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33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time Year A Matthew 25:14-30



"Jesus told his disciples this parable: "A man going on a journey called in his servants and entrusted his possessions to them. To one he gave five talents; to another, two; to a third, one-- to each according to his ability. Then he went away. Immediately the one who received five talents went and traded with them, and made another five. Likewise, the one who received two made another two. But the man who received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and buried his master's money. "After a long time the master of those servants came back and settled accounts with them. The one who had received five talents came forward bringing the additional five. He said, 'Master, you gave me five talents. See, I have made five more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy.' Then the one who had received two talents also came forward and said, 'Master, you gave me two talents. See, I have made two more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy.' Then the one who had received the one talent came forward and said, 'Master, I knew you were a demanding person, harvesting where you did not plant and gathering where you did not scatter; so out of fear I went off and buried your talent in the ground. Here it is back.' His master said to him in reply, 'You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I did not plant and gather where I did not scatter? Should you not then have put my money in the bank so that I could have got it back with interest on my return? Now then! Take the talent from him and give it to the one with ten. For to everyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich; but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And throw this useless servant into the darkness outside, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth.'"

Excerpt from 'Ten Talents Parable'

By Lucy Hall

Oh what a striking parable, a scene with strong intention.  
A tale to make us sit up straight and really pay attention!  
The picture painted clearly, the message very plain;  
A lesson taught on faithfulness and not financial gain.

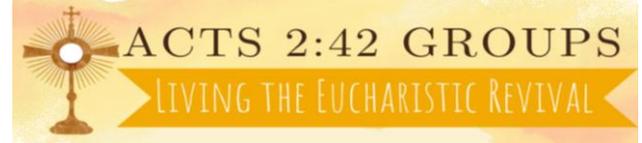
A master with three servants, tests them at their core;  
To some he gives a little, to others he gives more.  
Gifting each accordingly, knowing what is fair.  
Placing them as stewards over that within their care.

This story clearly showing that no matter the amount,  
It's how each gift has been employed for which we give account.  
Oh let's consider daily what's been given by our Lord,  
Loyal application is what Jesus will reward!

This parable inspires us to use our gifts divine.  
Oh Christian, we are saved by grace but must redeem the time!  
Be faithful in His service, whatever be your story.  
Let's multiply our talents for our Great Redeemer's glory!"

**Acts 2:42 Group:** *Note location Change*

Session #4 is **Sunday December 3, at St Pius Calvert City at 1:30 pm** & hosted by leaders **Ed & Tammy Georgen**. Come deepen your experience of Christ's Real Presence!



**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](http://www.stpiusx.us)

**Daily Scripture Readings**

Sunday November 19

Prv 31:10--31/1 Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-30

Monday 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-63/Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday 2 Mc 6:18-31/Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Lk 19:11-28

Thursday 1 Mc 2:15-29/Lk 19:41-44

Friday 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/Lk 19:45-48

Saturday 1 Mc 6:1-13/Lk 20:27-40

**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*

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[www.stanthonygrandrivers.org](http://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

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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,

33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time Year A

Matthew 25:14-30

**How are you using your talents?** This parable challenges all of us to ask ourselves how we are using the gifts that God gave us to serve and do good with them for Him. God gave each of us a gift or more, for the purpose of glorifying Him and building up His People. St Paul tells us in 1 Corinthians 12:7 "To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given **for some benefit.**" In Ephesians 4:12, he says our God-given gifts are "to equip the holy ones for the work of ministry, **for building up the body of Christ.**" So how are we using what God has given us for His glory and the for the help of our brothers and sisters? Just like in the parable, we will all give an accounting on our last day (our Exit Interview)! This important self-examination is one clear message from the gospel today. How are we working to increase the yield of what God has given us – like the invested talent that multiplies in returns to the Master? Are we growing God's investment in us? Or are we only sitting on our talents, and letting them rot or rust? Or worse, are we hiding them out of greed, fear or laziness? Each of us will give an accounting of our resources on judgement day. So, that is one message from the gospel today?

Yet also, I find **another** level of meaning in this Parable of the Talents, that challenges us to not only identify what the **gift** is, that we have been given to use, but also, to examine the relationship that we have to the **gift-giver**: God! Very personally, each one of us needs to examine that relationship, and ask ourselves how eagerly or not, we work for Him. This parable evokes a feeling of pity and sadness from me for the servant with only one talent. What I mean by this, is that I am troubled by the one servant's inability to approach the master or his fellow servants about how best to work with his meager one talent. Did that servant not have a good enough relationship to the master to just go to him and ask for a little guidance (the master gave such financial advice afterward, when he suggested at least putting it in a bank- Matt 25:27)/ Or the servant with one talent. might he have approached the master, flattering him and asking him a little 'inside business' and how he might work with only one talent? Yet, apparently there is not such a trusting, personal relationship between them to allow such conversations. Did the Owner already prejudicially judge down this man's abilities? Or how about that same man's lack of relationship to the other servants – why didn't he go to them, asking their advice or asking to combine his meager one talent with theirs (a 'mutual fund', to share in their yield or at least spread the risk?)

The whole parable just shouts 'poor relationships' to me. They have resources but they don't; have relationships. Nobody seems to trust anyone (sound familiar?) If I was that master, I would have cried over the fact that the servant feared him so much he wouldn't confide in him ahead of time, and that he viewed the owner as such a greedy tycoon ('harvesting where he did not plant' Mt 25:24 isn't that stealing?) While the little servant (with only one talent) doesn't have a lot to work with, he does have his honesty. He could have exhibited a little restraint in his talk with the owner, and just said, *"I did my best. I am sorry the market is tight and tilted now toward big investments right. I tried but at least I didn't lose anything. Most hedge funds wouldn't even return my calls. But I broke even."* He might have even added, *"Keep in mind, I didn't ask for that loan from you – you pushed it on me - But I didn't lose anything!"* Again, I just sense a major lack of cooperation and trust among the whole bunch (master and servants and servants among themselves- a good comparison to these unhealthy relationships is found in the Prodigal Son story too-Lk 15:11-32). So, to us who hear this parable, we might lament together, the absence of good and honest relationships in the parable. **But we get Jesus' message that the Kingdom is all about investing in relationship to other people and not in acquiring more earthly possessions.** The real treasure in the kingdom of heaven is the accumulation of strong, loving relationships (other people). Our balance sheet should show many solid Christian 'contacts' instead of only multiplying 'dollars' (**Networks and not networths**) The people we know, trust, live and work with in Christ, are the only 'assets' that matter in the Kingdom of Jesus. Again, our true wealth is measured by our relationship to Christ and by the number and depth of our relationship to other people in Christ. Relationship (to Christ and each other) is what we must invest ourselves completely in to have 'eternal holdings'. That is priceless! Peace, Fr brian

**St Pius X Parish Council Meeting** Thurs Jan 17 @ 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!

St Pius X Mass Intentions November 20 – November 26		
Tuesday	6:00 pm	<i>Ann Padgett</i>
Wednesday	8:00 am	<i>James Hobbs</i>
Thursday	8:00 am	<i>Bob Mattingly</i>
Friday	8:00 am	<i>Huebschmann Family</i>
Saturday	4:30 pm	<i>James Richardson</i>
Sunday	10:00 am	<i>Bob Darst</i>
WEEKLY DONATIONS		
Parish Hall Donation (11/12/23)	\$	169.00
Budget for 2022/2023 Fiscal Year (July 2023-June 2024)	\$	195,000.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$	3,750.00
Weekly Donation (11/12/23)	\$	2,618.00
Online Giving (11/12/23)	\$	1,013.00
Total Week's Gift Offering 11/12	\$	3,631.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$	88,011.90

**Dear St. Pius Congregation:**

We would like to take this time to say a heartfelt thank you to all of you, for coming together and providing a meal for our family and friends as we said goodbye to our beloved Bob Zilligen (Husband, Father, Grandfather, Brother, Uncle and Dear Friend) this week. The meal was delicious and we appreciate all the hands that prepared it. Our family will be forever grateful for your support, kindness, generosity and love.

May the grace of the Lord be with you all.

**Thank you, The ZILLIGEN Family**

**Birthdays & Anniversaries: Nov 19 – Nov 25**

**Happy Birthday! St. Pius X**

November 19	Harold Dacus
November 19	Lindy King
November 20	Carter Willett
November 25	Trae Harbison
November 25	Benjamin Patton

**Happy Anniversary! St. Pius X**

November 19	James & Shirley Poat
November 23	Lonie & Jeri Vickers

**Help Breakfast with Santa Prep:** We'll wrap presents Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>, 10 am for the upcoming *Breakfast with Santa Sunday*. Anyone who wishes to help is more than welcome.



**CLEAN HEART INITIATIVE**  
DIOCESE OF OWENSBORO

Download the Free Ebook 'Equipped' by scanning the QR Code.

**Diocese of Owensboro  
Safe Haven Sunday**

Please see helpful resources for healing & deliverance of those wounded/struggling by pornography's prevalence

**St Pius X Mass Assignments: Saturday, Nov 25, 2023**

Servers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers / Greeters	Money Counters
Edward Georgen	Nancy Glover	Paula Schmidt Jeff Riedfort Not Filled	Volunteer (Usher) Volunteer (Usher) Volunteer (Greeter) Volunteer (Greeter)	
Mass Assignments: Sunday, Nov 26, 2023				
Volunteer	Dawn Whitt	Kelli King Pam Hurst Jimmy Harbison	Philip Scheidegger Usher Volunteer Usher Volunteer	Kathy Smith Mary Ann Huebschmann

Wednesday	Nov 22	BREAK	HAPPY THANKSGIVING BREAK	
Wednesday	Nov. 29	6:00 - 7:30	FFY Meal and Class	Parish Hall
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Dec. 3</b>	<b>2:00pm</b>	<b>First Reconciliation Service</b>	<b>Church</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Dec. 6</b>	6:00 - 7:30	<b>Meal, Reconciliation Service for FFY students</b>	<b>Hall &amp; Church</b>
Wednesday	Dec. 13	6:00 - 7:30	FFY Christmas Party	Parish Hall

**Remember in Prayer**

**St. Pius X:** Diane Fischer Russell Tomlinson, Joanne Schmidt Mark Gamble, Paula Willett, Kent & Kim Henry, Linda Womer, Charlotte Riedfort, 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, Kathryn 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, Stefanie Wilkerson-Barragan, 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](http://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.

**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 December 2 @ 8:00am. Every first Saturday we offer mass and pray the rosary

**St Anthony Birthdays Nov 19 – Nov 25**

November 19	Joyce Noonan
November 20	Bill Rodgers
November 21	Linda Wilkes
November 24	Savannah Gilbert

**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**

November 20 – November 26

Wednesday	9:00 am	PJ & Martha Rose O'Donoghue
Thurs Thanksgiving	9:00 am	Kathryn Thole
Friday	9:00 am	John & Sue Mudd
Sunday	8:00 am	Rosie Kerr

**WEEKLY DONATIONS**

Budget 2022/2023 Fiscal Year (July 2023-June 2024)	\$ 73,500.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 1,413.46
Weekly Donation 11/12/2023)	\$ 2,047.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 41,954.65

**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, baby wipes, feminine hygiene products. Collection container is in back of the church for your donated items.

**St Anthony Mass Assignments – November 26, 2023**

<b>Lector</b>	Darin Adrian
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Shara Parish Cindy O'Brien
<b>Ushers/Greeters</b>	David Loxley Kelly Noonan
<b>Server</b>	Juan Gonzalez
<b>Money Counters</b>	Shara Parish Kevin Diamond

**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:** Tuesdays during office hours (9 am-2 pm). Call the office at (270) 395-4727
- † **Bulletin information:** Must be submitted to the office by 5:00 p.m. on Monday. Email: [stpiusx@stpiusx.us](mailto:stpiusx@stpiusx.us)