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25th Sunday Ordinary Year C Luke 16:1-13



"Jesus said to his disciples, "A rich man had a steward who was reported to him for squandering his property. He summoned him and said, 'What is this I hear about you? Prepare a full account of your stewardship, because you can no longer be my steward.' The steward said to himself, 'What shall I do, now that my master is taking the position of steward away from me? I am not strong enough to dig and I am ashamed to beg. I know what I shall do so that, when I am removed from the stewardship, they may welcome me into their homes.' He called in his master's debtors one by one. To the first he said, 'How much do you owe my master?' He replied, 'One hundred measures of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Here is your promissory note. Sit down and quickly write one for fifty.' Then to another the steward said, 'And you, how much do you owe?' He replied, 'One hundred kors of wheat.' The steward said to him, 'Here is your promissory note; write one for eighty.' And the master commended that dishonest steward for acting prudently. "For the children of this world are more prudent in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. I tell you, make friends for yourselves with dishonest wealth, so that when it fails, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings. The person who is trustworthy in very small matters is also trustworthy in great ones; and the person who is dishonest in very small matters is also dishonest in great ones. If, therefore, you are not trustworthy with dishonest wealth, who will trust you with true wealth? If you are not trustworthy with what belongs to another, who will give you what is yours? No servant can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and mammon."

'The Shrewd Steward Gained by Losing'

by rsapoems.blogspot.com

Of all the parables of Christ this one may be the toughest for those who think it treats their views of honesty the roughest. But it's a comment on the fact that being shrewd and clever can win one many friends, for sure. It has been thus forever. The steward had mismanaged all the holdings of his master. He knew when it was found out, he was heading for disaster.

He called his master's debtors and made sure they would be willing to take him in when he was fired, by lowering their billing. He told each one to write down less than what each had been owing. The master praised his steward for the prudence he was showing!

Then Jesus said, "You, too, make friends, but not by being greedy. And as good stewards, use your funds to help the poor and needy. "By kindness you will make friends now and have their salvation, when they receive you into God's eternal habitation.

Weekly Mass Readings Sep 18 – Sep 24

- **Sunday 9/18** Am 8:4-7/1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13
- **Monday 9/19** Prv 3:27-34/Lk 8:16-18
- **Tuesday 9/20** Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Lk 8:19-21
- **Wednesday 9/21** Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Mt 9:9-13
- **Thursday 9/22** Eccl 1:2-11/Lk 9:7-9
- **Friday 9/23** Eccl 3:1-11/Lk 9:18-22
- **Saturday 9/24** Eccl 11:9—12:8/Lk 9:43b-45

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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

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Sunday- 8:00 am
† **Daily Mass**

Wednesday-9:00 am
Friday-9:00 am

*Eucharist Adoration-First Friday of each
month-9:00 am
First Saturday of Month Mass 8:00 am*

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Pastor's Study Desk Notes



Dear St Pius And St Anthony Churches,

25th Sunday Ordinary Year C Luke 16:1-13

Busted! Whatch ya gonna do when they come for you? This dishonest manager is about to be fired by the boss for bad (corrupt?) performance. He comes up with a comfortable 'exit strategy', including a pension plan for himself (*Is this what Corporate CEOs do when they wreck companies, get fired by their Boards of Directors but not before taking a 'golden parachute' out the door with them?*) Well, this manager obviously is either cheating customers on the front end, or cheating his boss on the back end by this drastic reduction of invoices? Bible Interpreters suggest two possibilities for his invoice adjustments. Some propose that he had exorbitantly padded his customer's invoices with 'handling' or 'processing' **fees for himself**, so that when he was fired, he went back and took off his pricey commissions, benefitting his clients (*maybe they would remember him back later*). Other interpreters have suggested that he may have burnt the owner, by just writing down the bills to a fairer market price, instead of gouging them as the owner directed him to by always demanding the highest bid possible. (*Is this what we see when a hospital bills for \$5,000, and accepts the insurance's offer of \$300?-something is out of proportion*). I'm sure we have all seen work-estimates padded with all kind of extra & multiplied costs. Well, something like that must have been going on in this parable, either by the owner or by the manager. But either way, it is always the little customer who ends up paying! UNTIL, in this case the manager quits, and refunds the excess back to the customers. Jesus tells us that the owner even 'commended' the manager (Luke 16:8). I suspect that the owner (as one shark recognizes another) is impressed with the clever and creative response of the manager to his situation. The boss still fires him, but maybe remembers why he hired him years ago: because of the worker's innovative problem solving! Since Jesus is telling this parable, He seems to be commending the shrewd manager's reaction to his plight as an opportunity for conversion-change of life. When the manager realizes that he is about to be unemployed and back on the street, he appreciates again the importance of good relationships. So, he desperately tries to create some good will and make connections, doing good for his customers (probably 'for once' in his life). I think Jesus is telling all us that life is not about how much stuff we own, but that life about how much we relate to other people by connections and associations with them. Our wealth is measured by our relationships and not our real estate. People and not properties are what make us rich. The manager explains his motive for writing down the bills, by saying he wishes to be "welcomed into their homes" (Luke 16:4). That speaks to me of being in good and ongoing relationships to them (that hey keep welcoming him back to their homes). Jesus Himself summarizes the point of the parable, when He states, "make friends for yourselves with worldly wealth..."(Luke 16:9). He is saying that stuff (money & riches) stays here on earth. But the good & strong relationships we build by using our stuff to help/support/benefit other people, then those bonds benefit us for eternity by holding us close to God, and to all of God's family. This spiritual wealth lasts for eternity- this is what we refer to as the 'communion of saints' (the eternally lasting bonds created by shared resources to bring about the 'commonwealth of heaven'?)

I know we will hear more about Zacchaeus in a couple of weeks (31st Sunday) so I will save more comment on him for later, but I can't help but think of Zacchaeus when I read this parable. Why? Well, as Zacchaeus encounters Christ and converts, he commits that "half of my possessions, I shall give to the poor, and if I have extorted anything from anyone I shall repay it four times over" (Luke 19:8). That certainly sounds like he is **writing off many inflated fees** that he extorted from clients and may still be collecting interest from afterward. Zacchaeus wants to divest himself of ill-gotten gains, by handing half of his accumulated resources over to the care of the poor (and befriending then this way). I suspect that since Zacchaeus has to resort to climbing a tree by himself to see Jesus, (instead of being offered a room with a view, a ladder or a spot on the road alongside someone else--that tells me he has no friends-he only cares about money!) So, as he meets Jesus, Zacchaeus discovers true wealth in the love found in genuine relationships, when people love one another for simply who they are, instead of possessions they have. This is the lasting spiritual treasure that Jesus lavishly gives to us all- belonging with Him, and always being welcomed into his heavenly home with fellow children of God, all of us loved uniquely for who we are and not what we have. I find such lasting and loving fellowship expressed in the Zacchaeus story by the fact that Zacchaeus' house is filled with people that night as Jesus and everyone enjoy dinner and each other's company. That is a lasting investment! Peace, Fr Brian

Faith Formation Calendar for Youth FFY 2022-2023

Sunday	Sept. 18	10:00am	Catechist Sunday (Blessing for Catechists)	Church
Wednesday	Sept. 21	5:45 - 7:30	FFY: Meal and Class	Parish Hall
Sunday	Sept. 25	11:00-12:00	First Reconciliation Class	Parish Hall
Wednesday	Sept. 28	5:45 - 7:30	Meal & Adoration – All are invited	Church



Lunch Bunch: Thursday Sept 22

We are getting back together to have our regular monthly potlucks and social. Come enjoy some great food and company (we will have some activity or game!) **11:30 am**
Our regular meeting time each month will be the 3rd Thursday at 11:30. Please come and bring a dish to share.

Jesus comes to the Women in Ordinary Life

Women's Retreat held by Sr Martha Keller, OSU---Come and join in a day of prayer, reflection and sharing with other women as we discover Jesus' supporting us in the ordinary moments of our daily lives. Invite your family/friends from other parishes! At St Francis DeSales Paducah, \$25 fee includes lunch
To register, sign up online: <https://bit.ly/Oct15Retreat>
Please mail a check payable to Daughters of Isabella to Tracy Crawford, 180 Peppers Mill Drive, Paducah, KY 42001
Deadline to register is Sept 30 For more info, call Laura : 270-443-7711

Birthdays & Anniversaries: Sep 18 – Sep 24

Happy Birthday! St. Pius X

September 21 Eric Galvan
September 22 Shayla Le
September 22 Shirley Poat
September 24 Larry Krouse

St. Anthony of Padua

September 24 Betty Gonzales

Happy Anniversary! St. Pius X

September 24 Brandon & Nikki Doughty

St. Anthony of Padua

No anniversaries this week

Sympathy & Prayers: Please pray for the eternal rest and peace of *Sr Michael Marie Friedman, OSU* who passed away last Monday. May God reward her with eternal rest, for her life of labor and prayer for us in our parishes as she served her God so faithfully here with us. May God strengthen the Sisters/Mount at this time.

St Pius X Mass Assignments: Saturday, Sept 24, 2022

Servers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers / Greeters	Money Counters
Volunteer	Paula Schmidt	Volunteer Kurt Schmidt Jeff Riedfort	Volunteer (Usher) Volunteer (Usher) Volunteer (Greeter) Volunteer (Greeter)	

Mass Assignments: Sunday, Sept 25, 2022

Dominic Schiaretti	Ric Witowski	Dawn Whitt Jimmy Harbison Pam Hurst	Volunteer (Usher) Volunteer (Usher) Volunteer (Greeter)	Rich Derry Nancy Singleton
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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: Derwood Doyle, Jerry Wade, Katie Wood, Tori Barton, Joanna Grimes, Amanda Bailey, Kathryn Bailey Kaileigh Row, Dolly Bardsley, Pam Laibl, Chevelle Allen, Henry Feezor, 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 Longworth, Matthew Black, Helen Bennett, Catherine Broks, Michelle Freeman, 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 & Lois 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, David Kroll, Cameron Brewer, Stefanie Wilkerson-Barragan, Hugo Santos, Sharon Gibbons, Wayne Viniard, 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 & 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: 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, Jason Huber, James A. Kinsey, Jay Lockhart, Sarah Martindale, Devin McFadden, Ryan M. Fields, LeAnne Neal, and Kousuke Sasaki.

St. Pius X

Mass Intentions September 19 – September 25		
Tuesday	6:00 pm	Mrs Rose Marie Lanham
Wednesday	8:00 am	Karen Elder
Thursday	8:00 am	Robb Barr
Friday	8:00 am	Tim Haas
Saturday	4:30 pm	The Hobbs Family
Sunday	10:00 am	Bob Darst

WEEKLY DONATIONS

Parish Hall Donation (9/11/22)	\$ 438.00
Budget for 2022/2023 Fiscal Year (July 2022-June 2023)	\$ 190,000.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 3,653.58
Weekly Donation (9/11/22)	\$ 2,870.00
Online Giving (9/11/22)	\$ 1,479.00
Total Week's Gift Offering 9/11	\$ 4,349.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 45,452.00



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!

St. Anthony of Padua

Mass Intentions September 19 – September 25		
Wednesday	9:00 am	Larry Osterhaus
Friday	9:00 am	St Anthony Parish
Sunday	8:00 am	Grace Ebelhar

WEEKLY DONATIONS

Budget 2022/2023 Fiscal Year (July 2022-June 2023)	\$ 73,500.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 1,413.46
Weekly Donation 9/11/2022)	\$ 1,730.10
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 15,705.10

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 – Sept 25, 2022

Lector	Shara Parish
Eucharistic Ministers	Steve Wilkes Mike Drury
Prayers of the Faithful	
Ushers/Greeters	Kevin Diamond Kelly Noonan
Server	Juan Gonzalez
Money Counters	Shara Parish Kevin Diamond

Eucharist Mission St. John Parish, Paducah
September 25-27, 2022 My God, I love You in the Most Blessed Sacrament! Sunday thru Tuesday Evenings, September 25th-27th, 2022 at St. John the Evangelist Parish, Paducah at 6:30PM. Time for Adoration and Confessions

Parish Council

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

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

(Yrs left in term)

Next Meeting Sept 21 @ 6:00 pm

Bereavement Committee

Fran Dacus

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