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Baptism of the Lord Feast Year C Luke 3:15-16, 21-22



“The people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ. John answered them all, saying, “I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.” After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”

The Lamb

By William Blake

‘Little Lamb who made thee
Dost thou know who made thee
Gave thee life & bid thee feed.
By the stream & o'er the mead;
Gave thee clothing of delight,
Softest clothing wooly bright;
Gave thee such a tender voice,
Making all the vales rejoice!
Little Lamb who made thee
Dost thou know who made thee

Little Lamb I'll tell thee,
Little Lamb I'll tell thee!

He is called by thy name,
For he calls himself a Lamb:
He is meek & he is mild,
He became a little child:
I a child & thou a lamb,
We are called by his name.
Little Lamb God bless thee.
Little Lamb God bless thee.

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 January 12, 2025
Is 42:1-7/Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-22
Monday Heb 1:1-6/Mk 1:14-20
Tuesday Heb 2:5-12/Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday Heb 2:14-18/Mk 1:29-39
Thursday Heb 3:7-14/Mk 1:40-45
Friday Heb 4:1-5, 11/Mk 2:1-12
Saturday Heb 4:12-16/Mk 2:13-17

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, Baptism of the Lord Year C Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

Set Fire to the Rain! Yet, it is not Adele, but John the Baptist singing! People are talking, and ‘Rumor has it’ that John might be the Messiah? But ‘Hello’, John knows himself, and humbly steps back from the light to reveal that he is only an opening act (Yes, I took up the challenge to see how many Adele song titles I can use!) But John Baptist only prepares, and makes ready for the coming ‘Way’ of Jesus. The real ‘Skyfall’ happens after John, when Jesus is baptized by him and the Holy Spirit-Dove descends upon Jesus with the voice of the Father announcing, “You are my beloved son...” John is a model of discipleship. John does not want to attract any attention to himself, but only wants to make the introductions of people to Jesus, and then he steps back out of view. Water is used for preparations. We see this when we bathe or wash our faces in the morning, to get ready to face the light of day. Or when we rinse and wash vegetables before actually putting them in the pot/stove. Then, we are cooking with fire! The same applies to our faith: John prepares us with water, but it is Jesus who brings the fire to us.

As a disciple, John knows he needs a Messiah (and John wants no confusion: He is not it—in John 1:20, the Baptist will definitely deny it **three** times!) To emphasize his humility, John uses an interesting symbolic action of ‘not even being worthy to untie Jesus’ sandal’. What is that about? How is not untying a shoe, a sign of lowly humility. Well first, it is not just anybody’s shoe, but it is the Messiah’s sandal. Since it was customary that only a slave did such ‘grunt’ work as removing a person’s shoes and washing their feet, John even debases himself lower than a slave’s status by his remark about not being worthy to even touch the strap of the Messiah’s sandal. Such sandal and foot work certainly could make the list of Mike Rowe’s TV Show ‘Dirty Jobs’. It was lowly work, dealing with the lowest part of body and the slave knelt low to the ground, or stooped in front of the master to do the work (and consider where those sandals and toes may have walked, with all the animals running around, toe jam, etc!) So, here comes John and he says he is not even worthy to ‘untie’ the strap on Messiah’s sandal. It is not that he is saying, he is not worthy to rub/touch the Master’s body-- He is saying that he is not worthy to touch something (strap) that touches something (sandal) that actually touches the Master’s body (and only foot at that!). That is lowly and humble!

But John’s exaggeration is to help his followers readily and eagerly leave him and begin discipleship to the Messiah-Jesus when He appears. We may underestimate such a possibility. How could someone stick with John and miss the Messiah? Keep in mind that John was quite popular. Matthew 14:5 tells us that Herod’s fear of John was due to his popularity among the people. John has disciples that claimed loyalty to him which can be seen when the Pharisees reference John’s disciples fasting in Luke 5:33. An eventual apostle of Jesus, Andrew, was first a disciple of John (John 1:37). So, it was likely hard for his devoted friend-disciples to transition in to becoming Jesus’ disciples, even though John’s whole mission was to accomplish such an acceptance of the Messiah (so often with prophets, we mistake the messenger for the message). Here are two examples of how John humbly moved his disciples over to Jesus (*Maybe imagine it as a mother bird pushing the babies out of the nest to fly*): In Matt 11:2–11 (Lk 7:18–28), John sends some ‘clingers-on’ of his to take a mission to go meet Jesus and ask the question, “Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?” Of course John knows, and Jesus knows that John knows, but to help the loyal ‘holdouts’ come over, John forces an ‘introduction’ knowing that Jesus divine charisma would draw them into new discipleship. Again, John properly defers to Jesus, when Jesus presents Himself for baptism from John. John’s aides would have heard the exchange, when John resists such an act, saying “I need to be baptized by you, and yet you are coming to me?” (Matt 3:13-14).

So, John is humble and the exemplary servant, to do his job and step back out of the way. John himself will say, “*He must increase, and I must decrease*” (John 3:30). Peace, 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

Parish Council Elections February 2

Pick up a nomination form and submit some candidates to serve on the parish council. Please ask them to serve first.

Early Church Fathers Study & Discussion Tuesdays 6:30 pm

St Pius X Mass Intentions Jan 13 – Jan 19		
Tuesday	6:00 pm	Linda Palusco
Wednesday	8:00 am	Sally Anne Klohr
Thursday	8:00 am	PJ & Martha Rose O'Donoghue
Friday	8:00 am	Richard Craig Klohr
Saturday	4:30 pm	The Elder Family
Sunday	10:00am	Charlette DeWitt Hemmer
WEEKLY DONATIONS		
Parish Hall Donation (1/5/25)	\$	125.00
Budget for 2024/2025 Fiscal Year	\$	195,000.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$	3,750.00
Weekly Donation (1/5/25)	\$	3,356.00
Online Giving (1/5/25)	\$	1,891.00
Total Week's Gift Offering 1/5	\$	5,247.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$	129,622.64




Ladies Night Out
with the Daughters of Isabella
Saturday Jan. 18 @ 6:30 for an
Amazing evening
OF BUNCO
at the KC Hall 3028 Jefferson Street
\$15.00 per person to play and win prizes
Please bring an appetizer to share

You don't have to know how to play, we'll teach you, it's easy!
It's sure to be a fun night of fabulous ladies over 18 having fun!

- Designated Jubilee Pilgrimage Sites Diocese**
- St. Stephen Cathedral, Owensboro
 - St. Romuald Parish, Hardinsburg
 - St. Leo Parish, Murray
 - St. Francis de Sales Parish, Paducah
 - Marian Shrine St. Joseph, Bowling Green
 - Holy Redeemer Parish, Beaverdam

Congratulations to New Deacon Conrad Jaconette
*We thank God for our new Deacon ordained last Saturday.
Please pray for more priests to be called to serve in the Church.*

Upcoming Events: Mark your calendars
Jan 11 Sat Nite Potluck - Bring your favorite soup!
Feb 8 Valentine's Dinner – Italian Spaghetti Dinner



Happy Birthday! Jan 12 – Jan 18 St. Pius

January 12	Marty Lampert
January 13	Leon Hobbs
January 14	Mary Ann Huebschmann
January 15	Carolyn Tomlinson
January 18	Jean Waniel

Happy Anniversary! St. Pius X

January 13	Larry & Dawn Whitt	January 17	Clem & Brenda
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St Pius X Mass Assignments: Saturday, January 18, 2025				
Servers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers / Greeters	Money Counters
Franky Schiaretti	Dawn Whitt	Paula Schmidt Kurt Schmidt Charlotte Riedfort	George Humphreys (Greeter) Paula Humphreys (Greeter)	
Mass Assignments: Sunday, January 19, 2025				
Volunteer	Philip Scheiber	Marcus Newman Teresa Newman Jimmy Harbison	Usher Volunteer Usher Volunteer Usher Volunteer	Andy Ferm Sherry Ferm

FFY
Calendar
&
Activities
Schedule

DATE	SUNDAY GOSPEL READING	SUBJECT
January 15, 2025 Wed 6:00-7:30 pm	2 nd Sunday Ordinary Time John 2:1-11	Lessons TBA
January 22, 2025 Wed 6:00-7:30 pm	3 rd Sunday Ordinary Time Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21	FFY Mass @ 7:00 pm
January 29, 2025 Wed 6:00-7:30	Feast Presentation of Lord Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40	

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 Pellegriin.

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.

How Beautiful the Sanctuaries! Many thanks to all of the teams of decorators that transformed our churches by Christmas Seasonal Decorations!

Also, to Danny Padgett and Ashley/Pam Thurman and their choirs for the beautiful music at all of the Christmas liturgies, thank you for the gift of music!



Next Lunch Bunch gathering in February 20

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

All-Day Adoration on Friday February 7

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 February 1 @ 8:00am. Every first Saturday we offer mass and pray the rosary



St Anthony Birthdays Jan 12– Jan 18

January 11 Ashley Thurman
January 18 Georgia Hunsley

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
Jan 13 – Jan 19**

Wednesday	9:00 am	Richard Sr & Marie Klohr
Friday	9:00 am	Dolly Bardsley
Sunday	8:00 am	Linda Palusco

WEEKLY DONATIONS

Budget 2024/2025 Fiscal Year (July 2024-June 2025)	\$ 73,500.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 1,413.46
Weekly Donation 1/5/2024	\$ 1,305.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 60,149.39

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 – January 19, 2025

Lector	Wayne Bradshaw
Eucharistic Ministers	Judy Forsythe Joyce Wilkinson
Ushers/Greeters	David Loxley Kevin Deisen
Server	Juan Gonzalez
Money Counters	Shara Parish Kevin Diamond

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

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