

Saint Pius X School

Weekly Update



November 16, 2018

Coming soon at Saint Pius X School...

Nov 19	1st & 2nd Grade Thanksgiving Prayer Service
Nov 20	Kindergarten Thanksgiving Feast
Nov 20	Beta Club Induction Ceremony
Nov 21—25	Thanksgiving Break
Nov 30	SCAAP Day
Nov 30	Donut Sale

Special points of interest:

- ✓ Spelling Bee
- ✓ Thanksgiving Break
- ✓ Beta Club

From the Principal . . .

Our inaugural Veteran's Day lunch for parents was a great success. Over 22 former and active military parents were recognized for their service to our country and treated to a pizza lunch with their children. In addition, our third grade students received a visit from SPX veteran, Mr. Scott Marsh, who oversees our maintenance department. Mr. Marsh, dressed in full military uniform, gave the students a history lesson about Veteran's Day. Please check out our school Facebook page for pictures of this event. SPX appreciates all these brave men and women do for our country.

Thank you to all parents who attended our Parent/Teacher Conferences. Please don't hesitate to email teachers with additional questions or concerns as they arise throughout the year. We want to continue to work together to help your children find success. Our next schedule conferences will be held in February. Thank you to our H&S Association for providing dinner from Wendi's Catering to the teachers.

Our book fair was the most successful to date!! Overall we sold \$13,311.30 in books and earned \$7,345.67 in Scholastic dollars for our library. Congratulations to Mrs. Rees's class for winning this year's "coin challenge". They donated over \$100.00 more than the 2nd place class. A special thanks to Mrs. Louiso, Mrs. Trainer and all the parent volunteers who dedicated numerous hours to making the book fair a success.

Thursday, our amazing cafeteria staff, Mrs. Laret, Mr. Robinson and Mrs. Kline prepared around 400 Thanksgiving meals for our students complete with turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, stuffing, cranberry sauce and pumpkin pie. The students were very excited to receive this meal. We are thankful to all who made this possible for our SPX community.

Today we held our annual spelling bee for 7th & 8th grade students. Congratulations to the following students: **1st Place: An-Nam P., 2nd Place: Olivia L., 3rd Place: Ava J.** and to all the students who participated.

On Tuesday, we will be inducting over 40 7th & 8th grade students into Beta Club. Students were selected based on their dedication to the four ideals of Beta Club; Leadership, Service, Character and Academics. The ceremony will be held in the gym at 1:15 p.m. A list of inductee's and photos will be included in the next edition of the Panther Pen.

- ◆ ***In closing, please remember next week is a two day week. We wish you and your family a blessed Thanksgiving and we hope you enjoy the extra time off with your children. We are incredibly thankful to have such an amazing SPX Community.***

Thank you for your continued support,

Darren Smith



Capital Campaign “Continuing To Renew All Things In Christ”

Good Morning St. Pius

Here is our update on our Capital Campaign for November. Our Fire Hydrant is installed despite the mud and wet weather. This will improve fire reaction time if ever we would have a need on our Campus. Painting is complete and looks fantastic. Carpeting for the Family & Social Hall will be complete next week. The Mill delayed our carpeting by two weeks. AV/Speakers/Smart T.V.'s installation will begin Monday. This is a 2 ½ week installation process. This will give us an even and rich sound system, smart t.v's in each room of the Family Center, and a great microphone set up throughout the new Social Hall. Fire Systems testing will finalize next week. WiFi and internet installation and testing are on for next week. Our Stain Glass Windows should be installed the week of November 19th. What a beautiful Family & Social Hall, several meeting rooms and commercial kitchen we will have completed next month.

Your PLEDGES and Gifts are so much more important during this stage of our Campaign. Diocesan policy states we MUST have 100% of our pledges for Phase I & II raised to be able to start on the Narthex Expansion. We will start the Business Office Expansion as soon as the current New Build is completed, which is still looking like December 1st of this year. This will provide seven new offices. We will move all the front office staff out of the current Rectory areas and give Father Dave, the Deacons and our new Priest area to work in private. The new business office entrance will move to the new business office expansion.

We will be able to move forward with Phase II, the expansion of the Narthex of the Church, if we have received a total of \$3,881,123 in pledges. If we do not have these pledges by March 1, 2019, CONSTRUCTION WILL STOP! Please be generous with your continued pledges and gifts toward our Capital Campaign so we can expand the Narthex. The following we can anticipate with the Narthex expansion: New Adoration Chapel, doubling the size of the open area of the Narthex to visit with friends, renovated Quieting Room, new Choir Room, new Bride's Room, new bathrooms, a kitchenette, and much larger pamphlet racks and Lending Library.

We have \$3,508,402 as of November 9th. We need to raise an additional \$372,721 in pledges by March 1, 2019. We have received \$2,308,938 in cash so far during our Capital Campaign. If you have pledged and your pledge period ends in 12 months, or 24 months or 36 months, please consider extending your pledge period for another 12 or 24 months. If you pledged for Phase I and have not pledged for Phase II, please prayerfully consider another Pledge. If you have not pledged and are not able to pledge anything at

all, PLEASE fill out a pledge card and let me know this and then PLEASE PRAY for our success to complete Phase I & II. If you are the rest of our Parish who have not yet pledged and ARE ABLE to pledge something, PLEASE DO. We have currently 2059 Registered Families here in this wonderful Parish of ours. 697 Families have contributed or pledged \$1.00 or more to Phase I or told me they are unable to support Phase I of Our Campaign financially but will continue to pray for our success. 324 families have pledged to Phase II or told me they are unable to support Our Campaign financially but will continue to pray for us. Please remember, these numbers I provided are very good for a Catholic Church. So please understand I am trying to give all of you a great compliment. We are way ahead of the average across the Nation for Catholic Churches & Schools for Capital Campaigns. Joe Neville from Guidance in Giving, the company we hired to lead us on our Capital Campaign, emphasized to me that these Capital Campaigns usually take 5-7 years to complete these builds. Joe emphasized that we started this build in January of 2017 and we are looking at completion of the Family Center build in December of this year. This is FANTASTIC !! We have also just named this new Hall the **Msgr. David R. Funk Parish Family Center**. Please give all of yourselves a round of APPLAUSE for we have accomplished.

I know we can complete Phase I & II of our fundraising sooner than the March 1 of next year. I explained last month that Brenda Lea and I have made some personal sacrifices and made a 10 year pledge towards our Capital Campaign. Please take the time to review what you all can do for our expansion of the Narthex of our Church. Drop a pledge card in the offertory or call me at the Rectory.

So, here is my request: Those of you who have not Pledged and are financially able to Pledge, please take some time, pray about it and PLEASE make a Sacrificial pledge. Those of you who are able to extend your pledge for another year or two or five, please consider this. We need approximately \$372,000 to complete Phase I & II. Let's accomplish this by December 24th and then we can celebrate a wonderful Christmas in our New Parish Center. Thank-you and God Bless

Capital Campaign Update
Total Numbers as of 11/6/18

Phase I Pledges	\$2,952,035		
Phase II Pledges	\$ 554,159	Goal \$ 932,000	Balance Needed \$374,929
Total all Pledges	\$3,506,194	Goal \$3,881,123	
Total Cash Received	\$2,308,707		

Build Updates: We are preparing to have the carpet installed next week. The mill delayed this two weeks. Final painting is being completed and the facility is looking beautiful. The Stained glass should be arriving the week of November 12th. The installation of the fire hydrant is completed. This will bring a quicker response time to eliminate any fire issue that may occur on this Campus. The current part of Phase I of our New Build continues with an anticipated completion date of December 1, 2018. We are currently taking reservations for our Family Social Hall which we are happy to announce will be dedicated at the *Msgr. David R. Funk Parish Family Center*. Rental contracts and approved Caterer list will be available to all interested after contracts are approved the week of November 8. The New Build will continue after the Funk Family Center is completed, moving on to the expansion of the Business Offices. This part of the New Build for the expansion of the Business Offices should be completed by April 1, 2019. We will be able to move forward with Phase II, the expansion of the Narthex of the Church, if we have received a total of \$3,881,123 in pledges. We currently need \$374,929 to complete Phase II. **This would amount to \$187.00 per registered family in our Parish.** If we do not have these pledges by March 1, 2019, CONSTRUCTION WILL STOP! Please be generous with your continued pledges and gifts toward our Capital Campaign so we can expand the Narthex. **We are so close! We have met 91% of our goal.** The following we can anticipate with the Narthex expansion: Adoration Chapel, doubling the size of the open area to visit with friends, renovated Quieting Room, new Choir Room, new Bride's Room, new bathrooms and much larger resource racks and Lending Library. Please take the time to respond to the mailing we sent to all registered families. We have heard from 324 families of our 2054 of our families here at St. Pius X for Phase II. If you have pledged toward Phase I, Thank-you. If you have pledged toward Phase II, Thank-you again. If you have not pledged, please prayerfully consider a sacrificial pledge for Phase II. **If you are able to increase the length of time for your pledge, please respond via email to jbeyer@spxreynoldsburg.com or drop a note in the offertory.** If you ever notice any issue with your Capital Campaign billing statement or update letter, please give John Beyer a call at the Parish Office and these will be updated immediately. Please continue your support of our Church & School by your offertory tithing during our Capital Campaign build, thanksgiving for all that we have here at St. Pius X Church & School.

“Continuing To Renew All Things in Christ” Capital Campaign”

Father Dave and John Beyer are asking ALL families to return a pledge card. If you are unable to commit to a pledge at this time, please notate that on your pledge card and a date to follow up. It is important to the success of our Capital Campaign that everyone who calls St. Pius X Church & School his or her home to:

- Pray for the success of the Combined Phases I & II of our Capital Campaign
- Be an Ambassador by becoming informed and involved, enthusiastically sharing this information with as many people as you can, and encouraging others to become involved.
- Make your sacrificial pledge. If you are unable to commit to a pledge at this time, return a pledge card noting this.