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17th Sunday Ordinary Time Year A Matthew 13:44-52



“Jesus said to his disciples: “The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant searching for fine pearls. When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all that he has and buys it. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net thrown into the sea, which collects fish of every kind. When it is full they haul it ashore and sit down to put what is good into buckets. What is bad they throw away. Thus it will be at the end of the age. The angels will go out and separate the wicked from the righteous and throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth. “Do you understand all these things?” They answered, “Yes.” And he replied, “Then every scribe who has been instructed in the kingdom of heaven is like the head of a household who brings from his storeroom both the new and the old.”

Excerpt of ‘Buried Treasure’

By Sindiwe Magona

Eye turned back to a time long forgotten
When the measure of a man
Was not the fatness of his pocketbook
But his deeds of glory; shunning abomination.
When neighbor trusted neighbor; his safety
secure at his presence
His home, his folk, his property – all sovereign
His neighbor, His Children,
his best protection against all
insurance against old age and infirmity.
But that was before the nation
learnt to bury all its children;
See its morrow fade, its treasure interred;
The youth, its pride, its hope and joy obliterated.
The nation’s tomorrow, no more – ah, sad day,
When we buried our most precious treasures!

Eucharistic Renewal Minute Meditation

*“Through Eucharistic adoration,
the Christian mysteriously contributes to
the radical transformation of the world
and to the sowing of the gospel. Anyone
who prays to the Savior draws the whole
world with him and raises it to God.”*

Pope St John Paul II

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

Daily Scripture Readings

Sunday July 30

*1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52
Monday Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Mt 13:31-35
Tuesday Ex 33:7-11;34:5-9,28/Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday Ex 34:29-35/Mt 13:44-46
Thursday Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Mt 13:47-53
Friday Lv 23:1, 4-16, 34-37/Mt 13:54-58
Saturday Lv 25:1, 8-17/Mt 14:1-12*

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,

17th Sunday Ordinary Time Year A

Matthew 13:44-52

"I've caught the big one!" How many times as a kid fishing with friends, I might have yelled that, only to lift my line up out of the water & discover a stick, a chunk of plastic or some green algae-looking clump of underwater plants dangling from the line! **Not any significant catch at all!** Or I remember my uncle telling us kids as we fished along the Ohio riverbank after we got so excited, reeling in and lifting up an alligator-gar fish, he would say, "Bring that here, we cut the line on those and throw them up the bank to die!" Those are **my versions of 'sorting out' the bad from the good in a catch**. The last parable in our gospel today tells about some fishermen who pull in a net filled with various fish 'of every kind'. The net is hauled in and the fishermen sit down and take time to sort through the catch, separating out the keepers from the 'throwbacks'. This parable of a sorting-through a 'catch-all' net is the third in a set of three parables today that speak about searching and finding, or fishing and separating what is to be kept from what is to be left behind. All three parables teach us the important lesson of being discerning or wise about distinguishing differences between good and bad.

'Discernment' ('knowing differences') is a wonderful word to be familiar with, as likely we engage in it all the time, whether we are aware of it or not. For example, when determining which route to take after Google-maps gives several options, or which coffeemaker to buy when Amazon throws five products at you that look alike but vary so much in cost, or whether to call back a salesperson who keeps adjusting product details on you; in all these cases, a person must be discerning about what is really being compared or offered? All of these situations require a closer examination of differences to determine what is best and right to decide! Discernment involves the separating or teasing out of distinctions, considering variables individually and then piecing back together true equivalents to make the best judgement. Discernment is a common element in the three parables that Jesus teaches today. All three involve someone who is very experienced in their field of work. The first tells of a treasure hunter who would not only know treasures, but also 'land' and excavation work. The second parable tells about a gemologist that knows his pearls and can pick out the truly best. And the third parable tells of experienced fishermen who know both the best tasting fish and the current market as to what fish are in demand. All three stories encourage wise judgements based on long experience familiar with what is being examined. Jesus says that all of these parables teach us about the Kingdom of God. I'd say, the question of our getting to the Kingdom and whether we are allowed into it, come down to our proper discernment of reality, living and interacting with everyone and God until that day comes around.

Many scripture verses tell us what to do in an obvious way such as 2 Peter 3:11, "Turn from evil and do good". But then we often ask, "After the obvious commandments, how do we identify the good and evil?" Well, that is discernment! 1Thessalonians 5:21 advises us to, "Test everything; retain what is good." 1 John 4:1 cautions us, "Do not trust every spirit but test the spirits to see whether they belong to God" And Hebrews 5:14 commends "those whose faculties are **trained by practice**, to discern good and evil", while Romans 12:2 counsels us always to "discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect." I find Jesus to wonderfully summarize all good discernment as a matter of discovering signs of fruit or not, when He taught, "by their fruits you will know them" (Matthew 7:20) & "wisdom is vindicated by her deeds" (Matthew 11:19). That is discernment: **actualization** and **fruit!**

I have to include this curious note about Matthew the Evangelist! Some people theorize that Matthew is describing his own activity as a gospel writer or what he aspires to be in writing (good scribe!) when he states this in Matthew 13:52 "Jesus replied "Every scribe who has been instructed in the kingdom of heaven is like the head of a household who brings from his storeroom **both the new and the old.**" Consider for a minute that the Gospel of Matthew stands on the threshold of the New Testament. As the first book in the New Testament, he serves as the perfect bridge or hinge between the Old Testament and the New Testament. He knows what to bring forward helpfully from the Old Testament and what in the New Testament wonderfully illuminates the Old Testament. Just because something is old, that does not make that thing a valuable antique to preserve, and just because something is new, that doesn't make that thing automatically better! As a scribe trained in the Kingdom of God, is Matthew hinting that he knows best how to weave together both the New and the Old (guided by the Holy Spirit, of course!)? Like a great architectural designer, it takes experience and wisdom to best renovate and incorporate elements of previous construction into the new design. Done well, it preserves both the new and the old, going forward yet solidly founded. As an interesting defense of this theory, it is true that of all the four gospels, Matthew has **the most number** of Old Testament quotes and references to the Old Testament. Who could count best, but a tax collector? Sounds like Matthew! Peace, Fr Brian

St Pius X Parish Council Meeting Wed @ 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!

St Pius X Mass Intentions July 31 – Aug 6		
Tuesday	6:00 pm	Bernie & Pat Fendler
Wednesday	*7:00 am	Keiko Hobbs
Thursday	8:00 am	Dorothy Whittington
Friday	8:00 am	Merle Wysock
Saturday	4:30 pm	James Hobbs
Sunday	10:00 am	Ann Padgett
WEEKLY DONATIONS		
Parish Hall Donation (7/23/23)	\$	464.00
Budget for 2022/2023 Fiscal Year (July 2023-June 2024)	\$	195,000.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$	3,750.00
Weekly Donation (7/23/23)	\$	2,761.00
Online Giving (7/16+7/23/23)	\$	2,432.00
Total Week's Gift Offering 7/23	\$	5,193.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$	19,014.64

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!

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 30- Aug 5
Happy Birthday! St. Pius X
 August 2 Brenda Hinkebein
 August 3 Nancy Glover
 August 5 Judy Riter
 August 5 Dianna Mock
Happy Anniversary! St. Pius X
 August 1 Larry & Judy Krouse

St Pius X Mass Assignments: Saturday, August 5, 2023				
Servers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers / Greeters	Money Counters
Volunteer	Nancy Glover	Charlotte Riedfort Jeff Riedfort Suzette Whittington	Volunteer (Usher) Volunteer (Usher) Volunteer (Greeter) Volunteer (Greeter)	
Mass Assignments: Sunday, August 6, 2023				
Kason Peterson Brayden Willett	Mike Bowling	Amanda Scheidegger Jimmy Harbison Caleb King	Usher Volunteer Usher Volunteer	Kathy Smith MaryAnn Huebschmann

What is Eucharistic Adoration? How do I spend a Holy Hour in Adoration?

1. Practice patience: When you sit down to pray do you constantly glance at your watch? It's okay! Be patient with yourself. This is your time with the Lord and He's happy to see you! Pop in to say "Hello, Jesus!" Stay one hour or stay ten minutes. We do not have to say or do anything to focus on the One who loves us so much. Just 'be' with Him
2. Open your heart to Jesus; Adore Him: Tell Jesus everything that's on your mind, then listen for His response.
3. Ask forgiveness & Intercede for others: Request a special blessing for those who have hurt you. Ask forgiveness from those you may have neglected or hurt in past. Bring all those who have asked you to pray for them before the Blessed Sacrament.
4. Be thankful: Thank God for all the big things in your life: your family, a great friendship or job interview. Thank Him for the small gifts of the day, too: the sun shining through the trees or even cup of tea. Nothing goes unnoticed by God.
5. Practice silence: We are so driven by distraction that silence can be hard, even uncomfortable, but we become closer to Christ when we are silent. There is no place on earth where God is more present than in the human heart. The heart is truly God's great abode, the temple of silence ... The Father waits for His children there, in the silence of their own hearts.

(From Cardinal Robert Sarah's "The Power of Silence")

Remember in Prayer

St. Pius X: 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 Hebnor, Ericka Karpstein, Joanna Cooper, Angel Thompson, Kaye Poyner, Bob Tashjian, Rita Cook, Julie Copeland, 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, James Griffith, Cory Erickson, Justin Fatum, James A. Kinsey, Sarah Martindale, Devin McFadden, Benjamin Patton, Kousuke Sasaki,

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
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.

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

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Alert: Be Careful of Email/Text Scams

Scams fake requests for money or gift cards posing as Fr Brian or other church leaders. Fr Brian will never contact you asking for money/gift card numbers to be sent over text or email. WARNING: This is a common type scam often sent with unknown phone numbers or emails that ask for money, acting like somebody you know. Ignore the request, and DO NOT ever respond to these types of messages, or give any personal or financial information, gift card etc. Block the phone number or email. If contacted on social media report the account and then block it.



St Anthony Birthdays July 30 -Aug 5

August 04 Kevin Diamond

Anniversaries:

August 01 Dan & Cindy O'Brien

August 05 Sam & Sherry Rebich

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 31 – Aug 6**

Wednesday	*8:00am	50th Wedding Anniversary
Friday	9:00 am	Dr Sidney Edds
1st Saturday	8:00 am	Francis Hagman
Saturday	6:00 pm	Nancy Rodgers
Sunday	8:00 am	Sally Anne Klohr

WEEKLY DONATIONS

Budget 2022/2023 Fiscal Year (July 2023-June 2024)	\$ 73,500.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 1,413.46
Weekly Donation 7/23/2023)	\$ 2,197.91
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 12,063.16

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 – August 6, 2023

Lector	Mike Drury
Eucharistic Ministers	Shara Parish Pat Gorbett
Ushers/Greeters	Kelly Noonan David Loxley
Server	Juan Gonzalez
Money Counters	Shara Parish

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 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