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Feast of Epiphany Year A Matt 2:1-12



“When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, “Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.” When King Herod heard this, he was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. Assembling all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, He inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They said to him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it has been written through the prophet: And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel.” Then Herod called the magi secretly and ascertained from them the time of the star’s appearance. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search diligently for the child. When you have found him, bring me word, that I too may go and do him homage.” After their audience with the king they set out. And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way.”

Star Attraction

By Paul Berchtold

Wise men saw a star in the east,
They followed it from distant lands.
The long journey took many weeks,
Over mountains and desert sands.
Did the star attract? Have power,
To bring them closer, sure but slow?
Had they no choice, in the matter,
But say, O well, we have to go?
Alas, it was not just the star.
Many millions saw it's shining.
But so few followed, that's because
So few hearts were truly pining.
These men were wise, acting promptly,
Their hearts were ready to follow.
Not like folks in Jerusalem,
Who had mere intentions hollow.
They paid the price, for many years,
Searching long, with hope and desire.
They prepared, waited, faithfully,
They did not let go out the fire.

Eucharistic Renewal Meditation

“From all that we have said about the nature of the Liturgy it becomes clear that knowledge of the mystery of Christ, the decisive question for our lives, does not consist in a mental assimilation of some idea but in real existential engagement with his person. In this sense, Liturgy is not about “knowledge,” and its scope is not primarily pedagogical, even though it does have great pedagogical value. (Cf. Sacrosanctum Concilium, n. 33) Rather, Liturgy is about praise, about rendering thanks for the Passover of the Son whose power reaches our lives. The celebration concerns the reality of our being docile to the action of the Spirit who operates through it until Christ be formed in us. (*Desiderio #41*)

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

Visit our Website www.stpiusx.us

Daily Scripture Readings

Sunday January 8

Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Monday Acts 10:34-38/Mt 3:13-17

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

Mass Schedule

† **Weekend Mass**

Sunday- 8:00 am

† **Daily Mass**

Wednesday-9:00 am

Friday-9:00 am

Eucharist Adoration-First Friday 9:00 am

First Saturday of Month Mass 8:00 am

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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 Pius And St Anthony Churches,

Feast of Epiphany Year A

Luke 2:16-21

Happy Epiphany! Why do I love that word so much? Epiphany, epiphany! The word means to 'reveal', 'show' or 'see through'. It has a close relation to such words as 'Enlightenment', 'Awakening' or 'Illumination'. Some great authors of literature, like James Joyce or Flannery O'Connor, are associated with the use of 'epiphany' as a literary technique in a story that provokes a sudden insight within the reader. (*Hey, I just realized that they are both 'Irish' and 'Catholic'! That's an epiphany!*) Since the word 'Epiphany' is associated with light, many people quickly assume that it refers to the bright guiding star that led the wise men to the child-King Jesus. But that is only the beginning! I sense that the Wise Men's epiphany-realization wasn't just the marvel in the sky, but what is behind it all: the marvel on earth of God being born among us in Bethlehem! The Wise Men didn't just discover a star, but they discovered the Maker of all the stars. Jesus-God is the source of all such light, the True Light of the World. Nearly all the Christmas cards I received this year that had an image of the Nativity Scene on it, they all show light shining out from within the swaddled Child in the crib-manger, or maybe from the stable or cave itself! The light emanates from the center of the picture -Jesus-, and shines out to all the borders of card, that represents Christ's light shining to all the ends of the world. The scene wasn't lit by torches or lamps hanging around on posts or stakes. And it wasn't illuminated from above, with a light shining down like the moon or stars. No, the scene is lit up, by light rays shining out from the crib of the newborn Jesus. How fitting this is, that Jesus lights up the scene by His own light, since Jesus will say of Himself later, "***I am the light of the world***" (John 8:12 & 12:46). This reminds me of the popular 'painter of light' Thomas Kinkade who painted his every picture with no evident, external light source in his scenes. For example, the light always came from inside a home, a church, or a building (through windows lighted up from within). Even if there was light in the sky, you never saw it directly, such as if it was a sun (it always shined through clouds or over mountain ranges). Well, within so many Nativity Scenes, this same idea is at work, with the light source of the 'framed image' coming from within the crib where Jesus is found!

So, the greatest discovery of the Wise Men, is not some novel star in the sky to look up at and admire, but it is the source of all stars, God Himself. Jesus is someone to adore and worship: The True Light. I find the life-changing insight (epiphany) to be that the Wise Men recognize who their God is-Jesus the Savior of all people. And they do not only discover the true God, but they discover who they themselves truly are – Children of God. We are all children of the same God and Jesus came to save us all. Jesus is born for these foreign travelers, just the same as He is for all the native Israelites. The Wise Men's coming to Jesus, reveals the universal nature of Christ's mission of salvation for everyone. Early Tradition holds that the Wise Men represent the whole rest of the known world (Persia-Arabia, India and Africa). Whatever one's country of origin, Jesus came to save us all. Having come to know God, afterward, the Wise Men know themselves better too. I like how St Augustine teaches us that, apart from God, we do not know our true selves. Because of pride and the devil's taunting (fooling) us to claim more for ourselves than we actually are, sin distorts our view of ourselves and others. But God opens our eyes and reveals our true ourselves to us (John 8:32 "you will know the truth, and the truth will set **you** free"). In his Confessions, St Augustine says, "You are closer to me than I am to myself" (Book 3, chap 6). He is saying, "God you know me better than I know myself." So, in addition to the Wise Men discovering God and learning about themselves that they are true children of God, their eyes are opened also to Herod's true colors (his brutal ambition to control & demean his subjects). They may have been fooled by Herod's duplicity in faking benevolent interest in the newborn king Jesus in the beginning. But, after having met God in Bethlehem, now they see through Herod's tricks and avoid their follow-up visit to him (they have Herod's number). God's light leads the Wise Men away from the danger of Herod. Their eyes have been opened to be able to discern and know others and human nature better.

Jesus does that for us. He teaches us about ourselves. What we don't see clearly about ourselves, Jesus will reveal to us I think that is what is behind the new names that Jesus gives some people in scripture when he calls them, like Peter, James, John, Nathaniel & Matthew(?). Jesus gives an additional name to them, based on some quality they don't recognize in themselves before having encountered him. Jesus tells us that He is the "Way, Truth & Life" for us (John 14:6). He tells us that if we take His way upon ourselves, then we can rest in our true selves with Him (Matthew 11:29 "Take my yoke upon you and learn from meand you will find rest for yourselves" & in Matthew 16:25 "whoever loses his (*false-self*) life for my sake will find it (*true self*).") So, when we encounter Jesus, we not only learn about God, but we learn about our true identities-selves (as children of God) and gain insight into human nature (others as fellow children of God). What an epiphany!

Peace, Fr Brian

Faith Formation Calendar for Youth FFY 2022-2023

Wednesday	Jan. 4	6:00 - 7:30	FFY: Meal/ Class	Parish Hall
Sunday	Jan. 8	11:00am	1 st Communion Class	Parish Hall
Wednesday	Jan. 11	6:00 - 7:30	FFY: Meal and Class	Parish Hall
Wednesday	Jan. 18	6:00 - 7:30	FFY: Meal/Class	Parish Hall



Prayers of Sympathy: Please pray for eternal rest of Bernito Alverra, brother in law of Juan Gonzalez, who passed away last week. May he rest in peace with God, & may the family be comforted in the days ahead

Birthdays & Anniversaries: Jan 8– Jan 14

Happy Birthday! St. Pius X

- January 8 Donna Carr
- January 12 Marty Lampert
- January 13 Leon Hobbs
- January 14 Maryann Huebschmann

St. Anthony of Padua

- January 11 Ashley Thurman

Happy Anniversary! St. Pius X

- January 13 Larry & Dawn Whitt

St. Anthony of Padua

- January 11 Merlin & Renee Ray

NATIONAL Eucharistic Revival

- Be on time!** Arrive at least 10 minutes before it starts to dial down your mind.
- Mother Church wants YOU** Help out if you can! (As a lector, usher, altar server, etc.)
- Sing...even if you're out of tune** Don't worry if you have no talent for singing: most people don't.
- Pray Business Class** Sit near the altar. It will help you pay attention.
- Give God your full attention** Isn't it fair that we spend one hour each week worshipping God?
- Call your Mother** Ask Mary to intercede for you during Mass. Pray to her for guidance and strength.

ways to get the most out of Mass

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ATTN: SCRIPTURE READERS & LISTENERS

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 to help.

St Pius X Mass Assignments: Saturday, January 14, 2022

Servers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers / Greeters	Money Counters
Volunteer	Paula Schmidt	Charlotte Riedfort Jeff Riedfort Volunteer	Volunteer (Usher) Volunteer (Usher) Volunteer (Greeter) Volunteer (Greeter)	
Mass Assignments: Sunday, January 15, 2023				
Volunteer	Ric Witowski	Patty Langford Teresa Newman Marcus Newman	Volunteer (Usher) Volunteer (Usher) Volunteer (Greeter)	Richard Derry Nancy Singleton

Have the Ursuline Sisters of Mt St Joseph touched your life?

Are you interested in the role the Ursuline Sisters played in operating many schools in the Diocese of Owensboro, including Brescia University? The new book "Hope and Firm Faith: The Story of the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph" is for you! It would make a wonderful gift for Christmas as well. To order your copy, call 270-220-2007 or the Ursuline Sisters website –www.ursulinesmsj.org/hope-and-firm-faith-book -- or contact the author, Dan Heckel, dan.heckel@maplemount.org

Remember in Prayer

St. Pius X: Derwood Doyle, Joe Hedges, Jerry Wade, Katie Wood, Joanna Grimes, Amanda Bailey, Kathryn Bailey Kaileigh Row, Dolly Bardsley, Pam Laibl, Chevelle Allen, David Kroll, Tad Inman, Henry Feezov, Jerry & Sissy Wommack, John Campbell, 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 Longsworth, Matthew Black, Helen Bennett, Catherine Broks, Stacey Newby, Bette Zilligen, Ric Vaughn, Susan Sloan, Donny Travis, Betty Derry, Scott Hamilton, Connie Burt and family, Abigail Huebschmann, Lucas Hebner, Ericka Karpstein, Joanna Cooper, Angel Thompson, Kaye Poyner, Bob Tashjian, Rita Cook, Juliette Kaplanes, Jack Bender, Penny Maupin, Don Kemp, Sharon Olejnicak, Tim Wilson, Beverly Dukes, Wallace Hunt, Phyllis White, Judy Krouse, Kerry Frazier, Rene Harrington, Lisa Doyle, Forrest Michael Teeters, Cameron Brewer, Stefanie Wilkerson-Barragan, Hugo Santos, Sharon Gibbons, Braydn Barnett, Elizabeth Witowski, Pam Dietz and their families

St. Anthony of Padua: David Reed, Juan 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 and caregivers.

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 of Padua: Joel Dumbacher, Matt Elder, Kathleen Erickson, Scott Erickson, Cory Erickson, James A. Kinsey, Jay Lockhart, Sarah Martindale, Devin McFadden, LeAnne Neal. and Kousuke Sasaki.

St. Pius X

Mass Intentions January 9 – January 15		
Tuesday	6:00 pm	James Richardson
Wednesday	8:00 am	Karen Elder
Thursday	8:00 am	Mila Richardson
Friday	8:00 am	Dr Sidney Edds
Saturday	4:30 pm	Virgilio Rendon
Sunday	10:00 am	Frances Storm

WEEKLY DONATIONS

Parish Hall Donation (1/1/23)	\$ 378.00
Budget for 2022/2023 Fiscal Year (July 2022-June 2023)	\$ 190,000.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 3,653.58
Weekly Donation (1/1/23)	\$ 3,990.00
Online Giving (1/1/23)	\$ 1,554.00
Total Week's Gift Offering 1/1	\$ 5,544.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 111,555.71



Early Church Fathers:

Every Tuesday Night from 6:30-7:30pm Come study these foundational documents written by the students of apostles. *After Scripture, these are our earliest sources of Faith!* Very Interesting History & Acts!

Prayer for the New Year

God of the years that lie behind us
Lord of the years that stretch before us
Weaver of all the ties that bind us
Keeper and King of the open door,

Grant us hope and courage glowing
White and pure as the stars above
Grant us faith in a full stream flowing
From the heights of Your eternal love

Out of the ruins of doubt and sorrow
Out of the aches and pains and tears
Help us fashion a new tomorrow
Free from the anguish of blighting fears

All through the seasons of sowing and reaping
All through the harvest of song and tears
Hold us close in our tender keeping, Lord,
O maker of all New Years. (Joanne Najgebauer)

Parish Council

Gary Traylor (3)	Chair Person
Nora Canon (3)	Secretary & Finance
Paula Humphreys (3)	Spiritual Life
Stacy Newby (3)	FFY & Religious Ed
Debbie Anspauch(3)	Social Program/Outreach
Michael Bowling (3)	Building & Ground

Next Meeting January 17 @ 4:30 pm

St. Anthony of Padua

Mass Intentions January 9 – January 15		
Wednesday	9:00 am	James Rodney Wheatley
Friday	9:00 am	John & Sue Mudd Family
Sunday	8:00 am	Taylor Johansen

WEEKLY DONATIONS

Budget 2022/2023 Fiscal Year (July 2022-June 2023)	\$ 73,500.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 1,413.46
Weekly Donation 1/1/2023)	\$ 1,436.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 41,403.00

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: Hamburger Helper, mac and cheese, 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 – January 15, 2022

Lector	Shara Parish
Eucharistic Ministers	Steve Wilkes Mike Drury
Ushers/Greeters	David Loxley Kipling Spencer
Server	Juan Gonzalez
Money Counters	Shara Parish Kevin Diamond

Centering Prayer Group:Thursdays at 10:00 am

Interested in *Centering Prayer*? Thursdays at 10:00 am in St Pius Library. We have a short 20 min video & 10 min discussion before each experience of prayer (15 min). To learn more online about centering prayer, you are invited to receive daily meditations by email, that include a page a day from Fr Thomas Keating's book "Open Mind-open Heart". Simply email and ask to join online community at cpone@centeringprayer.net

Parish Council

Mike Drury	Chair Person	Debbie Owens	Secretary/Family Life
Shara Parish	Finance	Kelly Noonan	Building & Ground
David Loxley	Social/Events	Steve Wilkes	Spirituality/Formation

Next Meeting February 15 @ 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