



THANKSGIVING DAY MASS
Thursday, November 22nd @ 9:00am

You are invited to bring your family's bread and wine to this Mass.
Fr. Paw will bless them immediately following Communion.

NOON DISMISSAL TOMORROW, NOVEMBER 16
THANKSGIVING VACATION - NOVEMBER 19 - 23

November 15, 2018

Good afternoon, SPV Families! Here is our weekly e-newsletter.



**STUDENT COUNCIL REPRESENTS SPV AT THE
MAYOR'S PRAYER BREAKFAST**

St. Pius V Catholic Church and School was well represented at this morning's Mayor's Prayer Breakfast. Two students from Student Council (Conner Nunes and Nicole Garcia) attended this very special event. Thank you, Conner and Nicole. You make us very proud.

ST. PIUS CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE

Our parish will hold a Christmas Boutique on the weekend of December 1 & 2. Handmade gifts (some made by your children) will be sold at this event. All the proceeds go to the ministries that are participating. Please plan on stopping by after Mass on Saturday, December 1, and Sunday, December 2.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

We will be holding our semi-annual Scholastic Book Fair during week of December 3rd - 7th. Mrs. Obester, our Book Fair coordinator, is in need of volunteers. If you are able to assist her, please send her an email at pobester@stpius5school.net.

The Book Fair hours are:

7:45am - 3:30pm December 3, 4, 5, and 7

7:45am - 12:30pm December 6 (noon dismissal day)

The flyer that went home last week may be found [here](#).

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

Thank you so very much for your kind donations to the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry. We will continue to collect food until tomorrow. **If you forget, or wish to donate additional items, there will be collection baskets in the gathering area for the Thanksgiving Day Mass.**

ST. JOHN BOSCO OPEN HOUSE

St. John Bosco invites you to attend Open House this **Sunday, November 18 from 11 am - 2 pm**. Tour their campus and meet their innovative faculty and staff, students, parents, alumni, coaches and college counseling professionals. You will have the opportunity to tour their beautiful 36-acre campus featuring their Learning Commons, Science Labs, Athletic Complex, Visual and Performing Arts, Gymnasium and their new Parish Family Stadium.

To register for Open House, please visit the [St. John Bosco website](#).

CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE (NOVEMBER 26 - 30)

In the spirit of giving this Holiday Season, we can help those less fortunate by donating a new, unwrapped gift for a child that ranges from \$15 -\$25. All gifts will be distributed locally by Giving Children Hope, the organization that helps families in our community. If you wish to donate a gift, please have your son/daughter bring it to his/her classroom. All gifts will be collected on November 30th and taken to the donation location. Thank you for your generosity in making another child's Christmas special.

UPCOMING FUNDRAISING EVENTS

We have several fundraising events scheduled for next year. If you are one of those people who love to plan events and would like to help, please let us know! We can use the help. Here are two of the scheduled fundraisers:

Saturday, March 2nd - Mardi Gras Casino Night

Monday, April 1st - St. Pius V Church & School Golf Tournament (No foolin'!)

Please send me an [email](#) if you are interested in helping to organize these events. It would be very helpful if you would identify your specific interest and/or skills.

Thank you!

CHRISTMAS EVE MASS (3:30pm on December 24th)

Each year, our parish holds a Christmas Eve Mass that is specifically targeted to the youth of our parish, although many older parishioners enjoy this special Mass, too. It is one of the most heavily attended of all the Christmas Masses.

St. Pius V Parish School students play an important part in this Mass. Our 8th grade students will present the school's Christmas program to the parish prior to this Mass. Their call time is 2:30. The program will begin at 3:00pm sharp. Due to time constraints, we do not include the student body and their class songs during this presentation.

Also, the Youth Choir and the Youth Handbells participate in this Mass. If your son or daughter participates in any of these groups and there is a conflict with your Christmas vacation plans, please let [me](#) or [Mr. Maramba](#) know as soon as

possible.

IMPORTANT DATES

The **November** printable calendar can be found [here](#).

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Friday, November 16 NOON DISMISSAL ([Add to calendar](#)) Have a wonderful and safe vacation!

Friday, November 16 (11:00am) Jog-A-Thon Award Assembly ([Add to calendar](#))

Friday, November 16 Band Classes

Grades 3-5 12:30 - 1:30pm ([Add to calendar](#)) Jr.High 1:35 - 2:35 pm ([Add to calendar](#))

Friday, November 16 End of 1st Trimester

Monday, November 19 - Friday, November 23 Thanksgiving Holiday. NO SCHOOL. ([Add to calendar](#))

Monday, November 19 (3:00pm) Youth Handbell Rehearsal ([Add to calendar](#))

Thursday, November 22 (9:00am) Thanksgiving Day Mass. ([Add to calendar](#))

Monday, November 26 (3:00pm) Youth Handbell Rehearsal ([Add to calendar](#))

Monday, November 26 (3:30pm) Cooking Class ([Add to calendar](#))

Wednesday, November 28 (8:30am) Mass for grades 5 - 8. (Students in grades 5 - 8 wear formal uniforms.) ([Add to calendar](#))

Friday, November 30 Band Classes

Grades 3-5 3:30 - 4:30pm ([Add to calendar](#)) Jr.High 4:35 - 5:35 pm ([Add to calendar](#))

Saturday & Sunday, December 1 & 2 Christmas Boutique in the parish hall

(after all Masses)

Sunday, December 2 First Sunday of Advent

December 3 - December 7 Book Fair!

Monday, December 3 (3:30pm) Cooking Class ([Add to calendar](#))

Thursday, December 6 Noon Dismissal ([Add to calendar](#))

Friday, December 7 (8:30am) All School Mass. Students wear formal uniforms. ([Add to calendar](#))

Friday, December 7 (2:00pm) 1st Trimester Award Ceremony in the church ([Add to calendar](#))

Friday, December 7 Band Classes

Grades 3 - 5 3:30-4:30 ([Add to calendar](#)) Jr High 4:35 - 5:35 ([Add to calendar](#))

Saturday, December 8 FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION (a Holy Day of Obligation) Mass at 8:30am ([Add to calendar](#))

- **Vigil Masses on Friday, December 7**, at 5:15pm ([Add to calendar](#)) and 7:00pm (Spanish) ([Add to calendar](#))

Wednesday, December 12 (8:30am) School Mass for grades 2 - 4. Students in grades 2 - 4 wear formal uniform. ([Add to calendar](#))

Friday, December 14 CHRISTMAS PROGRAM in the church.

1:30pm Matinee ([Add to calendar](#)) **7:00pm** Evening Performance ([Add to calendar](#))

Friday, December 14 NO BAND CLASS

Monday, December 17 (3:30pm) Band performance and party. Location on campus to be determined. ([Add to calendar](#))

Wednesday, December 19 NOON DISMISSAL. Last day before Christmas

vacation. ([Add to calendar](#))

Thursday, December 20 - Friday, January 4 Christmas Vacation

Monday, December 24 (3:30pm) Christmas Vigil Mass ([Add to calendar](#))

8th Grade Christmas Program presented to parish. Youth choir and youth handbells participate in this Mass.

Monday, January 7 Return to school

May God bless you always and in all ways,

Dr. Joan Bravo, Principal

St. Pius V Parish School