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22nd Sunday Ordinary Year B Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23



“When the Pharisees with some scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus, they observed that some of his disciples ate their meals with unclean, that is, unwashed, hands. —For the Pharisees and, in fact, all Jews, do not eat without carefully washing their hands, keeping the tradition of the elders. And on coming from the marketplace, they do not eat without purifying themselves. And there are many other things that they have traditionally observed, the purification of cups and jugs and kettles and beds. — So the Pharisees and scribes questioned him, “Why do your disciples not follow the tradition of the elders but instead eat a meal with unclean hands?” He responded, “Well did Isaiah prophesy about you hypocrites, as it is written: This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines human precepts. You disregard God’s commandment but cling to human tradition.”

Pharisees and Sadducees Meet Jesus

A poem excerpt by Lance Landall

Danger’s found in the extremes, hence balance God has called for,
However, balanced Christians, God’s requirements don’t ignore,
Just like the tightrope walker, the wise Christian treads with care,
Lest through moving left or right, they soon off track career.

God’s path is straight and narrow, with no side tracks on the way,
But there are tracks the devil ‘left’ and ‘right’ has tried to lay.
Thus, the legalist or liberal, will one way or another,
Both the Scriptures and God’s will, distort, destroy, or smother.

God wants us to be balanced, so we’ll rightly, think, say and do,
For Christians that are balanced are like scales that read true.
They display more accurately what God’s trying to convey,
Just as a builders level helps a straight foundation lay.

Perhaps within each Christian lies a little bit of each,
A Pharisee, a Sadducee, that the Spirit needs to reach.....

Weekly Mass Readings

August 29 – September 4

- Sunday 8/29** Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/Mk 7:1-8, 14-15
- Monday 8/30** 1 Thes 4:13-18/Lk 4:16-30
- Tuesday 8/31** 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Lk 4:31-37
- Wednesday 9/1** Col 1:1-8/Lk 4:38-44
- Thursday 9/2** Col 1:9-14/Lk 5:1-11
- Friday 9/3** Col 1:15-20/Lk 5:33-39
- Saturday 9/4** Col 1:21-23/Lk 6:1-5

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**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

+ **Online Mass** +
Sunday -10:00 am

**We are still Live Streaming
Sunday Mass via Facebook
for anyone at home**

Also check out the Youtube Videos of
Gospel Sunday Previews
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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FROM THE PASTOR



Dear St Pius And St Anthony Churches,

22nd Sunday Ordinary Time Year B Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

“It’s time to worry when the guys with clipboards show up!” That is a line my younger brother and I would throw around back from our family business days. We said it when possible ‘inspectors’ showed up, as a call-out to observe ‘codes’ closely and ‘look busy’! We hear such a line in the gospel today. Today’s gospel tells of guys with clipboards showing up from Jerusalem to ‘audit’ Jesus. Nothing is new about the Pharisees picking at Jesus about something He said, or something He did. But, what we hear today is that Pharisees don’t show up alone to pick at Jesus. They show up **‘with some scribes who had come from Jerusalem’** (Mark 7:1). Okay we can get a little nervous, as the ‘scribes’ are note-taker bureaucrats and what makes it worse, is that they are from ‘Jerusalem’. That means ‘Frankfort’ or ‘DC’ (or ‘Headquarters’/‘Corporate’). So it is not a surprise that they report on Jesus. He is ‘being written up’ for various washing infractions. This dispute in the gospel brings to mind the differences in practices that often exist when one can perform acts in ‘ideal’ circumstances versus ‘real’ circumstances. This is most apparent when we hear about the ‘Jew vs. Samaritan’ controversy. The way Judaism was practiced in Jerusalem with all of its Temple Support, looked different than how Judaism was practiced up in the northern country of Samaria/ Galilee. For example, imagine how a person up around the Temple with all of its water pools can easily perform water rituals all day long, versus a shepherd or farmer out in the fields away from such city conveniences (if he has water at all, it is for precious drinking, not elaborately pouring it profusely over hands and cups, etc). So, expectedly, the ‘corporate’ scribes show up to point out every Temple infraction that Jesus and His disciples commit. The gospel of Mark emphasizes this ‘scrupulously detailed’ mindset of the scribes when he adds, “there are **many other** things that they traditionally observe, such as the purification of cups **and** jugs **and** kettles **and** beds” (mk 7:4) The **‘AND’** (3x) gives Mark’s position away. Such ritual ‘Detail, Detail, Detail’ is important if your job is an office in Jerusalem, and your hands only deal in clean paper /pens, but never the real goods of life (raw supplies of sheep, fish, grain, wood, nails). So we see a classic clash between the boardroom and the shop floor with the ‘worker’ Jesus/His fishermen friends and the ‘whitecoat’ Pharisee/Scribes. It would be a mistake to view this debate between Jesus and the Pharisees only in terms of ‘health hygiene’. Yes, Jesus wants food preparers and meal servers to be mindful of keeping contaminants out of people’s food (*I am sure that Jesus told his disciples ‘Don’t hand out the multiplied loaves, until you’ve washed this morning’s bait off your hands’ -recall Jesus has water present at the big meal of the Last Supper in John 13:1-17-He washes there.*) Yet, His point is that the Pharisees have created a ‘religion’ out of their obsessive washing routines (this & that thing, washed this & that way at these & those times-on and on!) In the meantime, they have lost contact with all God’s commands concerning respect and care for neighbors, as well as proper prayer and living justly themselves.

Such a fixation on external details is a pitfall with all commands and regulations. Sometimes a person can follow a law to a ‘T’, yet simultaneously be working against the intent/ motive of the law. In fact, such a mocking observance of the rule undermines it as a result. For example, when we Catholics observe ‘meatless’ days as a matter of Lenten simplicity of life & solidarity with the poor, yet then we say ‘I didn’t eat meat last Friday-I had buttered lobster: Oh, and a divine chocolate-mousse dessert’, we are subverting the entire intent of the sacrificial practice of offering up meat. We followed the law, all the while ignoring its purpose.

So, what was all the ‘handwashing’ obsessions of the Pharisees originally intended for in the beginning? I am sure some practical element of keeping sanitary was involved, yet I also imagine God intended that as we take a moment to look at our hands and wash anything off that may be on them, it reminded our hearts that we humans basically have ‘empty-clear’ hands when it comes to our provisions. All things come from the hand of God, and so to wash my hands initiated a realization of gratitude in my heart for whatever was about to enter then in the meal. After washing my hands, I know anything that enters them next comes from God: is to be seen as a ‘gift from God’! So Thank Him. To receive a gift for God, my hand has to be open, so what better way to realize this than to take a minute and wash them off, looking at them and thanking God for what He is about to put in them. However, instead of using the hand washing as a prayer ritual of gratitude to God for one’s food, the Pharisees became self-righteous about their accomplishment of elaborately detailed ‘hand-washing shows’! And so Jesus quotes Isaiah to them “This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me” (Mark 7:6 quoting Isaiah 29:13). May we always observe what God commands, yet also understand what God intends for our good by His command.

Peace, Fr Brian

St Pius X Mass Assignments: Saturday, September 4, 2021

Servers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers / Greeters	Money Counters
Volunteer	Nancy Glover	Volunteer	Volunteer (Usher) Volunteer (Usher) Volunteer (Greeter) Volunteer (Greeter)	
Mass Assignments: Sunday, Sept 5, 2021				
Volunteer	Mike Bowling	Dawn Whitt	Volunteer (Usher) Volunteer (Usher) Volunteer (Greeter)	Jan Waniel Jean Waniel

Volunteer Corner: Are you looking for a way to help around our church community?

There are many service opportunities **in the community** such as with Hope Clinic, Marcella’s Kitchen, Exceptional Center, Habitat for Humanity, Lourdes Hospice, Convalescent Center or Oakview?

Yet, also, there are opportunities for service **within our churches**. Sometimes, the right gift is out there looking for just the right time. How about now? Have you ever considered working in a **parish support card-ministry with others** mailing comfort cards to the sick or grieving, or celebratory cards for special events?

NEW WOMEN'S MINISTRY @ ST. PIUS X

A place where you are loved and supported for who you are – A Daughter of God! All women are invited to an informational gathering on Sunday, August 29 at 2:00pm in the St. Pius X Parish Hall. We will discuss how the women in our parish can support one another while providing valuable help to our parish's needs. If you can't make it Sunday, we will also meet Tues Aug 31 at 6:30 pm.

Every Wednesday Bible Study
at 10:00 am St Anthony Church



Come study the Sunday Mass readings with a group as a wonderful preparation to find even more grace in Sunday Celebrations.

Life Giving Wounds: Are your parents divorced, separated, or otherwise not together? Are you struggling with the effects of it? Life-Giving Wounds, a Catholic apostolate dedicated to supporting adults from broken homes, has an online retreat from Sept. 30 to Nov. 11. During seven Thursday evenings, we will meet others who “get” the pain of having your parents split up, and will hear from fellow adult children of divorce on dealing with anger, anxiety, family boundaries, forgiveness, and more. You are not alone! Cost (which includes a Retreat Guide and journal): \$150 early-bird, \$225 after Sept. 20; \$75 early-bird college students/consecrated, \$100 after Sept. 20. More information and registration here:

<https://www.lifegivingwounds.org/onlineretreat>

Thought from Pope Francis: “I would like to remind you that joy, the highest expression of life in Christ, is the greatest witness we can offer the holy people of God whom we are called to serve and accompany on their pilgrimage toward the encounter with the Father,” he said. “Peace, joy, and a sense of humor.”

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: Joey Elder, John Campbell, Jim Darst, Kaileigh Row, Marilyn Duzmal, Henry Feezor, John Campbell, Lisa Hammond, Rose Grossius, Bennett Meisenheimer, Neil Trammell, Peter Bullock, Jim & Rose Drury, Wes Hayes, Mike Norvell, Maryann Huebschmann, Shirley Mangan, Kenny Matthews, Dora Miller, Miller Meisenheimer, Joann Najgebauer, Elizabeth Nelson, Johnny Poe, Joel Rivera, Carol Ross, Marty Tyskling, Lonnie Vogler, Brenda Waitke, Gary Walters, Andrew Walton, Larry Wenzel, Anna Williams, Dawn Williams, Wilma Lejuene, Lori Butler, Isabella Hamilton, Dr. Danny Butler, Jeanette Hayes, Cameron Richmond, Brad Longworth, Matthew Black, Helen Bennett, Nannette Frizzell, Catherine Broks, Stacey Newby, Bette Zilligen, Dorothy Henry, Ric Vaughn, Susan Sloan, Donny Travis, Betty Derry, Scott Hamilton, Connie Burt and family, Abigail Huebschmann, Lucas Hebner, Ericka Karpstein, Joanna Cooper, Carolyn Outland, Angel Thompson, Kaye Poyner, Jerry Huebschmann, Dorothy Henry, Bob & Lois Tashjian, Rita Cook, Hannah Padgett, Juliette Kaplanes, Jack Bender, Penny Maupin, Don Kemp, Sharon Olejnicak, Tim Wilson, Beverly Dukes, Bill Norvell, Wallace Hunt, Phyllis White, Judy Krouse, Kerry Frazier, Rene Harrington, Joe Cirrito, Lisa Doyle, Forrest Michael Teeters, David Kroll, Cameron Brewer, Stefanie Wilkerson-Barragan, Hugo Santos, Sharon Gibbons, Lori Blades, Wayne Viniard, Braydn Barnett, and their families and caregivers

St. Anthony of Padua: 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, Charles Paulius, Helen Krivan, Imogene Ramey, Bob Lang and their families and caregivers.

Pray for Our Military

St. Pius X: 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.

Prayers & Sympathy: Please pray for the eternal rest of Bernard Fendler, husband of Pat Fendler, who passed away last week. Please keep Pat and all the family in your prayers. May God comfort them.

Birthdays & Anniversaries:

August 29 –September 4

Happy Birthday!

St. Pius X

August 30	Tara Blazina
August 30	Sara Coleman
August 31	Jim Drury
September 01	Nicholas Duzmal
September 02	Ryan Devine
September 03	Beck Lucas
September 03	Kenneth Matthews
September 04	Dolly Bardsley

St. Anthony of Padua

August 29 Helen Krivan

Happy Anniversary!

St. Pius X

August 29 Shane & Therese Luecke

St. Anthony of Padua

September 1 Steve & Linda Wilkes

Our Church Quilters Groups are back meeting every Tuesday morning at St Anthony Church through the summer! If you haven't bought a chance on their recent beautiful work, be sure to get one at masses!

Knights Columbus Pancake Breakfast

Sunday August 29 after the Sunday 10:00 am Mass at St Pius. Everyone is invited to stay after mass and visit while enjoying breakfast on KC's!

St. Pius X

Mass Intentions August 30 – September 5		
Tuesday	6:00 pm	<i>The Glover Family</i>
Wednesday	8:00 am	<i>Blanco Yujuico</i>
Thursday	8:00 am	<i>Melisa Cimprich</i>
Friday	8:00 am	<i>Bliss Buffington</i>
Saturday	4:30 pm	<i>Dolly Bardsley</i>
Sunday	10:00 am	<i>Tena Brooks</i>

WEEKLY DONATIONS

Parish Hall Donation (8/22/21)	\$ 380.00
Budget for 2021/2022 Fiscal Year (July 2021-June 2022)	\$ 180,000.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 3,461.54
Weekly Donation (8/22/21)	\$ 2,934.00
Online Giving (8/22/21)	\$ 1,075.00
Total Week's Gift Offering	\$ 4,009.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 30,542.00

Online Giving: To sign up, visit our website at www.stpiusx.us and click on the link for "online giving" to set up your account. If you need any assistance, please call the parish office.

H.O.P.E. Clinic Annual Banquet

This year's fundraiser for H.O.P.E.'s Pro-Life ministry will be Monday, Sept. 20 and Tuesday, Sept. 21. We will attend as a group on Monday, Sept. 20th. The organizers need to know how many will be attending. **Please contact Marilyn Brooks** at 270-703-8496 or the Church Office at 270-395-4727 **ASAP if you plan to attend.** The Dessert Social begins at 6:00, with the presentation starting at 6:45 at First Missionary Baptist Church, Benton (641 ByPass).

St Pius X Parish Council

Pam Hurst	Chair Person
Jeff Outland	Building & Ground
Larry Krouse	Secretary
Robert Weekes	Finance
Dawn Whitt	Spiritual Life
Catherine Broks	FFY

Bereavement Committee

Fran Dacus

Other Groups

<i>Finance Council</i>	<i>Harold Dacus, Chair</i>
<i>Art & Decorations</i>	<i>Paula Schmidt</i>
<i>Knights of Columbus</i>	<i>Michael Canon</i>

St. Anthony of Padua

Mass Intentions August 30 – September 5		
Wednesday	9:00 am	<i>Richard & Virginia Klohr</i>
Friday	9:00 am	<i>Pauline Rucker</i>
Saturday	6:00 pm	<i>Dr Sidney Edds</i>
Sunday	8:00 am	<i>Drury Family</i>

WEEKLY DONATIONS

Budget 2021/2022 Fiscal Year (July 2021-June 2022)	\$ 72,000.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 1,386.54
Weekly Donation (8/22/2021)	\$ 2,585.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 14,275.00

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

Livingston County Helping Hands



Non perishable items needed: paper towels, toilet paper, laundry detergent, shampoo (adult & baby), bath soap, diapers, baby wipes, feminine hygiene products, dish soap, coffee, tea, mac and cheese, sugar, flour, cereal, peanut butter, jelly, tuna, salmon, canned fruits, canned vegetables. There is a collection container at the back of the church for your donated items.

Thank you for your generosity!

St Anthony Mass Assignments – September 5, 2021

Lector	<i>Mike Drury</i>
Eucharistic Ministers	<i>Shara Parish</i>
Prayers of the Faithful	
Ushers/Greeters	<i>Kelly Noonan Kevin Diamond</i>
Server	<i>Shara Parish</i>
Money Counters	<i>Shara Parish Kevin Diamond</i>

St Anthony Parish Council

Roy McFadden	Chair Person
Mike Drury	Vice Chair/Building & Ground
Debbie Owens	Secretary/Family Life
Shara Parish	Finance/ Building & Ground
Nick Zaim	Social/Spiritual Concern
Sr. Michael Friedman	Spiritual/Faith Formation

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