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**Feast of the Transfiguration Year A Matthew 17:1-9**



"Jesus took Peter, James, and his brother, John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, conversing with him. Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud cast a shadow over them, then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." When the disciples heard this, they fell prostrate and were very much afraid. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and do not be afraid." And when the disciples raised their eyes, they saw no one else but Jesus alone. As they were coming down from the mountain, Jesus charged them, "Do not tell the vision to anyone until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

**Excerpt of 'The Transfiguration'**

By Edwin Muir

So from the ground we felt that virtue branch  
Through all our veins till we were whole, our wrists  
As fresh and pure as water from a well,  
Our hands made new to handle holy things,  
The source of all our seeing rinsed and cleansed  
Till earth and light and water entering there  
Gave back to us the clear unfallen world.  
We would have thrown our clothes away for lightness,  
But that even they, though sour and travel stained,  
Seemed, like our flesh, made of immortal substance,  
And the soiled flax and wool lay light upon us  
Like friendly wonders, flower and flock entwined  
As in a morning field. Was it a vision?  
Or did we see that day the unseeable  
One glory of the everlasting world  
Perpetually at work, though never seen.....

**Eucharistic Renewal Meditation**

**"See what you believe..become what you see"**

"If you, therefore, are Christ's body and members, it is your own mystery that is placed on the Lord's table! It is your own mystery that you are receiving! You are saying 'Amen' to what you are: your response is a personal signature, affirming your faith. When you hear 'The body of Christ', you reply 'Amen.' Be a member of Christ's body, then, so that your "Amen" may ring true!"

St. Augustine, Sermon 272

**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](http://www.stpiusx.us)*

**Daily Scripture Readings**

*Sunday July Aug 6*

*Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9*

*Monday Nm 11:4b-15/Mt 14:13-21*

*Tuesday Nm 12:1-13/Mt 14:22-36*

*WednesdayNm 13:1-2, 14:1,26-35/Mt 15:21-28*

*Thursday 2 Cor 9:6-10/Jn 12:24-26*

*Friday Dt 4:32-40/Mt 16:24-28*

*Saturday Dt 6:4-13/Mt 17:14-20*

**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**

Saturday 6:00 pm

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 Anthony & St Pius Families,

Feast of the Transfiguration Year A

Matthew 17:1-9

Happy Transfiguration Feast! The last time we heard this gospel about Jesus' Transfiguration was back in March when we were in the liturgical desert of Lent (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent). This time around we may feel more at home in the desert, with our near-100 degree temperatures outside. Yet, we may also feel disoriented by the seemingly mirage of time's quick passing. It feels like only yesterday that it was March. Yet, what a transformation from then until now! Just a glimpse of how things can change (from Lent to Easter and Winter to Summer!) But, that is precisely the lesson of the Transfiguration of Jesus: that Jesus brings conversion of life and transformative change to us.

Jesus' transfiguration accomplishes three things. It 1) Identifies Jesus as God Incarnate, it 2) Identifies Peter, James & John as Jesus' pick for leadership positions & it 3) Empowers Peter, James & John and all of us as disciples to rise above our own small lives so as to let Christ shine through us.

First, by identifying Jesus as God himself, this transfiguration scene mirrors other great revelatory theophanies in scripture (God-Appearances similar to what Moses, Elijah & Israelites received). This magnificent manifestation of God induces wonder and awe in whoever witnesses it. Jesus emanates radiant white light as bright as the sun! "His face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light" (Matthew 17:2) This is similar to the divine appearances to Moses in the burning bush, "*LORD appeared to him as fire flaming out of a bush. When he looked, although the bush was on fire, it was not being consumed*" (Exodus 3:2) Also, Elijah receives such a theophany when God came to him as "*a fiery chariot and fiery horses came between the two of them, and Elijah went up to heaven in a whirlwind*" (2Kings 2:11) The Israelites too, received such a divine visitations, as when "*the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the blast of the shofar and the mountain smoking, they became afraid and trembled*" (Exodus 20:18).

Secondly, Jesus' transfiguration singles out Peter James and John as marked for unique leadership to join the company of the great Moses & Elijah. But we might ask why there is not a third OT figure with Moses & Elijah (like David or Joshua) to make a complementary parallel for the three of Peter, James and John. Well, Jesus is the third Himself, and this lineup proves that He perfectly embodies the best of Moses and Elijah and completes/fulfills the Law of Prophets of the Old Testament. There is no comparison among New Testament leaders & Old Testament leaders. This asymmetry (two OT figures and three NT figures) is Jesus' way of preventing the apostles from arrogantly abusing their leadership. Jesus is telling them, that He is the One. They will lead, but He will be leading in them. They will be serving in His Name. He is to work within them. Of course, that requires Peter James and John to grow beyond themselves, to transcend their little selves, and be raised up to Jesus' own witness in them.

Which, thirdly, bring us to the third accomplishment of the Transfiguration. We are called to transcend ourselves and be changed into the image of Christ by our sacrifices of love and service in His Name, too. Baptism initiates this Christ-life in us. As St Paul says in Galatians 2:20 "yet I live, no longer I, but Christ lives in me". Encountering Christ, accepting Him and letting Him live through us, means that we must rise to the mind and life of Christ, being transfigured ourselves, or reoriented to that 'greater than ourselves' that is life beyond us (other-centered). Philippians 2:5 tells us to "Have among yourselves the same attitude that is also yours in Christ Jesus" and Romans 12:2 says that we are "not to conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God." Accepting and living for Christ means that we let His light work in us. We are changed by it. Christ transfigures us and asks us to see beyond ourselves. In Matthew 5:16, Jesus says, "let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father." Jesus calls us to be re-newed in Him, to be Christ-like to others. As Colossians 3:9-10 says, "since you have taken off the old self with its practices, put on the new self, which is being renewed, for knowledge, in the image of its creator." Then in Christ's light, we too are transfigured-transformed. The more light, the more like Christ. And it only gets better and brighter with Him. 1 John 3:2 states that "while what we shall be has not yet been revealed fully. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is...."

Peace, Fr Brian

### **St Pius X Parish Council Meeting Wed @ 5:30 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!

# AUGUST 6, 2023 + FEAST OF TRANSFIGURATION YEAR A

## St Pius X Mass Intentions August 7 – August 13

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>	<b>Bob Darst</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>Mark Fredrick</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>Gloria Eisner</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>Jim Weindel</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>4:30 pm</b>	<b>Linda Mae Elder</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Bill Huebschmann</b>

### WEEKLY DONATIONS

<b>Parish Hall Donation (7/31/23)</b>	<b>\$ 186.00</b>
<b>Budget for 2022/2023 Fiscal Year (July 2023-June 2024)</b>	<b>\$ 195,000.00</b>
<b>Donation Need Each Week</b>	<b>\$ 3,750.00</b>
<b>Weekly Donation (7/31/23)</b>	<b>\$ 2,015.00</b>
<b>Online Giving (7/31/23)</b>	<b>\$ 1,141.00</b>
<b>Total Week's Gift Offering 7/31</b>	<b>\$ 3,156.00</b>
<b>Fiscal Year to Date</b>	<b>\$ 22,170.64</b>

## Mt St Joseph Quilt Bingo Returns – Sept 10

Sunday, Sept. 10, we will play Quilt Bingo. Players have the chance to win choice of a variety of quilts. 12:30 p.m. Bingo from 1 p.m.-4 p.m. Tickets for Bingo are \$25 per person, to include lunch. Bingo cards are \$1 a game for small quilt prize or \$2 per game for large quilt prize. Seating is limited, email [carol.braden-clarke@maplemount.org](mailto:carol.braden-clarke@maplemount.org) to rsvp a seat

## Knights Columbus Charity Golf Tournament

Saturday August 26 @ Drake Creek Golf Club 8:00am 4-person scramble \$320 per team, includes cart, green fee, beverages-snacks in play & lunch after play, Lots of prizes! Deadline to register August 21. Please see forms on church tables. or contact Steve Glover.

## Birthdays & Anniversaries: Aug 6 –Aug 12

### Happy Birthday! St. Pius X

August 6	Suzette Whittington
August 7	Dominic Schiaretto
August 8	Jan Waniel
August 8	Greg Williams
August 9	Nannette Frizzell
August 12	Meg Outland

### Happy Anniversary! St. Pius X

August 7	Leon & Penny Hobbs
August 12	Dennis & Theresa Wilson

## St Pius X Church Picnic Dinner & Games for Kids and Adults

**Sunday August 20:** Plan to come enjoy a great time having a parish dinner together and stay for some games/prizes for the kids! Adults, too! It will be a wonderful social time to catch up and visit awhile outside under the pavilion or the shade of trees! Check out the different sign up sheets for what to bring & share!

## St Pius X Mass Assignments: Saturday, August 12, 2023

Servers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers / Greeters	Money Counters
Volunteer	Dawn Whitt	Jeff Riedfort Charlotte Riedfort Paula Schmidt	Volunteer (Usher) Volunteer (Usher) Volunteer (Greeter) Volunteer (Greeter)	

## Mass Assignments: Sunday, August 13, 2023

Anthony Schiaretto Franky Schiaretto	Marty Darst	Kelli King Pam Hurst Patti Langford	Usher Volunteer Usher Volunteer	Mary Ann Huebschmann Kathy Smith
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**The Eucharistic Renewal in our Church continues!** I want to thank Rich Derry for serving as our parishes' coordinator of the Acts 2:42 Eucharistic Renewal Groups. In September, we will begin small group meetings to deepen our understanding of Eucharist and share faith with one another. Meetings will include a monthly video for Bishop Medley, catechesis, prayer and discussion on the Holy Eucharist. Watch for sign-ups and come learn!



### Remember in Prayer

**St. Pius X:** James Poat, Rick Wilson, Wade Barnes, Elizabeth Curtner, Ashley Hayden, Donna Barrix, David Crass, Beth Strutzel, Jason Long, Helen Nicholson, Larry Kline, Bonita Walker, Joe Hedges, Jerry Wade, Katie Wood, Joanna Grimes, Amanda Bailey, Kathryn Bailey, Kaileigh Row, Dolly Bardsley, Pam Laibl, David Kroll, Henry Feezor, Jerry & Sissy Wommack, 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, Helen Bennett, Catherine Brooks, Stacey Newby, Bette Zilligen, Ric Vaughn, Donny Travis, Betty Derry, Scott Hamilton, Connie Burt, Abigail Huebschmann, Lucas Hebner, Ericka Karpstein, Joanna Cooper, Angel Thompson, Kaye Poyner, Bob Tashjian, Rita Cook, Juliette Kaplans, Jack Bender, Penny Maupin, Don Kemp, Sharon Olejnicak, Tim Wilson, Beverly Dukes, Wallace Hunt, Judy Krouse, Kerry Frazier, Rene Harrington, Forrest Michael Teeters, Cameron Brewer, Stefanie Wilkerson-Barragan, Hugo Santos, Sharon Gibbons, Braydn Barnett, Elizabeth Witowski, Pam Dietz.

### 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 Page Announcements**

**Quilters group** at St Anthony Every Tuesday:  
Contact Georgia Bradshaw for details. Quilters gather and work on their community quilt together. Come and join in their labor of love for their church family

**Congratulations, Merlin Ray!** Merlin won the Quilt Club's recent homemade Quilt Raffle!

Also, Thank you Quilters for your wonderful work to benefit the church by your hard work, Thank you for the **\$741.00** that the raffle made to benefit St Pius Parish Hall Fund! Awesome Contribution!

**Needed: Help:** A Parishioner is in need of a driver to some doctor appointments in Paducah. Please call/let Fr Brian know if you would be available to help with transportation or rides.

**Pray for our Seminarians Conrad Jaconette & Christopher French**

Lord Jesus, we thank you for calling these men to serve in your Son's kingdom. May their hearts overflow with Your compassion, understanding, and generosity, and may their desire to serve You inspire others to answer Your call. Lord Jesus, give our seminarians the grace to follow You more perfectly. Let them be encouraged by the fact they are never alone as they are adopted in prayer by parishioners across the Diocese of Owensboro who never cease to pray for them. In Jesus' Name.

**Stress in Your Marriage?** Retrouvaille is a program for married couples that feel bored, disillusioned, frustrated, or angry in their marriage. Some experience coldness, others experience conflict. Most don't know how to change the situation or communicate with spouse about it. For info about it confidentially or to register for the next weekend on Sept 8-10 call 800-470-2230 or email: nrv3043@gmail.com or visit the web site at [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com)



**St Anthony Birthdays Aug 6 – Aug 13**

August 09      Shara Parish

**Anniversaries:**

August 09      Darin & Lisa Adrian

August 12      Paul & Diane Quayle

**Lectio Divina Weekly Sessions**

Every Wednesday @ St. Anthony of Padua, we gather for weekly "Lectio Divina" sessions. Come and open God's Word in your heart & mind. We have workbooks available



**St. Anthony of Padua**

**Mass Intentions**

**August 7 – August 13**

<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Joan Hunt</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Jorge Alegre</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>	<b>Richard &amp; Virginia Klohr</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>Nancy Rodgers</b>

**WEEKLY DONATIONS**

Budget 2022/2023 Fiscal Year (July 2023-June 2024)	<b>\$ 73,500.00</b>
Donation Need Each Week	<b>\$ 1,413.46</b>
Weekly Donation 7/30/2023)	<b>\$ 1,494.00</b>
Fiscal Year to Date	<b>\$ 13,557.16</b>

***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 – August 13, 2023**

<b>Lector</b>	Shara Parish
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Pat Gorbett Mike Drury
<b>Ushers/Greeters</b>	David Loxley Kevin Diamond
<b>Server</b>	Juan Gonzalez
<b>Money Counters</b>	Shara Parish Kevin Diamond

**St Anthony Prayer List:** Betty Gonzalez, Elena Carey, Donna & Jon Gresham, Bob Decker, Bill Rodgers, Tom & Margie Sheppard, Bob Tashjian, Mr. Driskill, Margaret Adams, Pat Gorbett, Ed Derringe, Imogene Ramey, Bob Lang and their families/caregivers.

**Prav for our Military**

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**

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    **Wed Aug 9 @ 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:** 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:stpiusx@stpiusx.us)