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Holy Family Sunday Year B Luke 2:22-40



“When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, They took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord. just as it is written in the law of the Lord, Every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord, and to offer the sacrifice of a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons, in accordance with the dictate in the law of the Lord. Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon. This man was righteous and devout, awaiting the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Christ of the Lord. He came in the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to perform the custom of the law in regard to him, He took him into his arms and blessed God, saying: “Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in sight of all the peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel.” The child’s father and mother were amazed at what was said about him; and Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, “Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted —and you yourself a sword will pierce— so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.” There was also a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years having lived seven years with her husband after her marriage, and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple, but worshiped night and day with fasting and prayer. And coming forward at that very time, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were awaiting the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong. filled with wisdom: and the favor of God was upon him.

**‘A Song For Simeon’**

By TS Eliot

Lord, thy Roman hyacinths are blooming in bowls and  
The winder sun creeps by the snow hills;  
The stubborn season has made stand.  
My life is light, waiting for the death wind,  
Like a feather on the back of my hand.  
Dust in sunlight and memory in corners  
Wait for the wind that chills towards the dead land.

Grant us thy peace.

I have walked many years in this city,  
Kept faith and fast, provided for the poor,  
have given and taken honour and ease.

There went never any rejected from my door.

Who shall remember my house, where shall live my children's children?

When the time of sorrow is come?

They will take to the goat's path, and the fox's home,  
Fleeing from foreign faces and the foreign swords.

According to thy word.

They shall praise Thee and suffer in every generation  
With glory and derision,

Light upon light, mounting the saints' stair.

Not for me the martyrdom, the ecstasy of thought and prayer,

Not for me the ultimate vision.

Grant me thy peace.

(And a sword shall pierce thy heart,  
Thine also).

I am tired with my own life and the lives of those after me,

I am dying in my own death and the deaths of those after me.

Let thy servant depart,

Having seen thy salvation.

**Christmas Thought from St Anthony Padua:** O Father, in your Truth (that is to say, in your Son, humbled, needy and homeless) you have humbled me. He was humbled in the womb of the Virgin, needy in the manger of the sheep, and homeless on the wood of the Cross. Nothing so humbles the proud sinner as the humility of Jesus Christ's humanity

**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 December 31

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Col 3:12-21/Lk 2:22-40

Monday Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Tuesday 1 Jn 2:22-28/Jn 1:19-28

Wednesday 1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Jn 1:29-34

Thursday 1 Jn 3:7-10/Jn 1:35-42

Friday 1 Jn 3:11-21/Jn 1:43-51

Saturday 1 Jn 5:5-13/Mk 1:7-11

**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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[www.stanthonygrandrivers.org](http://www.stanthonygrandrivers.org)

**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,

Holy Family Sunday Year B

Luke 2:22-40

***“All that’s left to do is the cleanup!”*** I bet we’ve all heard that at some time as we were finishing up a job. Maybe after a long work shift leading up to closing time, we felt a huge sense of relief and accomplishment. Only a few more details to complete and the job is wrapped up! I wonder if some of that ‘Job Well Done Relief’ can be heard in Simeon’s Swan Song today. We call his song, ‘Simeon’s Canticle’ or the “Nunc Dimittis”, which are the first two Latin words in the verse translated as, ‘Now you may dismiss your servant.....’ Like the prophetess Anna alongside him, Simeon and her had Temple duty, keeping vigil and offering prayer continually in the Temple until the Day of the Lord’s Coming. I bet every day they imagined, *“Could this be the day?”* Then after sunset comes and still no Messiah shows, they thought, “Maybe tomorrow?” So, how long, were they so faithful? They are both advanced in years, so they must have been very dutiful about keeping a constant presence in the Temple. And then it finally happened! Now - Christ Appears! Simeon’s song thanks God for allowing him to see the day come. Simeon begins to bow out and only needs to rehang his vestments and clean out his locker, and God can bring him on home (***all that’s left is the cleanup!***) Mission almost completed – the last finishing touches to do and Simeon heads to his final home in the sky!

What a satisfying feeling! I imagine people have Simeon’s similar feeling, when they wash out their brushes after just painting a room (an even better feeling comes when they wake the next morning to smell the room and soak in the new color scene). Or, maybe someone after a delicious meal is served & eaten, after the last dish is dried and put away, then to sit and have a cup of coffee and slip off into a doze! Well-done! Simeon’s last duty is to bless Mary and Joseph (& child Jesus) and share the prophecy with them of this *child’s destiny* (‘But, yes, Say ***His*** Name!’) Of course, Simeon & Anna continue to spread word about their experience with the Messiah in the Temple to anyone they encounter, but inside they can feel such blessed peace in knowing they fulfilled their task pointing out their Messiah in the Temple. While Simeon may have had the more public job of announcing Jesus’ arrival in the Temple (Luke 2:34-35), Anna is said also to have been busy sharing the news to everyone (her exact words are not recorded so she must have been responsible to get knowledge of ‘The Word’s arrival’ through the grapevine). In Luke 2:38 we hear that she circulated the word about Jesus just as well (“speaking about the child ***to all*** who were awaiting the redemption of Jerusalem”), maybe through all the back channels of the Temple!

A few more words about Simeon’s prophecy: We have all seen the images of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and the detail of a piercing sword that penetrates Mary’s heart visualized. Simeon suggests that Mary will feel and experience Her Son’s pain along with Him (graphically seen at the crucifixion as Jesus’ own heart is physically pierced by a lance-John 19:34). It confirms the bond of union they share. Yet I also think Simeon’s prophecy says a lot about the compassion of Mary for all of us (humanity). Luke 2:34 predicts that many will either ‘rise or fall’, due to ‘contradiction’ of the sign that Jesus embodies for the world. What is revealed through any encounter with Jesus? Our own heart. Luke 2:35 says, “so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.” We accept and feel compassion for the human lot (loving neighbor Mt22:39, & even loving one’s enemy Mt 5:44) or we don’t. Our feeling for others (compassionate like Christ) is the sign of our acceptance of Him as the Messiah or not. It is either Compassion or Contradiction! We feel ***with*** (identify with others) or ***against*** (only think of ourselves) others. ***With*** them (the prefix-‘com’) or ***against*** (the prefix ‘contra’) them. Compassion rises, while contradiction falls. It may seem severe but Jesus teaches later that “the things that come out of the mouth come ***from the heart***” (Matthew 15:18). Our heart speaks for us when it comes to recognizing Jesus. It is our heart and its feeling for others that testifies to our true acceptance of Jesus! Jesus brings us to feel it, if we are open to Him (*something to pray over is the insight of Mary that the opening of our heart sometimes comes through a painful piercing-when our hearts are broken, the stab we feel creates an opening for us to feel more deeply for other people and their hurts-compassion*). Prayers and Peace, Fr Brian

**St Pius X Parish Council** Meeting Thurs Jan 18 @ 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

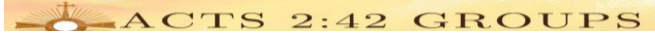
***Every Tuesday Night from 6:30-7:30pm*** Come study some of these foundational documents written by the students of apostles. After Scripture, these are our earliest sources of Faith!

**DECEMBER 31, 2023 † HOLY FAMILY SUNDAY YEAR B**

| St Pius X Mass Intentions<br>January 1 – January 7        |          |                            |
|---|----------|----------------------------|
| Mon Jan 1   | 8:00 am  | <i>Diddy Hagman Family</i> |
| Tuesday   | 6:00 pm  | <i>James Hobbs</i>         |
| Wednesday   | 8:00 am  | <i>Sally Anne Klohr</i>    |
| Thursday  | 8:00 am  | <i>Richard C. Klohr</i>    |
| Friday  | 8:00 am  | <i>Bob Mattingly</i>       |
| Saturday  | 4:30 pm  | <i>Nancy Rodgers</i>       |
| Sunday  | 10:00 am | <i>Joan Lunt</i>           |
| WEEKLY DONATIONS  |          |                            |
| Parish Hall Donation (12/24/23)                           | \$       | 105.00                     |
| Budget for 2022/2023 Fiscal Year<br>(July 2023-June 2024) | \$       | <b>195,000.00</b>          |
| Donation Need Each Week                                   | \$       | <b>3,750.00</b>            |
| Weekly Donation (12/24/23)                                | \$       | 3,267.00                   |
| Online Giving (12/24/23)                                  | \$       | 1,198.00                   |
| Total Week's Gift Offering 12/24                          | \$       | <b>4,465.00</b>            |
| Fiscal Year to Date                                       | \$       | <b>116,791.05</b>          |

**Mark Your Calendars:** *Saturday after 4:30 Mass Potluck*  
Our next potluck will be **January 13<sup>th</sup>** after 4:30 mass. Bring your favorite Homemade Soup to share! Soup and Sandwich Night after Mass. Come enjoy some fellowship in New Year  
**Watch for new potlucks coming in the New Year!**

**Acts 2:42 Group:** Session #5 is **Sunday January 7, at St Anthony at 1:30 pm** hosted by leaders Rich Derry & Judy Forsythe. Come & Study



**January 1 Mother of God Holy Day Masses**  
8:00 am @ St Pius & 9:00 am @ St Anthony  
This Holy Day is not an obligation day, due to Sat/Mon

**Prayers & Sympathy:** Please pray for the eternal rest & peace of the soul of **Melvin Connor**, (father of Kathy Johansen) who passed away and was buried last week in Owensboro. Pray for the Family's comfort too.

**Birthdays & Anniversaries: Dec 31 – Jan 6**

**Happy Birthday! St. Pius X**

- January 01 Dylan Pelligrin
- January 02 Max Cannon
- January 02 Alex Galvan
- January 02 Kathy Sanderson
- January 07 Matthew Brown
- January 07 Chance Lucas

**Happy Anniversary! St. Pius X**

- January 05 Willard & Kathy Doughty

**St Pius X Mass Assignments: Saturday, January 6, 2023**

| Servers                                   | Lectors       | Eucharistic Ministers                            | Ushers / Greeters  | Money Counters           |
|---|---------------|--|--|--------------------------|
| Volunteer                                 | Paula Schmidt | Charlotte Riedfort<br>Kurt Schmidt<br>Not filled | Volunteer (Usher)<br>Volunteer (Usher)<br>Volunteer (Greeter)<br>Volunteer (Greeter) |                          |
| Mass Assignments: Sunday, January 7, 2023 |               |  |  |                          |
| Franky Schiaretti<br>Anthony Schiaretti   | Marty Darst   | Jimmy Harbison<br>Caleb King<br>Patty Langford   | Philip Scheidegger<br>Usher Volunteer<br>Usher Volunteer                             | Andy Ferm<br>Sherry Ferm |

**FFY Schedule of Classes and Events**

|           |              |              |  |             |
|-----------|--------------|--------------|--|-------------|
| Wednesday | Dec. 20 & 27 | Break        | Christmas Break Enjoy the Break                    |             |
| Wednesday | Jan. 3       | 6:00 - 7:30  | Meal and Class                                     | Parish Hall |
| Sunday    | Jan. 7       | 11:00 - 1:30 | Confirmation Class/Retreat with Sponsors & Parents | Parish Hall |
| Wednesday | Jan. 10      | 6:00 – 7:30  | Meal and Class                                     | Parish Hall |

**Remember in Prayer**

**St. Pius X:** Kaye Hinkebein, Amanda Scheidegger, Olga Edwards, Diane Fischer Russell Tomlinson, Joanne Schmidt Paula Willett, Kent & Kim Henry, Linda Womer, Leah Vincek, Rick Wilson, James Poat, Richard Warmowski, Wade Barnes, 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, Kaileigh Row, Dolly Bardsley, Pam Laibl, David Kroll, Henry Feezor, Lisa Hammond, 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, 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.

**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**

**Coffee/Doughnuts First Sunday Every Month**

**Needed Donations:** Sew on Velcro (any size) needed for a Diaper Project for Children in an orphanage in the Philippines. Contact Georgia Hunsley (St Anthony Church) at 402-920-0108 for more info. Baskets by church doors to collect the velcro.

**St. Gianna Crisis Pregnancy Home**, with the blessing of Bishop Medley, plans to open its doors in Bowling Green, Kentucky in 2024, a residential program for expecting mothers in crisis. Please visit our website to learn more: [www.stgiannacph.org](http://www.stgiannacph.org)

**Lazarus Retreat #6 Gaspar River Catholic Camp**

Announcing signups for the Lazarus Retreat #6 at Gaspar River Youth Camp Feb. 16-18, 2024. This retreat is for high school youth from across the diocese. It's a onetime experience.

**All-Day Adoration on 1<sup>st</sup> Friday January 5<sup>th</sup>**

St Anthony will begin all day Eucharistic Adoration. Plan to come some time through the day to pray in presence of the Blessed Sacrament. A schedule is being put together for people to sign up for particular hours. Please call Judy Forsythe - 612-245-3636

**Especially Need More Volunteers for open hours**

**First Friday Sacred Heart Devotion:** After Friday 9:00 am mass, we hold a Holy Hour of Adoration, with confession available, followed by Benediction.

**First Saturdays Honor the Blessed Mother:** Be sure to come to First Saturday Mass on January 5 @ 8:00am. Every first Saturday we offer mass and pray the rosary



**St Anthony Birthdays Dec 31 – Jan 6**

January 4 Laura Day

**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**

January 1 – January 7

|                          |         |                            |
|--------------------------|---------|----------------------------|
| Monday Jan 1             | 9:00 am | John & Sue Mudd            |
| Wednesday                | 9:00 am | Dr Sidney Edds             |
| Friday                   | 9:00 am | Camilla Hopper             |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday | 8:00 am | Taylor Johansen            |
| Sunday                   | 8:00 am | Dan & Cindy O'Brien Family |

**WEEKLY DONATIONS**

|   |                     |
|---|---------------------|
| Budget 2022/2023 Fiscal Year<br>(July 2023-June 2024) | \$ 73,500.00        |
| Donation Need Each Week                               | \$ 1,413.46         |
| Christmas & Weekly Donation 12/24/2023                | \$ 3,283.00         |
| <b>Fiscal Year to Date</b>                            | <b>\$ 52,166.65</b> |

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

**Livingston County Helping Hands**

**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,

**St Anthony Mass Assignments – January 7, 2023**

|                              |                               |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Lector</b>                | Darin Adrian                  |
| <b>Eucharistic Ministers</b> | Mike Drury<br>Steve Wilkes    |
| <b>Ushers/Greeters</b>       | Kelly Noonan<br>David Loxley  |
| <b>Server</b>                | Juan Gonzalez                 |
| <b>Money Counters</b>        | Shara Parish<br>Kevin Diamond |

**CONSIDER ATTENDING DAILY MASS**

**St Anthony Prayer List:** Jeff Ritorto, Cathy Ritorto, 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.

**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 January 17 @ 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)