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27th Sunday Ordinary Time Year A Matthew 21:33-43



Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people: "Hear another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a hedge around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went on a journey. When vintage time drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to obtain his produce. But the tenants seized the servants and one they beat, another they killed, and a third they stoned. Again he sent other servants, more numerous than the first ones, but they treated them in the same way. Finally, he sent his son to them, thinking, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to one another, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and acquire his inheritance.' They seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. What will the owner of the vineyard do to those tenants when he comes?" They answered him, "He will put those wretched men to a wretched death and lease his vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the proper times." Jesus said to them, "Did you never read in the Scriptures: The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; by the Lord has this been done, and it is wonderful in our eyes? Therefore, I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit."

Rejected Stone Becomes Cornerstone

By Matt Harris

An odd-shaped stone, not one builder would keep,
once mingled in the quarry with the rest
of us, till the masons, at the behest
of our builders, cast it on the scrap heap.
Would our edifice ever soar to steep
grandeur—and stretch us to a cloudy crest
where some eagle might build her lofty nest—
without its pinnacle raised from His sleep?
We lamented as they walked through our halls:
“Go back to Scripture and study the specs!
Would mere mortar immure our temple’s walls?
Open the Psalms then read how this apex,
that you rejected, now actually shawls
the living stones in this temple’s complex.”



ACTS 2:42 GROUPS
LIVING THE EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

Acts 2:42 Group: Session #3 is **Sunday November 5th, at 1:30 pm** at St Anthony Church, Grand Rivers.
Our host team is Ashley & Pam Thurman. Come deepen your experience of Christ in the Eucharist!

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 October 8
Is 5:1-7/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43
Monday Jon 1:1—2:2, 11/Lk 10:25-37
Tuesday Jon 3:1-10/Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday Jon 4:1-11/Lk 11:1-4
Thursday Mal 3:13-20b/Lk 11:5-13
Friday Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Lk 11:15-26
Saturday Jl 4:12-21/Lk 11:27-28

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

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,

27th Sunday Ordinary Time Year A

Matthew 21:33-43

"You talking to me!" Today's reading says Jesus targeted the 'Chief Priests and Elders' with this vineyard parable. They didn't respond to him verbally, but the episode ends with them walking away planning "how to arrest him, though they feared the crowds" (Mt 21:46). They got the point. Yet unfortunately, they will persist in their sinful wrongheadedness. We wish that the Chief priests and Elders would have changed their tune, like King David did in the Old Testament story of his subtle confrontation by Nathan. The Prophet Nathan conducted an 'intervention' on the sinning King David, using a wisely targeted parable that would lead David to realize his error, seeing it first clearly in another person. In 2 Samuel 12: 1-7, we hear about Nathan suggesting a parable scenario to David about a corrupt and powerful man who steals and kills. David's response is just and fair, as he demands that the wrongdoer be punished. And Nathan quickly points out to David, "That man is you" (2 Sam 12:7). Of course, David admits his guilt (2 Sam 12:13), and enters a period of repentance and conversion again to God. However, in today's gospel Jesus does not get a similar penitential response from the Chief Priests and Elders. Their vindictive response to the tale of the criminal vineyard tenants, implies that something does strike their heart (the 'Truth hurts' reaction), but they stubbornly fail to admit any responsibility for 'hijacking' religion for their own selfish gain. Jesus is trying patiently to reach them, but they seem intransigent in their perversion of justice as they add to their sin of bullying people with religious laws by treating Jesus cruelly and eventually killing Him (just like the vineyard owner's Son is killed).

Most often, Jesus taught universally a message to everyone in the crowds without any distinction about who He may be specifically addressing, such as when he often says, **"Let those with ears, hear!"** (Matt 11:15, 13:9,43, Mark 4:9,23, Luke 8:8, 14:35). But at other times (like today He calls out the 'Chief Priests and Elders') he singles out a specific group for a special address. Luke's gospel seems to do this more than the other gospels. A couple examples in Luke include, 7:39-43 when Jesus targets Simon the Pharisee's hypocrisy, after Simon judgmentally condemned a repentant woman who had washed Jesus' feet. Again, in Luke 18:10-14 Jesus aimed a parable about two men going to Temple (one justified and one not) at people who arrogantly proclaimed their own 'self-righteousness'. And again, in Luke 15:1-32, Jesus targeted the 'Scribes and Pharisees' who jealously complained about the conversion of tax collectors with a volley of three parables (Lost sheep, coin and son). I think Luke is helping us as readers to understand the specific context and occasion that led to certain of Jesus' teaching (as the most historian-like of the gospel writers --Lk 1:3--Luke is detailing the context and characters that occasion Jesus' specific teaching-who the audience was and what event provoked Jesus' response). But regardless of who Jesus is specifically addressing, we all gain by listening to His lessons. Everything Jesus says, teaches -- He is always enlightening anyone who will listen. We are well-advised to apply everything that He says, as if He is specifically addressing us with every word! **He is talking to Us!**

In Matthew 21:42, Jesus quotes Psalm 118:22--23 about the 'stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone'. He is gently reminding us to keep our eyes open and be slow to write off or reject what may be God's will/choice for us. Sometimes God places right under our nose what we are seeking most, but we do not see or recognize it. Also, we can be quick to throw away or ignore what we need most! That is a good 'wake-up' lesson. Yet, also, I think Jesus is drawing attention to the Book of Psalms in general as a call for more prayer for all of us. What was the last Psalm you prayed? Or what is your favorite Psalm? The Book of Psalms is the Old Testament book Jesus quoted most often from (His second most favorite book was Deuteronomy, with Isaiah and Exodus coming in at third and fourth!) The Book of Psalms was the Hebrew Hymnal, song book of sung prayers, so it is easy to understand why their lyrics rolled right off the tongue of our Lord so much (like a catchy church song that echoes in your head long after mass is over). So, yes, Psalms are hymns, yet they are also prayers (so, reciting Psalms is praying!) In the early church, the Psalms became the foundation of prayer and grew into what we call today the Universal Prayer of the Church, the Liturgy of the Hours (the Divine Office). As Psalm 119:164 reminds us, **"Seven times a day I praise you"**, so the Liturgy of Hours has seven times of prayer (major prayer times of *morning, evening and nighttime, along with shorter prayers in between them called Prime, Terce, Sext and one session of instructions called the Office of Readings*). The original version of the Hours prayed all 150 Psalms in a week's time, yet now they are spread out over a four-week period to more prayerfully spend reflection upon the words prayed. Our prayer is so organized, so that we can structure our days with frequent contact with God, and so all of our 'hours' of the day are consecrate to God. The Psalms help to regulate our relationship to God. But, the Psalms also help us identify with all of the various experiences and emotions that are so characteristic of begin human. Sometimes certain psalms speak more to us than others, based on our situation in life, but even when they do not resonate so well, we have much to gain from them by trying to put ourselves into the 'prayer shoes' of the psalmists expressing their heart's concerns to God. A wonderful practice is to try and pray at least one psalm a day. Not just our favorites, but pray any of them, and eventually pray all of them as if the words are our own. This can make us more well-rounded, compassionate and understanding toward others. Such prayer allows us to hold in our hearts, the full spectrum of feelings that arises from our human condition with all of its spiritual issues. Something to pray about, Fr Brian

St Pius X Parish Council Meeting Thurs Nov 9 @ 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 October 9 – October 15		
Tuesday	6:00 pm	<i>Gloria Eisner</i>
Wednesday	8:00 am	<i>Al Kauzlarich</i>
Thursday	8:00 am	<i>Bob Mattingly</i>
Friday	8:00 am	<i>James Hobbs</i>
Saturday	4:30 pm	<i>James Richardson</i>
Sunday	10:00 am	<i>Dorothy Whittington</i>
WEEKLY DONATIONS		
Parish Hall Donation (10/1/23)	\$	319.00
Budget for 2022/2023 Fiscal Year (July 2023-June 2024)	\$	195,000.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$	3,750.00
Weekly Donation (10/1/23)	\$	3,013.70
Online Giving (10/1/23)	\$	1,116.00
Total Week's Gift Offering 10/1	\$	4,129.70
Fiscal Year to Date	\$	61,395.80

Diocese of Owensboro
Safe Haven Sunday
 Please see helpful resources for healing & deliverance of those wounded/struggling by pornography's prevalence in our society. See the Clean Heart Initiative & Equipped Books!

Prayers & Sympathy: Please pray for the eternal rest of *Betty June Creamer, mother of Kelli King*, who was buried last Tuesday in West Virginia. Also, please pray for God's comfort to be given to Kelli and her family, too.

- Birthdays & Anniversaries: Oct 8 – Oct 14**
- Happy Birthday! St. Pius X**
- October 9 Carol Roberts
 - October 9 Kim Lampert
 - October 10 Avery Zaim
 - October 12 Jerry Pidcock
 - October 13 Anthony Schiaretta
- Happy Anniversary! St. Pius X**
- October 8 Maddie & Silas Traylor
 - October 10 P.J. & Tracy Thomason
 - October 12 Frank and Brenda Schiaretta



Women's Spirituality Group
 All women are invited to come and enjoy time together after Sunday Mass Oct 15. Enjoy food, fellowship, faith-sharing and prayer with each other

St Pius X Mass Assignments: Saturday, Oct 14, 2023				
Servers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers / Greeters	Money Counters
Volunteer	Paula Schmidt	Jeff Riedfort Charlotte Riedfort Kurt Schmidt	Volunteer (Usher) Volunteer (Usher) Volunteer (Greeter) Volunteer (Greeter)	
Mass Assignments: Sunday, Oct 15, 2023				
Kason Peterson Brayden Willett	Dawn Whitt	Kelli King Jimmy Harbison Marcus Newman	Usher Volunteer Usher Volunteer	Rich Derry Nancy Singleton

FFY Program Schedule of Activities Program				
October 4	Fall Break	No FFY	Enjoy Fall Break	
Wednesday	Oct. 11	6:00 - 7:30	Meal & Class (SE Training 7-8 grades)	Parish Hall
Sunday	Oct. 15	11:00-12:00	First Reconciliation Class	Parish Hall
Wednesday	Oct. 18	6:00 - 7:30	Meal and Class	Parish Hall

Remember in Prayer

St. Pius X: Diane Fischer, Linda Womer, Charlotte Riedfort, Leah Vincek, Rick Wilson, James Poat, Richard Warmowski, 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, 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 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, Penny Maupin, Don Kemp, Sharon Olejnicak, Tim Wilson, Beverly Dukes, 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, 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

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

Christmas Bazaar @ St. Henry Parish in Aurora

A little early this year, but come out and enjoy great gifts and foods. Come Christmas Shop or get ideas! It is held on Saturday, October 28th from 9am-3pm.

Raffle of 'Retired' Mary Statue from out front

Recently we replaced the Statue of the Blessed Mother from out front on St Anthony Hill. The statue was badly in need of big repairs, but a new one was donated to the church to replace her. Buy a raffle ticket to win the old statue for your home/yard.

Pray for our Seminarians Conrad Jaconette & Christopher French

Lord Jesus, we thank you for calling these men to serve in your Son's kingdom. May their hearts overflow with Your compassion, understanding, and generosity, and may their desire to serve You inspire others to answer Your call. Lord Jesus, give our seminarians the grace to follow You more perfectly. Let them be encouraged by the fact they are never alone as they are adopted in prayer by parishioners across the Diocese of Owensboro who never cease to pray for them. In Jesus' Name.

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 November 4 @ 8:00am. Every first Saturday we offer mass and pray the rosary



St Anthony Birthdays Oct 8 – Oct 14

October 10 Avery Zaim

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

October 9 – October 15

Wednesday	9:00 am	<i>Richard & Virginia Klohr</i>
Friday	9:00 am	<i>Danissa Mudd Lewis</i>
Sunday	8:00 am	<i>Taylor Johansen</i>

WEEKLY DONATIONS

Budget 2022/2023 Fiscal Year (July 2023-June 2024)	\$ 73,500.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 1,413.46
Weekly Donation 10/1/2023)	\$ 3,078.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 31,593.59

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

St Anthony Mass Assignments – October 15, 2023

Lector	Shara Parish
Eucharistic Ministers	Cindy O'Brien Mike Drury
Ushers/Greeters	Kelly Noonan David Loxley
Server	Dan O'Brien
Money Counters	Shara Parish Kevin Diamond

CONSIDER ATTENDING DAILY MASS

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 October 18 @ 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