

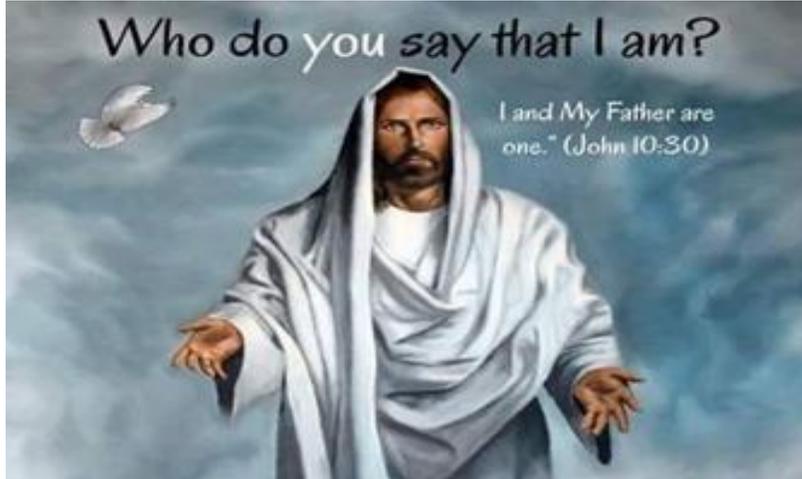


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21st Sunday Ordinary Time Year A Matthew 16:13-20



“Jesus went into the region of Caesarea Philippi and he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" They replied, "Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter said in reply, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus said to him in reply, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father. And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." Then he strictly ordered his disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.”

Excerpt of 'But who do you say that I am?'

By Hilary F. Marckx

Who do I say that you are?
I don't even know who I am,
how am I supposed to know who you are?
I know people who have degrees in theology
who know less of who you are
than the most uneducated people I know.
I know wealthy
who can afford to purchase
any answer they want,
who have less of a clue as to
how to answer that question
than the poorest of the poor.
Is this a trick question?.....
What happens if I get this wrong?
My spirit is quaking at my unknowing.
Or do I really know?.....
.....And then I get it.....
Oh yeah, I get it now.
You are the one who gives meaning
to everything I am, everything I say,
and every breath I breathe.”

Children's Daily Offering Prayer

For love of me you came to earth;
You gave your life for me.
So every day you give me now
I give back to you happily.
Take all my laughter, all my tears,
Each thought, each word, each deed,
And let them be my all-day prayer
To help all those in need. Amen

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 Aug 27

Is 22:19-23/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20
Monday 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday 1 Thes 2:1-8 (426)/Mk 6:17-29
Wednesday 1 Thes 2:9-13/Mt 23:27-32
Thursday 1 Thes 3:7-13/Mt 24:42-51
Friday 1 Thes 4:1-8/Mt 25:1-13
Saturday 1 Thes 4:9-11/Mt 25:14-30

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 Mass**
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,

21st Sunday Ordinary Time Year A

Matthew 16:13-20

"Who am I to you?" Such a question can be a scary proposition because of the 'defining' moment that follows as we open our hearts to share our feelings to another person, letting them know how we feel about them and how we see them! It can be similar to that awkward moment of silence that makes good drama in movies, when a close friend has stronger feelings than just a simple friendship, and he/she expresses an intimate, "I love you" to that other person. After vulnerably sharing how they feel, the overture basically asks the other person to reciprocate or at least 'define' how they feel back toward them. Maybe the relationship goes forward and all is well, or it may fall completely apart, because the new level of feeling is not mutual (or it's confusingly ambiguous!) But certainly, the relationship won't remain the same! I see Jesus taking such a step in today's gospel as He risks asking His apostles to let Him know what He means to them ("who do YOU say that I am"). It takes a strong self-concept (a person's comfort with themselves) and deep trust to expose one's heart to another like Jesus does to His apostles, asking them to tell him honestly and straight what He means to them. Have you ever solicited constructive criticism from another person, or a critical evaluation from someone else about yourself? It is a risk, not only for the possible hurt feelings we may receive, if their perception doesn't match our own perception of ourselves, but it could also rupture the relationship, sending the person away if it's not handled well. Imagine, what if the apostles were silent and had nothing to say in return to Jesus? Thanks be to God that Peter was perceptive enough and in touch with Jesus, to remark, **"You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God"** (Matt 16:16). But, what if Peter had only said, "Oh, Jesus, you are one of boyz!" Again, such personal questions, as **"What do I mean to you?"** are major **'defining moments'** in a relationship. If the honest sharing of feelings isn't received well on either side, it can set the relationship back in a big way, or even end it all together. We will see such a set-back in John 14:8-9, right after Jesus' apostle Philip asks Jesus, "Show us the Father". There, Jesus seems to respond with a deflated 'let-down' voice, saying back, *"Have I been with you for so long a time and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'?"* Ouch! Philip and Jesus now have some 'relationship work' to do to restore a sense of trust and friendship again. It happens most famously with Peter, too, later on when Peter will arrogantly boast that he would lay down his life for Jesus and Jesus gently responds back, *"Will you lay down your life for me? Amen, amen, I say to you Peter, the cock will not crow before you deny me three times"* (John 13:38). Of course, Jesus will initiate the 'relationship healing' and He specifically does at the Last Supper, when **Jesus says to His apostles that He is praying for them** and that He does everything out of love for them. In John 16:1, Jesus tells them, "I speak like this, so that you may not fall away", and in John 17:15, Jesus prays to the Father, "I do not ask that you take them out of the world but that you keep them from the evil one." And in John 17:26, Jesus reveals to us that the motivation for preserving and deepening relationship to us is that we know Him fully, and know His Love of us when He prays, "Father, I made known to them your name and I will make it known, that the love with which you loved me may be in them." But such trust of us and the sharing of a person's s deepest feelings is an emotional risk

So, Jesus gives to us in this episode of personal encounter between Him and the apostles, a wonderful example of how a Christian leader can be both vulnerable and strong at the same time. Love demands honesty, but such truth in relationships may be hard to bear, too. But such interpersonal trust and sharing alone is what leads to true & lasting relationships. Jesus models for us 'human vulnerability' and 'relationship-building' trust, by asking us the question **"Who do you say I am?"** Each of us have an answer in to response to His question. What do we say? Who is Jesus to us?

Peace and Prayers, Fr Brian

St Pius X Parish Council Meeting Thurs Sept 14 @ 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

St Pius Refresh Committee: After the recent LED light install, Ceiling & Vestibule painting, and redone columns, the next step will be new carpet, wall painting, window trim and Framing the Stations of Cross. Also, please view the proposed Sanctuary refresh/renovate!

St Pius X Mass Intentions August 28 – September 3		
Tuesday	6:00 pm	<i>Butch Padgett</i>
Wednesday	8:00 am	<i>Raymond Dowdy</i>
Thursday	8:00 am	<i>Gloria Eisner</i>
Friday	8:00 am	<i>John Bardsley</i>
Saturday	4:30 pm	<i>William Derry</i>
Sunday	10:00 am	<i>James Hobbs</i>
WEEKLY DONATIONS		
Parish Hall Donation (8/20/23)	\$	184.00
Budget for 2022/2023 Fiscal Year (July 2023-June 2024)	\$	195,000.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$	3,750.00
Weekly Donation (8/2023)	\$	2,866.01
Online Giving (8/20/23)	\$	1,091.00
Total Week's Gift Offering 8/20	\$	3,957.01
Fiscal Year to Date	\$	36,281.65

Calvert Elementary School – Applesauce Cups Drive

To help stock supplies for CCES, for any emergency shelter-in place situations, we are conducting a collection to gather over 300 applesauce cups for their need. Please drop any donations in the baskets in the church vestibule.

Faith Formation for the Youth

FFY Parent & Student Meeting
Wednesday, August 30 @ 6:30pm

To register for the FFY program, please contact Paula Schmidt at 270-395-4727 or email crecalvertcity@gmail.com or scan the QR code



Early Church Fathers: Every Tuesday Nite 6:30-7:30
Come study the foundational documents of our Church!

Birthdays & Anniversaries: Aug 27 – Sep 2

Happy Birthday! St. Pius X

- August 27 Willard Doughty
- August 28 Marty Darst
- August 30 Tara Blazina
- August 31 Jim Drury
- September 1 Nicholas Duzmal
- September 2 Jason Doughty
- September 2 Ryan Devine

Happy Anniversary! St. Pius X

- August 27 David & Amy Crass
- August 29 Shane & Therese Luecke

St Pius X Mass Assignments: Saturday, Sept 2, 2023

Servers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers / Greeters	Money Counters
Volunteer	Nancy Glover	Suzette Whittington Kurt Schmidt Volunteer	Volunteer (Usher) Volunteer (Usher) Volunteer (Greeter) Volunteer (Greeter)	
Mass Assignments: Sunday, Sept 3, 2023				
Kason Peterson Brayden Willett	Ric Witowski	Amanda Scheidegger Kelli King Patti Langford	Usher Volunteer Usher Volunteer	Jan Waniel Jean Waniel

IT'S COMING: Our Monthly ACTS 2:42 EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL for the YOUNG, OLD, and BETWEEN.

BEGINS Sunday, Sep. 3rd at 1:30 PM in the St. Pius X Parish Hall.

Sign-up sheets in the vestibule, or just show up. Come and Live Your Catholic Faith. Munchies Provided.



Remember in Prayer

St. Pius X: Leah Vincek, Rick Wilson, James Poat, Richard Warmowski, Wade Barnes, Elizabeth Curtner, 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, Kathryn Bailey Kaileigh Row, Dolly Bardsley, Pam Laibl, Chevelle Allen, David Kroll, Henry Feezor, Jerry & Sissy Wommack, 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, Helen Bennett, Catherine Broks, Stacey 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, Linda Womer, Jack Bender, Penny Maupin, Don Kemp, Sharon Olejnicak, Tim Wilson, Beverly Dukes, Wallace Hunt, Judy Krouse, Kerry Frazier, Rene Harrington, Forrest Michael Teeters, Cameron Brewer, Stefanie Wilkerson-Barragan, Hugo Santos, Sharon Gibbons, Braydn Barnett, Elizabeth Witowski, Pam Dietz.

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

Quilters group at St Anthony Every Tuesday:
Contact Georgia Bradshaw for details. Quilters gather and work on their community quilt together. Come and join in their labor of love for their church family

Mark Your Calendar: St Anthony Picnic Sept 17

Raffle of 'Retired' Mary Statue from out front

Recently we replaced the Statue of the Blessed Mother from out front on St Anthony Hill. The statue was badly in need of big repairs, but a new one was donated to the church to replace her. Since the old one is part of St Anthony history here, the council decided to offer a raffle of her to someone for a new home or for repairs. Chances are available in front of church before masses!

Needed: Help: A Parishioner is in need of a driver to some doctor appointments in Paducah. Let Fr know if you can help.

Pray for our Seminarians Conrad Jaconette & Christopher French

Lord Jesus, we thank you for calling these men to serve in your Son's kingdom. May their hearts overflow with Your compassion, understanding, and generosity, and may their desire to serve You inspire others to answer Your call. Lord Jesus, give our seminarians the grace to follow You more perfectly. Let them be encouraged by the fact they are never alone as they are adopted in prayer by parishioners across the Diocese of Owensboro who never cease to pray for them. In Jesus' Name.

Mt St Joseph Quilt Bingo Returns – Sept 10

Sunday, Sept. 10, we will play Quilt Bingo. Players have the chance to win choice of a variety of quilts. 12:30 p.m. Bingo from 1 p.m.-4 p.m. Tickets for Bingo are \$25 per person, to include lunch. Bingo cards are \$1 a game for small quilt prize or \$2 per game for large quilt prize. Seating limited, email carol.braden-clark@maplemount.org



St Anthony Birthdays Aug 27 – Sep 2

No birthdays this week

Anniversaries:

August 31 Ashley & Pam Thurman
Sept 1 Steve & Linda Wilkes

Lectio Divina Weekly Sessions

Every Wednesday @ St. Anthony of Padua, we gather for weekly "Lectio Divina" sessions. Come and open God's Word in your heart & mind. We have workbooks available



St. Anthony of Padua

Mass Intentions

August 28 – September 3

Wednesday	9:00 am	<i>Nancy Rodgers</i>
Friday	9:00 am	<i>Dr Sidney Edds</i>
1st Saturday	8:00 am	<i>Mary Knox</i>
Saturday	6:00 pm	<i>Richard & Virginia Klohr</i>
Sunday	8:00 am	<i>Robert Hannegan Sr Family</i>

WEEKLY DONATIONS

Budget 2022/2023 Fiscal Year (July 2023-June 2024)	\$ 73,500.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 1,413.46
Weekly Donation 8/20/2023)	\$ 2,491.50
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 20,210.66

Thank you so much for your faithful generosity!

Livingston County Helping Hands



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, baby wipes, feminine hygiene products. Collection container is in back of the church for your donated items.

St Anthony Mass Assignments – September 3, 2023

Lector	Shara Parish
Eucharistic Ministers	Mike Drury Pat Gorbett
Ushers/Greeters	Kevin Diamond David Loxley
Server	Juan Gonzalez
Money Counters	Shara Parish Kevin Diamond

St Anthony Prayer List: 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, Bob Lang and their families/caregivers.

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 Wed October 18 @ 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