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24<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Year B Mark 8:27-35



Jesus and his disciples set out for the villages of Caesarea Philippi. Along the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" They said in reply, "John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others one of the prophets." And he asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter said to him in reply, "You are the Christ." Then he warned them not to tell anyone about him. He began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer greatly and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and rise after three days. He spoke this openly. Then Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. At this he turned around and, looking at his disciples, rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." He summoned the crowd with his disciples and said to them, ***"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.*** For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it."

9/11 Anniversary Prayer

Holy God, Creator of all people and all nations,  
It is with sorrow and apprehension we remember the tragic events that occurred on this day.  
We lift to You in prayer all those who died In the Twin Towers, at the Pentagon, and on United Airlines Flight 93 In Shankesville, Pennsylvania.  
We entrust them to Your loving care. Console their families, friends, and all who mourn this loss In the hope that all who trust in You find peace and rest in Your Kingdom.  
We pray for those who courageously responded to provide aid and comfort to the afflicted. May their painful memories of that day be healed and transformed into positive resolutions.  
Let us resolve that in the face of hatred, we will show love; that in times of despair, we will be voices of hope. That in times of darkness, we will be sources of light.  
  
And, let us honor the memory of nearly 3,000 individuals who died on September 11, 2001 By resolving, with Your help Almighty God, To truly live this way so You may be glorified and Your love made known to others through us. Amen

<u>Weekly Mass Readings</u>	<u>September 12-September 18</u>
Sunday 9/12	Is 50:4c-9a/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35
Monday 9/13	1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 7:1-10
Tuesday 9/14	Nm 21:4b-9/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17
Wednesday 9/15	1 Tm 3:14-16/Jn 19:25-27
Thursday 9/16	1 Tm 4:12-16/Lk 7:36-50
Friday 9/17	1 Tm 6:2c-12/Lk 8:1-3
Saturday 9/18	1 Tm 6:13-16/Lk 8:4-15

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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*

† **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**

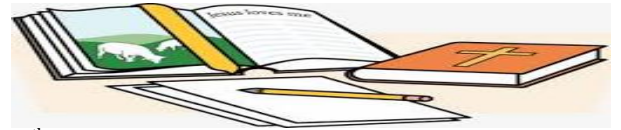
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# FROM THE PASTOR



Dear St Pius And St Anthony Churches,

24<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time Year B Mark 8:27-35

Who is Jesus? How do we think of Him? Today's gospel presents two questions 1) "Who do people say 'I am'?" (Mark 8:27) **and then** the more personal question to the apostles 2) "Who do **YOU** say that I am?" (Mark 8:29). How would YOU answer Jesus? How do you see Him? How do you interact with Him daily? As a part of your life, how would you describe Jesus to someone who asked you who He is? I compare this encounter between Jesus and His apostles to that 'defining moment' in a relationship between husband and wife, parent and child or among close friends, when one person says to the other, "What do I mean to you?" That is Serious! Think before responding, right? We are careful & thoughtful about our words that follow because the emotional stakes are so high. So, how do we answer Jesus?

It may be a shock to some of us to read about the following heated exchange between Jesus and Peter. Peter first presumptuously 'rebukes' Jesus and tells Him what kind of Savior He should be (Mark 8:32). Then, Jesus returns a rebuke to Peter, (Mark 8:33), calling Peter to think of his own subordinate position (as a disciple-follower), for Peter to know his own place. Two things are happening in Peter's response: 1) Peter is trying to 'revise' God's will of sending Jesus as a 'Suffering Savior' (Peter wants all glory and fireworks) yet Peter is also 2) affronting the personal dignity of Jesus as an individual child of God. We do this to one another, when we do not accept the other person for who they are: when we try to make them into what WE want them to be, instead of accepting them as God created them. We must be humble as we stand before the mystery of another person in his/her individual uniqueness as created by God. God alone knows the inmost depths of the other person and their fulfillment. Each person has been uniquely created in the image/likeness of God-He knows each one (Genesis 1:27 & John 10:14). So, we cannot presumptively stamp our own preferences upon them (God has already done that-His image/likeness on their soul). When Peter tries telling Jesus here, how to be a Savior, Peter is stepping over a line (out of line) and Jesus reminds him of his presumptive overreach. Jesus says, "Get behind me, Satan" (Mark 8:33). Imagine the formation of a leader walking in front of a group moving forward. Basically by Peter presuming to tell Jesus how He should serve God, Peter was stepping out around Jesus (out-flanking Him) to assume the lead role over Jesus. So, Jesus says, 'Get back in line, get back behind me in formation'. Again, for Peter to presume to tell anybody how he/she should serve God would be an offense against that individual person's dignity, but all the more so with Jesus (who would presume to tell God how to be God?). Maybe a better question to Peter for today's gospel is "Who does Peter think He is, telling God how to act?" As Jesus often does, He turns the table on Peter. Peter may think proudly that he has given Jesus a new name identifying him as 'Messiah' and it turns out that Peter gets the name-title 'Satan' by his arrogant attempt to control Jesus! The word 'Satan' used here is not used like a proper noun (Peter is not THE Devil), but rather that title is used to describe Peter's 'satanic' or 'oppositional-to-Jesus' actions. This same type naming action happens when a basketball player sinks a half-court shot, and someone yells, "You Ace!" Well, the player is not actually a star jet-pilot, it is just that they just happened to control the air to land that 3-point shot! The player's skill action is what is being described: their proper name is not 'Ace'. So, the same with Peter here. He is not the 'Satan', but he is accusing, detracting and opposing God's will (Satan in Hebrew means 'Adversary'-'Opposer'). Interestingly, when Jesus asks Peter who Peter thinks Jesus is, Peter turns out to reveal his own self- his biases/prejudices. Jesus does that! He cuts to the core. Our interactions with Him, reveal to ourselves who we are!

So what do we say? When Jesus asks us how we view Him, He is inviting us to imitate His humility. Jesus tells us, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me" (Mark 8:34). To deny oneself and take up one's cross, means that we serve and place others ahead of ourselves (that is discipleship by example). We do not presume to know what is best for everybody else, and tell them how they are to be themselves (if we did, we would only be making them 'little me's of me' instead of letting them be what God has created them to be (and for them to flourish as God intended for them). Part of denying oneself, also means that we often do not know what is good for our own selves either. So we need to turn to God for our own fulfillment. In St Augustine's autobiography Confessions, he humbly admits that humanly he does not know God, and does not even not know his own self. In Book 10 of the Confessions, St Augustine realizes that he doesn't know himself; only God knows him through and through. He asks, "What then am I, O my God? Of what nature am I?" (Book 10:17ff). St Augustine discovers that God is more interior to him, than even his own self, when he writes, "You were more inward to me than my most inward part and higher than my highest" (Book 3.6ff). So, we must go to God to discover ourselves. How presumptuous it would be of us to define ourselves or self-identify based on today's desires and fashions. Jesus is our 'Way, Truth and Life' (Jn 14:6). We must humble ourselves, and take up Jesus' cross to discover who we are!

## **Volunteer Corner:** Are you looking for a way to help around our church community?

There are many service opportunities *in the community* such as with Hope Clinic, Marcella's Kitchen, Exceptional Center, Habitat for Humanity, Lourdes Hospice, Convalescent Center or Oakview?

Yet, also, there are opportunities for service *within our churches*. Sometimes, the right gift is out there looking for just the right time. How about now? Have you ever considered working in a *parish support card-ministry with others* mailing comfort cards to the sick or grieving, or celebratory cards for special events? Or mailing welcome cards to new members? Please let Fr Brian know, if so

**FFY Schedule: Family of Faith group, Confirmation group and Youth Ministry group**

Wednesday	Sept. 8	6:30-8:00	Youth Ministry Group	Parish Hall
Sunday	Sept. 12	2:00-3:30	Confirmation Class	Parish Hall
Wednesday	Sept. 15	6:30-7:30p	Confirmation Class - Zoom	online
Sunday	Sept. 19	Mass	Catechist Sunday (bless catechists/parents)	Church
Sunday	Sept. 19	11:30-1:00	Picnic for Family Faith Group	Church Picnic Shelter

**Congratulations to our New Class of Deacons!**

Our Diocese welcomed Seven New Permanent Deacons to serve in our Diocese as they were ordained Saturday September 11 at St Stephen Cathedral. Seven – How scriptural just like the original seven deacons in Acts of the Apostles 6:1-6! Congratulations, Deacon Frank Bosh, Dcn Tony Carmena, Dcn Bill Clark, Dcn TJ Dennison, Dcn Hal Jones, Dcn John Knight, and Dcn Gayle Rhodes.

**Prayers and Sympathy:** Please pray for the eternal rest of Julie Winninger (daughter of Joe Cirrito) and Jim Darst (brother of Bob Darst) who passed away last week. Please pray for their families God may comfort and strengthen them in their time of grief.

**Birthdays & Anniversaries:**

**September 12 -September 18**

**Happy Birthday!**

**St. Pius X**

September 12 Amanda Glover  
September 14 Brent Hurst  
September 18 Joe Cirrito

**St. Anthony of Padua**

September 15 Jamie Zaim

**Happy Anniversary!**

**St. Pius X**

September 17 Klint & Debra Boughton  
September 17 Jerry & Kathy Sanderson

**St. Anthony of Padua**

September 16 Bob & Dot Lang

**St Pius X Mass Assignments: Saturday, September 18, 2021**

Servers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers / Greeters	Money Counters
Volunteer	Paula Schmidt	Suzette Whittington	Volunteer (Usher) Volunteer (Usher) Volunteer (Greeter) Volunteer (Greeter)	
<b>Mass Assignments: Sunday, September 19, 2021</b>				
Volunteer	Mike Bowling	Patti Langford	Volunteer (Usher) Volunteer (Usher) Volunteer (Greeter)	Andy Ferm Sherry Ferm

**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:** Joey Elder, Jeffrey Frizzell, Jim Darst, Kaileigh Row, Marilyn Duzmal, 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, Elizabeth Nelson, 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, Jeanette Hayes, 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 Kaplanes, 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, Lori Blades, Wayne Viniard, Braydn Barnett, and their families and caregivers  
**St. Anthony of Padua:** 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, Charles Paulius, 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, Rvan M. Fields, LeAnne Neal, and Kousuke Sasaki.



**St. Pius X**

Mass Intentions September 13- September 19		
Tuesday	6:00 pm	Dustin Holmen
Wednesday	8:00 am	Dennis Scott
Thursday	8:00 am	Stella & Leonard Francois
Friday	8:00 am	Norma Word Family
Saturday	4:30 pm	Crispin Rendon
Sunday	10:00 am	Dr Sidney Edds

WEEKLY DONATIONS	
Parish Hall Donation (9/5/21)	\$ 407.00
Budget for 2021/2022 Fiscal Year (July 2021-June 2022)	\$ 180,000.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 3,461.54
Weekly Donation (9/5/21)	\$ 3,728.00
Online Giving (9/5/21)	\$ 1,778.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 35,217.00

**St Pius Church Clean Up Day: Sept 18**

Come join in a day of Fun (Right?) as we tidy up the church and hall: Some special deep cleaning and a few fix-it jobs around church and hall! We start 8:00am til noon! We'll have a little lunch too!

**Online Giving:** To sign up, visit our website at [www.stpiusx.us](http://www.stpiusx.us) and click on the link for "online giving" to set up your account. If you need any assistance, please call the parish office.

**NEW WOMEN'S MINISTRY @ ST. PIUS X**

A place where you are loved and supported for who you are – A Daughter of God! All women are invited! We are praying about and seeking ways how the women in our parish can support one another while providing valuable help to our parish's needs. Please call Pam Hurst or Paula Schmidt for more details.

**Parish Council**

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|-----------------|-------------------|
| Pam Hurst       | Chair Person      |
| Jeff Outland    | Building & Ground |
| Larry Krouse    | Secretary         |
| Robert Weekes   | Finance           |
| Dawn Whitt      | Spiritual Life    |
| Catherine Broks | FFY               |

**Bereavement Committee**

Fran Dacus

**Other Groups**

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|---------------------|---------------------|
| Finance Council     | Harold Dacus, Chair |
| Art & Decorations   | Paula Schmidt       |
| Knights of Columbus | Michael Canon       |

**St. Anthony of Padua**

Mass Intentions September 13- September 19		
Wednesday	9:00 am	David Mudd
Friday	9:00 am	Stephane Wilkes Atnip
Sunday	8:00 am	Lonnie Roberts

WEEKLY DONATIONS	
Budget 2021/2022 Fiscal Year (July 2021-June 2022)	\$ 72,000.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 1,386.54
Weekly Donation (9/5/2021)	\$ 1,172.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 17,275.00

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

**Livingston County Helping Hands**



Non perishable items needed: paper towels, toilet paper, laundry detergent, shampoo (adult & baby), bath soap, diapers, baby wipes, feminine hygiene products, dish soap, coffee, tea, mac and cheese, sugar, flour, cereal, peanut butter, jelly, tuna, salmon, canned fruits, canned vegetables. There is a collection container at the back of the church for your donated items.

Thank you for your generosity!

**St Anthony Mass Assignments – September 19, 2021**

Lector	Bob Lang
Eucharistic Ministers	Shara Parish
Prayers of the Faithful	
Ushers/Greeters	Kelly Noonan Kevin Diamond
Server	Mike Drury
Money Counters	Shara Parish Kevin Diamond

**Parish Council**

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|----------------------|------------------------------|
| Roy McFadden         | Chair Person                 |
| Mike Drury           | Vice Chair/Building & Ground |
| Debbie Owens         | Secretary/Family Life        |
| Shara Parish         | Finance/ Building & Ground   |
| Nick Zaim            | Social/Spiritual Concern     |
| Sr. Michael Friedman | Spiritual/Faith Formation    |

**Bereavement Committee**

Pat Gorbett (270)362-3377

*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)