



Echoes

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A Message From the Editor

As we prepare to enter the holidays and the sacred season of Advent, I am grateful for the many ways our parish continues to grow in faith, community, and service. This quarterly mailing highlights several important initiatives and opportunities unfolding in the months ahead, and I'm excited to share a few updates with you.

First, you'll find information about our **Faith in Action Annual Fund**, which strengthens every corner of parish life: our people, our ministries, and our campus. Your generosity will allow us to remain a vibrant, welcoming community rooted in the mission of Christ, carrying on the wonderful legacy left to us, and we are excited to share how this fund will support our priorities in the coming year.

You'll also see a preview of **upcoming parish events**. These gatherings are designed to bring our community together, deepen relationships, and support the good work happening across our campus. From formation opportunities to festive celebrations and parish-wide fundraisers, there will be many ways to connect, give back, and grow with one another.

As our parish continues to expand, you'll notice we have had some **staffing adjustments** that better reflect our needs and position us for the future. We are blessed with a talented team committed to serving you, and these updates will help us offer even stronger support to our ministries and families.

This issue also introduces a **freshened visual identity** for St. Pius X, including updated logos, a revitalized website, and enhancements to our online presence. These improvements aim to reflect the beauty, energy, and hospitality of our parish while making it easier for you to find information and stay connected.

Finally, we are pleased to share our newly revised **Ministry Guide**, outlining the many ways you can get involved, share your gifts, and deepen your discipleship. Whether you feel called to serve, to learn, or simply to participate in the life of our parish, there is a place for you.

As you explore this newsletter and the materials enclosed, I invite you to pray with us, journey with us, and stay engaged in the exciting months ahead. *May the Advent and Holiday seasons fill your homes and hearts with peace, hope, and renewal!*

With gratitude,

Lindsay M. Santorio

Director of Faith Formation & Evangelization

Advent & Christmas Schedules

THANKSGIVING DAY

Thursday, November 27

Mass at 10:00 am

NO DAILY MASS

November 28

ADVENT BEGINS

November 29-30

BAMBINELLI BLESSING WEEKEND

Third Weekend of Advent

December 13-14

Bring your Baby Jesus figurine to Mass for a special Advent Blessing!

NO DAILY MASSES

December 15, 22, 23, 26

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Christmas Eve Vigil Masses

Wednesday, December 24

4:00 pm*, 8:00 pm, 12:00 midnight

*nursery open

Christmas Day Mass

Thursday, December 25

10:00 am

ADORATION & BENEDICTION

December 31 from 4:00 - 6:00 pm

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

Thursday, January 1

Mass at 10:00 am

Parish Office Schedule

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Thursday & Friday November 27-28

Monday - Friday, December 22-26

&

Thursday, January 1



Sign up online
to receive Father
Cook's Sunday
homilies right to
your inbox.

What is Stewardship?

Alice Yorks

Director of Parish Life

Someone recently asked me what "Stewardship" means at St. Pius, and it led me to reflect on our community. It means receiving God's blessings with thankfulness and offering the blessings back to him, with love, by sharing our time, talent and treasure. It truly is a way of life at St Pius—one rooted in gratitude for the gifts God has given us.

YOU embody this beautifully through your prayers, service and support of the church and ministries.

The Stewardship Ministry Open House held the weekend (October 25–26) was an inspiring event. So many of you, not only showed up but actively engaged with our ministry leaders. In the spirit of James 1:17 "Every good and perfect gift is from above"—Three hundred and nineteen of you responded by stepping forward to share your gifts and serve in one or more ministries. A heartfelt THANK YOU to each of you and to the Stewardship team and all the ministry leads who worked tirelessly through the weekend.

Watch for our "Stewardship Snippets" throughout the year to see the positive impact of your generosity in action!

*"Dearest Lord, teach me to be generous;
teach me to serve you as you deserve;
to give and not to count the cost."*

—St. Francis of Assisi

Faith, Fellowship, & Family

Aaron Bennett, a Catholic Convert who was Confirmed through RCIA in the spring of 2022, shared his story of faith and stewardship last month during Mass. Aaron is a Trust and Estate Attorney with the law firm of Carruthers and Roth, P.A. and he resides in Greensboro with his wife, Cydney, and their three children, Anders, Isaac, and Clara. Aaron's faith journey inspired his wife to follow in his footsteps into the Catholic Church in 2023, and then his parents in 2024. Aaron credits their family conversion to experiencing the love of this parish, and seeing all of the positive impacts of the Catholic faith being lived out in their family. Here is a small excerpt from Aaron's talk that we want to share with you all:

Like many of you, my days and nights are busy - but I make a concerted effort to practice stewardship as a way to give back to God - because he is the source of all of the blessings in my life. I give time to God through prayer, through fellowship with the 5AM Thursday Men's Group, and through Sunday Morning Coffee Talk. And, I've found ways to offer service to others and this church as a member of the Parish Council and providing financial support.

Since embracing stewardship, my prayer life has deepened. I'm a better husband, father, son, and attorney, and it's drawn my family closer through shared service and gratitude. My message is one of thanks and encouragement. Thank you for your stewardship, which unknowingly drew my family in, and let us experience God's presence profoundly.

If you're not yet involved, I humbly invite you to step forward in faith. We can walk in and out of these doors each Sunday, nourished by the Body of Christ, but through deeper engagement in stewardship, this parish can truly restore our weary souls, strengthen our shared community, and empower us to embody the virtues that draw us closer to God's boundless love.



Greening of the Church

**Monday, December 15
at 9:30 am**

Join us to decorate the church
for Christmas. Must be able to
lift, bend, climb, and squat!



Save the Dates for SPX Seniors!

Please see church bulletins for more information and how to register!

- Tai Chi (December 4, 11, 18, January 8, 15, 22, 29)
- K&W Lunch (December 2, January 6)
- Christmas Bus Trip to Myrtle Beach (December 5-7)
- Meet & Mingle (December 9, January 13)
- Christmas Party (December 16)
- Senior Luncheon (January 20)
- Dolan Manor Angels Devotion (December 10, January 10)
- Game Night "Santa Re-Gift Bingo" (January 23)
- Designer Bag Bingo (January 24)

ADVENT *by* CANDLELIGHT

Hope lights the way ...

A beautiful, festive evening among friends to focus on the true meaning of the Blessed Season. Each table is thoughtfully set and decorated around the Advent Candle Wreath. Enjoy light hors d'ouvres, dessert and drinks as you listen to our guest speaker, Wake Forest Chaplain, Fr. David McCannless, guide us into meaningful preparation for the coming of Our Lord!

December 4, 2025
St. Pius X Catholic Church
Simmons Parish Center
6:00 to 8:00 pm

HOSTED BY:
REGNUM CHRISTI
NORTH CAROLINA

Scan to Register by November 30.
\$10 suggested donation per person.
*Nursery open for minors when reserved in advance. Advent wreaths available for purchase. A portion of the proceeds supports St. Pius X Youth Ministry.



SPX

YOUNG & MARRIED



12/7/2025
SPM
CASUAL DINNER PARTY

1/18/2025
SPM
Social House & Mizumis

Are you a young married couple and looking for social opportunities with other young, married couples in the parish?

Contact Isabel to connect with our new ministry!

RSVP: Isabel 517.803.7818

DESIGNER BAG Bingo!



An afternoon of FUN, FELLOWSHIP, & FASHION!

January 24, 2026
Details on Realm!



Christmas Social Events



DECEMBER 2

Cookie Decorating



DECEMBER 15

Christmas Treat & Ornament Exchange



ST. PIUS X CATHOLIC CHURCH INVITES YOU TO JOIN SPECIAL GUEST
ORDER OF MALTA AMBASSADOR MICHÈLE B. BOWE, GCM

HOLY FAMILY HOSPITAL *Mass & Benefit Dinner*

5 PM
MASS

DECEMBER
6
SATURDAY

6 PM
DINNER

"Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me."
Matthew 25:40

*Love thy neighbor.
Be the difference.*

www.stpiusxnc.com/holyfamily



BREAKFAST

With St. Nicholas

Join us for a heartwarming morning filled with joy, laughter, and holiday cheer! Bring the kids and enjoy a pancake breakfast by the Knights of Columbus, kids' crafts, and photos with St. Nicholas!

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14
AT 10 AM
SIMMONS PARISH CENTER



PARISH

Christmas PARTY

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16
SIMMONS PARISH CENTER

REGISTER ON REALM!



More events on back page ...

Baptisms Weddings Funerals

Mhalani Morin
Kate Grimes
George Brown
Margaux Brown
Pierce Brown
Autumn Kuhn
Lakelynn Kuhn

Keon Nzekwe
Misia Sliwinski
Matthew Bitonti
Harlowe Perry
Isabella Chow
Eloise Royal
Emilia Bresson

Kayla Thomas & John Halk
Gina Perotta & Carson Moore

Shirley Waters
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Rick Beavan
Roderick Moore
Isaac Kohl
Kathleen Morrison
Anne Powers Sestak
Nora Morin
Marsha Baird
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Joseph 27103
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2026 Events & Speakers

Please look for registration information online and in the bulletin in the coming weeks! New spring study information coming soon as well! Questions? Contact the parish office.



Hearts in Action
CASINO NIGHT
Play your cards right ...
for a cause that matters.
Save the Date!
14 FEBRUARY 2026
SIMMONS PARISH CENTER

SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR
Faith in Action
INAUGURAL BALL
WITH SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF
Mr. Louis DeJoy
& Dr. Aldona Was
2026 FAITH IN ACTION HONOREES
SATURDAY, MAY 2, 2026
6:00 PM
GREENSBORO COUNTRY CLUB



SAVE THE DATES!
SPEAKERS
AT SAINT PIUS X



JASON EVERT
Catholic Speaker & Evangelist
WEDNESDAY
FEBRUARY 11, 2026



BRADLEY BANNING
Catholic Country Recording Artist
SATURDAY & SUNDAY
MARCH 7-8, 2026