



# Faculty Focus

MR. NATHAN MUENKS

St. Pius X alumni? No.

Years teaching/Years teaching at St. Pius X: First year

Department: Theology

Degree(s)/Degree-granting institution: Business Marketing, Steubenville, 2002

Philosophy, Kenrick-Glennon Seminary, 2009. MA in Theology, Steubenville 2023

Academic area: Theology

When did you decide to become a teacher, and why did you choose this field? A Religious Sister asked me to student teach PSR and even though the students were terribly behaved I really enjoyed it

What personal strengths do you find especially helpful in your teaching? Range of knowledge outside of Theology, a great deal of patience

What do you like most about teaching as a career? Forming young people to go out into the world and be good neighbors and good co-workers

What is the greatest success you have had teaching? Quickly built a good rapport with the students

What is your philosophy of education? My time with the students is but one step on their journey to being adults. They will make mistakes and try things, but if I give them the opportunity most will choose to grow and do what is right

What is your favorite thing about working at St. Pius X? Students are generally respectful and the faculty is friendly

What's the best piece of advice you've been given? Always be authentic, the students will see through a façade and lose respect

Outside of work, what are you passionate about? Politics, religion, and gardening

What did you want to be when you were growing up? A gardener