



*** We have several news items to bring to your attention this week. We ask that you take the time to read each item carefully, as this is our main source of communication, and many common questions are answered utilizing this medium. Thank you!

School Weather Closing information:

In the event that the school will be closed due to inclement weather, a text blast will be sent as soon as information is learned and can be added to our FACTS system. The closing will also be listed on our local television stations.

IF THE GATES-CHILI DISTRICT IS CLOSED DUE TO WEATHER, WE ARE AUTOMATICALLY CLOSED.

Registration for the 2023-24 school year is now open. Families currently attending St. Pius Tenth School (for current students and siblings) have priority for the next week. Registration will open to the public on February 1. The following link will take you to our website, where registration packets have been posted under the "Enrollment" tab:

<https://www.saintpiustenthsschool.org/>

If you prefer a hard copy, please let us know, and we will send it home with your student.

PLEASE NOTE: We are asking that ALL forms be completed this year. Four of the forms are new and made common to all schools in the Diocese of Rochester.

Please note that the Reddington Scholarship application for the 2023-24 School Year is now available on the Canandaigua National Bank homepage: www.cnbank.com OR the following link, which will take you directly to the application:

https://www.geneseevalleytrust.com/Community/2023_Reddington_Scholarship/

The Fr. Murphy Scholarship application is also available and open to all St. Pius Parishioners and St. Pius Tenth School alum entering Grades 9 – 12 in one of our Catholic High Schools this coming fall. Please see the detailed information in this week's communication.

Please see the enclosed flyer with information pertaining to Sacramental Preparation. You may reach out to Deacon Johan Engstrom at the Parish Office with any questions - (585) 247-2566 ext. 112.

Churchville-Chili School District is closed on Monday, January 30 for their Superintendent's Conference Day. They will NOT be providing school bus service to our students. Please be sure to enter a plan change in the PickUp Patrol App, so we know how your student(s) will be getting home that day.

After School Clubs have begun. If your child(ren) is participating, you should have received an email from the club chairperson with specific details (please check you junk mail if you haven't received it). Please remember to change the dismissal plan for club dates in PickUp Patrol indicating that your child is staying and who will be picking them up. We will not release a child to anyone who does not have specific, WRITTEN permission from the custodial caregiver.

Catholic Schools Week
January 30 – February 5

Our Dress down themes this year are:

Monday, January 30 – Crazy hair and sock day

Tuesday, January 31 – Tie Dye Tuesday

Wednesday, February 1 – Mismatch Day

Thursday, February 2– 60s Day – in anticipation of our Catholic Schools Liturgy, which is centered around Peace and Justice, and our music has the theme of peace, everyone is invited to dress with a 60s theme.

Friday, February 3 – **NO DRESS DOWN**-This is a school liturgy day

*****NO pajamas or pajama pants are allowed on any of our dress down days.**

This year, we are collecting for SWEM (Southwest Ecumenical Services, Inc.). SWEM is in desperate need of boxes of cereal.

In addition to helping our neighbors in need, we will be utilizing this school-wide service project as an opportunity to teach more about Math and Physics, as well as mapping, problem solving, planning, spatial skills, and of course empathy, and kindness.

Please consider donating regular sized boxes of cereal to help St. Pius Tenth School with our own **Cereal Box Domino Challenge**. The goal is 500 boxes of cereal to line the hallways of our school.

All grade levels will be participating, and our 4th and 5th Graders will be leading the charge and setting up our domino course.

We currently have about 350 boxes of cereal. THANK YOU ALL SO MUCH! If you have not yet sent in boxes, we are still taking donations.

Also, when purchasing cereal, please be sure to scan your store receipts if there is a “Box Tops for Education” decal on the box. Receipts may be submitted online for St. Pius Tenth School’s credit.

To round out **Catholic Schools Week**, we are asking families to attend Mass at St. Pius X Church on Saturday, February 4 or Sunday, February 5. If you are able, please have your student(s) wear their school uniform.

Even if you attend at a different church, please wear uniforms to your home parish or church. We would love to have our schools represented, and what better way than to see students dressed in uniform?

If you do attend St. Pius, and your student has their picture taken with Pope Francis (yes, I said Pope Francis), email it to me and earn a dress down day at a future time.

Mass times at St. Pius X Church are Saturday at 4:00 PM and Sunday at 7:30 and 9:30 AM. We hope to see a great representation!

The end of the 2nd Quarter of the 2022-23 school year is Friday, January 27, 2023. Report Cards are scheduled to be distributed by Friday, February 3, 2023.

Our next **school liturgy** is Friday, February 3, 2023. Please be sure that students are dressed in full uniform, even if they have PE, and please join us if possible. We love to have our families and friends in attendance!

Our next PAC Meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 13, 2023 at 6:15. We will be meeting in person at the Parish Center. Doors will open at 6:00 PM.

We are also offering a virtual option for those who may not be able to attend in person. The information is below:

Topic: Pac Meeting

Time: Feb 13, 2023 06:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87207362112?pwd=SzdZSFZclhBZ25SYjZ6UU1NcWVOUT09>

Meeting ID: 872 0736 2112

Passcode: Hmv0wV

Our next scheduled ½ day for students is Friday, February 17, 2023. Pre-K dismissal is at 11:30 AM, and Grades K – 5 will dismiss at 11:45 AM.

Following is the information that we currently have regarding end of day dismissal transportation:

Brockport – Will transport on all of our scheduled ½ days
Churchville Chili – Will NOT transport on any of our scheduled ½ days
Gates Chili – Will NOT transport on any remaining ½ days
Greece (Ontario Transportation) – Will transport on all of our scheduled ½ days
Hilton – Will transport on all of our scheduled ½ days
LeRoy – Will transport on all of our scheduled ½ days
Spencerport – Will transport on all of our scheduled ½ days
Wheatland Chili – Will NOT transport on any of our scheduled ½ days

St. Pius Tenth School ½ days this school year are November 10, 2022; December 22, 2022; February 17, 2023; March 17, 2023.

February Recess is scheduled for Monday, February 20 (President's Day) through Friday, February 24. School will reopen on Monday, February 27.

Have a Blessed and Wonderful Rest of the Week!

What's Happening in Pre-K4?

By: Deanna Halquist

Oh my goodness, we have been so busy in Pre-K4! It's hard to believe that it's already the new year!

During October, we learned a lot about fire safety, including practicing fire drills at school. The students also learned that if there is ever a fire at home, they should "Get out and stay out!" Our students now understand that they should never touch the stove, matches, or a lit candle. We also learned a lot about fire engines and firefighters, who are important helpers in our community.

In October we completed our pumpkin unit. We learned about the parts of a pumpkin, the life cycle of a pumpkin, and that pumpkins come in all sizes, shapes, and colors. They can be bumpy or smooth. We had fun examining pumpkins and gourds with magnifying glasses.

We continued to learn about the fall season in November. We watched as the leaves on our favorite tree at school changed colors and then fell to the ground. We created a class graph with our answers to the question "What is your favorite thing to do in the fall?" And we had a lot of fun using a salad spinner to spin orange paint around on pumpkin-shaped paper plates that we turned into pumpkins for our pumpkin patch art gallery.

In religion, we focused on what it means to be thankful as we talked about all the great things that God has given us. We learned that we say thank you to God for these things when

we pray. We created a "gratitude garland" to hang in the hallway so anyone walking by could see all the awesome things we are grateful for!

December flew by as we prepared for Christmas. We learned that "Advent is a time to wait, not quite time to celebrate." Our students discovered that Christmas is not only about Santa bringing gifts but it is also the day we celebrate the birth of baby Jesus. We read lots of stories about the Nativity and learned new words such as stable, manger, and Bethlehem.

We returned to school after Christmas break ready to learn more about winter, hibernating animals, and polar animals. It's definitely an exciting time!

Happy New Year to all! May 2023 bring you much joy!



Boy Scout Troop 178

Sponsored by St Pius X Federal Credit Union

Pancake Breakfast

Fundraiser

Sunday, February 5, 2023

\$6 tickets



7:30-11:00 AM

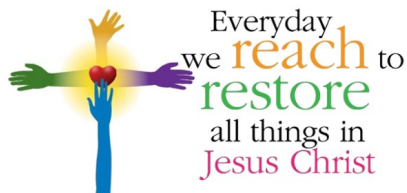
St. Pius Church

3010 Chili Ave.

Includes:

3 pancakes, 2 Sausage, Syrup

For more information email us at chilitroop178@gmail.com



SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION **AT ST. PIUS X CHURCH** **Spring 2023**



GENERAL SACRAMENTAL READINESS CRITERIA

Primary criteria for sacramental preparation is to **celebrate Mass weekly** at St. Pius X. Secondly, that this is **at least the second, consecutive year** that you are enrolled in a Catholic School or a Parish Faith Formation/Youth Ministry Program .

SPECIFIC SACRAMENTAL READINESS CRITERIA



First Reconciliation—Baptized Roman-Catholic, at least 7 years old, able to understand he/she can sin, have desire to be forgiven and ability to ask for it.

First Eucharist—Baptized Roman-Catholic, who is at least 7 years old, and has prepared and celebrated First Reconciliation, knows the Eucharist is Jesus and wants to be one with Jesus and Church by receiving Communion.



REGISTRATION FOR SACRAMENTAL PREP

First Reconciliation

Open Online Until January 31, 2023



<https://giving.ncsservices.org/App/Form/e9f7034d-ae8c-4322-8830-eee2b2e73402>



Parent Meetings Sun, Jan 29 11:45 am, Parish Center OR Tue, Jan 31, 6:25pm Church.
Celebration Wednesday, March 8, 6:30 pm

First Eucharist—

Spring registration Online Feb 13 -Mar 15, 2023

<https://giving.ncsservices.org/App/Form/e235e246-e716-4dd4-a0d9-85e6f7c9facd>



Parent Meetings Sun, Mar 12, 12:30 pm Parish Center OR Tue, Mar 14, 6:25 pm Church
Celebrations Planned for April 30; May 7; May 13; May 14: and May 27.



January, 2023

TO: Parents/Guardians
FROM: Father Murphy Scholarship Committee
RE: Application and Notification

Attached is the financial application form for the Father Murphy Catholic High School Tuition Assistance Program. **Please fill out this form and return it to:**
FMS Fund,
P.O. Box #64823,
Rochester, New York 14624-7223.

The financial awards of up to \$3,000.00 per scholarship per year are granted for up to 4 years from grades nine through twelve to students attending McQuaid Jesuit, Bishop Kearney, Aquinas Institute or Our Lady of Mercy High Schools. Awards may start any year from grade nine through grade twelve and continue throughout a student's high school career.

The criteria for the Father Murphy Catholic High School Tuition Assistance Program are the following:

1. Member of Saint Pius Tenth Parish and or graduate of Saint Pius Tenth School.
2. Financial need, academic capability and character.

You are encouraged to include a cover letter with this application attesting to the applicant's character and academic capability. Additional information indicating any unusual circumstances that may apply to your situation (recent loss or change of employment, uncovered medical expenses, etc.) may be provided. Documentation regarding special circumstances will be required.

All applications must be postmarked by April 15, 2023.

The committee will notify the recipients of the tuition assistance, on or before June 30, 2023.

Individuals requesting additional information or having questions regarding this program may direct their inquiries to Stephen Oberst, c/o FMS Fund, **P.O. Box #64823, Rochester, New York 14624-7223.**

The Father Murphy Scholarship Program does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion (creed), gender, gender expression, national origin (ancestry), disability, or sexual orientation in awarding financial aid.

FAMILY INCOME: *Money earned before deductions and taxes.*

DUE: April 15, 2023

Return to: FMS Fund

P.O. Box #64823

Rochester, New York 14624-7223

1. 2022 earned income for financially responsible female parent or guardian \$ _____
2. 2022 earned income for financially responsible male parent or guardian _____
3. *Other Household Income:*
 - Social Security _____
 - Child Support _____
 - Dividends and Interest _____
 - Unemployment/Disability/Workers Comp Ins. _____
 - Other _____
4. Current value of cash, savings account, checking account, stocks, bonds, etc. _____
5. Other financial aid and/or scholarships. _____

In addition to your application form, please submit a copy of one of the following which substantiates the above information.

- A. A signed copy of your 2022 U.S. Federal Income Tax Forms including copies of W-2 and 1099 forms.

Please answer the following:

Number of dependents claimed _____ (must correspond with attached documentation).

I hereby submit this application and documentation as verification of my/our Family Income for 2022.

Parent/Guardian Signature of financially responsible person

Date

NOTE: Applications without documentation of income will not be considered for tuition subsidy funding. Please submit copies of any documents because they will not be returned to you.

Incomplete forms will be returned!

Due: April 15, 2023

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Return to FMS Fund

P.O. Box #64823

Rochester, New York 14624-7223

**FATHER MURPHY TUITION SUBSIDY
2023-2024 CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL APPLICATION**

Please print, use pen, and answer all questions. This material is kept confidential.

<i>Student's Last Name</i>	<i>First Name</i>	<i>M/F</i>	<i>Date of Birth</i>	<i>Present School</i>	<i>School September 2023</i>	<i>Grade September 2023</i>
1.						
2.						
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5.						
6.						

Financially responsible female parent/guardian:

M/M Dr. Mr. Mrs. Miss Ms. _____
(circle one) Last Name First Name MI

Mailing Address _____
Street City/Town zip

Social Security #: _____ Telephone: (H) _____ (W) _____

Employer: _____ Occupation: _____

Financially responsible male parent/guardian:

M/M Dr. Mr. Mrs. Miss Ms. _____
(circle one) Last Name First Name MI

Mailing Address _____
Street City/Town State zip

Social Security #: _____ Telephone: (H) _____ (W) _____

Employer: _____ Occupation: _____

Parents'/guardians' marital status:

☐ single ☐ married ☐ both deceased ☐ separated ☐ divorced

Religious Affiliation: ☐ Catholic ☐ Other

I/We are registered members of _____

Parish/Church.