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3rd Sunday Advent Year C Luke 3:10-18



“The crowds asked John the Baptist, “What should we do?” He said to them in reply, “Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. And whoever has food should do likewise.” Even tax collectors came to be baptized and they said to him, “Teacher, what should we do?” He answered them, “Stop collecting more than what is prescribed.” Soldiers also asked him, “And what is it that we should do?” He told them, “Do not practice extortion, do not falsely accuse anyone, and be satisfied with your wages.” Now the people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ. John answered them all, saying, “I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fan is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.” Exhorting them in many other ways, he preached good news to the people.”

I went down to the Desert

By Lindsay Vachel

I thought to find him in an echoing cave;
For so my dream had said.

I went down into the desert
To meet John the Baptist.
I walked with feet that bled,
Seeking that prophet lean and brown and bold.
I spied foul fiends instead.

I went down into the desert
To meet my God.
By him be comforted.
I went down into the desert
To meet my God.
And I met the devil in red.

I went down into the desert
To meet my God.

ACTS 2:42 GROUPS
ON MISSION AS A EUCHARISTIC PEOPLE
YEAR OF MISSION

“They devoted themselves to the teachings of the apostles, the communal life, the breaking of the bread & prayer”
Next Meeting January 12 at 1:30pm @ St Pius

St. Pius X Mass Schedule

† **Weekend Mass**
Saturday- 4:30 pm
Sunday- 10:00 am
† **Daily Mass**
Tuesday - 6:00 pm
Wednesday-8:00 am
Thursday-8:00 am
Friday-8:00 am

Eucharist Adoration
Visit our Website www.stpiusx.us

Daily Scripture Readings

Sunday December 15, 2024
Zep 3:14-18a/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18
Monday Nm 24:2-7, 15-17/Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday Gn 49:2, 8-10/Mt 1:1-17
Wednesday Jer 23:5-8/Mt 1:18-25
Thursday Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Lk 1:5-25
Friday Is 7:10-14/Lk 1:26-38
Saturday Zep 3:14-18a/Lk 1:39-45

Steps of Lectio Divina

1. **Read** – Read through it.
2. **Reflect** – Slowly consider it.
3. **Respond** – What does it say?
4. **Rest** – Contemplate, Deep Prayer

St. Anthony of Padua Masses

† **Weekend Mass**
Sunday- 8:00 am
† **Daily Masses**
Wednesday-9:00 am
Friday-9:00 am

Eucharist Adoration-First Friday 9:00 am
First Saturday of Month Mass 8:00 am
Visit our website
www.stanthonygrandrivers.org

Weekly Online Mass Sunday -10:00 am We still Live Stream on FB: Facebook at: St. Pius X & St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Churches

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Parish Office Hours

Tuesday -- Thursday

9:00 am-2:00 pm



Pastor's Study Desk Notes



Dear St Anthony & St Pius Families,

3rd Sunday Advent Year C

Luke 3:10-18

“Repent, for the Kingdom of God is at hand” This is a good summary of John Baptist’s preaching cry in a short phrase! To repent, means we turn to God to confess our sin-faults and reform our lives (and we respond to confession by taking on penance as a remedy for continuing temptations). But, we would be in good company after hearing John’s call for conversion if we asked a further question of “What specifically must we do, now, John?” In response to such moral generalities as ‘Be good’, ‘Avoid evil’ or ‘Love others’, its natural to ask for more detail: “What exactly does the good person look like?” This is exactly what the crowds ask from John in today’s gospel? They would like a little more flesh on the bone of what specifically they should do to properly repent of their sins and welcome the kingdom into their lives?

John Baptist seems to avoid getting into an overly scrupulous ‘micro-morality-managing’ (like the Taliban morality police), but he still gives a little more detail in offering them a practical set of ethical rules for ‘Kingdom Living’. As a rule, John Baptist advises everyone to “Produce good fruits as evidence of your repentance” (Luke 3:8) But for the groups wanting more detail, (1.the crowds, 2.tax collectors and 3.soldiers) who asked for clearer directions, John offers some specific penitential practices suited to their unique vocations and states in life. They want to know what they should do in their own way of life. John might have given many more examples to other people too, but how long do we want his sermon to go on? I suggest even with his specifics, John is still simply setting the moral tone for them (like he is helping form their consciences so that they can discern their own further actions). John tells the general crowd, *“Whoever has two tunics should share with the person who has none. And whoever has food should do likewise”* (Luke 3:11) advises the tax collectors, *“Stop collecting more than what is prescribed”* (Luke 3:13) John tells the soldiers to *“not practice extortion, do not falsely accuse anyone, and be satisfied with your wages”* (Luke 3:14). Though John’s counsel is specific to each vocation, overall his directions can be summarized as a call to be considerate of the plight of others, help those you meet who need it, always being respectful of your own and their position and upholding the common good. Those principles can be applied in every walk of life (basic care and compassionate concern for others). And over time, I imagine our work of mercy or repentance can grow and be more widely shared. Or consider that as our closeness to God increases, our moral standard can be raised too. As Jesus taught in Luke 12:48, “Much will be required of the person entrusted with much” As our individual conscience becomes more sensitized to good action & God’s will, then God expects more from us to be responsible. Or as my mother would tell us, “Once you know it, then I expect it of you.” So, as my life with Christ deepens, then my love of neighbor calls for more sacrifice and service to them. Such love of God, calls more from me, as my heart grows and my grace-resources grow. (The rich young man in Luke 18:21-22 learns this sliding scale of more responsibility due from us as we spiritually mature-the man initially shrinks from the greater call and leaves Christ, but perhaps he returns later to apply himself more serving Christ sacrificially.)

Jesus will continue this teaching of the increased level of action that comes with learned wisdom and endowments of grace from God. Jesus’ Sermon on the Mount is the best place to see this progressive morality (symbolically seen in the rising mountain-strive to scale the uphill effort). In the Sermon, Jesus moves from celebrating ‘blessings’ (though, the world doesn’t see the ‘blessings’) to actually raising the standards of a more stringent interpretation of Mosaic Law (“You have heard, ‘Do not kill’, yet I say ‘Be not angry at your brother’ Matthew 5:21-22). Jesus is challenging us to sensitize our consciences to be more like His own heart. He asks for greater effort on our behalf. Maybe picking up from John’s teaching, Jesus would push us to not only share our tunic, but also challenge us to give them one of our sheep so they can make their own woolen shirts. And beyond that, even give our own shirt, if it comes to that (again, as grace advances in us, so our efforts for others must increase with it). Yet, we can not do any of this mercy work on our own. We do it supportively with one another along the way and by the constant assistance of God’s grace. So, in this Advent season, we get in better touch with the community of other disciples through our greater service and love of Christ. With John the Baptist and each other, we hope to ‘produce good fruit worthy of repentance’.

Peace, Fr Brian

St Pius X Parish Council Meeting Thurs @ 5:00 pm

Gary Traylor	(3)	Chair Person
Nora Canon	(3)	Secretary & Finance
Paula Humphreys	(3)	Spiritual Life
Stacey Newby	(3)	FFY & Religious Ed
Debbie Anspach	(3)	Social Program/Outreach
Michael Bowling	(3)	Building & Ground

Early Church Fathers Study & Discussion

Every Tuesday Night from 6:30-7:30pm Come study some of these foundational documents written by the students of apostles. After Scripture, these are our earliest sources of Faith!

DECEMBER 15, 2024 + 3RD SUNDAY ADVENT YEAR C

St Pius X Mass Intentions Dec 16 – Dec 22		
Tuesday	6:00 pm	Larry Muzzy
Wednesday	8:00 am	Dolly Bardsley
Thursday	8:00 am	Christamae & Paul Richert
Friday	8:00 am	Sally Anne Klohr
Saturday	4:30 pm	Living/Deceased Members of Alois & Julia Soczka Family
Sunday	10:00am	John Bardsley
WEEKLY DONATIONS		
Parish Hall Donation (12/8/24)	\$	130.00
Budget for 2024/2025 Fiscal Year	\$	195,000.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$	3,750.00
Weekly Donation (12/8/24)	\$	4,283.50
Online Giving (12/8/24)	\$	1,303.00
Total Week's Gift Offering 12/8	\$	5,586.50
Fiscal Year to Date	\$	106,646.24


Dec 15 Today Knights Columbus Breakfast w/Santa
After Mass Enjoy Pancake/Sausage with the Knights.
Santa will be with us to give the children a gift and candy

Pope Francis calls 2025 a Jubilee Year of Hope: Special Year of prayer and mercy works will begin Christmas Eve when Pope Francis will open the Holy Door at St Peter's Basilica!

Advent Penance Times: The Light is On
Every Advent Wednesday 6:00 pm-7:00pm @ St Pius
Every Saturday 3:30-4:30 pm Pre- Mass @ St Pius
Friday December 13 & 20 9:30 am -? @ St Anthony

CHRISTMAS EVE MASS SCHEDULE
Tuesday Dec 24 St Anthony 5:30 pm Mass (Carols 5:00 pm)
Tuesday Dec 24 St Pius 8:00 pm Mass (Carols 7:30 pm)
CHRISTMAS DAY MASS SCHEDULE
Wednesday Dec 25 St Pius 9:00 am
Christmas Choir Help Needed: Contact Danny Padgett





Happy Birthday! Dec 15 – Dec 21 St. Pius
December 16 Elizabeth Padgett
December 16 Andy Ferm
December 16 Austin Shea
December 17 Jennifer Roberts
December 19 Sherry Ferm
December 20 Rose Drury
Happy Anniversary! St. Pius No anniversaries this week

St Pius X Mass Assignments: Saturday, December 21, 2024				
Servers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers / Greeters	Money Counters
Franky Schiaretta	Nancy Glover	Kurt Schmidt Paula Schmidt Suzette Whittington	George Humphreys (Greeter) Paula Humphreys (Greeter)	
Mass Assignments: Sunday, December 22, 2024				
Kason Peterson Kinley Peterson	Philip Scheiber	Caleb King Jimmy Harbison Volunteer	Usher Volunteer Usher Volunteer Usher Volunteer	Nancy Singleton Kathy Smith

FFY
Calendar
&
Activities
Schedule

DATE	SUNDAY GOSPEL READING	SUBJECT
Dec 18, 2024 Wed 6:00-7:30	4 th Sunday Advent Luke 1:39-45	Christmas Party/ Program Students & Family
Dec 25, 2024 Christmas Break	Nativity of the Lord John 1:1-18	Merry Christmas! Enjoy the Christmas Season!
January 1, 2024 Mary, Mother of God	Mary, Mother of God Luke 2:16-21	Happy New Year! No classes. Enjoy the Break.

Remember in Prayer

St. Pius X: Greg Williams, Pat Hobbs, Keisha Bradley Janet Norvell, Iris Joelle Maynard, Megan Mudd, Theresa Owens, Sara Repovich, Kaye Hinkebein, Amanda Scheidegger, Olga Edwards, Diane Fischer Russell Tomlinson, Joanne Schmidt Paula Willett, Kent & Kim Henry, Leah Vincek, Rick Wilson, Richard Warmowski, Ashley Hayden, Donna Barrix, David Crass, Helen Nicholson, Bonita Walker, Joe Hedges, Jerry Wade, Katie Wood, Joanna Grimes, Amanda Bailey, Kaileigh Row, Pam Laibl, David Kroll, Henry Feezor, Lisa Hammond, Bennett Meisenheimer, Wes Hayes, Mike Norvell, Maryann Huebschmann, Shirley Mangan, Kenny Matthews, Dora Miller, Miller Meisenheimer, Michelle Freeman, Joann Najgebauer, Johnny Poe, Joel Rivera, Carol Ross, Lonnie Vogler, Brenda Waitke, Gary Walters, Andrew Walton, Dawn Williams, Wilma Lejuene, Lori Butler, Isabella Hamilton, Dr. Danny Butler, Cameron Richmond, Brad Longworth, Helen Bennett, Catherine Broks, Stacy Newby, Bette Zilligen, Ric Vaughn, Betty Derry, Scott Hamilton, Connie Burt, Abigail Huebschmann, Ericka Karpstein, Joanna Cooper, Angel Thompson, Kaye Poyner, Bob Tashjian, Rita Cook, Jack Bender, Don Kemp, Sharon Olejnicak, Tim Wilson, Beverly Dukes, Judy Krouse, Kerry Frazier, Rene Harrington, Forrest Michael Teeters, Cameron Brewer, Hugo Santos, Sharon Gibbons, Braydn Barnett, Elizabeth Witowski, Pam Dietz. Anthony Pellegrin.

Pray for Our Military

St. Pius X: Cameron Thomason, Daniel Burgess, James Griffith, Cory Erickson, Justin Fatum, James A. Kinsey, Sarah Martindale, Devin McFadden, Benjamin Patton, Kousuke Sasaki, Noah Willett, Amanda Wojahn and Luke Jablonski.

St. Anthony Page Announcements

Coffee/ Doughnuts 1st Sunday Every Month

Bazaar Workshop at St Anthony Every Tuesday

Starting Jan 7 at 9:00 am – Every Tuesday all parishioners are invited to come participate in helping craft gifts for the annual bazaar fundraiser .

Please see the list of items you can donate to help out.

Diaper Project: 1/4" Braided Elastic and Sew-on Velcro are needed. Please drop in any donations to the baskets by church doors (any craft supplies)

Christmas EVE Children Mass 5:30 – Children plan to process in with baby Jesus carrying candles to the crib!



Special December Outing Lunch Together at Cracker

Barrell Come enjoy the company and visiting

Thurs Dec 19th @ 11:30

Acts 2:42 Group: 2nd Sunday every month: Jan 12

Signup contact Ed Georgen edwardgeorgen@gmail.com

All-Day Adoration on Friday January 3

St Anthony Church has an all day Eucharistic Adoration every 1st Friday from 9:00am – 9:00pm. All are welcome to spend time in prayer in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Confession available at 9:30am. Prayer Partners are requested for each hour during Adoration. Please register your time on the schedule or call Judy Forsythe - 612-245-3636

First Saturdays Honor the Blessed Mother:

First Saturday Mass on January 4 @ 8:00am. Every first Saturday we offer mass and pray the rosary



St Anthony Birthdays Dec 15 – Dec 21

December 17 Jeff Ritorto

St Anthony Anniversaries:

No anniversaries this week

Study ‘The Chosen’ Weekly Sessions

Every Wednesday @ St. Anthony of Padua, we gather for weekly study session at 10:00 am. Currently we are viewing the series “The Chosen” and discussing its portrayal of Christ and His Disciples. We use guide-discussion questions and compare experiences of the different models of service to Christ. Come enjoy an insightful discussion about Jesus; followers. and how we can identify or not with their approach

St. Anthony of Padua

Mass Intentions

Dec 16 – Dec 22

Wednesday	9:00 am	<i>Margie Dumbacher</i>
Friday	9:00 am	<i>Helen Krivan</i>
Sunday	8:00 am	<i>Taylor Johansen</i>

WEEKLY DONATIONS

Budget 2024/2025 Fiscal Year (July 2024-June 2025)	\$ 73,500.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 1,413.46
Weekly Donation 12/8/2024	\$ 1,222.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 51,830.39

Thank you so much for your faithful generosity! The Parishes and the Church’s Mission depends on you!



Food Items Especially Needed: *Saltine Crackers, Hamburger Helper*, sugar, cereal, peanut butter, jelly, tuna, salmon, canned fruits, canned vegetables. Other items needed: paper towels, toilet paper, laundry & dish detergent, shampoo (adult & baby), bath soap, diapers, wipes, feminine hygiene products. Collection container is in back of the church for your donated items.

St Anthony Mass Assignments – December 22, 2024

Lector	Wayne Bradshaw
Eucharistic Ministers	Mike Drury Judy Forsythe
Ushers/Greeters	David Loxley Kelly Noonan
Server	Juan Gonzalez
Money Counters	Shara Parish Kevin Diamond

CONSIDER ATTENDING DAILY MASS OR WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

St Anthony Prayer List: Theresa Owens, Kathy Johansen, Jeff Ritorto, Cathy Ritorto, Betty Gonzalez, Elena Carey, Donna & Jon Gresham, Bob Decker, Bill Rodgers, Tom & Margie Sheppard, Bob Tashjian, Mr. Driskill, Pat Gorbett, Imogene Ramey.

Pray for our Military

Kevin Rapp, Joel Dumbacher, Matt Elder, Kathleen Erickson, Scott Erickson, Cory Erickson, James A. Kinsey, Jay Lockhart, Sarah Martindale, Devin McFadden, LeAnne Neal, and Kousuke Sasaki.

Parish Council

Kevin Diamond	Chair Person
Judy Forsythe	Spiritual Life/ Secretary
Shara Parish	Finance
Kelly Noonan	Building & Ground
David Loxley	Social Concerns/Events
Steve Wilkes	Faith Formation

Next Meeting Jan 15 Wed @ 6:00 pm

The Holy Sacraments: Preparation for and Reception of the Sacraments

- + **MARRIAGE:** Preparation is needed prior to the wedding. Contact the office or Fr. Brian 6 months prior to date.
- + **BAPTISM:** Preparation is needed prior to the Sacrament. Contact the office or Fr. Brian 3 months prior to birth.
- + **HOSPITAL:** Please notify the office or Fr. Brian if you or someone whom you know is in the hospital.
- + **ANONING OF THE SICK:** Is offered to anyone ill, infirmed, or prior to surgery. Contact Fr. Brian at (270) 668-7675 (Emergency)
- + **CONFESSION:** Saturday at 3:30 St Pius; or please ask Fr Brian before any mass, or to set an appt, please call him at 270-395-4727
- + **St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry:** 2nd & 4th Thursdays of each month during office hours (9 am-2 pm). Call the office at (270) 395-4727
- + **Bulletin information:** Must be submitted to the office by 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday. Email: stpiusx@stpiusx.us