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1st Sunday Advent Year B Mark 13:33-37



“Jesus said to his disciples: “Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come. It is like a man traveling abroad. He leaves home and places his servants in charge, each with his own work, and orders the gatekeeper to be on the watch. Watch, therefore; you do not know when the lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning. May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping. What I say to you, I say to all: ‘Watch!’”

‘In This Short Life’ (#1292)

By Emily Dickinson

In this short Life that only lasts an hour
How much - how little - is within our power

“Evening”

by G. K. Chesterton

Here dies another day
During which I have had eyes, ears, hands
And the great world round me;
And with tomorrow begins another.
Why am I allowed two?

Advent Thought from St Francis Assisi

“The devils cannot harm the servant of Christ when they see he is filled with holy joy. When however, the soul is bitter, desolate and filled with sorrow, it is easily overwhelmed by its sorrow or else turns toward vain enjoyments.”

2024 Catholic Calendars Available for Pick-Up

We thank Filbeck & Cann Funeral Home of Benton for generously providing every parishioner a catholic calendar. Please pick one up to follow along our liturgical year celebrating our holy days, seasons and feast days of the saints. We are grateful to Filbeck & Cann!

Acts 2:42 Group: Session #4 is **Sunday December 3, at St Pius** at 1:30 pm & hosted by leaders **Ed & Tammy Georgen**. Come & Study



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 December 3

Is 63:16-19; 64:2-7/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37
Monday Is 2:1-5/Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday Is 11:1-10/Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday Is 25:6-10a/Mt 15:29-37
Thursday Is 26:1-6/Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday Gn 3:9-20/Eph 1:3-12/Lk 1:26-38
Saturday Is 30:19-26/Mt 9:35—10:1-8

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,

1st Sunday Advent Year B

Matthew 25:31-46

Are these the last days? The world surely is a mess! In Matthew 24:6, Jesus says, “You will **hear of wars and rumors of wars**; see that you are not alarmed, for these things must happen, **but it will not yet be the end.**” We hear a lot of hysteria at times about certain hot spots around the globe, and unfortunately some preachers and politicians may capitalize on the world’s misery to raise funds for their pet projects. Such doomsday phantasmagoria (scary show hype!) easily captures our imaginations to sell books and movies! But again, Jesus cautions us ‘not to be alarmed’! Rather, Jesus says in today’s gospel, ‘Be watchful’! In fact, in the five verses of our short gospel reading, Jesus uses the word ‘**watch**’ four times! If we are vigilant and watchful, we remain responsible and ready to act instead of over-reacting and worsening the situation. So, we are to keep faithfully at work, each person at their duty, and all of us should be found ready and waiting at the switch, when the Lord returns (the End comes)!

I know I tell the story a lot, but every time I hear gospel readings like today’s about Jesus advising us to keep focused on our tasks at hand (to keep our ‘noses to the grindstone’), I hear my mother saying the same thing when she would make a grocery run to the store. She would assign us a couple of household chores, and tell us that she was going to run to Charlie’s IGA. We’d immediately ask, “**What all are you going to buy?**” with the purpose of figuring out **HOW long she was going to be gone**. Our intention was to see how many video game challenges we could get through before rushing through her job list quickly before she came back. Of course, she saw through our plan, and said, “Get to it – you better have them all done by the time I get back”. In a similar way, Jesus anticipates our selfish preoccupations that keep us from being focused on following Him. If we think we have all year to work on bettering our discipleship with Him, then likely, we are going to come up short. So, Jesus says, ‘Don’t try to outguess God!’ As disciples, we are to live as though each day is our last, and as if Jesus’ return will be in the next second! Are we ready? There is never anything to panic about, if we have been diligent about keeping focused and faithfully accomplishing whatever Jesus has set before us as our ‘Kingdom Work’. Get right to it!

We begin a new liturgical year with the Advent Season. We enter Year A, reading continuously through Mark’s gospel each Sunday. I love how we have four gospel accounts of Jesus’ teaching, His ministry and Life. I call it our view of Jesus from all four angles or seeing Him from all four directions! We can pick up unique details about Jesus from each of the four gospels. I always begin talking about Mark’s gospel by saying that his gospel is the shortest! It is also the most ‘action packed’ and rushed, if we follow his hurried and ‘so urgent’ language. For example, Mark uses the word ‘immediately’ (Gk word euthys) forty-two times (compared to 6 times in Matthew, 3 times in Luke, & 3 times in John). Additionally, Mark uses the conjunction word ‘and’ (GK word ‘Kai’) to begin 410 of Mark’s 678 verses in the original Greek (c. 60% of verses!). Mark is great about stringing together his dramatic action-filled story of Jesus’ life and ministry! That use of conjunctions, plus his brevity, should keep us from falling asleep in the reading of his gospel!

AND (!), keep in mind that Mark has several unique literary devices he leans upon frequently, such as the repetition of phrases verbatim (like a ‘eyewitness’ account – ‘just the facts, mam’), the use of ‘triplets’, and ‘intercalation’ which is also called ‘sandwiching’ a story within another story. Also, very unique to Mark’s style of writing is what scholars call the ‘Messianic Secret’ or the frequent ‘Silencing’ that Jesus places upon miracle recipients, the demons and his own apostles regarding his true identity. Mark also portrays a ‘crude realism’ often about Jesus and events affecting Jesus. But we could engage in a whole class about the uniqueness of each gospel and the particular emphases that each gospel writer highlights in their work. More for another day! In the meantime, we hear Jesus tell us to keep focused and vigilant upon what we are called to do right now! Keep awake and Watch! Peace, Fr Brian

St Pius X Parish Council Meeting Thurs Jan 18 @ 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

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!

DECEMBER 3, 2023 + 1ST SUNDAY ADVENT YEAR B

St Pius X Mass Intentions December 4 – December 10		
Tuesday	6:00 pm	<i>Bob Mattingly</i>
Wednesday	8:00 am	<i>James Hobbs</i>
Thursday	8:00 am	<i>Gloria Eisner</i>
Friday	8:00 am	<i>Bob Darst</i>
Saturday	4:30 pm	<i>Nancy Rodgers</i>
Sunday	10:00 am	<i>Richard C Klohr</i>
WEEKLY DONATIONS		
Parish Hall Donation (11/26/23)	\$	1,100.00
Budget for 2022/2023 Fiscal Year (July 2023-June 2024)	\$	195,000.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$	3,750.00
Weekly Donation (11/26/23)	\$	3,526.00
Online Giving (11/26/23)	\$	1,103.00
Total Week's Gift Offering 11/26	\$	4,539.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$	95,962.35

Thank You From Mrs Olga Edwards! I am overwhelmed with gratitude for my church family. The love & kindness shown to me on my 96th birthday will always be cherished and never be forgotten. Thank you!
Olga Edwards

Help Breakfast with Santa Preparation: We'll wrap up presents on Saturday Dec. 9th, 10 am for the upcoming Breakfast with Santa Sunday. Debbie Anspach 406-422-8404

Mark your Calendars December Events

Dec 3 2:00 pm Children's First Reconciliation
Dec 10 after mass **Fr Brian & Family Open House**
@ St Pius after 10 am mass
Dec 17 Knights Columbus Breakfast w/Santa

THE EUCHARIST CONTINUES THE INCARNATION:
@ *St. Mark's Eddyville* Sun. Dec. 3rd & Mon, Dec. 4th from 6 – 8 pm. Come enjoy this two-day parish retreat summing up the essence of Catholic faith and spirituality: Each day's session will include a presentation by Sr. Cheryl Clemons, Ph.D, some time for private prayer, and opportunity for small-group sharing.

Birthdays & Anniversaries: Dec 3 – Dec 9

Happy Birthday! St. Pius X

December 03 *Mila Richardson*
December 05 *Janet Brown*
December 06 *Shirley Mangan*
December 07 *Allison Devine*
December 07 *Stephen Helpingstine*
December 09 *Justin Gentry*

Happy Anniversary! St. Pius X

December 05 *Danny & Susan Padgett*

St Pius X Mass Assignments: Saturday, Dec 9, 2023

Servers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers / Greeters	Money Counters
Volunteer	Nancy Glover	Kurt Schmidt Charlotte Riedfort Suzette Whittington	Volunteer (Usher) Volunteer (Usher) Volunteer (Greeter) Volunteer (Greeter)	
Mass Assignments: Sunday, Dec 10, 2023				
Dominic Schiaretti Franky Schiaretti	Marty Darst	Patti Langford Kelli King Jimmy Harbison	Philip Scheidegger Usher Volunteer Usher Volunteer	Nancy Singleton Richard Derry

FFY Schedule of Classes and Events

Sunday	Dec. 3	2:00pm	First Reconciliation Service	Church
Wednesday	Dec. 6	6:00 - 7:30	Meal, Reconciliation Service for Students	Hall & Church
Wednesday	Dec. 13	6:00 - 7:30	Christmas Party	Parish Hall
Wednesdays	Dec 20 & 27		Christmas Break - Enjoy the Break	

Remember in Prayer

St. Pius X: Amanda Scheidegger, Diane Fischer Russell Tomlinson, Joanne Schmidt Mark Gamble, Paula Willett, Kent & Kim Henry, Linda Womer, Leah Vincek, Rick Wilson, James Poat, 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, 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, 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.

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

Quilters group at St Pius Every Tuesday: Contact Georgia Bradshaw for details. Quilters gather and work on their community quilt together. Come and join in their labor of love for their church family

St. Gianna Crisis Pregnancy Home, with the blessing of Bishop Medley, plans to open its doors in Bowling Green, Kentucky in 2024, a residential program for expecting mothers in crisis. Please visit our website to learn more: www.stgiannacph.org

Needed Donations: Sew on Velcro (any size) needed for a Diaper Project for Children in an orphanage in the Philippines. Contact Georgia Hunsley (St Anthony Church) at 402-920-0108 for more info. Baskets by church doors to collect the velcro.

All-Day Adoration on 1st Friday January 5th

St Anthony will begin all day Eucharistic Adoration. Plan to come some time through the day to pray in presence of the Blessed Sacrament. A schedule is being put together for people to sign up for particular hours. Please call Judy Forsythe - 612-245-3636

First Friday Sacred Heart Devotion: After Friday 9:00 am mass, we hold a Holy Hour of Adoration, with confession available, followed by Benediction.

First Saturdays Honor the Blessed Mother: Be sure to come to First Saturday Mass on January 5 @ 8:00am. Every first Saturday we offer mass and pray the rosary

Advent Angel Trees at each Church

Please pick up an angel from the trees to help provide the Christmas gift toys/clothes for over 100 children that we sponsor through the local school systems.

St Anthony Birthdays Dec 3 – Dec 9

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

December 4 – December 10

Wednesday	9:00 am	Richard Gregory Klohr
Friday	9:00 am	Dan & Cindy O' Brien Family
Sunday	8:00 am	James Wooten

WEEKLY DONATIONS

Budget 2022/2023 Fiscal Year (July 2023-June 2024)	\$ 73,500.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 1,413.46
Weekly Donation 11/26/2023)	\$ 648.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 43,643.65

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,

St Anthony Mass Assignments – December 10, 2023

Lector	Darin Adrian
Eucharistic Ministers	Mike Drury Shara Parish
Ushers/Greeters	Kevin Diamond David Loxley
Server	Juan Gonzalez
Money Counters	Shara Parish Kevin Diamond

CONSIDER ATTENDING DAILY MASS SPECIAL FOR THE SEASON OF ADVENT

St Anthony Prayer List: 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

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 January 17 @ 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