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1st Sunday Advent Year A Matthew 24:37-44



"Jesus said to his disciples: "As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. In those days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day that Noah entered the ark. They did not know until the flood came and carried them all away. So will it be also at the coming of the Son of Man. Two men will be out in the field; one will be taken, and one will be left. Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken, and one will be left. Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come. Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour of night when the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and not let his house be broken into. So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."

Excerpt from 'Awake Christian'

By Ezekiel Haruna Danbaki

Wake Christian no longer sleep
We've promises to keep
From Calvary a cross to bear
To Zion's walls a crown to wear
The shepherd's voice for long we knew
Onward then with strength renewed
The low valley and high mountains
Bold we march crossing fountains

Each dawn is a day made new
With hours that keep getting few
In bold and strength we rise and stand
Our king the lord himself commands

Eucharistic Renewal Meditation

"With post-modernity people feel themselves even more lost, without references of any sort, lacking in values because they have become indifferent, completely orphaned, living in a fragmentation. It is with this reality of the modern world that the Church, united in Council, wanted to enter into contact, reaffirming her awareness of being the sacrament of Christ, the Light of the nations (Lumen gentium), putting herself in a devout listening to the Word of God (Dei Verbum), and recognizing as her own the joys and the hopes (Gaudium et spes) of the people of our times. The great Constitutions of the Council cannot be separated one from the other, and it is not an accident that this single huge effort at reflection by the Ecumenical Council — which is the highest expression of synodality in the Church and whose richness I, together with all of you, am called to be the custodian -- began with reflection on the Liturgy. (Sacrosanctum Concilium)

(Pope Francis *Desiderio* #28-29)

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-First Friday of each month-8:00

Visit our Website www.stpiusx.us

Daily Scripture Readings

Sunday November 27

Is 2:1-5/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44

Monday Is 4:2-6/Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday Is 11:1-10/Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday Rom 10:9-18/Mt 4:18-22
Thursday Is 26:1-6/Mt 7:2, 24-27
Friday Is 29:17-24/Mt 9:27-31
Saturday Is 30:19-26/Mt 9:35-10:1

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
Mass Schedule**

† **Weekend Mass**

Sunday- 8:00 am

† **Daily Mass**

Wednesday-9:00 am
Friday-9:00 am

Eucharist Adoration-First Friday 9:00 am
First Saturday of Month Mass 8:00 am

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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 Pius And St Anthony Churches,

1st Sunday Advent Year A Matt 24:37-44

Do you think we are living in the end times? I have been asked that more in the past couple of years, than I have ever before as I have served as a priest in ministry. My usual response is, "I don't know, and don't have any secret knowledge from God indicating that these are the 'last days' but shouldn't we all live every day as if it's our last?" I understand that is how Jesus always answered such questions when people were trying to predict the end of the world. What if today was the end? Should I be spending a lot of time trying to figure out the 'last day'? Or should I better be getting to the business that needs doing now, and live it while I still can. In today's gospel Jesus says twice, "You just won't know when, until it comes upon you!" For example, in Matthew 24:42, He says, "you do not know on which day your Lord will come" and in Matthew 24:44, He adds "at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come." Jesus mentioned the tremendous surprise experienced by so many at the time of the great flood in Noah's day. He indicates that everything was business as usual (food, farm, marriage and commerce) until the flooding rains started and washed everything away. So, Jesus cautions us to prudence and vigilance, and that we should be prepared up front. Consider that each day may be our last day and have everything in the best order possible, just in case.

Hearing about Noah's time, a question I have always puzzled over, is whether Noah's neighbors were the slightest bit curious as to his incredible building project? Might they have wanted to discuss with Noah, his construction project? I figure that at least a few investor/ speculators might have been curious to see Noah's work as a prospective investment, and maybe ask him if they could 'get in' with his venture at the ground level (it would be easier then, than when the project gets afloat later!) I've always assumed that Noah's massive work had to have raised some alarm bells with neighbors. Maybe even if they were just concerned about his mental health, they might have come around and talked with him about what he was on his mind motivating him to build so large. It seems probable that his work would have led at least some others to consider their own 'lifeboat' plans or some back-up contingency to carry them through any possible bad turn of events. But, the times must have been so chaotic and sinfully self-centered that the mob didn't care or even notice at all. Perhaps since Noah's good example of virtue and moral living were being ignored by others, then he was also easily discredited and written off by the crowds. Until maybe the third week of rains! But too late!

Another puzzle to pray about: What do we make of the two men and two women, only of which in each pair makes it through the end times? Matthew 24:40-41 tells us that "Two men will be out in the field; one will be taken, and one will be left. Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken, and one will be left." On one level it humbles us to realize, there is presumptive no easy slide to escaping tribulation. But, prepare and work to be the one that escapes such ruin. I find the point of this 'one taken & one not' scenario to be that preparation for the END, is an internal matter. Both pairs of people are going about their daily work, yet only one in each pair is spared. So, escaping is not wrapped up in a specific external task or job. You may in the field, or you may be in the kitchen, the end will hit everywhere simultaneously. But one's internal preparedness is what matters. No matter the physical work I am involved in, I need my heart and soul to be open/ready to hear God's eternal call, whenever it may come. That someone working right alongside me will not make it, teaches me that my mind and heart need to be in the right place, not just my body in the right place. So readiness for the great end to come is not a matter of stockpiling earthly materials (the doomsday prepping industry) or some specific physical action, but it is more a matter of keeping an attentive spirit and a soul ready to flexibly adapt and move when the call comes in (for us to go out). I am not sure what Billy Joel meant by a 'New York State of Mind' since I've never been there, but I do know that Jesus is saying that we all need a 'heavenly state of soul' to make it there. Or similarly m, the Boy Scout Oath promises an overall readiness for all things, when they commit "To keep myself physically strong, mentally awake and morally straight. Attention! Peace, Fr Brian

Faith Formation Calendar for Youth FFY 2022-2023

Wednesday	Nov. 30	5:45 - 7:30	FFY/YM: Meal, Penance Service, Class	Parish Hall
Sunday	Dec. 4	2:00pm	First Reconciliation	Church
Wednesday	Dec 7	5:45 - 7:30	FFY: Meal, Class	Parish Hall
Wednesday	Dec 14	6:00-7:30	Prayer & Christmas Party	Church & Hall

Pray for our Diocesan Seminarians: Dcn Chris Grief, Dcn Chris Kight, (to be ordained priests May 20, 2023) & Mr Christopher French, Mr Conrad Jaconette & Mr Hunter LeBlanc

Prayer for Vocations: *God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women from the Diocese of Owensboro to serve in your Son's kingdom as priests, deacons, and religious. We pray that you continue to inspire young men and women to respond courageously to your call and give themselves generously to the Church in service of the Gospel. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon them to answer your call. We ask this in Christ our Lord.*

ATTN: SCRIPTURE READERS & LISTENERS

Lectio Divina Weekly Sessions

Beginning Wednesday, November 30th, 10 to 11 am @ St. Anthony of Padua, we will be gathering weekly for "Lectio Divina". It will be led by Judy Forsythe. Come and open God's Word in your heart and mind. Please call 612-245-3636

Fr Brian's Family Christmas Open House: Dec 4

Plan to stay around after 10:00 mass St Pius to enjoy visiting and sharing in some great holiday foods in the parish hall. My family will be down and are bringing some new recipes to share. Come, there's lots of food!



Birthdays & Anniversaries: Nov 27 – Dec 3



Happy Birthday! St. Pius X

December 02 Harrison Shupe
December 03 Mila Richardson

St. Anthony of Padua

November 29 Shannon Lucas
December 01 Grant Johnson
December 01 Laura Zamora

Happy Anniversary! St. Pius X

November 28 Steve & Nancy Glover

St. Anthony of Padua No anniversaries this week

Advent Devotional Blue Books: Be sure to pick up a daily blue book for your special advent prayer & meditation. They have interesting readings and background on Advent prayer & customs.

St Pius X Mass Assignments: Saturday, December 3, 2022

Servers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers / Greeters	Money Counters
Volunteer	Nancy Glover	Suzette Whittington Jeff Riedfort Charlotte Riedfort	Volunteer (Usher) Volunteer (Usher) Volunteer (Greeter) Volunteer (Greeter)	

Mass Assignments: Sunday, December 4, 2022

Addison Peterson Dominic Schiaretta	Mike Bowling	Jimmy Harbison Pam Hurst Amanda Scheidegger	Philip Scheidegger (Usher) Volunteer (Usher) Volunteer (Greeter)	Jan Waniel Jean Waniel
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Protect our Children: Report and Seek Help against Abuse: The safety of our children is the responsibility of every Christian. Anyone aware of the abuse of a person under the age of eighteen is required by law to report this to the proper state authorities local law enforcement or the Kentucky Child Abuse Hotline (toll-free: 1-877-597- 2331). To report abuse to the diocese, current or past, by anyone acting in the name of the Church (paid or volunteer), call Louanne Payne, Pastoral Assistance Coordinator (English) on the confidential phone line: 270-852-8380, or Susan Montalvo-Gesser/Miguel Quintanilla, Pastoral Assistance Coordinators (Spanish): 270-880-8360. The Diocese of Owensboro's sexual abuse policy is available this parish, on the bulletin board, in the parish office, and also on the diocesan website (<https://owensborodiocese.org/safe>).

Remember in Prayer

St. Pius X: Derwood Doyle, Joe Hedges, Jerry Wade, Katie Wood, Joanna Grimes, Amanda Bailey, Kathryn Bailey Kaileigh Row, Dolly Bardsley, Pam Laibl, Chevelle Allen, David Kroll, Mary Jane Inman, Todd Inman, Henry Feezor, Jerry & Sissy Wommack, John Campbell, Lisa Hammond, Rose Grossius, Bennett Meisenheimer, Jim & Rose Drury, 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, Matthew Black, Helen Bennett, Catherine Broks, Michelle Freeman, Stacey Newby, Bette Zilligen, Ric Vaughn, Susan Sloan, Donny Travis, Betty Derry, Scott Hamilton, Connie Burt and family, Abigail Huebschmann, Lucas Hebner, Ericka Karpstein, Joanna Cooper, Angel Thompson, Kaye Poyner, Bob & Lois Tashjian, Rita Cook, Juliette Kaplanes, Jack Bender, Penny Maupin, Don Kemp, Sharon Olejnicak, Tim Wilson, Beverly Dukes, Wallace Hunt, Phyllis White, Judy Krouse, Kerry Frazier, Rene Harrington, Lisa Doyle, Forrest Michael Teeters, Cameron Brewer, Hugo Santos, Sharon Gibbons, Wayne Viniard, Braydn Barnett, Elizabeth Witowski, Pam Dietz and their families

St. Anthony of Padua: David Reed, Joyce Noonan, Juan Gonzalez, Elena Carey, Donna & Jon Gresham, Bob Decker, Bill Rodgers, Tom & Margie Sheppard, Bob & Lois Tashjian, Mr. Driskill, Margaret Adams, Pat Gorbett, Imogene Ramey, Bob Lang and their families and caregivers.

Pray for Our Military

St. Pius X: Cameron Thomason, Julianne Utley, 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 of Padua: Joel Dumbacher, Matt Elder, Kathleen Erickson, Scott Erickson, Cory Erickson, Jason Huber, James A. Kinsey, Jay Lockhart, Sarah Martindale, Devin McFadden, Rvan M. Fields, LeAnne Neal, and Kousuke Sasaki.

St. Pius X

Mass Intentions November 28 – December 4		
Tuesday	6:00 pm	Thomas Caestecker, Sr
Wednesday	8:00 am	John & Florence Sharkey
Thursday	8:00 am	Kurt Schmidt
Friday	8:00 am	Karen Elder
Saturday	4:30 pm	Bernie & Pat Fendler
Sunday	10:00 am	Dora Clarke

WEEKLY DONATIONS

Parish Hall Donation (11/20/22)	\$ 175.00
Budget for 2022/2023 Fiscal Year (July 2022-June 2023)	\$ 190,000.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 3,653.58
Weekly Donation (11/20/22)	\$ 1,460.00
Online Giving (11/20/22)	\$ 1,129.00
Total Week's Gift Offering 11/20	\$ 2,589.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 81,259.96



Early Church Fathers:

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

December Events around Church

- Dec 4 Fr Brian Christmas Open House
- Dec 4 FFY Students' First Penance
- Dec 14 Wed FFY Christmas Party
- Dec 18 KC Breakfast w/ Santa & Gifts!

Be sure to check out the Advent Angel Tree and help the children's gift program or charity!

Parish Council

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

(Yrs left in term)

Next Meeting January 17 @ 4:30 pm

Bereavement Committee

Fran Dacus

St. Anthony of Padua

Mass Intentions November 28 – December 4		
Wednesday	9:00 am	Dr Sidney Edds
Friday	9:00 am	James Rodney Wheatley
1 st Saturday	8:00 am	John & Sue Mudd
Sunday	8:00 am	Helen Krivan

WEEKLY DONATIONS

Budget 2022/2023 Fiscal Year	\$ 73,500.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 1,413.46
Weekly Donation (11/20/2022)	\$ 775.00
Spec Coll- Campaign Human Dev	200.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 33,186.00

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

Livingston County Helping Hands



Food Items Especially Needed: **Hamburger Helper**, mac and cheese, 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, baby wipes, feminine hygiene products. Collection container is in back of the church for your donated items.

St Anthony Mass Assignments – December 4, 2022

Lector	Darin Adrian
Eucharistic Ministers	Steve Wilkes Mike Drury
Prayers of the Faithful	
Ushers/Greeters	David Loxley Kippling Spencer
Server	Juan Gonzalez
Money Counters	Shara Parish Kevin Diamond

Centering Prayer Group:Thursdays at 10:00 am

Interested in **Centering Prayer**? Thursdays in St Pius Library, we will have an Advent series of teaching and practice on **Centering Prayer**. We will have a short 20 min video & 10 min discussion before each session

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| Mike Drury | Chair Person |
| Debbie Owens | Secretary/Family Life |
| Shara Parish | Finance |
| Kelly Noonan | Building & Ground |
| David Loxley | Social Concerns/Events |
| Steve Wilkes | Spirituality/Faith Formation |

Next Meeting Wednesday December 7 @ 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.
- + **ANointing 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