



Connections

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

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The Joy of Love

Monsignor David Funk, Pastor

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Pope Francis recently published his long-awaited document coming from the Extraordinary Synod of Bishops in 2014 and the Ordinary Synod of Bishops held in the fall of 2015. The document is called *Amoris Laetitia*, "The Joy of Love." It is in the form of an "apostolic exhortation," similar to an apostolic letter. An exhortation often communicates the thoughts of the Pope on a particular topic, often stemming from the recommendations of a Synod of Bishops. This definition of the word exhortation is compliments of the diocesan publication, *Our Sunday Visitor*.

Pope Francis begins *Amoris Laetitia* by saying that "the joy of love experienced by families is also the joy of the church." He further says, "What we need is a more responsible and generous effort to present the reasons and motivations for choosing marriage and the family and in this way to help men and women better to respond to the grace God offers them." He exhorts those who prepare couples for marriage to be more earnest in explaining that marriage is a Sacrament, a sacred sign

that mirrors and reflects the love of God for his people, and the sacrificial love that Jesus Christ poured out for his bride, the church. It is a high calling to men and to women to enter into the covenant of love that is constant in good times and bad, in sickness and in health, until death parts their company. Once again, it is a love that mirrors God's everlasting love. By sharing in God's love, "the couple that loves and begets life is a true, living icon capable of revealing God the Creator and Savior. "

The church must make every effort to encourage this greatness of love. Only through such committed love will the world understand true love and come to know God, who is love. Only by this greatness of love will the children growing up today be ready for their call to greatness of love tomorrow.

The Pope also deals in the document with the challenges of marriages that are broken and with the lives of those who are divorced and remarried. Pastors of souls are called upon

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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 Back Over the School Year

Carole Winkel, Interim Principal, St. Pius X School

Every school year seems to move along quickly but this year has flown by. The school has been involved in so many wonderful events and projects but these are a few that have been so very meaningful and successful.

Our *Service Night* once again brought many families together for an evening of giving. Our SPX teachers prepared six stations throughout our gym and cafeteria. For the organization, My Very Own Blanket, families made fleece blankets that are given to children in foster care. Activity bags were filled to be given to children in Nationwide Children's Hospital and toiletry bags were made for HEART (Helping Eastside And Reynoldsburg Together). Buddy Bags were also filled for HEART/Helping Hands which provides food to children in Reynoldsburg City Schools for weekends and holidays. A sandwich station made over 500 sandwiches for Saint Lawrence Haven and last, but not least, dog toys were made for the Franklin County Animal Shelter.

The response to the event was incredible. Students, parents and faculty alike had a great time coming together to perform service for others. We are hoping to continue this tradition for many years to come.

The costs of the materials are underwritten by the Saint Pius X School Home and School Association. The Home and School Association is a group of very active and committed parent volunteers who support our school and students in many ways, in large part by raising funds. These funds allow us to offer many programs that support and enhance our curriculum as well as to create a greater sense of fellowship among school families.

The Home and School Association's *A Night in Green* was once again a huge success. With just a few outstanding expenses, the evening raised approximately \$58,000. The evening of fun and fundraising raised monies to expand the school's art and music programs and to update the media center. There are so many people to thank for sharing their time and talent for making the evening such a huge success. Kim Donnelly and her committee have done a tremendous job transforming the gym into a venue for an elegant evening. The evening would have been an amazing success with the fellowship alone! If you missed this year's event, mark your calendars now for the 4th annual *A Night in Green* which is planned for Saturday, March 11, 2017!

As the end of the school year nears, we prepare to say goodbye to a long time Saint Pius X School faculty member. Mrs. Kathleen Mangan has inspired 4th grade students for many years. We wish her abundant blessings and happiness as she enjoys her well-deserved retirement!

The 2015-2016 school year has given us many reasons to be thankful. As another group of 8th graders prepare to leave the halls of our school and all other students and staff head their different ways for the summer, we can look back on the wonderful year and see the hand of God in all of our daily work. May God continue to bless our Saint Pius X School and Parish family as we continue to use and to grow with the gifts God gives us.

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.

Monsignor Funk, Continued from Page 1

to work specially with them. "Although the church constantly holds up the call to perfection and asks for a fuller response to God, she must accompany with attention and care the weakest of her children, who show signs of a wounded and troubled love, by restoring in them hope and confidence, like the beacon of a lighthouse in a port or a torch carried among the people to enlighten those who have lost their way or who are in the midst of a storm. Let us not forget that the church's task is often like that of a field hospital." This quote is followed by words to pastors to strive to act with pastoral care and mercy, while reminding the faithful of the expectations of the Christian life.

This exhortation of Pope Francis has been anxiously awaited. As written in *Our Sunday Visitor*, it is a "reflection that has, as its goal, nothing less than to spark profound renewal of the family today and through all humanity." I have compacted *Amoris Laetitia* with the hopes that you will want to read it thoroughly and carefully. Because there is so much more in *Amoris Laetitia* than there is my brief letter to you, I strongly recommend that you read it in its entirety.

In Christ,

Mmgr. David Funk

Save the Date!

ST. PIUS X WOMEN'S RETREAT

Dancing in the Spirit
September 23-25, 2016

St. Therese's Retreat Center
5277 E. Broad Street
Columbus, Ohio 43213

Watch for full details in the parish
bulletin and the August 2016 issue of
Connections.

Leah Kelly, Pastoral Minister



Baptism is a Sacrament of Initiation, along with Confirmation and Eucharist.

Sacraments of Initiation St. Pius X Project

The St. Pius X Stewardship Committee and the First Communion and Confirmation students teamed up this year for a project about the Sacraments of Initiation.

As stated in the *Catholic Faith Handbook for Youth* by St. Mary's Press, Pope Paul VI was addressing thousands at Madison Square Gardens in NYC in 1965. The electricity suddenly failed and the room went totally dark until someone lit a match. That one match dimly light the whole room. "The symbolism of the moment was striking: In a time of darkness, even one small flame of hope casts a great light."

For our "one small flame of hope", we decided to make Sacraments of Initiation bookmarks for all the individuals baptized here at St. Pius X Parish. A Confirmation candidate designed four different bookmarks showing the symbols associated with the Sacraments of Initiation. An explanation was written for the back of the bookmarks. The First Communion candidates at the Play and Pray Day event colored the bookmarks. The eighth grade PSR and School

students and staff finished the bookmarks by laminating them, cutting them out, and adding yarn tassels to them.

They were given to the RCIA members who came into the church at Easter Vigil either by Baptism or by Profession of Faith. Also, a bookmark will be given to each individual receiving the Sacrament of Baptism at SPX over the course of the year, and one to all those receiving Confirmation and First Communion from the school and PSR Classes.

The Sacraments of Initiation are Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist which "introduce the recipient into the faith." As stated in the YOUCAT, "Baptism joins us with Christ. Confirmation gives up his spirit. The Eucharist united us with him."

Jesus is our light for the world.

Amen! Alleluia! So Be It! Yes, I believe!

God Bless,

De Ann Bukowski
Coordinator of Religious Education
St. Pius X

YOUCAT CCC 1210-1211 and *The Catholic Faith Handbook for Youth* by St. Mary's Press.



PAC Book Groups Lead to Addition of Lending Library for Parishioners

A primary goal of the 2015-2016 St. Pius X Pastoral Advisory Council (PAC) under the direction of President Susan Gilmore has been to provide increased Catholic adult education and faith development within the parish, empowering us to become more confident evangelizers. To that end, PAC has sponsored two, six-week book discussion and faith-sharing programs this year. A fall session focused on Catholic author Matthew Kelly's book, *Rediscovering Catholicism* and the Lenten session concentrated on his book, *The Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic*.

Our parish has benefited not only from the community-building and faith-sharing aspects of these programs, but it has also benefited materially as we have amassed and continue to receive a number of Catholic books for the parish to read and borrow. As a result, St. Pius X is developing a new lending library. Operating on the honor system, the lending library will make available a wide range of Catholic literature to our parishioners for personal enjoyment or evangelical needs. Using a bookshelf constructed by the St. Pius X Wondrous Works Ministry under the direction of Tom Vollmer, the library will be located in the southwest exit hallway of our church near the Holy Family statue.

Working in conjunction with PAC, the St. Pius X Women's Ministry will be providing routine upkeep of the library. Quality Catholic books in new or gently-used condition will be continuously collected to keep the library full. You may donate this type of books in a marked box in the Bride's Room, which is located to the left as you enter the church vestibule. If you have questions or need more information about the library, please contact Cyndi Williams (614-860-9587, cyndiw2000@yahoo.com) or Pam Briggs (614-286-0558, pBriggs6050@gmail.com).

Happy reading!

Michelle Zuccarelli

On the behalf of St. Pius X Pastoral Advisory Council

The St. Pius X Festival welcomes the St. Pius X Graduating Class of 1991 for their 25th Reunion on Friday, August 5. Look for members of your class in the beer tent. For details, please contact former classmate Julie Curtis at julierandles@hotmail.com or at cell (614) 774-3233.

KIDS FINDING FAITH: Puzzle Page 7, "Hail Mary"

The **20th Annual St. Pius X Festival** will be held Friday, August 5, 2016 from 6:00-11:00 PM and Saturday, August 6, 2016 from 5:00-11:00 PM. Evening Mass on Saturday, August 6 will be celebrated at 4:00 PM. Proceeds from the festival will support the cost and installation of a new church boiler system.

Our festival will once again offer delicious food served by local vendors, live entertainment both nights, games and rides for the young and young-at-heart, a large Silent Auction, and many family-friendly activities. Monte Carlo will be held for adults ages 21 and over on both evenings until 1:00 AM.

Confirmed food vendors at press time include a new addition, Schmidt's of German Village, along with past festival favorites Culver's of Reynoldsburg, La Fogata Grill Autentica Mexicana, the Knights of Columbus Council #5253, and Sterling Fundways. As a reminder, please remember that the food vendors accept cash only for all purchases.

Access our festival website beginning April 30, 2016 for full and ongoing details. "Like" our festival Facebook page for up-to-the-minute information and our Silent Auction "sneak peeks" in July. **Volunteers are welcomed and needed.** Volunteer sign-up and ticket pre-sale dates will be announced via our website, Facebook and the parish bulletin.

If you have questions, need more information, or would like to become involved with our St. Pius X Festival Planning Committee, contact:

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The Knights of Columbus Women's Club

Successful Card & Game Night

The Knights of Columbus Women's Club held its annual Card and Game Night on Tuesday, March 29, 2016. This year's theme was *Flower Power - A Celebration of the '60s*. The gym was decked out in the '60s theme with bright flowers on the tables and psychedelic-colored tablecloths. '60s tunes played in the background as the ladies and some men enjoyed the many appetizers that were provided. The Card and Game Night is a time to play cards or to simply enjoy the company of friends. A silent auction as well as raffles were included. Many attendees wore their best "'60s" clothes for the *Best Dressed* contest. Judy Cafmeyer, Carol Shown, and Tina Banaski were the winners.

This is the Knights of Columbus Women's Club's largest fund raiser of the year. The monies that are raised go to support a diverse number of charities. The card party is held every year,



Shown are "Best Dressed" Winners (left to right) Judy Cafmeyer, Tina Banaski, and Carol Shown

usually on the Tuesday after Easter. Those who attend say it is a great time with great friends, great food, and great fun! Please plan to join us next year!

Vicki Mercer

Save the Date! 3rd Annual

Joseph's Coat Golf Outing

This year, the Joseph's Coat Golf Outing will be held on **Sunday, June 26, 2016 at Willow Run Golf Course** in Pataskala, Ohio. What a great way to have some good fun and to support a very worthwhile cause. Registration begins at 12:30 PM and the event will start at 1:30 PM. The cost is \$85 per golfer and includes greens' fees, cart, two Mulligans, two beverage tickets and a barbecue dinner. Food will be provided by City BBQ.

There will be an opportunity to participate in both a Hole-in-One and a putting contest with prizes of \$5,000. You can sponsor a hole at the event individually or for your business for \$150. Come out for the dinner and our awards banquet, even if you do not golf. Look for a flyer and registration and sponsorship information posted on our website: josephscoatofohio.org and in the church vestibule.

Patricia Lutz

Volunteer Coordinator
Joseph's Coat of Ohio

Ronald McDonald House

Pull Tab Update

Because people in Franklin County did the simple act of saving the pull tabs from pop, beer, soup, vegetable and fruit cans, the Ronald McDonald House on Livingston Avenue in Columbus, Ohio received \$11,000 last year to help support operational needs such as helping to pay the electric bill. Please continue or start saving them. No amount is too small. You would be surprised how quickly it becomes habit. Simply put the tabs in the cardboard Ronald McDonald House in the church vestibule.

You will be helping to serve the children at Nationwide Children's Hospital whose parents are able to stay at the near-by Ronald McDonald House during their child's hospitalization.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mary Jo Neader

Eucharistic Adoration & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Spending Time with Christ in the Eucharist

At a recent Pastoral Advisory Council meeting, the discussion of providing Eucharistic Adoration was raised based on interest from our parish suggestion box. The interest led to a discussion of the differences between Eucharistic Adoration and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. This article is meant to share this explanation with the greater parish community and to clarify what St. Pius X Parish currently offers its worshipping community for Eucharistic Adoration.

*Let us be generous with our time in going to meet Jesus and ready to make reparation for the great evils of the world.
Let your adoration never cease.*

Pope John Paul II, *Dominicae Cenae*

The Catholic Church asserts that prayer in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament is a privileged time, a time when we speak to and respond to the prompting of the Eucharistic Lord in our hearts. [1] As we spend time with the Lord both physically and spiritually in adoration, our deep love for Christ is accepted, blessed and returned by God as grace. Adoration is frequently structured upon a holy hour in the presence of the Lord, praying on behalf of many for a specific purpose or need such as healing, peace, life, or vocations. In this way, adoration strengthens the faith, love and joy of the entire parish community and the church as a whole.

Eucharistic Adoration

Accompanied by a sound Eucharistic catechesis and opportunity for the faithful to gather together in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, the church believes that adoration of the Eucharist within the tabernacle is both the normal and a sufficient method of adoration. Therefore, by opening their churches daily, Catholic parishes create environments conducive to Eucharistic Adoration, allowing worshippers to pray before the Blessed Sacrament in the tabernacle either alone or as a group. Parishes with a chapel having a separate entrance are able to offer more extensive periods of worship, called perpetual adoration, provided an adequate number of worshippers are available to be present with the Lord as scheduled.

At St. Pius X, our church is open regularly for prayer and adoration. During the school year, our church is open every weekday from approximately 7:30 AM - 3:00 PM. In the summer, the hours are 7:30 AM - 2:30 PM. On Saturdays, the church is generally available from 9:30 AM - 6:30 PM. Please check the parish's online calendar, available at our website at www.spxreynoldsburg.com to determine if the church is scheduled for an unusual or special event before planning your adoration.



A monstrance holds the Blessed Sacrament during exposition.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

In contrast to adoration, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is a solemn Catholic Church ritual that involves the public display of the Blessed Sacrament for limited periods of time in either a monstrance or a ciborium. This liturgical rite is governed by a set of directives to which a parish must strictly adhere. In addition to requiring a minister of exposition and reposition and specific sacramentals, a parish community must have adequate faithful to assure that two or more worshippers are present at all times with the Blessed Sacrament when exposed. Additionally, adequate and separate devotional space may be required as Mass in the body of the church is prohibited during the time of exposition.

Our upcoming capital campaign includes plans to add a small Adoration Chapel as part of the larger church vestibule expansion, thus providing more opportunity for this solemn observation.

Michelle Zuccarelli

On the behalf of St. Pius X Pastoral Advisory Council

[1] DiLorenzo, Most Reverend Francis X. *Adoration and Exposition Guidelines*. Diocese of Richmond, Virginia. March 2009. Web. 12 April 2016.

KIDS FINDING FAITH

Seek and find the following words from an important prayer that all Catholics know and pray, especially in the month of May. Look for words vertically, horizontally, diagonally, forward or backward. Then guess the name of this important prayer. **Judy Cafmeyer**

WHAT PRAYER IS THIS?

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|---------|--------|--------|
| BLESSED | HAIL | NOW |
| DEATH | HOLY | PRAY |
| FRUIT | HOUR | SINNER |
| FULL | JESUS | WOMEN |
| GOD | LORD | |
| GRACE | MOTHER | |

G P H A I L M N O W H A R Y L
 R W R S I N N E R F T T Q R O
 A B M A R U O H U T R M A E R
 C G E I Y B H L B L E S S E D
 E O M W M E L Q Z H T J E F D
 N D H X S E C N H K I S A S M
 N Q E N W Q W Z Y C U T U M V
 N Q O O D M O T H E R J M O M
 F Y M M I E P Y W E F E F P Q
 R E H H S P H G T S K S U Q W
 N Q O H W E Y W B K K U G Q P
 E G L B D H A I L K I S W W V
 H J Y P K N E V A G N N V B H
 Q P X Q F G Z S K V E R D R O
 B P S I D L G U T Q R T K J T

Write the name of the prayer in the spaces provided above. Check your answer on Page 4.

Summertime Service

Although many people conjure up images of relaxing poolside during summer break, teens at St. Pius X are taking advantage of time away from school to serve hundreds of people of all ages - both in our parish and in the surrounding communities.



Vacation Bible School (VBS) is primarily staffed by students in grades 7 - 12. Last year, 60 teens worked with over 100 children from preschool through grade 6. They guided them through crafts, snacks, music and recreation, and provided entertainment through skits and songs - helping them to discover God's

ultimate plan of salvation through stories of the Old Testament. This year, we are on the lookout for even more help! VBS will be held from 6:00 - 8:30 PM from **Sunday, June 26 - Thursday, June 30**. It is hoped this switch to evenings will accommodate the schedules of working parents, so an increased enrollment is expected. Our "Son Treasure Island" theme will help our young parishioners discover the treasure of God's unending love. Expect to see swaying palm trees, hear island music, and snack on tropical delights as our school is transformed into an island paradise.

This year, the annual **Gospel Road** urban mission will be headquartered on the east side. In fact, several evening activities will be held here at St. Pius X during the week of July 10, so you may see groups of young people from all over the Diocese of Columbus on our grounds. Teens will be working hard on projects involving yard work, painting, cleaning and light carpentry. Those interested in signing up for Gospel Road 2016 must register by **May 20, 2016**. To do so, email me at spx_cia_news@yahoo.com.

As appreciative as we are of our teens, we are also in need of adults to chaperon them. With so many volunteers, it is sometimes difficult to maintain the 1:6 adult-to-student ratio required by the Diocese. If you or someone you know would like to be involved in either of the above activities, please email me at spx_cia_news@yahoo.com. We love volunteers of ALL ages, and have just the position YOU will be able to fill! Additionally, if you know anyone who might benefit from having some work done by a Gospel Road team, please contact me at the email address above ASAP.

Judie Bryant
 Youth Minister

Editor's Note

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

On the front page, you will find **Monsignor Funk's** letter to the parish that focuses on Pope Francis's apostolic exhortation called *Amoris Laetitia*, "The Joy of Love."

You will also find an article describing Eucharistic Adoration and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament that arose from a question in the parish suggestion box.

Carole Winkel's article includes a nice update on school activities including the

recent *A Night in Green* school fundraiser and also best wishes for **Mrs. Kathleen Mangan**, a 4th grade teacher who is retiring after many years of service.

Judy Cafmeyer's Word Search is particularly fitting for the month of May and you will also want to check out the articles by **De Ann Bukowski** and **Judie Bryant**.

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. Please continue to share your feedback with us!

Have a blessed summer with your family and friends and congratulations to all the 8th graders who are graduating from St. Pius X School including my grandson, Nathan!

Carol McGlone



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