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Feast of Mary, Mother of God Year A Lk 2:16-21



“The shepherds went in haste to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known the message that had been told them about this child. All who heard it were amazed by what had been told them by the shepherds. And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart. Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, just as it had been told to them. When eight days were completed for his circumcision, he was named Jesus, the name given him by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.”

It only Takes One Voice

By Eleanor Torchia

It only take one voice
To sing a song of hope
One tiny, little voice
To help another cope.

It only takes one voice
To offer up a prayer
To let a lonely soul
Know that someone's there.

It only takes one voice
And if that voice is heard
Imagine many others
Telling of God's word.

A domino effect
Would spread from far and near
One voice can cause an echo
?When it falls on someone's ear.

Eucharistic Renewal Meditation

“For ministers as well as for all baptized persons, liturgical formation is not something that can be acquired once and for all. Since the gift of the mystery celebrated in liturgy surpasses our capacity to know it, this effort certainly must accompany the permanent formation of everyone, with the humility of little ones, the attitude that opens up into wonder. In addition to a program of studies in seminaries, teachers must also offer the possibility of experiencing a celebration that is not only exemplary from a ritual point of view, but also authentic and alive, which allows the living out of a true communion with God, that same communion toward which theological knowledge must tend.”
(Pope Francis Desiderio #38-39)

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

Visit our Website www.stpiusx.us

Daily Scripture Readings

Sunday January 1
Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
Monday 1 Jn 2:22-28/Jn 1:19-28
Tuesday 1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Jn 1:29-34
Wednesday 1 Jn 3:7-10/Jn 1:35-42
Thursday 1 Jn 3:11-21/Jn 1:43-51
Friday 1 Jn 5:5-13/Mk 1:7-11
Saturday 1 Jn 5:14-21/Jn 2:1-11

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
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

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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 Pius And St Anthony Churches,

Mary, Mother of God Year A

Lk 2:16-21

I love our Catholic Calendars! I like to say that we Catholics are always a 'party waiting to happen'. What I mean is that we always have so much to celebrate. Every day can be either some special saint to commemorate or an event in Jesus' or the Blessed Mother's life to celebrate. And sometimes, even a whole day is not enough to take it all in. So, we stretch out our celebration for several days or a whole season! The extra days give time to focus upon different aspects of the event or person for the fullest appreciation and deepest meaning drawn from them. For example, with the length of the Christmas season, we have different feast-days to highlight the extra characters in the event of the Lord's birth into our world. The special days of **Epiphany** (to recognize the wise men's role), the **Holy Family** (to celebrate Jesus, Mary & Joseph together), the shepherds and other guests at the inn (on Christmas) and John the Baptist makes an appearance at the end of the season (on **Feast of Baptism of the Lord**). John especially reminds us **that Christmas is every day** for those who are baptized, that Jesus is born in us anytime we open our hearts to Him, accepting His grace (let Him work in us)! Which brings us to today's feast, that celebrates Mary's special role under the title 'Mother of God'. The Blessed Mother Mary has many titles and there are many days throughout the year that focus on different periods of her life with Christ. In addition to today's Holy Day celebrating Mary as Mother of God, there are twelve other **central** holy days all through the year to highlight Mary's role in our salvation history as Jesus' mother. They are: *Our Lady of Lourdes (Feb 11)*, *the Annunciation (Mar 25)*, *Our Lady of Fatima (May 13)*, *the Visitation (May 31)*, *Our Lady of Mount Carmel (Jul 16)*, *Assumption of Mary (Aug 15)*, *Queenship of Mary (Aug 22)*, *Birth of Mary (Sep 8)*, *Our Lady of Sorrows (Sep 15)*, *Our Lady of the Rosary (Oct 7)*, *Immaculate Conception (Dec 8)* & *Our Lady of Guadalupe (Dec 12)*. And why does Mary have so many days? It is for the same reason that we focus upon Mary more than any other Christian saint (even than the apostles and martyrs). Because she is the model disciple, the most faithful follower of Jesus with the closest relationship possible to our Lord-She is His own mother! Beside the most special of all bonds possible that they share as MOTHER to CHILD & CHILD to MOTHER, Mary is also always found by His side from His birth to death (By the crib in Luke 2 & By the cross in John 19). The fact that Jesus shared intimately the same flesh, blood, nutrients, breath and synchronized heart-beats with Mary for the nine months she carried Him within her--- that **had to** create so deep a bond with her. Throw in that Jesus is God, and it just makes their relationship even stronger than any other human-disciple connection to Jesus. So, Mary receives extra attention from us for all the additional experiences and grace-filled events that she shared with Jesus. Besides, everyone wants to meet their own hero's mother! Right? Aren't we always interested in learning about the families of great historical figures? Even more so with God-Jesus' mom! So we have additional days in our church calendar year to celebrate and recognize extra details about Mary, the mother of our Savior.

Today's solemn Feast celebrates the Virgin Mary under the title, **'Mother of God'**. It recognizes that while Jesus is fully human, He is also fully divine. Some theologians in the early Church resisted calling Mary, 'Mother **of God**' since they thought it might lead people to mistakenly imagine her as a type of goddess. However, **the Church understood the title as saying more about Jesus than about Mary**. Jesus is God and to deny Mary the title 'mother of God' could lead to the more erroneous denial of the divinity of Jesus! So, yes, Mary is as human as all of us, and she, along with all of scriptures and the teaching of the Church affirm her humanity. But she was chosen by God, and blessed uniquely with more grace than the rest of us. She is what she is by the grace and will of God- His mother! And how humble a Mother we have in Mary! Today's gospel speaks about her lowly humility and meek openness toward God. First she prayerfully 'reflected upon all of these things in her heart' (Luke 2:19). She knew that what God was doing was uniquely setting her apart, and yet she humbled herself all the more submitting to God, "I am the lowly handmaid of the Lord" (Luke 1:38). Also, she perfectly accepts and moves with God's will, following His commands and the Holy Spirit's direction. I like pointing out how devoted Mary is to the religious rituals of the time even while also communicating with angels and God Himself. First, she follows through her period of pregnancy dutifully naming the child 'Jesus' at the right time with His circumcision (as told by angel in Lk 1:31). She follows faithfully the Hebrew religious rituals of Circumcision & Purification (Luke 2:21) and then the eventual Presentation of the First Born Son in the Temple with offerings (Luke 2:22-24). Mary knows that God works through these solemn religious customs. She eagerly fulfills them (all the while knowing that the grace operative in all such rituals is right there beside her-in her own home). Yet for us, Mary models faithful devotion to prayer and daily religious customs. I can picture her and Jesus offering prayer together in the home, or going off to synagogue together (with St Joseph), and Jesus learning the important place of religious customs to form and further faith's growth. Witnessing Mary, Joseph and Jesus as they practice their faith through devotional rituals reinforces to me the value of 'keeping faith' and showing up at communal prayer today (church programs, prayer times, and especially Mass!) May we all imitate Mary's humble devotion as we practice our faith and prayerful rituals on the high holy days, but also and as importantly on the all the lowly days of every week! Peace, Fr Brian

Faith Formation Calendar for Youth FFY 2022-2023

Wednesday	Jan. 4	5:45 - 7:30	FFY: Meal & Class	Parish Hall
Sunday	Jan. 8	11:00am	1 st Communion Class	Parish Hall
Wednesday	Jan. 11	5:45 - 7:30	FFY: Meal & Class	Parish Hall
Wednesday	Jan. 18	5:45 - 7:30	FFY: Meal & Class	Parish Hall

Pray for our Diocesan Seminarians: Dcn Chris Grief, Dcn Chris Kight, (to be ordained priests May 20, 2023) & Mr Christopher French, Mr Conrad Jaconette & Mr Hunter LeBlanc

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.*

Many Thanks for Christmas Helpers!

What beautiful liturgies at Christmas. It takes so many hands to plan and execute special celebrations. From the creative decorators of the church sanctuaries to the musicians/choirs and cantors, all of our dedicated helpers transform our parish celebrations into the wonderful prayer-offerings to God that express our faith and worship of the newborn Prince of Peace, Jesus, our child King!

Birthdays & Anniversaries: Jan 1– Jan 7

Happy Birthday! St. Pius X

- January 1 Dylan Pellegrin
- January 2 Max Cannon
- January 2 Alex Galvan
- January 2 Kathy Sanderson
- January 7 Matthew Brown
- January 7 Chance Lucas

St. Anthony of Padua

Happy Anniversary! St. Pius X

- January 5 Willard & Kathy Doughty

St. Anthony of Padua

No anniversaries this week

Knights of Columbus Coffee & Donuts Jan 8

Plan to stay around after next Sunday Mass at St Pius 10:00 am mass to enjoy fellowship with each other and visiting with a doughnut and coffee!

Also, plan for Potluck Soup Dinner Saturday 14th!



St Pius X Mass Assignments: Saturday, January 8, 2022

Servers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers / Greeters	Money Counters
	Paula Schmidt	Kurt Schmidt Nancy Glover Volunteer	Volunteer (Usher) Volunteer (Usher) Volunteer (Greeter) Volunteer (Greeter)	

Mass Assignments: Sunday, January 1, 2023

Dominic Schiaretti Brayden Willett	Pam Hurst	Dawn Whitt Teresa Newman Marcus Newman	Volunteer (Usher) Volunteer (Usher) Volunteer (Greeter)	Richard Derry Nancy Singleton
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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

Remember in Prayer

St. Pius X: Derwood Doyle, Joe Hedges, Jerry Wade, Katie Wood, Joanna Grimes, Amanda Bailey, Kathryn Bailey Kaileigh Row, Dolly Bardsley, Pam Laibl, Chevelle Allen, David Kroll, Mary Jane Inman, Todd Inman, Henry Feezor, Jerry & Sissy Wommack, John Campbell, 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, Matthew Black, Helen Bennett, Catherine Broks, Michelle Freeman, Stacey Newby, Bette Zilligen, Ric Vaughn, Susan Sloan, Donny Travis, Betty Derry, Scott Hamilton, Connie Burt and family, Abigail Huebschmann, Lucas Hebner, Ericka Karpstein, Joanna Cooper, Angel Thompson, Kaye Poyner, Bob & Lois Tashjian, Rita Cook, Juliette Kaplanes, Jack Bender, Penny Maupin, Don Kemp, Sharon Olejnicak, Tim Wilson, Beverly Dukes, Wallace Hunt, Phyllis White, Judy Krouse, Kerry Frazier, Rene Harrington, Lisa Doyle, 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

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 of Padua: Joel Dumbacher, Matt Elder, Kathleen Erickson, Scott Erickson, Cory Erickson, Jason Huber, James A. Kinsey, Jay Lockhart, Sarah Martindale, Devin McFadden, Rvan M. Fields, LeAnne Neal, and Kousuke Sasaki.

St. Pius X

Mass Intentions January 2 – January 8		
Tuesday	6:00 pm	James Rodney Wheatley
Wednesday	8:00 am	Crispin Rendon
Thursday	8:00 am	Dr Sidney Edds
Friday	8:00 am	Lucilla Rendon
Saturday	4:30 pm	Glover Family
Sunday	10:00 am	John Bardsley

WEEKLY DONATIONS

Parish Hall Donation (12/25/22)	\$ 635.00
Budget for 2022/2023 Fiscal Year (July 2022-June 2023)	\$ 190,000.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 3,653.58
Weekly Donation (12/25/22)	\$ 3,440.75
Online Giving (12/25/22)	\$ 6,248.00
Total Week's Gift Offering 12/25	\$ 9,688.75
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 106,011.71



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, lecturing, ushering or ministering communion. We will hold training for any new ministers, 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)	Chair Person
Nora Canon (3)	Secretary & Finance
Paula Humphreys (3)	Spiritual Life
Stacy Newby (3)	FFY & Religious Ed
Debbie Anspauch (3)	Social Program/Outreach
Michael Bowling (3)	Building & Ground

(Yrs left in term)

Next Meeting January 17 @ 4:30 pm

Bereavement Committee

Fran Dacus

St. Anthony of Padua

Mass Intentions January 2 – January 8		
Wednesday	9:00 am	John & Florence Sharkey
Friday	9:00 am	Frances Storm
1 st Saturday	8:00 am	Camilla Hopper
Sunday	8:00 am	Chris Esser, Jr

WEEKLY DONATIONS

Budget 2022/2023 Fiscal Year (July 2022-June 2023)	\$ 73,500.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 1,413.46
Weekly Donation 12/25/2022)	\$ 1,144.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 39,967.00

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 – January 8, 2022

Lector	Darin Adrian
Eucharistic Ministers	Pat Gorbett Mike Drury
Ushers/Greeters	Kevin Diamond Kelly Noonan
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 prayer (15 min). Discussion follows

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 February 15 @ 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