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Christmas Sunday Year A John 1:1-5, 9-14



”In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came to be through him, and without him nothing came to be. What came to be through him was life, and this life was the light of the human race; the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came to be through him, but the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, but his own people did not accept him. But to those who did accept him he gave power to become children of God, to those who believe in his name, who were born not by natural generation nor by human choice nor by a man’s decision but of God. And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father’s only Son, full of grace and truth.”

Christmas Revelation

By Anonymous

Journeying to Bethlehem, a long and tiring trek  
Every bed was full that night, no matter where they checked  
Stable is empty, someone said, a place to lay your head  
Until a baby was born in there, a manger for a bed  
Someone special and holy, the angels all said

Christened Emmanuel, a name chosen by God  
How noble for one born in a situation so odd  
Remembered now in prayers and churches all around the world  
Immortalized in stories and songs learned by every boy and girl  
Sacrificed upon the cross to forgive us all our sins  
The Son of God born for us once, who died and birthed again

Eucharistic Renewal Meditation

“The plan of studies for the Liturgy in seminaries must take account of the extraordinary capacity that the actual celebration has in itself to offer an organic & unified vision of all theological knowledge. Every discipline of theology, each from its own perspective, must show its own intimate connection with the Liturgy in light of which the unity of priestly formation is made clear and realized (cf. SC #16). A liturgical-sapiential plan of studies in the theological formation of seminaries would certainly have positive effects in pastoral action. There is no aspect of ecclesial life that does not find its summit and its source in the Liturgy. More than just the result of elaborate programs, a comprehensive, organic, and integrated pastoral practice is the consequence of placing the Sunday Eucharist, at the center of the life of the community. The theological understanding of the Liturgy does not in any way permit that these words be understood to mean that we reduce everything to the aspect of worship. *A celebration that does not evangelize is not authentic, just as a proclamation that does not lead to an encounter with the risen Lord in the celebration is not authentic.* And then both of these, without the testimony of charity, are like sounding a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. (1 Cor 13:1)

(Pope Francis *Desiderio* #37)

**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](http://www.stpiusx.us)

Daily Scripture Readings

Sunday December 25

Is 62:11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20

Monday Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Mt 10:17-22

Tuesday 1 Jn 1:1-4/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Wednesday 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Mt 2:13-18

Thursday 1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35

Friday Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Saturday 1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18

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  
Mass Schedule**

† Weekend Mass

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

Visit our website

[www.stanthonygrandrivers.org](http://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



CHRISTMAS IS THE CELEBRATION OF THE BIRTH OF JESUS, THE SAVIOUR OF MANKIND

## Pastor's Study Desk Notes



Dear St Pius And St Anthony Churches,

Christmas Sunday Year A Luke 2:1-14

Merry Christmas! Our Christmas gospel reading tells that “An angel of the Lord **appeared** to the shepherds” (Lk 2:9). The birth story of Jesus begins here with an angelic *appearance*, and if we recall that back in Luke 1:26, an earlier appearance occurred when ‘the angel Gabriel sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth..... and **coming to her**, he said “Hail, favored one!...” (Lk 1:26-28). Jesus’ divine entrance into human affairs, is announced with multiple angelic appearances. Today, when first one angel, and **then a whole multitude of angels appear**, announcing ‘Glory to God in the highest, and peace on earth to those on whom His favor rests’ (Luke 2:13-14), it can lead us to expect a lot of angelic interventions in the gospel. If such angelic displays are how the gospel starts out, then we may be tempted to sit back and assume that the angels will take over and take care of everything. BUT, so importantly for us, that is not what happens. Angels are messengers to bring God’s word, but they are not micro-managing agents of God to take over what properly we humans should already be doing: the human works of God on earth. The whole point of Christ being born human as a child like us in all things but sin, is for God to reveal what we humans should be doing to make him known in the world around us. We should carry the message of God’s purpose/love for humanity to every person the world over. At His Ascension into glory, Jesus tells His followers “*you will be my witnesses {messengers} in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth*” (Acts 1:8) Sure, angels could have done so, but by Christ’s coming to us, God intends that humans do for one another, what in ages past God did for us through angels.

Those **angelic appearances were a marvel!** But more than the angels, the greatest ‘**appearance**’ in the Christmas story is of God Himself: Jesus the newborn God in flesh among us! Hebrews 1:1-2 & 6 tells us that, “*In times past, God spoke in partial and various ways to our ancestors through the prophets but in these last days, He spoke to us through a son .... as far superior to the angels.*” Christmas reveals that God prefers to come to us, **as one of us**, and show us Himself, speaking our human language, and performing our human actions. Of course, such a personal revelation (‘in-person’ teaching) of how we should live is accomplished through Jesus’ own dwelling with us here on earth. He is showing us the Way: how to love/live with one another here. As the Christmas carol ‘Hark the Herald Angels Sing’ tells us that, “*Late in time behold Him come..... **Veiled in flesh the Godhead see, Hail th’ incarnate Deity!.....Pleased as man with man to dwell, Jesus our Emmanuel***” After Jesus’ coming, God is known, revealed, & shared through the compassionate acts we conduct in His Name. When disciples of Jesus imitate His life and do as He did, they carry the message. Through them, the world experiences His presence. In John 13:35 Jesus tells us, “This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another (*as I have loved you*).” I understand Jesus to be saying here, that the world can come to know God through His faithful followers, by their behavior and conduct toward them. As if others might say of Jesus’ disciples, “*See how good His followers are. Oh, then how much more good must their God be!*” An early church father Bishop St Irenaeus (120-200 AD) taught that “**the Glory of God is a human being fully alive**” (Adversus Haereses 4.20.7). He means that God’s image & likeness most fully shines in the world, through the works of a human being fulfilling God’s will, by living, loving, serving as Christ Himself did in person among us. Such holy work from us, is ‘Glory to God in Highest and Peace to His people on earth’!

So again the Christmas message of ‘God dwelling among us now here on earth’ is first announced by angels, but then it is given to us humans to carry it further (to the whole world --*over the hills and everywhere.....!*) First to Mary, then to Joseph, then to the shepherds, then to the inn patrons and local villagers, then the wayfarers on the roads, then to the Wise Men, then to all Jerusalem and to the ends of the earth! What started with the angels, ends with us: the message that God our Savior has come among us to redeem us from within our own history, our own time. Merry Christmas! Peace, Fr Brian

### Faith Formation Calendar for Youth FFY 2022-2023

Wednesday  
Wednesday  
Sunday

Dec. 28

Jan. 4, 2023 5:45 - 7:30  
Jan. 8, 2023 11:00am

CHRISTMAS BREAK

FFY: Meal/Class Parish Hall  
1<sup>st</sup> Communion Class Parish Hall



**Prayers of Sympathy:** Please pray for eternal rest of *Anthony Livers* (uncle of David Loxley), and also, *Camilla Hopper* (cousin of Dan O'Brien) who passed away last week. Also, please keep their families in your prayers, that God may comfort them through this difficult time as they grieve their loss.

**ATTN: SCRIPTURE READERS & LISTENERS**

**Lectio Divina Weekly Sessions**

On Wednesdays from 10:00 to 11:00 am @ St. Anthony of Padua, we gather weekly for "Lectio Divina". It is led by Judy Forsythe. Come and open God's Word in your heart and mind. For more information, please call 612-245-3636



**Birthdays & Anniversaries: Dec 25 – Jan 1**

**Happy Birthday! St. Pius X**

- December 26 Joe Morris
- December 29 Victoria Duzmal
- December 29 Lynette Galvan
- December 30 Allison Lucas
- December 31 Randy Luecke

**St. Anthony of Padua**

- December 31 Todd Lucas

**Happy Anniversary! St. Pius X**

No anniversaries at St Pius

**St. Anthony of Padua**

- December 26 Juan & Betty Gonzalez



NATIONAL Eucharistic Revival

Learn more here:

[www.owensborodiocese.org/eucharistic-revival/](http://www.owensborodiocese.org/eucharistic-revival/)

**St Pius X Mass Assignments: Saturday, December 31, 2022**

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

**Mass Assignments: Sunday, January 1, 2023**

	Ric Witowski	Patty Langford Amanda Schiedegger Jimmy Harbison	Volunteer (Usher) Volunteer (Usher) Volunteer (Greeter)	Maryann Huebschmann Kathy Smith
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**Have the Ursuline Sisters of Mt St Joseph touched your life?**

Are you interested in the role the Ursuline Sisters played in operating many schools in the Diocese of Owensboro, including Brescia University? The new book "Hope and Firm Faith: The Story of the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph" is for you! It would make a wonderful gift for Christmas as well. To order your copy, call 270-220-2007 or the Ursuline Sisters website –[www.ursulinesmsj.org/hope-and-firm-faith-book](http://www.ursulinesmsj.org/hope-and-firm-faith-book) -- or contact the author, Dan Heckel, [dan.heckel@maplemount.org](mailto:dan.heckel@maplemount.org)

**Remember in Prayer**

**St. Pius X:** Derwood Doyle, Joe Hedges, Jerry Wade, Katie Wood, Joanna Grimes, Amanda Bailey, Kathryn Bailey Kaileigh Row, Dolly Bardsley, Pam Laibl, Chevelle Allen, David Kroll, Mary Jane Inman, Todd Inman, 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, Cameron Brewer, Stefanie Wilkerson-Barragan, Hugo Santos, Sharon Gibbons, 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 Tashjian, Mr. Driskill, Margaret Adams, Pat Gorbett, Ed Derringe, 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, Rvan M. Fields, LeAnne Neal, and Kousuke Sasaki.

**St. Pius X**

Mass Intentions December 26 – January 1		
Tuesday	6:00 pm	Dora Clarke
Wednesday	8:00 am	John Bardsley
Thursday	8:00 am	Frances Storm
Friday	8:00 am	Dr Sidney Edds
Saturday	4:30 pm	Keiko Hobbs
Sunday	10:00 am	Bernie & Pat Fendler

**WEEKLY DONATIONS**

Parish Hall Donation (12/18/22)	\$ 275.00
Budget for 2022/2023 Fiscal Year (July 2022-June 2023)	\$ 190,000.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 3,653.58
Weekly Donation (12/18/22)	\$ 3,193.00
Online Giving (12/18/22)	\$ 1,101.00
Total Week's Gift Offering 12/18	\$ 4,294.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 96,322.96



**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!

**Needed: Liturgical Ministers at St Anthony:**

Please consider serving, lecturing, ushering or ministering communion. We will hold training for any new ministers, and we gladly welcome anyone to join the ministry team of helpers. A lot goes into every celebration of Mass, so please consider serving the church in this way. Please let Pat Gorbett or Fr Brian know if you can help.

**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 January 17 @ 4:30 pm

**Bereavement Committee**

Fran Dacus

**St. Anthony of Padua**

Mass Intentions December 26 – January 1		
Wednesday	9:00 am	John & Sue Mudd Family
Friday	9:00 am	John & Florence Sharkey
Sunday	8:00 am	Dr Sidney Edds

**WEEKLY DONATIONS**

Budget 2022/2023 Fiscal Year (July 2022-June 2023)	\$ 73,500.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 1,413.46
Weekly Donation 12/18/2022)	\$ 2,614.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 38,823.00

*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 – January 1, 2022**

Lector	Mike Drury
Eucharistic Ministers	Pat Gorbett Steve Wilkes
Ushers/Greeters	Kevin Diamond Kelly Noonan
Server	Juan Gonzalez
Money Counters	Shara Parish Kevin Diamond

**Centering Prayer Group: Thursdays at 10:00 am**

Interested in **Centering Prayer**? Thursdays at 10:00 am in St Pius Library, we will have an Advent series of teachings and practice, on **Centering Prayer**. We will have a short 20 min video & 10 min discussion before each experience of prayer (15 min). Discussion follows

**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 February 15 @ 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:** 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:stpiusx@stpiusx.us)