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Epiphany Sunday Year C Matthew 2:1-12



“When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, “Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.” When King Herod heard this he was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. Assembling all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, He inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They said to him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it has been written through the prophet: And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel.” Then Herod called the magi secretly and ascertained from them the time of the star’s appearance. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search diligently for the child. When you have found him, bring me word, that I too may go and do him homage.” After their audience with the king they set out. And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way.”

Excerpt from ‘Journey of the Magi’

By TS Eliot

“A cold coming we had of it,
Just the worst time of the year
For a journey, and such a long journey:
The ways deep and the weather sharp,
The very dead of winter.”
And the camels galled, sore-footed, refractory,
Lying down in the melting snow.
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Finding the place; it was (you may say) satisfactory.
All this was a long time ago, I remember,
And I would do it again, but set down
This: were we led all that way for
Birth or Death? There was a Birth, certainly,
We had evidence and no doubt. I had seen birth and death,
But had thought they were different; this Birth was
Hard and bitter agony for us, like Death, our death.
We returned to our places, these Kingdoms,
But no longer at ease here, in the old dispensation.....

Weekly Mass Readings

January 2 – January 8

- Sunday 1/2** **Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12**
- Monday 1/3** **1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25**
- Tuesday 1/4** **1 Jn 4:7-10/Mk 6:34-44**
- Wednesday 1/5** **1 Jn 4:11-18/Mk 6:45-52**
- Thursday 1/6** **1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Lk 4:14-22a**
- Friday 1/7** **1 Jn 5:5-13/Lk 5:12-16**
- Saturday 1/8** **1 Jn 5:14-21/Jn 3:22-30**

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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

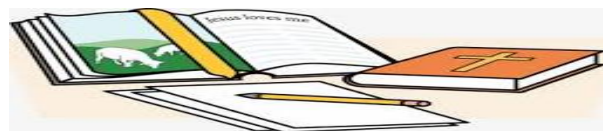
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FROM THE PASTOR



Dear St Pius And St Anthony Churches,

Epiphany Sunday Year C Matthew 2:1-12

“Seek and you will find!” (Matthew 7:7). The wise men are remarkable about their focused commitment to understand and discover what is behind this sudden star’s appearance in the sky and what it means for the world. I am so curious about their experiences, their interests, their occupations, and their motivation in setting aside the comfort of the routines of their lives to go following a star (that could disappear as quickly as it appeared) in search of what is behind the novel star’s appearance! What does it mean? Were they retired counselors or consultants to kings? Were they ‘scientists’ such as astronomers or cartographers interested in studying the new star’s movements for its ‘guidance’ potential (to reorient navigation methods or expand their known maps)? Were they ancient anthropologists/journalists eager to record first-hand accounts of the star’s effects on peoples’ (domestic and foreign) cultures? We are quick to assume the personal nature of the quest, and I lean toward that interpretation (given the level of sacrifice involved). Yet, it might be that some of Herod’s worry is about the wise men being advance spies from a competing world power. I am not sure why Caesar isn’t looking into such things, too, but that is not Matthew’s concern (unless Caesar is financing this ‘threat-operation’ against Herod!) Luke’s gospel later does expand the focus to include Caesar’s role with the ‘Census’ details. Such suspicions are behind Jerusalem and Herod’s anxiety and of course, they provoke Herod’s crimes against humanity by his mass-slaughter of infants to eliminate any future threat to his throne!

But traditionally, we keep our attention on the inner personal search of these wise men who seek the meaning of the star. Who is under the star? Does its appearance signify a world-change? What is the Creator of the universe revealing to the world? Who is being ‘spot-lighted’ as ‘Savior-Leader’? These few questions and other uncertainties about the Wise Men’s role in Jesus’ birth story have been with us from the beginning. They have given birth to various legends which supply further details about them to help fill in the picture for us. I imagine we have seen movies or read creative books about the lives and experience of the wise men. By the second century, church traditions arose to designate the number of them at ‘three’ (based on the ‘three gift’s-one for each wise man-Matt 2:11). By the fifth century, they were identified as kings and, in the West, names were assigned to them: Balthasar, Melchior and Gaspar. Balthasar was reportedly King of Arabia, Melchior the King of Persia and Balthasar a King of India. Also, Melchior was reportedly the youngest, a mere adolescent king, Caspar was the oldest with long grey hair, and Balthasar middle aged with long brown beard. Thus, Jesus was the universal Savior for all people, ages, and known kingdoms!

A popular book about the wise men was written in 1895 by Henry Van Dyke titled The Other Wise Man. It tells the story about a fourth wise man who got separated or branched out independently of the others. He was always too many steps behind the others, to actually meet the New Savior-King signaled by the Star in Bethlehem. He like the others, also carried along expensive gifts to bestow upon the infant-king, but along the way he was often detoured and felt moved to give/use the gifts to help other people in need (giving gold to a family with a sick child). Feeling frustrated by failing his life’s task (or so he thought), he never met Christ, and eventually had a fatal injury. BUT, as he was dying, a kind stranger tended to him in his last moments. He poured out his heart to the stranger, confessing what he desired to do-to meet and offer gifts to the Messiah. Surprisingly, the stranger comforted him, by patiently listening to his life story and then confiding to the man his own identity. His comforter was Jesus Himself! And this stranger,-Christ-, told this other wise man, “Whatever you did to the least of my brothers and sisters, you did to me” (Matt 25:40). This fourth wise man’s journey took longer than the others, but he met His Christ-King too (and actually already had but didn’t realize it!) It was Jesus in the end! So often, we do fulfill our life’s purposes, but don’t realize it because of our own selves exalted plans getting in our way. Isn’t that what Bethlehem teaches us: God Almighty entered this world so unexpectedly as a helpless little baby in the tiny town of Bethlehem! I think of the Wise Men as ‘patron saints’ of the unlikely appearance of God’s grace to us! I think Matthew is suggesting to us that God likes to surprise His People with unexpected solutions (changes in our plans) when Matthew includes this last detail at the end of the story: “And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way” (Matthew 2:12). Our God is a God of alternate plans and many back-up options to keep us surprised by His grace along His Way!

Thank-You Thank You! What a wonderful response to last week’s Service Project-- Feeding Team Rubicon Workers at Hardin!

Thank you for all of the helpful friends who turned out to prepare such a great dinner and dessert for Team Rubicon working in Disaster Relief at Mayfield. Thank you Steve & Nancy Glover, John Colgan, Paula, Kurt & Dotty Schmidt, Danny, Susan & Elizabeth Padgett, Jeff & Charlotte Riedfort, Dawn Whitt, Jean Bailey, Robert Weekes, Jeff & Heidi Outland, Stacey Newby, Catherine Broks, Debbie Anspauch, Frank, Brenda, Isabella, Dominic, Frankie & Marley Schiaretti, Justin, Mandy, Joseph & Jacob Gentry, Pam Hurst, Larry & Sherry Ball, Marty Darst, Philip, Cole and Amanda Scheidegger. What a wonderful response-Thank-you!

FFY Faith Formation Youth Activities Calendar

CHRISTMAS BREAK	Dec. 20 -	Dec 31	Christmas Break	
Wednesday	Jan. 5, 2022	6:30-8:00	Family Faith – January	Parents Meeting
Sunday	Jan. 9	2:00-3:30	Confirmation Class	Parish Hall
Wednesday	Jan 12	6:30-8:00	Youth Ministry Group	Parish Hall

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 2 – Jan 8

Happy Birthday!

St. Pius X

- January 2 Max Canon
- January 2 Alex Galvan
- January 2 Kathy Sanderson
- January 7 Matthew Brown
- January 7 Chance Lucas
- January 8 Donna Carr

St. Anthony of Padua
No Birthdays this week

Happy Anniversary!

St. Pius X

- January 5 Willard & Kathy Doughty

St. Anthony of Padua
No Anniversaries this week

Papal Synod 2021-2023: Prepare future parish listening sessions

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 Diocesan Planning Team is preparing resources for the sessions. Plan to come to our **1st Session: January 25 at 6:30pm @ St Pius X Parish Hall**

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

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

Mass Assignments: Sunday, January 9, 2022

Schiaretti Family	Mike Bowling	Jimmy Harbison	Volunteer (Usher) Volunteer (Usher) Volunteer (Greeter)	Andy Ferm Sherry Ferm
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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 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, 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, Stacy 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, 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 January 3 – January 9		
Tuesday	6:00 pm	Ray Dowdy
Wednesday	8:00 am	Todd Pearson
Thursday	8:00 am	John Bardsley
Friday	8:00 am	Cathy Creason
Saturday	4:30 pm	Keiko Hobbs
Sunday	10:00 am	Elizabeth Nelson

WEEKLY DONATIONS	
Parish Hall Donation (12/26/21)	\$ 260.00
Budget for 2021/2022 Fiscal Year (July 2021-June 2022)	\$ 180,000.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 3,461.54
Weekly Donation (12/26/21)	\$ 3,150.00
Online Giving (12/26/21)	\$ 1,448.00
Total Week's Gift Offering 12/26	\$ 4,598.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 93,222.80

Mark Your Calendars for these Future Events

January 21 Knights Columbus Fish Fry to raise funds for March for Life Pro-Life Charity

February 22 St Pius Works with 1st Baptist Church with Wounded Warrior Project Chili Supper

Epiphany Home Blessing Prayer:

Lord God of heaven and earth, you revealed your only begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this house and all who live here and all who visit. May we be blessed with health, kindness of heart, gentleness and the keeping of your law. Fill us with the light of Christ, that our love for each other may go out to all. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Parish Council

Pam Hurst	Chair Person
Jeff Outland	Building & Ground
Larry Krouse	Secretary
Robert Weekes	Finance
Dawn Whitt	Spiritual Life
Catherine Broks	FFY
Gary Traylor	
Nora Canon	
Catie Weekes	
Andy Ferm	

Bereavement Committee

Fran Dacus

St. Anthony of Padua

Mass Intentions January 3 – January 9		
Wednesday	9:00 am	John & Anne Bradshaw
Friday	9:00 am	Dr. Sidney Edds
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 12/26/2021)	\$ 2,512.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 39,926.00

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



Epiphany House Blessing +20 C M B 22+
Dedicate The Year 2022 & Your home to Christ!
'Christus Mansionem Benedicat' is a Latin phrase that translates into English 'Christ Bless our Home'

St Anthony Mass Assignments – January 9, 2022

Lector	Darin Adrian
Eucharistic Ministers	Shara Parish
Prayers of the Faithful	
Ushers/Greeters	David Loxley Kipling Spencer
Server	Shara Parish
Money Counters	Shara Parish Kevin Diamond

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	
Steve Wilkes	
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:** 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