

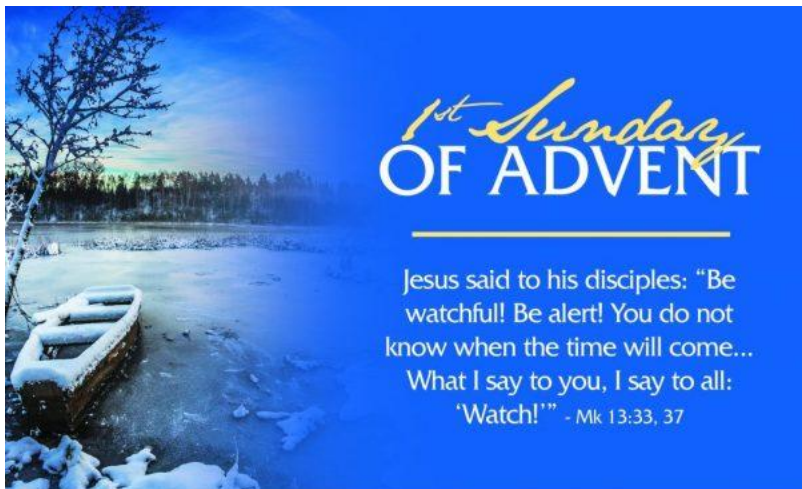


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Jesus said to his disciples:  
"Be watchful! Be alert!  
You do not know when the time will come.  
It is like a man traveling abroad.  
He leaves home and places his servants in charge,  
each with his own work,  
and orders the gatekeeper to be on the watch.  
Watch, therefore;  
you do not know when the Lord of the house is coming,  
whether in the evening, or at midnight,  
or at cockcrow, or in the morning.  
May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping.  
What I say to you, I say to all: "Watch!"

**Observances for the Week of  
November 30-December 6**

**Monday-** Feast of St. Andrew  
**Thursday-** Memorial of S. Francis Xavier  
**Sunday-** Second Sunday of Advent

**Weekly Mass Readings  
November 30-December 6**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Is 25:6-10a; Mt 15:29-37</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Is 40:1-5, 9-11; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8</b>

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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 & 6:00 pm  
Thursday-8:00 am  
Friday-8:00 am

*Eucharist Adoration-First Friday of each month-  
8:00 am*

† **Online Mass**

Sunday -10:00 am  
Wednesday - 6:00 pm

**We are still Live Streaming Facebook  
for anyone at home**

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*St. Pius X & St. Anthony of Padua Catholic  
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**Parish Office Hours**

Thursday 9:00 am-2:00 pm

**St. Anthony of Padua  
Mass Schedule**

† **Weekend Mass**  
1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month-8:00 am  
Sunday- 8:00 am

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

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

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# FROM THE PASTOR

A Message From Fr. Brian Johnson

November 29, 2020

Mk 13:33-37



First Sunday of Advent

Dear St. Pius X and St. Anthony Church,

Happy Advent! Advent begins a new year in our church calendar. Our Sunday bible reading plan at Mass resets this Sunday. It advances to the next one in the lineup of gospels, Matthew, Mark and Luke (John is reserved for our holy days!) Last year we read through Matthew, so now we begin a continuous reading of Mark's gospel (labeled Year B). It won't make 365 days go any faster, but, Mark is the *shortest* gospel! I always encourage everybody to challenge him/herself to read all the way through one of the gospels in one sitting. *Mark makes that easier since he is the shortest.* He is also the 'fastest' read as he writes in such a rushed fashion, as if the house is on fire (*which may in fact have been going on-the Temple may have been burning at that moment!* Scholars say Mark was written during the destruction of the Temple and Jerusalem by the Romans following the Jewish revolt of 66-70AD-. Mark wanted to hastily get something written down on record for the later generations). Mark uses the Greek word for 'immediately' 39 times. Some people have called Mark the gospel of 'Jesus in running shoes', because of the quick pace of miracles and events in His life recorded by Mark. 'Urgency' is the word of the day for Mark! So, take a deep breath, warm up and let's run! Yes, 'On your Mark, get set.....'

Advent's message is: "The Lord is Coming." The difficulty is that we don't have an exact time. A little bit like having your furnace repaired, but the contractor only committing to saying, 'We will be there on Tuesday'. Well, Tuesday is a full twenty four hours time span. We want a more precise time, but then again, how bad do we want that furnace repaired? So, someone waits at the ready, watching that whole day for whenever the repair-person shows up. Jesus is coming back for the end of all things. Jesus brings final judgment and sorting out of good and bad for the restoration of a new heaven and new earth as the book of Revelation tells us (Rev 21:1-8& @Peter 3:13). In the verse right before today's gospel begins, Jesus tells us about our 'Last Day', that "of that day or hour, no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father" (Mark 13:32). So that is what we face. Jesus uses the example of a master going on a journey that puts a servant in charge of the house to keep everything operating safely as normal. He wants each of us to assume that you or I are that servant in charge and so we, "Watch, therefore; you do not know when the lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning." (Mark 13:35)

While it may be frustrating, I'd say we all instinctively know the purpose of this uncertainty. It keeps us ever-guessing, so we will be ever-focused. Keep alert! You are the guard-so watch! Don't turn your back, don't close your eyes and don't get distracted by other amusements. Keep a watch on the door or on the drive or on the horizon. Jesus is coming. Be vigilant. We need to know ourselves, our circumstances and keep an active 'situational awareness' about things. About the End Times, I always suggest that there is the big end and the little end. Of course, the big end is the consummation of all universes into God's perfectly designed will, while the 'little end' is my own time card being punched (see my 'end of days' in 2 Timothy 3:1 and everyone's "last days" in 1 Tm 4:1; 2 Pt 3:3; Jude 18). I'll never know why some tele-ministers get so wrapped up in prediction schemes and elaborate math problems calculating the actual 'last day' of everything. Regardless of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Big Bang End of the universe, I face a 'little end' of my life likely sooner than later, so the message to live today prepared as if it is the last one makes for the 'wisest life'. With these days of unique virus, unusual weather, fires, earthquakes, strange social events, and government unrest, people ask ministers a lot "Is this the End? Is God coming back?" *I confess, "Wouldn't that be too convenient?"* What I mean is that, if we are expecting it so much, then it is not the surprise that Jesus says it will be. But don't presume anything, because that may be the 'catch'. Yes, everything is falling apart, but that is all the more reason for you not to! Be ready regardless. If today, fine, if tomorrow fine. I like the Jewish rabbi who was asked when the Messiah was coming, and he answered, "The Messiah will not come on the Last Day: It will be the Day After!" He knew the uptake won't follow any expectations! Or as I say it, "Since I am more likely to go, than the Messiah to come, I prepare now." Any moment, any day.

Peace, Fr. Brian

## Another Saint in Time of Plague:

St. Erasmus of Formia  
(born mid 200's died 305)

St. Erasmus, also known as St. Elmo, was born in the middle of the second century, but little is known of his early life, other than his conversion to the Christian Faith and strong devotion to keeping the Faith. Like so many of the martyrs of the early church, the widespread devotion to them stemmed mostly from remembrance of their courage under persecution and their confession of the faith to their end. Taunted and teased with being spared death if they would recant their faith and curse Christ, they persevered to the end and won the martyrs' crown of eternal life with God. Often, their last brave actions are what were recorded in writing for the building up of the Church in times of murderous persecution. St Erasmus was Bishop of Formia, Italy. He withstood two waves of persecution under the emperors Diocletian (284-305) and Maximian Hercules (284-305). When Diocletian began scapegoating Christians for public sport, Bisho Erasmus and others, left the Diocese of Formia and lived for seven years around Mt Libanus. An angel appeared to him once in his prayer time and challenged him to return to the city of Formia to make a stand. However, not even making it back to the city, he was apprehended by soldiers on the way, and he identified himself as Christian Bishop of Formia. He was dragged before Emperor Diocletian in Antioch and found guilty of crimes against the empire since he wouldn't worship Caesar. He was tortured, enchained and thrown into prison. Miraculously, an angel released him from the chains and prison cell. Freed, he began a missionary tour sharing boldly his experiences and preaching Christ to anyone who would listen. He performed healings along the way and was reported to have even raised a powerful Roman citizen's son from the dead. He baptized many, resulting from his persuasive preaching and dramatic tales of persecution. The next Roman emperor Maximian heard of St. Erasmus' renown and had him hunted down and captured again. He ordered St. Erasmus to recant his faith, even forcing him into a Pagan Temple to offer incense and worship. St. Erasmus refused and as he was dragged through the courts and temple, the statue idols of pagan gods fell crashing to the floor behind him. While St. Erasmus was declaring Christ as World Savior in the Temple, lightning struck the temple destabilizing it and causing parts to fall in and fire consumed the rest. Infuriated, the emperor had Erasmus stuck in a barrel with interior protruding spikes and rolled down a hill. Repeatedly stabbed, his body was covered in wound sores. Languishing in prison and suffering from his wounds, an angel appeared again to heal him and nurse him back to health, so he could encourage and minister to the fellow prisoners. He baptized many in prison.

Having had enough the emperor ruled that he be definitively executed. Coating him with pitch and setting him on fire on a stake (which was a popular, terroristic sight from the time of Nero to make torches out of Christians along the Roman roads), St. Erasmus succumbed to death. After death, his abdomen was repeatedly punctured. Further he was disemboweled. This final attack upon his body is why St. Erasmus is known as the patron saint of those with intestinal or digestive disorders (blockages, hemorrhaging or burning sensations). He is also one of the Fourteen Holy Helpers that people called upon for prayer and intercession during the Black Plague, because of the abuse of his body through the barrel torture that caused sores all over his body. Miraculous healings always accompanied him in his travel ministry. Also, interestingly, he is known as the patron saint of sailors due to his experience with benevolent lightning strikes. Sailors prayed for his intercession in sudden sea-storms to prevent destructive lightning from burning down or sinking their ships. This led to the unique meteorological phenomena of light glows or electric spark discharges that pop from sail masts at night at times being referred to as 'St. Elmo's Fire'. As a protection from many illnesses and plagues, we can look to St. Elmo-Erasmus for prayer assistance. St. Elmo, pray for us!

## NOVEMBER 29, 2020 † FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**Sympathy Prayers:** Please pray for the eternal rest of the soul of **Sr. Rosemary Esterkamp** who passed away November 17, who ministered so long and faithfully in the Smithland-Grand Rivers Livingston County area. Due to some COVID cases surfacing among the Glenmary community, they postponed her funeral to a later date. Please pray for the eternal rest of her soul, and for her community to be comforted during this difficult time. Her full obituary is at <http://glennfuneralhome.tributes.com>

Also, please pray for the repose of the soul of **Sr. Teresa Riley, OSU**, who passed away Tuesday. She faithfully served all across the Diocese of Owensboro in parishes and schools. Her last mission was serving us so wonderfully in the Marshall County area through her outreach ministry in Benton, KY. In compliance with health and public safety directives, the funeral and wake service will be private. The wake service is at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 3, the funeral Mass is at 10:30 a.m. Friday at the Mount. Her full obituary is at <http://glennfuneralhome.tributes.com>

### **Watch for our wonderful Advent Traditions:**

**1) Advent Wreath:** Filled with symbolism, the wreath helps us keep time marked as we await the Coming Savior. The evergreens signify continuous life (our ever-living God). The green sprigs, like laurel wreaths, represent Christ's 'victory' over death and sin. The circle shape, having no beginning nor end, represents the eternity of God, who was, is and will be always. The four candles, represent the four weeks or generations of waiting from Adam until the birth of our Savior. The three purple represent the royalty of Christ, Lord of all History, and the rose candle signifies the flesh and suffering of our Eternal King for us!

**2) Jesse Tree:** Named after Jesse who was the Father of King David. One prophecy in the book of Isaiah, says, "A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit" (Isa 11:1) A branch is a sign of new life and new beginnings on a tree. Jesus is this anticipated new branch on the family tree of Jesse/David. Originally Jesse trees were a pictorial demonstration of salvation history told in images like stained glass windows functioned before there was widespread literacy. Today, Jesse Trees are used as an Advent Calendar, introducing another special scripture personality once a day until Christmas. This family tree of Jesus has ornament symbols for His ancestors such as an apple for Adam, ladder for Jacob, staff for Moses, Star for David, a scallop shell for John the Baptist and a lily for Mary.

**\*\*\*Even newer, updated COVID Precautions:** Due to recent rapid increase in cases in our state and county (Red Zone), we are under new health and safety restrictions. With gratitude in our hearts, we are still blessed with Public Masses being offered at regular schedule with existing precautions such as limited capacity(50%), MASKS, distancing, frequent hand sanitizing, and liturgical changes such as no touch-contact, no congregational singing, no Holy Communion on tongues, and proper spacing in processions (in-out church & at communion). But other parish gatherings are coming under tighter controls. I know things change so much, but the recent update (11-23) from the Diocese issues that 1) In-person religious education/youth ministry gatherings will not meet if area schools are not in person, too. 2) Refrain from having parish sponsored meetings- or parish social gatherings. If you ABSOLUTELY MUST meet, please keep groups to only a few with everyone precaution in place (Temp checks, etc). 3) Any event using church grounds that is not mass or public worship, the group is restricted to a maximum of 25 people. This includes funeral viewings in chapels, or any receptions on church grounds. All mask/distance protocols always observed, regardless of public/private event function.

As I love to say, I am so grateful for your cooperation and help, in us together working through these days, and I know we all long for those relaxed, safe, and enjoyable times again. They are coming (would that be the 'good ole days'?) God help us, too!

Prayers, Fr. Brian

### **Birthdays & Anniversaries**

**November 30-December 6**

**Happy Birthday:**

**St. Pius X**

**December 2-Harrison Shupe**

**December 4-Evan Coleman**

**December 5-Janet Brown**

**December 5-William Weigle**

**December 5-Shirley Mangan**

**St. Anthony of Padua**

**December 1-Grant Johnson**

**Happy Anniversary:**

**St. Pius X**

**December 5-Danny & Susan Padgett**

**St. Anthony of Padua**

**No Anniversaries this week**

### **Remember in Prayer**

**St. Pius X:** John Bardsley, Kaileigh Row, Bennett Meisenheimer, Neil Trammell, James Eden, 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, Sister Rosemary, 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 Brooks, Stacey Newby, Bette Zilligen, Dorothy Henry, Ric Vaughn, Susan Sloan, Donny Travis, Betty Derry, Scott Hamilton, Connie Burt and family, Abigail Huebschmann, Lucas Hebner, Juanita Perkins, Ericka Karpstein, Joanna Cooper, Carolyn Outland, Angel Thompson, Kaye Poyner, Jerry Huebschmann, Dorothy Henry, Bob & Lois Tashjian, Kim Bruce, Rita Cook, Hannah Padgett, Juliette Kaplanes, Jim Henthorn, Jack Bender, Penny Maupin, Don Kemp, Tom and Sharon Olejnicak, Tim Wilson, Beverly Dukes, Bill Norvell, Kacie Schmidt, Wallace Hunt, Phyllis White, Judy Krouse, Kerry Frazier, Rene Harrington, Joe Cirrito, Lisa Doyle, Forrest Michael Teeters, Mike Block, David Kroll, Cameron Brewer, Stefanie Wilkerson-Barragin, Hugo Santos, Sharon Gibbons, Lori Blades, Wayne Viniard, Braydn Barnett, Ligia Seyller, Ann Burgess and their families and caregivers

**St. Anthony of Padua:** Elena Carey, Donna & Jon Gresham, Bill Rodgers, Tom & Margie Sheppard, Bob & Lois Tashjian, Deanna Hayward, 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, Ryan M. Fields, LeAnne Neal, and Kousuke Sasaki.

**St. Pius X**

Mass Intentions November 30-December 6		
Tuesday	6:00 pm	<i>Shirley Hobbs</i>
Wednesday	8:00 am	<i>John Bailey</i>
Wednesday	6:00 pm	<i>Anna Grace Pearson</i>
Thursday	8:00 am	<i>Robert Bennett</i>
Friday	8:00 am	<i>Louis Haas</i>
Saturday	4:30 pm	<i>Kaye Haas</i>
Sunday	10:00 am	<i>Michael Alexander</i>

**WEEKLY DONATIONS**

Parish Hall Donation (11/22/20)	150.00
Budget for 2020/2021 Fiscal Year (July 2020-June 2021)	\$ 165,000.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 3,173.08
Weekly Donation (11/22/20)	\$ 2,037.00
Online Giving (11/22/20)	\$ 785.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 70,378.00

**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 assistance, please call the parish office.

**Marshall County Caring Needline Holiday Food Baskets:**

Non-perishable items needed: stuffing, cranberry sauce, yams, instant potatoes, chicken broth, canned milk, pumpkin, green beans, turkey, as well as monetary donations. Donations can be delivered to Marshall County Caring Needline at 307 Main Street in Benton, KY.

**2020 Angel Tree:** This year, we are purchasing clothes and pajamas for 50 children to assist the Calvert-Sharpe Family Resource Center. Donations are needed. We are hoping to collect at least \$2000 to go towards purchasing the clothes and pajamas. Collection envelopes can be found in the vestibule of the Church and you can donate online through our Online Giving program.

**Parish Council**

<b>Pam Hurst</b>	<b>Chair Person</b>
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**Bereavement Committee**

*Fran Dacus* (618)383-4646

**Other Groups**

<i>Finance Council</i>	<i>Harold Dacus, Chair</i>
<i>Art &amp; Decorations</i>	<i>Paula Schmidt</i>
<i>Knights of Columbus</i>	<i>Philip Scheidegger</i>

**St. Anthony of Padua**

Mass Intentions November 30-December 6		
Wednesday	9:00 am	<i>Jim Maraska &amp; Family</i>
Friday	9:00 am	<i>Ed &amp; Agnes Wurth &amp; Family</i>
Saturday	8:00 am	<i>Sally Anne Klohr</i>
Sunday	8:00 am	<i>Msgr. George Hancock &amp; Freddie Hancock</i>

**WEEKLY DONATIONS**

Budget 2020/2021 Fiscal Year (July 2020-June 2021)	\$ 60,000.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 1,153.85
Weekly Donation (11/22/20)	\$ 1,000.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 26,841.00

**Livingston County Helping Hands**

**Thanksgiving & Christmas Food Basket Collection:**

Food donations for the Thanksgiving and Christmas Baskets are being collected. Non perishable items needed: corn, green beans, chicken broth, tomato sauce, cranberry sauce, tomatoes, chili beans, pinto beans, mixed vegetables, evaporated milk, sweet potatoes, spaghetti sauce, tuna, Hamburger Helper, Tuna Helper, Spaghetti noodles, great northern beans, sugar, flour, Kool Aid, pancake mix, macaroni and cheese, kids cereal, crackers, cake mix, frosting, tea. There is a collection container at the back of the church for your non-perishable items. Thank you for your generosity!

**2020 Angel Tree:** Beginning December 13, 2020, we will be collecting monetary donations for *Livingston County Family First* again this year for their *Christmas for Kids* program. Collection envelopes will be available on the Angel Tree, which will be displayed, Sunday, December 13. Thank you for your generosity.

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<b>Mike Drury</b>	<b>Vice Chair/Building &amp; Ground</b>
<b>Debbie Owens</b>	<b>Secretary/Family Life</b>
<b>Shara Parish</b>	<b>Finance</b>
	<b>Building &amp; Ground -Indoor</b>
<b>Nick Zaim</b>	<b>Social/Spiritual Concern</b>
<b>Sr. Michael Friedman</b>	<b>Spiritual/Faith Formation</b>

**Bereavement Committee**

*Pat Gorbett* (270)362-3377

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- † **Bulletin information:** Must be submitted to Jamie by 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday. Email: [stpiusx@stpiusx.us](mailto:stpiusx@stpiusx.us)