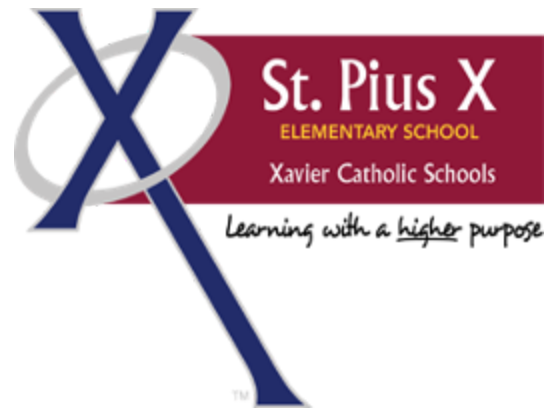


**Panther Weekly News**  
**December 18, 2020**



**From all of us at St. Pius X Elementary, we wish you & your family a very Merry Christmas! We are blessed to have each and every one of you as part of our school community! Thank you for choosing Catholic education for your children. We look forward to seeing everyone again in the New Year!**

**Upcoming Events**

- December 21st - January 1st - NO SCHOOL - Christmas Break
- January 4th - Classes Resume

**Staff Departures**

This week we said “see you soon” to two treasured members of our St. Pius X Elementary staff. Mrs. Bergeson (art) and her family are moving to Missouri and Mrs. Sorenson (kindergarten associate) is retiring to spend more time in her role as a grandmother. We will miss them both so much and wish them well!

**Reminders**

Please remember to send appropriate cold weather & snow gear for your student every day - a coat, hat and gloves at a minimum. Students go out for recess even when it is cold.

**From the Nurse**

I was asked a question last week about what is the difference between Covid-19 and coronavirus. The coronavirus is the name of the virus, Covid 19 (**CO** stands for Corona, **VI** stands for virus, **D** is for disease & **19** is for the year it was discovered).

I hope all of you have a safe and blessed Christmas. Please do not forget...wear a mask when you are with others (including Grandma and Grandpa). If you have symptoms please quarantine. Keep your distance - at least 6 feet. Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds. Know that you are loved no matter what. See you next year!

**Save The Date -- Explore Regis 2021!**

**Attention 5th grade families! Save the date -- Saturday, January 30th -- for Explore Regis 2021!** Regis Middle School hosts this annual event to help next year's 6th grade families learn more about Regis. Plan to join in virtually on Jan. 30th at 9am. Regis will offer individual family school tours at a later date. More information will be shared soon, so for now please mark your calendars and plan to join us on Jan. 30th. Contact Dianne Clarke at [dclarke@regisroyals.org](mailto:dclarke@regisroyals.org) or 319-363-1968 if you have any questions.

**SCRIP News**

[Cash & Carry Order Form](#)

**Need a last minute gift? SCRIP e-cards are available through the app or [shopwithscrip.com](http://shopwithscrip.com)!**

Monday order & Cash and Carry dates for 2021 will be communicated once we get back from break!

**Support St. Pius X while you Shop!**

You can make an impact while you shop at Amazon!

Simply shop at [smile.amazon.com/ch/42-1505488](https://smile.amazon.com/ch/42-1505488) and AmazonSmile will donate to St Pius X St Elizabeth Ann Seton Board of Education, at no cost to you. AmazonSmile can be used through the Amazon app too!

### **January Lunch & Breakfast Menus**

[January Lunch Menu](#)

[January Breakfast Menu](#)

### **Technology - Online Learning**

Need an additional resource to learn about your child's Google Classroom or Seesaw? Take a look at the [Family Technology Resource](#) page. Bookmark this page for easy access. Information will be updated and added throughout the school year.

### **Partner Parish YouTube Channels**

As we continue our Advent journey, preparing for the birth of Christ, it has come to our attention that some of our partnering parishes that use YouTube to stream their Masses have now been restricted from doing so. This is due to YouTube's existing rule that a channel must have at least 1,000 subscribers in order for that channel to continue producing mobile livestreams. The timing is unfortunate as we near Christmas in the midst of a pandemic.

Over the past 10 months, pastors and parish staff have spent much time and resources to offer livestreams of their Masses. We are simply asking the Xavier community to help our parishes who use YouTube continue to do so by subscribing to their channel(s) and help them each reach the 1,000 subscriber threshold. Subscribing is free and can be done by clicking on the "Subscribe" button on each channel.

*Note: If you already have a Gmail account, you have a YouTube account as well.*

Partner Parishes Using YouTube:

[St. Elizabeth Ann Seton](#)

[St. Pius X](#)

Thank you for your help to ensure these parishes are able to continue streaming Masses on their channels. We continue to pray for a speedy end to the pandemic and look forward to the time when we can all safely fill our parishes in person once again!

### **STO Information**

**ONLY A FEW DAYS REMAIN!** There is still just enough time to make an online gift to the Our Faith STO in 2020, but hurry! Funds contributed in 2020 will provide need-based assistance to families to attend a Catholic School in the Archdiocese of Dubuque during the 2021-22 school year. But we need your help to reach our goal. All gifts will reduce your Iowa Income Tax by 65% of your gift, regardless of the size of the gift. And all gifts qualify as a charitable contribution for federal income taxes. When the clock strikes midnight on December 31, this opportunity for tax year 2020 will be gone. Please visit [www.ourfaithsto.org](http://www.ourfaithsto.org) or call the Archdiocese of Dubuque at 800-876-3546 ext. 219 to learn more or have questions about this fantastic program.

### **Metro Catholic Outreach (MCO)**

**Thank you for the extra boost to our food pantry donations during Christmas Spirit Week!**

Students are always invited to bring items for the MCO food pantry and put them in any of the boxes in the front hallway of the school. This is a wonderful way to support our local community, especially during the Advent & Christmas seasons.

Items that are always needed:

- Peanut butter
- Pasta
- Rice
- Pasta sauce
- Hamburger Helper
- Tuna
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Beef stew
- Crackers
- Chili
- Canned Soup
- Jelly
- Canned Chicken or Salmon
- Pork & Beans
- Canned Fruit
- Canned Vegetables
- Pancake mix
- Boxed Potatoes
- Syrup
- Paper towels
- Toilet paper
- Facial tissue
- Laundry detergent
- Cleaning products
- Toiletries, trial or full size, such as soap, shampoo, conditioner, and deodorant
- Plastic grocery sacks, both new and used, and larger plastic bags/shopping bags that can hold large boxes of cereal

For more information, visit the [MCO website](#).

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