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2nd Sunday Advent Year A Matthew 3:1-12



"John the Baptist appeared, preaching in the desert of Judea and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" It was of him that the prophet Isaiah had spoken when he said: A voice of one crying out in the desert, Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths. John wore clothing made of camel's hair and had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. At that time Jerusalem, all Judea, and the whole region around the Jordan were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins. When he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Produce good fruit as evidence of your repentance. And do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I tell you, God can raise up children to Abraham from these stones. Even now the ax lies at the root of the trees. Therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire. I am baptizing you with water, for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fan is in his hand. He will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Excerpt from 'Poem on St John Baptist Day'

By John Keble

Twice in her season of decay
The fallen Church hath felt Elijah's eye
Dart from the wild its piercing ray:
Not keener burns, in the chill morning sky,
The herald star,
Whose torch afar
Shadows and boding night-birds fly.

Methinks we need him once again,
That favour'd seer—but where shall he be found ?
By Cherith's side we seek in vain,
In vain on Carmel's green and lonely mound :
Angels no more
From Sinai soar,
On his celestial errands bound.....

Eucharistic Renewal Meditation

"I have felt it my duty to affirm that "The liturgical books promulgated by Saint Paul VI and Saint John Paul II, in conformity with the decrees of Vatican Council II, are the unique expression of the *lex orandi* (*Law of Worship*) of the Roman Rite." (Motu Proprio Traditionis Custodes, art 1). The non-acceptance of the liturgical reform, *as also a superficial understanding of it*, distracts us from the obligation of finding responses to the question that I come back to repeating: how can we grow in our capacity to live in full the liturgical action? How do we continue to let ourselves be amazed at what happens in the celebration under our very eyes? **We are in need of a serious and dynamic liturgical formation.**"
(Pope Francis *Desiderio* #31)

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

Visit our Website www.stpiusx.us

Daily Scripture Readings

Sunday December 4

Is 11:1-10/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12

Monday Is 35:1-10/Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday Is 40:1-11/Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday Is 40:25-31/Mt 11:28-30

Thursday Gn 3:9-20/Eph 1:3-12/Lk 1:26-38

Friday Is 48:17-19/Mt 11:16-19

Saturday Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Mt 17:9, 10-13

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

Mass Schedule

† **Weekend Mass**

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

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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 Pius And St Anthony Churches,

2nd Sunday Advent Year A Matt 3:1-12

Repent! That is St John the Baptist's mantra! To repent, means turning back to God, admitting our sins and converting our behavior to good by changing our selfish ways. Knowing human nature, isn't repentance an eternal message, always on time? Humanity is always in need of repentance. A couple of wonderful bible passages confirm our constant need of conversion, such as Romans 3:23 that tells us, "All have sinned and are deprived of the glory of God", Psalm 130:3 "If you, LORD, keep account of sins, Lord, who can stand?" and Psalm 51:5 "My sin is always before me." One of my favorite lines from John the Baptist comes up in today's gospel, when the Pharisees show up to spy on his ministry, and John calls out their duplicitous intentions. He exposes their game, saying, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Produce good fruit as evidence of your repentance" (Matt 3:7). Maybe they thought that by just showing up or getting on the 'baptism' bandwagon, that they would be part of the New Covenant movement, but John tells them that 'the proof is in the pudding'. Telling them, 'To produce fruit as evidence' means that John is challenging them to prove their sincerity about repentance by 'showing it' in specific acts of conversion. As we read on in the gospel, we'll see if they do mean to change or not! But John calls all of us to repent!

'I confess to Almighty God and to you my brothers and sisters' We all know that prayer opening line from Mass. I like to point out that St John the Baptist used to be listed by name in our Confession Prayer at Mass, that we call 'The Confiteor', (in addition to the names of the Blessed Mother, St Michael, and the Sts Peter and Paul). The prayer invoked their presence as witnesses to our humble confession of sin, and then went on to ask them to pray for us. Today, we simply say after confessing our guilt, 'therefore, I ask Blessed Mary, ever-virgin, all the angels and saints and you, my brothers and sisters to pray for me.....' I think it is significant that we called on the Baptist by name, in the context of our general confession of sin, because John was the first to challenge us to confess as we ready ourselves to receive Christ when He came. Humble confession and the ready admission of our sin is so important in our prayer. There are several places in mass that we confess our sin and guilt before God, especially right before we approach the altar. For example, we have this early confession prayer of the 'Confiteor' at the very beginning of mass. We do that because we are following Jesus' command from Matthew 5:23-24, "If you bring your gift to altar and there recall that your brother has anything against you, leave your gift, going first to be reconciled to your brother and then come offer your gift." Later in Mass by the time of the Our Father, we again ask God to 'forgive us our trespasses', and as the sign of peace is introduced by the priest, he prays to God saying, "Look not on our sins, but on the faith of your church." And, finally, and perhaps most humbly of all, we admit our unworthiness, right before we walk up to receiving Christ in communion, saying, "Lord, I am not worthy to receive you...."

So, John the Baptist calls us to repent: to confess our sin, to accept grace and allow our repentance to be manifest in our acts firm amendment to change our lives. We 'produce fruits worthy of repentance' when we show our gratitude for God's mercy by embodying works of charity for others, Our works of penance are visible signs, showing we appreciate God's mercy.

Mercy begets mercy (Matt 5:7), so that God's mercy that is given to us bears fruit in our works of mercy shared with others. I love how our celebration of mass ends by reinforcing John's call to us to produce fruitful repentance. At the end of mass, we hear the priest or deacon commission us to go forth in peace, 'glorifying the Lord with your lives.' These words of dismissal command us to 'show' our repentance in changed lives (conversion) that better embody the goodness and charity of Christ, who we received and now carry within us. May Christ be reflected in our words and witness to the world! As a season of preparation for the Savior's coming, Advent invites us to acknowledge our sin and our need of a Saving Messiah, and make the necessary changes in life to receive Him and afterward, reflect Him better to others! Peace, Fr Brian

Faith Formation Calendar for Youth FFY 2022-2023

Sunday	Dec. 4	2:00pm	First Reconciliation	Church
Wednesday	Dec 7	5:45 - 7:30	FFY: Meal & Class	Parish Hall, Church
Wednesday	Dec 14	6:00-7:30	Prayer & Christmas Party	Church & Hall
Wednesday	Dec 21 & 28	No FFY	Christmas Break	Christmas Break

Pray for our Diocesan Seminarians: Dcn Chris Grief, Dcn Chris Kight, (to be ordained priests May 20, 2023) & Mr Christopher French, Mr Conrad Jaconette & Mr Hunter LeBlanc

Prayer for Vocations: *God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women from the Diocese of Owensboro to serve in your Son's kingdom as priests, deacons, and religious. We pray that you continue to inspire young men and women to respond courageously to your call and give themselves generously to the Church in service of the Gospel. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon them to answer your call. We ask this in Christ our Lord.*

ATTN: SCRIPTURE READERS & LISTENERS

Lectio Divina Weekly Sessions

Beginning Wednesday, November 30th, 10 to 11 am @ St. Anthony of Padua, we will be gathering weekly for "Lectio Divina". It will be led by Judy Forsythe. Come and open God's Word in your heart and mind. Please call 612-245-3636

Birthdays & Anniversaries: Dec 4 – Dec 10

Happy Birthday! St. Pius X

- December 04 Evan Coleman
- December 05 Janet Brown
- December 05 William Weigle
- December 06 Shirley Mangan
- December 07 Allison Devine
- December 07 Stephen Helpingstine
- December 09 Justin Gentry

St. Anthony of Padua No birthdays this week

Happy Anniversary! St. Pius X

- December 05 Danny & Susan Padgett
- December 10 Joseph & Alice Morris

St. Anthony of Padua

No anniversaries this week

Fr Brian's Family Christmas Open House: Dec 4

Plan to stay around after 10:00 mass St Pius to enjoy visiting and sharing in some great holiday foods in the parish hall. My family will be down and are bringing some new recipes to share. Come, there's lots of food!



Advent Devotional Blue Books: Be sure to pick up a daily blue book for your special advent prayer & meditation. They have interesting readings and background on Advent prayer & customs. Make Advent special with daily reading

St Pius X Mass Assignments: Saturday, December 10, 2022

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

Mass Assignments: Sunday, December 11, 2022

Kason Peterson Anthony Schiaretta	Pam Hurst	Dawn Whitt Jimmy Harbison Patty Langford	Philip Scheidegger (Usher) Volunteer (Usher) Volunteer (Greeter)	Andy Ferm Sherry Ferm
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Have the Ursuline Sisters of Mt St Joseph touched your life?

Are you interested in the role the Ursuline Sisters played in operating many schools in the Diocese of Owensboro, including Brescia University? The new book "Hope and Firm Faith: The Story of the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph" is for you! It would make a wonderful gift for Christmas as well. To order your copy, call 270-220-2007 or the Ursuline Sisters website –www.ursulinesmsj.org/hope-and-firm-faith-book -- or contact the author, Dan Heckel, dan.heckel@maplemount.org

Remember in Prayer

St. Pius X: Derwood Doyle, Joe Hedges, Jerry Wade, Katie Wood, Joanna Grimes, Amanda Bailey, Kathryn Bailey Kaileigh Row, Dolly Bardsley, Pam Laibl, Chevelle Allen, David Kroll, Mary Jane Inman, Todd Inman, Henry Feezor, Jerry & Sissy Wommack, John Campbell, 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, Matthew Black, Helen Bennett, Catherine Broks, Michelle Freeman, Stacey Newby, Bette Zilligen, Ric Vaughn, Susan Sloan, Donny Travis, Betty Derry, Scott Hamilton, Connie Burt and family, Abigail Huebschmann, Lucas Hebner, Ericka Karpstein, Joanna Cooper, Angel Thompson, Kaye Poyner, Bob & Lois Tashjian, Rita Cook, Juliette Kaplanes, Jack Bender, Penny Maupin, Don Kemp, Sharon Olejnicak, Tim Wilson, Beverly Dukes, Wallace Hunt, Phyllis White, Judy Krouse, Kerry Frazier, Rene Harrington, Lisa Doyle, Forrest Michael Teeters, Cameron Brewer, Stefanie Wilkerson-Barragan, Hugo Santos, Sharon Gibbons, Braydn Barnett, Elizabeth Witowski, Pam Dietz and their families

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, Imogene Ramey, Bob Lang and their families and caregivers.

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 of Padua: Joel Dumbacher, Matt Elder, Kathleen Erickson, Scott Erickson, Cory Erickson, Jason Huber, James A. Kinsey, Jay Lockhart, Sarah Martindale, Devin McFadden, Rvan M. Fields, LeAnne Neal, and Kousuke Sasaki.

St. Pius X

Mass Intentions December 5 – December 11		
Tuesday	6:00 pm	Crispin Rendon
Wednesday	8:00 am	Dr Sidney Edds
Thursday	8:00 am	Bob Darst
Friday	8:00 am	Robert Jewison
Saturday	4:30 pm	John Bardsley
Sunday	10:00 am	Bud Ruhl

WEEKLY DONATIONS

Parish Hall Donation (11/20/22)	\$ 180.00
Budget for 2022/2023 Fiscal Year (July 2022-June 2023)	\$ 190,000.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 3,653.58
Weekly Donation (11/20/22)	\$ 2,155.00
Online Giving (11/20/22)	\$ 1,026.00
Total Week's Gift Offering 11/20	\$ 3,181.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 84,440.96



Early Church Fathers:

Every Tuesday Night from 6:30-7:30pm Come study these foundational documents written by the students of apostles. *After Scripture, these are our earliest sources of Faith!* Very Interesting History & Acts!

December Events around Church

Dec 14 Wed FFY Christmas Party
Dec 18 KC Breakfast w/ Santa & Gifts!

Advent Angel Tree: Our parish is buying clothes for the children and families in our community. We are working with Calvert-Sharp Family Resource Center to give gifts to 58 children in our community. Your generosity & prayers are appreciated!!

Parish Council

Gary Traylor (3)	Chair Person
Nora Canon (3)	Secretary & Finance
Paula Humphreys (3)	Spiritual Life
Stacy Newby (3)	FFY & Religious Ed
Debbie Anspauch(3)	Social Program/Outreach
Michael Bowling (3)	Building & Ground

(Yrs left in term)

Next Meeting January 17 @ 4:30 pm

Bereavement Committee

Fran Dacus

St. Anthony of Padua

Mass Intentions December 5 – December 11		
Wednesday	9:00 am	Laura Logsdon
Friday	9:00 am	John & Florence Sharkey
Sunday	8:00 am	Gatian Sweeney

WEEKLY DONATIONS

Budget 2022/2023 Fiscal Year (July 2022-June 2023)	\$ 73,500.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 1,413.46
Weekly Donation 11/20/2022)	\$ 1,159.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 34,345.00

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 – December 11, 2022

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

Centering Prayer Group: Thursdays at 10:00 am

Interested in **Centering Prayer**? Thursdays at 10:00 am in St Pius Library, we will have an Advent series of teachings and practice, on **Centering Prayer**. We will have a short 20 min video & 10 min discussion before each experience of prayer (15 min). Discussion follows

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 Wednesday December 7 @ 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