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BL. MIGUEL PRO
CATHOLIC PARISH

St. Leonard Campus

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St. Pius X (SPX)
and
St. Leonard (STL)
Campuses
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Sunday Mass
Schedule

English

Saturday Vigil

4:00 pm STL

Sunday

8:00 am SPX

10:00 am STL

12:00 pm SPX

Español

10:00 am SPX

1:30 pm STL

7:00 pm STL

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Daily Masses

M 8:00 am SPX

5:15 pm STL

T 8:00 am SPX

5:15 pm STL

W 5:15 pm STL

H 8:00 am SPX

5:15 pm STL

7:00 pm STL (Esp)

F 8:00 am SPX

5:15 pm STL

S 8:00 am STL

Reconciliation

First Friday of the
Month

8:30am-9:30am SPX

Friday

6:00pm-8:00pm STL

Saturday

8:30am-10:00am STL

or by appointment/
o por cita

December
24th-
2023

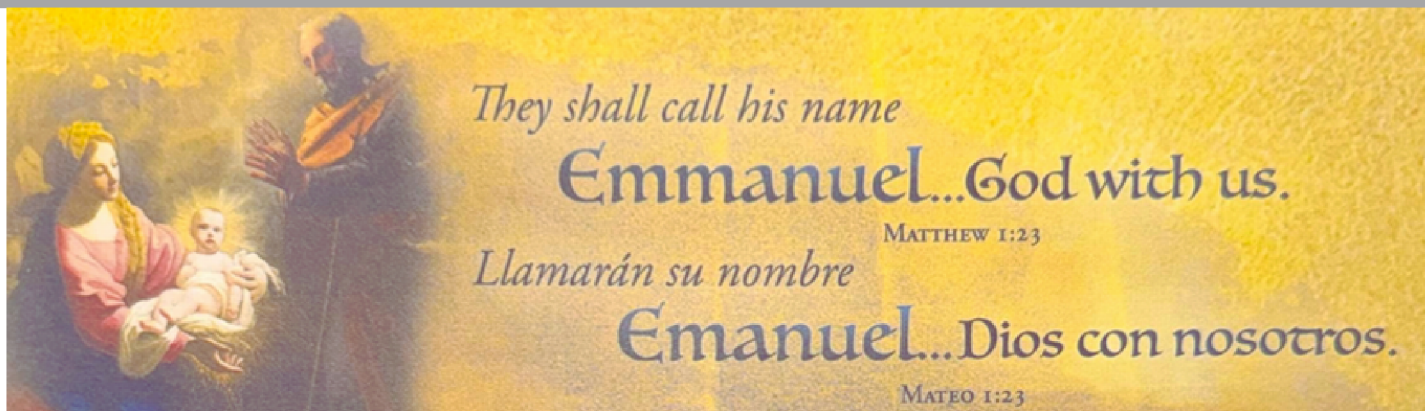


THE FOURTH

Sunday

OF

Advent



“When the kindness and generous love of God our savior appeared,... he saved us through the bath of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he richly poured out on us through Jesus Christ our Savior.” (Titus 3:4-6).

My dear Blessed Miguel Pro Family,

We are different now! I'm not talking about our new name, or the bridging of our two communities, or an influx of new parishioners, or shifts in ministry priorities and leadership. It's so much more than that - We are different! Christmas is all about being changed. The coming of Christ in the flesh changes us. When he appeared, "He saved us through the bath of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit," St. Paul says. Jesus reconfigures broken humanity at its core, restoring our fallen human nature back to its highest dignity, reorienting us to the praise and glory of God. St. Paul says that we will "be justified by his grace and become heirs in hope of eternal life." It's as if our discovery of the Christ child is also a discovery of our own very selves. From the manger, we see the light of heaven shining through, and it stirs in us our own upward yearning - human beings weren't made for sin, we were made for God's glory. And we begin to see ourselves much more clearly: heaven's light is supposed to shine through us as well.

There's a line from "O Holy Night" that is especially penetrating for me: "Long lay the world in sin and error pining / 'til He appeared and the soul felt it's worth." The soul felt it's worth. Weighed down by sin and the fragility of our human condition, it can be so easy to forget the high calling that we've received. Surrounded by the uncertainties of modern life, we can lose our certainty in God's plan for eternal life. God's plan for us is different than how we've allowed it to unfold. But the Gospel message of Christmas is a joyful reaffirmation of Emmanuel, "God with us," of God who became one of us because he saw something in us worth saving. The Christmas story is actually quite a simple one: we were off track, and Jesus jumps into the story and begins to rewrite it from within so that we could be back on track. The train was headed nowhere good fast, but Jesus reroutes it back into the loving arms of his Father. And it's there in the Father's embrace that the soul ultimately knows its worth.

As our community prepares for Christmas this year, I hope you also get the privilege of seeing some of the beautiful ways that our parish helps people to encounter the love of God! Ground yourself in worship at Mass each Sunday and notice the presence of so many families who are proud to call our community their spiritual home. Drop by our Alpha program one night and listen to the lively conversations from families rediscovering their relationship with Jesus. Or stop by a session of Christian Foundations and see the passionate thirst for understanding that our candidates and catechumens have for their faith. Observe the rather lengthy confession lines at both sites as humble souls are refreshed by God's infinite mercy. Better yet, experience the power of reconciliation yourself and feel the joy of being unburdened! Place yourself under Our Lady's tender gaze and the power of her intercession together with our rosary groups and our Guadalupanos. Or aide a SPRED Catechist as they share the Gospel of love with our precious friends with special needs. Maybe attend one of our young adult holy hours just to see the profound reverence and devotion of our friends who are actively discerning God's plan for their lives. Or work alongside those in our food pantry who see Christ in the poor, the homeless, the migrant, and the refugee while ministering to their basic human needs.

These are just a smattering of ways you might encounter Christ at Blessed Miguel Pro Parish. And that's always the basic task of our parish - to stay with Jesus, to follow Jesus wherever he leads, to love Jesus and cling to Jesus and to worship Jesus all the way until we do it forever in eternal life. Please help me to keep that basic mission alive. In a spirit of giving, would you consider making a Christmas offering of \$150 in honor of our Lord's birthday. Your support contributes directly to the rising costs of keeping our parish healthy and our mission going. Of course, if another sacrificial gift is more appropriate to your means, any contribution to our mission is greatly appreciated. Be confident that it will be put to good use in service of Christ's people here in Berwyn, Stickney, and Forest View. We are all different because we've met the Lord Jesus! When He appeared, the soul felt its worth! Merry Christmas!

In Christ,

Fr. Bobby Krueger, Pastor

To make a Christmas offering, please scan here





Christmas Schedule 2023

We look forward to having you with us. Esperamos tenerte con nosotros.

Christmas Eve - Nochebuena

Sunday, December 24

4:00 pm - St. Pius X - English Mass

7:00 pm - St. Leonard - Misa en Español

Midnight Mass / Misa de Gallo - St. Leonard - Bilingual Mass

Christmas Day - Navidad

Monday, December 25

8:00 am - St. Pius X - English Mass

10:00 am - St. Leonard - English Mass

1:30 pm - St. Pius X - Misa en Español

“Do not be afraid;
for behold, I
proclaim to
you good
news of great
joy
that will be for
all the people.”



“No teman.
Les traigo
una buena
noticia, que
causará
gran alegría
a todo el
pueblo.”

GRATEFUL FOR THANKSGIVING DONATIONS TO THE FOOD PANTRY!

Thank you so very much to all who donated food at the Mass on Thanksgiving, and during these last many months!



Thanks to your generous donations we are able to serve many of our neighbors in need in the Berwyn, Stickney, and Forest View communities.

Our shelves are full thanks to your abundant generosity!! May God bless your goodness!!

¡AGRADECIDOS POR LAS DONACIONES DEL DIA de ACCIÓN de GRACIAS a LA DESPENSA de ALIMENTOS!

¡Muchas gracias a todos que donaron alimentos en la Misa del Día de Acción de Gracias y durante estos últimos meses!

Gracias a sus generosas donaciones podemos ayudar a muchos de nuestros vecinos necesitados en las comunidades de Berwyn, Stickney y Forest View. ¡Nuestras estanterías están llenas gracias a su abundante generosidad! ¡Que Dios bendiga su bondad!



Holiday Office Hours Horarios de la Oficina

**OFFICE CLOSED
SUNDAY - FRIDAY
DECEMBER 24 - 29
CLOSED NEW YEARS DAY**

Office staff will be attending SEEK from January 1st through January 5th. Receptionist will only be available limited hours that week.

El personal de la oficina asistirá a SEEK del 1 al 5 de enero. La recepcionista solo estará disponible en horas limitadas esa semana.

*Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!
¡Feliz Navidad y Próspero Año Nuevo!*

Family Faith Formation Update



Confirmation service projects continue! Over 400 families were helped by our 2nd year confirmation students. Families received food, coats and other household items at Our Lady of the Anals.



La nueva sesión de Alpha en español comienza el 23 de enero. Para los padres de FFF y las familias de la escuela.



Our students learned about Blessed Miguel Pro, St. Nicholas, Our Lady of Guadalupe and many others. They enjoyed the prayers, songs and sweet bread of the novena.

No Class

Monday 12/25.1/1

Tuesday 12/26.

1/2, 1/9

Sat 12/23, 12/30, 1/6

For more information:
Contact Lucy Carrera
lcarrera@stleonard.org
Check the website for the calendar.

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CHRISTMAS

Christmas | Sacred Art

Join Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp as they look at the painting Adoration of the Shepherds by Gerard van Honthorst to celebrate the Nativity of our Lord. This famous painting reveals the Christ Child as the light that has come into the world and also depicts the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph, and the shepherds to be models of adoration to our humble Lord who came as a helpless baby.

Our parish has a FORMED subscription.
Visit formed.org/signup and select our parish.
Scan the QR code to download the FORMED app to your phone.



An offering from the AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE and ignacius press

Exodus

It's time to start ruling your passions.

Our culture today has no shortage of 'modern Pharaohs' that hold us back from true unity with God. If we're ruled by these Pharaohs, how can we truly be free to become the men God made us to be? Exodus 90 gives you the tools to take control of your life. **It's a way out.**

Join
Band of Brothers
Tuesday's 7:00pm **We start Jan. 1, 2024:**
in Mission HQ
6625 24th St.
Berwyn, IL



Holiday Bulletin Deadlines

Bulletin Date	Bulletin Articles Due
January 7	Wednesday, December 26th
Please send to: bulletin@stleonard.org	

Solemnity of *Mary, Mother of God*

New Year's Day / Año Nuevo
Monday, January 1

10:00 am - St. Pius X - English Mass



12:00 pm - St. Leonard - Spanish Mass



Bl. Miguel Pro Parish

St. Pius X Campus, 4300 Oak Park Ave., Stickney, IL 60402



Saturday Night*

**4300 Oak Park Ave
Stickney, IL**

Doors Open-3:45

Early Bird Game-5:30

Bingo Begins-5:45

Come on out and have some fun!

**We are back
January
13th!**

SCAN ME!



**If you are
interested in
volunteering scan
the QR code!**

KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS

Gino Catania
Kathy Fanelli
Ron Czerwinski
Gregory Martinkus
Ashley Bieda
Gabriel Meier
Jesse Ramos
John Gacek
Shannon Radze
Dr. Mark Ahearn
Peg Kocar
Sara Galiano
Gail Drankie
Marian Bozovsky
John Tarullo
Rita Morrissey
Rita Loza
Alice Iwinski
Laura Terrazino
Frieda Bertello
Jeff Walik
Giovanni Rivera
Jailyn Cutts
Jim O'Brien
Mary O'Brien
Mark Nelson
Taylor Kraft
Laurie Bieda
Valerie Stelmachowski
Joseph Bielarz

Paul Sacharczyk
Michael Lick
Josephine Ogiela
Blake Kraft
Marian DeFilippis
Lena Ramaglia
Baby Bengamin Tabor
Rudy Young
Christine Rontos
Pauline Lindo
Len Hammond
Matt Dvorak
Darlene Krause
Katherine Spicer
Vito Martinkus
Bridget McAdams
Lourdes Jimenez
Wayne Piest
Penelope Quin Burnes
Joe Chmura
Bonita Pyshny
Fr. Tony Markus
Heather Stahulak
Sofia Perez
Esperanza Hernandez
Morgan Kraft
Diana Mendoza
Eva & Mike Myers
Bill Dastice
Javier Chavarin



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The True Meaning of Christmas | Lukas Storyteller

Christmas is coming and our friends Peter, Agnes, Paul and Anna expect to receive many gifts. but when they caught in one of their antics. Lukas and Noah will help them understand the true story of Christmas and how the birth of the Son of God should change our hearts.

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St. Louis, MO | Jan 1-5 focus

Seek24 is the biggest Catholic Event in the country! Bl. Miguel Pro is going to St. Louis. This experience will transform our young adults and parishioners. Blessed Miguel Pro, St. Pius X and St. Leonard pray for us!



TO MAKE A
PAYMENT OR
TO SPONSOR
A STUDENT



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Mass Intentions / Intenciones de las Misas

Saturday, December 23

4:00 PM † Ann Marie Lewandowski
 † Henry + Helen Levon
 † Jose Guadalupe Arreola
 † Edward Milka
 † Miguel Gonzalez
 † Maximiliano Cortez
 † Anna Amparo Suarez
 † Norma Alvarez- Montoya

Sunday, December 24


8:00 AM Edward L Schmidt Jr.
 (SPX) Phillip Schmidt
 Merry Christmas in Heaven to Ray Young
 † John Marsala


10:00 AM † Richard Bartosz
 (STL) Birthday Blessing Georgina Mata
 Health Rachel Saenz
 Holy Spirit may inspire renewed faith in
 those that have fallen away from the
 Church

10:00 AM Familia Granados y Navarro
 (SPX)

12:00 PM Blessed Miguel Pro Parish Community

1:30 PM † Jose Guadalupe Arreola +

4:00 PM Alvin & Dan Rohr
(SPX)  Mary O'Reilly
 Eliseo & Celestina Corsino
 Sr. Ellen Cecilia Corsino
 Juan & Aurelia de la Vega

7:00 PM Salud de Agnes Ojacor – Mama de P. Alex
(STL) 

Monday, December 25

12:00 AM † Michael J Spagnolo
(STL)

8:00 AM Bernard & Margaret Majeski
(SPX) Joyce Szot
 James & Virginia Bernard
 Max & Ann Gaides
 Marie Jakubka
 Tony & Albie Ulsky
 Brian Przyzycki

10:00 AM † Michael, Billy & Tim O'Connell
(STL) † Brian Mentlewicz
 † Patricia Gecic
 † Hermelinda Gudino 13th Yr Anniv.
 Michael & Dorothy Dastice
 Fr. Nicholas Marro
 Thanksgiving

1:30 PM Familia Alvarez, Gonzalez & Montoya
(SPX) † Norma Alvarez Montoya

Tuesday, December 26

8:00 AM † Fran Salvato
 (SPX)

5:15 PM † Edward Milka
 Martha Zenisek

Wednesday, December 27

5:15 PM † Edward Milka

Thursday, December 28

8:00 AM Kathy Smeltzer
 (SPX)

5:15 PM † Edward Milka

7:00 PM Salud de Agnes Ojacor – Mama de P. Alex


Friday, December 29

8:00 AM † Filemon Madrona
 (SPX) Beverly Stankov

5:15 PM † Edward Milka


Saturday, December 30

8:00 AM † Edward Milka
 † Kevin Chession 1st Anniv.
 † Marvin Gorss



ROSARY GROUP
 Join us every Saturday at 5pm in
 the St. Pius Church to pray the
 rosary together! All are welcome!

*Únase a nosotros todos los sábados a las
 5 p.m. en la Iglesia de San Pío para rezar
 el rosario juntos. Todos son bienvenidos!*



Our Flag is now flying in honor of:
 Staff Sgt. Charles Babinec
 PFC Joseph Mikel & WWII Vets

*With compassion, we pray for the repose of the soul of:
 Clemente Dorado, Pedro Urbina*



Mass Intentions

In order for the Mass Intentions to be printed in
 the bulletin they must be submitted **14 days**
 prior to the date. THANK YOU!

Para que intenciones se impriman en el boletín
 deben pedirse **14 días** antes de la fecha. ¡Gracias!

OFFICE HOURS/HORAS DE OFICINA

St. Pius X Campus

Monday, Wednesday, Friday
9:00am - 1:00pm

St. Leonard Campus

Monday - Friday
9:00 am - 7:30 pm

Closed from 12:00 pm-1:00 pm

Saturday **Sunday**

8:00am - 12:00pm 9:00am - 3:00pm

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION OFFICE HOURS

Monday & Tuesday Wednesday & Thursday
1 pm - 4 pm 2 pm - 5 pm

HEARING ASSISTANCE DURING MASS



Are you attending Mass at the St. Leonard Campus and suffer from hearing loss? Would you like to hear the mass with ease? Please ask Barb Bossany, our music director in the music area, for a receiver before mass.



The Mission Sharing envelope is the new Food Pantry envelope. Please use the Mission Sharing envelope for all of your Food Pantry contributions.

Ways to Give at St. Pius X and St. Leonard

- Drop off donation in mail drop box by front doors
- Scan the QR code or use the following link:

[https:// pushpay.com/g/stleonardcatholicchurch](https://pushpay.com/g/stleonardcatholicchurch)

Thank you for your generous support during these difficult times.



Sunday

OFFERING

November 19 , 2023



St. Pius X & St. Leonard
Weekly Deposit

Collection will be posted next week.

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