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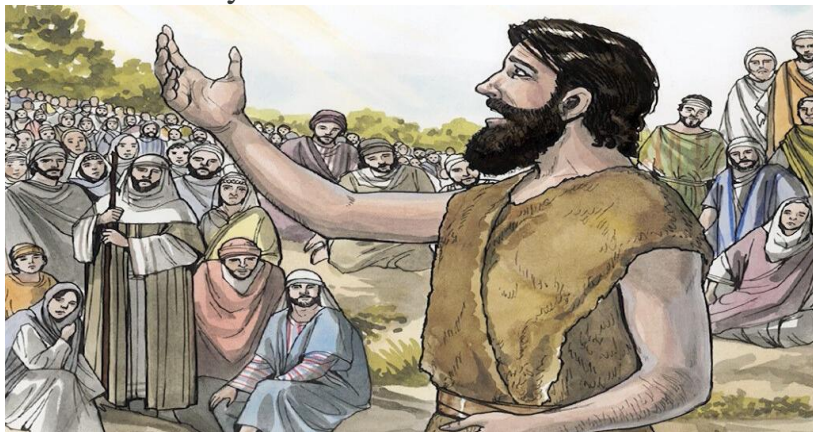
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3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Advent Year C Luke 3:10-18



“The crowds asked John the Baptist, “What should we do?” He said to them in reply, “Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. And whoever has food should do likewise.” Even tax collectors came to be baptized and they said to him, “Teacher, what should we do?” He answered them, “Stop collecting more than what is prescribed.” Soldiers also asked him, “And what is it that we should do?” He told them, “Do not practice extortion, do not falsely accuse anyone, and be satisfied with your wages.” Now the people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ. John answered them all, saying, “I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fan is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.” Exhorting them in many other ways, he preached good news to the people.

Poem Excerpt from ‘St John the Baptist

By William Drummond

THE last and greatest Herald of Heaven's King,  
Girt with rough skins, hies to the deserts wild,  
Among that savage brood the woods forth bring,  
Which he than man more harmless found and mild.  
His food was locusts, and what young doth spring  
With honey that from virgin hives distill'd;  
Parch'd body, hollow eyes, some uncouth thing  
Made him appear, long since from earth exiled.  
There burst he forth: 'All ye, whose hopes rely  
On God, with me amidst these deserts mourn;  
Repent, repent, and from old errors turn!  
—Who listen'd to his voice, obey'd his cry?  
Only the echoes, which he made relent,  
Rung from their marble caves 'Repent! Repent!'

Weekly Mass Readings December 12-December 18

<b>Sunday 12/12</b>	<b>Zep 3:14-18a/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18</b>
<b>Monday 12/13</b>	<b>Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Mt 21:23-27</b>
<b>Tuesday 12/14</b>	<b>Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Mt 21:28-32</b>
<b>Wednesday 12/15</b>	<b>Is 45:6c-8, 18, 21c-25/Lk 7:18b-23</b>
<b>Thursday 12/16</b>	<b>Is 54:1-10/Lk 7:24-30</b>
<b>Friday 12/17</b>	<b>Gn 49:2, 8-10/Mt 1:1-17</b>
<b>Saturday 12/18</b>	<b>Jer 23:5-8/Mt 1:18-25</b>

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**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*

† **Weekly Online Mass**

Sunday -10:00 am

**We are still Live Streaming Facebook  
for anyone at home**

Find us on Facebook at:  
*St. Pius X & St. Anthony of Padua Catholic  
Churches*

**Parish Office Hours**

Thursday 9:00 am-2:00 pm

**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 of each  
month-9:00 am*

**Pastoral Team**

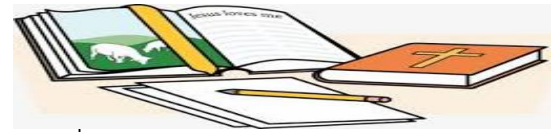
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# FROM THE PASTOR



Dear St Pius And St Anthony Churches,

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Advent Luke Lk 3:10-18

**“What should we do?”** Three groups (crowd, tax collectors and soldiers) go to John the Baptist and ask the same question, **“How do we get ready for the Messiah’s coming?”** John offers a simple enough response of basically ‘Love your neighbor’. To each group he suggests that they put themselves in their neighbor’s shoes, and treat them like each of us would want to be treated ourselves. To the crowd, John suggests that they share food and clothing with anyone needing such help. To the tax collectors, he advises them to be fair and cut out their exorbitant commissions (or grifting fees). To the soldiers, he advises them to be honorable and not bully or rough up their subjects. His teaching is not abstract- it is very close to home. If we would not want to be on the receiving end of some such bad treatment, then don’t give it out to others. Of course, that people go out to John the Baptist, presumes that they are already open to the Messiah’s coming, and so, are already exercising some level of faith. Even simply inquiring about a coming Messiah indicates that they would already be at work seeking answers to the questions of life’s meaning, human purpose, and their own place in the unfolding drama of God’s plan. They would already be devout about daily prayers and acts of piety (visiting the Temple, studying scriptures in synagogue or reflecting with others in home faith groups). So, I find that John is introducing a social dimension to their salvation, by directing their expectation of a Savior to also have consequences for those around them. I hear John saying, that if I am living in expectation a Savior to come, then people around me should notice that something is going on in my life. If I am a tax collector and expecting a Savior to come, then I stop cheating people. If I am a soldier expecting a Savior to come, then I do not bully and insult my subjects. If I am your neighbor and you know that I am expecting a Savior, then you would notice my eager concern to help you with any needs you have. I would want to help any way I could. John the Baptist is pointing out to everyone that being baptized is not an empty gesture, but in fact is a ritual with great effect for other people around us, too. Seeking and accepting a Messiah, has visible consequences in our lives that other people can see. John teaches this point more directly in Matthew 3:8 when he demands outright a change of life and reform from people coming out into the desert asking him for baptism. He said to them, **“Produce good fruit as evidence of your repentance.”**

If we are disciples of Christ, the world should not have to guess that we are disciples, it should be clear to them. Here is a timely message for us as we approach the celebration of Christmas. If Christ has truly come into our lives, then we should be different because of it. If I stand alongside someone who has no religion or does not recognize and accept Christ, and we look too alike, then as a disciple I have a problem. I mean that my Christianity should make a difference. A Christian should bring more grace to every situation. For example, we profess that Christmas celebrates the coming of the Prince of Peace. So, December 26<sup>th</sup> should find our world with more peace in it, and we should find ourselves with more peace in us! If not, then has Christ come? John the Baptist is asking us if loving Christ makes a difference in our lives. If so, then **“Produce fruit worthy of Christ’s coming!”** Sometimes around Christmas, hype and hysteria rises about different religions and tolerance. People may protest that celebrating Christmas offends them or other people’s faith. *If Christ has truly come, then everyone should be thrilled. Right?* This reminds me that back in college, I had a wonderful Muslim teacher who we students asked one time, if it bothered him that Christmas is celebrated so much around here. He told us, **“No, I like it because even though I do not observe it, everybody is nicer to each other at this time of year!”** It is as if he said, **“I do not know your Lord, but I like Him because of how he leads you Christians to act.”** We can hope that maybe he even felt ‘drawn’ toward Christ by our behavior! But regardless, he definitely saw a good difference socially at this time of year because of Christianity. Our Messiah made a difference! There are social consequences of my salvation that affect the lives of those around me. They should know by visible actions that I have received a Savior! John the Baptist calls us to show our seriousness about claiming Christ, by making sure it’s effects are clearly felt and known by everyone we interact with each day! This busy time of year can be especially chaotic and frenzied for people, so maybe we Christians can help bring down their anxiety, by our calmer and more peace-filled care for others.

Peace and Prayers. Fr Brian

## **Synod 2021-2023: Prepare for parish listening sessions to occur in January and February**

Pope Francis is inviting everyone, both in the mainstream of church life and on the margins, to voice their hopes, joys, struggles and concerns for the Church in preparation for the Synod of Bishops in Rome for 2023. In response to the Holy Father’s request, the Diocese of Owensboro is calling for two phases of listening to occur in the coming months – parish-based listening session and a later regional session. The Synod Planning Team for the Diocese is preparing resources and Bishop Medley is asking parishes to conduct a two-part listening session during the months of January and February. Synodality means ‘to journey together’. The primary question being asked of participants is to discuss **“How are we journeying together as a Church?”** In other words, **“How do we experience the faith of each other and accompany others along the way of Jesus Christ?”** **\*Please see the insert letter from Bishop Medley**

**FFY Faith Formation Youth Activities Calendar**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Dec 12</b>	<b>11:30-1:00pm</b>	<b>Jesse Tree Live!" Family Community Meeting</b>	<b>Parish Hall/Church</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Dec. 12</b>	<b>2:00-3:30</b>	<b>Confirmation Class</b>	<b>Parish Hall</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Dec. 19</b>	<b>2:00-3:30</b>	<b>Confirmation Class (tentative)</b>	<b>Parish Hall</b>

**Canticles in the Gospel of Luke Bible Study:**

Tuesday Nights in Advent at 6:30-7:30, we will be studying the four canticle-hymns uniquely found in Luke's gospel. The Magnificat, Benedictus, Nunc Dimittis & Angels' Hymn of Glory are wonderful Advent Meditations from Scripture. Come enjoy a little study & discussion Tuesdays at St Pius Hall after the 6:00 pm Mass (6:30-7:30)

**Birthdays & Anniversaries: Dec 12 – Dec18**

**Happy Birthday!**

**St. Pius X**

December 12	Colton Hobbs
December 12	Eva Matthews
December 12	Pamela Randol
December 13	Justin Fatum
December 14	Mark Devine
December 14	Sydney Shea
December 15	Lonie Vickers
December 16	Elizabeth Padgett
December 16	Andy Ferm
December 16	Austin Shea
December 16	Michael Hebner
December 17	Jennifer Roberts

**St. Anthony of Padua**

December 14	David Loxley
December 14	Diane Quayle

**Happy Anniversary!**

**St. Pius & St Anthony**

No anniversaries this week

**Christmas Masses Schedule**



Christmas Eve 5:30 pm St Anthony (Carols 5:00 pm)  
 8:00 pm St Pius X (Carols 7:30 pm)  
 Christmas Day 9:00 am St Pius X

**St Pius X Mass Assignments: Saturday, December 18, 2021**

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

**Mass Assignments: Sunday, December 19, 2021**

Scott Langford	Mike Bowling	Patti Langford	Volunteer (Usher) Volunteer (Usher) Volunteer (Greeter)	Nancy Singleton Richard Derry
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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. 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:** Joey Elder, Jeffrey Frizzell, Kaileigh Row, Chevelle Allen, Henry Feezor, John Campbell, Lisa Hammond, Rose Grossius, Bennett Meisenheimer, Neil Trammell, Peter Bullock, Jim & Rose Drury, Wes Hayes, Mike Norvell, Maryann Huebschmann, Shirley Mangan, Kenny Matthews, Dora Miller, Miller Meisenheimer, Joann Najgebauer, Johnny Poe, Joel Rivera, Carol Ross, Marty Tyskling, Lonnie Vogler, Brenda Waitke, Gary Walters, Andrew Walton, Larry Wenzel, Anna Williams, Dawn Williams, Wilma Lejuene, Lori Butler, Isabella Hamilton, Dr. Danny Butler, Cameron Richmond, Brad Longworth, Matthew Black, Helen Bennett, Nannette Frizzell, Catherine Broks, Stacey Newby, Bette Zilligen, Dorothy Henry, Ric Vaughn, Susan Sloan, Donny Travis, Betty Derry, Scott Hamilton, Connie Burt and family, Abigail Huebschmann, Lucas Hebner, Ericka Karpstein, Joanna Cooper, Carolyn Outland, Angel Thompson, Kaye Poyner, Jerry Huebschmann, Dorothy Henry, Bob & Lois Tashjian, Rita Cook, Hannah Padgett, Juliette Kaplanes, Jack Bender, Penny Maupin, Don Kemp, Sharon Olejnicak, Tim Wilson, Beverly Dukes, Bill Norvell, Wallace Hunt, Phyllis White, Judy Krouse, Kerry Frazier, Rene Harrington, Joe Cirrito, Lisa Doyle, Forrest Michael Teeters, David Kroll, Cameron Brewer, Stefanie Wilkerson-Barragan, Hugo Santos, Sharon Gibbons, Wayne Viniard, Braydn Barnett, and their families and caregivers

**St. Anthony of Padua:** David Reed, Juan Gonzalez, Elena Carey, Donna & Jon Gresham, Bob Decker, Bill Rodgers, Tom & Margie Sheppard, Bob & Lois Tashjian, Mr. Driskill, Margaret Adams, Pat Gorbett, Ed Derringe, Helen Krivan, Imogene Ramey, Bob Lang and their families and caregivers.

**Pray for Our Military**

**St. Pius X:** 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, Jason Huber, James A. Kinsey, Jay Lockhart, Sarah Martindale, Devin McFadden, Ryan M. Fields, LeAnne Neal, and Kousuke Sasaki.

**St. Pius X**

Mass Intentions December 13 – December 19		
Tuesday	6:00 pm	William Derry
Wednesday	8:00 am	Tim Haas
Thursday	8:00 am	Irene Rudnicki
Friday	8:00 am	Karl Whisennand
Saturday	4:30 pm	John Bailey
Sunday	10:00 am	Elizabeth Nelson

WEEKLY DONATIONS	
Parish Hall Donation (12/05/21)	\$ 367.00
Budget for 2021/2022 Fiscal Year (July 2021-June 2022)	\$ 180,000.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 3,461.54
Weekly Donation (12/05/21)	\$ 4,870.00
Online Giving (12/05/21)	\$ 1,688.00
Total Week's Gift Offering 12/05	\$ 6,558.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 80,686.30

**St. Anthony of Padua**

Mass Intentions December 13 – December 19		
Wednesday	9:00 am	Richard & Marie Klohr
Friday	9:00 am	In Thanksgiving
Sunday	8:00 am	Norma Word Family

WEEKLY DONATIONS	
Budget 2021/2022 Fiscal Year (July 2021-June 2022)	\$ 72,000.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 1,386.54
Weekly Donation 12/05/2021)	\$ 1,583.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 33,701.50



**Livingston Co. Christmas Help Program**

St Anthony Church is supporting again this year the gift program of Families First-Livingston Co. School Resource to provide Christmas gifts/goods for families & children in need. Please pick up an envelope from the Angel Tree to make a contribution, and place in the collection basket to help this year's program for kids.

**St Pius Advent Angel Tree:** There is still time to pick up an envelope from the Angel Tree to help our Kids Program with the Calvert City/Sharpe School Resource Center. We are helping 58 children this year

**And we have angels working in our midst,** who have been doing all the shopping and packaging of bags for delivery to the kids! Thank you **Paula Schmidt, Amanda Scheidegger & Pam Hurst!**

**Need of Choir Members for both St Pius & St Anthony**

We need some extra helpers for Christmas choirs, or to become permanent singers in our groups. The good news is that we all know so much of the Christmas music already. So I encourage everyone who has an interest, to join for Christmas. To help, let Rich Derry or Danny Padgett at St Pius know or Georgia Bradshaw at St Anthony.

**Parish Council**

Pam Hurst	Chair Person
Jeff Outland	Building & Ground
Larry Krouse	Secretary
Robert Weekes	Finance
Dawn Whitt	Spiritual Life
Catherine Broks	FFY

**Bereavement Committee**

Fran Dacus

**Other Groups**

Finance Council	Harold Dacus, Chair
Art & Decorations	Paula Schmidt
Knights of Columbus	Michael Canon

**St Anthony Mass Assignments – December 19, 2021**

Lector	Mike Drury
Eucharistic Ministers	Shara Parish
Prayers of the Faithful	
Ushers/Greeters	Kelly Noonan Kevin Diamond
Server	Dan O'Brien
Money Counters	Shara Parish Kevin Diamond

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

**Save Aluminum Can Pull Tabs:** To help families staying at the Ronald McDonald House through their children's surgeries in the neighboring hospitals in Louisville or Nashville. We have a basket by church doors to drop in the tabs.

**Parish Council**

Roy McFadden	Chair Person
Mike Drury	Vice Chair/Building & Ground
Debbie Owens	Secretary/Family Life
Shara Parish	Finance/ Building & Ground
Kelly Noonan	
David Loxley	

**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)