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21<sup>st</sup> Sunday Ordinary Year B John 6:60-69



“Many of Jesus' disciples who were listening said, "This saying is hard; who can accept it?" Since Jesus knew that his disciples were murmuring about this, he said to them, "Does this shock you? What if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life, while the flesh is of no avail. The words I have spoken to you are Spirit and life. But there are some of you who do not believe." Jesus knew from the beginning the ones who would not believe and the one who would betray him. And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by my Father." As a result of this, many of his disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied him. Jesus then said to the Twelve, "Do you also want to leave?" Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God."

**‘Six Days of Work....’**

*By Wendell Berry*

Six days of work are spent  
To make a Sunday quiet  
That Sabbath may return.  
It comes in unconcern;  
We cannot earn it or buy it.  
Suppose rest is not sent  
Or comes and goes unknown,  
'The light unseen. Unshown,  
Suppose the day begins  
In wrath at circumstance,  
Or anger at one's friends  
In vain self-innocence  
False to the very light,  
Breaking the sun in half  
Or anger at oneself  
Whose contorting will  
Would have the sun stand still.  
Thew world is lost in loss  
Of patience; the old curse  
Returns, and is made worse  
As newly justified  
In hopeless fret and fuss  
  
In rage at worldly plight  
Creation is defied  
All order is unpropped,  
all light and singing stopped.



**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

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**Daily Scripture Readings**

*Sunday August 25, 2024*  
Jos 24:1-2a, 15-18/Eph 5:21-3/Jn 6:60-69  
Monday 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12/Mt 23:13-22  
Tuesday 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/Mt 23:23-26  
Wednesday 2 Thes 3:6-18/Mt 23:27-32  
Thursday 1 Cor 1:1-9 (428)/Mk 6:17-29  
Friday 1 Cor 1:17-25/Mt 25:1-13  
Saturday 1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 25:14-30

**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**  
Saturday 6:00 pm  
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  
[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



## Pastor's Study Desk Notes



Dear St Anthony & St Pius Families,

21<sup>ST</sup> Sunday Ordinary Year B

John 6:60-69

**“This saying is hard; who can accept it?”** (Jn 6:60). Some people listening to Jesus, are struggling to understand/accept His teaching. We will even hear later in John 6:66, that **“as a result of this, many disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied Jesus.”** It should not surprise us that some people reject Jesus. (He even told us that Himself - **“If the world hates you, realize that it hated me first”** Jn 15:8) Yet, it also should not surprise us if **WE** happen to struggle with any one of Jesus’ teaching. Count on it. Jesus came to bring new life to birth in us, and that means change (who likes change?) Change is never easy! And how does change occur, but by dying to one’s old self to be born new? It means letting go and getting over some past way of living – maybe from once living selfishly only for ourselves to living in a new way completely for God and for others? How often we hear about such change when following Jesus-we must be open to continual conversion. Jesus says in John 3:3, **“No one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.”** And in Matthew 18:3, He tells us, **“Unless you turn and become like children, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven.”** Again, is such change and being born again easy? No. In Luke 9:23, Jesus says, **“If anyone wishes to come after me, *he must deny himself and take up his cross daily* and follow me.”** The crux (cross) of change is sacrifice, service and giving of ourselves. Jesus describes this ‘dying to self’ in Mark 10:45, when He says **“the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and *to give his life* as a ransom *for many.*”** That means ‘laying down one’s life for others’ So, following Jesus and this whole call to repentance, change and conversion does not come easy. It shouldn’t surprise us to hear that some people reject or turn away from Jesus because of His demand for sacrifice from us.

But we may be surprised at the specific teaching that they choose to reject Jesus over! Is it hard to accept that Jesus tells us He will be with us forever by allowing us to receive/consume His presence under the appearance of food and drink? That doesn’t sound particularly hard to accept as a matter of faith. Jesus can surely make that happen! Belief in Jesus’ Real Presence, and the fact that we consume His Body and Blood when we receive Holy Communion is no more difficult to believe than any of His other miracles that we readily accept. This is the same Jesus who I believe walked on water (Mt 14:26), calmed the stormy sea (Mk 4:39), multiplied loaves and fish (Matt 14:19), turned water to wine (Jn 2:9) and even brought the dead back to life (Jn 11:43). So why would I balk at believing that he could give me His very life (Body & Blood) under the appearance of bread and wine? ***He says it, and I believe it.*** If it is not just His words here in John chapter 6 that specifically identify His gift of life as His Body and Blood, then I can also hear Him say this in His Last Supper statements in Matthew 26:26-28, Mark 14:22-24, Luke 22:19-20, and 1 Corinthians 11:23-25, where He plainly tells us, ‘This is my Body’ & ‘This is my Blood’. So, if Jesus said it, then I accept it, for it refers to believing what He can do for me! I would never limit what God can do, or question how God may choose to come into the life of a believer.

But if you start asking me how **I** respond to His gift and how I am changed by the Holy Eucharist, then we are getting into what may be difficult for me? If I am asked **“Do you find any of Jesus’ teaching hard to accept and follow?”**, I have to confess that ***I might find other words of Jesus a lot more challenging than these.*** Oh, what are those other words of Jesus that I find hard to follow? How about **“You must forgive, not seven times but seventy-seven times”** (Matt 18:22) Or **“love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you** (Matt 5:44). Or **“In the same way, everyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple** (Lk 14:33). Or **“How narrow the gate and constricted the road that leads to life. And those who find it are few”** (Matt 7:14). Or **“The greatest among you must be the slave of all”** (Mk 9:35). Or even **“Judge Not”** (Matthew 7:1). For me, these are more difficult words to hear and accept from Jesus, because they directly call me to act and embody what it is, I am accepting. ***These words of His focus on what I am to do in response to Jesus, instead of just focusing on what Jesus does for me.*** These words, demand action of me. They call me to give and give and give in His Name! Not easy, but that is the cross of Jesus. That is what ‘follow me’ means from Jesus! Peace, Fr Brian

**St Pius X Parish Council Meeting Thurs Sept 5 @ 5:30 pm**

Gary Traylor	(3)	Chair Person	(rescheduled)
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	

**Early Church Fathers Study & Discussion**

***Every Tuesday Night from 6:30-7:30pm*** Come study some of these foundational documents written by the students of apostles. After Scripture, these are our earliest sources of Faith!

St Pius X Mass Intentions Aug 26 – Sept 1		
Tuesday	6:00 pm	John Bardsley
Wednesday	8:00 am	Richard & Virginia Klohr
Thursday	8:00 am	Jewell Dean Watts
Friday	8:00 am	Sally Anne Klohr
Saturday	4:30 pm	Linda Mae Elder
Sunday	10:00am	Bob Darst
WEEKLY DONATIONS		
Parish Hall Donation (8/18/24)	\$	225.00
Budget for 2024/2025 Fiscal Year (July 2024-June 2025)	\$	195,000.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$	3,750.00
Weekly Donation (8/18/24)	\$	3,704.00
Online Giving (8/18/24)	\$	976.00
Total Week's Gift Offering 8/18	\$	4,680.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$	32,536.72

**Being called to become Franciscan Sister?**

Single Catholic Women 20-35: Franciscan Sisters invite you to in-person and on-line Discernment Events designed for you. Discover your purpose Contact Sr. Julie Ann and Visit <https://fscs-calledtobe.org>

**Prayers and Sympathy** Please pray for eternal rest of souls of **Arnold Manalong**, cousin of Ascencion Koenig, and **Margie Dumbacher** (parishioner of St Anthony) who were buried last week, May God comfort their families during this difficult time.



**Happy Birthday! St. Pius X Aug 25– Aug 30**

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| August 25 | John Brooks     |
| August 25 | Devin Humphreys |
| August 26 | Julie Risley    |
| August 26 | Jimmy Harbison  |
| August 27 | Willard Doughty |
| August 28 | Marty Darst     |
| August 30 | Tara Blazina    |
| August 30 | Sara Coleman    |
| August 31 | Jim Drury       |

**Happy Anniversary! St. Pius X**

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| August 25 | John & Patricia Schuld |
| August 27 | David & Amy Crass      |
| August 29 | Shane & Therese Luecke |

**Marcella's Kitchen Need Volunteers:**

Community kitchen provides healthy, warm meals to many, & delivers over 200 meals to homes. They need volunteers (kitchen workers and drivers) to provide this wonderful service. Please consider helping. Various times/days need helpers. Call 270-703-3977 to help.

**St Pius X Mass Assignments: Saturday, August 31, 2024**

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

**Mass Assignments: Sunday, September 1, 2024**

Kason Peterson	Marty Darst	Jimmy Harbison Marcus Newman Teresa Newman	Usher Volunteer Usher Volunteer Usher Volunteer	Nancy Singleton Kathy Smith
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**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:** Janet Norvell, Iris Joelle Maynard, Theresa Owens, Sara Repovich, Kaye Hinkebein, Amanda Scheidegger, Olga Edwards, Diane Fischer Russell Tomlinson, Joanne Schmidt Paula Willett, Kent & Kim Henry, Leah Vincek, Rick Wilson, Richard Warmowski, Wade Barnes, 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, Kaileigh Row, Dolly Bardsley, Pam Laibl, David Kroll, Henry Feezor, Lisa Hammond, Bennett Meisenheimer, 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, Ericka Karpstein, Joanna Cooper, Angel Thompson, Kaye Poyner, Bob Tashjian, Rita Cook, Jack Bender, Don Kemp, Sharon Olejnicak, Tim Wilson, Beverly Dukes, Judy Krouse, Kerry Frazier, Rene Harrington, Forrest Michael Teeters, Cameron Brewer, Hugo Santos, Sharon Gibbons, Braydn Barnett, Elizabeth Witowski, Pam Dietz. Anthony Pellegrin.

**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**

**Coffee/ Doughnuts 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Every Month**

**Quilters group** at St Anthony Every Tuesday  
Contact Georgia Bradshaw for details. Quilters gather and work on their community quilt together.

**T-Shirts Needed:** Donations of Used T-Shirts are needed for the Orphaned Children Diaper Project. T-Shirts of ANY condition can be used. Contact Georgia Hunsley (St Anthony Church) at 402-920-0108 for more information. **Please place t-shirts in the basket by church doors. Thank you!!**

**Upcoming Parish Events at St Anthony of Padua**

August 28 All Mass Ministers Training 6:00 pm  
Sept 15 St Anthony Picnic -Little Lake Park Noon  
Oct 13 Visit to St Stephen Church Grounds in LBL



**Acts 2:42 Group start:2nd Sunday every month: Sept 8**  
Signup contact Ed Georgen [edwardgeorgen@gmail.com](mailto:edwardgeorgen@gmail.com)

**All-Day Adoration on Friday September 6**

St Anthony Parish has an all day Eucharistic Adoration every 1<sup>st</sup> Friday from 9:00am – 9:00pm All are welcome to spend time in prayer in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Confession available at 9:30am. Prayer Partners are requested for each hour during Adoration. Please register your time on the schedule or call Judy Forsythe - 612-245-3636

**First Saturdays Honor the Blessed Mother:**

First Saturday Mass on September 7 @ 8:00am.  
Every first Saturday we offer mass and pray the rosary



**St Anthony Birthdays Aug 25 – Aug 31**

August 25 Merlin Ray

**St Anthony Anniversaries:**

August 29 Vern & Georgia Hunsley

August 31 Ashley & Pam Thurman

**Study ‘The Chosen’ Weekly Sessions**

Every Wednesday @ St. Anthony of Padua, we gather for weekly study session at 10:00 am. Currently we are viewing the series “The Chosen” and discussing its portrayal of Christ and His Disciples. We use guide-discussion questions and compare experiences of the different models of service to Christ. Come enjoy an insightful discussion about Jesus; followers. and how we can identify or not with their approach

**St. Anthony of Padua**

**Mass Intentions**

**Aug 26 – Sept 1**

<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<i>Sharlene Hagan Hatfield</i>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<i>David Reed</i>
<b>Saturday Eve</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>	<i>Martha McMahon</i>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<i>Margie Dumbacher</i>

**WEEKLY DONATIONS**

Budget 2024/2025 Fiscal Year (July 2024-June 2025)	<b>\$ 73,500.00</b>
<b>Donation Need Each Week</b>	<b>\$ 1,413.46</b>
<b>Weekly Donation 8/18/2024</b>	<b>\$ 3,413.00</b>
<b>Fiscal Year to Date</b>	<b>\$ 19,117.11</b>

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



**FOOD PANTRY**

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, wipes, feminine hygiene products. Collection container is in back of the church for your donated items.

**St Anthony Mass Assignments – September 1, 2024**

<b>Lector</b>	Shara Parish
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Mike Drury Joyce Wilkinson
<b>Ushers/Greeters</b>	David Loxley Kevin Diesen
<b>Server</b>	Juan Gonzalez
<b>Money Counters</b>	Shara Parish Kevin Diamond

**CONSIDER ATTENDING DAILY MASS**

**St Anthony Prayer List:** Theresa Owens, Jeff Ritorto, Cathy Ritorto, 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.

**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**

Kevin Diamond	Chair Person
Judy Forsythe	Spiritual Life/ Secretary
Shara Parish	Finance
Kelly Noonan	Building & Ground
David Loxley	Social Concerns/Events
Steve Wilkes	Faith Formation

***Next Meeting Oct 9 Wed @ 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)