

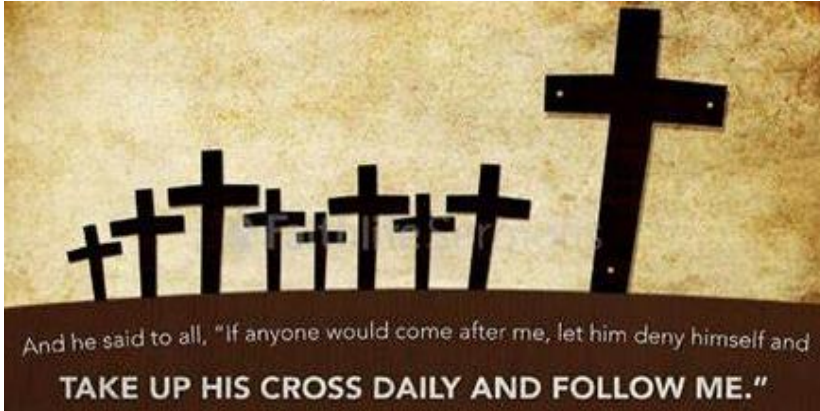


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22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time Year A Matthew 16:21-27

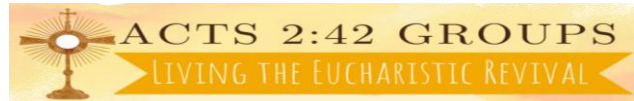


"Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer greatly from the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed and on the third day be raised. Then Peter took Jesus aside and began to rebuke him, "God forbid, Lord! No such thing shall ever happen to you." He turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle to me. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? Or what can one give in exchange for his life? For the Son of Man will come with his angels in his Father's glory, and then he will repay all according to his conduct."

Excerpt of "The Cross"

By John Donne

SINCE Christ embraced the cross itself, dare I  
His image, th' image of His cross, deny ?  
Would I have profit by the sacrifice,  
And dare the chosen altar to despise ?  
It bore all other sins, but is it fit  
That it should bear the sin of scorning it ?  
Who from the picture would avert his eye,  
How would he fly his pains, who there did die ?  
From me no pulpit, nor misgrounded law,  
Nor scandal taken, shall this cross withdraw,  
It shall not, for it cannot ; for the loss  
Of this cross were to me another cross.  
Better were worse, for no affliction,  
No cross is so extreme, as to have none.  
Who can blot out the cross, with th' instrument  
Of God dew'd on me in the Sacrament ?  
Who can deny me power, and liberty  
To stretch mine arms, and mine own cross to be ?  
Swim, and at every stroke thou art thy cross;  
The mast and yard make one, where seas do toss;  
Look down, thou spiest out crosses in small things;  
Look up, thou seest birds raised on crossed wings;  
All the globe's frame, and spheres, is nothing else  
But the meridians crossing parallels.....



Our Monthly ACTS 2:42 Eucharistic Revival  
**Begins at 1:30 pm today** in the St Pius Parish Hall.  
Sign-up sheets in the vestibule, or just show up. Come,  
Live Your Catholic Faith. Munchies are Provided.

**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 September 3

Jer 20:7-9/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27

Monday 1 Thes 4:13-18/Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday Col 1:1-8/Lk 4:38-44

Thursday Col 1:9-14/Lk 5:1-11

Friday Rom 8:28-30/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23

Saturday Col 1:21-23/Lk 6:1-5

**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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**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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Tuesday -- Thursday

9:00 am-2:00 pm



## Pastor's Study Desk Notes



Dear St Anthony & St Pius Families,

22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time Year A

Matthew 16:21-27

***The rise and fall of Peter!*** And Peter had done so well last week in the gospel when he recognized and called Jesus the 'Messiah, son of the living God' (Mt 16:16), in front of the other apostles. Jesus complimented Peter and even assigned him a position as the leading apostle for such insightful perception. Jesus' statement plays on Peter's name, basically saying "You Rock!" and you Peter will be the firm foundational figure of leadership for my church and disciples after me. But what happened to precipitate Peter's crumbling in today's gospel. Is it a classic proof example of *'the higher they rise, the harder they fall'*? We see such tragic, overnight transformations of leaders from 'Hero to Zero' all the time in the news. What causes such crashes? Proverbs 16:18 teaches, "Pride goes before disaster, and a haughty spirit before a fall." Jesus Himself will say, "Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted" (Matthew 23:12) Peter typifies such haughty over-reach and its subsequent fall. Skiers talk about the danger of 'letting one's head get over the tip of their skis', which leads to a topple! Or the classic way of saying it, is that 'our mouths write a check that our bodies cannot cash'! Well, Peter does exactly that, when he presumes to tell Jesus HOW and what kind of Messiah Jesus should be! Peter says in Matthew 16:22 "God forbid, Lord! No such thing shall ever happen to you" right after Jesus mentioned the necessary suffering that will come through His rejection, His cross and death. Peter wants to redefine the Father's will for Jesus, and sugarcoat over the sacrifice part of discipleship (taking the cross out of Christianity). How presumptuous! Of course, we can ask how that works out for Peter? He gets put back in his place! Jesus responds by taking Peter down a few notches, saying, ***"Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle to me"*** (Matt 16:23) Peter was trying to outflank Jesus and trying to get around the hard-side of being a disciple-the cross. So, Jesus says, "Stop opposing me, & get back in line – get back behind me (follow me)".

Yet, before we jump into the mob chorus and condemn Peter for such presumptuous behavior, I want to point out that Peter is not the only Christian leader, who forgets who he is serving, or who tries to create his own selfish version of being disciple. James and John will try such an arrogant move themselves. We hear in Mark 10:35, James and John actually ask Jesus, "Teacher, we want you to do for us ***whatever*** we ask of you" (*Not asking for much are they?*) They go on to ask Jesus boldly, "Grant that in your glory we may sit one at your right and the other at your left" (Mk 10:37) How conceited of them! As if it couldn't get any worse, right after James and John's pompous power grab, we hear in Mark 10:41, that *"When the ten heard this, they all became indignant at James and John"*. It seems that all of the apostles were infected with this 'egotistical' bug, wanting to boss others around, even 'bossing' Jesus!

Of course, Jesus will put all of the apostles (not just Peter) into their place, reminding them that they are 'disciples'. They are 'student servants' of Him. Jesus strongly asserts that His disciples do not idolize power, 'boss' people around or serve their own selfish interests. No, Christian disciples embrace the cross and love to serve others, always putting others before their own needs. For Jesus' followers, 'authority is service'. A Christian leads others to the degree, that he/she is actually serving others themselves. In Mark 10:43-44, Jesus reprimands them all saying, "Rather, whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant, & *whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all.*"

So, what are we to make of such 'rise and falls' of our leaders? Well, it happens. Anytime a human ego is not bounded by either one's own honest humility (*There but for the grace of God go I*) or by the proper loving guardrails known as the 'best practices of checks and balances', then count on it that the human ego will overreach and abusively exert itself over others (absolute authority, corrupts absolutely). This is why Jesus is so adamant about the Christian leader being a humble servant. Among Jesus' followers, the Blessed Mother exemplifies this humble attitude of a Christian leader best. She herself prays in Luke 1:38, "I am the ***handmaid*** of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." And Mary's selfless counsel to the other apostles is her simple teaching, "Do whatever he (Jesus) tells you" (John 2:5) Now, that is Christian service and such guiding wisdom will keep a person behind Jesus and in line with Him! May we follow Jesus as faithfully as her, and lead others as she did!

Peace and Prayers, Fr Brian

### St Pius X Parish Council Meeting Thurs Sept 14 @ 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!

# SEPTEMBER 3, 2023 + 22<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

## St Pius X Mass Intentions September 4 – September 10

Tuesday	6:00 pm	Bob Darst
Wednesday	8:00 am	Bob Mattingly
Thursday	8:00 am	Rosie Carey
Friday	8:00 am	Marilyn Redding
Saturday	4:30 pm	Earl Henderson
Sunday	10:00 am	Anna Scheidegger

## WEEKLY DONATIONS

Parish Hall Donation (8/27/23)	\$ 384.00
Budget for 2022/2023 Fiscal Year (July 2023-June 2024)	\$ 195,000.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 3,750.00
Weekly Donation (8/27/23)	\$ 2,759.40
Online Giving (8/27/23)	\$ 1,016.00
Total Week's Gift Offering 8/27	\$ 3,775.40
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 40,057.05



All women are invited to come and enjoy time together after Sunday Mass on Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>. Enjoy food, fellowship, faith-sharing and prayer.

## 'Welcome Back' Potluck Sept. 16th, after 4:30 Mass

Bring your favorite Summer dish to end the summer season.

**St Pius Picnic Helpers Thank You!** I want to thank the helpers, and servers that made the picnic lunch such a great time. Especially the young people and the helpers with the outside games! What a great time, and I look forward to us having a bigger one next year! Thank you all, Deb Anspach

## New Hope Clinic Parish Representative:

Thank you **Kathy Canup** for accepting to serve as St Pius representative for Hope Clinic. Thank you for helping with this important pro-life work supporting young mothers, their babies & families!

## Birthdays & Anniversaries: Sep 3 – Sep 9

### Happy Birthday! St. Pius X

September 04 Dolly Bardsley  
September 05 Tonya Dao  
September 05 Braxton Riley  
September 06 Paula Schmidt  
September 06 Cindy Jackson  
September 09 Kelsi Harbison  
September 10 Barbara Doughty

### Happy Anniversary! St. Pius X

No anniversaries this week

## St Pius X Mass Assignments: Saturday, Sept 9, 2023

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

## Mass Assignments: Sunday, Sept 10, 2023

Franky Schiarette Dominic Schiarette	Pam Hurst	Jimmy Harbison Marcus Newman Teresa Newman	Usher Volunteer Usher Volunteer	Jan Waniel Jean Waniel
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## Faith Formation for Youth FFY Schedule

Wednesday	Sept. 6	6:00 - 7:30	Meal & Class (Safe training Gr 4-6)	Parish Hall
Sunday	Sept. 10	11:00-12:00	First Reconciliation Class	Parish Hall
Wednesday	Sept. 13	6:00 - 7:30	Meal and Class (Safe training 2-3)	Parish Hall
Sunday	Sept. 17	10:00am	Catechist Sunday (Catechist Blessing)	Church

## Remember in Prayer

**St. Pius X:** Leah Vincek, Rick Wilson, James Poat, Richard Warmowski, Wade Barnes, Elizabeth Curtner, 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, Chevelle Allen, David Kroll, Henry Feezor, Jerry & Sissy Wommack, 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 Brooks, 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, Linda Womer, Jack Bender, Penny Maupin, 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**

**Update to Parish Directory:** *Especially recent New Members*, we want to make sure you are added to our picture directory, so on Sunday Sept 17<sup>th</sup>, Ginny Reed will be taking photos to update our parish picture album! Please plan to have picture taken!

**\*Mark Your Calendar: St Anthony Picnic Sept 17\***

Plan to come out for picnic at noon on Sept 17<sup>th</sup> at Little Lake Park Pavilion in downtown Grand Rivers.

**Raffle of 'Retired' Mary Statue from out front**

Recently we replaced the Statue of the Blessed Mother from out front on St Anthony Hill. The statue was badly in need of big repairs, but a new one was donated to the church to replace her. Since the old one is part of St Anthony history here, the council decided to offer a raffle of her to someone for a new home or for repairs. Chances are available in front of church before masses!

**Hope Clinic Banquet:** Mark your Calendar Sept 25

**Pray for our Seminarians Conrad Jaconette &**

Lord Jesus, we thank you for calling these men to serve in your Son's kingdom. May their hearts overflow with Your compassion, understanding, and generosity, and may their desire to serve You inspire others to answer Your call. Lord Jesus, give our seminarians the grace to follow You more perfectly. Let them be encouraged by the fact they are never alone as they are adopted in prayer by parishioners across the Diocese of Owensboro who never cease to pray for them. In Jesus' Name.

**Sympathy and Prayers:** Please pray for the eternal rest of Nickie Spencer (mother of Kipling Spencer) who passed away last week. Please keep Kipling and all the family in your prayers, too that God may comfort them in their time of grief.



**St Anthony Birthdays Sep 3 – Sep 9**

*No birthdays this week*

**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**

**September 4 – September 10**

<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b><i>Dr Jorge Alegre</i></b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b><i>Mary Virginia Krebs</i></b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b><i>Taylor Johansen</i></b>

**WEEKLY DONATIONS**

Budget 2022/2023 Fiscal Year (July 2023-June 2024)	<b>\$ 73,500.00</b>
Donation Need Each Week	<b>\$ 1,413.46</b>
Weekly Donation 8/27/2023)	<b>\$ 1,383.00</b>
Fiscal Year to Date	<b>\$ 21,593.66</b>

***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 – September 10, 2023**

<b>Lector</b>	Darin Adrian
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Steve Wilkes Mike Drury
<b>Ushers/Greeters</b>	Kelly Noonan Kevin Diamond
<b>Server</b>	Dan O'Brien
<b>Money Counters</b>	Shara Parish Kevin Diamond

**CONSIDER ATTENDING DAILY MASS**

**St Anthony Prayer List:** 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, Bob Lang and their families/caregivers.

**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 October 18 @ 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:** 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)