25, 2016 at Saint Therese's Retreat Center, 5277 East Broad Street, Columbus 43213. Check-in begins at 6:30 PM on Friday, September 23. The retreat concludes at 1:00 PM on Sunday, September 25.

This year's theme, *Dancing in the Spirit*, will uplift us as women of God and will help us learn to more deeply appreciate and experience the unique gifts that the Holy Spirit has conferred upon each of us. We will be led on a journey of deeper spiritual self-discovery through some unique creative and communal experiences. We will explore how to share our gifts more freely and learn about the presence of the Holy Spirit in our daily lives. Our weekend includes an opportunity for Eucharistic Adoration and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. It concludes with Mass on Sunday.

Please register by September 16, 2016. The retreat cost is \$110, which includes your overnight accommodations, meals and materials. Do not wait; register today. Contact Leah Kelly at (614) 866-2859.

**Leah Kelly**  
Pastoral Minister

Welcome Brunch • November 13, 2016

## Romans 12:13 Welcoming Ministry

*"Contribute to the needs of the holy ones,  
exercise hospitality"*

For those of us on the Romans 12:13 welcoming ministry team, we would like to extend a warm welcome from the parish family to all the new parishioners of St Pius X. If you have not already been contacted by someone from this ministry, someone will be calling to welcome you soon.

As part of the ministry's activities, we sponsor a quarterly New Parishioner Brunch. The upcoming brunch is Sunday, November 13, 2016.

If you are new to St Pius X, new to the Catholic Faith, or if you have been away from the Church and have returned home, we pray that you will join us at our next brunch following the 10:15 Mass.

**John Zacovic**  
*Romans 12:13 Welcoming Ministry*

### MISSION STATEMENT

By exercising hospitality, we will welcome all new parishioners to St. Pius X and provide them with a greater sense of belonging. We will invite them to become engaged in the parish life and assist our Lord in setting the earth on fire!

# KIDS FINDING FAITH

Seek and find the following 12 words to learn more about St. Pius X. Look for words vertically, horizontally, diagonally, forward or backward. **Judy Cafmeyer**

## GETTING TO KNOW ST. PIUS X

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|----------------|-------------|
| AUGUST         | POPE        |
| FEASTDAY       | RIESE       |
| GIUSEPPE       | SAINT       |
| HOLYEUCCHARIST | SARTO       |
| ITALY          | TWENTYFIRST |
| PATRONSAINT    | VATICAN     |

*What is Pope Pius X's name? Where was he born? Where did he live after becoming Pope? Why is our parish named for him? What is a saint? What is the day called that honors saints in the Catholic Church? In what month and on what day is St. Pius X honored?*

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September 24, 2016

## Joseph's Coat First Stepping Stones Fundraising Dinner

Every day, children in our community go without shoes and clean clothes, toothbrushes and toothpaste, shampoo and soap, and, sometimes, they even do not have a bed to call their own. Since 1998, Joseph's Coat has offered stepping stones on the road to self-sufficiency to those in need.

In 2015, Joseph's Coat distributed 92,305 donations of clothing, personal care items, furniture and household goods to families and individuals in our own community. This is double what we distributed two years earlier. As a nonprofit organization, we must expand our core donor base to continue to grow the ministry.

Joseph's Coat is taking the next step to support our cause as we present the *Stepping Stones Fundraising Dinner* on September 24, 2016 at the Grange Insurance Haaf Hall at 671 S. High Street in Columbus, Ohio. The purpose of the dinner is to inform more people about the impact of Joseph's Coat in our community and to invite you to participate as a financial donor. There is no cost to attend although a table can be sponsored for a donation of \$250.00.

Reservations are required by September 18, 2016. The two-hour event will include dinner at 6:30 PM with Cabot Ray as MC. By design, the fundraiser is being held on a bye week for OSU.

St Pius X Church has been a strong supporter of Joseph's Coat in so many ways. Many of our volunteers and donors of clothing and other items are from our parish. We believe there are also those who want to change lives and better our community with financial support. You may have friends or family members who you feel will want to know more. Please talk with them and share this message.

Our champions are the backbone of Joseph's Coat. I am inviting you to join us as champions in learning more and doing more as we offer families and individuals the stepping stones to a better life.

Please contact Patricia Lutz for more information at 614) 395-2057 or at [pghgrl11@aol.com](mailto:pghgrl11@aol.com).

**Patricia Lutz**  
*Joseph's Coat*

## Editor's Note

Welcome to the August 2016 edition of the St. Pius X's newsletter, *Connections*.

I hope that all of you have had a relaxed and refreshing summer.

In this edition of *Connections*, **Monsignor Funk's** letter to the parish provides us with a review of our parish's past, recaps our present, and gives us a look to the future as we consider the needs of our parish and or school.

**John Zacovic** writes about the next sessions of *That Man is You* and also the

New Parishioner Brunch hosted by the Romans 12:13 Welcoming Ministry.

**Jim Kelly's** article invites you to participate in *Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible*.

**Carole Winkel**, the interim principal at St. Pius X School, writes about looking ahead to the new school year while

**Mary Benedict** celebrates our Children's Center's 25th anniversary.

The women of our parish will want to read the articles about the upcoming creative painting evening and also the

Women's Retreat this fall.

Please consider writing an article for *Connections*. Are you involved in a particular ministry or project that you would like to shine a spotlight on? If possible, please submit your article as a Word document.

Articles can be submitted to **Michelle Carey** at the parish office or to me directly at [carol.a.mcglone@gmail.com](mailto:carol.a.mcglone@gmail.com). Please continue to share your feedback with us!

**Carol McGlone**



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