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11th Sunday Ordinary Year B Mark 4:26-34



“Jesus said to the crowds: “This is how it is with the kingdom of God; it is as if a man were to scatter seed on the land and would sleep and rise night and day and through it all the seed would sprout and grow, he knows not how. Of its own accord the land yields fruit, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the grain is ripe, he wields the sickle at once, for the harvest has come.” He said, “To what shall we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable can we use for it? It is like a mustard seed that, when it is sown in the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth. But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the sky can dwell in its shade.” With many such parables he spoke the word to them as they were able to understand it. Without parables he did not speak to them, but to his own disciples he explained everything in private.”

‘Sowing Seed’

By Joseph Perello

A sower sowed a seed one day,
Along life's road, a weary way,
The seed of hope, of God's deep love,
Of unseen things, of Christ above,
Of Christ's salvation, strong and true,
His sacrifice for me and you,
This seed was sown one happy day,
The sower sowed, then went his way.

A sower sowed a seed one day,
He sowed the seed, but did not stay,
The seed did grow, not strong and true,
It with no food could no tree,
The strength consumed to fight the weed,
No man was there to see its need,
A sower sowed a seen one day,
He sowed the seed, but did not stay.

Spiritual Thought from Ronald Rolheiser

"Like Jesus, we too are meant to give our lives away in generosity and selflessness, but we are also meant to give our deaths away, not just at the moment of our deaths, but in a whole process of leaving this planet in such a way that our diminishment and death is our final, and perhaps greatest, gift to the world. Needless to say, this is not easy. Walking in discipleship behind the master will require that we too sweat blood and feel 'a stone's throw' from everybody. This struggle, to give our deaths away, constitutes Radical Discipleship."

Sacred Fire: A Vision for A Deeper Human/Christian Maturity

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 June 16, 2024

Ez 17:22-24/2 Cor 5:6-10/Mk 4:26-34

Monday 1 Kgs 21:1-16/Mt 5:38-42

Tuesday 1 Kgs 21:17-29/Mt 5:43-48

Wednesday 2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday Sir 48:1-14/Mt 6:7-15

Friday 2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20/Mt 6:19-23

Saturday 2 Chr 24:17-25/Mt 6:24-34

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**

Saturday 6:00 pm

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

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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 Anthony & St Pius Families,

11th Sunday Ordinary Year B

Mark 4:26-34

Have you ever been stuck on a problem, trying to think up a solution but only drawing blanks? Or if you are a painter or musician, ***have you ever experienced creativity 'block'***, when nothing comes? But then, you step away, set it aside and go off to do something else altogether and then 'Presto' an image or melody came to you? Some people call that 'birthing creativity'. We can't force inspiration – we can't force creativity. But after preparing the conditions, sizing up the problem, we then let go and wait (like prayer & discernment), and doors open! I am told that it happens with theoretical scientists too. I imagine we have all heard the story of the Greek philosopher Archimedes who was trying to figure out how to determine for his king whether a crown of gold he had made was truly the whole amount of gold he'd given the craftsman to use (to ensure the craftsmen hadn't diluted the gold with alloys and gifted some of the precious metal). After intensely thinking it through, Archimedes took a break and went to the public baths for rest and upon entering the pool, he watched the water splash over the side of the pool. And 'AHA' the idea came to him (that he could use the volume of 'displaced water' as a measure due to the metal's weight/density). In his excitement, he went streaking through the streets back to his study yelling, ***"Eureka"*** (translated ***"I found it!"***). After running into a conceptual wall, he gave it a rest, to let his mind ruminate on its own. Then at rest, connections arose as the ideas swirled around in his mind. That is the creative process.

Other classic examples of such conclusive insights being struck upon during rest/dreams following intense study, might be the Russian chemist Dmitri Mendeleev whose conception of the Periodic Table of Elements structured on atomic properties came to him in a dream after an exhaustive three days of work in his lab. Or Watson & Crick's discovery of the Double Helix structure of DNA resulting from Watson's dream of a spiral staircase (Or what was Newton doing under a tree when he saw the apple fall but taking a rest-nap after thinking about universal forces-gravity?). I am told that athletes can hit a wall of diminishing results in their performance when they try too hard to develop a play's execution, but then upon resting, the move can arise later from their muscle memory without effort. In cases like these, fruitful results come after first setting up the initial conditions and then (letting go) trusting the process of development to occur. This sounds just like what Jesus says in the gospel today about the growth of the Kingdom of God. In Mark 4:26-27, Jesus teaches, ***"This is how it is with the kingdom of God; it is as if a man were to scatter seed on the land and would sleep and rise night and day and the seed would sprout and grow, he knows not how."***

Jesus is saying that the Kingdom of God grows mysteriously according to God's own design. We cannot make it happen. That is God's domain. We do our small part getting ready. We are diligent about following through on what we have discerned from God about our first steps of serving Him, and then we let go and wait. There is an incubation period to creativity. The same applies to the spiritual fruits of love, liberty and life. They can not be forced. Just as we cannot impose freedom, or force love or coerce creativity, so we cannot manipulate the Kingdom of God. Romans 11:34, asks us, "For who has known the mind of the Lord....?") So, we do our part in preparation and then we must be patient. We watch and wait while the interior spirit comes to fruit. What exactly causes a seed to grow – if we knew then every seed planted would produce bountiful harvest, but we all know of seeds we planted that came to nothing (*some of us the last two months had that happen more than others!*) So, can we force life to appear? No, we complete the initial steps of preparation and then we have to step back and wait for the process to unfold, as Jesus taught in Mark 4:28, ***"Of its own accord the land yields fruit, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear."*** St Paul knew of this process of fruit coming faith, when he described His service in growing God's Kingdom, ***"I planted, Apollos watered, but God caused the growth. Therefore, neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who causes the growth"*** (1 Corinthians 3:6-7) The Kingdom of God, like faith, like love, like freedom, like life, and like creativity, all of these spiritual virtues require *patient incubation* to be born in us! Peace, Fr Brian


St Pius X Parish Council Meeting Thurs June 19 @ 5:30 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!

St Pius X Mass Intentions June 17 – June 23		
Tuesday	6:00 pm	James Hobbs
Wednesday	8:00 am	Inez Koenig
Thursday	8:00 am	Onofre & Veronica Lazatin
Friday	8:00 am	Sally Anne Klohr
Saturday	4:30 pm	Donald Mock
Sunday	10:00am	Dee Dee Whittaker
WEEKLY DONATIONS		
Parish Hall Donation (6/9/24)	\$	215.00
Budget for 2022/2023 Fiscal Year (July 2023-June 2024)	\$	195,000.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$	3,750.00
Weekly Donation (6/9/24)	\$	3,949.70
Online Giving (6/9/24)	\$	1,479.00
Total Week's Gift Offering 6/9	\$	5,428.70
Fiscal Year to Date	\$	222,271.74



Looking Forward to Year Two of Eucharistic Group

We want to thank Rich Derry who led the first year and organized monthly meetings. We welcome on board Ed Georgen who will be directing the second year in the fall!

Consider Volunteering at Mass: Needed
 1) Hospitality Ministers – Door Welcomers
 2) Gift Presenters to carry up Offertory Gifts

Summer Bible Craft Nights
 June 19 July 10, 17 @ St Pius Parish Hall 6:00-7:30 pm
 We'll use stories from the Bible & Catholic Tradition to inspire crafts we make to reinforce their message. Crafts could be Christmas gifts for loved ones! Due to tools used to make crafts, we ask that children attend with parent or trusted adult. See the QR code on the registration form by church doors or on handout brochures. Or call Paula in office for details.

- Birthdays & Anniversaries: June 16– June 22**
- Happy Birthday! St. Pius X**
- June 16 Claudia Malzahn
 - June 16 Franky Schiaretta
 - June 17 Barbara Melillo
 - June 18 Betty Derry
 - June 22 David Crass
- Happy Anniversary! St. Pius X**
- June 17 Rich & Betty Derry
 - June 18 Jerry & Anita Pidcock
 - June 21 Kurt & Paula Schmidt
 - June 22 George & Paula Schmidt

St Pius X Mass Assignments: Saturday, June 22, 2024				
Servers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers / Greeters	Money Counters
Edward Georgen	Paula Schmidt	Kurt Schmidt Suzette Whittington Volunteer	Volunteer (Usher) Volunteer (Usher) Volunteer (Greeter) Volunteer (Greeter)	
Mass Assignments: Sunday, June 23, 2024				
Kason Peterson	Marty Darst	Caleb King Allison Devine Jimmy Harbison	Philip Scheidegger Usher Volunteer Usher Volunteer	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: Janet Norvell, Iris Joelle Maynard, 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, Wade Barnes, Ashley Hayden, Donna Barrix, David Crass, Beth Strutzel, Jason Long, Helen Nicholson, Larry Kline, Bonita Walker, Joe Hedges, Jerry Wade, Katie Wood, Joanna Grimes, Amanda Bailey, Kaileigh Row, Dolly Bardsley, Pam Laibl, David Kroll, Henry Feezor, Lisa Hammond, Bennett Meisenheimer, Jim & Rose Drury, Wes Hayes, 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, Donny Travis, Betty Derry, Scott Hamilton, Connie Burt, Abigail Huebschmann, Lucas Hebner, 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 Pellegrin.

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 Page Announcements

Coffee/ Doughnuts 1st Sunday Every Month

Quilters group at St Anthony Every Tuesday
Contact Georgia Bradshaw for details. Quilters gather and work on their community quilt together.

T-Shirts Needed: Donations of Used T-Shirts are needed for the Orphaned Children Diaper Project. T-Shirts of ANY condition can be used. Contact Georgia Hunsley (St Anthony Church) at 402-920-0108 for more information. **Please place t-shirts in the basket by church doors. Thank you!!**

Lunch Bunch Thurs June 20 @11:30

Main entrée Fried Chicken. Please bring along a side dish, salad or dessert. Come and enjoy a good time and visit. Catching up with church friends!

Added Saturday Evening Mass @ St Anthony begins Memorial Day Weekend 6:00 pm

All-Day Adoration on 1st Friday July 5

St Anthony Parish 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 July 6 @ 8:00am. Every first Saturday we offer mass and pray the rosary



St Anthony Birthdays Jun 16 – Jun 22

No birthdays this week

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

June 17 – June 23

Wednesday	9:00 am	<i>Living/Deceased Family of Ashley & Pam Thurman</i>
Friday	9:00 am	<i>John & Sue Mudd</i>
Saturday Eve	6:00 pm	<i>Taylor Johansen</i>
Sunday	8:00 am	<i>Patricia McNamara</i>

WEEKLY DONATIONS

Budget 2022/2023 Fiscal Year (July 2023-June 2024)	\$ 73,500.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 1,413.46
Weekly Donation 6/9/2024	\$ 3,653.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 98,345.13

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



FOOD PANTRY

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 – June 23, 2024

Lector	Wayne Bradshaw
Eucharistic Ministers	Mike Drury Shara Parish
Ushers/Greeters	Kelly Noonan David Loxley
Server	Juan Gonzalez
Money Counters	Shara Parish Kevin Diamond

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, Margaret Adams, Pat Gorbett, Ed Derringe, Imogene Ramey.

Pray for our Military

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

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

Next Meeting July 17 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.
- + **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