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16th Sunday Ordinary Time Year A Matthew 13:24-43



“Jesus proposed another parable to the crowds, saying: “The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everyone was asleep his enemy came and sowed weeds all through the wheat, and then went off. When the crop grew and bore fruit, the weeds appeared as well. The slaves of the householder came to him and said, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where have the weeds come from?’ He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ His slaves said to him, ‘Do you want us to go and pull them up?’ He replied, ‘No, if you pull up the weeds you might uproot the wheat along with them. Let them grow together until harvest; then at harvest time I will say to the harvesters, “First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles for burning; but gather the wheat into my barn.”” He proposed another parable to them. “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that a person took and sowed in a field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, yet when full-grown it is the largest of plants. It becomes a large bush, and the ‘birds of the sky come and dwell in its branches.” He spoke to them another parable. “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed with three measures of wheat flour until the whole batch was leavened.” All these things Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables. He spoke to them only in parables, to fulfill what had been said through the prophet: I will open my mouth in parables, I will announce what has lain hidden from the foundation of the world. Then, dismissing the crowds, he went into the house. His disciples approached him and said, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field.” He said in reply, “He who sows good seed is the Son of Man, the field is the world, the good seed the children of the kingdom. The weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels. Just as weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all who cause others to sin and all evildoers. They will throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears ought to hear.”

Excerpt of ‘The Wheat & Weeds’

By John Newton

Though in the outward church below
The wheat and weeds together grow;
Jesus ere long will separate the crop,
And pluck the weeds, in anger, up.

We seem alike when thus we meet,
Strangers might think we all are wheat;
But to the Lord's all-searching eyes,
Each heart appears without disguise.

The weeds are spared for various ends,
Some, for the sake of praying friends;
Others, the Lord, against their will,
Employs his counsels to fulfill.

But though they grow so tall and strong,
His plan will not require them long;
In harvest, when he saves his own,
The weeds shall into hell be thrown.

Eucharistic Renewal Meditation

Let everyone be struck with fear, let the whole world tremble, and let the heavens exult when Christ, the Son of the living God, is present on the altar in the hands of a priest!

O wonderful loftiness and stupendous dignity!
O sublime humility! O humble sublimity!
The Lord of the universe, God and the Son of God,
so humbles Himself that for our salvation
He hides Himself under an ordinary piece of bread!
Brothers, look at the humility of God,
and pour out your hearts before Him!
Humble yourselves that you may be exalted by Him!
Hold back nothing of yourselves for yourselves,
that He Who gives Himself totally to you may receive you totally!
Saint Francis of Assisi -- A Letter to the Entire Order II, 26-29 ('Desiderio' 65)

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

Visit our Website www.stpiusx.us

Daily Scripture Readings

Sunday July 23
Wis 12:13,16-19/Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43
Monday Ex 14:5-18/Mt 12:38-42
Tuesday 2 Cor 4:7-15/Mt 20:20-28
Wednesday Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Mt 13:1-9
Thursday Ex 19:1-11, 16-20b/Mt 13:10-17
Friday Ex 20:1-17/Mt 13:18-23
Saturday Ex 24:3-8 (400)/Jn 11:19-27

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**
Saturday 6:00 pm
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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Parish Office Hours Tuesday -- Thursday 9:00 am-2:00 pm



Pastor's Study Desk Notes



Dear St Anthony & St Pius Families, 16th Sunday Ordinary Time Year A Matthew 13:24-43

A couple of years ago I gave away a couple of pots of plants that I remembered being eggplant seed. It grew into a small, strong stemmed plant enough to give away, & share with others. A week or two later I was so embarrassed and had to call back those friends I gave plants to, and had to tell them ‘Those are zinnia flowers, not eggplants!’ I somehow mixed-up different pots of plants or their seed packs! Not until the leaves came out fully, did I realize ‘Wrong plants’! No matter how much Miracle Gro they put on those plants, no edible vegetable was going to come out on that plant-Only Flowers! As a consolation prize, I did tell them that Zinnias are a great butterfly and hummingbird attractor! It would support good pollination of their other plants! But what a mistake I made not being patient to see the plants fully leave out to that I could recognize best what plant it was! I have heard of people eating pansy blooms or whole dandelions (root, leaf & bloom), but never Zinnias!

Well, Jesus’ parable is a similar story, except worse because it reveals the devil’s actual mischief of intentionally sowing weeds into the fields of wheat to sabotage the crop. What the enemy does in Jesus’ parable would be like a neighbor intentionally blowing dandelion blooms across the fence at night in the breeze, or an evil rancher dropping thistle or hemlock seed from a drone over a neighbor’s pastures at night. Joseph Campbell (researched lots of parable-like stories) liked to tell about the character in many origin myths of the ‘Trickster’. This oppositional figure mischievously caused division among people. Joseph Campbell tells one story of the Trickster (pictured with harlequin colors like a jack/jester in the deck of cards) who walked down the fence row between two farmers’ fields as they worked their ground. He trotted down the row, with his large, two-sided colored hat on. Walking the whole length of the path, he turned his hat around to keep the same color side flashed toward each farmer again, to make sure they registered his presence. That night as the farmers ate dinner together, one remarked to the other, “What was that fellow’s business today walking down our fence row with that big black hat on?” Of course, the other farmer contested such a claim, saying, “I don’t know what you are trying to pull, maybe the heat of the sun has got to you, I only saw a guy with a huge white hat on- saw him twice in fact!” An argument ensued between them, that broke out into a brawl, sending each of them home angry toward the other! The evil trickster succeeded in dividing the good souls through deception and division. We see a similar ‘trick’ in today’s parable, as the ‘enemy’ sows potential division between the owner and the workers. The workers could suspect the owner is making their jobs harder, and the owner could suspect that his workers are creating problems for him (cutting his profits down). But good patience overcomes all problems. The wise owner cautions ‘reserve’ and calls the workers not to rashly jump in to root out the weeds. Simply watch and wait for harvest, so the weeds and wheat will be easily seen to be different and then the proper separation of good from bad can occur! Sometimes our hasty response to an ‘evil scheme’ can perpetuate or worsen the bad intent from the other person. Patience is the rule, and sometimes the ‘waiting is the hardest part’ (as Tom Petty always sang). In case we doubt the wisdom or the real strength involved in waiting until ‘harvest’. Just give it a try next time you are confronted with opposition or difficulty. Of course, in our Christian spiritual tradition, we know that when we refrain from outward action, it does not mean ‘nothing’ is going on. Instead, a lot can be going on out of view. We are actively praying about the situation, and seeking its good outcome by God’s intervening grace (working unseen). The time also focuses our souls on truly constructive responses to evil. Such prudent restraint saves not only us, but also the fruit from spoil.

And this is only the first parable Jesus shares with us today. He goes on to share two more about the mustard seed and the leaven of yeast in dough. Notice that both of these stories teach patient forbearance through the work over time of the small seed rooting deep underground unseen just as the yeast-leaven takes time working unseen as it rises in/through the dough. I like to point out that another word for gentle patience and calm restraint is ‘Faith’: keeping work at something, even though you do not see its fruit. That is quiet discipleship in Christ!

Peace and Prayers, Fr Brian

St Pius X Parish Council Meeting Wed July 26 @ 5:30 pm

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| 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 July 24 – July 30		
Tuesday	6:00 pm	Jean Bailey
Wednesday	8:00 am	Richard & Virginia Klohr
Thursday	8:00 am	Robert Hannegan Sr Family
Friday	8:00 am	Betty Derry
Saturday	4:30 pm	Joe Bob Canup
Sunday	10:00 am	Dee Dee Whittaker
WEEKLY DONATIONS		
Parish Hall Donation (7/16/23)	\$	105.00 +online TBA
Budget for 2022/2023 Fiscal Year (July 2023-June 2024)	\$	195,000.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$	3,750.00
Weekly Donation (7/16/23)	\$	2,677.40
Online Giving (7/16/23)	\$	Online TBA
Total Week's Gift Offering 7/16	\$	2,677.40 + Online TBA
Fiscal Year to Date	\$	13,821.64 +TBA

St Pius X Church Picnic Dinner & Games for Kids and Adults
Sunday August 20: Plan to come enjoy a great time having a parish dinner together and stay for some games/prizes for the kids! Adults, too! It will be a wonderful social time to catch up and visit awhile outside under the pavilion or the shade of trees! Check out the different sign up sheets for what to bring & share!

St Pius X Mass Assignments: Saturday, July 29, 2023				
Servers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers / Greeters	Money Counters
Volunteer	Paula Schmidt	Kurt Schmidt Suzette Whittington Charlotte Riedfort	Volunteer (Usher) Volunteer (Usher) Volunteer (Greeter) Volunteer (Greeter)	
Mass Assignments: Sunday, July 30, 2023				
Kason Peterson Brayden Willett	Ric Witowski	Marty Darst Teresa Newman Marcus Newman	Usher Volunteer Usher Volunteer	Jan Waniel Jean Waniel

The Eucharistic Renewal in our Church continues! Be sure to watch for the study group sign-ups that are coming in the fall. Great opportunity to deepen your understanding of the Blessed Sacrament & Christ's Real Presence. We'll be having different options of study groups, prayer times and courses to learn more about celebration of Mass!



Remember in Prayer

St. Pius X: Wade Barnes, Elizabeth Curtner, Ashley Hayden, Donna Barrix, David Crass, Beth Struzel, 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 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, Juliette Kaplans, Jack Bender, Penny Maupin, Don Kemp, Sharon Olejnicak, Tim Wilson, Beverly Dukes, Wallace Hunt, 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.

Mt St Joseph Quilt Bingo Returns – Sept 10
 Sunday, Sept. 10, we will play Quilt Bingo. Players have the chance to win choice of a variety of quilts. 12:30 p.m. Bingo from 1 p.m.-4 p.m. Tickets for Bingo are \$25 per person, to include lunch. Bingo cards are \$1 a game for small quilt prize or \$2 per game for large quilt prize. Seating is limited, email carol.braden-clarke@maplemount.org to rsvp a seat

Knights Columbus Charity Golf Tournament
 Saturday August 26 @ Drake Creek Golf Club 8:00am
 4-person scramble \$320 per team, includes cart, green fee, beverages-snacks in play & lunch after play, Lots of prizes! Deadline to register August 21. Please see forms on church tables. or contact Steve Glover.

Birthdays & Anniversaries: July 23 - July 29

Happy Birthday! St. Pius X

July 25 Fletcher Bradley
 July 25 Donna Hobbs
 July 26 Jerry Sanderson
 July 29 Brandon Fatum
 July 29 Joseph Newman

Happy Anniversary! St. Pius X

July 30 Cody & Mary Shupe
 July 30 Michael & Nora Canon

St. Anthony Page Announcements

Quilters group at St Anthony 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

Baby Bottle Collection: Hope Clinic

Please pick up a baby bottle to benefit Hope Clinic's work to support expectant mothers and the babies. Set the bottle on your table or by the door & deposit your pocket change or bills into it to support their ministry

Needed: Help: A Parishioner is in need of a driver to some doctor appointments in Paducah. Please call/let Fr Brian know if you would be available to help or could volunteer to assist with some transportation.

Pray for our Seminarians Conrad Jaconette & Christopher French

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.

Wedding At Cana: St Anthony Parish Celebrates Married Couples

Friday July 28, @ St Anthony, Grand Rivers, KY
Mass beginning at 6:00 pm with a Renewal of Marriage Vows. Table served Dinner/wine, Music & Dance to celebrate friendship and marriage. Dress attire: semi-formal/business casual. Sign-up/Register Sheet at St Anthony or contact Judy Forsythe at 612-245-3636.



St Anthony Birthdays July 23 -July 29

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
July 24 – July 30**

Wednesday	9:00 am	<i>Richard & Virginia Klohr</i>
Friday	9:00 am	<i>Margaret Lee</i>
Saturday	6:00 pm	<i>Joan Hunt</i>
Sunday	8:00 am	<i>Robert Hannegan Sr Family</i>

WEEKLY DONATIONS

Budget 2022/2023 Fiscal Year (July 2023-June 2024)	\$ 73,500.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 1,413.46
Weekly Donation 7/16/2023)	\$ 2,079.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 9,865.25

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 – July 30, 2023

Lector	Darin Adrian
Eucharistic Ministers	Shara Parish Mike Drury
Ushers/Greeters	Kevin Diamond Kelly Noonan
Server	Juan Gonzalez
Money Counters	Shara Parish Kevin Diamond

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.

Prav 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 Aug 9 @ 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