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24th Sunday Ordinary Time Year A Matthew 18:21-35



"Peter approached Jesus and asked him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times. That is why the kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who decided to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the accounting, a debtor was brought before him who owed him a huge amount. Since he had no way of paying it back, his master ordered him to be sold, along with his wife, his children, and all his property, in payment of the debt. At that, the servant fell down, did him homage, and said, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back in full.' Moved with compassion the master of that servant let him go and forgave him the loan. When that servant had left, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a much smaller amount. He seized him and started to choke him, demanding, 'Pay back what you owe.' Falling to his knees, his fellow servant begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back.' But he refused. Instead, he had the fellow servant put in prison until he paid back the debt. Now when his fellow servants saw what had happened, they were deeply disturbed, and went to their master and reported the whole affair. His master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you your entire debt because you begged me to. Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?' Then in anger his master handed him over to the torturers until he should pay back the whole debt. So will my heavenly Father do to you, unless each of you forgives your brother from your heart."

Excerpt of 'Seventy Times Seven'

by Bettina Van Vaerenbergh

Perhaps the hardest thing to do, is to genuinely forgive;
Yet it's absolutely necessary for a godly life to live...
The road to life is narrow, while the worldly one is wide;
And if we're not willing to forgive, then we die inside.

Forgiveness opens the door to God's healing touch —
The Lord forgives us too, because He loves us so much.
Forgiveness lets us breathe, so we get fresh air again;
It supplies our soul with much needed spiritual oxygen.

Forgiveness makes life better, yes forgiveness is divine;
Forgiveness tastes exquisite, like a very fine wine.
Christians are called to be tenderhearted toward each other;
Time and time again, we must forgive a sister or brother.

Forgiveness, when it truly comes straight from our heart;
Is a means of moving on, of making a new start...
Unforgiveness keeps us stuck in a not-so-great place;
We have been forgiven, let's show others the same grace.



ACTS 2:42 GROUPS

LIVING THE EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

Acts 2:42 Group: Session #2 is **Sunday October 1, at 1:30 pm** in the St Pius Parish Hall, hosted by leaders Ed & Tammy Georgen. Come, Live Your Catholic Faith. Munchies are Provided.

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 September 17

Sir 27:30—28:7/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35

Monday 1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday 1 Tm 3:1-13/Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday 1 Tm 3:14-16/Lk 7:31-35

Thursday Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Mt 9:9-13

Friday 1 Tm 6:2c-12/Lk 8:1-3

Saturday 1 Tm 6:13-16/Lk 8:4-15

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**

Sunday- 8:00 am

† **Daily Masses**

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 Anthony & St Pius Families,

24th Sunday Ordinary Time Year A

Matthew 18:21-35

Here we go! How many times must we forgive? Peter thinks he will have a hard time with forgiving his brother **seven times** (Was Andrew that hard to live with?) Oh, but He would just be getting started with such a low number! Jesus tells him to try **seventy seven times** (Matt 18:22). I may not be too good with math, but that is a lot of forgiving. Some people hear Jesus saying 'seventy seven--times' (77 times) and some people hear Him saying, "seventy—seven times (*repeated over*)" (490 times). But obsessing about such math calculations probably misses Jesus' point. He doesn't want us to keep count of our efforts at forgiveness. As if we can max out the number of attempts and then self-righteously stop loving our brother and sister. And I suggest that since most of us see a spiritually symbolic significance to the number seven (seven days of creation-& the seventh day of sabbath being the day of creation's **completion** & day of **perfect rest and peace**), some people interpret Jesus to be saying 'forgive an **infinite** number of times.' Or as I heard someone say once, Jesus is telling us 'You start forgiving and keep on forgiving until I tell you to stop'. Of course, Jesus will never have us stop forgiving.

As Jesus likes to do, He answers Peter's question about how often to forgive (*always*) by adding a parable to keep in mind. The parable is about a very merciful king who forgives his servant a huge debt. Then that servant, instead of being grateful and consequently generous to others, he turned around and acted pitilessly like a loan shark, toward another servant over just a tiny amount of money owed to him in comparison. When the king heard of this miserly servant being so cruel over such a small amount, the king threw that man into prison, turning him over to torturers! Why? Well, we reap what we sow (Galatians 6:7). The unforgiving servant has the blade of greed cut against himself! Jesus teaches elsewhere that "*the measure with which you measure will be measured back to you*" (Matt 7:2). In this parable about the need to always forgive, I hear Jesus saying, "*When you consider how the Father has forgiven you so much & so often, how can you hold back forgiveness for a fellow brother/sister?*" When we consider ALL that God has done for us, how can we hold back helping another person in any way?

I am struck as a practicing Christian (& I hope, a faithful Christian!), how often I ask God for forgiveness of my sins. Every Mass is filled with requests for mercy, & outright petitions for forgiveness. For example, right at the beginning of Mass, we all begin our prayer by acknowledging our sinfulness (*'I confess...'*) or pleading for mercy (*'Lord, have mercy'* which means 'Lord, forgive me'). Also, so many of our hymns have verses detailing our sinfulness and need of forgiveness, along with various prayers that change each Sunday, but still constantly ask mercy of God even though we are unworthy. Also as we progress toward Holy Communion at the sign of peace, the priest asks God on our behalf to "Look not on our sins, but on the faith (trust) of the Church". We do **trust** in Divine Mercy! And most of all, consider how many times in a typical day we pray the Lord's Prayer. For example, if we only pray one rosary a day, then we pray at least six 'Our Fathers'! But how often we may open or close a meeting with Jesus' simple words of prayer. About the Our Father, I love to point out that every time we pray it, we are admitting to God, '**forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us**'. We are presuming to ask forgiveness from God, to the degree that we are offering forgiveness to others! So, we ought to be quite forgiving of others, if we are expecting any. If not, then we are going to come up short receiving forgiveness ourselves.

What might hold us back from offering forgiveness to others? Might it be our 'petty ego' holding out in retribution against an offender in some misguided attempt to make them suffer and save our pride, or an exaggerated sense of our 'self-importance' presumptively seeing ourselves as executors of God's ultimate justice (*usurping God's role*)? Instead of keeping oneself hung up in the sins of others, it seems healthier to simply '**move on**' by forgiving as Jesus advised His apostles whenever they may have been rejected or persecuted ('shake dust from feet' Matt 10:14). Also, Jesus highlighted the role of each person who serves in His Name, to have the authority to either 'bind or free' others. He does this dramatically on Easter morning after He Rises from the dead. He appears to His apostles to empower them with the authority to 'forgive as He does'! He says in John 20:23, "Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained" (also found in Matt 16:19, 18:18). But perhaps, our greatest motivation to 'forgive the sins of others' is what Jesus tells us at the Last Supper after He washed the apostles' feet. Jesus said, "I have given you a model to follow, so that as I have done for you, you should also do" (John 13:15) Follow Him! Peace, Fr Brian

St Pius X Parish Council Meeting Thurs Nov 16 @ 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

Lunch Bunch at St Pius Tenth Parish Hall Sept 21st

Be sure to come Thursday Sept 21 at 11:30 am to enjoy great lunch & great company for meal & program/game! It is a wonderful opportunity to visit and socialize a little more at church!

SEPTEMBER 17, 2023 + 24TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

**St Pius X Mass Intentions
September 18 – September 24**

Tuesday	6:00 pm	<i>Lucila Rendon</i>
Wednesday	8:00 am	<i>Danny Padgett</i>
Thursday	8:00 am	<i>James Hobbs</i>
Friday	8:00 am	<i>Taylor Johansen</i>
Saturday	4:30 pm	<i>Nancy Rodgers</i>
Sunday	10:00 am	<i>Terry Huebschmann</i>

WEEKLY DONATIONS

Parish Hall Donation (9/10/23)	\$ 109.00
Budget for 2022/2023 Fiscal Year <i>(July 2023-June 2024)</i>	\$ 195,000.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 3,750.00
Weekly Donation (9/10/23)	\$ 2,545.05
Online Giving (9/10/23)	\$ 1,694.00
Total Week's Gift Offering 9/10	\$ 4,239.05
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 50,931.10

Church Refresh Committee: The painting work & the framing of the church windows with crown molding style trim is continuing. Carpet flooring is being selected for the sanctuary and vestibule, in addition to possible aisle runner. Stay tuned for the design proposal of the tabernacle and altar wall

Collection of Halloween Candy: Baskets are in the vestibule for collecting bags of Halloween candy to be shared and distributed to children after masses the weekend nearest Halloween. To help distribute the gifts or prepare gift packs, please talk with Deb Anspach for more details.

Birthdays & Anniversaries: Sep 17 – Sep 23

Happy Birthday! St. Pius X

- September 21 Eric Galvan
- September 22 Shayla Le
- September 22 Leanne Schrieber
- September 22 Shirley Poat

Happy Anniversary! St. Pius X

- September 17 Klint & Debra Boughton
- September 17 Jerry & Kathy Sanderson
- September 18 Jeff & Julie Risley



All women are invited to come and enjoy time together after Sunday Mass Sept. 17th. Enjoy food, fellowship, faith-sharing and prayer with each other.

St Pius X Mass Assignments: Saturday, Sept 23, 2023

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

Mass Assignments: Sunday, Sept 24, 2023

	RJ (Ric) Witowski	Dawn Whitt Caleb King Pam Hurst	Usher Volunteer Usher Volunteer	Andy Fern Sherry Fern
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Faith Formation for Youth (FFY) Weekly Schedule

Sunday	Sept. 17	10:00am	Catechist Sunday (Blessing for Catechists)	Church
Wednesday	Sept. 20	6:00 - 7:30	Meal and Class (SE training 2-3 gr.)	Parish Hall
Sunday	Sept. 24	11:00-12:00	First Reconciliation Class	Parish Hall
Wednesday	Sept. 27	6:00 - 7:30	Meal, Class and Adoration @7:00 pm	Church (All Invited)

Remember in Prayer

St. Pius X: Charlotte Riedfort, 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, Stacy 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, 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

Update to Parish Directory: *Especially recent New Members*, we want to make sure you are added to our picture directory, so today Sunday Sept 17th, Ginny Reed will be taking photos to update our parish picture album! Please plan to have picture taken!

*****TODAY: St Anthony Picnic Sept 17*****

Plan to come out for picnic at noon on Sept 17th at Little Lake Park Pavilion in downtown Grand Rivers.

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!

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.



Bluegrass on Beshear.

Sat, October 7 from noon to 6 pm. It has raised \$153,535 to help pregnancy support centers. Location: 307 Island Cove Lane, Dawson Springs, Visit for more information www.BluegrassonBeshear.com



St Anthony Birthdays Sep 17 – Sep 23

No birthdays this week

Anniversaries:

No anniversaries this week

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

September 18 – September 24

Wednesday	9:00 am	Daniel & Nancy Mudd
Friday	9:00 am	Dr Sidney Edds
Sunday	8:00 am	Richard Gregory Klohr

WEEKLY DONATIONS

Budget 2022/2023 Fiscal Year (July 2023-June 2024)	\$ 73,500.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 1,413.46
Weekly Donation 9/10/2023)	\$ 1,631.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 25,516.58

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: *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 24, 2023

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

CONSIDER ATTENDING DAILY MASS

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