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Feast of the Holy Family Year C Luke 2:41-52



“Each year Jesus’ parents went to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, and when he was twelve years old, they went up according to festival custom. After they had completed its days, as they were returning, the boy Jesus remained behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Thinking that he was in the caravan, they journeyed for a day and looked for him among their relatives and acquaintances, but not finding him, they returned to Jerusalem to look for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him, they were astonished, and his mother said to him, “Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety.” And he said to them, “Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father’s house?” But they did not understand what he said to them. He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom & age and favor before God & man.”

Sonnet XLIV. The Finding

By Joseph Charles MacKenzie

Let not this grief across her face invade,
Dear God! Thou madest these my one true care!
Not Egypt, where we hid Him and He played,
Could fade her brightness with its desert glare.

But where? With other children? Hurt? Oh, no!
God, give me strength! Has Herod won at last?
Destroy me, lest the Virgin sense my woe!
Oh, let us find Him! Hasten, hasten fast!

Impossible! Yet... could my eyes deceive?
That distant figure in the Temple’s light...
Among the Doctors, dost thou not perceive?
I kneel before my God and bless His might!

For, I forget—the Infant’s now a boy.
For, I forget—my sorrows are my joy.

ACTS 2:42 GROUPS
ON MISSION AS A EUCHARISTIC PEOPLE
YEAR OF MISSION

“They devoted themselves to the teachings of the apostles, the communal life, the breaking of the bread & prayer”
Next Meeting January 12 at 1:30pm @ St Pius
To Signup and attend a group session: Please come!
Or contact Ed Georgen edwardgeorgen@gmail.com

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 December 29, 2024
Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Col 3:12-21/Lk 2:41-52
Monday 1 Jn 2:12-17/Lk 2:36-40
Tuesday 1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18
Wednesday Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
Thursday 1 Jn 2:22-28/Jn 1:19-28
Friday 1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Jn 1:29-34
Saturday 1 Jn 3:7-10/Jn 1:35-42

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

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 Holy Family Year C Luke 2:41-52

“Can you direct me to the ‘Lost and Found’?” How many times has that been asked at the service desk at K-Mart? Also, most every church building has a ‘lost and found’ bin that contains eyeglasses, key rings, earring backs, toys, pacifiers, etc--items that have been left in the pews or. hymnal holders. Over the years, I notice that quite a few umbrellas get left behind too, but they are too large to be put in the bin- We just set them by the door, for folks to claim the next Sunday! But in a spiritual sense, we may call the whole church building, a ‘lost and found’ bin! We wander and wander in life, until we are found in church (*of course, the wonderful Amazing Grace lyric confirms this or we hear it from St Augustine ‘Our souls are restless(lost) until they rest (found) in you!’ Confessions Book 1, chap 2*). What an interesting episode of ‘Lost’ in today’s gospel!

Mary and Josph (sic) have ‘lost’ Jesus in the return caravan to Nazareth from Jerusalem. They all the way back to the Temple to find Him. Jesus expresses surprise at them. Should they have known to look first for Him in the Temple! They had all been in Jerusalem for the Feast of Passover (as dutifully observant Jews). Luke is very insistent on recording that Mary and Josph were devoted to keeping the Jewish rituals and practices (*‘just as it is written in the law of the Lord’ Luke 2:23*). So, as responsible parents, their family went annually to the Jerusalem Temple for the high Holy Days. And not just the Holy Days, but every Sabbath they could be found in the local synagogue (Luke 4:16 ‘as was his custom’). This particular visit to the Temple on Passover, since we hear that Jesus is ‘twelve’ (Luke 2:42), would seem to be like a special type of Bar Mitzvah for Jesus, where the teenage boy spiritually comes of age (‘His own Domestic Rabbi’ now) , through the public demonstration of both reading and interpreting Torah to others. Yet, Jesus goes a step further than a simple debut, and He remains in the Temple, seated among the elder rabbis as an accomplished master of God’s Word. That may be the real source of Mary and Joseph’s astonishment’ (Luke 2:48): that Jesus was ‘teaching the teachers’!

Jesus’ response to Mary and Joseph is “Did you not know that I must be in my ***Father’s house?***” (Luke 2:49) I compare this episode of Jesus calling the Temple, the Father’s House, to the first of many universalist teachings where Jesus broadens the concept of spiritual family, to include potentially everyone. The family of God is a spiritual kinship transcending bonds of tribal ethnicity or geographic land. This Temple episode echoes in my mind when I hear Jesus say later, “Whoever does the will of my heavenly Father, is brother, sister and mother to me” (Matthew 12:50) or when Jesus teaches us to pray, by saying, “Our Father.....” (Matt 6:9–13, Lk 11:2–4). Jesus opens the Temple of God to everyone, (is this what symbolically happens when the ‘Temple Veil is torn in two at Jesus’ death on cross’? --Mathew 27:51) and Jesus invites everyone to claim membership in the family of God through Him. In fact, Jesus says “I am the door” (John 10:7,9). And I love how Jesus develops this image further by Himself claiming to be the Temple Itself Incarnate. As the New Covenant, ***Jesus is the Temple now***. In John 2:19 & 21, He will say, “Destroy this Temple, and in three days I will rebuild it-the { Temple of His Body}.” And in Matthew 12:6, Jesus proclaims, “I say to you, something greater than the temple is here.” The Old Testament Temple that housed the ‘Presence of God’ is never again bound to any particular land/location. Jesus, as God, is manifest everywhere that there is an open and believing heart. He brings the Temple of Himself to anyone, anywhere, calling on His Name.

So, we should not be surprised that Jesus is always ‘about His Father’s House’, because He is it! May we always be found at home in Him, too! And the challenge is that we are to be part of that ‘dwelling of God’ by our own practice (work) of faith witness. As 1 Peter 2:5 tells us, “like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house.” Our prayer and example to others should always announce, “Welcome to the Family, Welcome Home.” Peace and Prayers. Fr Brian

St Pius X Parish Council Meeting Thurs @ 5:00 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!


DECEMBER 29, 2024 † FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY YEAR C

St Pius X Mass Intentions Dec 30 – Jan 5		
Tuesday	6:00 pm	Dolly Bardsley
Wednesday	8:00 am	Margaret & John Buffington
Thursday	8:00 am	Sally Anne Klohr
Friday	8:00 am	PJ & Martha Rose O'Donoghue
Saturday	4:30 pm	Tony Lazzaro
Sunday	10:00am	Ray Lucas
WEEKLY DONATIONS		
Parish Hall Donation (12/22/24)	\$	10,167.46
Budget for 2024/2025 Fiscal Year	\$	195,000.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$	3,750.00
Weekly Donation (12/22/24)	\$	4,518.00
Online Giving (12/22/24)	\$	988.00
Total Week's Gift Offering 12/22	\$	5,506.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$	117,593.24

Congratulations to Deacon to-be Conrad Jaconette
 Come celebrate with our Diocese his ordination Saturday
 January 4, 2025 St. Stephen Cathedral, Owensboro 10 am.
 Pray for Priestly Vocations!

New Year's-Holy Day (Mary Mother of God) Masses:
 St Anthony Wed 9:00 am, St Pius Tues 6:00pm, Wed 8:00am

Christmas Memorial Flowers	
<i>In Loving Memory and Honor</i>	
In Memory of:	From:
The Doughty & Wilhelm Families	Kathy Doughty
Deceased Members of the Darst & White Families	Marty Darst
Paul Christamae Reichert	Tom/Nancy Forsythe
James & Beatrice Forsythe	Tom/Nancy Forsythe
Tom & Levena Dossett	Barbara Doughty
The Dacus & Tarr Families	Harold & Fran Dacus
The Mattingly & Goff Families	Pat & Lisa Mattingly
Irene Ross	George Princko
Marsha Princko	George Princk
Taylor Johansen	Kathy Johansen



Happy Birthday! Dec 29 – Jan 4 St. Pius

December 29	Lynette Galvan
December 30	Allison Lucas
January 01	Dylan Pelligrin
January 02	Max Cannon
January 02	Alex Galvan
January 02	Kathy Sanderson

Happy Anniversary! St. Pius X
 No anniversaries this week

St Pius X Mass Assignments: Saturday, January 4, 2025				
Servers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers / Greeters	Money Counters
Franky Schiaretta	Nancy Glover	Suzette Whittington Jeff Riedfort Charlotte Riedfort	George Humphreys (Greeter) Paula Humphreys (Greeter)	
Mass Assignments: Sunday, January 5, 2025				
Volunteer	Pam Hurst	Teresa Newman Caleb King Jimmy Harbison	Usher Volunteer Usher Volunteer Usher Volunteer	Jan Waniel Jean Waniel

FFY
Calendar
&
Activities
Schedule

DATE	SUNDAY GOSPEL READING	SUBJECT
January 1, 2025 Mary, Mother of God	Mary, Mother of God Luke 2:16-21	Happy New Year! No classes. Enjoy the Break.
January 8, 2025 Baptism of Lord	Baptism of the Lord Luke 3:15-16, 21-22	Lessons TBA
January 15, 2025 Wed 6:00-7:30	2 nd Sunday ordinary Time John 2:1-11	Lessons TBA

Remember in Prayer

St. Pius X: Greg Williams, Judy Ayers, Pat Hobbs, Keisha Bradley Janet Norvell, Iris Joelle Maynard, Megan Mudd, Theresa Owens, Sara Repovich, Kaye Hinkebein, Amanda Scheidegger, Olga Edwards, Diane Fischer Russell Tomlinson, Joanne Schmidt Paula Willett, Kent & Kim Henry, Leah Vincek, Rick Wilson, Richard Warmowski, Ashley Hayden, Donna Barrix, David Crass, Helen Nicholson, Bonita Walker, Joe Hedges, Jerry Wade, Katie Wood, Joanna Grimes, Amanda Bailey, Kaileigh Row, Pam Laibl, David Kroll, Henry Feezor, Lisa Hammond, Bennett Meisenheimer, 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, Betty Derry, Scott Hamilton, Connie Burt, Abigail Huebschmann, Ericka Karpstein, Joanna Cooper, Angel Thompson, Kaye Poyner, Bob Tashjian, Rita Cook, Jack Bender, Don Kemp, Sharon Olejnicak, Tim Wilson, Beverly Dukes, Judy Krouse, Kerry Frazier, Rene Harrington, Forrest Michael Teeters, Cameron Brewer, Hugo Santos, Sharon Gibbons, Braydn Barnett, Elizabeth Witowski, Pam Dietz. Anthony Pellegrin.

Pray for Our Military

St. Pius X: Cameron Thomason, 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

Coffee/ Doughnuts 1st Sunday Every Month Bazaar Workshop at St Anthony Every Tuesday Starting Jan 7 at 9:00 am – Every Tuesday & all parishioners invited to come participate in helping craft gifts for the annual bazaar fundraiser. See the list of item materials anyone can donate.

Orphaned Children Diaper Project: 1/4" Braided Elastic and Sew-on Velcro are needed. Please drop in any donations at the baskets by the front church door.



Next Lunch Bunch gathering in February 20

Acts 2:42 Group: 2nd Sunday every month: Jan 12
Signup contact Ed Georgen edwardgeorgen@gmail.com

Bishop William F. Medley will celebrate opening Mass for the 2025 Jubilee, Pilgrims of Hope
Sunday December 29th at the 11:00 am Mass at St. Stephen Cathedral.

All-Day Adoration on Friday January 3

St Anthony Church has an all day Eucharistic Adoration every 1st Friday from 9:00am – 9:00pm. All are welcome to spend time in prayer in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Confession available at 9:30am. Prayer Partners are requested for each hour Adoration.

First Saturdays Honor the Blessed Mother:

First Saturday Mass on January 4 @ 8:00am. Every first Saturday we offer mass and pray the rosary



St Anthony Birthdays Dec 29– Jan 4

December 30 Tracey Tashjian
December 31 Todd Lucas
January 4 Laura Day

St Anthony Anniversaries: No anniversaries this week

Study 'The Chosen' Weekly Sessions

Every Wednesday @ St. Anthony of Padua, we gather for weekly study session at 10:00 am. Currently we are viewing the series "The Chosen" and discussing its portrayal of Christ and His Disciples. We use guide-discussion questions and compare experiences of the different models of service to Christ. Come enjoy an insightful discussion about Jesus; followers. and how we can identify or not with their approach

St. Anthony of Padua

Mass Intentions
Dec 30 – Jan 5

Wednesday	9:00 am	Larry Muzzy
Friday	9:00 am	Linda Palusco
1 st Saturday	8:00 am	Taylor Johansen
Sunday	8:00 am	Ann Davis

WEEKLY DONATIONS

Budget 2024/2025 Fiscal Year (July 2024-June 2025)	\$ 73,500.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 1,413.46
Weekly Donation 12/22/2024	\$ 1,238.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 56,688.39 adj

Thank you so much for your faithful generosity! The Parishes and the Church's Mission depends on you!



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

St Anthony Mass Assignments – January 5, 2025

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

CONSIDER ATTENDING DAILY MASS

St Anthony Prayer List: Theresa Owens, Kathy Johansen, Jeff Ritorto, Cathy Ritorto, Betty Gonzalez, Elena Carey, Donna & Jon Gresham, Bob Decker, Bill Rodgers, Tom & Margie Sheppard, Bob Tashjian, Mr. Driskill, Pat Gorbett, Imogene Ramey.

Pray for our Military

Kevin Rapp, 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

Kevin Diamond	Chair Person
Judy Forsythe	Spiritual Life/ Secretary
Shara Parish	Finance
Kelly Noonan	Building & Ground
David Loxley	Social Concerns/Events
Steve Wilkes	Faith Formation

Next Meeting Jan 15 Wed @ 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