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30<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time Year A Matthew 22:34-40



**Love God Above & Love Neighbor Beside Me!**

“When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a scholar of the law tested him by asking, “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” He said to him, “You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments.”

**Excerpts from ‘Love Thy Neighbor’**

*By Mark Spencer*

Scripture asks us to love our neighbor.  
But some think love comes without labor.  
It's something we speak,  
Not something we seek.  
A fine cup of wine with no flavor.  
Declarations of love make me laugh.  
Without knowledge such words are just chaff.  
You say I love you,  
But that isn't true,  
'Til you've traveled that ship, fore and aft.  
It's the heart that defines who we are.  
And you cannot love that from afar.  
You have to dig in,  
Look under the skin,  
It takes patience to open that jar.  
In God's kingdom, would this be your goal -  
To have neighbors without heart or soul?  
Should we love your grace,  
Or only your face?  
For a love without depth isn't whole.

**Acts 2:42 Group:** *Note location Change*

Session #3 is **Sunday November 5, at St Anthony Grand Rivers at 1:30 pm** & hosted by leaders **Ashley & Pam Thurman**. 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 - 8:00 am

Wednesday-8:00 am & 6:00 pm

Thursday-8:00 am & 6:00 pm

Friday-8:00 am

*Eucharist Adoration*

*Visit our Website [www.stpiusx.us](http://www.stpiusx.us)*

**Daily Scripture Readings**

*Sunday October 29*

*Ex 22:20-26/1 Thes 1:5c-10/Mt 22:34-40*

*Monday Rom 8:12-17/Lk 13:10-17*

*Tuesday Rom 8:18-25/Lk 13:18-21*

*Wednesday Rev 7:2-14/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12*

*Thursday Wis 3:1-9, John 14:1-14*

*Friday Rom 9:1-5/Lk 14:1-6*

*Saturday Rom 11:1-12, 25-29/Lk 14:7-11*

**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

Thursday 9:00 am

Friday-9:00 am

1<sup>st</sup> Saturday 8:00 am

*Eucharist Adoration-First Friday 9:00 am*

*First Saturday of Month Mass 8:00 am*

**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,

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

Matthew 22:34-40

**“Clear off your desks and get out a clean sheet of paper.”** Oh, here we go! When I heard that as a young schoolboy, my heart would skip a beat, as I tried to remember the tricky words in our weekly spelling word list. Or the vocabulary list! Then the teacher would say, **“First thing, write your name on the top left-hand line, and number the lines # 1-10.”** That direction may have been the **trick** to the quiz, because it was funny that the teacher always started off with that command to write our names on the top of the page, but still at least once a week, when handing our graded papers back to us, she would say, “I have two papers with no names today.” That was the first test – **following directions**. And why not get those easy points, since we all know our names! But today, Jesus faces a much harder pop-quiz!

In fact, this whole 22<sup>nd</sup> chapter of Matthew is filled with tests/quizzes thrown at Jesus. And the stakes seem to get higher with each successive challenge posed to Him by different religious/political groups within Judaism. I see three different test questions thrown at Him. First, the Pharisees team up with the Herodians, and come at Jesus asking about the lawfulness of paying taxes or not, to Caesar (*Last week's Matthew 22:17-22*). Secondly, the Sadducees have a go at Jesus by questioning Jesus about a conundrum regarding multiple marriages on earth and how that will sort out in heaven (which husband sits with which wife at the heavenly banquet) (Matthew 22:23-33). Then third and finally, the Pharisees try to get in a good parting shot, and approach Jesus again, testing him to isolate the most important of all religious laws that must be followed (**Today's gospel-Matthew 22:34-40**). Of course, Jesus passes each test superbly. Matthew takes special note of how Jesus ‘Aces’ each test, when he records first, how the crowds were ‘amazed’ (Matt 22:22) and then the fact that they are ‘astonished’ (Matt 22:33) at Jesus’ consistently wise responses. (Realize too, the crowds know the Pharisee questions are ‘tricky’!)

We don't read the whole of chapter 22 at Sunday Mass (because of time constraints), but I love how at the end of Matthe chap. 22, Jesus cleverly takes advantage of this ‘question-and-answer period’ to throw back a question to the Pharisees! It is like Jesus replies, “Since everyone is in the ‘asking questions’ mood, **I have one for you, too!**” In Matthew 22:44, Jesus asks them about what they think/expect of the coming messiah. They respond with a popular response, that the messiah is the ‘Son of David’. Yet Jesus turns and **tests their knowledge of scripture and rhetorical skills**, by quoting to them Psalm 110:1, where David writes, “the Lord said to my Lord...” Who is who? Well, we translate that psalm as David saying, “*God the Lord (Most high) said to my own lord (Messiah-Master).*” If the Pharisees are right, shouldn't David have said, “The Lord said to my Son”? But David said, ‘My Lord’ as if the Messiah is someone historically previous in time to him, instead of later in time as a son would be to him a (son being born after the father of course). Psalm 110 uses the past tense indicating the Messiah is someone living ahead of the psalmist in time. But this question begs another one altogether such as like, “Which Son of David?” I know this suddenly became technical and precise (but that is Jesus’ point). Sometimes we can try to twist and tighten religious doctrine so much that we contort the meaning right out of the words! (kind of like trying to put an exact number on how many times we must offer forgiveness! Matt 18:21-22). So, Jesus redirects them to go back, reread and study again their own scriptures. In a couple places in the gospels, with verbal exchanges between Jesus and the Pharisees, we actually hear Jesus tell them they don't know their own scriptures as well as they think they do. In Matthew 22:31, he says, “Have you not read what was said to you by God” and he quotes to them Exodus 3:6. Again, in John 10:34, we hear that “Jesus answered them, “Is it not written in your law, ‘I said, “You are gods””, quoting to them Psalm 82:6. Also, Jesus had gently reprimanded Nicodemus in John 3:10 hinting that Nicodemus didn't know his scriptures, when Jesus said, “You are the teacher of Israel and you do not understand this?” Also in John 5:39, Jesus in a general way sent the Pharisees back to do their homework, to reacquaint themselves with their own bible when he told them, “search the scriptures.....they testify on my behalf.” So, Jesus’ wisdom cannot be matched by any Pharisee, Sadducee, Herodian or anyone. Of course, He is the ‘Word of God’ Himself (John 1:1 & 1:14). And Matthew emphasizes how Jesus stumped these argumentative crowds when Matthew ends chapter 22 saying, **“No one was able to answer him a word, nor from that day on did anyone dare to ask him any more questions** (Matt 22:46). We all sit at Jesus’ feet to learn and understand what He wishes to teach us by His Word! Be sure to spend a little time every day listening to Him teach, reading some from any one of the gospels.

Prayers & Peace, Fr Brian

**St Pius X Parish Council Meeting Thurs Nov 9 @ 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!

**OCTOBER 29, 2023 + 30<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME YEAR A**

St Pius X Mass Intentions October 30 – November 5		
Tuesday AM	8:00 am	Mary Virginia Krebs
Wednesday	8:00 am	Taylor Johansen
Wednesday PM	6:00 PM	All Saints (FFY)
Thursday	8:00 am	Kathryn A. Thole
Thursday PM	6:00 PM	All Souls in Purgatory
Friday	8:00 am	James Hobbs
Saturday	4:30 pm	Ruth Elder
Sunday	10:00 am	Joseph Padgett
WEEKLY DONATIONS		
Parish Hall Donation (10/22/23)	\$	108.00
Budget for 2022/2023 Fiscal Year (July 2023-June 2024)	\$	195,000.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$	3,750.00
Weekly Donation (10/22/23)	\$	2,296.00
Online Giving (10/22/23)	\$	1,116.00
Total Week's Gift Offering 10/22	\$	3,412.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$	74,037.80

**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.

**Daughters of Isabella** (Paducah) Monthly Meetings  
**November 7th** Regular Gathering at Cheddar's Restaurant at 6:00 pm for dinner/meeting. Each person covers own dinner. You don't have to have dinner. 6:30 pm Elect Officers  
**Nov 18th** Bunco Party at KC Hall Jefferson Street All ladies 18 years & older, \$10 a person, Bring an appetizer to share.

**Diocese of Owensboro**  
**Safe Haven Sunday**  
 Please see helpful resources for healing & deliverance of those wounded/struggling by pornography's prevalence in our society. See the Clean Heart Initiative & Equipped Books for pickup on tables.

**Birthdays & Anniversaries: Oct 29 – Nov 4**

**Happy Birthday! St. Pius X**

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| October 29 | Anita Pidcock      |
| October 29 | Deb Anspach        |
| October 31 | Amber Manning      |
| November 1 | Scott Newman       |
| November 1 | John Paul Peterson |
| November 3 | Teresa Newman      |

**Happy Anniversary! St. Pius X**

*No anniversaries this week*

**St Pius X Mass Assignments: Saturday, Nov 4, 2023**

Servers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers / Greeters	Money Counters
Volunteer	Paula Schmidt	Kurt Schmidt Suzette Whittington Volunteer	Volunteer (Usher) Volunteer (Usher) Volunteer (Greeter) Volunteer (Greeter)	
Mass Assignments: Sunday, Nov 5, 2023				
Franky Schiaretti	Ric (RJ) Witowski	Marcus Newman Teresa Newman Kelli King	Philip Scheidegger Usher Volunteer Usher Volunteer	Jan Waniel Jean Waniel

Sunday	Oct. 29	11:00-12:00	First Reconciliation Class	Parish Hall
Wednesday	Nov. 1	6:00	All Saints Day Mass - youth participate	
Sunday	Nov. 5	11:00 - 1:30	Confirmation Retreat with Sponsors/Parents	Parish Hall
Wednesday	Nov. 8	6:00 - 7:30	Meal and Class	Parish Hall
Sunday	Nov. 12	11:00-12:00	First Reconciliation Class	Parish Hall

**Remember in Prayer**

**St. Pius X:** Diane Fischer Mark Gamble, Paula Willett, 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 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, 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

**Christmas Bazaar @ St. Henry Parish in Aurora**  
A little early this year, but come out and enjoy great gifts and foods. Come Christmas Shop or get ideas! It is held on Saturday, October 28th from 9am-3pm.

**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.

**Relic of St. John the Apostle** will be on public display **Sunday, Oct 29th** from 3:00PM until Evening Prayer at 5:00PM and **Wednesday, November 1st, All Saints Day** from after 7:30AM Mass until 12 Noon at St. John the Evangelist Church, Paducah, KY. All are welcome to come, pray and venerate this beloved Apostle/Evangelist of Our Lord, asking St. John to pray/intercede for us.

**Remember** to pray for all the faithful departed all through the month of November! God rest their souls!

**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 November 4 @ 8:00am. Every first Saturday we offer mass and pray the rosary



**St Anthony Birthdays Oct 29 – Nov 4**

*No birthdays this week*

**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 30 – November 5**

<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<i>All Saints</i>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<i>All Souls</i>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<i>Daniel &amp; Nancy Mudd Family</i>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Saturday</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<i>Dr Sidney Edds</i>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<i>David Reed</i>

**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 10/22/2023)</b>	<b>\$ 1,666.06</b>
<b>Fiscal Year to Date</b>	<b>\$ 35,579.65</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 – November 5, 2023**

<b>Lector</b>	Darin Adrian
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Mike Drury Cindy O'Brien
<b>Ushers/Greeters</b>	David Loxley Kevin Diamond
<b>Server</b>	Cindy O'Brien
<b>Money Counters</b>	Shara Parish

**St Anthony Prayer List:** Jeff Ritorto, 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:** 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)