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26<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time Year A Matthew 21:28-32



“Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: “What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He came to the first and said, ‘Son, go out and work in the vineyard today.’ He said in reply, ‘I will not,’ but afterwards changed his mind and went. The man came to the other son and gave the same order. He said in reply, ‘Yes, sir, but did not go. Which of the two did his father’s will?” They answered, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Amen, I say to you, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you. When John came to you in the way of righteousness, you did not believe him; but tax collectors and prostitutes did. Yet even when you saw that, you did not later change your minds and believe him.”

**It Tried to Prepare Me**

*By Hafiz*

The clear night sky tried to prepare me for  
What it knew would someday happen;  
It began to show me ever deeper aspects of  
Its splendor, and then one evening just directly  
Asked, Will you be able to withstand your own  
Magnificence?  
I thought I was just hearing things, until  
A spring orchard I was passing my days with  
At the height of its glory burst into song,  
About our -every human’s- destiny to burn  
With radiance.  
Still, I felt my ears, were playing tricks on me,  
Until the morning came when God tore apart  
My chest.....needing more room to bloom  
Inside.  
I began to roll through the streets in ecstasy  
Everyone thought I was crazy.  
I hope everyone someday knows how blessed  
I was. You will.



**ACTS 2:42 GROUPS**

LIVING THE EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

**Acts 2:42 Group:** Session #2 is **Sunday October 1, at 1:30 pm** in the St Pius Parish Hall, hosted by leaders Ed & Tammy Georgen. 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](http://www.stpiusx.us)*

**Daily Scripture Readings**

*Sunday October 1*

*Ez8:25-28/Phil 2:1-11/Mt 21:28-32  
Monday Zec 8:1-8 (455)/Mt 18:1-5, 10  
Tuesday Zec 8:20-23/Lk 9:51-56  
Wednesday Neh 2:1-8/Lk 9:57-62  
Thursday Neh 8:1-6, 7b-12/Lk 10:1-12  
Friday Bar 1:15-22/Lk 10:13-16  
Saturday Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Lk 10:17-24*

**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](http://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,

26<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time Year A

Matthew 21:28-32

**'Don't ask the scientist what he/she thinks about absolute truth, just observe how they work'.** The catholic theologian Fr Bernard Lonergan wrote that line to emphasize the truth we demonstrate or verify through our actions. He wrote a lot in the field of modern philosophy, bridging the gap between reason and faith, science & religion. With that statement above, he was referring to the 'objective truth' revealed in what we do. Our actions and 'doing' reveal our convictions more often than our talk and words. A scientist may advocate 'skepticism' about objective truth or he/she may espouse 'relativism' when it comes to what we can definitively know. But, when we observe and watch their actual research work, we find that they have faith in the scientific method (replicable and self-correcting), and that their whole project of studious discovery testifies to the fact that there is something 'objectively' to be found in it. Without getting too deep into Fr Lonergan's thought, he is basically saying that our **'actions speak louder than words'**! Or maybe we can say it this way, **'If you want to know what a person believes, watch how they act.'** The parable that Jesus teaches us in the gospel today, tells of two sons. One son says he will work but he doesn't follow through, and the other son says 'No way' but ends up going to work in the end. I think we all get it! **Say what you will, I am watching for results!** Jesus wants to see our faith in action, not just hearing us mouth our wishes to be His disciples! His call to action is "Follow me!" Like an old boss I had that always said, "Stop talking about it, and get to work!" The faithful son in Jesus' parable who actually followed the Father's command was the one who actually did the work, regardless of what he said earlier.

We call Jesus the "Word Made flesh' (John 1:14). I understand that to mean Jesus is the embodied Word of God, the enacted Word! The Word In DEED! All that Jesus taught, he fully demonstrated by His own life's work (Jesus' Sermon on the Mount was acted out in full display through every ministry encounter recorded in the gospels.) Like the first son in the Jesus' parable, there are a lot 'talkers' out there who have no intention of actually completing the job, (I hope you've never been put on a work crew with them!) and Jesus identified some of them in Matthew 23:3. He called out the Pharisees and Scribes as 'posers' and 'hypocrites', warning His apostles not to imitate them. Jesus said about them, "do and observe all the things whatsoever they tell you, but **do not follow their example. For they preach but they do not practice.**" The Pharisees said the right thing, they just never did it! Following Christ is more than words. Jesus also taught in Luke's gospel that being faithful to Him involves more than just using His Name and *talking* about Him to others. In Luke 6:46-48, Jesus said, "*Why do you call me, 'Lord, Lord,' but not do what I command? I will show you what someone is like who comes to me, listens to my words, and acts on them. That one is like a person building a house, who dug deeply and laid the foundation on rock; when the flood came, the river burst against that house but could not shake it because it had been well built.*" Of course, Jesus added in the next verse, that the 'hypocrite' who does not follow through on his word is "*like a person who built a house on the ground without a foundation. When the river burst against it, it collapsed at once and was completely destroyed*" (Lk 6:49).

So, our witness to Christ must be reflected in our way of life. We likely teach others who Jesus is, more successfully by our own lived example of His life. Maybe people who don't understand or accept Christ, they may be saying to us, "Don't just throw bible verses at me, Show me Jesus." They want to see action, a live-demonstration. I remember a prophetic woman at a Christian conference on stewardship one time sharing that publishing her checkbook ledger and appointment calendar, would be better proofs of her Christian witness (how she spent her time and money). That would demonstrate so much more convincingly her faithfulness, than anything she could say. Being humble (or not), she did not project any copies of the pages on the screen in her PowerPoint Presentation! But I take to heart, her insightful point that what we truly believe about Jesus, is proven in the records of how we spend our money and occupy our time! It is something to pray about and do something about!

Peace and Prayers, Fr Brian

**\*\*\*REMINDER: St Francis of Assisi, Blessing of Pets/Animals Wednesday October 4, 6:00 pm @ St Pius\*\*\***

**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!

<b>St Pius X Mass Intentions October 2 – October 8</b>		
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>	<i>Jean Bailey</i>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<i>Robert Hannegan Sr Family</i>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<i>James Hobbs</i>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<i>Dr Sidney Edds</i>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>4:30 pm</b>	<i>John E. Elder</i>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	<i>Mark Fredrick</i>
<b>WEEKLY DONATIONS</b>		
<b>Parish Hall Donation (9/24/23)</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>109.00</b>
Budget for 2022/2023 Fiscal Year <i>(July 2023-June 2024)</i>	<b>\$</b>	<b>195,000.00</b>
<b>Donation Need Each Week</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>3,750.00</b>
<b>Weekly Donation (9/24/23)</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>2,063.00</b>
<b>Online Giving (9/24/23)</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,116.00</b>
<b>Total Week's Gift Offering 9/24</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>3,179.00</b>
<b>Fiscal Year to Date</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>57,266.10</b>

**Open House: Saint Meinrad School of Theology**

School of Theology is hosting an open house for Graduate Theology Program in person on Saturday, October 14. See the campus, talk to current students, get questions answered, and get free accommodations if you attend in person. Register to attend by October 4. Registration and more detailed information about ministry degrees are at [www.saintmeinrad.edu/graduate-theology/open-house/](http://www.saintmeinrad.edu/graduate-theology/open-house/)

**Collection of Halloween Candy:** Baskets are in the vestibule for collecting bags of Halloween candy to be shared and distributed to children after masses on Halloween weekend. To help, see Deb Anspach.

**Birthdays & Anniversaries: Oct 1 – Oct 7**

**Happy Birthday! St. Pius X**

- October 2      Therese Luecke
- October 2      Lauren Shea
- October 3      Jimmy Hogancamp
- October 6      Wesley Duzmal

**Happy Anniversary! St. Pius X**

- October 4      Jeff & Charlotte Riedfort
- October 4      Chance & Allison Lucas
- October 5      Scott & Karen Coleman
- October 7      Stacey & Catherine Newby
- October 8      Silas & Maddie Traylor



**Women's Spirituality Group**

All women are invited to come and enjoy time together after Sunday Mass Oct 15. Enjoy food, fellowship, faith-sharing and prayer with each other

**St Pius X Mass Assignments: Saturday, Oct 7, 2023**

Servers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers / Greeters	Money Counters
Edward Georgen	Nancy Glover	Suzette Whittington Kurt Schmidt Paula Schmidt	Volunteer (Usher) Volunteer (Usher) Volunteer (Greeter) Volunteer (Greeter)	

**Mass Assignments: Sunday, Oct 8, 2023**

Franky Schiaretti	Mike Bowling	Amanda Scheidegger Patty Langford Caleb King	Usher Volunteer Usher Volunteer	Kathy Smith Mary Ann Huebschmann
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**FFY Program Schedule of Activities Program**

**October 4**

**Fall Break**

**No FFY**

**Enjoy Fall Break**

Wednesday	Oct. 11	6:00 - 7:30	Meal & Class (SE Training 7-8 grades)	Parish Hall
Sunday	Oct. 15	11:00-12:00	First Reconciliation Class	Parish Hall
Wednesday	Oct. 18	6:00 - 7:30	Meal and Class	Parish Hall

**Remember in Prayer**

**St. Pius X:** 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, 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 Broks, 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, 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**

**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

**St Henry Parish Mission on Eucharist** Sun Oct 1- Tues, Oct 1-3. Fr. Jewel Aytona, CPM. Fr Aytona will give Sunday Homily 10:30mass. A potluck will follow mass, and then another talk by Fr Aytona & confessions. Monday & Tuesday Mass at 10:30 followed by a one hour conference and lunch. Plan to attend.

**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. Buy a raffle ticket to win the old statue for your home/yard.

**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.

**Bluegrass on Beshear, Sat, October 7** from noon to 6 pm. It has raised \$153,535 to help pregnancy support centers. Location: 307 Island Cove Lane, Dawson Springs, Visit for more information [www.BluegrassonBeshear.com](http://www.BluegrassonBeshear.com)

**First Saturdays Honor the Blessed Mother:** Be sure to come to First Saturday Mass on October 7 @ 8:00am.



**St Anthony Birthdays Oct 1 – Oct 7**

October 8 Colton Adrian  
October 8 Tracy Modaff

**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  
October 1 – October 8**

Wednesday	9:00 am	John & Sue Mudd
Friday	9:00 am	Dr Jorge Alegre
1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday	8:00 am	Sally Anne Klohr
Sunday	8:00 am	Archie J Drury

**WEEKLY DONATIONS**

Budget 2022/2023 Fiscal Year (July 2023-June 2024)	\$ 73,500.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 1,413.46
Weekly Donation 9/24/2023)	\$ 1,636.01
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 28,515.59

***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 – October 8, 2023**

<b>Lector</b>	Darin Adrian
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Shara Parish Steve Wilkes
<b>Ushers/Greeters</b>	Kelly Noonan David Loxley
<b>Server</b>	Dan O'Brien
<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.

**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:** 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)