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23rd Sunday Ordinary Year B Mark 7:31-37



“Again Jesus left the district of Tyre and went by way of Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, into the district of the Decapolis. And people brought to him a deaf man who had a speech impediment and begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him off by himself away from the crowd. He put his finger into the man’s ears and, spitting, touched his tongue; then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, “Ephphatha!”— that is, “Be opened!” —And immediately the man’s ears were opened, his speech impediment was removed, and he spoke plainly. He ordered them not to tell anyone. But the more he ordered them not to, the more they proclaimed it. They were exceedingly astonished and they said, “He has done all things well. He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.”

A Poem about God’s Quickening the Earth

St Hildegard of Bingen
(b. 1098- d. 9-17-1179)

Gaze at the beauty of earth's *greenings*.
Now, think.
What delight God gives to humankind
with all these things.
All nature is at the disposal of humankind.
We are to work with it. For
without we cannot survive.

*Take a moment to offer a prayer of thanks and
praise to God for the 'Beauty of the Earth'*

Weekly Mass Readings

September 5-September 11

Sunday 9/5	Is 35:4-7a/Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37
Monday 9/6	Col 1:24—2:3/Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday 9/7	Col 2:6-15/Lk 6:12-19
Wednesday 9/8	Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23
Thursday 9/9	Col 3:12-17/Lk 6:27-38
Friday 9/10	1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Lk 6:39-42
Saturday 9/11	1 Tm 1:15-17/Lk 6:43-49

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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

† **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
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† Weekend Mass
Sunday- 8:00 am

† Daily Mass
Wednesday-9:00 am
Friday-9:00 am

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Pastoral Team

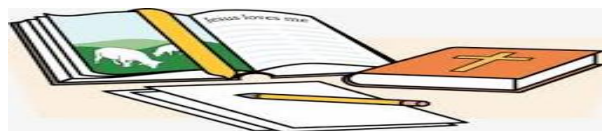
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FROM THE PASTOR



Dear St Pius And St Anthony Churches,

23rd Sunday Ordinary Time Year B

‘Onomatopoeia’! What a new word! I remember back in grade school English class when I heard that word for the first time, I loved it. Even if we kids didn’t know what it meant, we loved saying it! An ‘onomatopoeia’ is a word that actually ‘sounds out’ what it means. Its own sound as read out will define itself. Often, people may not even call an ‘onomatopoeia’ a word. They may just think you are dramatizing with your voice what you are trying to say. For example, when you hear someone say, “I’m not going into the crawl space, because I heard something down there ‘hissing’”. We all *understand ‘hissssssss’* by its sound (It means trouble-a snake!) Or we don’t have to guess what sound a **‘Cuckoo’** Bird clock makes. Or how about the old Batman & Robin TV shows that used so many ‘onomatopoeia’ words sanitizing the fight scenes by flashing **‘Bam’** and **‘Pow’** across the screen. Again, we know the meaning of these words just by their sound alone. I think Jesus is using an ‘onomatopoeia’ word today in this gospel story of a deaf-mute man who is healed by Jesus. The Deaf-Mute man learns to hear and speak by the touch Jesus’ hands and Jesus’ voice. The word Jesus used is **‘Ephphatha!’** from the Aramaic language. It means ‘Be opened’. And Jesus does just that, to the man’s ears and mouth (He opens them). Since the man hasn’t heard sounds through his ears ever, or for years in his life, he naturally cannot speak audible words (he can’t hear to compare or adjust his speech and enunciation). So Jesus, being the ‘personal-touch’ Savior He is, He ensures contact with the man by not only pressing his finger into the ear canal and touching the man’s tongue (creating a circuit-so the man will feel the vibration of Jesus’ voice) but also by speaking a ‘universal’ word (onomatopoeia) that mimics the sound of clearing one’s throat passage (that is why Mark emphasizes Jesus’ spitting first). Then, ‘Ephphatha!’ To speak that word echoes the guttural sound of getting something up and out of one’s throat. To draw a picture, let’s imagine it similar to the sound of a cat expelling a hairball (I know **‘Yuck’**- Hey, there is another onomatopoeia itself!). Before we feel turned off by such ‘mucus mechanics’, please note that Mark tells us in 7:33 that Jesus ‘took the man off by himself away from the crowd.’ So, all of this happened in the private encounter of Jesus and the man alone (& whoever told Mark). So often, we see Jesus engaging people in such personal terms, creating one-on-one encounters and working to make every word and action tailored-fit to that person in front of Him needing it. So, I think Jesus pulls the man away from the crowd to help the man not be ‘blown away’ by loud crowd sounds when his ears are finally opened (similar to being blinded when turning eyes at night to a flashlight beam or when walking out of a movie theater in daytime). But that is our compassionate, understanding Jesus!

The paradoxical question that remains after this healing account, though, is that once Jesus opens the man’s ears and mouth, he immediately ordered him not to tell anyone about the healing (Mk 7:36). He can finally speak, and Jesus asks him not to speak! But, this feature of Jesus downplaying his miraculous works, which is uniquely emphasized in the gospel of Mark, is more a matter of Jesus avoiding the ‘news circles’ of daily spectacles and drama (not wanting to show up on a catchy segment of ‘Entertainment Tonight’). There is a time and a place for all things. Jesus does want the Good Word out there, but not as a flashy, hourly news headline but as the eternal ‘Good News’ of God’s Kingdom. Jesus will send the apostles and disciples out on informational missions and Kingdom work later on (Luke 6:12, 10:1). Jesus is handling this miracle much like he handled the miracle at Cana in John’s gospel, when he told the Blessed Mother apparently in front of others, “How does that concern affect me? My hour has not yet come” (John 2:4). Of course, Jesus does respect His mother’s concern and He handles the need out of public view (only she and the waiters seem to know what Jesus performed-John 2:9). Perhaps His comment to her out loud, was to humbly take attention away from Himself as the source of the miracle in that moment of ‘high drama’-no wine at a major festivity-being past ‘last call at the bar’ without ever having announced such to the celebrating crowd-that could have been a scene! But Jesus’ call for silence (especially for a healed mute) about His miracles does make us scratch our heads, until we reflect upon helpful and unhelpful attention and news related to God’s will and God’s timing. But for sure, those touched by Jesus know!

Peace, Fr Brian

Volunteer Corner: Are you looking for a way to help around our church community?

There are many service opportunities *in the community* such as with Hope Clinic, Marcella’s Kitchen, Exceptional Center, Habitat for Humanity, Lourdes Hospice, Convalescent Center or Oakview?

Yet, also, there are opportunities for service *within our churches*. Sometimes, the right gift is out there looking for just the right time. How about now? Have you ever considered working in a *parish support card-ministry with others* mailing comfort cards to the sick or grieving, or celebratory cards for special events?

Prayers and Sympathy: Please pray for the eternal rest of Stephane Wilkes Atnip (sister of Steve Wilkes) who was buried last week. Please pray for the family that they may find God's comfort and strength in their time of grief.

St Pius Church Clean Up Day: Sept 18
Come join in a day of Fun (Right?) as we tidy up the church and hall: Some special deep cleaning and a few fix-it jobs around church and hall! We start 8:00am til noon! We'll have a little lunch too!

Life Giving Wounds: Are your parents divorced, separated, or otherwise not together? Are you struggling with the effects of it? Life-Giving Wounds, a Catholic apostolate dedicated to supporting adults from broken homes, has an online retreat from Sept. 30 to Nov. 11. During seven Thursday evenings, we will meet others who "get" the pain of having your parents split up, and will hear from fellow adult children of divorce on dealing with anger, anxiety, family boundaries, forgiveness, and more. You are not alone! Cost (which includes a Retreat Guide and journal): \$150 early-bird, \$225 after Sept. 20; \$75 early-bird college students/consecrated, \$100 after Sept. 20. More information and registration here:
<https://www.lifegivingwounds.org/onlineretreat>

Birthdays & Anniversaries September 5-September 11

Happy Birthday!

St. Pius X

September 05 Tonya Dao
September 05 Braxton Riley
September 06 Paula Schmidt
September 09 Kelsi Harbison
September 10 Barbara Doughty
September 11 Kason Peterson
September 11 Larry Whitt
September 11 Kaylee Shupe
September 11 Kamie Pellegrin
St. Anthony of Padua
September 6 Jo Heron

Happy Anniversary!

St. Pius X

No anniversaries this week

St. Anthony of Padua

September 12 Wallace & Joyce Wilkinson

YOUTH MINISTRY GROUP

For 8th grade through High School Students.

We are getting together for fun, faith and food on Wednesday, Sept. 8th. Food will be available at 6:00pm.

The festivities will be from 6:30pm – 8:00pm.

Parents are encouraged to attend to help with food and, also, have some fun too!!

St Pius X Mass Assignments: Saturday, September 11, 2021

Servers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers / Greeters	Money Counters
Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer (Usher) Volunteer (Usher) Volunteer (Greeter) Volunteer (Greeter)	
Mass Assignments: Sunday, September 12, 2021				
Volunteer	Pam Hurst	Jimmy Harbison	Volunteer (Usher) Volunteer (Usher) Volunteer (Greeter)	Jan Waniel Jean Waniel

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 this to the proper state authorities local law enforcement or the Kentucky Child Abuse Hotline (toll-free: 1-877-597-2331). To report abuse to the diocese by anyone acting in the name of the Church, call Louanne Payne, Pastoral Coordinator (English) on the confidential phone line: 270-852-8380, or Susan Montalvo-Gesser/Miguel Quintanilla, Pastoral Coordinators (Espanol): 270-880-8360. The Diocese's sexual abuse policy is available this parish, on the bulletin board, in the parish office, (<https://owensborodiocese.org/safe>).

Remember in Prayer

St. Pius X: Joey Elder, Jeffrey Frizzell, Jim Darst, Kaileigh Row, 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, Elizabeth Nelson, 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, Jeanette Hayes, 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, 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, Lori Blades, Wayne Viniard, Braydn Barnett, and their families and caregivers

St. Anthony of Padua: 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, Charles Paulius, Helen Krivan, Imogene Ramey 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 September 6- September 12		
Tuesday	6:00 pm	Return to Good Health of Shane O'Brien
Wednesday	8:00 am	Jan Edwards
Thursday	8:00 am	Janice Rausch
Friday	8:00 am	Elizabeth Solis
Saturday	4:30 pm	Remembrance of 9/11 Victims (20th Anniversary)
Sunday	10:00 am	Paul & Christamae Reichert

WEEKLY DONATIONS

Parish Hall Donation (8/29/21)	\$ 657.00
Budget for 2021/2022 Fiscal Year (July 2021-June 2022)	\$ 180,000.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 3,461.54
Weekly Donation (8/29/21)	\$ 2,245.00
Online Giving (8/29/21)	\$ 933.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 29,711.00

Online Giving: To sign up, visit our website at www.stpiusx.us and click on the link for "online giving" to set up your account. If you need any assistance, please call the parish office.

H.O.P.E. Clinic Annual Banquet

This year's fundraiser for H.O.P.E.'s Pro-Life ministry will be Monday, Sept. 20 and Tuesday, Sept. 21. We will attend as a group on Monday, Sept. 20th. The organizers need to know how many will be attending. **Please contact Marilyn Brooks** at 270-703-8496 or the Church Office at 270-395-4727 **ASAP if you plan to attend.** The Dessert Social begins at 6:00, with the presentation starting at 6:45 at First Missionary Baptist Church, Benton (641 ByPass).

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 of Padua

Mass Intentions September 6- September 12		
Wednesday	9:00 am	Rosey Carey
Friday	9:00 am	John & Ann Bradshaw
Sunday	8:00 am	Sally Anne Klohr

WEEKLY DONATIONS

Budget 2021/2022 Fiscal Year (July 2021-June 2022)	\$ 72,000.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 1,386.54
Weekly Donation (8/29/2021)	\$ 1,828.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 16,103.00

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

Livingston County Helping Hands



Non perishable items needed: paper towels, toilet paper, laundry detergent, shampoo (adult & baby), bath soap, diapers, baby wipes, feminine hygiene products, dish soap, coffee, tea, mac and cheese, sugar, flour, cereal, peanut butter, jelly, tuna, salmon, canned fruits, canned vegetables. There is a collection container at the back of the church for your donated items.

Thank you for your generosity!

St Anthony Mass Assignments – September 12, 2021

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

Daily Mass is a great opportunity to recharge your spiritual battery and give God time to speak to your heart!

Parish Council

Roy McFadden	Chair Person
Mike Drury	Vice Chair/Building & Ground
Debbie Owens	Secretary/Family Life
Shara Parish	Finance/ Building & Ground
Nick Zaim	Social/Spiritual Concern
Sr. Michael Friedman	Spiritual/Faith Formation

Bereavement Committee

Pat Gorbett (270)362-3377

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