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4th Sunday Advent Year C Luke 1:39-45



“Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled.”

Poem Excerpt from ‘The Quickenings of John Baptist’

by Thomas Merton
The day Our Lady, full of Christ,
Entered the dooryard of her relative
Did not her steps, light steps, lay on the paving leaves
like gold?
Did not her eyes as grey as doves
Alight like the peace of a new world upon that house, upon
miraculous Elizabeth?
Her salutation
Sings in the stone valley like a Charterhouse bell:
And the unborn saint John
Wakes in his mother’s body,
Bounds with the echoes of discovery.
Sing in your cell, small anchorite!
How did you see her in the eyeless dark?
What secret syllable
Woke your young faith to the mad truth
That an unborn baby could be washed in the Spirit of God?
Oh burning iov!

<u>Weekly Mass Readings</u>	<u>December 19-December 25</u>
Sunday 12/19	Mi 5:1-4a/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45
Monday 12/20	Is 7:10-14/Lk 1:26-38
Tuesday 12/21	Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Lk 1:39-45
Wednesday 12/22	1 Sm 1:24-28/Lk 1:46-56
Thursday 12/23	Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Lk 1:57-66
Friday 12/24	2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Lk 1:67-79
Saturday 12/25	Is 9:1-6/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14

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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-First Friday of each month-8:00

† Weekly Online Mass

Sunday -10:00 am

We are still Live Streaming Facebook
for anyone at home

Find us on Facebook at:
St. Pius X & St. Anthony of Padua Catholic
Churches

Parish Office Hours

Thursday 9:00 am-2:00 pm

St. Anthony of Padua
Mass Schedule

† Weekend Mass
Sunday- 8:00 am

† Daily Mass
Wednesday-9:00 am
Friday-9:00 am

*Eucharist Adoration-First Friday of each
month-9:00 am*

Pastoral Team

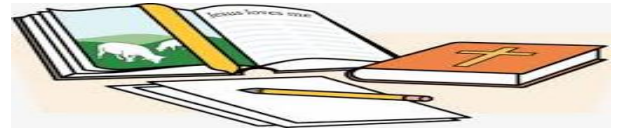
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FROM THE PASTOR



Dear St Pius And St Anthony Churches,

4th Sunday Advent Year C Luke 1:39-45

The Visitation: Mary visits Elizabeth to share the joyful news of her and Elizabeth's mutually surprising pregnancies! Yet, what a wonderful theme for Advent: Visitations! There are so many visits and travels contained in Advent-Christmas! Gabriel visits Mary, an angel visits Zechariah, Mary visits Zechariah (with Jesus visiting John inside their moms-'Would that be a 'womb' call, not a 'zoom' call!). And more to come, with the shepherds and wise men visiting Mary & Joseph in Bethlehem and then the shepherds go on visiting all over the mountain, 'telling' everyone in the hills and villages of Christ's birth (the Shepherds are the 1st evangelists!) Then, Joseph and Mary visit the Temple (Presentation) with the newborn Jesus! And that brings us to the most important visit of all: God visits us in Jesus Christ! God comes to dwell among us here on earth. We call that the Incarnation: God become human, God entering our humanity, visiting and staying among us. We call Jesus "Immanuel" which means 'God with us'(Matt 1:23 quoting Isaiah 7:14). So, this season celebrates 'visitations'!

Christmas reminds us of all the good pastimes and traditions of visiting that may have fallen away. We need to revive the practice of 'visiting' again. There is a wonderful sense of 'family' inherent in visiting others and checking on one another. I am reminded of people saying to me *'When you drop by, come around to the back door, that is where family comes in!'* Or another sign I saw that hanging on a door that read *'Back door neighbors are the best neighbors'*. Both of those sayings reflect the homey and comfortable closeness that builds over time with welcome visitations. We need such 'community closeness and feeling' more than ever now in our fractured societies. I remember (*Did you ever do this?*) as a child being sent to our neighbors' homes to ask them about borrowing a cup of sugar or a pickle or egg for mom to finish making a bowl of tuna salad for dinner. Or maybe over and knock on our neighbor, Mr Allen's door, to see if he is okay, because no one saw him out sitting in his yard that morning as he always did. Or maybe you remember 'Sunday drivers' or Sunday 'Go to the country' visits of grandparents, to spend the afternoon. Communities could benefit from rediscovering a better sense of dropping by to say 'hi' and just ask 'watcha doing?' of each other. Or take and drop off a couple of recently baked cookies to a neighbor.

Well, Christmas brings its own wonderful opportunities to take up visiting again! Imagine with me all of the *'Visit' traditions* that have grown up around Christmas. It starts with the idea of St Nicholas visiting homes of children and the poor to deliver them some blessing (even if only a little coin or food). At this time of year, People bake so much candy, cakes and other unique seasonal treats to share with others. I've have noticed a trend in the past couple years of more -'in person' delivery trips (maybe due more to the many shipping delays from the big delivery companies. I recall a friend last year who sent a family member a box of fudge that arrived two months later (it made for some 'hardtack' candy!) Maybe the reason people make so much candy at this time of year, is because it gives us a reason to go see other people- (*Or the companies printing the food recipes on their labels make recipe amounts huge to sell more ingredients!*) but the visiting and sharing is a great practice of this 'giving' season-give some food and some time to others -some personal time along with our favorite recipe. But we have other holiday traditions that naturally bring us out to visit other people. I think about how we decorate our homes with evergreens, ribbons and lights gives a reason to check out each other's 'Christmas Home' touches! But also, think of the many Carolers strolling around sidewalks/streets filling the air with songs of joy and celebration. In the old days, carolers even showed up at houses unannounced to surprise neighbors with mini-music concerts (candles & music)! So maybe we can all rediscover the joy of visiting others this Christmas season. We would be in good company following the practices of Gabriel, Mary, Elizabeth, the shepherds, wise men, Joseph and especially Jesus! What Jesus did for us by coming to dwell among us, we can imitate by hospitably going out to others and bring them some 'presence' by visiting and giving them some of our time, joy and refreshment! Peace, Fr Brian

Message from Holy Father Francis I to American States after Tornado Devastation

Cardinal Pietro Parolin, Secretary of State, reported Pope Francis' intentions of heartfelt support and prayers:

THE HOLY FATHER WAS SADDENED TO LEARN OF THE DEVASTATING IMPACT OF THE TORNADOES THAT STRUCK THE CENTRAL AND SOUTHERN UNITED STATES IN THESE DAYS. HE OFFERS HEARTFELT PRAYERS THAT ALMIGHTY GOD WILL GRANT ETERNAL PEACE TO THOSE WHO HAVE DIED, COMFORT TO THOSE WHO MOURN THEIR LOSS, AND STRENGTH TO ALL THOSE AFFECTED BY THIS IMMENSE TRAGEDY. WITH GRATITUDE FOR THE TIRELESS EFFORTS OF THE RESCUE WORKERS AND ALL ENGAGED IN CARING FOR THE INJURED, THE GRIEVING FAMILIES AND THOSE LEFT HOMELESS, POPE FRANCIS INVOKES UPON ALL ENGAGED IN THE MASSIVE WORK OF RELIEF AND REBUILDING THE LORD'S GIFTS, OF STRENGTH AND GENEROUS PERSEVERANCE IN THE SERVICE OF THEIR BROTHERS AND SISTERS.

FFY Faith Formation Youth Activities Calendar

CHRISTMAS BREAK

Wednesday	Jan. 5, 2022	6:30-8:00	Dec. 20 - Dec. 31 Family Faith - Jan Parents Meeting	Parish Hall
Sunday	Jan. 9	2:00-3:30	Confirmation Class	Parish Hall

Prayers & Sympathy: Please pray for the eternal rest of Bob Darst, whose funeral was last week. Please keep Marty, Amanda, Amy & Paul in your prayers that God may comfort them through this difficult time of grief and loss.

Papal Synod 2021-2023: Prepare for future parish listening sessions

Pope Francis is inviting everyone, both in the mainstream of church life and on the margins, to voice their hopes, joys, struggles and concerns for the Church in preparation for the Synod of Bishops in Rome for 2023. In response to the Holy Father's request, the Diocese of Owensboro is calling for two phases of listening to occur in the coming months – parish-based listening session and a later regional session. The Diocesan Planning Team is preparing resources and Bishop Medley is asking parishes to conduct a parish two-part listening session.

Birthdays & Anniversaries: Dec 19 – Dec 25

Happy Birthday!

St. Pius X

December 19	Sherry Ferm
December 20	Rose Drury
December 22	Dawn Whitt
December 22	Bryan Willett
December 24	Larry Ball
December 24	Katie Anderson

St. Anthony of Padua

December 24	Pat Gorbett
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Happy Anniversary!

St. Pius X

December 23	Marty & Kim Lampert
December 23	Kenneth & Eva Matthews
December 23	Robert & Julie Weekes

St. Anthony of Padua

December 24	Tommy & Margie Sheppard
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St Pius X Mass Assignments: Saturday, December 25, 2021

Servers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers / Greeters	Money Counters
No Saturday Night Mass	No Saturday Night mass	No Saturday Night mass	No Saturday Night mass	No Saturday Night mass

St Pius Mass Assignments: Sunday, December 26, 2021

Volunteer	Amanda Scheidegger	Patti Langford	Volunteer (Usher) Volunteer (Usher) Volunteer (Greeter)	Kathy Smith MaryAnn Heubschmann
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Protect our Children: Report and Seek Help against Abuse: The safety of our children is the responsibility of every Christian. Anyone aware of the abuse of a person under the age of eighteen is required by law to report this to the proper state authorities local law enforcement or the Kentucky Child Abuse Hotline (toll-free: 1-877-597- 2331). To report abuse to the diocese, current or past, by anyone acting in the name of the Church (paid or volunteer), call Louanne Payne, Pastoral Assistance Coordinator (English) on the confidential phone line: 270-852-8380, or Susan Montalvo-Gesser/Miguel Quintanilla, Pastoral Assistance Coordinators (Spanish): 270-880-8360. The Diocese of Owensboro's sexual abuse policy is available this parish, on the bulletin board, in the parish office, and also on the diocesan website (<https://owensborodiocese.org/safe>).

Remember in Prayer

St. Pius X: Bob Darst, Philip Hollofield, Joey Elder, Jeffrey Frizzell, Kaileigh Row, Chevelle Allen, Henry Feezor, John Campbell, Lisa Hammond, Rose Grossius, Bennett Meisenheimer, Neil Trammell, Peter Bullock, Jim & Rose Drury, Wes Hayes, Mike Norvell, Maryann Huebschmann, Shirley Mangan, Kenny Matthews, Dora Miller, Miller Meisenheimer, Joann Najgebauer, Johnny Poe, Joel Rivera, Carol Ross, Marty Tyskling, Lonnie Vogler, Brenda Waitke, Gary Walters, Andrew Walton, Larry Wenzel, Anna Williams, Dawn Williams, Wilma Lejuene, Lori Butler, Isabella Hamilton, Dr. Danny Butler, Cameron Richmond, Brad Longworth, Matthew Black, Helen Bennett, Nannette Frizzell, Catherine Broks, Stacey Newby, Bette Zilligen, Dorothy Henry, Ric Vaughn, Susan Sloan, Donny Travis, Betty Derry, Scott Hamilton, Connie Burt and family, Abigail Huebschmann, Lucas Hebner, Ericka Karpstein, Joanna Cooper, Carolyn Outland, Angel Thompson, Kaye Poyner, Jerry Huebschmann, Dorothy Henry, Bob & Lois Tashjian, Rita Cook, Hannah Padgett, Juliette Kaplans, Jack Bender, Penny Maupin, Don Kemp, Sharon Olejnicak, Tim Wilson, Beverly Dukes, Bill Norvell, Wallace Hunt, Phyllis White, Judy Krouse, Kerry Frazier, Rene Harrington, Joe Cirrito, Lisa Doyle, Forrest Michael Teeters, David Kroll, Cameron Brewer, Stefanie Wilkerson-Barragan, Hugo Santos, Sharon Gibbons, Wayne Viniard, Braydn Barnett, and their families and caregivers

St. Anthony of Padua: David Reed, Juan Gonzalez, Elena Carey, Donna & Jon Gresham, Bob Decker, Bill Rodgers, Tom & Margie Sheppard, Bob & Lois Tashjian, Mr. Driskill, Margaret Adams, Pat Gorbett, Ed Derringe, Helen Krivan, Imogene Ramey, Bob Lang and their families and caregivers.

Pray for Our Military

St. Pius X: 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 of Padua: Joel Dumbacher, Matt Elder, Kathleen Erickson, Scott Erickson, Cory Erickson, Jason Huber, James A. Kinsey, Jay Lockhart, Sarah Martindale, Devin McFadden, Ryan M. Fields, LeAnne Neal, and Kousuke Sasaki.


St. Pius X

Mass Intentions December 20 – December 26		
Tuesday	6:00 pm	Pauline Henning
Wednesday	8:00 am	Chester Rudnicki
Thursday	8:00 am	Safety of Navy Seal-Jake Shaffer
Friday	8:00 am	All Parishioners
Saturday	4:30 pm	All Parishioners
Sunday	10:00 am	Madison Holmen

WEEKLY DONATIONS

Parish Hall Donation (12/12/21)	\$ 343.00
Budget for 2021/2022 Fiscal Year (July 2021-June 2022)	\$ 180,000.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 3,461.54
Weekly Donation (12/12/21)	\$ 2,725.50
Online Giving (12/12/21)	\$ 958.00
Total Week's Gift Offering 12/12	\$ 3,683.50
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 84,369.80
Tornado Relief (Catholic Charities)	\$ 2,139.00

Christmas Masses Schedule



Christmas Eve	5:30 pm St Anthony (Carols 5:00 pm)
	8:00 pm St Pius X (Carols 7:30 pm)
Christmas Day	9:00 am St Pius X

Canticles in the Gospel of Luke Bible Study:

Tuesday Nights in Advent at 6:30-7:30, we will be studying the four canticle-hymns uniquely found in Luke's gospel. The Magnificat, Benedictus, Nunc Dimittis & Angels' Hymn of Glory are wonderful Advent Meditations from Scripture. Come enjoy a little study & discussion Tuesdays at St Pius Hall after the 6:00 pm Mass (6:30-7:30)

Parish Council

Pam Hurst	Chair Person
Jeff Outland	Building & Ground
Larry Krouse	Secretary
Robert Weekes	Finance
Dawn Whitt	Spiritual Life
Catherine Broks	FFY
Gary Traylor	
Nora Canon	
Catie Weekes	
Andy Ferm	
<i>Bereavement Committee</i>	<i>Fran Dacus</i>

St. Anthony of Padua

Mass Intentions December 20 – December 26		
Wednesday	9:00 am	John & Anne Bradshaw
Friday	9:00 am	All Parishioners
Sunday	8:00 am	Dr Sidney Edds

WEEKLY DONATIONS

Budget 2021/2022 Fiscal Year (July 2021-June 2022)	\$ 72,000.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 1,386.54
Weekly Donation 12/12/2021)	\$ 802.50
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 34,504.00
Tornado Relief (Catholic Charities)	\$ 478.00

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



Livingston Co. Christmas Help Program

St Anthony Church is supporting again this year the gift program of Families First-Livingston Co. School Resource to provide Christmas gifts/goods for families & children in need. Please pick up an envelope from the Angel Tree to make a contribution, and place in the collection basket to help this year's program for kids.

St Anthony Mass Assignments – December 26, 2021

Lector	Darin Adrian
Eucharistic Ministers	Shara Parish
Prayers of the Faithful	
Ushers/Greeters	Kelly Noonan Kevin Diamond
Server	Shara Parish
Money Counters	Shara Parish Kevin Diamond

Save Aluminum Can Pull Tabs: To help families staying at the Ronald McDonald House through their children's surgeries in the neighboring hospitals in Louisville or Nashville. We have a basket by church doors to drop in the tabs.

Parish Council

Roy McFadden	Chair Person
Mike Drury	Vice Chair/Building & Ground
Debbie Owens	Secretary/Family Life
Shara Parish	Finance/ Building & Ground
Kelly Noonan	
David Loxley	

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