FEBRUARY 12, 2023 + 6™ SUNDAY ORDINARY YEAR A



ST. PIUS X CATHOLIC CHURCH

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6th Sunday Ordinary Time Year A Matt 5:20-22, 27-28, 33-34, 37



"Jesus said to his disciples: "Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets. I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. Amen, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or the smallest part of a letter will pass from the law, until all things have taken place. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do so will be called least in the kingdom of heaven. But whoever obeys and teaches these commandments will be called greatest in the kingdom of heaven. I tell you, unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven. "You have heard that it was said to your ancestors, You shall not kill; and whoever kills will be liable to judgment. But I say to you, whoever is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; and whoever says to his brother, 'Raqa,' will be answerable to the Sanhedrin; and whoever says, 'You fool,' will be liable to fiery Gehenna. Therefore, if you bring your gift to the altar, and there recall that your brother has anything against you, leave your gift there at the altar, go first and be reconciled with your brother, and then come and offer your gift. Settle with your opponent quickly while on the way to court. Otherwise your opponent will hand you over to the judge, and the judge will hand you over to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. Amen, I say to you, you will not be released until you have paid the last penny. Again you have heard that it was said to your ancestors, Do not take a false oath, but make good to the Lord all that you vow. But I say to you, do not swear at all; not by heaven, for it is God's throne; nor by the earth, for it is his footstool; nor by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. Do not swear by your head, for you cannot make a single hair white or black. Let your 'Yes' mean 'Yes,' and your 'No' mean 'No.' Anything more is from the evil one."

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 Thurday-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 February 12 Sir 15:15-20/1 Cor 2:6-10/Mt 5:17-37 Monday Gn 4:1-15, 25/Mk 8:11-13 Tuesday Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Mk 8:14-21 Wednesday Gn 8:6-13, 20-22/Mk 8:22-26 Thursday Gn 9:1-13/Mk 8:27-33 Fridav Gn 11:1-9/Mk 8:34-9:1 Saturday Heb 11:1-7/Mk 9:2-13

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

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Jesus, Help my Anger Go

By Kymee, Poet & Blogger Jesus I am angry...

I don't want to seek revenge For my heart just tells me no That is not the Jesus way That's what You've told me so.

My anger gets a hold of me As I think those awful thoughts An eye for an eye isn't right It's not what You have taught.

The hurt is there inside my heart I have lost my inner peace I just know what I must do Face my anger and release. Give my anger up to You Then learn how to forgive Forgiveness is for myself So I can truly live.

Eucharistic Renewal Meditation

"We no longer have the gaze of St. Francis, who looked at the sun — which he called brother because so he felt it to be and saw it beautiful and radiant with great splendor, and, full of wonder, he sang that it bears a likeness of You, Most High One. To have lost the capacity to grasp the symbolic value of the body and of every creature renders the symbolic language of the Liturgy almost inaccessible to the modern mentality. And yet there can be no question of renouncing such language. It cannot be renounced because it is how the Holy Trinity chose to reach us through the flesh of the Word. It is rather a question of recovering the capacity to use and understand the symbols of the Liturgy. We must not lose hope because this dimension in us, as I have just said, is constitutive; and despite the evils of materialism and spiritualism - both of them negations of the unity of soul and body — it is always ready to re-emerge, as is every truth.." (Francis Desiderio # 44)

> 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 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 Fr. Brian Johnson. Pastor Brian.Johnson@pastoral.org Office: (270) 395-4727/Cell: (270) 668-7675 Paula Schmidt, CRE/Office Manager crecalvertcity@gmail.com (270) 395-4727 Bulletin/Website Submissions (270) 395-472 stpiusx@stpiusx.us Parish Office Hours 9:00 am-2:00 pm

Tuesday -- Thursday



Pastor's Study Desk Notes



Dear St Pius And St Anthony Churches,

6th Sunday Ordinary Year A

Matthew 5:17-37

Think back to your childhood. Did you ever hear a parent say, "But, I expected more out of you, son (or daughter)." Maybe you didn't (if not, great!) But I must confess that I heard it multiple times. Why? Well, I had gotten into trouble with some neighbor kids and I tried excusing myself with the usual, "But they were doing it too". However, my parents told me that even though the whole world may get away with wrongdoing, it shouldn't be that way with me. They'd say, "The world may be that way, but we taught you better." They were holding me to a higher standard, expecting more out of me. A lot of coaches may do that too, when they expect better 'sportsmanlike' conduct out of their own players, than they'd accept from another team's players. Religious leaders say such things too, as we hear Jesus tell all of us as His disciples, "Unless your righteousness, surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter into the kingdom of heaven" (Matt 5:20). He is telling us that much more expected from Christians. We have to strive harder to live His example and be like Him to others. But like any good teacher, Jesus is challenging and pushing His followers to try harder living up to His Way of Life and put more of ourselves into it. Like the supreme value of setting goals and higher targets that motivates us to keep pushing for better effects and results, Jesus asks for more. Colossians 3:1-2 says, "Seek what is above....think of what is above, not of what is on earth." Yet, we may have already picked up on this higher challenge of Jesus to us a couple of weeks ago when we listened to the words of Matthew in the introduction to the 'Sermon on the Mount'. Matthew 5:1 tells us that, "When he saw the crowds, he went up Jesus mountain, and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him." First, notice that Jesus steps off from the crowds. He is not accepting just what the crowds accept- not going along with society's low bar of only 'selfishinterest'. So, He steps away from/beyond the crowd and their expectations (they would just want him to confirm/endorse their way of life). Then, Jesus climbs up a 'mount'! That is a call to action, like saying, 'Gear up!' And it is a steep action – that we have to rise-move upward. And a third indication of this, is that the verse says the apostles 'came to Him'. We have to go to Christ and that requires effort. By being his disciples, we are saying that we will change and become 'Christlike' in our lives, not that we will make Him change and be like us. So, Jesus tells us upfront that He expects more from us who claim to be His disciples.

This 'extra challenge' is seen in the three cases that Jesus reviews of particular laws of Moses ('you shall not commit murder, adultery or bear false witness'). Jesus suggests that as they are simply stated, they are not asking for too much (don't kill, break covenantal purity or perjure oneself). So, He then pushes us to follow a stricter interpretation of the commands to include precipitating thoughts or leading impulses that bring on such sins. For example, Jesus affirms that Moses has already forbade murder, but Jesus commands even more by declaring, 'But I Say... anyone angry with his brother will be liable to judgment' (Matt 5:22). By Jesus calling us to work on 'near occasions of sin', He is pushing us not only to avoid acting out physical sins, but also eliminating the 'sins of the heart' (fantasies, desires) that lead to the immoral actions. We find such pre-emptive holiness work also in James' letter which suggests that such 'nipping in the bud of lusts in the heart' can prevent worse sins. He says, "Where do the wars and conflicts among you come from? Is it not from your passions that make war within your members? You covet but do not possess (leading to jealous murders)" (James 4:1-2). So, Jesus 'higher challenge' is to work on controlling our thoughts and feelings, to not even get close to the actual commission of such violations of Moses' Laws. The other two cases that Jesus presents as examples of a stricter interpretation or steeper standard involve adultery (lusts of the heart or eyes) and bearing false witness (cheating with our words to save face-pride or gain more possessions-greed). In Matthew 5:27-28, Jesus raises our moral expectations by saying, "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery'. But I Say to you, everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart." And in Matthew 5:33,37, Jesus states, "You have heard that it was said to your ancestors, 'Do not take a false oath..... But I Say to you, do not swear at all.....let your 'Yes' mean 'Yes,' and your 'No' mean 'No'." In all of these cases, Jesus is asking for a 'surpassing holiness' from His own disciples. Not just a half-hearted minimum observance that only checks off a box, but a more thorough full-hearted response to God's call to live as best we can the life of Jesus to other people. This life with Jesus is more demanding, but that is just it: With Jesus! We do not do it alone by our own effort. It is with Him. Keep in mind that Matthew 5:1 said, "the disciples came to him." So, we go to Him, and by His grace we can do it! Peace. Fr Brian

Faith Formation Calendar for Youth FFY 2022-2023

Sunday

Wednesday Wednesday Wednesday Feb. 12 Feb. 15 Feb. 22 March 1 11:00am 6:00 - 7:30 6:00pm 6:00 - 7:30

First Communion Class FFY: Meal and Class ASH WEDNESDAY MASS FFY: Meal, Stations of the Cross, Class

Parish Hall Parish Hall Church

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Prayer for Vocations: God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women from the Diocese of Owensboro to serve in your Son's kingdom as priests, deacons, and religious. We pray that you continue to inspire young men and women to respond courageously to your call and give themselves generously to the Church in service of the Gospel. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon them to answer your call. We ask this in Christ our Lord

Mark your Calendar – Dates to Watch For

- Feb 12 St Pius Coffee/Doughnuts after mass
- Feb 16Thursday Lunch Bunch Program
- Feb 17 Knights' First Fish Fry
- Feb 19 Sunday Women's Prayer Group Lunch



How to make Mass more meaningful!

- 1 Prepare for Mass Read readings before, & pray for readiness.
- 2 Adjust your attitude to receive What is God going to tell me?
- 3 Participate Fully Respond, Follow the Flow & yes, even sing!
- 4 Listen to the Word/Prayers and Be open to God changing you
- 5 Know, understand, and proclaim your Faith
- 6 Contribute What am I bringing to the Lord's Table?
- 7 When you receive Jesus, Understand what it is you are doing.
- 8 Share more: Go, tell other people about Christ.

Birthdays & Anniversaries: Feb 12– Feb 18

Happy B	irthday!	St. Pius X
February 14	Clem Hi	nkebein
February 14	Jerolyn	Vickers
February 16	Glen Wi	illett
<u>St. A</u>	nthony of F	<u>Padua</u>
February 12	Robert Ta	ashjian
February 17	Barbara I	Diamond
February 18	Bob Tash	ijian

Happy Ann	iversary!	St. Pius X
February 13	Joel & Lora	a Rivera
February 14	Caleb & Ke	lli King
<u>St.</u> 4	Anthony of Pa	adua_

February 10 Todd & Shannon Lucas

ATTN: SCRIPTURE READERS & LISTENERS Lectio Divina Weekly Sessions

Every Wednesday @ St. Anthony of Padua, we gather for weekly "Lectio Divina" sessions from 10:00-11:00 am

	St Pius X Ma	uss Assignments: Saturd	ay, February 18, 2022	
Servers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers / Greeters	Money Counters
Volunteer	Paula Schmidt	Suzette Whittington Kurt Schmidt Jeff Riedfort ss Assignments: Sunday, Fe	Volunteer (Usher) Volunteer (Usher) Volunteer (Greeter) Volunteer (Greeter) bruery 10, 2023	
	1VI de	s Assignments. Sunday, I C	biuary 19, 2025	
Kason Peterson Franky Schiaretti	Mike Bowling	Amanda Scheidegger Marcus Newman Teresa Newman	Philip Schiedegger Volunteer (Usher) Volunteer (Greeter)	Mary Ann 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

<u>Remember in Prayer</u>

St. Pius X: David Crass, Beth Strutzel, 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, Tad Inman, 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 Longsworth, Helen Bennett, Catherine Broks, Stacey Newby, Bette Zilligen, Ric Vaughn, , 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, 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

<u>St. Pius X:</u> 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.

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	St. P	Pius X
	Mass I	ntentions
]	February 13	– February 19
Tuesday	6:00 pm	Bernie & Pat Fendler
Wednesday	8:00 am	No Mass
Thursday	8:00 am	No Mass
Friday	8:00 am	No Mass
Saturday	4:30 pm	Dee Dee Whittaker
Sunday	10:00 am	Karen Elder
WEEKLY DONATIONS		
Parish Hall Donation (2/5/23)\$		23) \$ 426.00
Budget for 2022/2023 Fiscal		al \$ 190,000.00
Year (July 2	022-June 202	23)
Donation Need Each Week \$ 3,653		k \$ 3,653.58
Weekly Donation (2/5/23)		\$ 2,526.00
Online Giving (2/5/23)		\$ 1,851.00
Total Week's Gift Offering 2/5		2/5 \$ 4,377.00
Fiscal Year to	Date	\$ 142,395.27



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, lectoring, ushering or ministering communion. We will hold training for any new minsters, 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) Nora Canon (3) Paula Humphreys (3) **Stacy Newby** (3)**Debbie Anspauch(3)** Michael Bowling (3)

Chair Person Secretary & Finance Spiritual Life FFY & Religious Ed Social Program/Outreach **Building & Ground**

(Yrs left in term) Next Meeting @ 4:30 pm **Bereavement** Committee Fran Dacus

	St. Anthony	of Padua
	Mass Inte	entions
]	February 13 – I	February 19
Wednesday	9:00 am	No Mass
Friday	9:00 am	No Mass
Sunday	8:00 am	Lois Tashjian

WEEKLY DONATIONS	
Budget 2022/2023 Fiscal Year	\$ 73,500.00
(July 2022-June 2023)	
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 1,413.46
Weekly Donation 2/5/2023)	\$ 854.05
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 48,484.05

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

Livingston County Helping Hands

EDOD PANTRY

Food Items EspeciallyNeeded: 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 Assign	ments – February 19, 2022
Lector	Mike Drury
Eucharistic Ministers	Steve Wilkes Mike Drury
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 praver (15 min). Discussion follows

<u>Parish Council</u>
Chair Person

Debbie Owens Shara Parish Finance Kelly Noonan David Loxley Steve Wilkes Next Meeting February 15 @ 6:00 pm

Mike Drury

Secretary/Family Life Building & Ground Social Concerns/Events Spirituality/Faith Formation

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. t +
- 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. t t
- ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Is offered to anyone ill, infirmed, or prior to surgery. Contact Fr. Brian at (270) 668-7675 (Emergency) t
- <u>CONFESSION</u>: 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 <u>St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry:</u> 2nd & 4th Thursdays of each month during office hours (9 am-2 pm). Call the office at (270) 395-4727
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 - Bulletin information: Must be submitted to the office by 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday. Email: stpiusx@stpiusx.us