

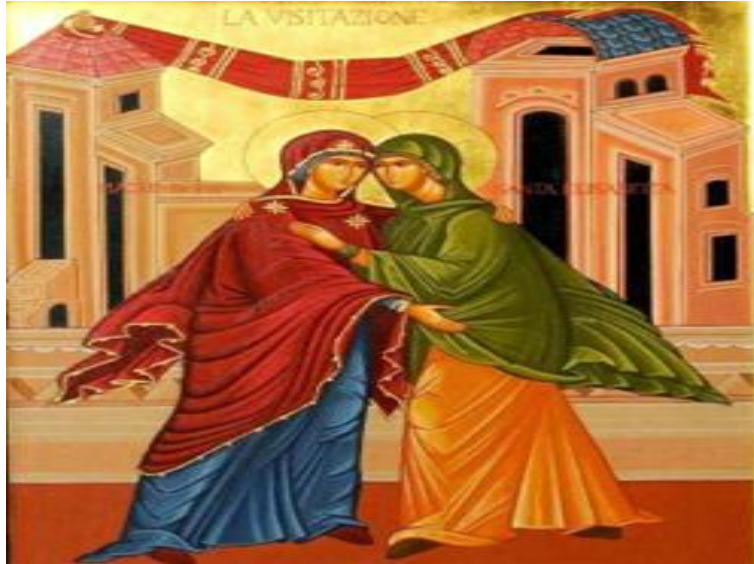


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4th Sunday Advent Year C Luke 1:39-45



“Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled.”

Visitation

*She came to me, the mother of my Lord,
and grinned with amazement at the sight.
All creation with me seemed to roar.
Grey haired, belly swollen like a gourd,
I stood to kiss her in the morning light.
She came to me, the mother of my Lord.
Her voice, as she crossed the threshold of my door,
rang through my womb – from a great height,
all creation with me seemed to roar.
The baby leapt – tethered only by the cord.
The joy coursing through us! I shouted outright.
She came to me, the mother of my Lord.
Already she faced her share of the sword
She who believed all God said would be, might –
All creation with me seemed to roar.
Blessed one! With your yes you moved us toward
the home we long for, and all things made right.
She came to me, the mother of my Lord.
All creation with me seemed to roar.*

ACTS 2:42 GROUPS
ON MISSION AS A EUCHARISTIC PEOPLE
YEAR OF MISSION

*“They devoted themselves to the teachings of the apostles,
the communal life, the breaking of the bread & prayer”
Next Meeting January 12 at 1:30pm @ St Pius*

St. Pius X Mass Schedule

† **Weekend Mass**
Saturday- 4:30 pm
Sunday- 10:00 am
† **Daily Mass**
Christmas Eve 8:00 pm
Christmas Day - 9:00 am
Thursday-8:00 am
Friday-8:00 am
Eucharist Adoration

Visit our Website www.stpiusx.us

Daily Scripture Readings

Sunday December 22, 2024
Mi 5:1-4a/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45
Monday Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Lk 1:57-66
Tuesday 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-16/Lk 1:67-79
Wednesday Is 9:1-6/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14
Thursday Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Mt 10:17-22
Friday 1 Jn 1:1-4/Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Saturday 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Mt 2:13-18

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**
Christmas Eve 5:30 pm
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,

4th Sunday Advent Year C

Luke 1:39-45

“There is something about Mary!” Those around her pick up on it! We traditionally call today’s gospel story scene, ‘The Visitation’. John the Baptist leaps in Elizabeth’s womb, and Elizabeth herself feels the Holy Spirit move her to recognize within Mary, the long awaited, promised visit of God among His people (Jesus inside Mary’s womb). Maybe it would be better to say, **“There is Someone about Mary!”** Yes, it is Jesus within her, but I point out (*Isn't that John's job?*) that there is a forever Unseen Agent driving and behind all of these recognitions. It is the **Holy Spirit!** It all started back that the visit of the Angel Gabriel to Mary in Luke 1:35, when Gabriel announced that **“The *Holy Spirit* will come upon you...”** Then the Spirit continues to act when Luke 1:41 tells us that **“Elizabeth, filled with the *holy Spirit*”** recognizes Mary’s special role as Mother of God. Of course, within the waters of Elizabeth’s womb, the Spirit had been moving Little John too, as Agnel Gabriel had told Zechariah, **“the child {John} will be filled with the *holy Spirit* even from his mother’s womb”** (Luke 1:15). And though initially doubting, even Zechariah comes around later to finally realize that God’s Spirit is at work in events, when Luke 1:67 tells us that **“Zechariah his father, filled with the *holy Spirit*, prophesied....”**

I am always amazed at the intimately personal encounter between Elizabeth and Mary, both for its wonderful example of peer-to-peer ministry (*Mary and Elizabeth understand best what the other person feels and is going through as they go through it together!*), but also for Elizabeth’s insightful discernment of Mary’s role as Mother of our Savior. The Angel Gabriel had declared Mary to be **“full of grace: Lord is with you.”** (Luke 1:18). Yet, Elizabeth herself recognizes and announces Mary’s unique blessing when she declares, **“Most *blessed* are you among women and *blessed* is the fruit of your womb”** in (Luke 1:42). Elizabeth completes a trifecta recognition of blessing in Mary, when she further adds, **“*Blessed* are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled”** (Luke 1:45). The Magnificat prayer of Mary praising God for the wonders of His grace is a wonderful summary of our Catholic belief in the singularly unique role of Mary among all humankind. Mary begins her prayer by acknowledging her servanthood and dependence upon God, when she says, **“her soul proclaims the greatness of Godfor looking upon his handmaid’s lowliness...”** (1:46-8). She adds that she rejoices in God’s glory because **“from now on will all ages *call me blessed.*”** (Luke 1:48) All ages (right now we do!) do call her Blessed every time we utter a Hail Mary prayer. We repeat that line from both Gabriel and Elizabeth that Mary has been ‘blessed’ by God. So, yes we fulfill prophecy every time we pray the words of the Hail Mary. The first half of the Hail Mary, is in fact, scripture quotes strung together. And the second half of the prayer simply asks Mary to pray for us (of course ***now*** and at the hour of our most need-death!). Who wouldn’t ask anyone, everyone, to pray for them-we may say that those who pass from this earth are dead but they are still alive in Christ? In Christ, believers are One! So, yes we praise God’s wonders in allowing a simple servant disciple Mary to become the Mother of His Son-our Savior! Sometimes we Catholics get accused of focusing too much attention on Mary – even though everyone pulls out their statues of Mary in how many Nativity Scenes around the world at Christmas (It’s just that we keep Mary out all year long-to not forget how God works through us human vessels-like her). But lest we think it is too much attention on any one human being, please keep in mind that Mary is so humble, that she always deflects and redirects any attention given her, she directs it toward Her Son – Jesus (*Notice how in those same Nativity Scenes, everyone’s eyes are pointed toward the crib, especially Mary’s downward glance to Him—she wants the attention and praise to be directed to the center – the crib of Christ!*)

So it is with Mary! She is humble servant of Jesus. As she herself said, **“Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word”** (Luke 1:38). Mary is always at Jesus’ side, from His crib to His cross. Keep in mind that Mary’s last words (like John the Baptist who also, always points us to Christ!) recorded in the gospel are at the wedding at Cana, when Mary advised us to **“Do whatever He tell you!”** (John 2:5). Mary’s humility is her lesson to us. She is the model disciple, most faithful and always serving. There is something about her! Peace, Fr Brian

St Pius X Parish Council Meeting Thurs @ 5:00 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 Dec 23 – Dec 29 | | |
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| TuesChristEve | 8:00 pm | All Parishioners |
| WedChristday | 9:00 am | All Parishioners |
| Thursday | 8:00 am | Linda Palusco |
| Friday | 8:00 am | Dr Sidney Eds |
| Saturday | 4:30 pm | Ray Lucas |
| Sunday | 10:00am | Larry Forsythe |
| WEEKLY DONATIONS | | |
| Parish Hall Donation (12/15/24) | \$ | 5,480.00 |
| Budget for 2024/2025 Fiscal Year | \$ | 195,000.00 |
| Donation Need Each Week | \$ | 3,750.00 |
| Weekly Donation (12/15/24) | \$ | 4,487.00 |
| Online Giving (12/15/24) | \$ | 954.00 |
| Total Week's Gift Offering 12/15 | \$ | 5,441.00 |
| Fiscal Year to Date | \$ | 112,087.24 |

Pope Francis calls 2025 a Jubilee Year of Hope: Special Year of prayer and mercy works will begin Christmas Eve when Pope Francis will open the Holv Door at St Peter's Basilica! May Mercv Rule!

Thanks Church: Wayne and I would like to thank all those who sent cards, food and memorials for Dolly, and those who lifted her in prayer during the last year. She expressed her gratefulness many times for masses and prayers said for her.

Filbeck-Cann Funeral Home Calendars! Please pick up your 2025 Catholic Calendar provided free by Filbeck Cann of Benton. We thank them!

CHRISTMAS EVE MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday Dec 24 St Anthony 5:30 pm Mass (Carols 5:00 pm)
Tuesday Dec 24 St Pius 8:00 pm Mass (Carols 7:30 pm)

CHRISTMAS DAY MASS SCHEDULE

Wednesday Dec 25 St Pius 9:00 am
Christmas Choir Help Needed: Contact Danny Padgett



Happy Birthday! Dec 22 – Dec 28 St. Pius

- December 22 Dawn Whitt
- December 24 Larry Ball
- December 24 Katie Anderson
- December 26 Joe Morris
- December 28 Curtis Medley

Happy Anniversary! St. Pius X

- December 23 Kenny & Eva Matthews
- December 23 Marty & Kim Lampert
- December 23 Robert & Julie Weekes

St Pius X Mass Assignments: Saturday, December 28, 2024

| Servers | Lectors | Eucharistic Ministers | Ushers / Greeters | Money Counters |
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| Volunteer Server | Paula Schmidt | Kurt Schmidt Jeff Riedfort Charlotte Riedfort | George Humphreys (Greeter) Paula Humphreys (Greeter) | |

Mass Assignments: Sunday, December 29, 2024

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| Kason Peterson Kinley Peterson | Jeff Outland | Kelli King Marcus Newman Teresa Newman | Usher Volunteer Usher Volunteer Usher Volunteer | Nancy Singleton Kathy Smith |
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FFY
Calendar
&
Activities
Schedule

| DATE | SUNDAY GOSPEL READING | SUBJECT |
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| Dec 25, 2024 Christmas Break | Nativity of the Lord John 1:1-18 | Merry Christmas! Enjoy the Christmas Season! |
| January 1, 2024 Mary, Mother of God | Mary, Mother of God Luke 2:16-21 | Happy New Year! No classes. Enjoy the Break. |
| January 8, 2025 Baptism of Lord | Baptism of the Lord Luke 3:15-16, 21-22 | TBA |

Remember in Prayer

St. Pius X: Greg Williams, Judy Ayers, Pat Hobbs, Keisha Bradley Janet Norvell, Iris Joelle Maynard, Megan Mudd, Theresa Owens, Sara Repovich, Kaye Hinkebein, Amanda Scheidegger, Olga Edwards, Diane Fischer Russell Tomlinson, Joanne Schmidt Paula Willett, Kent & Kim Henry, Leah Vincek, Rick Wilson, Richard Warmowski, Ashley Hayden, Donna Barrix, David Crass, Helen Nicholson, Bonita Walker, Joe Hedges, Jerry Wade, Katie Wood, Joanna Grimes, Amanda Bailey, Kaileigh Row, Pam Laibl, David Kroll, Henry Feezor, Lisa Hammond, Bennett Meisenheimer, 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, Betty Derry, Scott Hamilton, Connie Burt, Abigail Huebschmann, Ericka Karpstein, Joanna Cooper, Angel Thompson, Kaye Poyner, Bob Tashjian, Rita Cook, Jack Bender, Don Kemp, Sharon Olejnicak, Tim Wilson, Beverly Dukes, Judy Krouse, Kerry Frazier, Rene Harrington, Forrest Michael Teeters, Cameron Brewer, Hugo Santos, Sharon Gibbons, Braydn Barnett, Elizabeth Witowski, Pam Dietz. Anthony Pellegriin.

Pray for Our Military

St. Pius X: Cameron Thomason, 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

Coffee/ Doughnuts 1st Sunday Every Month

Bazaar Workshop at St Anthony Every Tuesday Starting Jan 7 at 9:00 am – Every Tuesday & all parishioners invited to come participate in helping craft gifts for the annual bazaar fundraiser. See the list of item materials anyone can donate.

Orphaned Children Diaper Project: 1/4" Braided Elastic and Sew-on Velcro are needed. Please drop in any donations at the baskets by the front church door.

Christmas Eve Children Mass 5:30 pm – Children plan to process in with baby Jesus carrying candles to the crib!



At Cracker Barrel! Please place your name on the list so the restaurant can prepare for us. Thanks!

Thurs Dec 19th @ 11:30

Acts 2:42 Group: 2nd Sunday every month: Jan 12
Signup contact Ed Georgen edwardgeorgen@gmail.com

All-Day Adoration on Friday January 3

St Anthony Church has an all day Eucharistic Adoration every 1st Friday from 9:00am – 9:00pm. All are welcome to spend time in prayer in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Confession available at 9:30am. Prayer Partners are requested for each hour during Adoration. Please register your time on the schedule or call Judy Forsythe - 612-245-3636

First Saturdays Honor the Blessed Mother:

First Saturday Mass on January 4 @ 8:00am. Every first Saturday we offer mass and pray the rosary



St Anthony Birthdays Dec 22– Dec 28

December 24 Pat Gorbett

St Anthony Anniversaries:

December 24 Tommy & Margie Sheppard

December 26 Juan & Betty Gonzalez

Study ‘The Chosen’ Weekly Sessions

Every Wednesday @ St. Anthony of Padua, we gather for weekly study session at 10:00 am. Currently we are viewing the series “The Chosen” and discussing its portrayal of Christ and His Disciples. We use guide-discussion questions and compare experiences of the different models of service to Christ. Come enjoy an insightful discussion about Jesus; followers. and how we can identify or not with their approach

St. Anthony of Padua

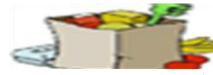
**Mass Intentions
Dec 23 – Dec 29**

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| Christmas Eve | 5:30 pm | <i>Living/Deceased members of family-Judy Forsythe</i> |
| Friday | 9:00 am | <i>Dolly Bardsley</i> |
| Sunday | 8:00 am | <i>John & Sue Mudd</i> |

WEEKLY DONATIONS

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|-----------------------------------|---------------------|
| Budget 2024/2025 Fiscal Year | \$ 73,500.00 |
| Donation Need Each Week | \$ 1,413.46 |
| Angel Tree 12/15/2024 | \$ 655.00 |
| Weekly Donation 12/15/2024 | \$ 3,820.00 |
| Fiscal Year to Date | \$ 55,650.39 |

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



FOOD PANTRY

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, wipes, feminine hygiene products. Collection container is in back of the church for your donated items.

St Anthony Mass Assignments – December 29, 2024

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| Lector | Shara Parrish |
| Eucharistic Ministers | Steve Wilkes Jo Herron |
| Ushers/Greeters | David Loxley Kevin Diamond |
| Server | Juan Gonzalez |
| Money Counters | Shara Parish Kevin Diamond |

CONSIDER ATTENDING DAILY MASS

St Anthony Prayer List: Theresa Owens, Kathy Johansen, Jeff Ritorto, Cathy Ritorto, Betty Gonzalez, Elena Carey, Donna & Jon Gresham, Bob Decker, Bill Rodgers, Tom & Margie Sheppard, Bob Tashjian, Mr. Driskill, Pat Gorbett, Imogene Ramey.

Pray for our Military

Kevin Rapp, 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

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|---------------|---------------------------|
| Kevin Diamond | Chair Person |
| Judy Forsythe | Spiritual Life/ Secretary |
| Shara Parish | Finance |
| Kelly Noonan | Building & Ground |
| David Loxley | Social Concerns/Events |
| Steve Wilkes | Faith Formation |

Next Meeting Jan 15 Wed @ 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