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26<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Year B Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48



“At that time, John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone driving out demons in your name, and we tried to prevent him because he does not follow us." Jesus replied, "Do not prevent him. There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me. For whoever is not against us is for us. Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ, amen, I say to you, will surely not lose his reward. "Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were put around his neck and he were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life maimed than with two hands to go into Gehenna, into the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life crippled than with two feet to be thrown into Gehenna. And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out. Better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into Gehenna, where their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched.”

*Excerpt from ‘The Virgin Mary to the Child Jesus’  
By Elizabeth Barrett Browning*

It is enough to bear  
This image still and fair,  
This holier in sleep  
Than a saint at prayer,  
This aspect of a child  
Who never sinned or smiled;  
This Presence in an infant's face;  
This sadness most like love,  
This love than love more deep,  
This weakness like omnipotence  
It is so strong to move.  
Awful is this watching place,  
Awful what I see from hence —  
A king, without regalia,  
A God, without the thunder,  
A child, without the heart for play;  
Ay, a Creator, rent asunder  
From his first glory and cast away  
On his own world, for me alone  
To hold in hands created, crying — Son!



**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 October 13 at 1:30pm This small faith-sharing group will share a time of prayer, and reflection.  
contact Ed Georgen our Coordinator 270-963-0595

**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 September 29, 2024  
Nm 11:25-29/Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48  
Monday Jb 1:6-22/Lk 9:46-50  
Tuesday Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23/Lk 9:51-56  
Wednesday Jb 9:1-12, 14-16/Mt 18:1-10  
Thursday Jb 19:21-27/Lk 10:1-12  
Friday Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5/Lk 10:13-16  
Saturday Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17/Lk 10:17-24

**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  
Visit our website  
[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, 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Year B Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

***"I Paul, planted, Apollos watered, but God caused the growth. Therefore, neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, causes the growth."*** (1 Corinthians 3:6-7) Based on today's gospel reading, St Paul understands what St John has not learned yet. But John is about to. John and the apostles were getting jealously competitive to the point of sabotaging someone else's ministry in Christ's name! Obviously, even the apostles can be tempted to envy. Notice John's statement (maybe even boast?) to Jesus about stopping good work, only because the worker wasn't pre-approved by John. He says, "We saw someone driving out demons in your name, and we tried to **prevent him** because he does not follow **us**" (9:38) So, John presumes that since someone didn't ask him personally for permission to minister, then John felt justified to stop/prevent that man from serving a sick person. Isn't that backward, the opposite of what we expect? I wonder what the sick person thought about that?

Why stop good work in Jesus' Name? Because you are not the one getting praise for it? That seems to be John's reason by his own words. And maybe surprising to us, this sabotage happens all the time in Christ's ministry. Yes, good ministry is subverted, sidelined and even stopped due to the jealousy & envy among Christ's self-appointed disciples. We even see that Jesus' first followers were not above working against each other because of their sinful pride. John felt self-important and usurped the role of Jesus in determining who could and could not serve Him. And who suffers most from these power games, but the sick and needy who cry for Jesus' help. Of course, we're aware of other times when the apostles fought amongst themselves with different powerplays, such as when James and John (yes this same John) who tried to push away the others to presumptuously claim the seats of glory beside Jesus' right and left, infuriating the other ten (Mark 10:37). St Paul even tells of being 'persecuted' himself by official representatives of Christ that Paul refers to as acting like 'super-apostles' (2 Cor 11:5, 12:11) He diagnoses the 'persecution' to be the result of 'rivalry, envy, jealousy, gossip' (2Cor 12:20). Of course, such division among Christ' followers breaks Jesus' heart (& breaks the Body of Christ too). This accounts for why Jesus is so strong about condemning such scandalous division/hurt. In Mark 9:42, Jesus says, "*Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were put around his neck and he were thrown into the sea.*" Jesus is pointing out how dangerous 'bad example' can be when Christians work against each other (such poor behavior among Christians is what gives people excuse to ignore Christians, saying, "If those Christians act that way toward one another, forget me ever becoming one of them-I don't need Christianity to learn how to fight!") Jesus calls us to work peacefully together, to seek unity and always give the benefit of doubt in supporting any good mission in His Name. If it is good, then step out of the Way! Never impede a good work done in His Name. (It may not be mine, but I am not important, only the glory of Jesus!) We serve Him, not ourselves!

Another way of avoiding this scandal, is to adopt the attitude 'Live and let live!' when it comes to ministry in Jesus' Name. Jesus seems to express this sentiment, too, once when a Jewish Samaritan town rejected the apostles and they wished to vengefully 'call lightning down upon it'(Lk 9:55 -yes, the same John again and his brother James). Jesus commands them to 'Let it be- just move on'. He basically tells them, "Don't waste time with controversy, there is too much good to be done!" We should lament about how much time we spend gossiping about or slandering other people's good work instead of just minding our own ministry itself. I suspect such 'meddling' is what Jesus was calling Peter to avoid when he was being nosy about another apostle, in John 21:22 "*What if I want him to remain until I come? What concern it is of yours? You follow me.*" Jesus wishes for us to mind our own good work and not interfere with the good ministry of others. (Maybe this is behind His quote 'let not the right hand know what the left hand is doing' -Matt 6:3) I hear Him telling us, "If you are not directly involved or can't have a positive influence in collaborating and bettering the good work, then let it be and focus only on what you can effect for good!" Peace, Fr Brian

**St Pius X Parish Council** Meeting Thurs October 24 @ 5:00 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 Sept 30– Oct 6		
Tuesday	6:00 pm	Scott A Soczka
Wednesday	8:00 am	Joan Braeckel
Thursday	8:00 am	Dolly Bardsley
Friday	8:00 am	Sally Anne Klohr
Saturday	4:30 pm	John E Elder
Sunday	10:00am	James Poat
WEEKLY DONATIONS		
Parish Hall Donation (9/22/24)	\$	117.00
Budget for 2024/2025 Fiscal Year (July 2024-June 2025)	\$	195,000.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$	3,750.00
Weekly Donation (9/22/24)	\$	3,064.25
Online Giving (9/22/24)	\$	1,036.00
Total Week's Gift Offering 9/22	\$	4,100.25
Fiscal Year to Date	\$	53,468.29

**First Reconciliation/Communion Schedule**

Sun Oct 20	11:00-12:00	1st Reconciliation Class
Sun Nov 3	11:00-12:00	1st Reconciliation Class
Sun Nov 17	11:00-12:00	1 <sup>st</sup> Reconciliation Class
<b>Sun Dec 1</b>	<b>2:00 pm</b>	<b>First Reconciliation Service</b>

*Please pray for our First Reconciliation students!*

St Pius X Mass Assignments: Saturday, October 5, 2024				
Servers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers / Greeters	Money Counters
Volunteer	Nancy Glover	Charlotte Riedfort Jeff Riedfort Suzette Whittington	Volunteers	
Mass Assignments: Sunday, October 6, 2024				
Kason Peterson Kinley Peterson	Daen Whitt	Marcus Newman Teresa Newman Caleb King	Volunteers	Jan Waniel Jean Waniel

**FFY**  
Calendar  
&  
Activities  
Schedule

DATE	SUNDAY GOSPEL READING	SUBJECT
Oct 2, 2024 Wed 6:00-7:30	27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Mark 10:2-16	Guardian Angels Journey-where are we headed?
Oct 9, 2024 No class Fall Break	28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Mark 10:17-30	<b>No Class Fall Break</b>
Oct 16, 2024 Wed 6:00-7:30	29 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Mark 10:35-45	Ten Commandments Beatitudes Image of God

**Remember in Prayer**


**St. Pius X:** Janet Norvell, Iris Joelle Maynard, 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, 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, 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, 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 Pellegrin.

**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 Francis Assisi Pet Blessing:** Come bring your pet to be blessed in honor of St Francis, the patron saint of creation & animals. Oct 3 Thursday 5:30 pm in the front yard of St Pius Rectory! Bring out your dogs, cats, fish, frogs, birds or chickens for blessing!

**Marcella's Kitchen Need Volunteers:** Community kitchen provides healthy, warm meals to many, & delivers over 200 meals to homes. They need volunteers (kitchen workers & drivers) to provide this wonderful service. Various times/days need helpers. Call 270-703-3977 to help.



**Happy Birthday! Sept 29 – Oct 5 St. Pius**

September 30	Marcus Newman
October 1	Karen Coleman
October 1	Henry Anderson
October 2	Therese Luecke
October 2	Lauren Shea
October 3	Jimmy Hogancamp
<b><u>Happy Anniversary! St. Pius X</u></b>	
October 4	Jeff & Charlotte Riedfort
October 4	Chance & Allison Lucas
October 5	Scott & Karen Coleman

**St. Anthony Page Announcements**

**Coffee/ Doughnuts 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Every Month**

**Quilters group** at St Anthony Every Tuesday  
Contact Georgia Bradshaw for details. Quilters gather and work on their community quilt together.

**Orphaned Children Diaper Project:** Thank you to all who donated t-shirts for this important project. As of now, we have enough t-shirts. However, **Sew-On** Velcro can be donated and will be put to good use. Please use the basket by church doors for donations. Call Georgia Hunsley (*St. Anthony parish*) at 402-920-0108 for more info.

**Upcoming Parish Events at St Anthony of Padua**  
***Congratulations and Welcome*** to our parish's newly confirmed member **Karen Matthis** who celebrated First Communion and Confirmation this weekend!  
Oct 13 Visit to St Stephen Church Grounds in LBL



**Acts 2:42 Groups start: 2nd Sunday every month: Oct 13**

**All-Day Adoration on Friday October 4**

St Anthony Parish has an all day Eucharistic Adoration every 1<sup>st</sup> 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 October 5 @ 8:00am. Every first Saturday we offer mass and pray the rosary



**St Anthony Birthdays Sept 29– Oct 5**

September 30 Kaiden Johnson

**St Anthony Anniversaries:**

*No anniversaries this week*

**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  
Sept 30 – Oct 6**

<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Margie Dumbacher</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>John &amp; Sue Mudd</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Saturday</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>Taylor Johansen</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>The Powell Family</b>

**WEEKLY DONATIONS**

Budget 2024/2025 Fiscal Year (July 2024-June 2025)	<b>\$ 73,500.00</b>
Donation Need Each Week	<b>\$ 1,413.46</b>
Weekly Donation 9/22/2024	<b>\$ 1,011.00</b>
Fiscal Year to Date	<b>\$ 30,629.39</b>

***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 – October 6, 2024**

<b>Lector</b>	Mike Drury
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Joyce Wilkinson Judy Forsythe
<b>Ushers/Greeters</b>	David Loxley Kelly Noonan
<b>Server</b>	Juan Gonzalez
<b>Money Counters</b>	Shara Parish Kevin Diamond

**CONSIDER ATTENDING DAILY MASS**

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

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 Oct 9 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:** 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)