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17<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time Year C Luke 11:1-13



"Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray just as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread and forgive us our sins for we ourselves forgive everyone in debt to us, and do not subject us to the final test." And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend to whom he goes at midnight and says, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, for a friend of mine has arrived at my house from a journey and I have nothing to offer him,' and he says in reply from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked and my children and I are already in bed. I cannot get up to give you anything.' I tell you, if he does not get up to give the visitor the loaves because of their friendship, he will get up to give him whatever he needs because of his persistence. "And I tell you, ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. What father among you would hand his son a snake when he asks for a fish? Or hand him a scorpion when he asks for an egg? If you then, who are wicked, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?"

### **A Prayer in Spring**

By Robert Frost

Oh, give us pleasure in the flowers to-day;  
And give us not to think so far away  
As the uncertain harvest; keep us here  
All simply in the springing of the year.

Oh, give us pleasure in the orchard white,  
Like nothing else by day, like ghosts by night;  
And make us happy in the happy bees,  
The swarm dilating round the perfect trees.

And make us happy in the darting bird  
That suddenly above the bees is heard,  
The meteor that thrusts in with needle bill,  
And off a blossom in mid air stands still.

For this is love and nothing else is love,  
The which it is reserved for God above  
To sanctify to what far ends He will,  
But which it only needs that we fulfil.

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### **Evagrius of Pontus on Prayer (345-399 AD)**

"Do not pray for the fulfillment of your wishes, for they may not accord with the will of God. Often I have prayed for what I thought was good, persisting in my petition, & not leaving it to God. But, He knows best. When I did obtain what I prayed for, I was sorrowful that I did not ask for the will of God to be done. Because things did not turn out as I had thought." (Philokalia 153 Texts on Prayer)

#### **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 July 27, 2025

Gn 18:20-32/Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-13

Monday Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday Ex 33:7-11; 34:5-9/Jn 11:19-27

Wednesday Ex 34:29-35/Mt 13:44-46

Thursday Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Mt 13:47-53

Friday Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-37/Mt 13:54-58

Saturday Lv 25:1, 8-17/Mt 14:1-12

#### **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**

Saturday – 6:00 pm

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,

17<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time

Year C

Luke 11:1-13

***"I pray and pray and nothing is happening?"*** This is a common sentiment expressed by people who are struggling through difficult times. We have probably all asked at some point or another: ***Why isn't my prayer being answered?*** Similar to what we wisely do anytime we feel stuck in a problem, I recommend pausing to take a moment and reflect upon what's actually happening. If what I'm doing is not working and I've been at it awhile, then I need to stop and reset my approach. If we are stressing under a problem that we aren't breaking through to a solution with, based on what we are already doing, then we need to step back and look at it with fresh eyes! In the woodshop, if I wonder why my table won't run, and I've pushed all of the safety feature buttons 1)right and 2)in order again, then I need to step back to realize that I've likely pulled the cord out from the wall, or the circuit breaker is tripped. Or maybe if I can't find the ratchet socket I dropped when working under the truck, then I need to crawl out and look under my creeper to see that I was laying over top of it! So, in a similar way, when we have prayed and prayed for a particular outcome and nothing seems to be developing, then we need to step back and reconsider what we are experiencing.

### ***Here are a couple of re-framing approaches to view the situation anew:***

First, what if God is answering my prayer, but just on a slower schedule than I was hastily demanding? Is this what happens when I ask for something to be shipped to me, thinking it is coming from Tennessee, yet it turns out that it comes to me from Toronto. It is coming. I just need to be patient. Or secondly, what if God smiles at me and says *'Is that all you want? I have so much more I am giving to you, yet you need to expand your heart and open your hand more (let go of what you are clinging to) to receive my gift?'* Or even thirdly, what if God, knowing the complete side-effects of my prayer's answer, is preventing me from experiencing some greater letdown or harmful consequence afterward (God knows our true good)? Many times in life we see later, how our particular prayer may have missed the mark of what was really our need (not just a want). God knows, and God hears us. Yet we must always give proper space and time for His provision of our need. God is always doing more than we realize – we see this when so often things turn out much better than we thought possible, even if after a fail of ours! Or consider our surprise about any day's events? ***Who would have thought?*** In the end, we humbly hear God say to us, "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are my ways your ways" (Isaiah 55:8) So we 1) pray, 2) trust patiently and 3) watch for our prayer's answer.

After Jesus tells the parable of the neighbor seeking bread in the middle of the night repeatedly, we may jump to the conclusion that we should obnoxiously demand and demand and demand until our satisfaction comes (similar to the Persistent Widow Parable-Luke 18:1-5). How can we reconcile the seemingly contradictory call to simply trust God, versus persistently clamoring until something happens? But, what if the persistence Jesus call for, doesn't apply to the ***material*** satisfaction of our desires, but rather alternatively, what if Jesus means we must ***spiritually*** persist in calling for an answer? Focusing not on some ***thing or result that*** I selfishly want, but rather raising my spirit to see the more, that God is revealing through my persistence. I must remember that materially, the 'squeaky wheel gets the grease', but also squeaky wheels shortly get replaced! The neighbor in the parable gets his bread, but we don't know what kind of bread the neighbor received (it was midnight dark, so the fellow may have given him a 10-day old bread loaf or some 'rained on' wet loaves because of unfocused exasperation and reluctance because of the hasty pressure!)

I suggest that the persistence Jesus calls for, refers to our spiritual 'seeking' of a state of contentment and peace (real satisfaction), with or without a specific material reward. Our prayer request and its fulfillment every time, will bring about the ultimate good of a spiritual state of union with God in us - His will and our peace. We should look at all levels, while activating all means for our prayer's answer. I find a 'spiritual peace' method in Jesus' follow-up teaching after telling the parable. He says, 'Ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you' ( Luke 11:9). This is a three-step process of prayer resolution. First, ***ask***—let your request be known—it shows good communication between God and you, that you speak honestly to God and express your ***heart's*** desire. It clarifies for us and in our minds what we are after. Secondly, ***seek***—start looking around immediately using your ***mind*** to explore options—it may be that your request is already sitting at your doorstep or in your hand (how many times do we seek our car keys that are already in our hand, or eyeglasses sitting atop our heads!) Thirdly, ***knock*** -this is a ***bodily*** physical next step – begin to act on your request. The classic example here is of the farmers who pray for rain-yet they do not carry umbrellas everywhere with them. Or if I pray to be a great baseball player, then I need to practice my bat swings or throwing pitches. 'Knocking' involves the next step of preparing for the request's eventual fulfillment. If I ask for a drink of your water, do I have a cup for you to pour it in? Yet, as I hinted earlier, in summary, our prayer begins and ends with our simply trusting. God, who made us, knows us best. Jesus says in Matthew 6:8, "Your Father knows what you need before you ask him" and in Matthew 6:32 "Your heavenly Father knows all that you need."

I read somewhere, *"Pray as if everything depended upon God, and act as if everything depends on you."* Yes, God does God's part and we must do our part!

Peace, Fr Brian

**Pius X Parish Council** Meeting Wednesday Aug 13 @ 5:30 pm  
Chair Person, Secretary & Finance, Spiritual Life, FFY & Religious Ed  
Social Program/Outreach, Building & Ground Comtees  
Returning Members: Debbie Anspach, Stacey Newby  
Welcome New Members: Amanda Gentry, Allison Devine,  
Philip Scheidegger & Karen Williams.

**Dr Brant Pitre's 9-Part Study of the The Holy Eucharist**  
***Every Tuesday Night from 6:30-7:30pm*** Come study this  
interesting approach and discussion about the Holy Eucharist  
according to Dr Brant Pitre's special presentation series.



St Pius X Mass Intentions July 28– Aug 3		
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>	<i>Charles Thurman, Jr</i>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<i>James Spike &amp; Celia Faye Johnston</i>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<i>John &amp; Sue Mudd</i>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<i>Dent &amp; Evelyn Mudd</i>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>4:30 pm</b>	<i>Don Buffington</i>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	<i>Brid Reidy</i>
WEEKLY DONATIONS		
<b>Parish Hall Donation (7/20/25)</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>117.00</b>
<b>Budget for 2025/2026 Fiscal Year</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>205,000.00</b>
<b>Donation Need Each Week</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>3,942.00</b>
<b>Weekly Donation (7/20/25)</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>2,224.50</b>
<b>Online Giving (7/20/25)</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>973.00</b>
<b>Total Week's Gift Offering 7/20</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>3,197.50</b>
<b>Fiscal Year to Date</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>14,272.50</b>



**Women's Spirituality Group**  
All women are invited to come and enjoy time together after Mass every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of month Next August 17 Come & share women's fellowship & faith!

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 10988  
RECEIVES TOP KC AWARD**

Our K of C Council 10988 has received the distinction of Star Council, the international organization's top award for local councils. The Star Council Award recognizes overall excellence in the areas of membership, promotion of fraternal insurance benefits, sponsorship of faith formation programs and service-oriented activities. Our council supports a number of local charities including HOPE Clinic Benton and Eddyville, the Marshall County Exceptional Center, Marshall County Habitat for Humanity, Marshall County Special Olympics, and the Kentucky Sheriff's Boys and Girls Ranch.

We thank you for your prayers and support. You make all we do possible. For information on joining the Knights please speak with one of our nights, or email Ed Georgen our Grand Knight at [edwardgeorgen@gmail.com](mailto:edwardgeorgen@gmail.com) or text 270-963-0595

**"In the Word with Bishop Medley"** We're excited to announce a new small group series. **"In the Word"** is a wonderful way to connect and grow. The group will meet on the 2nd Sunday each month September through May and discuss the readings for the Fourth Sunday of the month. Please speak with Ed Georgen



**Happy Birthday! July 27– Aug 2 St. Pius**

July 29	Brandon Fatum
July 29	Joseph Newman
August 2	Brenda Hinkebein
August 3	Nancy Glover

**Happy Anniversary! St. Pius**

July 30	Cody & Mary Shupe
August 1	Larry & Judy Krouse

**St Pius X Mass Assignments: Saturday, Aug 2, 2025**

Servers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers / Greeters	Money Counters
Volunteer	Paula Schmidt	Kurt Schmidt Amy Crass Charlotte Riedfort	George Humphreys (Greeter) Paula Humphreys (Greeter)	

**Mass Assignments: Sunday, Aug 3, 2025**

Gavin Devine Harrison Shupe	Pam Hurst	Kelli King Jimmy Harbison Allison Devine	Margaret Howard (Usher) Jean Waniel (Usher) Margaret Howard (Greeter) Gary Traylor (Greeter)	Jan Waniel Jean Waniel
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**Protect our Children: Report and Seek Help against Abuse:** The safety of our children is the responsibility of every Christian. Anyone aware of the abuse of a person under the age of eighteen is required by law to report this to the proper state authorities local law enforcement or the Kentucky Child Abuse Hotline (toll-free: 1-877-597- 2331). To report abuse to the diocese, current or past, by anyone acting in the name of the Church (paid or volunteer), call Louanne Payne, Pastoral Assistance Coordinator (English) on the confidential phone line: 270-852-8380, or Susan Montalvo-Gesser/Miguel Quintanilla, Pastoral Assistance Coordinators (Spanish): 270-880-8360. The Diocese of Owensboro's sexual abuse policy is available this parish, on the bulletin board, in the parish office, and also on the diocesan website (<https://owensborodiocese.org/safe>).



**PRAY FOR  
UKRAINE**

**Remember in Prayer**

**St. Pius X:** Maryann Huebschmann, Angie Farris, Kathy Sanderson, Greg Williams, Judy Ayers, Pat Hobbs, Keisha Bradley Janet Norvell, Iris Joelle Maynard, Megan Mudd, , Sara Repovich, Kaye Hinkebein, Amanda Scheidegger, Olga Edwards, Diane Fischer Russell Tomlinson, 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, Wes Hayes, Mike Norvell, 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 Brooks, Stacy Newby, Bette Zilligen, Ric Vaughn, 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. Anthony Page Announcements

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

### Save the Dates: St Anthony Fall Bazaar

**Fri Oct 3 @ 5:00 pm & All Day Sat Oct 4 @ 9-4**  
*Every Tuesday 9:00 am Church: Come help prepare crafts and put together supplies. Jobs for everybody with no special skills required. We just need extra hands to piece together gifts/crafts. Please come out!*

**Supplies Needed: Any older US flags, please donate.**

**Plan ahead:** For Bazaar Day, we will need set-up help, kitchen help, man tables & booths and sales.

Leaders: Quilts & Crafts: Wayne/Georgia Bradshaw  
Set-up & Crafts: Vern & Georgia Hunsley  
Lunch/Bake Sale: Kevin & Sandy Ruth Diesen

**Prayers & Sympathy:** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Michael James Waterman, *David Loxley's brother-in-law*, who was buried last week. Please keep the family in your prayers. May God comfort them.

### All-Day Adoration on Friday August 1

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 August 2 @ 8:00am. Every first Saturday we offer mass and pray the rosary



### St Anthony Birthdays July 27 – Aug 2

August 4 Kevin Diamond

### St Anthony Anniversaries:

August 1 Dan & Cindy O'Brien

### 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**

**July 28 – Aug 3**

<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>John &amp; Sue Mudd</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Jeanie Cain</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Saturday</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>Taylor Johansen</b>
<b>Saturday pm</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>	<b>Dustin Holmen</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>Shirley Cothran</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 7/20/2025</b>	<b>\$ 3,362.00</b>
<b>Fiscal Year to Date</b>	<b>\$ 11,291.00</b>



### **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 church

#### **St Anthony Mass Assignments – August 3, 2025**

<b>Lector</b>	Mike Drury
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Shara Parish Pat Gorbett
<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, Kathy Johansen, Jeff Ritorto, Cathy Ritorto, Betty Gonzalez, Elena Carey, Donna & Jon Gresham, Bob Decker, Bill Rodgers, Tom & 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 Sept 17 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)