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23rd Sunday Ordinary Time Year A Matthew 18:15-20



"Jesus said to his disciples: "If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, so that 'every fact may be established on the testimony of two or three witnesses.' If he refuses to listen to them, tell the church. If he refuses to listen even to the church, then treat him as you would a Gentile or a tax collector. Amen, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again, amen, I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

Excerpt of 'In the Name of Jesus Christ'

By Claudia Cranston

In the name of Jesus Christ—
To whom the sea is as a drop of water,
And a flock of dust the land;
To whom the pinions of an eagle are a fan,
And the shadow of a mountain as the shadow of his hand.

I asked for wings in the morning;
Plumed they were, like an eagle for a great ascent;
I asked for wings at night,
And they were folded like a flag when the wind is spent.

I asked in the morning for power,
And it crashed like the tide of the sea over the reverberant floor;
In the evening I asked for peace,
And it rested like the shadow of a mountain upon a quiet shore.

For I asked in the name of Jesus Christ,
To whom the sheaves of shining stars
Are but a harvest ripe for reaping;
To whom the four winds of Heaven
Are but a lullaby for sleeping.....



ACTS 2:42 GROUPS
LIVING THE EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

Our Monthly ACTS 2:42 Eucharistic Revival
Continues at **1:30 pm Sunday October 1**, in
the St Pius Parish Hall. Sign-up sheets in the
vestibule, or just show up. Come, Live Your
Catholic Faith. Munchies are Provided.

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 September 10

Ez 33:7-9/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20

Monday Col 1:24—2:3/Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday Col 2:6-15/Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday Col 3:1-11/Lk 6:20-26

Thursday Nm 21:4b-9/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

Friday 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Jn 19:25-27

Saturday 1 Tm 1:15-17/Lk 6:43-49

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,

23rd Sunday Ordinary Time Year A

Matthew 18:15-20

"Father, forgive them, they know not what they do" (Luke 23:34). It has always struck me so deeply that Jesus offers forgiveness for the people persecuting & killing Him, even as they are still actively committing sins against Him (& *is He forgiving them for sins not even committed yet?*) ***What wondrous love is this!*** Jesus sets the example of eliminating sin's destructiveness, by purging it completely and continuously from every human heart. Sin is always seeking to get a hold in our heart, either through our own sin or the sin of another person inflicted upon us. This may surprise us, but even the sins of other people can cause harmful effects upon us, by our own participation due to our response to their sin. If someone sins against me, that same sin can doubly damage both that other person and me (through their active harm to me but also lead me to sin passively by my reaction to them). Sin poisons everything it touches. For example, how I respond to a sin committed against me, can add a multiplier-effect to the person's initiating sin (original sin!) Who would have thought, but that other person's sinful act tempts me also to commit sin myself? For example, if their offense against me leads me to nurse a grudge and desire a vindictive punishment against them, then sinful hate has slipped into my heart and whispered sweet vengeance to me. Further, if I entertain such malicious desires, then I am sinning and contributing to more sin in the world. So, Jesus says we have to eliminate such hate and sin even from our own hearts (Matt 5:22 *"But I say to you, whoever is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment"*). That is our responsibility to stop sin's reach into our heart. Jesus doesn't want sin to find any place to root in the human heart. So, Jesus gives a four-step method of forgiveness in today's gospel, to ensure that even the sin of another person doesn't poison us by the hatred it can breed in our own hearts. I don't need to add to another's sin, by brooding on their injury to me and letting that sin additionally corrupt me. When I do that, I am growing sin, letting sin live off my soul's energy, and that takes strength away from any good-will in me. So, Jesus says, "Purge it! Do not allow sin any foothold in your own heart." His command is "Forgive, and forgive and forgive". He offers a fourfold process today, calling us to try and try again to bring about healing and forgiveness. The first step is to try and talk it out one on one. If that doesn't bear fruit, then try another meeting with fair, trusted mutual friends to help mediate a conversation. If that doesn't work, then try asking the church to pray for reconciliation. If that doesn't work, Jesus says that then we should treat them as 'Gentile or tax collector' (Mt 18:17). But that doesn't mean give up on them, because Jesus also said when He was attacked for eating with tax collectors and sinners, He said, "I did not come to call the righteous but sinners" (Matt 9:13). So, by saying treat them as a 'tax collector or sinner', it simply means that we have to go back to the drawing board and come up with more creative and unique ways to reach out and make peace with our brother!

In fact, the gospel verses immediately following today's reading, is where we hear Peter pop the question to Jesus about just how many times we must forgive. Peter asks, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive him? As many as seven times?" And Jesus answers saying, ***"Not seven times but seventy-seven times"*** (Matt 18:21-22). This seemingly exponential number is basically 'infinity', to the moon and back. ***Jesus is saying, "You just keep on forgiving and I'll let you know when it is enough."*** Why so much forgiveness? Because to withhold forgiveness means that we then bear the sin ourselves. What do they say about harboring vindictive grudges, but that it is like wishing your neighbor dead, but you are drinking the poison! Yes, if we respond with vengeance, our problem with the neighbor will go away, but only because we are taking ourselves down (***the hate will consume us*** and take us out of the equation). So, Jesus wants His disciples to be agents of forgiveness and reconciliation for others. This is why He calls us to 'love enemies and bless those who persecute you' (Luke 6:27-28). Christ's love can stop and reverse the downward tendency of sin wrecking every heart that it touches, like falling dominoes. Responding with love (forgiveness) subverts the power of sin, and stands against its destructive effects. The forgiveness we see in Christ upon the Cross says 'This sin stops with me.' Jesus steps in between, to mend the harm and convert sin to good. What sin would divide and destroy (our hearts-good and bad), Jesus brings together, mending and healing. As Ephesians 2:14 describes Jesus' Cross and its reconciling effect, it tells us *"For Christ is our peace, he who made both one and broke down the dividing wall of enmity, through his flesh...."* Love, even of our enemy, both keeps our heart pure and attempts to touch the hardened heart of the sinner to turn it back toward God. Love does that! St Paul says, in 1 Corinthians 13:7-8 "Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails." And St Peter tells us in 1 Peter 4:8 "love covers a multitude of sins".

Mav we, disciples of Jesus, forgive and love like He does us! Peace, Fr Brian

St Pius X Parish Council Meeting Thurs Sept 14 @ 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!

SEPTEMBER 10, 2023 + 23rd SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

St Pius X Mass Intentions September 11 – September 17

Tuesday	6:00 pm	Mary Dowdy
Wednesday	8:00 am	Dr Sidney Edds
Thursday	8:00 am	Charles & Diane Fischer
Friday	8:00 am	Mark Fredrick
Saturday	4:30 pm	Ann Weindel
Sunday	10:00 am	Joanne Nagiebauer

WEEKLY DONATIONS

Parish Hall Donation (9/3/23)	\$ 219.00
Budget for 2022/2023 Fiscal Year (July 2023-June 2024)	\$ 195,000.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 3,750.00
Weekly Donation (9/3/23)	\$ 4,916.00
Online Giving (9/3/23)	\$ 1,719.00
Total Week's Gift Offering 9/3	\$ 6,635.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 46,692.05

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. Bless their discernment & lead them to ordination .In Jesus' Name.

Happy Catechetical Sunday! We thank & bless our catechists today, recognizing their critical role in passing the faith on to our children through their work and witness in our classrooms! **Thank you Mrs Paula Schmidt, our Director & Guide!**

Birthdays & Anniversaries: Sep 10 –Sep 16

Happy Birthday! St. Pius X

September 10	Barbara Doughty
September 11	Kason Peterson
September 11	Larry Whitt
September 11	Kaylee Shupe
September 11	Kamie Pellegrin
September 12	Amanda Glover
September 12	Max Risley
September 15	Jamie Zaim

Happy Anniversary St. Pius X

September 10	Danny & Nikki Shea
September 17	Klint & Debra Boughton
September 17	Jerry & Kathy Sanderson



All women are invited to come and enjoy time together after Sunday Mass on Sept. 17th. Enjoy food, fellowship, faith-sharing and prayer.

St Pius X Mass Assignments: Saturday, Sept 16, 2023

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

Mass Assignments: Sunday, Sept 17, 2023

Kason Peterson Brayden Willett	Marty Darst	Patty Langford Teresa Newman Marcus Newman	Usher Volunteer Usher Volunteer	Andy Ferm Sherry Ferm
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Faith Formation for Youth FFY Schedule

Sunday	Sept. 10	11:00-12:00	First Reconciliation Class	Parish Hall
Wednesday	Sept. 13	6:00 - 7:30	Meal/Class (SE training 2-3 grades)	Parish Hall
Sunday	Sept. 17	10:00am	Catechist Sunday (Blessing Catechists)	Church
Wednesday	Sept. 20	6:00 - 7:30	Meal and Class (SE training K-1)	Parish Hall

Remember in Prayer

St. Pius X: 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, Chevelle Allen, 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, Stacy 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, Linda Womer, 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 McFadden, Benjamin Patton, Kousuke Sasaki, Noah Willett, Amanda Wojahn and Luke Jablonski.

St. Anthony Page Announcements

Update to Parish Directory: *Especially recent New Members*, we want to make sure you are added to our picture directory, so on Sunday Sept 17th, Ginny Reed will be taking photos to update our parish picture album! Please plan to have picture taken!

Mark Your Calendar: St Anthony Picnic Sept 17

Plan to come out for picnic at noon on Sept 17th at Little Lake Park Pavilion in downtown Grand Rivers.

Raffle of 'Retired' Mary Statue from out front

Recently we replaced the Statue of the Blessed Mother from out front on St Anthony Hill. The statue was badly in need of big repairs, but a new one was donated to the church to replace her. Since the old one is part of St Anthony history here, the council decided to offer a raffle of her to someone for a new home or for repairs. Chances are available in front of church before masses!

Hope Clinic Director Mrs Lisa Holland: We welcome Mrs Holland to be with us today at St Anthony Church and share her work protecting life and supporting expectant mothers who come to Hope Clinic, in Benton & Eddyville. Thank you for coming to inform of us, about your valuable pro-life ministry!

Our Lady of Sorrows: Friday Sept 15 Devotion

Following Mass on the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows, we will be offering the prayer devotion of a meditation on the Seven Sorrows of Mary. Plan to come and experience this prayer with Blessed Mother.



St Anthony Birthdays Sep 10 – Sep 16

September 11 Sam Rebich

Anniversaries:

September 11 Jeff & Cathy Ritorto
September 11 Robert & Tracey Tashjian
September 12 Wallace & Joyce Wilkinson
September 16 Bob & Dot Lang

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

September 11 – September 17

Wednesday	9:00 am	Joan Hunt
Friday	9:00 am	Danissa Lewis
Sunday	8:00 am	David Bausch

WEEKLY DONATIONS

Budget 2022/2023 Fiscal Year (July 2023-June 2024)	\$ 73,500.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 1,413.46
Weekly Donation 9/3/2023)	\$ 2,267.92
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 23,861.58

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 – September 17, 2023

Lector	Wayne Bradshaw
Eucharistic Ministers	Shara Parish Mike Drury
Ushers/Greeters	Kelly Noonan Kevin Diamond
Server	Cindy O'Brien
Money Counters	Shara Parish Kevin Diamond

CONSIDER ATTENDING DAILY MASS

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.

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 October 18 @ 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