

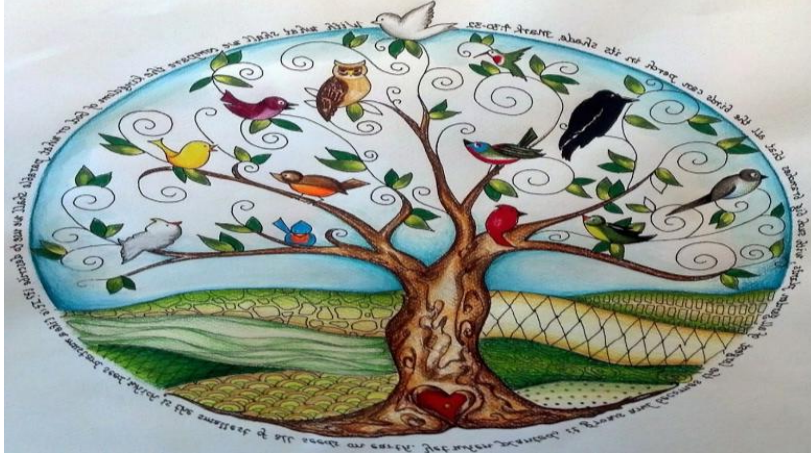


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27th Sunday Ordinary Year C Luke 17:5-10



"The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith."
The Lord replied, "If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you. "Who among you would say to your servant who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here immediately and take your place at table'? Would he not rather say to him, 'Prepare something for me to eat. Put on your apron and wait on me while I eat and drink. You may eat and drink when I am finished'? Is he grateful to that servant because he did what was commanded? So should it be with you. When you have done all you have been commanded, say, 'We are unprofitable servants; we have done what we were obliged to do.'

Excerpt from 'The Mustard Seed Sonnet'

by Matt Harris

Jesus likened His Kingdom unto you,
O Mustard Seed, among the least of all:
Who would have thought that from a pod so small
That you one day would have the greatest view?
Of all herbs in Judah, who drink God's dew,
Your stem is as stout as the staff of Saint Paul;
While reaching upwards of fifteen feet tall,
Birds flock to your limbs to nest and to coo.
O Mustard Seed what faith you have in store!
With a faith measuring less than a pea,
I could say, "Uproot yourself, Sycamore,
And be planted in the depths of the sea,"
And, there, you would find it on the sea's floor;
Nothing would be improbable for me.

Eucharistic Renewal Meditation

The Liturgy guarantees for us the possibility of an encounter with Christ. For us a vague memory of the Last Supper would do no good. We need to be present at that Supper, to be able to hear his voice, to eat his Body and to drink his Blood. We need Him. In the Eucharist and in all the sacraments we are guaranteed the possibility of encountering the Lord Jesus and of having the power of his Paschal Mystery reach us. The salvific power of the sacrifice of Jesus, his every word, his every gesture, glance, and feeling reaches us through the celebration of the sacraments.

(Pope Francis *Desiderio Desideravi* #11)

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

Visit our Website www.stpiusx.us

† **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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Pastor's Study Desk Notes



Dear St Pius And St Anthony Churches,

27th Sunday Ordinary Year C Luke 17:5-10

Be careful what you pray for! As the gospel opens today, the apostles ask of Jesus, "***Increase our faith***" (Luke 17:5). I made a list once of '*regretted requests*', which are requests that you think twice about after having made them. I find several good candidates of regret in different requests that are made of Jesus in the gospels. Maybe like James & John's selfish demand of 'glory seats' alongside Jesus (Mark 10:37) or Peter's request to 'walk on water' (Matt 14:28). I think today's request by the apostles makes the list. Supposing that the request is fulfilled just as they wanted, imagine them now realizing the increased responsibility and consequences of commitment that come with it. Whenever I've heard about organizational 'ladder-climbers', and people feeling the burden of their high offices, there's always a cynic in every group that remarks, '*Those who desire such positions, deserve them!*' How many times have we sought something only to receive it, and the other things attached to it, and knew that we brought that regret upon ourselves! For example in this case, If I have pray for an increase of faith, how will I ever know my faith is strengthened until it is tested past previous limits? It is the extra push that leads me to discover the newly added faith. Or consider patience as a specific example: How will I know I have more patience, unless I've endured extra testing of it to demonstrate my newly given patience?

So I need to be humble about what I pray for and prepare to embrace the additional responsibility of having any prayers answered! If my prayer is answered, then God may ask more of me to use such gifts for His greater glory! Jesus does say in Luke 12:48 "*Much will be required of the person entrusted with much, and still more will be demanded of the person entrusted with more.*" So, Pray-er Beware!

Also, Jesus celebrates the role of servant in this passage. Servants, while typically not ever acknowledged, they are the ones who actually hold the whole structure together. Like the ship engine room workers who never see the light of day, they are the ones powering the ship!. Or stage hands that construct the set, control lights and raise curtains, good ones are never seen themselves, but they are the ones who enable the show to go on! It is the same with servants in the kingdom of God. Christians are those servants! And of course Christians are the '***roadies***' of ***life***, just as the first Christians were called 'Members of ***the Way***-(The Road-Acts 9:2. We find Jesus in the center of us as 'servant to the servants', especially at the Last Supper (where of all places the apostles start arguing who is greatest). Jesus responds to their silly argument by, 'washing their feet' (John 13:5) and saying to them, "let the greatest among you be as the youngest, and ***the leader as the servant***. For who is greater: the one seated at table or the one who serves?I am among you as the one who serves. (Luke 22:26-27).

And speaking of the ***power of little things*** (lowly servants bearing great responsibility), Jesus calls us to 'mustard seed living'. Acts of faith even the size of mustard seeds, from those smallest beginnings can result the most wondrous of fruits. Cultivate it and watch it increase! This shouldn't surprise us, that tremendous power can be released from the tiniest of things. Jesus tells us that faith the size of a mustard seed can uproot trees and plant them in the sea (Luke 17:6) I am not sure which is more impressive, the complete uprooting of a tree, or its subsequent 'planting' and growing in the salty sea (*primitive hydroponic farming?*) but we are aware of the nuclear power released when an atom is split! Who would have thought such extreme force could come from a tiny atom? Or have we ever watched simple soft water flowing over a rock and wear a path into the hard stone? Or how about a slender vine growing into the brick along a house, later splitting apart the mortar joints or brick itself? Or have you seen sidewalks (& home foundations) broken up and raised because of tree roots growing underneath? From such small things, the strongest of materials are melted away, and their hardness broken up. Jesus tells us 'faith' achieves such ends too. Even as small a start as a mustard seed, given time, can overcome and accomplish the greatest results. So, however much faith we have, little or great, if we activate it by our use, we can trust it to be great fruit and do great things.

Peace, Fr Brian

Faith Formation Calendar for Youth FFY 2022-2023

Fall Break

Fall Break

Oct. 5

ENJOY FALL BREAK

Wednesday

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Sunday

Oct. 12

Oct. 19

Oct. 23

5:45 - 7:30

5:45 - 7:30

11:00-12:00

FFY : Meal and Class

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First Reconciliation Class

Parish Hall

Parish Hall

Parish Hall

Wedding Congratulations! We celebrate & congratulate two newly married couples in our parish!

We pray for them as they begin their married life together! God blessed them once by bringing them together & meeting each other, and may God now further bless them in this great sacrament, uniting their lives into one of holy marriage!

Congratulations to Danny & Nikki Shea who married September 10!

Congratulations to Sydney (Ferm) & Blake Johnson who married on September 24!

St Francis Assisi Pet Blessing: Tues Oct 4 at 5:30 pm

In honor of the feast of St Francis Assisi, patron saint of animals and all creation, Bring your pets to be blessed!

If you can't come, use this blessing over them at your home.

Blessed are you, Lord God, maker of all living creatures.

You called forth fish in the sea, birds in the air, and animals on the land.

You inspired St. Francis to call all of them his brothers and sisters.

We ask you to bless our pet (NAME THEM)

By the power of your love, enable it to live according to your plan.

May we always praise you for all your beauty in creation.

Blessed are you, Lord our God, in all your creatures! Amen

Birthdays & Anniversaries: Oct 2 – Oct 8

Happy Birthday! St. Pius X

October 2 Therese Luecke
 October 2 Lauren Shea
 October 3 Jimmy Hogancamp
 October 6 Wesley Duzmal

St. Anthony of Padua

October 08 Colton Adrian

Happy Anniversary! St. Pius X

October 4 Chance & Allison Lucas
 October 4 Jeff & Charlotte Riedfort
 October 5 Scott & Karen Coleman
 October 7 Stacey Catherine Newby
 October 8 Maddie & Silas Traylor

St. Anthony of Padua No anniversaries this week

Fall Dance Showcase

Fundraiser & Great Night of Fun (12 exhibitions)

Saturday October 8, at 7:00 pm

Grand Rivers Community Center

\$20.00 per person

Benefits Book for Hope (Children w/Cancer)

For more info, please see Ashley Thurman.

J & R Pharmacy Sponsors St Pius Flu Shot Clinic

October 9 after 10 am Mass. Flu shots will be available. I thank parishioner John Paul Peterson for offering this wonderful opportunity for the parish.

St Pius X Mass Assignments: Saturday, October 8, 2022

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

Mass Assignments: Sunday, October 9, 2022

Philip Scheidegger	Pam Hurst	Marcus Newman Amanda Scheidegger Jimmy Harbison	Volunteer (Usher) Volunteer (Usher) Volunteer (Greeter)	Jan Waniel Jean Waniel
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PRAY FOR UKRAINE

Remember in Prayer

St. Pius X: Derwood Doyle, Joe Hedges, 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 Longsworth, 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 October 3 – October 9		
Tuesday	6:00 pm	Bob Darst
Wednesday	8:00 am	Tim Haas
Thursday	8:00 am	Sally Anne Klohr
Friday	8:00 am	Richard Gregory Klohr
Saturday	4:30 pm	Sr Michael Marie Friedman
Sunday	10:00 am	Bernie & Pat Fendler

WEEKLY DONATIONS

Parish Hall Donation (9/25/22)	\$ 323.00
Budget for 2022/2023 Fiscal Year (July 2022-June 2023)	\$ 190,000.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 3,653.58
Weekly Donation (9/25/22)	\$ 2,264.00
Online Giving (9/25/22)	\$ 1,042.00
Total Week's Gift Offering 9/25	\$ 3,306.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 51,222.25



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!

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 @ 6:00 pm

Bereavement Committee

Fran Dacus

St. Anthony of Padua

Mass Intentions October 3 – October 9		
Wednesday	9:00 am	Dr Sidney Edds
Friday	9:00 am	James Rodney Wheatley
Sunday	8:00 am	Helen Krivan

WEEKLY DONATIONS

Budget 2022/2023 Fiscal Year (July 2022-June 2023)	\$ 73,500.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 1,413.46
Weekly Donation 09/25/2022)	\$ 1,254.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 22,771.10

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 – October 9, 2022

Lector	Darin Adrian
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

Lunch Bunch: 3rd Thursday

We are getting back together to have our regular monthly potlucks and social. Come October 20!

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 Wednesday December 7 @ 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