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2nd Sunday Ordinary Time Year A John 1:29-34



“John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. He is the one of whom I said, 'A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me because he existed before me.' I did not know him, but the reason why I came baptizing with water was that he might be made known to Israel." John testified further, saying, "I saw the Spirit come down like a dove from heaven and remain upon him. I did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, 'On whomever you see the Spirit come down and remain, he is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.' Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God.”

John the Baptist: A Poem

He didn't see it, but felt it
through the darkness
of his mother's womb,
the flame that baptized
drawn close enough
to singe his foot,
which caused him to leap.

The wild fire caught
and grew, ruining him
for a life of conformity.
So he moved to the wilderness
somewhere near the river's edge
where others were drawn
by the smoldering flame.

Later, when he leapt
from this world to the next,
leaving his head behind,
he was greeted by the fellowship
of the flame
together they glowed like
so many embers,
lighting the long, dark night.

Eucharistic Renewal Meditation

“Liturgy is about praise, about rendering thanks for the Passover of the Son whose power reaches our lives. The celebration concerns the reality of our being docile to the action of the Spirit who operates through it until Christ be formed in us. (Cf. Gal 4:19) The full extent of our formation is our conformation to Christ. It does not have to do with an abstract mental process, but with becoming Him. This is the purpose for which the Spirit is given, whose action is always and only to confect the Body of Christ. It is that way with the Eucharistic bread, and with every one of the baptized called to become always more and more that which was received as a gift in Baptism; namely, being a member of the Body of Christ. Leo the Great writes, “Our participation in the Body and Blood of Christ has no other end than to make us become that which we eat.”
(Pope Francis *Desiderio* #41)

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 January 15
Is 49:3, 5-6/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34
Monday Heb 5:1-10/Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday Heb 6:10-20/Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Mk 3:1-6
Thursday Heb 7:25—8:6/Mk 3:7-12
Friday Heb 8:6-13/Mk 3:13-19
Saturday Heb 9:2-3, 11-14/Mk 3:20-21

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

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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,

2nd Sunday Ordinary Year A

John 1:29-34

What did John say? “A man is coming *after* me who ranks *ahead* of me because he existed *before* me” (John 1:30) Which is it? After you, ahead of you, OR before you? Or can all of those prepositions apply? What exactly is John trying to say? First, some background, and it is that John belongs in the background. He is not the Messiah. He consistently denies any importance to himself and humbly says, “My only job is to point out the Messiah-that’s all-forget me once He comes.” The problem became that John had wonderful success at drawing crowds out to the Jordan River to repent and be baptized. He had a following. He has disciples. Some people may even have seen John’s popularity as an indication that He John was the Messiah. Yet, John wants to make sure they do not get stuck on him, and miss their opportunity of following Jesus, so John repeatedly does and says things to denigrate himself and exalt Jesus. John adamantly says three times in John 1:19-21, “I am not the Messiah”. But John also doesn’t want to appear to be a powerful ‘Influencer’ or ‘Kingmaker’ which would elevate him more in people’s eyes (just as important as the king is the person who makes/names the king!) Since John gets arrested and is executed, some people could misunderstand John to be the top leader who names his disciple-successor to replace him, Jesus. Such a ‘dynastic’ act would raise John’s leadership position to ‘Boss’, especially as he goes on to be martyred. All of this leads John to make that ‘confusing-time’ statement. John says that this person (Jesus) who comes after him in history-time (which might make him less-that Jesus is only a replica imitation or sequel to John) is actually greater than him in time (though Jesus arrived later and has less seniority) because in fact, Jesus existed from all eternity. John is bending over backward to humble himself and not let anyone think more of him than they should, and certainly not to think more of John than they think of Jesus. John wants to be clear: Jesus is the Messiah. John is simply saying, ‘The sooner you forget about me, the sooner you are saved in Christ.’ This is what John means in John 3:30 when he declares, “He must increase; I must decrease.”

Since we know so clearly the identity of Jesus, we may underestimate the confusion people had over who was more important: John or Jesus. John was highly respected among the people. King Herod is afraid of John’s popularity as we hear when Herod fears to hurt John because of the people’s love/admiration of John (Mark 6:20). Also demonstrating Herod’s respect for John, when Herod first heard about Jesus’ popular ministry work, he immediately thought of John coming back resurrected from the dead (Matthew 14:1-2).

So while John’s may make that confused sounding statement about time, precedence and succession, John doesn’t want any confusion about this: Don’t follow me - Follow Jesus. John goes on the record here saying, “Yes. I picked out the Messiah for you, (not because of any special power of mine) but it was because the Holy Spirit (Dove) and voice of the Father at Jesus’ baptism confirmed it!” John as a human being is not ‘selecting and naming’ the Messiah, John is only following God’s voice & the Holy Spirit dove that identified and confirmed Jesus to be the ONE!

John did know Jesus, as they are related by blood through their mothers, but John wants to be clear that God is calling the shots. Anything John knows authoritatively about Jesus being our Divine Savior comes from God’s Holy Spirit, not himself. John did not sit around and think up how opportune it would be for Jesus to be named the Messiah. No, God pointed it out to John through the Holy Spirit’s signs given to him, and then John points Jesus out to us. It is not the result of any special divine authority within John. John is simply saying, “Everything I know about Jesus, God revealed to me.” Since John was the first on the scene converting people and bringing baptism, he didn’t want anyone to think more of him than they thought of Jesus. As a good prophet, John knows that he should not get in the way of the message. A good prophet delivers the message and then steps aside. Sometimes prophets walk all over their message with their own human issues. Have you ever heard the saying about someone watching someone else point out a constellation in the night sky, “Don’t mistake the finger for the star-look beyond it?” John wants no confusion – He is to be forgotten as soon as Jesus shows up. That is why John is so repetitive about saying, “I am not he - I am nothing - Jesus is the Lamb of God-He is everything. Follow Him”! Peace, Fr Brian

Faith Formation Calendar for Youth FFY 2022-2023

Wednesday	Jan. 18	5:45 - 7:30	FFY: Meal and Class	Parish Hall
Wednesday	Jan. 25	5:45 - 7:30	Meal & Adoration - Everyone is invited	Parish Hall
Sunday	Jan. 29	11:00am	First Communion Class	Parish Hall
Wednesday	Feb. 1	5:45 - 7:30	FFY: Meal and Class	Parish Hall
Wednesday	Feb. 8	5:45 - 7:30	FFY: Meal and Class	Parish Hall



Lunch Bunch: January 19 at 11:30 am in St Pius Parish Hall
 Come enjoy a light potluck luncheon with others for our January gathering. Please bring along a soup, salad or sandwich dish to share with everyone. We will have a group program or activity, too. It'll be a great time to visit!

His Holiness Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI
 1927-2022

We pray, O Lord, that your servant Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, who served by your will on earth as the visible foundation of your Church's unity, may be happily admitted to your blessed flock.
 -Various Prayers for the Dead, For a Pope

Birthdays & Anniversaries: Jan 15– Jan 21

Happy Birthday! St. Pius X

January 15 Carolyn Tomlinson
 January 18 Jean Waniel
 January 19 Lora Ann Rivera
 January 20 Pax Canon

St. Anthony of Padua
 January 19 Ginny Reed

Happy Anniversary!

St. Pius X
 January 17 Clem & Brenda Hinkebein
St. Anthony of Padua
 No anniversaries this week



ATTN: SCRIPTURE READERS & LISTENERS

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 to help.

Prayers & Sympathy: Please pray for the eternal rest of Bob Mattingly (father of Pat Mattingly), who passed away Dec. 27. Please pray his family, too. May God comfort them.

St Pius X Mass Assignments: Saturday, January 21, 2022

Servers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers / Greeters	Money Counters
Volunteer	Nancy Glover	Suzette Whittington Kurt Schmidt Jeff Riedfort	Volunteer (Usher) Volunteer (Usher) Volunteer (Greeter) Volunteer (Greeter)	
Mass Assignments: Sunday, January 22, 2023				
Kason Peterson Dominic Schiaretti	Dawn Whitt	Teresa Newman Marcus Newman Jimmy Harbison	Volunteer (Usher) Volunteer (Usher) Volunteer (Greeter)	Jan Waniel Jean Waniel

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: David Crass, Bonita Walker, Derwood Doyle, Joe Hedges, Jerry Wade, Katie Wood, Joanna Grimes, Amanda Bailey, Kathryn Bailey Kaileigh Row, Dolly Bardsley, Pam Laibl, Chevelle Allen, David Kroll, Tad 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 Tashjian, Rita Cook, Juliette Kaplanes, Jack Bender, Penny Maupin, Don Kemp, Sharon Olejnicak, Tim Wilson, Beverly Dukes, Wallace Hunt, 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 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, James A. Kinsey, Jay Lockhart, Sarah Martindale, Devin McFadden, LeAnne Neal, and Kousuke Sasaki.

St. Pius X

Mass Intentions January 16 – January 22		
Tuesday	6:00 pm	<i>Bernie & Pat Fendler</i>
Wednesday	8:00 am	<i>Dr Sidney Edds</i>
Thursday	8:00 am	<i>Crispin Rendon</i>
Friday	8:00 am	<i>John & Sue Mudd Family</i>
Saturday	4:30 pm	<i>The Hobbs Family</i>
Sunday	10:00 am	<i>Joanne Najgebauer</i>

WEEKLY DONATIONS

Parish Hall Donation (1/8/23)	\$ 389.00
Budget for 2022/2023 Fiscal Year (July 2022-June 2023)	\$ 190,000.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 3,653.58
Weekly Donation (1/8/23)	\$ 2,496.00
Online Giving (1/8/23)	\$ 1,361.00
Total Week's Gift Offering 1/8	\$ 3,857.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 115,412.71



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!

Needed: 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 or Fr Brian know if you can help.

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 January 16 – January 22		
Wednesday	9:00 am	<i>John & Sue Mudd Family</i>
Friday	9:00 am	<i>Frances Storm</i>
Sunday	8:00 am	<i>Camilla Hopper</i>

WEEKLY DONATIONS

Budget 2022/2023 Fiscal Year (July 2022-June 2023)	\$ 73,500.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 1,413.46
Weekly Donation 1/8/2023)	\$ 1,149.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 42,552.00

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 – January 22, 2022

Lector	Mike Drury
Eucharistic Ministers	Steve Wilkes Shara Parish
Ushers/Greeters	David Loxley Kipling 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 have a short 20 min video & 10 min discussion before each experience of prayer (15 min). To learn more online about centering prayer, you are invited to receive daily meditations by email, that include a page a day from Fr Thomas Keating's book "Open Mind-open Heart". Simply email and ask to join online community at cpone@centeringprayer.net

Parish Council

Mike Drury	Chair Person	Debbie Owens	Secretary/Family Life
Shara Parish	Finance	Kelly Noonan	Building & Ground
David Loxley	Social/Events	Steve Wilkes	Spirituality/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