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4th Sunday Advent Year A Matthew 1:18-24



"This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about. When his mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found with child through the Holy Spirit. Joseph her husband, since he was a righteous man, yet unwilling to expose her to shame, decided to divorce her quietly. Such was his intention when, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means "God is with us." When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home."

Excerpt from 'O Sapientia'

By Madeleine L'Engle

It was from Joseph first I learned
of love. Like me he was dismayed.
How easily he could have turned
me from his house; but, unafraid,
he put me not away from him
(O God-sent angel, pray for him).
Thus through his love was Love obeyed.
The Child's first cry came like a bell:
God's Word aloud, God's Word in deed.
The angel spoke: so it befell,
and Joseph with me in my need.....

Eucharistic Renewal Meditation

"We are formed by the regular rhythm of assemblies that come together to celebrate the Eucharist on the Lord's Day, Sunday after Sunday, Easter after Easter, at particular moments in the life of each single person and communities, in all the different ages of life. Let us always remember that it is the Church, the Body of Christ, that is the celebrating subject and not just the priest. The kind of knowledge that comes from study is just the first step to be able to enter into the mystery celebrated. Obviously, to be able to lead their brothers and sisters, the ministers who preside in the assembly must know the way, know it from having studied it in their theological studies but also from having in actual practice an experience of living faith by their own attention, and nourished by prayer —not just as an obligation to be fulfilled. On the day of his ordination every priest hears the bishop say to him: "Understand what you will do, imitate what you will celebrate, and conform your life to the mystery of the Lord's Cross." (Pope Francis *Desiderio* #36)

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

Daily Scripture Readings

Sunday December 18

Is 7:10-14/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24

Monday Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Lk 1:5-25

Tuesday Is 7:10-14/Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday Zep 3:14-18a/Lk 1:39-45

Thursday 1 Sm 1:24-28/Lk 1:46-56

Friday Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Lk 1:57-66

Saturday 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8-16/Lk 1:67-79

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

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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 Pius And St Anthony Churches,

4th Sunday Advent Year A Matt 1:18-24

St Joseph has a plan! Yet, as the poet Robert Burns says, *“The best-laid plans of mice and men often go awry”*. St Joseph, as we know and scripture testifies, was a ‘righteous man’ (Matt 1:19), and not being not fully aware of the details of God’s Providence, devises a solution to continue to care for the surprisingly pregnant Mary, but not go forward to marry her. Having never faced such a dilemma, St Joseph comes up with a remedy (‘dismissing Mary quietly’) to both maintain family name honor, and not draw harassing, prejudicial attention to Mary. **UNTIL**, God intervenes with a dream angel to give Joseph more information about God’s design of Mary’s virginal conception of Jesus as a fulfillment of Isaiah 7:14, and that the Holy Spirit can lead this case (Matt 1:20). Perhaps St Joseph felt that his piety demanded ‘distancing’ himself from such an impropriety as a child conceived out of wedlock (& ‘unknown father’). But by the angel informing St Joseph with further detail, he feels more ease about going along with God’s plan, claiming the ‘special child’ as his own and claiming Mary as his spouse. The angel even takes this dream visit as an opportunity to give in advance the ‘special child’s divine name’-Jesus (not Joseph the Second, or Joe Jr as would be expected). After the dream, St Joseph goes ahead with all the earlier plans of marriage, receiving Mary and creating a home with her and Jesus to come! This is St Joseph’s version of the ‘Annunciation like unto Mary’s similar experience in Luke’s gospel, which has the same result of him responding like Mary by giving ‘assent to God’s Will, “Let it be done to me according to your word” (Luke 1:38).

St Joseph came up with a good enough plan, yet the problem was that it was not God’s plan. While Joseph’s idea it may have resolved the immediate problem, God had so much more good in mind to accomplish (saving the whole human family, not just one family’s honor or name). God does want us to be creative and ‘problem-solve’ but we need always to take our solution to Him in prayer and discern whether it aligns with His overall plan for us and everyone. Someone ‘out there’ may depend upon my response to God, and so I need to submit my creative ideas to God for review before advancing some action plan of my own. Again, it may be a good idea, but if it is not God’s idea, then it ultimately will fall so short of the good God could accomplish. So yes, we do think and reflect upon our next steps facing some problem, yet we also have to present that solution to God in prayer and wait for the Spirit’s confirmation & ‘go-ahead’ to maximize the fruit of God’s will. Some people about this, that “Man proposes, and God disposes’. God’s will for maximum good is so much more than ours. The ultimately effective execution of some plan is in God’s hands. Several scripture passages indicate this wise approach to planning and thinking forwardly. Psalm 127:1 tells us that, *“Unless the LORD build the house, they labor in vain who build.”* Proverbs 21:1 says that *“A king’s heart is channeled water in the hand of the LORD; God directs it where he pleases.”* Further, Proverbs 16:9 says, *“The human heart plans the way, but the LORD directs the steps”* and Proverbs 19:21 says, *“Many are the plans of the human heart, but it is the decision of the LORD that endures.”*

Speaking of making plans, in the New Testament we hear a lot about plans from St Paul with his three different missionary journeys in the Acts of the Apostles. We know that journeys require itineraries, but Christian journeys require more Holy Spirit than our own ideas about every step (stop) along the Way. Paul often has grand plans in mind about his missionary work. But God’s plan was different and God led Paul along other avenues for His greater good. One such example of God’s intervention and a change in mission plan for Paul comes up at the end of the letter to the Romans. Paul writes in Romans 15:24, “I hope to see you (Rome) in passing **as I go to Spain** and to be sent on my way there by you....” He plans to evangelize in Spain, after visiting in Rome for a while, but only after first stopping in Jerusalem. However, God has other plans for him, because Paul will be arrested in Jerusalem and then transferred to Rome for his trial in front of Caesar, which will in fact be his last stop because he is held there under house arrest and then martyred in Rome two years later (Acts 28:16, 30). So, Paul did make it to Rome, but not the way he had in mind, (not under his own power-but escorted by Roman soldiers), and he did not ever make it to Spain. But be assured that Paul ministered all the time and anyhow he could, wherever he found himself. He ministered on the job, on the road, in synagogues, in markets and in jail! So God’s plan might have included Paul being anywhere! Yet, Paul knew that God has the Master Plan; Paul would do his part however he could, and God would bring to completion His will regardless. Paul displays this understanding of God being the ultimate determiner of fruitful missionary work, when he writes about God using all manner of people and circumstances to accomplish His Will. In 1 Corinthians 3:6-7, Paul says, “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.” Only God’s will matters! Peace, Fr Brian

Faith Formation Calendar for Youth FFY 2022-2023

Wednesday	Dec. 21	CHRISTMAS BREAK	
Wednesday	Dec. 28	CHRISTMAS BREAK	
Wednesday	Jan. 4, 2023	5:45 - 7:30	FFY: Meal/Class Parish Hall
Sunday	Jan. 8, 2023	11:00am	1 st Communion Class Parish Hall

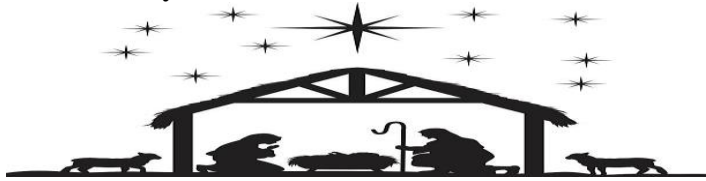
It takes all of us! We need additional Liturgical Ministers at St Anthony:

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 know of help.

Prayers of Sympathy: Please pray for eternal rest of parishioner *Lois Tashjian* (wife of Bob Tashjian), and also, *Joseph Leroy Ray* (brother of Merlin Ray), and *Nida Ryan* (mother of Loise Bowling) who passed away last week. May they rest in peace with God, and may their families be comforted in the days to come.

Christmas Mass Schedule:

Christmas Eve St Anthony 5:30 pm (Carols 5:00 pm)
 St Pius X 8:00 pm (Carols 7:30 pm)
 Christmas Day St Pius X 10:00 am



Birthdays & Anniversaries: Dec 18 – Dec 24

Happy Birthday! St. Pius X

December 19 Sherry Ferm
 December 20 Rose Drury
 December 22 Dawn Whitt
 December 22 Bryan Willett
 December 24 Larry Ball
 December 24 Katie Anderson

St. Anthony of Padua

December 24 Pat Gorbett

Happy Anniversary! St. Pius X

December 23 Kenneth & Eva Matthews
 December 23 Marty & Kim Lampert
 December 23 Robert & Julie Weekes

St. Anthony of Padua

December 24 Tommy & Margie Sheppard

Advent Thought from Fr Solanus Casey: "Thank God ahead of time!" Lest we forget, go ahead & thank God!

St Pius X Mass Assignments: Saturday, December 24, 2022

Servers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers / Greeters	Money Counters
Anthony Schiaretti Dominic Schiaretti	Pam Hurst	Marty Darst Marcus Newman Teresa Newman	Volunteer (Usher) Volunteer (Usher) Volunteer (Greeter) Volunteer (Greeter)	
Mass Assignments: Sunday, December 25, 2022				
Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteers	Volunteer (Usher) Volunteer (Usher) Volunteer (Greeter)	Maryann Huebschmann Kathy Smith

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 -- or contact the author, Dan Heckel, 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 & Lois 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, Ryan M. Fields, LeAnne Neal, and Kousuke Sasaki.

St. Pius X

Mass Intentions December 19 – December 25		
Tuesday	6:00 pm	Luicilla Rendon
Wednesday	8:00 am	Linda Tillet
Thursday	8:00 am	Karen Elder
Friday	8:00 am	John & Sue Mudd Family
Saturday	8:00 PM	All Parishioners
Sunday	10:00 am	All Parishioners

WEEKLY DONATIONS

Parish Hall Donation (12/11/22)	\$ 203.00
Budget for 2022/2023 Fiscal Year (July 2022-June 2023)	\$ 190,000.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 3,653.58
Weekly Donation (12/11/22)	\$ 2,220.00
Online Giving (12/11/22)	\$ 1,448.00
Total Week's Gift Offering 12/11	\$ 3,668.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 92,028.96



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!

Advent Small Faith Group Meetings

- Tuesdays 6:30 pm Early Church Fathers (St Pius Hall)
- Wednesday 10:00 am Lectio Divina (St Anthony)
- Thursdays 10:00 am Centering Prayer (St Pius Library)

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 19 – December 25		
Wednesday	9:00 am	Dr Sidney Edds
Friday	9:00 am	A.J. Drury, Sr
Sat –Christmas	5:30 PM	All Parishioners

WEEKLY DONATIONS

Budget 2022/2023 Fiscal Year	\$ 73,500.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 1,413.46
Weekly Donation 12/11/2022)	\$ 788.00
Religious Retirement Special Coll	\$ 235.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 36,549.00

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 – December 25, 2022

Lector	Darin Adrian
Eucharistic Ministers	Mike Drury Steve Wilkes
Ushers/Greeters	David Loxley Kippling Spencer
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:** 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