Saint Pius the Tenth Catholic Church Echoes

NOVEMBER 2026

A Message from Father Cook

As we approach the holy season of Advent, we are reminded that this is a time of joyful anticipation, prayerful preparation, and renewed commitment to our faith. There will



be many opportunities in the coming weeks to live out our parish mission to *Know, Love, and Serve the Lord*. Through new faith formation studies, fellowship gatherings, and parish socials, we invite you to know Christ more deeply and strengthen the bonds of our parish family. Through the beauty of our Advent liturgies, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and time spent in prayer, we are called to love Him more fully. And through acts of charity, stewardship, and generosity toward those in need, we can serve Him faithfully, bringing the light of Christ to others during this sacred season.

As we look ahead to Advent and the new liturgical year, we are also preparing for some important changes in the way our parish connects and communicates with you. In accordance with a diocesan initiative, St. Pius X will be transitioning to new parish database, communications, and online giving platforms. These changes will help us better serve our parish family, strengthen our connections, and support the many ministries that make our parish so vibrant. I encourage you to read more about this transition inside this newsletter, along with the many opportunities to participate in parish life this Advent.

May this season be one of renewed hope, deeper faith, and joyful expectation as we prepare our hearts for the coming of our Savior. Wishing you many blessings with the Hope of Christ's Coming ...

Father Cook

Upcoming Schedule

OUR LORD, JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE
November 21-22

THANKSGIVING DAY
Thursday, November 26
10:00 am Mass

ADVENT BEGINS
November 28-29

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
Tuesday, December 8
8:30 am, 12:00 pm Masses

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD
Thursday, December 24
4:00 pm Mass with Nursery
7:00 pm & 11:00 pm Masses
Friday, December 25
10:00 am Mass

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD
Thursday, December 31
4:00 pm Adoration
6:00 pm Benediction
Friday, January 1
9:00 am Mass

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
(*NO MASS)
November 25*, 26, 27*
December 8, 22*, 23*, 24, 25, 31*
January 1

Passport to Parish Life: Living the Gift Together!

Natalee Wyatt, Stewardship Committee



What a wonderful Stewardship Weekend we had on October 24th & 25th! We introduced a new twist to our annual event by bringing Passport to Parish Life to Saturday's Italian Festival and continuing the festivities Sunday after Mass with coffee, donuts, and opportunities to explore our parish ministries.

Many parishioners joined the fun, visiting ministry booths, meeting fellow parishioners and discovering new ways to share their time and talents. Participants collected ministry stickers on their passports and entered drawings for exciting raffle prizes, including gift cards, Children's Museum tickets, and reserved parking at Christmas Mass.

But the real success wasn't measured in passports completed or prizes awarded, it was found in conversations, connections, and seeds planted as parishioners explored where God might be nudging them to become more involved. Visit our parish website or pick up a Ministry Guide at the parish office to discover where your gifts might make a difference.

"Serve one another through love." Galatians 5:13

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who participated, volunteered and helped make this weekend such a joyful success. Together, we are Living the Gift by recognizing our blessings, receiving them with gratitude and returning them through loving service.



Calling Volunteers Who Can Lift, Climb, Carry ...

... and sweat it out for a few hours to help our team *Green the Church!*

Mark your calendars for *December 14.*

More info coming soon.

Due to the upcoming holidays, bulletin deadlines may be accelerated. Check with the office about specific weekend deadlines to ensure submissions are received in time!



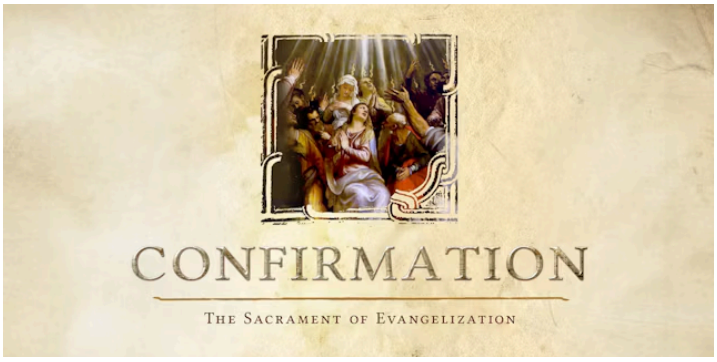


SPX Christmas Youth Choir
December 24, 2026
4:00 pm Christmas Mass



For young singers in Grade 4 and up.
Attendance at ALL THREE rehearsals is necessary.
Wednesday, December 9: 5:00 – 6:00 pm
Wednesday, December 16: 5:00 – 6:00 pm
Wednesday, December 23: 5:00 – 6:00 pm
Contact Francine at fbritto@stpiusxnc.com before November 15 to tryout!

Upcoming Adult Formation Studies - Save the Dates!



Lectio Confirmation: The Sacrament of Evangelization
Begins January 13 (9 weekly sessions)
Meets from 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Confirmation is mysterious. Is Confirmation really necessary if we've been baptized? What is the connection between the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost and the graces bestowed at Confirmation? What does the Bible have to say about the meanings of the actions and prayers found in the Rite of Confirmation? Why are there different practices in the Church about the proper age to receive Confirmation? How does Confirmation strengthen us to endure persecution as we witness to Jesus? Discover the answers to these questions and more in this Lectio series on the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Join renowned biblical scholar Dr. Brant Pitre as he delves into the riches of Scripture and Tradition to shed light on this all too often misunderstood sacrament. Gain a deeper understanding of the gifts the Holy Spirit gives us in Confirmation and how we might live them out more fully as we take up our crosses and follow Christ.

Watch a preview of the study on Formed by scanning the QR code here!

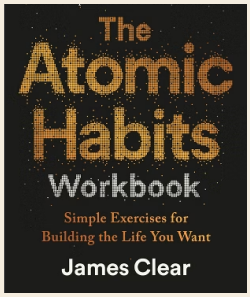


From the Seder to the Last Supper: One Story, Two Convenants
Begins February 16 (4 weekly sessions)
Meets from 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Join us for a special four-part series exploring the Jewish roots of our Catholic faith, the significance of the Passover, and its connection to the Last Supper and the Eucharist.

Through three engaging lessons and a concluding shared Seder meal, participants will journey through salvation history, beginning with the original Passover in Exodus, exploring the rich traditions of the Jewish Seder with a local rabbi, and discovering how Jesus' Last Supper reveals the profound connections between the Old and New Covenants. Our final gathering will bring participants together around the table for a shared meal that celebrates what we have learned.

This series is open to all parishioners, with a special invitation to young adults and parents who wish to deepen their understanding of these sacred traditions. Come discover how understanding the roots of our faith can enrich our experience of the Eucharist and bring new meaning to the sacred celebrations of Holy Week.



Small Habits, Lasting Holiness

Discover how small, intentional changes can lead to lasting personal and spiritual growth. Using James Clear's *Atomic Habits* and its companion workbook, this course combines practical strategies for building better habits with Catholic teaching on virtue, holiness, and living a Christ-centered life. ***Begins on January 11 with 8 sessions running on selected Monday nights through mid-May.***



Estate Planning Info Packets Available

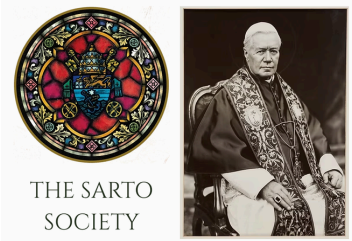
Pat Spivey, Planned Giving Committee

Thank you to everyone who joined us recently for our Parish Estate Planning Seminar. It was an inspiring and educational event focused on how thoughtful stewardship today can leave a lasting legacy of faith for generations to come.

During the presentation, we explored practical ways to protect our families while also supporting the ministries, outreach programs, and sacred spaces that make our parish family so special. Many parishioners were surprised to learn that you don't need great wealth to make a meaningful legacy gift. Planned Giving simply means making a gift through your financial or estate plan to St. Pius X after first always taking care of the needs of your family.

If you missed the seminar and would like a copy of the information packet, some are available in the parish office.

As each on has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace. 1 Peter 4:10



Learn about Planned Giving and St. Pius X's Sarto Society at www.stpiusxnc.com/planned-giving

WE ARE PROUD TO ANNOUNCE OUR ANNUAL FAITH IN ACTION BALL HONORING

Rob & Tammy Simons & FAMILY



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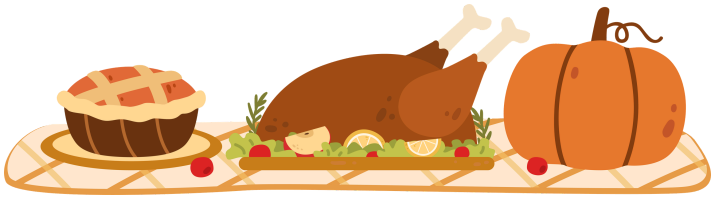
Starmount Country Club
Golden Age &
Black Tie Attire

This year, we are proud to honor Rob and Tammy Simmons and the entire Simmons family, whose faith, generosity, and commitment to St. Pius X have left an extraordinary and lasting legacy.

Parishioners since 2011, Rob and Tammy entered the Catholic Church through RCIA and have made their faith the foundation of a beautiful family tradition that now spans generations. Their children are graduates of St. Pius X Catholic School and Bishop McGuinness Catholic High School, and today, their grandchildren are beginning their own Catholic education in our Pre-K classrooms.

Perhaps most inspiring is the family's living witness to evangelization, as each of their children has shared the gift of the Catholic faith with their spouses, welcoming them into the Church. Through their faithful stewardship, participation in parish life, dedication to ministry, and extraordinary philanthropy, the Simmons family exemplifies what it means to *Know, Love, and Serve the Lord*. Their legacy is not simply one of generosity, but of faith passed from one generation to the next.

We hope you will join us in honoring them and celebrating with them this May.



A Thanksgiving Message: Dear Friends in Christ ...

No one should have to experience the pain of hunger or worry about where their next meal will come from. As Catholics, we are called to see Christ in those who are in need and to live out His commandment to love our neighbors as ourselves.

Thanks to the generosity of St. Pius X parishioners, our Thanksgiving Food Basket program provided over 200 families with a complete Thanksgiving meal last year. Your kindness helped ensure that families in need could gather around the table and share in the blessings of the holiday.

This year, we anticipate receiving over 300 requests, as the need continues to grow. We invite you to prayerfully consider making a donation as an expression of Christian charity and gratitude for the blessings God has given us. Your generosity will help provide a Thanksgiving meal for every family we serve.

Donations will be collected over the next few weeks. You may contribute by scanning the QR code here or on the posters in the Baptistry or by placing a check in the collection basket with "Thanksgiving Food" written on the memo line.

Thank you for your continued generosity and compassion. Through the corporal works of mercy, we have the opportunity to feed the hungry, serve our brothers and sisters, and share the love of Christ with families in our community. May God bless you for your kindness and generosity, and may He fill your hearts with gratitude and joy this Thanksgiving!



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS & AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE AT ST. PIUS X CATHOLIC CHURCH

Friday, November 13
10:00 am - 6:00 pm

Be the reason someone gets another tomorrow! Schedule your blood donation at www.redcrossblood.org and enter "StPiusX" to make an appointment.

American Red Cross

Every 2 seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood.
Help save lives.

Give blood.

Save the Date for Casino Night! February 5, 2027

RIVERBOAT RIVIERA CASINO NIGHT

This February, it's all-aboard the Riverboat for a Casino Night cruise! Join Father Cook and the parish staff for poker, craps, blackjack, roulette, and a whole lot of fun! Come for food and drinks and learn to play traditional games to win amazing prizes. Are you interested in assisting with our planning or prize committee? Contact Lindsay Sartorio at lsartorio@stpiusxnc.com to learn how you can help with this great event.

Fall Highlights at St. Pius X Catholic School

Antonette Aguilera, Principal

Fall has been a joyful and busy season at St. Pius X Catholic School! Our students, families, and staff have enjoyed many opportunities to celebrate our school spirit, strengthen friendships, and come together as a faith-filled community.

Our middle school students recently participated in an engaging presentation with Christian Hall of *Haven*, who spoke about the dangers of social media and the importance of protecting our children in an increasingly digital world. A companion parent presentation offered valuable guidance as we work together to support the emotional and spiritual well-being of our children.

Our annual *Catch a Comet Color Run* was a tremendous success thanks to the generosity of our families and sponsors and the dedicated work of our PTO. Funds will support PTO activities and important campus security improvements. We also enjoyed a wonderful Parish Italian Festival filled with food, music, dancing, performances, and fellowship.

Our fall festivities continued with a delightful Fall Parade featuring an abundance of princesses, superheroes, and farm animals! Families also enjoyed Trunk or Treat. These cherished traditions remind us of the joy of belonging to a community where families, friendships, and shared experiences flourish, and where happy childhood memories are made.

Throughout the season, we have also reflected on the importance of kindness, forgiveness, and recognizing the dignity of every person. As St. Teresa of Calcutta reminds us, "Don't treat people as bad as they are, treat them as good as you are." These values remain at the heart of our Catholic mission and the formation of our students.

We concluded this season of celebration by honoring our veterans on Veterans Day. Our students helped prepare a special Mass recognizing the courage, service, and dedication of the men and women who have served our nation. A reception followed, offering our school and parish community an opportunity to express our heartfelt gratitude to these remarkable individuals and celebrate their commitment to protecting our freedoms.

We are grateful for the continued support of our parish, families, and friends. May God continue to bless St. Pius X Catholic Church and School and our entire Comet community!



School Tours and Information Available

St. Pius X is a special place to learn, grow, and thrive. We enjoy community life, but place faith and academics at the forefront.Our students exceed national scores in every subject, every year! We want our children to experience exceptional academic instruction and the joy of being part of a vibrant Catholic community. Through Opportunity Scholarships and generous school endowments, we can meet the financial needs of families and make a Catholic education accessible to children. ***If you know a family who might benefit from a first-rate St. Pius X educational experience, please contact our Admissions Director, Tammy Sgroi, at (336) 273-9863.*** We would love to welcome them into our Comet family!

Exciting Changes Ahead with New Parish Technology & Communications!

As part of a diocesan-wide initiative mandated by the Diocese of Charlotte, all parishes will transition to new technology platforms designed to strengthen communication, simplify administration, and better serve our Catholic communities. In the coming months, St. Pius X will transition from our current Realm database to an exclusively Catholic database called Camino. We will introduce enhanced communications tools and a new parish app through MyParish, and move our online giving and payment processing to GiveCentral. These platforms will provide new opportunities for parishioners to stay connected, access information, and engage in parish life.

We have always embraced innovation and looked for better ways to serve our growing parish family, so while these changes are being implemented throughout the diocese, we are excited about the opportunities they will bring to our own community of St. Pius X. We recognize that change, especially involving familiar technology and routines, can come with questions and a learning curve. Please know that we will be here to help every step of the way! These transitions will take place gradually over the coming months, with communication and support throughout the process.

Detailed instructions and helpful resources will be mailed to every parish household. We will also designate special weekends in 2027 when trained staff and volunteers will be available for drop-in assistance and hands-on support, particularly for those less comfortable navigating new technology. Our goal is to make this transition as smooth, accessible, and welcoming as possible. We appreciate your patience, flexibility, and enthusiasm as we move forward together.

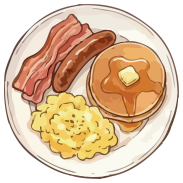
Knights & Columbiettes Information

Have you thought about joining the Knights of Columbus or the Columbiettes? These are franternal and sororal groups within the parish, existing to serve and support the mission of our Catholic Church.

If you have, and would like to inquire about membership, please contact us today!

Marty Sosnicki, Knights Membership at: membership@kofc11101.org

Kathy Russell, Columbiettes Membership at: krussell770@gmail.com



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HOLIDAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sunday, December 13

No Cost. Donations Appreciated.



- Pancakes, Eggs, Bacon, and Coffee!
- Holiday Take-Home Crafts for Kids (from your Faith Formation Staff)
- And a special visit from St. Nicholas!



It's Beginning to Look A Lot Like Christmas!

ADULT SOCIAL
Christmas Cookie Decorating Workshop
Monday, November 30 from 6:30 – 8:30



Want to learn how to beautifully decorate Christmas cookies? We will show you how!

- Space is limited to 15. Cookies and Icing will be provided.
- Cost: $5.00 payable in advance.
- Please register and pay via Realm or contact the Parish Office directly by Monday, November 23.

ADULT SOCIAL
Christmas Treat and Ornament Exchange
Tuesday, December 15 from 7:00 – 8:30 pm



Just us for a sprinkle of JOY and a dash of Holiday Cheer. Adult Bakers and Non-Bakers are invited to a merry social evening!

- Bring 3 Dozen of The Same Christmas Treat to exchange. Treats can be. holiday cookies, fudge, brownies, bars, etc.
- Non-bakers can buy & bring 3 dozen (of the same kind) or just come for the Ornament Exchange!
- Bring (1) Christmas Ornament to exchange or put in a Holiday Gift Bag
- Take home a festive mix of 3+ dozen delicious goodies and a new ornament.
- Please register via Realm or contact the Parish Office by Friday, December 11.

PARISH MOVIE NIGHT
Zero AD: The Birth of Christ
Friday, December 11 at 6:45 pm
Rating: PG-13
Location: Regal Greensboro Grande (Northline Ave. in Friendly Center)



Come to experience the powerful historical drama on the big screen! Join us for a special theater outing to see the gripping story of King Herod's reaction to the star over Bethlehem and the incredible journey of Mary protecting the promised child.

- Cost: $10.50 payable in advance
- Space is limited. Please register via Realm or contact Parish Office directly by Wednesday, December 9.

ADULT CHRISTMAS PARTY
A Holiday Celebration of Dinner & Music
Thursday, December 17 from 6:30 – 8:30 pm



Join the parish staff and the choir for a festive evening of holiday music, games, catered dinner, dessert, and adult beverages!

- Cost: $25 per person (registrants may bring named guests)
- Please register via Realm or contact the Parish Office by Friday, December 11.



Look for the Giving Tree in the Baptistery

Beginning the weekend of November 21-22, look for the Giving Tree in our church baptistery. This year, we are serving record numbers of agencies and your generosity during this holiday season is a blessing to hundreds of families. If you have time to assist with the planning and logistics of the Giving Tree - including writing tags or sorting gifts, please sign up using the QR code here, or look for the link in the *Pius Pulse* weekly email.

St. Bernadette Soubirous *of Lourdes*

SACRED RELIC TOUR AT ST. PIUS X CATHOLIC CHURCH NOVEMBER 15–17, 2026



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2026

5:00pm - 5:30pm: Sacred Relics Welcoming Celebration, Escorted by the Order of Malta
6:00pm - 7:30pm: Confessions Available
6:00pm - 9:00pm: Veneration of Sacred Relics
8:00pm: Candlelight Rosary in Church
9:00pm: *The church will be closed.*

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2026

8:30am: Mass Followed by Veneration of Sacred Relics
9:30am: Lourdes Virtual Pilgrimage Experience Presentation (TBD)
11:00am - 1:00pm: Confessions Available
11:00am - 2:00pm: Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
12:00pm: Rosary
2:00pm: Benediction
2:15pm: Anointing of the Sick & Lourdes Water Blessing
3:00pm: Recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet
8:00pm: Candlelight Rosary
9:00pm: *The church will be closed.*

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2026

8:30am: Private School Mass (closed to the public)
9:30am: Veneration of Sacred Relics (open to the public) & Rosary
12:00pm: Sacred Relics Farewell Celebration, Escorted by the Order of Malta

Questions? Contact Francine Britto at the parish office 336-272-4681.
Check out the tour map at https://bernadette-usa.lourdes-france.com.

Baptisms

Evie Borgio, George Norris, Leo Joubran, Isla Joubran, Hazel Howell, Calum Leonard, Campbell Browning, Drew Herschel, Bennett Kappauf, Matthew Paley, Sienna Morrone, Willa Lechner, Anelise Stuckey, William Wright, Cash Fivoranti, Miller Cook

Weddings

Kaylea Hofer & Silas Price, Sarah Grace Johnson & Zachary Hurst, Morgan Malikowski & Bryce Fey, Morgan Murnane & Dominick Carrieri

Funerals

Michael Burns, Irene Ackers, Donna McGee, James Decker, Michael Steivater, Kathleen Ciurlik, Jacque Perkins, Phyllis Wuschke, Lorraine Handschuh, Drew Mercer

Echoes Volunteers

Sue Rochette (Coordinator), Irene Ade, Cindy Bratton, Gullanar Campbell, Jeanne Carter, Petra Esterle, Louise Faust, Marguerite Gleeson, Carol Green, Kathy Harvell, Janice Kirwan, Gary Krikorian, Carol Krikorian, Ray Last, Mary Ellen Liebal, Angela McElhone, Gloria Monahan, Joanne Parsons, Ann Pearman, Dennis Pearman, Neil Rochette, Rosalie Russo, Mary Ellen St. Clair

St. Pius X Catholic Church

Very Rev. W. Christian Cook, VF, Pastor
Rev. Maximilian Frei, Parochial Vicar
Website: www.stpiusxnc.com

Quarterly Echoes Deadline:
Monday, January 25 @ 4:00 pm
Submit to: echoes@stpiusxnc.com

Weekly Bulletin Deadline:
Fridays, one week prior
Submit to: bulletin@stpiusxnc.com

Newcomers

Welcome to our growing parish!

27403 - Greensboro
Norma Jean Clausen

27405 - Greensboro
Michael & Renee Adornetto (Rachel)
Matt & Nicolle DeLiso (Ellie)
Nicholas & Danielle Foltz (Adeline)
Joshua & Madyson Harp
Rafael Paula
Elvis Zama

27406 - Greensboro
Tom & Christine Carder (Mitchell)

27407 - Greensboro
Wanda James (Jermaine)
Emily Mack

27408 - Greensboro
Marcelo & Leticia Carioni (Bernardo, Victoria)
Pat & Cara Radoll

27409 - Greensboro
Jesse & Erin Fleming (Honor, Abe, Ellison, Sarabeth)

27410 - Greensboro
Jerry & Patti O'Hara
Jared & Amanda Rashford (Anna, James)
John Sappey
Edward & Elaine Thomal (Amanda)

27455 - Greensboro
Steven & Debbie Gambella
Alex Kengne-Tagne & Carole Kengne-Dongmo (Angela, Ezra, Anthony)
Patrice & Carole Nzangue (Ryan, Daivik, Marielle)

27214 - Browns Summit
Hakim Mamache & Latifa Alioua (Jolene)

27217 - Burlington
Jason & Andrea Bryant (Carter & Caleb)

27249 - Gibsonville
Luke & Katie McGann (Leo, Oliver)

27284 - Kernersville
Hope Fahrner & Thomas Coleman

27310 - Oak Ridge
Francis & Patti Disney
Christopher Rice & Shuxin Wang (Aiden)

27313 - Pleasant Garden
Daniel & Jenna Wammock

27317 - Randleman
Tony & Sarah Fleckenstein (Jonathan)

27320 - Reidsville
Leroy & Caitlyn Hill
Fernando Jasso & Roxana Jasso-Jaramillo (Fernando, Diego, Lucero)

27357 - Stokesdale
Tom & Deborah Bergamine
Zach & Christina Roeder (Beckett, Reece, Amelia)

27358 - Summerfield
Michael & Megan Farley (John, James, Mary)
Alfred Martin & Gladius Afred (Adrian)

27377 - Whitsett
Kapa & Charissa Kaoma (Rosemary)
Daniel Kincaid

Parish Registration Forms can be picked up and returned to the parish office during regular office hours (Mon-Thu 8:30 am - 4:00 pm and Fri 8:30 am - 12:30 pm) For more information, please call us at (336) 272-4681.

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