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Feast of the Baptism of the Lord Year A Matthew 3:13-17



“Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him. John tried to prevent him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and yet you are coming to me?” Jesus said to him in reply, “Allow it now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he allowed him. After Jesus was baptized, he came up from the water and behold, the heavens were opened for him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, saying, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”

### **‘Beginning with Beloved’**

*By Jan Richardson*

Begin here:

Beloved.

Is there any other word  
needs saying,  
any other blessing  
could compare  
with this name,  
this knowing?

Beloved.

Comes like a mercy  
to the ear that has never heard it.  
Comes like a river  
to the body that has never  
seen such grace.

Beloved.

Comes holy  
to the heart aching to be new.  
Comes healing  
to the soul wanting to begin  
again.

Beloved.

Keep saying it  
and though it may  
sound strange at first,  
watch how it becomes  
part of you,  
how it becomes you,  
as if you never  
could have known yourself  
anything else,  
as if you could ever  
have been other  
than this:

Beloved

**IN THE WORD  
WITH BISHOP MEDLEY**

#### **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 January 11, 2026*

*Is 42:1-7/Acts 10:34-38/Mt 3:13-17*

*Monday 1 Sm 1:1-8/Mk 1:14-20*

*Tuesday 1 Sm 1:9-20/Mk 1:21-28*

*Wednesday 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Mk 1:29-39*

*Thursday 1 Sm 4:1-11/Mk 1:40-45*

*Friday 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Mk 2:1-12*

*Saturday 1 Sm 9:1-19; 10:1a/Mk 2:13-17*

#### **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,

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

Matthew 3:13-17

**“You first” “Oh, no you go ahead” “No. I insist.”** Okay! How many times have we seen this happen at a door going into a restaurant. It’s a ‘door dance’ as people rush to grab the door handle to usher in the person coming up behind them! Usually it creates a jam, as people try to outdo one another with courtesy wishing that the other person steps through ahead of them! (Sometimes we see this ‘back-and-forth’ again at the table after the waiter sets the bill on the table, when good friends fight over who gets to pay the bill! – I used to call it the ‘*ticket arm- wrestle*’ as different hands grab the bill demanding to kindly pick up the tab!) Usually it ends with an “Okay, I’ll pick up the next one”, which does help ensure friends keep in touch by committing to make sure there is a ‘next-time’ to meet up again soon.

I think this is what we are seeing in today’s gospel. Jesus presents himself for baptism to John the Baptist. Yet, John hesitates, out of inferiority, and insists that Jesus be the one to ‘baptize him’. A little family note: John says here, “I need to be baptized by you, and *yet you are coming to me?*”(Matt 3:14). Like mother like son, because doesn’t John sound a lot like Elizabeth, when she said to Mary, as Mary visited to help Elizabeth during her pregnancy in Luke 1:43, “*How does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?*” Elizabeth taught little John well – conveying good manners and good faith to John! John knows his lowly place, (John always has, recall when he said, “I must decrease and He increase”-Jn 3:3)

We can marvel, at Jesus humbly presenting himself as a student-disciple under John here. But, this is not new in Jesus’s life thus far. Jesus has been making such humble acts, all his life. Recall that Jesus sat at the feet of the teachers in the Temple (when he was ‘lost and found’ by Mary/Jospeh Luke 2:46-47). Jesus easily could have taught them a thing or two-million. Even with regard to his own parents there too. He humbly submits obediently to them after the Temple teaching episode and leave Jerusalem, returning with them to Nazareth (*He had made the case that he could work and survive the big city Jerusalem even at 12 years old-- Luke 2:51 says “He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them”*) His whole life was a humbling ‘going down’ to serve and save humanity. This is exactly what Philippians 2:5-11 tells us, of Jesus’ downward social mobility in ministry-- *Jesus empties himself to fill us!* In addition to Jesus revealing his humility through all of these acts, He also was upholding the good of social order – maintaining religious customs as having their own purpose, too. Luke’s gospel emphasizes the place of good custom and rituals to keep order in life, such as when Mary/Joseph performed the customs of circumcision, purification and Temple Offering/ Presentation in Luke 2:21-24. Luke tells us that is was to “perform the custom of the law” (2:27). On another level too, Jesus is upholding an expected protocol, because He was approving/giving legitimacy to John’s preparatory work, while also now superseding it by initiating his own ministry as fulfillment of John’s. Matthew emphasizes this ‘fulfilling’ function. In Matt 3:15, Jesus says to John in reply, “Allow it now, for thus it is fitting for us **to fulfill** all righteousness.” In Jesus’ major inaugural teaching, of the Sermon on the Mount (Matt 5-7), He will announce, “Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets. **I have come** not to abolish but **to fulfill**” (5:17). By Jesus fulfilling the law, he was both observing it fully, yet also revealing its purpose/ intent. He was filling it full with life/meaning. He was announcing, “This is how we do it”. Not as a dead letter to slavishly follow, but as a life-giving spirit to share!

Of course, through all of His works and words Jesus will continue to balance this ‘love of God’ & ‘Love of Neighbor’-- Matt 22:40 “*The whole law and the prophets hang on these two commandments.*” Jesus embodies this interpretation Himself, as he expresses through all of his fulfilling ministry both the vertical love of God & the horizontal love of Neighbor in everything. In Matthew 23:23, where Jesus expose the hypocrisy of the Pharisees, He emphasizes upholding both the letter and spirit in the Law/Custom’s observance. He says there, “these you should have done {proper tithe customs}, without neglecting the others {mercy, fidelity}.” And we are called to follow Him! Keep the Law, yet keep it with Love – keep the Love in the Law!

**A little note:** some people are troubled by the question raised in this reading: “Why does Jesus need baptism-He is Purity itself?” Yes, He is. And so, He does this, not FOR Himself, but **FOR US**. To show us (Baptism is not an empty ritual – It **gives** grace in addition to cultivating humility!) It changes us. Baptismal water does not make Jesus, it makes US like Jesus – gives us His grace! I like how St Maximus of Turin (*lived 380 – c. 465*) summarizes it: “Someone might ask, “Why would a holy man desire baptism?” Listen to the answer: **Christ is baptized, not to be made holy by the water, but to make the water holy,** and by his cleansing to purify the waters which he touched” (Sermo 100, De Sancta Epiphania 1,3). Blessings and Peace, Fr Brian

**Pius X Parish Council** Meeting Wednesday Jan 28 @ 5:00 pm

Chair Person, Secretary & Finance, Spiritual Life, FFY & Religious Ed  
Social Program/Outreach, Building & Ground Comttees

Barb Melillo, Stacey Newby, Philip Scheidegger, Amanda Gentry, Allison Devine, Michael Bowling, Karen Williams

**Weekly Scripture Study on the Gospel of Matthew**

***Every Tuesday Night from 6:30-7:30pm*** Come study this interesting approach and discussion about the week’s gospel reading, using as a source material the work of Dr Brant Pitre.

# JANUARY 11, 2026 + FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD YEAR A

## St Pius X Mass Intentions Jan 12 – Jan 18

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>	<i>Dolly Bardsley</i>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<i>Special Intention</i>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<i>Dee &amp; Alan Hamilton</i>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<i>Marlene Rendon Andanan</i>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>4:30 pm</b>	<i>Gerry Spence</i>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	<i>Bob Darst</i>

### WEEKLY DONATIONS

<b>Parish Hall Donation (1/4/25)</b>	<b>\$ 122.00</b>
<b>Budget for 2025/2026 Fiscal Year</b>	<b>\$ 205,000.00</b>
<b>Donation Need Each Week</b>	<b>\$ 3,942.00</b>
<b>Weekly Donation (1/4/25)</b>	<b>\$ 11,933.37</b>
<b>Online Giving (1/4/25)</b>	<b>\$ 1,853.00</b>
<b>Total Week's Gift Offering 1/4</b>	<b>\$ 13,786.37</b>
<b>Fiscal Year to Date</b>	<b>\$ 141,410.53</b>



### Happy Birthday! Jan 11 – Jan 17 St. Pius

Jan 12 Nancy Chandler    Jan 15 Carolyn Tomlinson  
Jan 13 Leon Hobbs      Jan 18 Jean Waniel

### Happy Anniversary! St. Pius

Jan 9 Denny & Kathy Johansen  
Jan 13 Larry & Dawn Whitt

## Joy, Laughter, and Holiness Women's Retreat

February 7, 2026 @ St. Ann Parish Hall, 304 S. Church St., Morganfield, KY. Doors open at 8:00am with program begins 9:00 am to 2:30 pm. Please visit [owensborodiocese.org/womensretreat/](http://owensborodiocese.org/womensretreat/)

## Christmas Memorial Flowers

<b>In Memory of:</b>	<b>From:</b>
Julie Quickmire	Sarah Fritz
Maryann Huebschmann	Rich/Betty Derry
Deceased Members of the Darst & Scheidegger Families	Philip & Amanda Scheidegger
Clem Hinkebein	Hinkebein Family
Bob Darst	Martina Darst
Deceased Members of the Tom Forsythe Family	Tom & Nancy Forsythe
Deceased Members of the Nancy Forsythe Family	Tom & Nancy Forsythe
Memory of The Goff & Mattingly Family	Pat & Lisa Mattingly
Deceased Members of George/ Paula Humphreys Family	George & Paula Humphreys
The Wilhelm Family	Kathy Doughty
The Doughty Family	Kathy Doughty
Taylor Johansen/Shane Lyman	Kathy Johansen

### St Pius X Mass Assignments: Saturday, Jan 17, 2025

Servers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers / Greeters	Money Counters
Camryn Risley Kendall Risley	Mike Bowling	Kurt Schmidt Paula Schmidt Amy Crass	George Humphreys (Greeter) Paula Humphreys (Greeter)	

### Mass Assignments: Sunday, Jan 18, 2025

Gavin Devine Harrison Shupe	Jeff Outland	Kelli King Teresa Newman Marcus Newman	Margaret Howard Gary Traylor Usher Volunteer	Jan Waniel Jean Waniel
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## FFY Calendar & Activities Schedule

<b>DATE</b>	<b>SUNDAY GOSPEL READING</b>	<b>Classes or Events</b>
Jan 14, 2026 Wed 6:00-7:30	Second Sunday of Year – A	Epiphany Blessing Baptism
Jan 21, 2026 Wed 6:00-7:30	Third Sunday of the Year - A	Miracles Middle School students visit CCCC
Jan 28, 2026 Wed 6:00-7:30	Fourth Sunday of the Year - A	<b>Mass @ 6:30pm</b> Learn about St. Paul

### Remember our Sick in Your Prayers

**St. Pius X:** Allie Marie, Zsigray, Matt Scheiber, Christine Thornton, Florine Daigle, Tena Brooks, Angie Farris, Kathy Sanderson, Greg Williams, Judy Ayers, Pat Hobbs, Keisha Bradley Iris Joelle Maynard, Sara Repovich, Kaye Hinkebein, Amanda Scheidegger, Olga Edwards, Diane Fischer Paula Willett, Kent & Kim Henry, Leah Vincek, Rick Wilson, Ashley Hayden, Donna Barrix, David Crass, Helen Nicholson, Bonita Walker, Joe Hedges, Jerry Wade, Katie Wood, Joanna Grimes, Amanda Bailey, Pam Laibl, David Kroll, Henry Feezor, Lisa Hammond, Bennett Meisenheimer, Mike Norvell, 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, Stacey Newby, Bette Zilligen, Ric Vaughn, Betty Derry, Scott Hamilton, Connie Burt, Ericka Karpstein, Joanna Cooper, Angel Thompson, Kaye Poyner, Bob Tashjian, Rita Cook, Jack Bender, Don Kemp, Sharon Olejnicak, Tim Wilson, Beverly Dukes, Kerry Frazier, Rene Harrington, Forrest Teeters, Cameron Brewer, Hugo Santos, Sharon Gibbons, Braydn Barnett, Elizabeth Witowski, Pam Dietz. Anthony Pellegrin.

### Pray for Our Military

Cameron Thomason, James Griffith, Cory Erickson, Justin Fatum, James A. Kinsey, Sarah Martindale, Benjamin Patton, Kousuke Sasaki, Noah Willett..



## PRAY FOR UKRAINE



## St. Anthony Page Announcements

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

**Bazaar Crafts Rack Sale:** Georgia and Georgia turned in \$700.00 more dollars from sales of crafts over the last two months. Wonderful turnout from the crafts' continued sale. Check out new merchandise!

### **Needed: Donut Sunday Hosts/Hostesses**

We need volunteers to sign up for the 1st Sunday of each month Coffee/Donut Sunday Service. To pick-up donuts/food and serve them after mass. Please see sign-up sheet @ kitchen window to help

DIOCESE OF OWENSBORO  
**MEN'S RETREAT**  
**APRIL 25TH - 26TH, 2025**  
ROUGH RIVER DAM STATE RESORT PARK,  
 LOCATED AT 450 LODGE ROAD, FALLS OF ROUGH, KY 40119

### **Musicians Workshop: Jan 12-16 Chant Workshop**

Discover how sacred music and chant can draw you closer to God by participating in Saint Meinrad's Winter Chant Workshop-Praying with Chant. Register today at [saintmeinrad.edu/sacred-music](http://saintmeinrad.edu/sacred-music) to participate in workshop

### **All-Day Adoration on Friday February 6**

St Anthony Church 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.

### **First Saturdays Honor the Blessed Mother:**

First Saturday Mass on February 7 @ 8:00am. Every first Saturday we offer mass and pray the rosary



### **St Anthony Birthdays Jan 11- Jan 17**

January 11 Ashley Thurman  
 January 18 Georgia Hunsley

### **St Anthony Anniversaries:**

*No anniversaries this week*

### **St Anthony Wednesday Bible Study**

Come join us every Wednesday at 10:00-11:00 for study of the gospel reading from the Sunday ahead. We'll be reading the text and conducting a form of Lectio Divina & discussing the fruit of our reflection upon God's Word



## St. Anthony of Padua

### **Mass Intentions**

**Jan 12 – Jan 18**

<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Charles Thurman Jr</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>John Rebich</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>Loretta Wheatley</b>

### **WEEKLY DONATIONS**

Budget 2024/2025 Fiscal Year (July 2025-June 2026)	<b>\$ 89,000.00</b>
<b>Donation Need Each Week</b>	<b>\$ 1,711.54</b>
<b>Weekly Donation 1/4/2025</b>	<b>\$ 3,357.00</b>
<b>Fiscal Year to Date</b>	<b>\$ 67,147.70</b>



### **FOOD PANTRY**

**Food Items Especially Needed:** Saltine Crackers, peanut butter, Hamburger Helper, sugar, cereal, 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 church

### **St Anthony Mass Assignments – January 18, 2025**

<b>Lector</b>	Darin Adrian
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Judy Forsythe Kevin Diamond
<b>Ushers/Greeters</b>	Kevin Diesen Kelly Noonan
<b>Server</b>	Juan Gonzalez
<b>Money Counters</b>	Shara Parish Kevin Diamond

### **CONSIDER ATTENDING DAILY MASS OR WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY**

**St Anthony Prayer List:** Holly O'Brien, Theresa Owens, Kathy Johansen, Jeff Ritorto, Cathy Ritorto, Betty Gonzalez, Elena Carey, Linda Drury, Bob Decker, Bill Rodgers, Margie Sheppard, Bob Tashjian, Mr. Driskill, Pat Gorbett, 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 Jan 21 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)