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**20<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time Year A Matthew 15:21-28**



"At that time, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a Canaanite woman of that district came and called out, "Have pity on me, Lord, Son of David! My daughter is tormented by a demon." But Jesus did not say a word in answer to her. Jesus' disciples came and asked him, "Send her away, for she keeps calling out after us." He said in reply, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But the woman came and did Jesus homage, saying, "Lord, help me." He said in reply, "It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Please, Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters." Then Jesus said to her in reply, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And the woman's daughter was healed from that hour."

**Excerpt of 'Canaanite Woman's Faith'**

By Barb Messner

Some excuse his words as testing  
power of faith to rise to challenge.  
Or was this a test of women  
to reveal their wit and courage  
and the truth of their potential,  
once unshackled from suppression?  
We still claim from her responses  
proof of women's faith and reason  
long denied by patriarchy.  
Were the words of their encounter a  
parable of liberation overturning expectation?

"Even dogs eat crumbs from children!"  
Deft rebuke in humble answer!  
We are wrong to use her image  
in a claim we are unworthy!  
Jesus gave rare affirmation  
to her intellect and power:  
"You speak Logos; you bring healing!"  
She had healed more than her daughter.  
Women generations after  
are empowered by her example.  
Did the Lord himself find healing  
in enacting new creation?

**Eucharistic Renewal Meditation**

"The Eucharist educates us to this divine love in a deeper way; it shows us, in fact, what value each person has in God's eyes, if Christ offers Himself equally to each one, under the species of bread and wine. If our Eucharistic worship is authentic, it must make us grow in awareness of the dignity of each person."

St John Paul II, *Dominicae Cenae*, Feb. 24, 1980

**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 20

Is 56:1-7/Rom 11:13-15,29-32/Mt 15:21-28

Monday Jgs 2:11-19/Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday Jgs 6:11-24a/Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday Jgs 9:6-15/Mt 20:1-16

Thursday Rv 21:9b-14/Jn 1:45-51

Friday Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Mt 22:34-40

Saturday Ru 2:1-11;4:13-17/Mt 23:1-12

**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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[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,

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

Matthew 15:21-28

***"You can call me anything, just don't call me 'late for dinner'!"*** If the chef's food is that good, I can accept any name calling, to be included among those being served his/her finest of dinners. I think of the faithful woman in the encounter with Jesus in today's gospel. It sure seems like Jesus compares Himself ministering to her, since she is a foreign outsider to Israel (Canaanite woman), similar to taking the family's dinner and throwing it out of the house to dogs in the yard. Jesus says in Matt 15:26, "It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs." But the strong woman is not deterred from persisting in her request for Jesus' grace, nor is she discouraged by the seemingly racial slur tossed at her. She knows that Jesus is the source of healing and the remedy to her daughter's affliction. This encounter reminds me of the 'Nazi Soup Chef' on Seinfeld, who had such ridiculous rules and legalistic restaurant rituals about being served his famous soup at his bistro. People were willing to put up with the insane procedures to get his most delicious soups (Seinfeld ends up being rejected/banned from the Soup Nazi's shop for not following the OCD restaurant procedures) I think the Canaanite woman, like the Nazi Soup Bistro customers, are willing to put up with the nonsense, because of the greater good of enjoying some wonderful food (or in the woman's case, her daughter's healing). I can imagine the Canaanite woman saying, ***"Jesus, say anything you want to me; I don't care what you call me, just heal my girl!"*** The woman's faith is so strong that she will go through any hardship out of love for her daughter. She will do anything so that her daughter may be healed! The woman actually says, "Please, Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters" (Matt 15:27). I imagine the woman thinks to herself, "If I am a dog, then fine, whatever it takes to be close to you Jesus. I'll gladly be called a dog, if it means my daughter's health is restored!" The woman displays such strong faith, that she sees right through the religious bigotry and racist language that seeks to push her away. She is saying, *"Label me whatever. I know who I really am, but more importantly I know who you are Jesus, and you are the one who can heal my daughter, so please....."*

Jesus praises the woman's faith in Matthew 15:28 "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." This praise for someone's strong faith, is unique from Jesus, similar to the praise Jesus gave the centurion in Matthew 8:10 saying, "Amen, I say to you, in no one in Israel have I found such faith", or how he praised the woman with hemorrhage in Matthew 9:22 "Courage, daughter! Your faith has saved you." Interestingly, such high praise is not ever laid at the feet of his apostles! At least 5 times, Jesus reprimands the apostles with the phrase 'You of little faith' (Matthew 6:30, 8:26, 14:31, 16:8 & 17:20). Yet here, Jesus commends this gentle woman's persistent faith and endurance.

The Canaanite woman reminds me of St Josephine Bakhita, a Sudanese-born woman kidnapped and sold into slavery, who endured unspeakable tortures and abuse as a slave. God's providence led her to be bought by an Italian ambassador in Sudan to serve as a nanny in their family. She returned with the family to Venice and accompanied the daughter to a private school run by the Connosian Sisters. This was her first encounter with the God she had always sought in her own heart's way. She became Catholic and eventually was emancipated (legal case!) and became a Connosian nun. What a master St Bakhita found in Jesus! She certainly knew 'masters' and I imagine her saying, "Jesus, you are the sweetest master, the only master I claim; I joyfully serve you!" In fact, St Bakhita's faith was so strong (again keep in mind all the terrible torment she endured as a female slave), she is known to have said after her conversion to Catholicism, *"If I was to meet those slave raiders that abducted me and those who tortured me, I'd kneel down to them to kiss their hand. Because, if it had not been for them, I would not have become a Christian and religious woman. In God's will, there is great peace."* That is Faith: Faith like the Canaanite woman who will endure anything out of love to keep near Jesus and be claimed by Him! Christians may undergo persecution and be called many derogatory names, but don't let it ever be said, that we are 'not close to Christ', or that we are not living 'Christ-like' lives (of course, that takes our faith)! *Peace and Prayers, Fr Brian*

### St Pius X Parish Council Meeting Sept 14 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!

# AUGUST 20, 2023 + 20<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

## St Pius X Mass Intentions

August 21 – August 27

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>	<b><i>Paul &amp; Christamae Reichart</i></b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b><i>Taylor Johansen</i></b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b><i>Lucila Rendon</i></b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b><i>Gene Derry</i></b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>4:30 pm</b>	<b><i>Donald Mock</i></b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b><i>John Bardsley</i></b>

## WEEKLY DONATIONS

<b>Parish Hall Donation (8/13/23)</b>	<b>\$ 224.00</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 (8/13/23)</b>	<b>\$ 3,777.00</b>
<b>Online Giving (8/13/23)</b>	<b>\$ 1,266.00</b>
<b>Total Week's Gift Offering 8/13</b>	<b>\$ 5,043.00</b>
<b>Fiscal Year to Date</b>	<b>\$ 32,324.64</b>

## Faith Formation for the Youth

Confirmation: Parent & Student Meeting  
Wednesday, August 23 @ 6:30pm

FFY Parent & Student Meeting  
Wednesday, August 30 @ 6:30pm

To register for the FFY program,  
please contact Paula Schmidt via  
[crecalvertcity@gmail.com](mailto:crecalvertcity@gmail.com) or  
270-395-4727 or scan the QR code



## Birthdays & Anniversaries: Aug 20 – Aug 26

### Happy Birthday! St. Pius X

August 20	James Poat
August 20	Brayden Willett
August 24	Sydney Johnson
August 25	John Brooks
August 25	Devin Humphreys
August 25	Merlin Ray
August 26	Jimmy Harbison

### Happy Anniversary! St. Pius X

August 20	Bill & Noreen Patton
August 20	Gary & Cindy Ballard
August 23	David & Amy Crass
August 23	Ray & Alice Lucas
August 24	Ric & Diane Witowski
August 25	John & Patricia Schuld

**St Pius X Church Picnic Dinner TODAY & Games for all**  
**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 26, 2023

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

## Mass Assignments: Sunday, August 27, 2023

	Pam Hurst	Teresa Newman Marcus Newman Kelli King	Usher Volunteer Usher Volunteer	Rich Derry Nancy Singleton
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**IT'S COMING: Our Monthly ACTS 2:42 EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL for the YOUNG, OLD, and BETWEEN.**

**BEGINS Sunday, Sep. 3rd at 1:30 PM in the St. Pius X Parish Hall.**

**Sign-up sheets in the vestibule, or just show up. Come and Live Your Catholic Faith. Munchies Provided.**



## 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, Juliette Kaplanes, 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 flor details. Quilters  
gather and work on their community quilt together.

**Mark Your Calendar: St Anthony Picnic Sept 17**

**Baby Bottle Collection: Hope Clinic**

Please pick up a baby bottle to benefit Hope Clinic's  
work to support expectant mothers and the babies. Set  
the bottle on your table or by the door & deposit your  
pocket change or bills into it to support their ministry

**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 or  
could volunteer to assist with some transportation.

**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.

**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.



**St Anthony Birthdays Aug 20 – Aug 26**

August 23 Bob Lang  
August 25 Merlin Ray

**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**

**August 21 – August 27**

<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Nancy Rodgers</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Archie Drury</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>	<b>Sally Anne Klohr</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>Jerry &amp; Nancy Ames</b>

**WEEKLY DONATIONS**

Budget 2022/2023 Fiscal Year (July 2023-June 2024)	<b>\$ 73,500.00</b>
<b>Donation Need Each Week</b>	<b>\$ 1,413.46</b>
<b>Weekly Donation 8/13/2023)</b>	<b>\$ 2,807.00</b>
<b>Fiscal Year to Date</b>	<b>\$ 17,719.16</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:** *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 – August 27, 2023**

<b>Lector</b>	Wayne Bradshaw
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Shara Parish Mike Drury
<b>Ushers/Greeters</b>	Kelly Noonan David Loxley
<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.

**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)