

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

April 21, 2024

St. Pius X Catholic Church



4th Sunday of Easter

A Warm Welcome To St. Pius X Parish

Whether you're just visiting us for a brief time, looking for a new parish home, are returning to the practice of your Catholic faith or are interested in finding out more about the Catholic Church, we're happy to have you here.

A parish is a community of believers and a spiritual family that is supportive and loving. It can be a place to grow spiritually, to put your faith in action, and to use your gifts of time and talent as disciples of Christ. If you would like more information about how to make this parish your home, **please contact the Parish Office at 317.255.4534 or use QR code for Info.**



Mass and Reconciliation Schedule

Weekend Mass

Saturday (Anticipation) — 5:00 p.m.
Sunday — 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., & 11:00 a.m.

Weekday Mass

Monday — 9:00 a.m.
Tuesday — 8:00 a.m. (School Mass)
Wednesday — 9:00 a.m.
Thursday — 8:00 a.m. (School Mass)
Friday — 9:00 a.m.

(First Friday of the Month we will have a 9:00 a.m. Mass with incense)

Holy Day Mass — 8:00a.m., 12:00p.m., 6:30 p.m.

Reconciliation

(Located in the church reconciliation room.)

Wednesday & Friday 8:40 a.m. — 8:55 a.m.
Saturday 4:00 p.m. — 4:45 p.m.

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SACRAMENTS

Marriage

Contact Father Francis six months before anticipated wedding date to make marriage arrangements.

Baptism

Please contact Chris Johnson, cjohnson@spxparish.org in the parish office prior to the birth of child to schedule Baptism Preparation Class. Celebrated communally usually on the 2nd & 4th Sundays of each month.

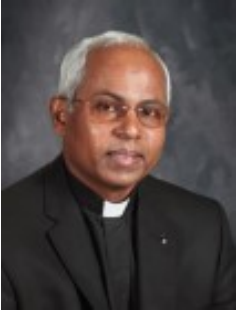
Anointing of the Sick

Contact the Parish Office 317.255.4534, to make arrangements for anointing or have communion brought to the sick.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults – If you have questions regarding becoming a Catholic, please contact Kaitlyn Blandford kblandford@spxparish.org DFF at 317.466.3365.

A Letter from Father Francis

Seeking God within



My Dear Friends in Christ,

There are no programs or technology that automatically lead to God. Each one needs to follow one's own path to God, one's own way of opening oneself to the mystery underlying all things. But not everything equally favors an awakening of real faith.

There are people who never talk about God with anyone. Faith is a forbidden topic; God belongs to the private sphere. But even then they don't ever think about or remember God in the intimacy of their conscience. This attitude, frequent even among those who call themselves believers, can weaken faith. When something never gets remembered, it ends up dying of forgetfulness and starvation.

Others, on the contrary, seem very interested in religious things. They like to raise questions about God, creation, and the Bible.... They ask question after question but don't wait for answers. It seems not to interest them. Naturally, such words are empty if there's not a sincere seeking of God within. What's important isn't talking about "religious things", but making room for God in our own life.

Some people like to discuss religion. They don't know how to talk about God if it's not about defending their position and attacking anything different. In reality, all too often discussion about religious themes doesn't do anything except favor intolerance and the hardening of positions. However, whoever sincerely seeks God listens to the experience of those who believe in God and even the experience of those who have abandoned God. I have to find my path, but I'm interested in knowing where others find meaning, encouragement, and hope in dealing with our existence.

Whatever the case, what's most important to getting ourselves directed toward God is to call on God in the secret of the heart, alone, in the intimacy of one's conscience. That's where one opens self confidently to the mystery of God or where one decides to live alone, as an atheist, without God. Someone could say to me: "But how can I call on God if I don't believe in God or if I'm not sure of anything?" You can. That sincere calling amid darkness and doubt is probably one of the more pure and humble ways of opening ourselves to the Mystery and making ourselves sensitive to God's presence in the depth of our being.

The Gospel reminds us that there are sheep outside the fold, who live far from the believing community. But Jesus wants to lead these too. "They too will listen to my voice." Those who truly seek God listen sooner or later to the attraction of Jesus in the depths of their heart. At the beginning somewhat tentatively, later with more faith and trust, some day with deep joy.

The Lord has a life vocation for each of us. He calls us with our particular temperament, with the background specific to each of us. Each of us is unique. Parents know how distinct each of their children is. They will give the same love to all; they grow up in basically the same environment. Yet, from a very early age, their uniqueness becomes very evident. From the time of our baptism, we are each called to be the Lord's disciples, to follow the good Shepherd. However, the way we do that will be unique to each one of us. The particular way in which the Lord works through us is unique to each one of us. I can do something for the Lord that only I can do. Each person in this church can do something for the Lord that only he or she can do. Each of us has a unique contribution to make to the Lord's work in the world, and to the life of the church, and our input is just as vital as anyone else's. We each have a unique vocation and each one of us is vitally important to the Lord. When we respond to our unique vocation, we give a lift to everyone else. When any one of us fails to respond to that vocation, we are all a bit impoverished.

When St. Peter tells how the stone rejected by the builders became the keystone of the building, he was referring to Jesus himself, the rejected Son of God. We can all feel rejected at times, for whatever reason. Yet, we are never rejected in the Lord's eyes. Our God sees us as just right for some aspect of his work. He recognizes the potential for good that is within us all.



On this Vocations Sunday we can ask what the Good Shepherd wants of us right here and now.

**See you at Mass!
Fr. Francis**



Gospel: John 10.11-18 – Jesus the Good Shepherd

Sheep and Shepherds

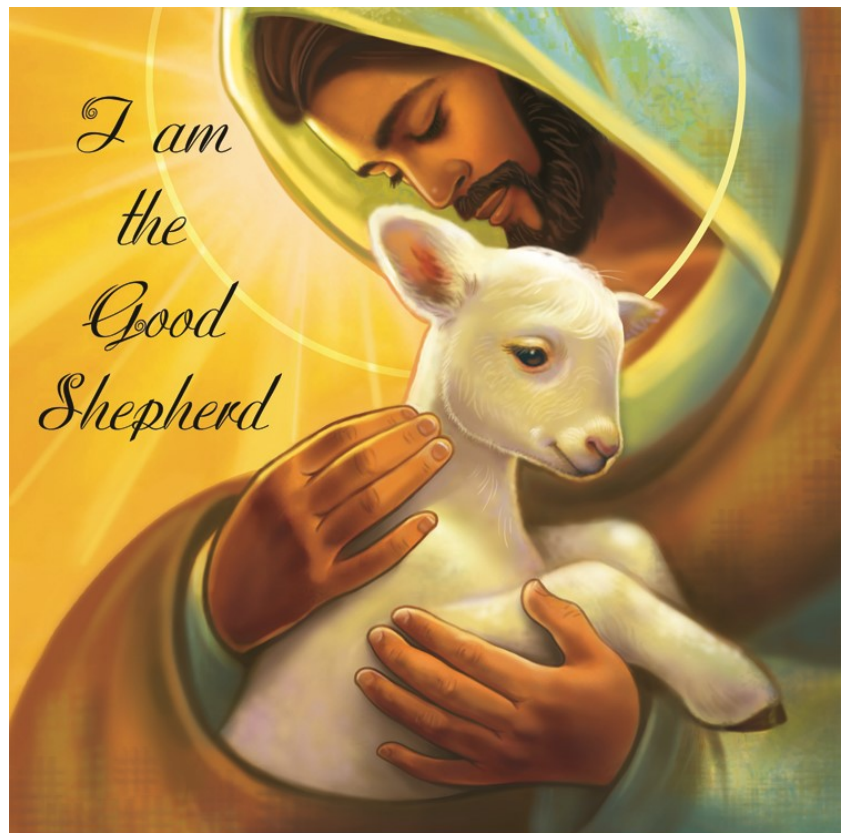
This Sunday we are invited to reflect on the image of Jesus the Good Shepherd. Jesus shepherds us, His flock, by protecting us from any ravaging dangers, helping us stay in the fold and seeking us when we're lost. We as sheep must listen to and obey His voice. There is a familiarity and closeness between a shepherd and his sheep, and so too, there is an intimacy between Jesus and us.

As stewards, we are called to imitate Jesus in all ways, including His role as shepherd. We all have people in our lives we are called to look out for, whether it be our families, friends or fellow parishioners. The most important step in effectively shepherding others is to first become a holy sheep in Jesus' flock. We must seek to grow in prayer and virtue, and through that flows the grace to journey with others heavenward.

Within this call for all of us to be shepherds, God gives a special grace to particular men to more closely imitate the Good Shepherd through the vocation of priesthood. In regards to vocations, Jesus gives us only one instruction: "to pray to the Lord of the harvest, that He may send more laborers" (Matthew 9:38). Therefore, all of us have a role to play in fostering vocations. God continues to call priests, and through our prayers we can help young men answer the call. One great practice we can adopt is praying one Hail Mary every day for an increase in vocations.

Summary

As stewards, we are called to imitate Jesus in all ways, including His role as the Good Shepherd. The most important step in effectively shepherding others is to first become a holy sheep in Jesus' flock. God also calls many people to more closely shepherd His people in the priesthood and through our prayers, we can help young men answer the call.



stewardship

4th Sunday of Easter

***"I am the good shepherd...and I lay down my life for the sheep...and they will heed my voice."
- John 10:14-16***

When you pray, do you only ask Jesus for the things that you want? Do you ever ask Jesus what He wants from you? How do you listen for His response? Many times Jesus responds in "quiet whispers" that are not so obvious. So, take time every day, in silence, to actively listen for His voice.



Online Giving

A Secure & Convenient Way to Contribute to our Parish

Online donations may be made at any time from the comfort of your own home or any place with internet access. Online donations are credited to your tax statement for the end of the year (except when made anonymously), and you can change your account preferences and donation amounts at any time.

Benefits of Online Giving include:

- No need to hassle with checks or cash; 24/7 web based access. Easily schedule recurring donations to coincide with your pay period; Credit card option allows you to take advantage of rewards such as air miles or cash bonuses; Contribution amount is easily adjusted as needed.

How Do I Get Started? Use the QR code located on this page or go to:

<https://www.spxparish.org/about/online-giving>

If you are currently having EFT's taken out of your banking account by St. Pius X, we will not stop taking those out until you notify the parish you have signed up for the new Online Giving. If you have any questions about Online Giving or how you are giving currently to St. Pius X, please don't hesitate to contact Kevin Sweeney at ksweeney@spxparish.org or call the parish office at 317.255.4534.

Use for
Online Giving



PRAYER REQUEST



For Our Troops, Their Families, and Our Country

It is our responsibility in the Lord to remember those in need of comfort healing and peace, who are especially close to the Redeemer in their suffering.

In your charity, Please Pray for:

Jesse and Diane Bravo

Chris Welsch

Dave and Anida
Concannon

Terry Moriarty

Mark Eickhoff

Don Nester

Ron Pelton

Susan Cogswell

T.Q. Queisser

Linda Baker

Lois Findley

Rachel Hoving

Lynn Crespo

LCDR Beth Reed, daughter of Sam and Joan Reed

LCDR Adam Reiffen, son-in-law of
Sam and Joan Reed

SFC Mathew Tinsley, son of LeAnn Tinsley

AM John Weirauch and CA Jason Kendzierski,
sons-in-law of Tom and Linda Krueger

Captain Thompson Manuszak

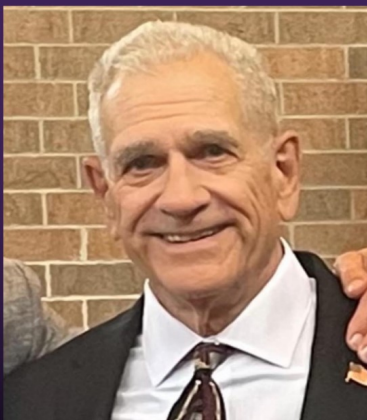
LT Jameson Nevitt, Grandson of
Bob & Rosalie Nevitt

Captain Jake McKeen, grandson of
Mike & Lynne Boone

If you have a special intention for the sick and would like us to join you in prayer, email to communications@spxparish.org, call the Office at 317.255.4534. The individual's name will be included for at least one month. Please contact us if you would like a name taken off the list.

RICHARD "DICK" LAWRENCE
DUBISH

APRIL 2, 1939 – APRIL 6, 2024



*Eternal rest grant unto
him, O Lord,
and let perpetual light
shine upon him.*

*May the souls of all the
faithful departed,
through the mercy of God,
rest in peace.*



A Special Thank you!

Thank you to all the parishioners who helped us spiritually and monetarily begin to get through the devastating loss of our Mom, wife and daughter Ann. It's heartening to see all the parishioners and friends come together to help spiritually and financially during this challenging time. Your support can provide immense comfort and strength as we continue to navigate the grieving process of our loss.

Mary Connelly and Family



SUNDAY, April 21, Third Sunday of Easter

- 8:00 a.m. † St. Pius X Parishioners
- 9:30 a.m. † John M. Findley
- 11:00 a.m. Matthew Luedeman
- 12:30 p.m. Burmese Mass

MONDAY, April 22

- 9:00 a.m. Marie Kern

TUESDAY, April 23

- 8:00 a.m. † George Guenther

WEDNESDAY, April 24

- 9:00 a.m. † Jerry Semler

THURSDAY, April 25

- 8:00 a.m. Laura DeBrock

FRIDAY, April 26

- 9:00 a.m. † Bob Clickener

SATURDAY, April 27

- 5:00 p.m. † Edna McGraw

SUNDAY, April 28, Fourth Sunday of Easter

- 8:00 a.m. † St. Pius X Parishioners
- 9:30 a.m. Pat Sullivan Family
- 11:00 a.m. † Paul Traub

MASS INTENTIONS

Specific Mass intentions for each scheduled Mass listed regularly in this bulletin are made by individual request.

If you would like to have a Mass said for a loved one, please contact the Parish Office at 317.255.4534 or cjohnson@spxparish.org

The recommended **Stipend for Masses is \$10**, but we would never want anyone to not have a Mass offered because of lack of funds.

SUNDAY 4/21	Fourth Sunday of Easter Acts 4:8-12; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18
MONDAY 4/22	Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:1-10
Tuesday 4/23	Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7; Jn 10:22-30
WEDNESDAY 4/24	Acts 12:24 – 13:5a; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8; Jn 12:44-50
THURSDAY 4/25	Feast of Saint Mark, Evangelist 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17; Mk 16:15-20
FRIDAY 4/26	Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab; Jn 14:1-6
SATURDAY 4/27	Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 14:7-14
SUNDAY 4/28	Fifth Sunday of Easter Acts 9:26-31; Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32; 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8

St. Pius X Catholic School

K - 8th Grade

Catholic Education Affordable for ALL!

St. Pius X Catholic School accepts the Indiana State Choice Scholarships for kindergarten - 8th grade students. We also offer financial aid based on a family's financial need and available funds. We are committed to assisting students who desire a Catholic education at St. Pius X. This is a great chance if your children have not been able to attend SPX due to cost.

NEW RATES BELOW FOR 2024-25

What is the Choice Scholarship Program?

Indiana's Choice Scholarship Program, commonly referred to as the voucher program, (authorized under IC 20-51-1 and IC 20-51-4) **provides scholarships to eligible Indiana students to offset tuition costs at participating schools.** Participating schools and interested parents/guardians work together to enroll students. For those that qualify, the scholarship could cover some or all of your student's tuition. Eligibility is income based, please review the income guidelines and scholarship awards below.

Am I Eligible?

Eligibility is determined by the income reported on your most recent tax forms. View the eligibility guidelines for the current year on this page.



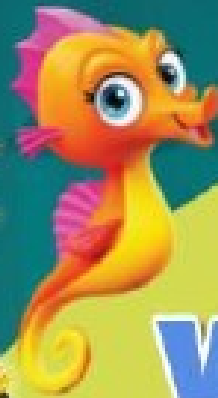
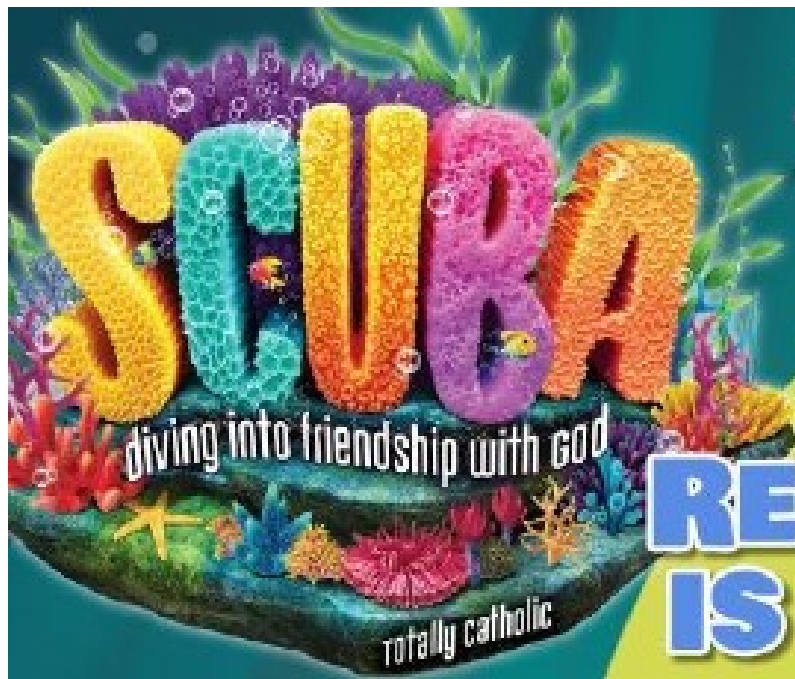
For more information on Choice Scholarship use the QR Code below:

Choice Scholarship Program Eligibility Requirements 2024-2025 School Year

Choice Income Guidelines	
Household Size	400% of Free/Reduced Price Lunch Eligibility Annual Household Income Limit ¹
1	\$111,444.00
2	\$151,256.00
3	\$191,068.00
4	\$230,880.00
5	\$270,692.00
6	\$310,504.00
7	\$350,316.00
8	\$390,128.00
9	\$429,940.00
10	\$469,752.00

¹Add \$39,812 for each additional family member.

Why is Catholic school important? A quality Catholic education can give students a solid foundation in academic subjects, preparing them well for college and careers, and can give them a sound spiritual foundation, preparing them for life more broadly.



VBS REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

**JUNE 10 - 14, 2024
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

VBS IS FREE!

**VBS+ IS ALSO
AVAILABLE, BUT
SPOTS ARE LIMITED!
FEE IS \$75 PER
CHILD.**

**ADULT &
STUDENT
(GRADES 4 - 12)
VOLUNTEERS ARE
NEEDED!**

**VOLUNTEER
HERE!**



REGISTER HERE!



Liturgical Ministry Schedule for April 27-28

	Saturday 5PM	Sunday 8AM	Sunday 9:30AM	Sunday 11:00AM
Server	Bailey Gorr (1) Liam McAninch (2) Lucy McAninch (3)	Daniel Fisher (1) Carter Helfrich (2) Evan Helfrich (3)	Thoben Braun (1) Caleb Post (2) Andrew Gray (3)	Elizabeth Ooreh (1) Lucy Martin (2) Nora King (3)
Cantor	Kara Myers	James Norton	Amy Fix	Moira Mackintosh
Accompanist	Brandon V. & Celebration Group	Clara Duray	Clara Duray	Angel Robertsson-Soper
Sacristan	sarah vollmer	Kathy Visovatti-Weaver	Mark DiSalvo	Patrick Crowley
Eucharistic Ministers	Sarah vollmer - Bread (B/1) Lauren Rennier - Bread (B/3) Lorraine Sakon - Bread (B/4) Sandy Pasotti - Bread (B/5) Janey Harton - Bread (B/6) Rick Wagner - Cup (1) Christina Gray - Cup (2) Laura Glynn - Cup (3)	Joe Alerding - Bread (B/1) (sub req.) Monica Helfrich - Bread (B/3) Roxanne Kogler - Bread (B/4) Rick Wagner - Cup (1) Tom Alyea - Cup (2)	Thomas Chastang - Bread (B/1) Ken Maguire - Bread (B/3) Jan Stetzel - Bread (B/4) Kathleen Prechtel - Bread (B/5) James Kress - Bread (B/6) Rick Wagner - Cup (1) Dan Courtney - Cup (2) Mark DiSalvo - Cup (3)	Amy Gallagher - Bread (B/1) Diana Ruschhaupt - Bread (B/3) Ella Wagner - Bread (B/4) Bumeh Maria - Bread (B/5) Pat Jentz - Bread (B/6) Rick Wagner - Cup (1) Charlie Walker - Cup (2) Rebecca Walker - Cup (3)
Lector	Carol Divine - Reader 1 Lynn Geary - Reader 2	Darien Maguire - Reader 1 Caitlin Alerding - Reader 2	Matt Fix - Reader 1 Bud Watts - Reader 2	Paula Korzekwa - Reader 1 Dave Adams - Reader 2
Hospitality	Michael Arbuckle Rosy Crowley Paul Dovey Jack Loeffler	William Clark Amanda Fisher Cyrus Fisher Kelli Lawrence	Tom Klassen Gretchen Krug Don Nester Jennifer Stetzel	Rosy Crowley Fred Korzekwa Amy Korzekwa Tim Ruschhaupt

NAWAS INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL, INC.

ITALY PILGRIMAGE

HOSTED BY

Fr. Francis Joseph

\$3899 from INDIANAPOLIS

(Air/land tour price is \$3349 plus \$550 government taxes/airline surcharges)

11 DAYS: NOVEMBER 12 - 22, 2024



VISITING:
Venice ♦ Florence
Assisi ♦ Rome

Tour Features:

- Roundtrip air from Indianapolis
- \$550 government taxes & airline surcharges
- First class/select hotels based on 2 persons sharing in twin bedded rooms with private bath
- Most meals
- Services of a professional English-speaking tour director
- Comprehensive sightseeing

For More Information, Please Contact:

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The Farney Run was a great parish/community event enjoyed by all who participated. The morning was filled with lots of excitement, laughter, sunshine and conversations as volunteers helped greet participants and special guests, coordinated on-site arrivals, distributed t-shirt and passed out water, cheered on participants as they began and finished the race and helped with countless other tasks that contributed to the success of the race. It was heartwarming to see people of all ages and backgrounds coming out to participate, from families with strollers to retired seniors, and even furry friends joining in on the fun. Events like these really emphasize the unity and spirit within our St Pius X community.

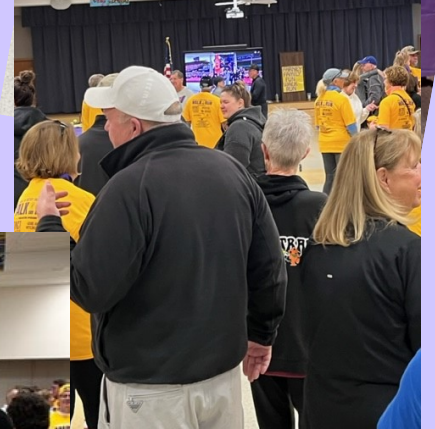
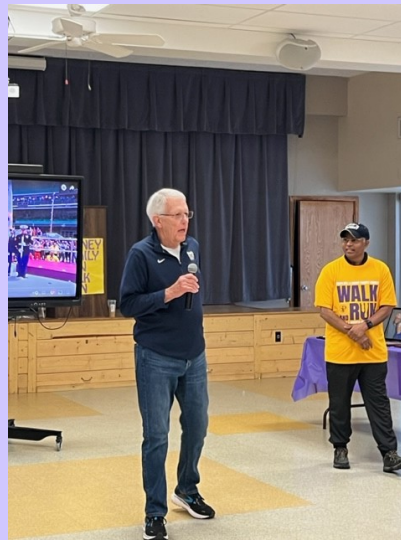


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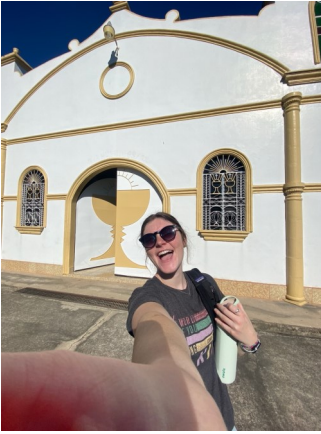
Thank You

FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Thank you to all who donated, walked, or ran at the 2024 Farney Run last weekend. We are so thankful for our wonderful community at St. Pius X!



El Salvador Outreach Ministry



At the start of this year, I was blessed with the opportunity to return to El Salvador to visit the Tamarindo community. My initial connection with this community in Guarjila was facilitated by Carol Wagner during my time at Bishop Chatard, where I participated in a cultural immersion trip in the spring of 2019. During that unforgettable journey, we dove into the rich tapestry of Salvadoran history, lived with host families, immersed ourselves in local customs, and forged deep bonds with the people we encountered. From celebrating Mass with the archbishop to a playful game of kickball and lively karaoke sessions, every moment was imbued with a profound sense of camaraderie and spiritual growth. It truly was the experience of a lifetime: learning about the complicated history of El Salvador and being surrounded by people who continuously choose joy.



Upon returning home, I felt a profound sense of loss and longing, sensing an unshakeable calling to return. Fortunately, in the fall of 2019, Mrs. Wagner facilitated a second trip to Guarjila, with the focus of bringing art projects for both the local elementary school and the Tamarindo community. This time around, we were more comfortable and were able to communicate and connect much deeper. It was on this trip, providing art initiatives, that I discerned my call to become an art therapist. Without this trip, I would not have experienced the powerful ability that art has to connect people without using language. Graduating from the University of Indianapolis with degrees in pre-art therapy and Spanish provided me with the perfect foundation to return to El Salvador in January and apply my studies in a practical setting. This trip, however, was markedly different from my earlier experiences in high school.



Engaging in conversations about the future of the Tamarindo community and grappling with the realities of social injustice underscored the challenges faced by the people of Guarjila and all of El Salvador. Yet, amidst these struggles, the Tamarindo continues to stand as a beacon of hope, emphasizing the importance of faith, education, and community.

Reflecting on these experiences prompts me to consider how we can continue to extend our support to communities like the Tamarindo. These trips drastically changed the course of my life, igniting a passion for art therapy and social justice that continues to shape my path. As I continue on my journey to become an art therapist, I am inspired to explore avenues for using art as a tool for healing and empowerment. Additionally, I wholeheartedly encourage others to seize the opportunity to visit Guarjila if they can. The warmth and hospitality of the people will leave an indelible mark on your heart, and their unwavering love and resilience are a testament to the human spirit. By immersing ourselves in experiences like these, we not only enrich our own lives but also contribute to the collective pursuit of justice and solidarity.

Kaylee Rulong

SPX SENIOR FELLOWSHIP

On Tuesday, May 7, you are invited to join us at the former home of celebrated philanthropist Christel DeHaan, one of the most accurate Palladian-style villas ever built in the United States. Lunch will be at The Dining Room, formerly the Grand Ballroom. Lunch Menu prices range from about \$20-\$30. Beverages are available for purchase as well. Following we will have the opportunity to see the luxury home furnishings collections from Restoration Hardware, with rare art, antiques, and artifacts from across the globe. This landmark property has been thoughtfully reimaged with great respect for its original vision as a prestigious private residence. Several design associates will be available for questions as we take a self-guided tour throughout the building.

RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE PRIOR TO MAY 1ST.

We will meet in the SPX parking lot at 10:15.

Name(s): _____

Email: _____

Phone Number: _____

Able to Drive (Number of passengers) _____

Questions, please call Eileen Kaczmarek 317-946-2606

