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25<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Year B Mk 9:30-37



“Jesus and his disciples left from there and began a journey through Galilee, but he did not wish anyone to know about it. He was teaching his disciples and telling them, “The Son of Man is to be handed over to men and they will kill him, and three days after his death the Son of Man will rise.” But they did not understand the saying, and they were afraid to question him. They came to Capernaum and, once inside the house, he began to ask them, “What were you arguing about on the way?” But they remained silent. They had been discussing among themselves on the way who was the greatest. Then he sat down, called the Twelve, and said to them, “If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all.” Taking a child, he placed it in their midst, and putting his arms around it, he said to them, “Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me.”

**To think of the life of man**

By Wendell Berry

To Think of the Life of a Man  
In a time that breaks  
In cutting pieces all around,  
When men, voiceless  
Against thing-ridden men,  
Set themselves on fire, it seems  
Too difficult and rare  
To think of the life of man  
Grown whole in the world  
At peace and in place  
But having thought of it  
I am beyond time  
I might have sold my hands  
Or sold my voice and mind  
To the arguments of power  
That go blind against  
What they would destroy  
I leave all that behind.

**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”

We are excited to be hosting our **Acts 2:42** group for a second year. Next Session **meets Oct 13, at 1:30 pm.** This small faith-sharing group will share a time of prayer, fellowship, and reflection. If you would like to join, check out the Bulletin Board in the hallway by Parish Hall or contact Ed Georgen our Coordinator [edwardgeorgen@gmail.com](mailto:edwardgeorgen@gmail.com) or 270-963-0595 voice/text

**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 September 22, 2024  
Wis 2:12-20/Jas 3:16—4:3/Mk 9:30-37  
Monday Prv 3:27-34/Lk 8:16-18  
Tuesday Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Lk 8:19-21  
Wednesday Prv 30:5-9/Lk 9:1-6  
Thursday Eccl 1:2-11/Lk 9:7-9  
Friday Eccl 3:1-11/Lk 9:18-22  
Saturday Eccl 11:9—12:8/Lk 9:43b-45

**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, 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Year B Mk 9:30-37

**“Whatcha talking about—Let me in on it?”** Maybe you walked into a room that went dead silent right as you entered it, or you noticed a lot of animated gestures through the car windows right before you got into the back seat of a rideshare carpool. I suspect Jesus feels that way in the gospel today, leading Him to ask the disciples what they were so energetically arguing over, while they walked along behind Him. Of course, they go ‘mute’ on Him, because of shame at their silly argument over which one of them was the most powerful (He knew they had nonsensically been arguing who was ‘King of the Hill’). Many a time when I was growing up as a kid, we brothers might be whispering things or telling jokes, and then mom would walk up and ask what was going on. We would clam up not knowing what we should say. Of course, she would say back, “If you can’t tell me, then you shouldn’t be talking about it in the first place!”

What surprises me most about this episode of the apostles arguing over who is ‘top dog’ is that Jesus had only two seconds before this, given them some more teaching on how he would lead and save His people. He taught them that He would ‘suffer and die for them’. Jesus was highlighting that the Christian leader accepts hardship and above all is a *servant* to others. Jesus mentioned His upcoming arrest, persecution, torture and death at the hands of the men (9:31). So, how did the apostles go 180 degrees in the other direction with their conversation. Instead of talking about how they could be good ‘servants’, they argue about ‘who is **BOSS!**’

But interestingly, this is not the first or last time they will miss Jesus’ point or selectively choose not to hear words like ‘cross’, ‘sacrifice’ or ‘hardship’. When Jesus mentions His torture and death in this passage, this is the **second time** (of 3) in Mark’s gospel that Jesus talks about how He would die for His people. Scholars call these the ‘Three Passion Predictions’ of Jesus (Mark 8:31-32, Mark 9:30-32, Mark 10:32-34). Yet, even more interesting about the apostles, is that after Jesus makes these announcements of how personally sacrificial His leadership will be on behalf of other people’s salvation, just afterward the apostles will attempt to make a ‘powerplay’ grabbing for power over others. First, it is Peter who tries to steer Jesus away from His cross (because Peter Himself wants to avoid it!-Mk 8:32). Then secondly, the whole team of apostles argue about who is the ‘toughest’ guy in the room (Mk 9:34). And even a third time, right after Jesus announced that He came to serve and suffer for His people, it was then then, that James and John try to push ahead of the others to the front of the line, and demand the seats of glory at Jesus’ right and left in ‘glory’ (Mk 10:37). Were the apostles just not listening to Jesus? I had a seminary professor who loved to tell us repeatedly in class (maybe he thought of us this way!) that *“The apostles consistently demonstrate a remarkable dexterity for missing the point of Jesus!”* Jesus was very clear about the consequences of His teaching ministry and that He would meet persecution and death in Jerusalem, so it does seem the apostles go out of their way to not hear Jesus’ words! Maybe it is pride and selfishness on their behalf, fearfulness or basic denial that keeps them from hearing Him. Or maybe it was simply that Jesus’ teaching & style are so ‘otherworldly’ that it takes repeated statements before His words can sink in for them. Certainly, Jesus leads and rules like no other – who has seen a leader that wishes to be last, lowest and least in a crowd? Have we ever had a leader who willingly serves everyone else. Or a boss who rejects the comfort of offices, the glory of titles, and privileges of power to really work just as hard as the people he/she serves? We do have such a servant leader in Jesus! Jesus asks nothing of us, that He himself didn’t willingly take up and do Himself. Even at the Last Supper, Jesus is adamant that the apostles hear this out. He wishes to impress this servant style of leadership upon His followers as He institutes the Holy Eucharist-Mass. (Keep in mind this is where He commands, “Do this in memory of me”) In Luke 22:25-26 at the Last Supper, Jesus says, “The kings of the Gentiles **lord their authority** over their subjects and are addressed as ‘Benefactors’, **but it shall not be so among you.**” (Recall too that in John 13:5 Jesus washed apostles’ feet). As always, Jesus sets the example of service. Discipleship with Jesus means willingly accepted sacrifice and joyfully being the humble helper, putting others ahead of ourselves. Following Jesus means we do as He did, and serve as He served. Peace, Fr Brian

**St Pius X Parish Council** Meeting Thurs October 24 @ 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!

St Pius X Mass Intentions Sept 23 – Sept 29		
Tuesday	6:00 pm	Bob Darst
Wednesday	8:00 am	Richard Gregory Klohr
Thursday	8:00 am	Ray Lucas
Friday	8:00 am	John & Sue Mudd
Saturday	4:30 pm	PJ & Martha Rose O'Donoghue
Sunday	10:00am	John Bardsley
WEEKLY DONATIONS		
Parish Hall Donation (9/15/24)	\$	132.00
Budget for 2024/2025 Fiscal Year (July 2024-June 2025)	\$	195,000.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$	3,750.00
Weekly Donation (9/15/24)	\$	2,666.89
Online Giving (9/15/24)	\$	1,001.00
Total Week's Gift Offering 9/15	\$	3,667.89
Fiscal Year to Date	\$	49,386.04

**Special Thanks to Hope Clinic Helpers**

Great thanks go out to *Kathy Canup and Judy Forsythe* who served as table leaders at the recent Hope Clinic Banquet Fundraiser! Great Work!

**Bishop's Sophia Award Recipients**

Congratulations to our parish members selected by Bishop Medley to receive the Sophia Award this year. It recognizes longstanding parishioners who have worked in parish ministries and contributed to building up the parish community by their volunteer service.

**St Pius – Congratulations to Mrs Olga Edwards**  
**St Anthony–Congratulations to Dan & Cindy O'Brien**

**First Reconciliation/Communion Schedule**

Sun Sept 29	11:00-12:00	1st Reconciliation Class
Sun Oct 20	11:00-12:00	1st Reconciliation Class
Sun Nov 3	11:00-12:00	1st Reconciliation Class
Sun Nov 17	11:00-12:00	1 <sup>st</sup> Reconciliation Class
<b>Sun Dec 1</b>	<b>2:00 pm</b>	<b>First Reconciliation Service</b>

**Happy Birthday! Sept 22 – Sept 28 St. Pius X**

September 22	Leanne Scheiber
September 22	Shirley Poat
September 24	Larry Krouse
September 28	Alice Lucas
September 28	David Carr

**Happy Anniversary! St. Pius X**

September 24	Blake & Sydney Johnson
September 24	Brandon & Nikki Doughty

**St Pius X Mass Assignments: Saturday, September 28, 2024**

Servers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers / Greeters	Money Counters
Volunteer	Liz Medley	Paula Schmidt Kurt Schmidt Volunteer	Volunteer (Usher) Volunteer (Usher) Volunteer (Greeter) Volunteer (Greeter)	

**Mass Assignments: Sunday, September 29, 2024**

Kason Peterson	Ric Witowski	Patty Langford Kelli King Caleb King	Usher Volunteer Usher Volunteer Usher Volunteer	Jan Waniel Jean Waniel
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**FFY**  
Calendar  
&  
Activities  
Schedule

DATE	SUNDAY GOSPEL READING	SUBJECT
Sept. 25, 2024 Wed <b>6:00-7:30</b>	26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Mark 9:38-43,45,47-48	Adoration Lesson <b>Adoration Prayer in Church 7:00pm</b>
Oct 2, 2024 Wed <b>6:00-7:30</b>	27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Mark 10:2-16	Guardian Angels Journey-where are we headed?
Oct 9, 2024 No class Fall Break	28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Mark 10:17-30	No Class Fall Break

**Remember in Prayer**

**St. Pius X:** Janet Norvell, Iris Joelle Maynard, 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, Beth Strutzel, Jason Long, Helen Nicholson, Larry Kline, Bonita Walker, Joe Hedges, Jerry Wade, Katie Wood, Joanna Grimes, Amanda Bailey, Kaileigh Row, Dolly Bardsley, 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, Donny Travis, 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, Brian Jolley, Marta Brown, Ronda Adams, Johnna Houseman.

**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 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Every Month**

**Quilters group at St Anthony Every Tuesday**

Contact Georgia Bradshaw for details. Quilters gather and work on their community quilt together.

**Orphaned Children Diaper Project:** Thank you to all who donated t-shirts for this important project. As of now, we have enough t-shirts. However, **Sew-On** Velcro can be donated and will be put to good use. Please use the basket by church doors for donations. Call Georgia Hunsley (*St. Anthony parish*) at 402-920-0108 for more info.

**Upcoming Parish Events at St Anthony of Padua**

We pray for **Karen Matthis** as she prepares to be received into the Catholic Church, and receive the sacraments of **Holy Communion & Confirmation!**  
Oct 13 Visit to St Stephen Church Grounds in LBL



**Acts 2:42 Groups start: 2nd Sunday every month: Oct 13**  
Signup contact Ed Georgen [edwardgeorgen@gmail.com](mailto:edwardgeorgen@gmail.com)

**All-Day Adoration on Friday October 4**

St Anthony Parish has an all day Eucharistic Adoration every 1<sup>st</sup> 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 during Adoration. Please register your time on the schedule or call Judy Forsythe - 612-245-3636

**First Saturdays Honor the Blessed Mother:**

First Saturday Mass on October 5 @ 8:00am. Every first Saturday we offer mass and pray the rosary

**St Anthony Birthdays Sept 22– Sept 28**

September 24 Betty Gonzalez

September 28 Renee Ray

**St Anthony Anniversaries:**

September 26 Ron & Karen Matthis

**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  
Sept 23 – Sept 29**

Wednesday	9:00 am	Martha McMahon
Friday	9:00 am	Linda Palusco
Sunday	8:00 am	Richard & Virginia Klohr

**WEEKLY DONATIONS**

Budget 2024/2025 Fiscal Year (July 2024-June 2025)	\$ 73,500.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 1,413.46
Weekly Donation 9/15/2024	\$ 640.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 29,618.39

**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 – September 29, 2024**

<b>Lector</b>	Shara Parish
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Cindy O’Brien Mike Drury
<b>Ushers/Greeters</b>	Kelly Noonan David Loxley
<b>Server</b>	Juan Gonzalez
<b>Money Counters</b>	Shara Parish Kevin Diamond

**CONSIDER ATTENDING DAILY MASS  
OR WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY**

**St Anthony Prayer List:** Theresa Owens, Jeff Ritorto, Cathy Ritorto, Betty Gonzalez, Elena Carey, Donna & Jon Gresham, Bob Decker, Bill Rodgers, Tom & Margie Sheppard, Bob Tashjian, Mr. Driskill, Pat Gorbett, Ed Derringe, 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 Oct 9 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:** 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)