

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADVENT RELIGIOUS GOODS STAND

Get ready for Advent! The Religious Goods Stand will be selling Advent Candles and the Advent Devotional Books after all Masses. Devotionals are \$2 each.

ADOPT-A-FAMILY DRIVERS NEEDED

We did it! All 33 families have been taken care of for Christmas! What an amazing parish! We are still in need of volunteers to help transport the gifts on Dec. 19th. Please see spxbowie.org/adoptafamily for details.

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Monday, December 8 is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a holy day of obligation. Join us for Mass in person or at **SPX Online** at 7 pm. There is no 9 am Mass.

1:10 BAPTISM PREP CLASS

Are you ready to have your child baptized? We've designed our class, called 1:10, to help guide you through the spiritual and practical elements of the Baptism Ceremony. We see this opportunity as the beginning of a partnership with you to help your child have a lifelong relationship with Jesus and His Church.

Our next class will be held on Sunday, December 7 at 1:10pm via ZOOM. You must be a registered member of SPX to attend this class. Sign up at <http://bit.ly/spxbaptism>

DECEMBER WEDDING ANNIVERSARY REQUEST

Are you celebrating a Wedding Anniversary in December? Your parish family would love to celebrate with you! Please send your names and number of years married to communications@spxbowie.org by Wednesday, December 3, 2025.

SPX REGIONAL SCHOOL PURSE BINGO

Join us for snow much fun at Purse Bingo on December 12, 2025 in Nelson Gym/Hall. The doors open at 6 pm with Bingo beginning at 7 pm. Guests will not be admitted before 6 pm. Thank you for your understanding.

Tickets are \$25 each and include a multi-game card. Raffle tickets included. Additional cards, raffle tickets, and daubers will be available for purchase at the event. Bring your own Christmas cookies and eggnog, or other snacks. Some concessions, including non-alcoholic beverages, will be available for purchase as well. This is an 18+ event.

Tickets here: giving.parishsoft.com/App/Form/45f08bc0-edb9-445f-9267-5e02c62657c4

ONLINE GIVING

We know that schedules are crazy, but the work of SPX is ongoing. Please consider enrolling in online giving so that you can support our parish even when you're not physically present on a weekend. It streamlines your generosity and lets you do even more to help SPX grow our ministries that share God's love with Bowie Bob & Bowie Barb. You can set up a recurring donation or make a one-time gift. Sign up at spxbowie.org/give.

AN SPX MISSION PROJECT

Families helping Families

AT THANKSGIVING



Thanks to your generosity our FHF at Thanksgiving 2025 program was the most successful ever. This year we collected over 200 dinner baskets and purchased 150 turkeys. We sent 50 turkeys and \$3,000 in gift cards to the Pope Francis Outreach Center at Assumption Catholic Church in S.E. Washington. We sent 100 dinner baskets and 100 turkeys to St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Largo. We were also able to send 65 dinner baskets to the Bowie Food Pantry and 65 - \$25 gift cards to the Pantry as well. We were also, for the first time, able to send 35 dinner baskets accompanied by 35 - \$25 gift cards to the St. Camillus Outreach Program in Silver Spring. St. Camillus serves a large immigrant community that are suffering greatly during these tumultuous times.

Special thanks to Ron Holmes, the Manager of the Giant Food store in Bowie and his staff. Giant has supported this project for many years by giving us a great price on the turkeys and somehow finding 150+ turkeys every year, even when the bird flu made turkeys hard to get and extremely pricey. He and his staff are instrumental in loading all of the turkeys in our volunteer-driven vehicles. This program is a wonderful team effort, which is supported by local businesses as well as the St. Pius X church and school communities. Thanks to everyone pulling together, this year's program was able to provide Thanksgiving dinners to twice as many families as in past years.

Your generosity is truly humbling.

Happy Thanksgiving to all who participated from all who benefited.



NAME: _____

EMAIL : _____

CELL : _____

GIVE *Giving & Receiving Christmas Joy*

Sign up at spxbowie.org/spxgive

SET UP

Help set up our campus for the event -must be able to walk and carry items. No one under 5th grade. 5th - 8th graders must have a parent also volunteering with them.

Sat, Nov. 29 from 10 am - 12 pm (Outdoor Lights) _____

Thurs, Dec. 11th from 5:00 - 7:00 pm (load in & Costume Sorting) _____

Sat, Dec. 13 from 12 pm - 3 pm (Walk through Nativity set up) _____

Sun, Dec. 14 from 1 - 4 pm (Full Set-up in Cafe, SLAm, Entranceway) _____

DONATE

Helpmake this event a success by donating baked goods or wrapped boxes to enhance our decorations!

All items should be dropped off in Cafe Pius on Sun, Dec. 14, between 9:15 - 11:45 am.

BAKE

Bake an individually wrap (2 to a baggie) Christmas cookies. Each baker is asked to make at least 2 dozen baggies (48 cookies).

WRAP

Wrap your own empty boxes of various sizes in wrapping paper that we'll provide you.

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14

EVENT VOLUNTEERS

Donation Acceptance in Cafe Pius (9:15 - 11:45 am)

Costume Team (day of) (4:30 - 8 pm)

Living Nativity Scenes (5:00 - 7:45 pm)

Adults & Families Serving Together

Please list names & ages of those serving

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Indoor Host Team (5:30 - 7:45 pm)

Outdoor Host Team (5:30 - 7:45 pm)

Outdoor Parking Team (5:30 - 7:45 pm)

Craft Supervisor (5:30 - 7:45 pm)

Transport Giving Tree Gifts (7:40 - 8:30 pm)

Clean-up (7:40 - 9:00 pm)



Sign up at spxbowie.org/gingerbreadbash

EVENT PREP TEAM - THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4TH AT 6:30 PM

Stable Builders: help make pre-fabricated stables for the event out of graham crackers and frosting!

DAY OF EVENT TEAM - FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5TH

Greeting & Check-in (5:30 - 8:30 pm)

Section Hosts (5:30 - 8:30 pm)

Hospitality Team (7 - 8:30 pm)



Christmas Environment Team

*must be able todo heavy to lightlifting
and be on your feet for a few hours*

Sign up at bit.ly/spxchristmasdecorating

Friday, December 5 (12:00 - 3:00 pm)

Friday, December 12 (10:00 am - 12:00 pm)

Friday, December 19 (10:00 am - 12:00 pm)

Monday, December 22 (10:00 am - 2:00 pm - includes Luncheon)



Serve at SPX Bowie for
CHRISTMAS

4:00 PM MASS ON CHRISTMAS EVE

Greeter (3:00 - 4:00 pm) _____

Parking Team (3:00 - 4:30 pm) _____

6:30 PM MASS ON CHRISTMAS EVE

Greeter (5:45 - 6:00 pm) _____

10:00 AM MASS ON CHRISTMAS DAY

Greeter (9:30 - 10:00 am) _____

Sign up at spxbowie.org/serveatchristmas



CHILDREN'S CHOIR

AT THE 4:00 PM MASS ON CHRISTMAS EVE

Students in grades 2 - 8 are invited to be part of the Children's Choir. You must be able to be present for the entirety of 2 of 3 Monday practices AND the final Sunday Practice.

Monday, December 1 from 7 - 8:15 pm

Monday, December 8 from 5:45 - 6:45 pm

Monday, December 15 from 7 - 8:15 pm

Sunday, December 21

from 3 -5 pm

Sign up at spxbowie.org/childrenschoir