



Paw Prints

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“Be transformed by the truth that I live within you.” – Jesus Calling, March 19

Spotlight on Teachers - This week we spotlight Mrs. Sarah Pollard, 3rd grade teacher! Staff and students are encouraged to write positive comments on her “wall” posted in the faculty room and in the hallway.

Do you have an old I-Pod? We are looking for unused i-pods, any size, that we can use to make recordings to go along with texts to help some of our students. Please send it in to the office if you would like to donate one. Thanks!

Congratulations to eighth grader Annie Gronotte who won first place in the Diocesan Pro-Life Essay competition. Annie won a beautiful plaque and a \$500 tuition credit to Notre Dame Academy! Look for her picture and full essay in the next issue of *The Messenger*!

Congratulations to Regional Science Fair Winners! Several of our 6th - 8th graders entered their Science Fair experiments to the SEFNK Science Fair which was conducted on-line this year due to the snow. We just received word that SPX students won seven first place awards, three second place awards and one third place award. They also won five of the top ten project awards and four Special Awards. Ten of these students will go on to the State Science and Engineering Fair in Richmond, Ky. next weekend. Please click [here](#) for a list of the winners and their categories.

Spirit Wear will be hosting a design contest open to all current students at St.Pius! Tap into your creative side and design an image to be placed on a t-shirt to be available for purchase in the next couple of weeks! All submissions need to be turned into Kai Knasel #302 by **March 27**. Finalists will be judged by all students during lunch on Tuesday, March 31. Winner will receive a free t-shirt with their own design and a gift card to ToysRUs. **Spirit Wear on-line store will be open from April 1-17**. All orders will be available for pickup (or sent home with your child) the week of May 4. Contact Michelle Price (michelle.price@protiviti.com or 513-253-3030) with any questions.

Panther Pulse! Click [here](#) to check out pictures of activities that have been happening at SPX! You can also access the link through our website by clicking on the Panther Pulse heading.

Enchanted Evening Thank You to anyone and everyone who helped with this fundraiser by purchasing tickets, attending the event, contributing an item for auction, or any other way to help the school raise money for the operating budget! A special thank you to Mrs. Sandy Smith and her many committee members who worked tirelessly to make the event a success. We will let you know our profit as soon as we know it!

Enchanted Evening Grand Raffle \$5 for \$5,000 – Congratulations to Beverly Jacobs (grandmother of Reagan and Ryan Baker) who was the lucky winner of the \$5,000 grand raffle at the Enchanted Evening. Congratulations also to Ms. Ernstberger and Homeroom 101 for selling the most grand raffle tickets at 257 tickets. Homeroom 101 was treated to an ice cream party on St. Patrick's Day and Ms. Ernstberger received a \$100 gift card to the Crestview Hills Town Center. Thank you also to all of those students (and parents!) who sold grand raffle tickets. The out of uniform passes for students who sold 5 or more tickets were sent home earlier this week. Please e-mail Sharon Gronotte at sgronotte@fuse.net with questions.

Enchanted Evening Sign Up Parties - It's not too late to join in the fun from the Enchanted Evening...we have availability in 3 of the sign up parties left still. If you are interested in Boys Night Out Brewery Tour, Lucky Strikes Bowling, or St. Pius Karaoke please see the attached [flyer](#) for dates and specifics. Space is limited. Please contact Jenni at jen_m_ward@yahoo.com or Lori at loriten717@gmail.com if interested.

Handicap Parking - Please do not use these spots for quick drop off and/or pick up as they are reserved for those who need them. I have alerted our School Resource Officer, Officer Chin, and he will be checking for valid permits to park there.

Crossing Guards Needed - I am in need of morning crossing guards. If your child is in 6 - 8 grade and gets here by 7 am, please talk to him/her about offering this service to the school. Parents welcome!

Catholic View Lenten Series in Milligan Hall between the 9:30 and 11:30 am Sunday Masses. Taking its cue from television panel shows, "The Catholic View" will address a different topic each week in the format of a TV show, with parishioners in the role of panelists and a local priest, deacon, or religious as the "guest star" We are in Week 4 - Who needs a Priest, anyway? with Fr. Norton. Additionally, Week 5 - Does Suffering really matter? with Deacon/Dr. Heartabeck, Week 6 - Wonder bread or Bread of Life? with Fr. Knight. Coffee, donuts, and childcare will be available. We hope you can join us!

Dream Out Loud Challenge for grades K - 6 ends **March 20**. It is a state-wide contest where students can submit an original drawing, poem, essay or video answering the question "How will I change the world after I go to college?" There is a chance to win scholarship money! Go to KYSaves.com/DreamOutLoud for more information.

NDA Panda Preview Night for 6th, 7th & 8th grade girls is **Tuesday, March 24** from 6:30-8:30 p.m. It's a great opportunity for 6th-8th grade girls to visit NDA's campus and see what it's like to be a Panda. The program begins at 6:30 p.m. and offers two hours of sessions where you can learn about admission, financial aid, student support services and the NDA academic experience. For further information call 859.292.1829. Click [here](#) for a flyer.

Birthday Club! The fourth and final meeting of the St. Pius Library's Birthday Club will be on **Wednesday, March 25th** from 2:00-3:00 in the Library. Students who have celebrated or will celebrate their birthdays during the months of March, April or May will be receiving an invitation. Any other students who were unable to attend one of our other sessions are welcome as well! We hope you will meet your children after school in the Library to make a selection, have some refreshments, and be a part of our Birthday Club. Thank you in advance for continuing to help us add wonderful new books to our library shelves!

Easter Meals for the Needy – No Cooking Involved!! What better way to cap off your Lenten experience than providing Easter dinner groceries for a needy family in the Northern Ky. Area? Groceries provided for an Easter feast generally consist of ham, vegetable, potatoes, and dessert. This is an easy service opportunity for families, clubs, scouts, prayer groups, parish committees, or classroom projects. If you'd like to help a needy family's Easter celebration be a special one, please contact Danette Doggett (kadogman@yahoo.com or 344-1235) or Becky Maschinot (bmascinot1@gmail.com or 859-426-0523 to get more information and a family name assignment (we will give you the family name you will be buying for along with family size).

Breakfast with the Easter Bunny will be held **Saturday, April 4**, in Milligan Hall. This is the we will be 8th annual event and is free to all parishioners kindergarten and younger. Please help out by volunteering at www.SignUpGenius.com/go/20F0E48ACAB2AA0FC1-breakfast. Student and parent volunteers are invited to help out! Click [here](#) for a flyer with the details of the event.

Cov Cath Grade School Football Sign ups - Come learn about and sign up for Cov Cath's Colonels Youth Football for 2nd through 8th grade on **Saturday, April 11** from 11 am – 1 pm in the foyer of the Cov Cath gym (enter through front gym doors). The 2nd grade team is new for 2015! Fee for 2nd to 4th grade is \$75 and 5th to 8th is \$125. Go to www.covcath.org, click on Athletics, click on Colonels Youth Football or contact Bob Morris at harpomorris76@gmail.com.

Service Opportunity - During the St Pius X Lenten speaker series we have heard from Catholic Charities each week regarding their involvement across the Diocese. To bring the work of Catholic Charities to life here at St Pius, we are planning for a St. Pius Outreach Day on **Sunday April 12th from 1-4 pm**. If you were unable to sign up at the speaker series and are interested in joining us for this volunteer day please contact fellow parishioner Dan Meier at dsmeier@fuse.net or 859-331-9323.

Chastity Speaker-The Diocese of Covington Pro-Life Office and St. Elizabeth Healthcare invite students and their parents to attend *Authentic Love* featuring Mr. Charles Marks, on **Thursday, April 16th** from 6:30-8:30pm at Bishop Howard Memorial Auditorium, 1125 Madison Ave, Covington (across from the Cathedral). This [presentation](#) is appropriate for students in 8th Grade and High School. For more information, please contact the Pro-Life Office at 859-392-1500 or ppiccola@covdio.org.

Grandparent's Day is scheduled for **Friday, April 17** from 8 - 10 am. Please communicate the date and help us celebrate these very special relationships across generations! More details to follow. Any questions, contact Beth Hagen at Hagendbosc@yahoo.com

Upcoming Edgewood Events - "Done with Bullying," a free anti-bullying seminar for children ages 8-14 at the Edgewood Senior Center **Saturday, April 11th** from 10a.m. – 2p.m.; "Terrific Toys" **Saturday, April 18th** 10:00–11:30 am for children Ages 5-12 at The Edgewood Senior Center; "Amazing Race" Road Rally for any group of 2-6 people **Saturday, April 25** 6:30 p.m.; Freedom Park Yard Sale **Saturday, May 16** 9 am - 12 pm. Click [here](#) for flyers. **Open Registration** began Monday, March 2! If you have not returned the re-registration form in with \$100 per child, your spot may be taken. There are special registration packets for new students, including Kindergarten.

Last Day of School is Friday, June 5, with an All-School Mass and end of year awards. Dismissal will be at 10:30 am. Please try to wait until after that time to start your vacation plans.

School Choice Bill - Representatives Tommy Thompson and David Floyd have filed House Bill 384 that helps parents exercise their right to choose the educational environment most appropriate for their children. It would accomplish this goal by increasing the amount of tuition assistance available to children enrolled in nonpublic schools, including Catholic schools. More information on the bill can be found [here](#). We need families and school employees to contact their state representatives and ask them to co-sponsor House Bill 384. This can be done by calling 1.800.372.7181 and leaving a message. You can also send your representative an electronic message by visiting www.lrc.ky.gov. Your voice is important.

You can also spread the word by [sharing](#) the CCK blog on Facebook or by [retweeting](#) it. Please contact Andrew Vandiver at the Catholic Conference of Kentucky (CCK) with any questions or concerns. He can be reached at avandiver@ccky.org.

St. Pius X Kroger Community Rewards - Our latest check from Kroger was \$ 2,014.28, and we are up to 203 households participating. Thanks so much for your support! The *re-registration period* will be coming up in *April*. Instructions will be coming soon. If you are not signed up already, you can sign up at any time at www.krogercommunityrewards.com. Click [here](#) for more information. Please contact Stefanie Reid at 578-9939 or stefa5678@gmail.com with any questions.

Leadership Development Camp - Teens ages 13 – 17 who are interested in growing their leadership skills are invited to apply to attend the American Red Cross Leadership Development Camp 2015.

The camp is comprised of peer-created sessions designed to encourage participants to think in new ways about themselves as leaders, and to build leadership skills. Camp will be held July 9 – 12 on the campus of Xavier University. Camp fee is \$200; financial assistance is available on a limited basis. Get all the details and the on-line application at the link below. My daughter has participated in this camp for several years!

<http://www.redcross.org/news/article/oh/cincinnati/Leadership-Development-Camp-set-for-July-9-12>

Youth Group Information- Any 6-8th grade parent who wants to be on the youth group email distribution list please email Ashley Marshall at abb171@gmail.com.

Computer Programming Summer Camp - Have you ever wanted to animate your own stories or write your own computer games? We will do so this summer at St. Pius X in the computer lab. There will be a morning and afternoon summer camp the week of 6/15 - 6/19. The morning summer camp is from 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM and will cover Scratch for \$90.00. The afternoon summer camp is from 12:30 to 2:30 and will cover ALICE for \$90.00. Click [here](#) for a flyer.

Thomas More Summer Basketball Camp hosted by the women's basketball team will be offered for girls 7 and up. The emphasis will be on improving individual basketball skills for all levels. Click [here](#) for more information.

CINSAM 2015 Summer Camps at NKU - Rockets, robots, stars and more to explore for your child this summer... Information in the [attached](#) flyer. Additional information and registration can be found at <http://cinsam.nku.edu/Student-and-Parents/SummerCamps.html>

SPX Has An App! We use our SchoolWay app as one way to notify you of important announcements. If you have not had a chance to download the free app from the app store, do it today! See <http://myschoolway.com/StPius> for more information.

Paper Retriever Recycling Bin has been removed from our property because the company has gone out of business. Please recycle your paper products through your home recycling program. We are working on how to continue recycling of paper at school.

Cafeteria Workers Needed from 10 am - 1 pm every day! Please call Sharon Depenbrock at 341-4900 x104 or e-mail sdepenbrock@teachers.stpiusx.com if you can help out.

Playground Duty Openings! Teachers need help on the playground during recess. Please sign up to be a recess monitor at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4AA5AF22A6FE3-recess>

Cafeteria Charges - Please check your child's account and take care of any debts. There is a Diocesan policy on charging found on our website.

Prayer Group! Please join school families in the small chapel on the first and third Tuesdays from 10:30 – 11:45 am. Children welcome!

Religion Courses Offered through the Diocese are open to all parents. Go to www.covingtondiocese.org for a complete listing and directions on how to register.

Does your child like to sing? - St. Pius X Schola Choir is open to all children of the parish in grades three to seven. Please click [here](#) for more information.

Share the Good News! Help us celebrate the accomplishments of our current and former St. Pius X Panthers. If you come across any articles highlighting current or past students' accomplishments, please send them to the school office or email them to kbrunot@teachers.stpiusx.com.

Remke Reloadable Gift Cards are available at the school or church office. Kroger Community Rewards program is available by registering your Kroger Plus Card and designating SPX at www.krogercommunityrewards.com.

Diocesan Facebook Page! - The Diocese of Covington has a Facebook page that shares the good news of our schools with everyone we can. Check out all the exciting things happening in our schools at <https://www.facebook.com/faithfillededucation?ref=hl>. And don't forget that we should only post good things about our school!

World Youth Day 2016 – Registration is now open for the Diocese of Covington's pilgrimage to Krakow, Poland, July 24 through August 2, 2016! Itinerary, cost, and registration details are included in the [attached](#) pamphlet.

Lunch Menu – Click [here](#) for a copy of the lunch menu.

Looking Ahead

March	19	Deanery Penance Service at SPX - 7 pm
	20	First Day of Spring! Bike Safety Presentation 8:45 am
	22	Jesus Day Retreat
	23	BOTCE Meeting 7 pm
	25	Birthday Club 2 pm
	27	Buddies after Church
	30	Private Transportation
	31	Private Transportation
April	1	Private Transportation Lenten Prayer Service 12:30 pm (PAC)
	2	Holy Thursday - NO SCHOOL

3 Good Friday - NO SCHOOL
6 Easter Sunday
6- 10 Easter Break

I hope you have a great week! Mrs. Gerwe