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22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Ordinary Year B Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23



“When the Pharisees with some scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus, they observed that some of his disciples ate their meals with unclean, that is, unwashed, hands. —For the Pharisees and, in fact, all Jews, do not eat without carefully washing their hands, keeping the tradition of the elders. And on coming from the marketplace they do not eat without purifying themselves. And there are many other things that they have traditionally observed, the purification of cups and jugs and kettles and beds. — So the Pharisees and scribes questioned him, “Why do your disciples not follow the tradition of the elders but instead eat a meal with unclean hands?” He responded, “Well did Isaiah prophesy about you hypocrites, as it is written: This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines human precepts. You disregard God’s commandment but cling to human tradition.” He summoned the crowd again and said to them, “Hear me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile. “From within people, from their hearts, come evil thoughts, unchastity, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, licentiousness, envy, blasphemy, arrogance, folly. All these evils come from within and they defile.”

***Excerpt from ‘Who Shall Deliver Me?’***

*By Christina Rossetti*

God strengthen me to bear myself;  
That heaviest weight of all to bear,  
Inalienable weight of care.

I lock my door upon myself,  
And bar them out; but who shall wall  
Self from myself, most loathed of all?

God harden me against myself,  
This coward with pathetic voice  
Who craves for ease and rest and joys:

Myself, arch-traitor to myself;  
My hollowest friend, my deadliest foe,  
My clog whatever road I go.

Yet One there is can curb myself,  
Can roll the strangling load from me  
Break off the yoke and set me free.

**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”*

We are excited to be hosting our **Acts 2:42** group for a second year. **Small group starts Sept 8, at 1:30 pm.** This small faith-sharing group will share a time of prayer, fellowship, and reflection. If you would like to join, check out the Bulletin Board in the hallway by Parish Hall or contact Ed Georgen our Coordinator [edwardgeorgen@gmail.com](mailto:edwardgeorgen@gmail.com) or 270-963-0595 voice/text

**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 1, 2024*  
Dt 4:1-8/Jas 1:17-27/Mk 7:1-8,14-15,21-23  
Monday 1 Cor 2:1-5/Lk 4:16-30  
Tuesday 1 Cor 2:10b-16/Lk 4:31-37  
Wednesday 1 Cor 3:1-9/Lk 4:38-44  
Thursday 1 Cor 3:18-23/Lk 5:1-11  
Friday 1 Cor 4:1-5/Lk 5:33-39  
Saturday 1 Cor 4:6b-15/Lk 6:1-5

**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,

22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Ordinary Year B

Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

**“There are two ways to get out of debt: 1) earn more or 2) spend less. If you do both, you’ll get there faster.”** This is a common refrain taught by the Nashville based Christian financial counselor Dave Ramsey (in addition to his frequent **‘credit card cutting’** ceremonies!) He is saying that there is a ‘money in’ direction and ‘money out’ direction, and of course he is counseling to keep close tabs on both! I hear Jesus say something similar in today’s gospel! Not the money part, today, but the focus on ‘in & out’! Some Pharisees and Jerusalem scribes show up to condemn Jesus, saying, “Your disciples eat with unwashed hands!” (Mk 7:5). The Pharisees are demanding that the disciples ‘wash, wash, wash’ their food, hands and bowls. But instead of getting hung up on their ‘washing’ compulsion, Jesus says ‘Watch, Watch, Watch’. And more important than ‘watching the food going in’, they need to ‘watch what comes out of their mouths and hearts.” Good lesson: We all need to spend more energy watching what words come out of my mouth, than waste time nitpicking over what food goes into my mouth. Now, there were prescribed ‘washing’ rituals that the Jewish faith commanded, which Mark tediously outlines (Mark 7:3-4). Yet, Jesus points out that such a fixation on the cups or kettles being unclean, leads them to overlook their own heart’s uncleanness. Which is more important: the dirt on my dish or a stain in my soul, like anger, greed or lust? In Mark 7:15, Jesus says, “Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile.” It is not the food in my stomach that indicates my cleanliness or not. No, it is what I let in and hold in my heart that determines my purity or impurity for Jesus. In Matthew 6:21, Jesus teaches that “Where your heart is, there also will be your treasure.” Jesus reinforces here the wisdom of Proverbs 4:23, that warns us to watch what we let into our souls, when it said, “*With all vigilance guard your heart, for in it are the sources of life.*” Whatever we let keep us company in our hearts, is what makes the difference between our holiness or sin.

Often, after some public preaching episode of Jesus with the crowds, the disciples later on will privately ask Jesus for clarifications about His teaching. In Mark 4:10 we read that “**When Jesus was alone**, those present along with the Twelve **questioned him** about the parables.” In Matthew 24:3, we hear that after Jesus retreated to the Mount of Olives, “the **disciples approached him privately** and said, “Tell us, when will this happen?” Or in Matthew 17:19, we hear that “the disciples **approached Jesus in private** and said, “Why could we not drive it out?” The same ‘private moment’ clearing up of confusion occurs with the disciples and Jesus in today’s gospel. After this encounter with the Pharisees, Mark 7:17 adds that “When he got home **away from the crowd his disciples questioned him** about the parable”.

Perhaps they hadn’t grasped the seriousness of the charge that Jesus was answering the Jerusalem authorities over, with their legal ‘hygiene’ complaint against Him, or maybe they were following up with Jesus on whether they needed to change their behavior or customs to better fit with Jerusalem’s rules. But Jesus reasserts the spiritual principle that what is most important about ‘purity’ is keeping ‘pure’ hearts and minds, not ‘spotless’ dishes or shiny bowls. Jesus is not hung up on which foods to eat or not eat or how they must be eaten, Jesus draws attention to the more important duty of how to interact purely with other human beings. Pure Behavior, clean living is what Jesus is after. Jesus tells them, “Do you not realize that everything that goes into a person’s mouth from outside cannot defile, since it enters not the heart but the stomach and **passes out into the latrine!**” (Mark 7:18-19) There is something of a **smiling hint** from Jesus’ as He mentions ‘latrines’. Talking about the end of the line of their fixation on food, Jesus was saying that the Pharisees end up in the ‘dump’. Jesus was basically saying, “Pharisees, get your minds out of the gutters-(sewage plumbing)”. **Jesus wants them to focus on the heart, not the stomach, when talking about ‘purity’!** St Paul will pick up on this same theme later, reasserting in his letter to the Philippians 3:19 that for detractors of Christianity, “Their God is their stomach”. Jesus’ focus was on ‘pure conduct’ between people, and ‘right behavior’ in all of our social interactions. In the end, we will be judged not on what foods we ate or didn’t eat, but on what conduct we exhibited toward our brothers and sisters-not our diet but our deeds!

Peace, Fr Brian

**St Pius X Parish Council Meeting Thurs October @ 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 Sept 2 – Sept 8		
Tuesday	6:00 pm	<i>Ray Lucas</i>
Wednesday	8:00 am	<i>John &amp; Sue Mudd</i>
Thursday	8:00 am	<i>Rosey Carey</i>
Friday	8:00 am	<i>Martha McMahon</i>
Saturday	4:30 pm	<i>Billy Driscoll</i>
Sunday	10:00am	<i>Rita &amp; Thomas Marshall</i>
WEEKLY DONATIONS		
Parish Hall Donation (8/25/24)	\$	165.00
Budget for 2024/2025 Fiscal Year (July 2024-June 2025)	\$	195,000.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$	3,750.00
Weekly Donation (8/25/24)	\$	3,001.53
Online Giving (8/25/24)	\$	1,069.00
Total Week's Gift Offering 8/25	\$	4,070.53
Fiscal Year to Date	\$	36,607.25

**This is last weekend for St Anthony Saturday night** summer additional mass at 6:00 pm. Please help spread the word that the only Saturday evening mass until next Memorial Day will be at St Pius @ 4:30 pm.

**Being called to become Franciscan Sister?**

Single Catholic Women 20-35: Franciscan Sisters invite you to in-person and on-line Discernment Events designed for you. Discover your purpose Contact Sr. Julie Ann and Visit <https://fscc-calledtobe.org>

**Prayers & Sympathy:** Please pray for the eternal rest of Patricia Sloan, *mother of Nora Canon* who passed away Thursday. Please keep Nora and all of the family in your prayers in this difficult time.



**Happy Birthday! Sept 1 – Sept 7 St. Pius X**

- September 1 Nicholas Duzmal
- September 2 Jason Doughty
- September 2 Ryan Devine
- September 4 Dolly Bardsley
- September 6 Cindy Jackson
- September 6 Paula Schmidt

**Happy Anniversary! St. Pius X**

*No anniversaries this week*

**Marcella's Kitchen Need Volunteers:**

Community kitchen provides healthy, warm meals to many, & delivers over 200 meals to homes. They need volunteers (kitchen workers and drivers) to provide this wonderful service. Please consider helping. Various times/days need helpers. Call 270-703-3977 to help.

**St Pius X Mass Assignments: Saturday, September 7, 2024**

Servers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers / Greeters	Money Counters
Volunteer	Nancy Glover	Jeff Riedfort Charlotte Riedfort Not filled	Volunteer (Usher) Volunteer (Usher) Volunteer (Greeter) Volunteer (Greeter)	

**Mass Assignments: Sunday, September 8, 2024**

Dominic Schiaretti Franky Schiaretti	Dawn Whitt	Pam Hurst Allison Devine Caleb King	Usher Volunteer Usher Volunteer Usher Volunteer	Nancy Singleton Kathy Smith
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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>).



**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, 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, 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. 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**

Sept 15 St Anthony Picnic -Little Lake Park Noon  
Oct 13 Visit to St Stephen Church Grounds in LBL



**Acts 2:42 Groups start:2nd Sunday every month: Sept 8**  
Signup contact Ed Georgen [edwardgeorgen@gmail.com](mailto:edwardgeorgen@gmail.com)

**All-Day Adoration on Friday September 6**

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 September 7 @ 8:00am.  
Every first Saturday we offer mass and pray the rosary



**St Anthony Birthdays Sept 1 – Sept 7**

September 6 Jovita Herron

**St Anthony Anniversaries:**

September 1 Steve & Linda Wilkes

**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 2 – Sept 8**

Wednesday	9:00 am	Dolly Bardsley
Friday	9:00 am	PJ & Martha Rose O'Donoghue
1 <sup>st</sup> Saturda	8:00 am	Taylor Johansen
Sunday	8:00 am	Michael Sutton

**WEEKLY DONATIONS**

Budget 2024/2025 Fiscal Year (July 2024-June 2025)	\$ 73,500.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 1,413.46
Weekly Donation 8/25/2024	\$ 4,249.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 23,366.11

*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 – September 8, 2024**

<b>Lector</b>	Mike Drury
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Shara Parrish Jo Herron
<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)