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1st Sunday Advent Year C Luke 21:25-28, 34-36



“Jesus said to his disciples: “There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on earth nations will be in dismay, perplexed by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will die of fright in anticipation of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand. “Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from carousing & drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life, and that day catch you by surprise like a trap. For that day will assault everyone who lives on the face of the earth. Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man.”

Advent

By Rita Simmonds

The couple is weary and poor.
The woman, about to give birth.
If you see them, will you open your door?
Their trip, ninety miles or more.
Provisions, hard-fought to conserve.
If you see them grown weary and poor,
Is there something that you can afford?
For their child so soon to emerge?
If they knock will you open your door
Distress shakes the man to his core.
His family, his worry and worth—
His steps slowing...weary and poor.
The woman, full trusting yet sore
From their travel in uneven earth.
If you see them approaching your door
don't shun them because you abhor
an existence that seems like a curse.
This couple, though weary and poor,
Will bring a new king to your door.



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

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 December 1, 2024
Jer 33:14-16/1 Thes 3:12—4:2/Lk 21-36
Monday Is 2:1-5/Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday Is 11:1-10/Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday Is 25:6-10a/Mt 15:29-37
Thursday Is 26:1-6/Mt 7:21, 24-27 (Friday Is 29:17-24/Mt 9:27-31
Saturday Is 30:19-26/Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

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 Pius And St Anthony Churches, 1st Sunday Advent Year C Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

“There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars” (Luke 21:25). What a year we have had, with sights in the sky. Back on April we had a Solar Eclipse (totality here), then a lunar eclipse on September 17, the Comet Tsuchinshan-ATLAS passed us visibly on October 12 (it loops around the sun only once in every 80,000 years), and we had a unique year full of various meteor showers (Lyrid-April 21-22, Perseids August 12-13, Orionids October 21-22 & watch for it- the Geminid Showers December 13-14!) But speaking of ‘fright’ ‘dismay’ and ‘perplexity’ the only celestial event that may have raised a concerned eyebrow of a veteran skywatcher, may have been the July 4th passage of an asteroid called (415029) 2011 UL21— whizzing close to earth 17 times farther out than our moon, but still, at 7,600 feet long, it was one of the largest to come that close in the past 125 years (extinction level event). Yet, before we feel anything other than admiration and awe at God’s creative will in designing our complex universe (Psalm 19), we need to remember that we are made from God’s hands too – the God who made the sun, stars and sky is the same God who created us and became one with us to redeem and save us. So, when we hear all kinds of popular ‘end of days’ talk, we disciples of Jesus should not fear. In fact, Jesus advised us **“Do not be alarmed”** (Mark 13:7) or in today’s gospel Jesus says, “when these signs begin to happen, **stand upright and raise your heads**, because your redemption is at hand” (Luke 21:28). Keeping close to Jesus, these stellar spectacles are no worry for us. They actually inspire greater trust in God!

This First Sunday of Advent marks the beginning of a new liturgical year (Year C-Year of Luke). I emphasize every year that as we near the end of the liturgical year- last week ended the church year with the Feast of Christ the King (Jesus is All in All - Alpha and Omega!) - the last few weeks’ readings always sound off ominous calls about the end of times. This theme continues one Sunday more into the new year on the first Sunday of Advent, as if to remind us to be more appreciative of every new day! It is like they are saying, “If you made it through and are reading this now, then you survived, so how are you going to be different and express that gratitude now- Get to it!” Wake-up!

So, welcome to the first day of the rest of your life. How will we spend the new coming year-the time we have been given? The season of Advent is a time of preparation for celebrating Jesus’ birth: His continuing birth among us!

How will we prepare for welcoming Jesus into our lives and world anew at Christmas? Advent presents a four week training period, for us to cultivate a spirit of expectation, similar to the spirit of watchful anticipation that many, many generations of Hebrew people experienced awaiting faithfully for the Messiah’s coming, foretold by all the prophets. They waited a long, long time! Yet they never gave up watching. How can we spend our four weeks of Advent, showing such fidelity in anticipating Christ’s return?

Luke’s gospel helps us! Our new liturgical year of reading Luke encourages us to study his unique approach to sharing the Good News of Jesus. Each gospel has a unique perspective, which can be seen in the style, language and detail with which they tell us about the events in the life of Jesus and the apostles. We will be continuously (Sunday after Sunday) reading through the gospel of Luke (Year C) in our three-year lectionary reading cycle. I know this raises the question in a lot of minds: Three? Wait, there are four gospels, why only a three year cycle? Well, Matthew, Mark and Luke are very similar in their timelines and layout, and are easily paralleled on to a year-long progressive reading, whereas John’s gospel stands alone as unique in its symbolic number of only seven miracles along with additional extended discourses of Jesus, that are not easily broken up to make a full year’s reading cycle. Also, John is unique with his level of theological development, so the Church reserves his work for special occasions in the year such as during the Christmas and Easter seasons (*some people refer to John’s gospel as the most theologically elaborate or deeply thought-through in its presentation of Jesus’ teaching and miracles-which makes sense when we consider that it was the last gospel written*). We are thankful for such a wide-reading of all the gospels through the whole three year cycle. Catholics read a lot of scripture, Mass after Mass in our year. According to the Jesuit Scripture Scholar Fr Felix Just, our Sunday and weekday Lectionaries contain 89.8 percent of the Gospels and 54.9 percent of the other New Testament letters and writings. So, after attending masses every Sunday for three years, a person can claim to have heard/read nearly 90 percent of the gospels! That is some accomplishment; by just participating in Mass each week! Blessings, Fr Brian

St Pius X Parish Council Meeting Thurs Jan @ 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

Early Church Fathers Study & Discussion

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

DECEMBER 1, 2024 + 1ST SUNDAY ADVENT YEAR C

St Pius X Mass Intentions Dec 2 – Dec 8		
Tuesday	6:00 pm	<i>Living/Deceased Members of Thomas/Dorothy Kingston Family</i>
Wednesday	8:00 am	<i>Don Buffington</i>
Thursday	8:00 am	<i>Joe Hayden</i>
Friday	8:00 am	<i>Ray Lucas</i>
Saturday	4:30 pm	<i>Jean Rayner</i>
Sunday	10:00am	<i>Bob Darst</i>
WEEKLY DONATIONS		
Parish Hall Donation (11/24/24)	\$	167.00
Budget for 2024/2025 Fiscal Year	\$	195,000.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$	3,750.00
Weekly Donation (11/24/24)	\$	2,134.00
Online Giving (11/24/24)	\$	1,043.00
Total Week's Gift Offering 11/24	\$	3,177.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$	96,805.34

Prayers & Condolences: Please pray for the eternal rest and peace of Jerry Pidcock (husband of Anita Pidcock) and Paulina Aguilar (Paulina Mendoza's mother) who passed away last week. May their families be comforted and strengthened as they struggle through this difficult time of grief

Mark Calendars for December Events too!
 Dec 8 Next Sun *Father Brian's Open House Reception After 10:00 mass*
 Dec 15 Sun Breakfast with Santa KC's
Immaculate Conception Holy Day Transferred to Monday December 9th -- Mass Schedule
 Dec 9th St Pius 8:00 am, St Anthony 9:00 am & St Pius 6:00 pm



Memorial-Funeral Mass for Dolly Bardsley will be at St Pius Church on December 10 at 10:00 am.

Congratulations to our First Sacraments Class
 We celebrate our children receiving their First Penance today
 Oliver Anderson, Fletcher Bradley, Raylan Hayden & Marlie Schiaretti

Happy Birthday! Dec 1 – Dec 7 St. Pius

- December 2 Harrison Shupe
- December 3 Mila Richardson
- December 5 Janet Brown
- December 6 Shirley Mangan
- December 7 Allison Devine
- December 7 Stephen Helpingstine

Happy Anniversary! St. Pius X

- December 5 Danny & Susan Padgett

St Pius X Mass Assignments: Saturday, December 7, 2024

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

Mass Assignments: Sunday, December 8, 2024

Volunteer	Mike Bowling	Caleb King Jimmy Harbison Pam Hurst	Usher Volunteer Usher Volunteer Usher Volunteer	Andy Ferm Sherry Ferm
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FFY
Calendar
&
Activities
Schedule

DATE	SUNDAY GOSPEL READING	SUBJECT
Dec 4, 2024 Wed 6:00-7:30	2 nd Sunday Advent Luke 3:1-6	Virtues Memory Verse AB 52 Penance Service for Students 6:30
Dec 11, 2024 Wed 6:00-7:30	3 rd Sunday Advent Luke 3:10-18	St Lucy's Story Virtues/Vices – Journey Board Activity

Remember in Prayer

St. Pius X: Greg Williams, 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
Quilters group at St Anthony Every Tuesday
 Contact Georgia Bradshaw for details. *New Project*
Crafting Gifts for an annual bazaar. Please see the list
 of items you can donate to help out. Lots of materials

Orphaned Children Diaper Project: 1/4" Braided
 Elastic and Sew-on Velcro are needed. T-shirts are no
 longer needed. However, **Sew-On** Velcro can be
 donated and will be put to good use. Please use the
 basket by church doors for donations. Call Georgia
 Hunsley (St. Anthony parish) at 402-920-0108 for more info



Just bring your favorite side dish – appetizer, main
 course, side, salad, for our get-together!

Thurs Dec 19th @ 11:30 St Pius Hall

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

All-Day Adoration on Friday January 3

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 during
 Adoration. Please register your time on the schedule
 or call Judy Forsythe - 612-245-3636

First Saturdays Honor the Blessed Mother:

First Saturday Mass on January 4 @ 8:00am. Every
 first Saturday we offer mass and pray the rosary



St Anthony Birthdays Dec 1 – Dec 7

December 1 Grant Johnson

December 1 Laura Zamora

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
 Dec 2 – Dec 8**

Wednesday	9:00 am	Linda Palusco
Friday	9:00 am	Sally Anne Klohr
1 st Saturday	8:00 am	Taylor Johansen
Sunday	8:00 am	Dolly Bardsley

WEEKLY DONATIONS

Budget 2024/2025 Fiscal Year (July 2024-June 2025)	\$ 73,500.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 1,413.46
Weekly Donation 11/24/2024	\$ 1,401.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 47,797.39

*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 – December 8, 2024

Lector	Mike Drury
Eucharistic Ministers	Shara Parish Joyce Wilkinson
Ushers/Greeters	David Loxley Kevin Diesen
Server	Juan Gonzalez
Money Counters	Shara Parish Kevin Diamond

CONSIDER ATTENDING DAILY MASS

St Anthony Prayer List: Theresa Owens, Jeff Ritorto, Cathy
 Ritorto, Betty Gonzalez, Elena Carey, Donna & Jon Gresham, Bob Decker,
 Bill Rodgers, Tom & Margie Sheppard, Bob Tashjian, Mr. Driskill, Pat
 Gorbett, Ed Derringe, 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.
- + **ANONING 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