

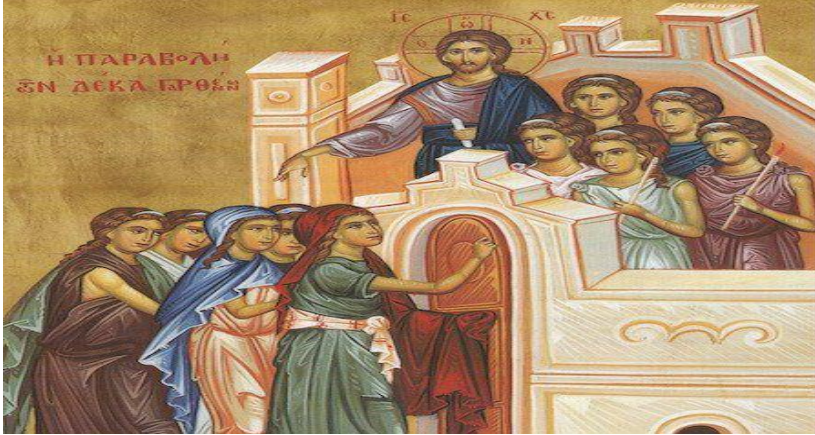


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32nd Sunday Ordinary Time Year A Matthew 25:1-13



“Jesus told his disciples this parable: "The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were wise. The foolish ones, when taking their lamps, brought no oil with them, but the wise brought flasks of oil with their lamps. Since the bridegroom was long delayed, they all became drowsy and fell asleep. At midnight, there was a cry, 'Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!' Then all those virgins got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish ones said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise ones replied, 'No, for there may not be enough for us and you. Go instead to the merchants and buy some for yourselves.' While they went off to buy it, the bridegroom came and those who were ready went into the wedding feast with him. Then the door was locked. Afterwards the other virgins came and said, 'Lord, Lord, open the door for us!' But he said in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.' Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

Excerpt from 'Parable XIV – Ten Virgins'

By Christopher Smart

When Christ shall come to claim his own.
In these ten virgins Christ recites
Five senses in two different lights.
The wise are passions kept on guard;
The foolish ones are mercies marr'd.
The touch, the taste, the sight, the smell,
The sense of hearing will rebel,
Not kept from wand'ring and mischance
By all attentive vigilance.
So they that every sense degrade,
What time the thoughts of death invade,
On any crutch, however mean,
In spite of Christ the word would lean.....

.....And spoil that incense God desires,
Which through the lips to heav'n aspires;
Wretches like these would all to Rome,
And go to them that sell perfume,
And to the man of sin apply,
These pardons and indulgence buy:
But Christ against the fools, that put
Their trust in man, his door has shut

Acts 2:42 Group: *Note location Change*
Session #3 is **Sunday December 3, at St Pius Calvert City** at 1:30 pm & hosted by leaders **Ed & Tammy Georgen**. Come deepen your experience of Christ's Real Presence!



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

Visit our Website www.stpiusx.us

Daily Scripture Readings

Sunday November 12
Wis 6:12-16/1 Thes 4:13-18/Mt 25:1-13
Monday Wis 1:1-7/Lk 17:1-6
Tuesday Wis 2:23-3:9/Lk 17:7-10
Wednesday Wis 6:1-11/Lk 17:11-19
Thursday Wis 7:22b-8:1/Lk 17:20-25
Friday Wis 13:1-9/Lk 17:26-37
Saturday Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Lk 18:1-8

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
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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,

32nd Sunday Ordinary Time Year A

Matthew 25:1-13

Locked out! Have you ever been locked out? Right after I was ordained, my first assignment was with a new pastor who was also brand new to the parish we went to serve. Not long before we moved into the rectory, it had been broken into by burglars, so all of the locks were changed and there was only one deadbolt key, and guess who got it? Not me! And since the pastor would lock the deadbolt as he was going to bed, one night as I had gone on a quick 'cookie and milk run' to Kroger (really!), he deadbolted the door on me. With surprise then, I unlocked the bottom tab and pushed in, just smashing myself against the door that didn't budge. What? Locked out! I assure you, it wasn't even ten o'clock or so? The rest of the story can come another time, and a lot more of them, but the bottom line was that since the rectory had just been broken into, I was hesitant to try my 'entry skills' slipping through the basement windows! So, I had to make the call, waking him to come down and open up for me. But it was a 'distressing feeling' being locked out! (*Yes, that experience lit a fire to have a key made/given to me!*)

We hear about five wise virgins, and five foolish ones in our gospel parable today, who are awaiting a groom to arrive and wedding to begin! Since it is at night, the maidens need to keep their lamps handy and lit with some back-up oil for refills. We can wonder whether the virgins are potential brides for the groom (like an ancient episode of bachelor), or if they are attendants serving as bridesmaids for the wedding. Either way, they need to be ready when the groom arrives, and obviously five of them weren't prepared. They had their personal lamp with them, (good!), but they were only half-ready with no extra oil on hand (bad!) I don't know how many weddings they had ever attended before, but did they expect the wedding to 'start on time'? Does that ever happen? So, they are caught off guard and need to refill their lamps with oil before going off with the wedding party. They ask for help (good), but maybe the wise virgins have already poured oil from flasks into their lamps and it is too dangerous trying to fill a lamp with oil from another lamp while they are both lit! So at this point, sharing oil is not possible (bad). But the wise virgins help by encouraging them to go buy some from merchants in town (maybe it's a contact friend with a deal of best priced oil). Yet, while they are out catching up, the festivities begin. For security (& prevent party-crashing), the door is locked. And they miss out.

Especially as we near the final chapters of Matthew's gospel, we hear such cautionary parables calling us to be alert and prepared for Christ's coming again because the time will always be unknown (similar to Matthew 24:45-51's parable that tells about servants **surprised** by their Master's return). So if we do not know when Christ is coming back, we need to be prepared and ready all the time, assuming that any moment will be His actual return. Almost like having a constant contingency plan for hosting unexpected guests, or a 'bug-out bag' packed for surprise but necessary departures, we need to always be ready to receive Christ and welcome Him at His second coming (whenever that is-NOW)!

A final little note about the virgins' lamps: Some people interpret the refusal of sharing oil among the virgins to be the result of the how individual the lamps would be for each virgin. That the oil and the lamp of each one is non-transferable. Like a personal ID, the lamp comes to identify each of the individual virgins and so any one of them could not have given away such a personal mark (it wouldn't be genuine-like worn in shoes that fit just so). Certainly in that time of history (without electricity and no type of public lighting), a person's own light lamp was a lifeline – to see and walk the path and to show one's face for recognition by others. What might they say but that without a light, you are in the dark (Thank you Fr Obvious!) But seriously, a person's customized, individual lamp was how one got around, not to mention how one might use it to light a fire for warmth or cook for food. But a personal light could also symbolize one's own God-given 'inner lamp' or 'inner spark' like Proverbs 20:27 says, "A lamp from the LORD is human life-breath; it searches through the *inmost being*." Might our 'inner lamp' or internal flame of faith, be our God-given soul, also called conscience? If so, we must be alert to keep it lit! Jesus Himself says in Luke 11:35-36, "Take care, then, that **the light in you** does not become darkness. If your whole body is full of light, and no part of it is in darkness, then it will be as full of light as a lamp illuminating you with its brightness." Peace and Prayers, Fr Brian

St Pius X Parish Council Meeting Thurs @ 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!

St Pius X Mass Intentions November 13 – November 19		
Tuesday	6:00 pm	Jean Bailey
Wednesday	8:00 am	Gloria Eisner
Thursday	8:00 am	Dr Jorge Alegre
Friday	8:00 am	Bob Darst
Saturday	4:30 pm	Nancy Rodgers
Sunday	10:00 am	Mary & Lary Knox
WEEKLY DONATIONS		
Parish Hall Donation (11/05/23)	\$	260.00
Budget for 2022/2023 Fiscal Year (July 2023-June 2024)	\$	195,000.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$	3,750.00
Weekly Donation (11/05/23)	\$	3,824.00
Online Giving (11/05/23)	\$	2,074.00
Total Week's Gift Offering 11/05	\$	5,898.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$	84,380.90

Lunch Bunch Thanksgiving Thursday November 16
Come enjoy a great lunch and program for Lunch Bunch this month. 11:30 am St Pius Parish Hall

Young Adult Hiking Retreat
2 NIGHTS/2 DAYS/23 MILES

The Journey
"Solvitur Ambulando
in walking, it is solved."
ST. AUGUSTINE

Office of Young Adult Ministry
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Marcella's Kitchen Thanksgiving Food Drive:
Please pick up a paper bag to take home and fill with groceries to help make Thanksgiving baskets for give-away from Marcella's Kitchen in November. Fill the bags with any canned goods, cereal, crackers & non-perishables.

- Birthdays & Anniversaries: Nov 12 – Nov 18**
- Happy Birthday! St. Pius X**
- November 14 Erin Hamilton
 - November 14 Cameron Thomason
 - November 15 Kathy Canup
 - November 16 Eastin Devine
 - November 16 Mary Jane Haley
 - November 18 Olga Edwards
 - November 18 Ashley Peterson
 - November 18 Pat Schuld
- Happy Anniversary! St. Pius X**
- November 15 David & Vicki Spencer
 - November 19 James & Shirley Poat

St Pius X Mass Assignments: Saturday, Nov 18, 2023				
Servers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers / Greeters	Money Counters
Volunteer	Paula Schmidt	Kurt Schmidt Charlotte Riedfort Suzette Whittington	Volunteer (Usher) Volunteer (Usher) Volunteer (Greeter) Volunteer (Greeter)	
Mass Assignments: Sunday, Nov 19, 2023				
Franky Schiaretti	Philip Scheiber	Teresa Newman Marcus Newman Patty Langford	Usher Volunteer Usher Volunteer	Andy Ferm Sherry Ferm

Wednesday	Nov 15	6:00 – 7:30	FFY Meal and Class	Parish Hall
Wednesday	Nov 22	BREAK	HAPPY THANKSGIVING BREAK	
Wednesday	Nov. 29	6:00 - 7:30	Meal and Class	Parish Hall
Sunday	Dec. 3	2:00pm	First Reconciliation Service	Church
Wednesday	Dec. 6	6:00 - 7:30	Meal, Reconciliation Service for FFY	Hall & Church
Wednesday	Dec. 13	6:00 - 7:30	Christmas Partv	Parish Hall

Remember in Prayer

St. Pius X: Diane Fischer, Joanne Schmidt, Mark Gamble, Paula Willett, Kent & Kim Henry, Linda Womer, Charlotte Riedfort, Leah Vincek, Rick Wilson, James Poat, Richard Warmowski, 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, 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 Broks, Stacy Newby, Bette Zilligen, Ric Vaughn, Donny Travis, Betty Dery, Scott Hamilton, Connie Burt, Abigail Huebschmann, Lucas Hebner, Ericka Karpstein, Joanna Cooper, Angel Thompson, Kaye Poyner, Bob Tashjian, Rita Cook, Jack Bender, Penny Maupin, Don Kemp, Sharon Olejnicak, Tim Wilson, Beverly Dukes, 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

St. Anthony Page Announcements

Quilters group at St Pius 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

St. Gianna Crisis Pregnancy Home, with the blessing of Bishop Medley, plans to open its doors in Bowling Green, Kentucky in 2024, a residential program for expecting mothers in crisis. Please visit our website to learn more: www.stgiannacph.org

Needed Donations: Sew on Velcro (any size) needed for a Diaper Project for Children in an orphanage in the Philippines. Contact Georgia Hunsley (St Anthony Church) at 402-920-0108 for more info. Baskets by church doors to collect the velcro.

Pray for our Diocesan Seminarians

Conrad Jaconette, Hunter Dickens, 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.

First Friday Sacred Heart Devotion: After Friday 9:00 am mass, we hold a Holy Hour of Adoration, with confession available, followed by Benediction.

First Saturdays Honor the Blessed Mother: Be sure to come to First Saturday Mass on December 2 @ 8:00am. Every first Saturday we offer mass and pray the rosary



St Anthony Birthdays Nov 12 – Nov 1

November 15 Wayne Bradshaw

Anniversaries:

No anniversaries this week

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

November 13 – November 19

Wednesday	9:00 am	Sally Anne Klohr
Friday	9:00 am	Rita & Thomas Marshall
Sunday	8:00 am	Archie Drury

WEEKLY DONATIONS

Budget 2022/2023 Fiscal Year (July 2023-June 2024)	\$ 73,500.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 1,413.46
Weekly Donation 11/5/2023)	\$ 1,789.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 39,907.65

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: *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, baby wipes, feminine hygiene products. Collection container is in back of the church for your donated items.

St Anthony Mass Assignments – November 19, 2023

Lector	Wayne Bradshaw
Eucharistic Ministers	Mike Drury Steve Wilkes
Ushers/Greeters	Kevin Diamond Kelly Noonan
Server	Juan Gonzalez
Money Counters	Shara Parish Kevin Diamond

CONSIDER ATTENDING DAILY MASS

St Anthony Prayer List: Cathy Ritorto, 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.

Pray 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 January 17 @ 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