



## St. Pius X Parish: A Roman Catholic Community

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### Parish Office Hours

9AM-4PM (Mon-Thur)  
9AM-12PM (Fri)

### Parish Membership

We encourage every family in the parish to register as it is our only means of certifying you as a member of our parish family. Register online: [www.st-pius.org](http://www.st-pius.org).

### Online Giving

*Safe, Secure & Paper Free!*  
To sign up, go to  
[www.st-pius.org/onlinegive](http://www.st-pius.org/onlinegive)

St. Pius X Church is wheelchair accessible with parking at the sides of church.

Thank you for turning off all personal electronic devices before entering the church.

### Weekly Mass Schedule (Church)

Monday-Saturday: 8:30AM  
Monday: 7PM (Extraordinary Form)  
Saturday Anticipated Mass: 5:15PM  
Sunday: 7:30AM, 9AM, and 11AM

### Holy Day Mass Schedule (Church)

Vigil: 5:30PM  
Holy Day: 8:30AM, 5:30PM, 7PM  
(Extraordinary Form)

### Confession (Church)

Saturdays: 4PM-5PM  
Wednesdays: 7PM-8PM

### Communion for the Homebound

If you or a loved one would like to receive Communion at home, contact Deacon Don Ross at [dnross@diobpt.org](mailto:dnross@diobpt.org)

### Devotions

Adoration Monday 9AM until Friday 9PM in the Chapel.  
Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy 9AM, Fridays in the Church.  
First Saturday Devotion to Our Lady 9AM in the Chapel.

### Baptism

For information about Pre-Baptismal class and to schedule Baptisms, call the Parish Office.

### Marriage

Registered parishioners should make arrangements one year in advance with the Parish Office.

### Anointing of the Sick

If you know a parishioner who is seriously ill and would like to be anointed, call the Parish Office.

### Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

RCIA is available year-round to anyone who wants to inquire about our faith, baptism, or completing their initiation as Roman Catholics with Eucharist and/or confirmation. Call the Parish Office for more information.





### WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

#### **Saturday, November 11**

8:30AM +Blanca Aurora Morales J. Guevara

5:15PM All Parishioners

#### **Sunday, November 12**

7:30AM +Jospeh Fazio T. & D. Rocco

9AM +Cristiano Cabase Feeney Family

11AM +Limatola Family Vona Family

#### **Monday, November 13**

8:30AM +Kate Ventricelli M. Ventricelli

#### **Tuesday, November 14**

8:30AM +Graciela Rodriguez A. Armstrong

#### **Wednesday, November 15**

8:30AM +Lillian & Gregory Patti G. Patti

#### **Thursday, November 16**

8:30AM +John O'Boyle, Sr. O'Boyle Family

#### **Friday, November 17**

8:30AM +Robert Berens Fr. Samuel Kachuba

#### **Saturday, November 18**

8:30AM +Jay Kowalsky K. Kowalsky

5:15PM +Kirik & Parise Families Parise Family

#### **Sunday, November 19**

7:30AM All Parishioners

9AM +Barbara Deacon M. & J. Murphy

11AM +Barrett & Miller Family S. Barrett



Sanctuary Lights in the Church  
will burn this week in memory of  
**David Stark**

Sanctuary Lights in the Chapel  
will burn this week for the intentions of  
**Sister Bethany Madonna**

### PRAYER LINE

We must never underestimate the power of prayer! Email Pat Heile at [stpiusxprayerln@aol.com](mailto:stpiusxprayerln@aol.com) with your petitions and thanksgivings. You can also email her if you'd like to help pray for the Prayer Line intentions.

### FRIDAY ROSARY

Come pray the rosary following the **8:30AM Mass, Fridays, in the Church**. After the rosary, Pat Heile will lead the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. All are welcome to attend!

### FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION

Join us on the **first Saturday of every month in the Chapel at 9AM** for a devotion to Our Lady. We will pray the rosary, Litany of Loreto and follow with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.



### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Offerings	Oct 29	Nov 5
Weekend	\$ 10,241	\$ 13,050
Weekend 2022	\$ 11,393	\$ 13,985
Monthly	\$ 325	\$ 701
All Saints	N/A	\$ 1,786
All Souls	N/A	\$ 652
Mission	N/A	\$ 672



### ADORATION CHAPEL SIGN-UP OPEN FOR WEEKEND HOURS

As a parish, our goal is to have Perpetual Adoration, 24 hours, 7 days a week by **December 1** of this year.

Help us reach our goal by **signing up for a weekend Adoration hour**. Scan the QR code or visit [www.st-pius.org/adore365/](http://www.st-pius.org/adore365/). Weekend adoration hours will not start until we have enough committed, weekend adorers. You will receive an email once we have enough people.

Until then, our regular Adoration times are still from **Monday, 9AM until Friday, 9PM, in the Chapel**. There are a few weekday hours open on **Tuesdays: 12AM, Thursdays: 9PM, Fridays: 1AM**. Sign up or become a substitute by visiting [www.st-pius.org/adore365/](http://www.st-pius.org/adore365/).



### SWITCH TO ONLINE GIVING

Thank you for being an integral part of sustaining our beautiful church and for helping us to carry out our parish mission. Your weekly donations directly support the operating expenses of St. Pius X. If you're not currently giving online, take a moment to consider switching—it's the easiest and safest way to donate. **Get started now:** Go to [www.st-pius.org/onlinegive](http://www.st-pius.org/onlinegive) or scan the QR code. Questions? Call the Parish Office at 203-255-6134.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In past years, I have written about the Catholic Church's special focus on praying for the faithful departed in the month of November. As the month of November progresses and the sign of winter's arrival intensify, we have a form of death presented clearly before our eyes. Lest the observation of death be only an external fact, the Church gives us this month as a way of understanding death and the natural end we will all face, in a spiritual key. At the risk of repeating themes, I have already treated in past years, I would like to turn our attention again to the great spiritual work of mercy that is praying for the dead, as well as to the very important theme of the four last things.

St. Paul tells us in the first letter to the Thessalonians read at Mass today, that we should be aware of what will happen at the end when we die. The note that Paul sounds is one of great hope in the resurrection of the dead. Even as we confront the sadness of death, a grief that can leave us feeling bereft of hope, we are reminded that God will have the great and final victory. Death will have no power. Rather, the dead who have gone to their rest professing faith in Jesus Christ will be raised incorruptible. At the end of the world, St. Paul says, we will be united with God in heaven forever. "Console one another with these words," he exhorts us. Even as we confront the reality of death, we ought to do so with the confident knowledge that Jesus has triumphed over sin and death and has promised us new life.

As we listen to these words from St. Paul, we might be reminded of two of the spiritual works of mercy, namely praying for the dead, and comforting the sorrowful. The first response of the Christian when facing the fact of death is to pray for the deceased person. "Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them," goes the familiar prayer. In our remembrance of all the faithful departed on All Souls' Day, we began the month with prayer for our beloved deceased. When we pray for the dead, we do the only thing we are able to do: while they are alive, we can care for people, tend to them in their illness, and provide for their material needs. But when death comes, we who are living can only pray for the peaceful repose of the souls of the dead, the merciful salvation which is offered by Jesus. Our prayer for the dead often comes in the context of a funeral or wake. These moments are opportunities to comfort the sorrowful, to be an instrument of the compassionate love of Christ in the lives of people who are suffering. Simply showing up is enough. Of course, the spiritual work of mercy can also involve other things, including those messages of encouragement and sympathy, having a Mass said, making a visit to the home to sit with someone in their grief, or a follow-up in the weeks following a funeral. All of us can do this, and all of us can use this special reminder offered to us in this month of November.

The Gospel today turns our attention to the end. The classic category of the four last things (death, judgement, heaven, and hell) is what ought to come to mind as we listen to our Lord's parable. As we see signs of death around us, we must also learn what it is to prepare ourselves for the end. The wise virgins came prepared with the necessary supply of oil. Having prepared well, they were also welcome into the great feast. Jesus wants us to be wise, wants us to be prepared, wants us to be welcomed into the eternal wedding banquet. There will be a death we suffer ("Lord, Lord, open the door for us!"), and a judgement we face ("I do not know you"). Heaven or hell awaits us. If we, like the wise virgins, are prepared with our oil, ready to meet the bridegroom when He comes, we will be welcomed into the eternal Heaven that awaits us. May this month of November serve as a reminder to each of us to stay awake, ready to meet the Lord, ready not for death, but for everlasting life.

Peace,

Fr. Sam





### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading:** Wis 6:12-16

**Second Reading:** 1 Thes 4:13-18 [13-14];

**The Gospel:** Mt 25:1-13

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** Wis 1:1-7; Ps 139:1b-10; Lk 17:1-6

**Tuesday:** Wis 2:23 — 3:9; Ps 34:2-3, 16-19; Lk 17:7-10

**Wednesday:** Wis 6:1-11; Ps 82:3-4, 6-7; Lk 17:11-19

**Thursday:** Wis 7:22b — 8:1; Ps 119:89-91, 130, 135, 175; Lk 17:20-25

**Friday:** Wis 13:1-9; Ps 19:2-5ab; Lk 17:26-37

**Saturday:** Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9; Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43; Lk 18:1-8

**Sunday:** Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; Ps 128:1-5; 1 Thes 5:1-6; Mt 25:14-30 [14-15, 19-21]



### CONGRATULATIONS!

We welcome our newly baptized children into our Faith Family: Chase Hayes Brexel, Joseph Raffaele Laveneziana, Zachary Matthew Thayer



### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Office is open **9AM-4PM, Monday-Thursday** and **9AM-12Noon, Friday**. The staff works remotely when not in the office so you can email them anytime.



### MEN'S WEEKLY GATHERING

**Saturday Mornings, 6:30AM, Community Room.** Join the men of the parish for prayer, conversation, and fellowship! For more information, contact Mark Drexel at [drexel2424@optonline.net](mailto:drexel2424@optonline.net). We look forward to welcoming you!

### 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Stay awake and be ready!

For you do not know on what day your Lord will come." - Mt 24:42a, 44



### SPX KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COAT DRIVE

Thanks to our parishioners' great generosity, the SPX Knights of Columbus raised over \$4,000 for their children's coat drive. There will be two distributions in two different locations. If you are not a Knight but would like to help the council at either of these events, please email Tyler Lomnitzer at [tyler.lomnitzer@koofc.org](mailto:tyler.lomnitzer@koofc.org). You must have updated VIRTUS training to participate.

#### **Distribution Events:**

**Friday, November 17, 2:15PM-6PM**

St. Raphael Catholic Academy,  
324 Frank St, Bridgeport, CT 06604  
Set Up: 2:15pm - 3:00pm  
Donate: 3:00pm - 5:30pm  
Clean Up: 5:30pm - 6:00pm

**Friday, November 24, 9:00AM-12:00PM**

St. Charles Borromeo Church - McGivney Center  
391 Ogden St, Bridgeport, CT 06608



### BAPTISMAL BLANKETS

Our dear Prayer Shawl Ministry is now knitting blankets for St. Pius X's newly baptized babies! Each blanket stitch is infused with the crafter's prayers for the child's faith journey. Once completed, the blankets are blessed by Fr. Brendan and given to their families after the baptism.

If you would like to join their efforts and help welcome our newest church members in this beautiful way, contact Kim Leon at [kleon@st-pius.org](mailto:kleon@st-pius.org). Yarn is provided for all blankets.



### SUNDAY COFFEE HOUR

**Sunday, November 12, Community Room.** Join us for coffee hour and treats after the **9AM Mass**. If you would like to help with the coffee, contact Genevieve Ritch at [gfanelliritch@optonline.net](mailto:gfanelliritch@optonline.net). All are welcome!



### CAN YOU HELP SPX?

Thanks be to God! Our St. Pius X Ministries are growing but our Community Kitchen refrigerator/freezer is not!

**We are looking for some generous sponsors to fund one free-standing freezer and one free-standing refrigerator for our SPX Community Kitchen.** Purchasing these larger units allows us to continue serving our community as well as expand our outreach to more of those in need. **We only need \$2,200 to fund both units as the Marsillio Family provided the parish with a generous discount.** Please call the office and chat with Cathy Coyle at 203-255-6134 or email [ccoyle@st-pius.org](mailto:ccoyle@st-pius.org) if you would like to help fund these appliances. Any donation amount is welcome!



### TASTEBUDS

**Wednesday, December 6, 5PM-7PM, Community Room.** Come to Tastebuds monthly gathering! Along with cooking demonstrations, we will review recipes, and enjoy the meal we created together. Our dinners will be paired with selections from Kindred Spirits in Fairfield. The cost to cover your materials and meal will be \$15. Email [catherinemacdonaldcake@gmail.com](mailto:catherinemacdonaldcake@gmail.com) to RSVP.



### SPX RAFFLE

The 2024 Raffle Committee is looking for volunteers to help organize next year's raffle. If you would like to help, contact Paul Sposato at [psposato@optonline.net](mailto:psposato@optonline.net) or call 203-613-5520.

## LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

**CHORAL SCHOLA Practice Thursdays, from 7PM-8:30PM in the Church.** Do you love to sing? Consider joining the Choral Schola and help lead the liturgical music at the 11:00AM Sunday Mass as well as various Holy Days throughout the year. Please contact Michael Lantowski at [mikestro@ymail.com](mailto:mikestro@ymail.com), call 203-255-6134, ext. 119 or come see Mike after any Mass to inquire.

**YOUTH CHOIR Practice Thursdays, from 4:30PM-5:30PM in the Church.** All children in grades 2-8 are welcome to join the Youth Choir. The choir will sing at the 9AM Mass on the last Sunday of each month. Our singers are under the direction of our head cantor and CT certified music educator, Cidalia Kettles, and accompanied by Michael Lantowski, our Director of Music. For more information, reach out to Mrs. Kettles at [cidmezzo@gmail.com](mailto:cidmezzo@gmail.com) or Mike at [mikestro@ymail.com](mailto:mikestro@ymail.com). You may also call the office and speak to Mike at 203-255-6134 ext. 119.

**ALTAR SERVERS** All children who have received their First Holy Communion are invited to become altar servers. Altar servers assist the priest in the celebration of the liturgy during Mass. If you are interested, contact Fr. Brendan at [frblawie@diobpt.org](mailto:frblawie@diobpt.org)

**USHERS** This simple but important ministry is looking for members to assist during Mass in collecting the offertory and helping to seat parishioners. To find out more information, email Mike Finneran at [lakehillsfinn@gmail.com](mailto:lakehillsfinn@gmail.com).

**GREETERS** If smiling is your favorite, come and help set the tone for the liturgy by greeting everyone as they enter the church and again as they are sent forth after Mass. This ministry is open to all and is a great way for families to serve together. For more information, email Paola Peña at [ppeña@st-pius.org](mailto:ppeña@st-pius.org).

**LECTORS** Would you like to serve our community by proclaiming scripture during the liturgy? A thoughtful and prayerful presentation by our lectors helps open the hearts and minds of our community to the Word of God. Contact Fr. Brendan at [frblawie@diobpt.org](mailto:frblawie@diobpt.org) if you are interested.

**ST. THÉRÈSE GUILD** With deep love and reverence for the Holy Eucharist, the St. Thérèse Guild cares for the sacred altar linens on a rotating schedule. Training is provided. Email Fr. Brendan at [frblawie@diobpt.org](mailto:frblawie@diobpt.org) if you are interested.



### SENIOR LUNCHEON

**December 4, 12 Noon: Christmas Buffet Lunch and Mike Proscino Piano & Smooth Vocals—LIVE!** Join us for our annual Christmas lunch celebration! We are happy to welcome back Mike Proscino who will put us in the Christmas spirit with his piano playing and smooth vocals. What better way to start the season than by listening to a live performance of all your favorite Christmas tunes. This year we will once again offer a complimentary hot buffet lunch catered by Sorrento's Importing along with a holiday raffle. Calling on all Baking Elves to bring some holiday treats! **RSVP REQUIRED by November 28** to Peter Carey at [aandp1964@aol.com](mailto:aandp1964@aol.com) or 203-673-2081.

### ★ GAME DAY ★

#### YOUNG AT HEART SENIORS GAME DAY

Bring a friend and meet us in the **Community Room, 10AM-12Noon on Tuesdays** for Mahjongg and/or on **Wednesdays, 10AM-12Noon** for Canasta. You can stop by for fellowship and conversation. Questions? Contact Margaret at [blk125@msn.com](mailto:blk125@msn.com) or 908-399-2945.



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### WELL-READ MOM BOOK CLUB

**Saturday, December 9, 10AM - 11:15AM, Munro Room,** following First Saturday Devotion.

We invite you to join us for our monthly discussion of great books and spiritual classics that encourage personal growth, friendship, and meaningful conversation.

Our December book is "The Practice in the Presence of God" by Brother Lawrence, a perfect read for the Advent season! Written in the 17th century by a French hermit, spiritual director and member of the Order of Discalced Carmelites, it contains enduring wisdom for seeking God in your daily life. Email Karen Lannigan at [karenlannigan0915@gmail.com](mailto:karenlannigan0915@gmail.com) to RSVP or for more information.



### FAIRFIELD LIFE TEEN + EDGE STUDENT

Fairfield Life Teen and Edge invites high school and middle school students in the local area into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Life Teen (High School Ministry) and Edge (Middle School Ministry) are hosted at St. Pius X and open to anyone one at any church. The mission of Fairfield Life Teen + Edge is to provide a space for students to rest, make new friends, and be reminded of God's love for them through the gift of their Catholic faith. Join us!

#### **Life Nights (Sundays, 6PM-8PM)**

Nov. 12: Otterbox-The Fourth Commandment  
Nov. 19: Ghosted-Human Trafficking  
Nov. 26: No Life Teen

#### **Edge Nights (Wednesdays, 6:30PM-8PM)**

Nov. 15: Eucharistic Revival Night (7-8:30pm)  
Nov. 22: No Edge  
Nov. 29: Beach Resort-Is Being Good Boring?

### FAIRFIELD LIFE TEEN + EDGE CORE TEAM

We need adult volunteers to be a part of our CORE teams for both our middle and high school ministries. CORE team members are essential in making Fairfield Life Teen + Edge a safe and welcoming environment where the teens are SEEN, KNOWN, and LOVED. They attend our weekly Life/Edge Nights, as well as planning meetings 2-3 times per semester.

For more info, visit [www.fairfieldlt.com](http://www.fairfieldlt.com) or contact Emily Rauser at [erauser@setoncollaborative.org](mailto:erauser@setoncollaborative.org).



OPERATION  
**HOPE**



### COOKING FOR OPERATION HOPE

If you love cooking and sharing your gift with others, please consider joining our Operation Hope Meal Prep Team. This group prepares and delivers a monthly meal for 50 of Operation Hope's clients. You can choose between preparing part of the meal in your own kitchen or with others at in the St. Pius X Faith Center Kitchen. If you are interested in joining the committee, contact Genevieve Ritch at [gfanelliritch@optonline.net](mailto:gfanelliritch@optonline.net) or call the Parish Office.





## HOLIDAY BAKING BOOTCAMP

The Tastebuds crew enjoyed another festive gathering on Sunday, November 6!  
 Don't miss the Gingerbread House Decorating on Sunday, December 3.  
 Email [catherinemacdonaldcake@gmail.com](mailto:catherinemacdonaldcake@gmail.com) for more information.



### FAMILY GINGERBREAD HOUSE DECORATING

**Sunday, December 3**

**10am-12pm**

**St. Pius X Community Room**

Join fellow parishioners for a morning  
of gingerbread house decorating!

Once complete, your creation will be donated  
to St. Pius X Outreach and Operation Hope  
Communities.

This event will be limited to the first 50 sign-ups.  
Donation of \$25.00 for supplies to participate.

To participate, email [Catherinemacdonaldcake@gmail.com](mailto:Catherinemacdonaldcake@gmail.com) and  
Venmo fee to Catherine Macdonald @Catherine Macdonald-188

THE SPX GOLF OUTING IS BACK!

## ST. PIUS X GOLF FUNDRAISER

**10 JUNE 2024**

Our Golf Committee is looking  
for volunteers to help plan &  
support this event.

To volunteer, contact Paul Sposato  
at [psposato@optonline.net](mailto:psposato@optonline.net) or call  
203-613-5520.

# Advent by Candlelight

AN INSPIRATIONAL EVENING FOR WOMEN

SATURDAY | DECEMBER 2 | 6:30PM

ST. PIUS X CATHOLIC CHURCH IN FAIRFIELD, CT

## "WALKING IN CONFIDENCE"

Our guest speaker, Jennifer Hubbard, is the President of the Catherine Violet Hubbard Animal Sanctuary, which she founded in memory of her daughter who died in the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting. Hubbard is an international speaker, retreat leader and national role model for compassion and hope. Begin your Advent season with this intimate evening of fellowship and Jenny's moving testimony of faith and hope.

## CANDLELIT DINNER

We invite you to purchase a single ticket for \$30, where you may request seating with friends and be placed with a St. Pius X hostess who will then help coordinate a shared meal. Alternatively, you may sponsor a table for \$240 for eight people and invite your own guests. Should you choose to sponsor a table, you will decorate and plan food and drink to share among your guests. Proceeds benefit the repairs and maintenance of St. Pius X School. Pay by check to St. Pius X Church or scan the event QR code.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT KAREN LANNIGAN AT [KARENLANNIGAN0915@GMAIL.COM](mailto:KARENLANNIGAN0915@GMAIL.COM)



St. Pius X Catholic Church

## CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

*Calling all aspiring angels, shepherds, narrators, singers, volunteers and more!*

*We are excited for this year's Christmas Pageant at St Pius X, to be held*

**Sunday December 17th at 3pm.**



OPEN TO KIDS AGE 3 THROUGH GRADE 8.  
PLEASE USE THE QR CODE TO SIGN-UP  
AND INDICATE INTEREST IN ROLES.

We look forward to preparing for this special occasion with you and your kids!

Patty O'Brien ([patty.marie.obrien@gmail.com](mailto:patty.marie.obrien@gmail.com)) & Darcy Ronan ([darcy.ronan@gmail.com](mailto:darcy.ronan@gmail.com))



THROUGH HIM, WITH HIM, AND IN HIM.



ST. PIUS X  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

# EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL NIGHTS

WEDNESDAY | NOVEMBER 15

**GATHER IN THE MAIN CHURCH**

**7pm** Witness by **Fr. Brendan Blawie**, *Parochial Vicar at St. Pius X*

**7:15pm** Praise + Worship. Confessions available.

**8pm** Fellowship + Refreshments in the Community Room.





## 2023-2024 ST. PIUS X ANNUAL APPEAL DONATION REMINDER

November 2023

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

By now you should have received my letter below in the mail. This copy is a reminder so you may consider donating to the 2023-2024 St. Pius X Annual Appeal if you have not already done so.

### 2022-2023 Annual Appeal Results:

- **Goal:** \$200,000 **Actual:** \$205,282
- **Number of Gifts Received:** 312 out of 2300 registered households
- **Percent Participation:** only 13.5% of our parish donated
- **Donations Directly Funded:** a) Necessary upgrades to our 60-year-old School: new windows in the 1<sup>st</sup> floor Classrooms/Offices, new LED lighting and ceiling in the Gym, and plumbing upgrades to 16+ toilets. b) Donations designated to offset the deficit from our We Stand with Christ bank loan went directly to pay down principal.

### 2023-2024 Annual Appeal Needs:

- **Goal:** \$250,000
- **Donations will Directly Fund:** Critical repairs still outstanding at our 60-year-old School, used daily by our parish families, for religious education, and rented out as a source of income:
  - New windows in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Classrooms and Gym.
  - Gym Floor replacement and asbestos abatement.
  - Plumbing upgrades to 20 sinks in the bathrooms.
  - Heating system upgrades including new working valves and thermostats in entire building.
  - Carpeting throughout the building needs to be replaced and asbestos abated.

The reality of what it costs to operate/maintain our beautiful but aging 13-acre campus with multiple buildings in Fairfield is significant and on the rise. In addition, our School is still in desperate need of the above repairs. And although we currently have 2,480 registered households, only 25% or 640 contribute regularly to our weekend offertory, and only 13.5% or 312 participated in last year's annual appeal.

With this in mind, I humbly ask everyone to prayerfully consider the following this year:

- Donate (any amount!) so you can participate in our 2023-2024 Annual Appeal (**Goal: \$250,000**)
- Consider increasing your weekly donation by the price of a cup of coffee.
- Send your gift in by December 31. This also allows you to claim your donation on your taxes.

If everyone participates, no matter the amount, it will make a real difference.

With gratitude and my sincere thanks,

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**YES! I want to participate in the 2023-2024 St. Pius X Annual Appeal. Here is my gift:**

☐ \$5,000 ☐ \$2,500 ☐ \$1,500 ☐ \$1,000 ☐ \$750 ☐ \$500 ☐ \$250 ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

CreditCard# \_\_\_\_\_ Exp.Date \_\_\_\_\_ CVC # \_\_\_\_\_

Billing Name \_\_\_\_\_ Billing Address \_\_\_\_\_

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