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15th Sunday Ordinary Time Year A Matthew 13:1-23



“On that day, Jesus went out of the house and sat down by the sea. Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat down, and the whole crowd stood along the shore. And he spoke to them at length in parables, saying: "A Sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path, and birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky ground, where it had little soil. It sprang up at once because the soil was not deep, and when the sun rose it was scorched, and it withered for lack of roots. Some seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it. But some seed fell on rich soil, and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold. Whoever has ears ought to hear." The disciples approached him and said, "Why do you speak to them in parables?" He said to them in reply, "Because knowledge of the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven has been granted to you, but to them it has not been granted. To anyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich; from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. This is why I speak to them in parables, because they look but do not see and hear but do not listen or understand. Isaiah's prophecy is fulfilled in them, which says: You shall indeed hear but not understand, you shall indeed look but never see. Gross is the heart of this people, they will hardly hear with their ears, they have closed their eyes, lest they see with their eyes and hear with their ears and understand with their hearts and be converted, and I heal them. "But blessed are your eyes, because they see, and your ears, because they hear. Amen, I say to you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see but did not see it, and to hear what you hear but did not hear it. "Hear then the parable of the sower. The seed sown on the path is the one who hears the word of the kingdom without understanding it, and the evil one comes and steals away what was sown in his heart. The seed sown on rocky ground is the one who hears the word and receives it at once with joy. But he has no root and lasts only for a time. When some tribulation or persecution comes because of the word, he immediately falls away. The seed sown among thorns is the one who hears the word, but then worldly anxiety and the lure of riches choke the word and it bears no fruit. But the seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word & understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold."

Excerpt of 'Sower & the Seed'

By Jospire

A sower sowed a seed one day,
Along life's road, a weary way,
The seed of hope, of God's deep love,
Of unseen things, of Christ above,
Of Christ's salvation, strong and true,
His sacrifice for me and you,
This seed was sown one happy day,
The sower sowed, then went his way.....
.....A sower sowed a seed one day,
He sowed the seed, but did not stay,
The seed did grow, not strong and true,
It with no food could no tree,
A sower sowed a seed one day,
He sowed the seed, but did not pray,
The seed, it grew, but sad to say,
Was choked by weeds, what great dismay!
Know sowers all, that we must pray,
For all the seeds we sow each day,
That sowers true, who cannot stay,
Are yet responsible to pray.

Eucharistic Renewal Meditation

-As the time made new by the mystery of His Death and Resurrection flows on, every eighth day the Church celebrates in the Lord's day the event of our salvation. Sunday, before being a precept, is a gift that God makes for his people; and for this reason the Church safeguards it with a precept. The Sunday celebration offers to the Christian community the possibility of being formed by the Eucharist. From Sunday to Sunday the word of the Risen Lord illuminates our existence, wanting to achieve in us the end for which it was sent. (Cf. Is 55:10-11) From Sunday to Sunday communion in the Body and Blood of Christ wants to make also of our lives a sacrifice pleasing to the Father, in fraternal communion of sharing, of hospitality, of service. From Sunday to Sunday the energy of the Bread broken sustains us in announcing the Gospel in which the authenticity of our celebration shows itself. Let us abandon our polemics to listen together to what the Spirit is saying to the Church. Let us safeguard our communion and beauty in liturgy". (Desiderio #64)

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 July 16
Is 55:10-11/Rom 8:18-23/Mt 13:1-23
Monday Ex 1:8-14, 22/Mt 10:34—11:1
Tuesday Ex 2:1-15a/Mt 11:20-24
Wednesday Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Mt 11:25-27
Thursday Ex 3:13-20/Mt 11:28-30
Friday Ex 11:10—12:14/Mt 12:1-8
Saturday Sg 3:1-4b/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

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 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
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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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Pastor's Study Desk Notes



Dear St Anthony & St Pius Families, 15th Sunday Ordinary Time Year A Matthew 13:1-23

“Take a seat, we may be here awhile.” What does it mean that Jesus ‘takes a seat’ twice in today’s gospel? First, he came to the seashore and found a seat, and then He moved to an offshore boat for a second seat. The gospel indicates that Jesus moves twice because of the **‘great crowd’** (Matt 13:2) I admire Jesus’ creative sense. Like an inventive engineer, (which His carpentry skills would have included His ability to quickly devise solutions to material problems-come up with work arounds) Jesus realizes that that as the crowd grows, they may not be able to hear Him teach. So from His place on the shore, He moves out on to the water in the boat so that he can create a natural amphitheater for them. With this arrangement, He can see the whole crowd at once as they sit in raised rows, ascending the bank like riser benches at a ballgame. As He speaks from the boat, His voice can reverberate easier over the surface of the lake, to be heard by terraced congregation sitting along the bank. A detail that jumps out at me, is that since Jesus sits down (2x), likely that means we may be here a while! But even if I didn’t pick that up from the pictured scene, the reading goes on to inform us, **“he spoke to them at length** in parables” (Matt 13:3). At length! How long is that? On another big day when Jesus multiplied the loaves and fishes, Luke tells us that Jesus preached **all day long**. Luke 9:11-12 says Jesus “spoke to them about the kingdom of God, healing those who needed to be cured.....**As the day was drawing to a close.**” (Maybe the abundant feeding was the reward for hanging on through the all-day rally of teaching!) Such examples of long messages from Jesus don’t help us preachers justify ‘short and sweet’ sermons (*until we remember who it was that delivered them – He can get away with it!*) Back on January 20, Pope Francis reminded priests and deacons at a Vatican conference that **“long homilies are a disaster please keep it under ten minutes!”** But because Jesus uses so many parable-stories themselves, doesn’t that set the example for us to use such ‘short-packaged messages’ that are easier to remember and more personally ‘relatable’ to others?

I find that Jesus only fully explained (which took more time) a parable two times in the gospels. Both times, He explains fully them *only after the disciples ask him to* (Matt 13:10, 36). The two parables are the 1) the parable of the Sower & Seed (Matthew 13:18-23) & 2) the parable of the Weeds and Wheat (Matthew 13:36-43). One of those parables is given to us in the gospel reading today!

Basically, it sounds like Jesus is describing different landscapes or soil types like a County Agriculture Extension Agent would talk about testing soils for optimal plant growth. But Jesus takes the further step of spiritualizing the physical images, when He compares the soil conditions to the different states of our souls and their ability to receive and grow seeds, **or not!** First, Jesus’ parable describes the soil types as 1) Walking Path where seeds fall but can’t root before birds come along and eat the seed up 2) Rocky Soil where seeds fall and they do root but since soil is not thick or roots do not go deep, as the sun bears down on the plant it just withers away, 3) Thorny Patch where seeds fall and root okay, but as plant grows it is choked out by the thorns that rob its space and resources, and then finally 4) Good Soil that receives openly the seed and allows it to root itself deeply, and has space for cultivation and full growth that will flower and fruit for reproduction. Jesus’ question to us is, **“Which soil are you for my Word?”** Jesus would want us to be the ‘good soil’ (like the good sheep of the Good Shepherd -John 10:11 or good branches of the Good Vine-John 15:5) always. But I imagine that we are the different types of soil at different times in our lives. How are we the different types of soil? Think about the challenges to faith that we may face and whether we rise to the occasion or not. 1) We are the seed on the path when we selfishly have our own places to go and can’t give any time to let God’s word even be heard, like when we flitter around excusing ourselves that we have to work, then go to mall, then to the game, then back to spa before getting on to movie, never giving God time in prayer. With all of our movement we do not allow the seed to settle within us. 2) We are the rocky soil, whenever we do let the word root, but as soon as Jesus’ word demands any sacrifice of us, we ignore it and revert back to our own ways (the sun’s heat or growing pains cause us to shrink and wither!) 3) We are the thorny patch when we let the seed -word in to us and it actually starts to grow, but because of other attachments like our phones/media & desires push in and take away our time, we choke out and give up. But 4) finally we are the good soil when we are openly receptive of the word of Jesus, we let ourselves be cultivated/turned over and fertilized by it, so that the seed becomes a stem, plant flower and finally fruit of more seed. The seed of God’s word in us propagates that way, to not only give us more seed to live on forward but also to share and scatter to others for their growth, too! May we be that ‘good and fruitful’ soil to take in God’s Word! Prayers & Peace, Fr Brian

St Pius X Parish Council Meeting Wed July 19 @ 5:00 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!

St Pius X Mass Intentions July 17 – July 23		
Tuesday	6:00 pm	<i>PJ & Martha Rose O'Donoghue</i>
Wednesday	8:00 am	<i>Keiko Hobbs</i>
Thursday	8:00 am	<i>Marilyn Redding</i>
Friday	8:00 am	<i>Mary Stroud</i>
Saturday	4:30 pm	<i>Crispin Rendon</i>
Sunday	10:00 am	<i>Frances Darst</i>
WEEKLY DONATIONS		
Parish Hall Donation (7/9/23)	\$	204.00
Budget for 2022/2023 Fiscal Year (July 2023-June 2024)	\$	195,000.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$	3,750.00
Weekly Donation (7/9/23)	\$	3,896.24
Online Giving (7/9/23)	\$	1,691.00
Total Week's Gift Offering 7/9	\$	5,587.24
Fiscal Year to Date	\$	11,144.24

Mt St Joseph Quilt Bingo Returns – Sept 10

Sunday, Sept. 10, we will play Quilt Bingo. Players have the chance to win choice of a variety of quilts. 12:30 p.m. Bingo from 1 p.m.-4 p.m. Tickets for Bingo are \$25 per person, to include lunch. Bingo cards are \$1 a game for small quilt prize or \$2 per game for large quilt prize. Seating is limited, email carol.braden-clarke@maplemount.org to rsvp a seat

Knights Columbus Charity Golf Tournament

Saturday August 26 @ Drake Creek Golf Club 8:00am 4-person scramble \$320 per team, includes cart, green fee, beverages-snacks in play & lunch after play, Lots of prizes! Deadline to register August 21. Please see forms on church tables, or contact Steve Glover.

Upcoming Event: St Pius X Church Picnic Dinner
Games for Kids and Adults on **Sunday August 20**

Diocesan Music Workshop: Mark your calendar! **Sept 9**, Gary Weilage will offer a no-cost workshop (lunch will be provided) called "The Liturgical Guitarist." Sponsored by the Office of Music, the workshop will take place from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at a location still to be determined. Participants will be asked to bring their own guitars to explore accompaniment roles in music programs. More info

Birthdays & Anniversaries: July 16 - July 22

Happy Birthday! St. Pius X

July 18 Kathy Johansen
July 21 Lincoln Shaw
July 22 Penny Hobbs

Happy Anniversary! St. Pius X

July 21 Harold & Fran Dacus
July 21 Justin & Mandy Gentry

St Pius X Mass Assignments: Saturday, July 22, 2023

Servers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers / Greeters	Money Counters
Volunteer	Dawn Whitt	Jeff Riedfort Charlotte Riedfort Paula Schmidt	Volunteer (Usher) Volunteer (Usher) Volunteer (Greeter) Volunteer (Greeter)	
Mass Assignments: Sunday, July 23, 2023				
Franky Schiaretti Dominic Schiaretti	Pam Hurst	Amanda Scheidegger Patty Langford Jimmy Harbison	Usher Volunteer Usher Volunteer	Rich Derry Nancy Singleton

The Eucharistic Renewal in our Church continues! Be sure to watch for the study group sign-ups that are coming in the fall. Great opportunity to deepen your understanding of the Blessed Sacrament & Christ's Real Presence. We'll be having different options of study groups, prayer times and courses to learn more about celebration of Mass!



Remember in Prayer

St. Pius X: 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, 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, Julie Copeland.

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 Anthony 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

Needed: Help: A Parishioner is in need of a driver to some doctor appointments in Paducah. Please call/let Fr Brian know if you would be available to help or could volunteer to assist with some transportation.

Baby Bottle Collection: Hope Clinic

Please pick up a baby bottle to benefit Hope Clinic's work to support expectant mothers and the babies. Set the bottle on your table or by the door & deposit your pocket change or bills into it to support their ministry

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.

Wedding At Cana: St Anthony Parish Celebrates Married Couples

Friday July 28, @ St Anthony, Grand Rivers, KY
Mass beginning at 6:00 pm with a Renewal of Marriage Vows. Table served Dinner/wine, Music & Dance to celebrate friendship and marriage. Dress attire: semi-formal/business casual. Sign-up/Register Sheet at St Anthony or contact Judy Forsythe at 612-245-3636.



St Anthony Birthdays July 16 -July 22

July 17 Pam Thurman
July 22 Elena Carey

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

July 17 – July 23

Wednesday	9:00 am	<i>Dr Sidney Edds</i>
Friday	9:00 am	<i>Helen Krivan</i>
Saturday	6:00 pm	<i>Mary Virginia Krebs</i>
Sunday	8:00 am	<i>David Reed</i>

WEEKLY DONATIONS

Budget 2022/2023 Fiscal Year (July 2023-June 2024)	\$ 73,500.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 1,413.46
Weekly Donation 7/9/2023)	\$ 3,067.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 7,786.25

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 – July 23, 2023

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

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.

Prav 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 Aug 9 @ 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