

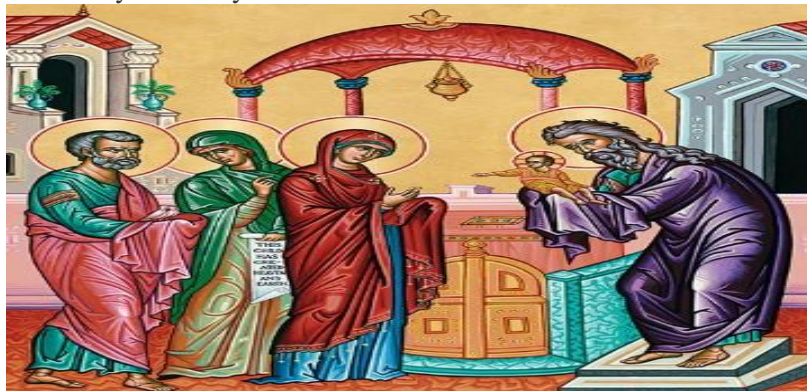


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4th Sunday Ordinary Time Year C Luke 2:22-40



“When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph took Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, just as it is written in the law of the Lord, Every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord, and to offer the sacrifice of a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons, in accordance with the dictate in the law of the Lord. Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon. This man was righteous and devout, awaiting the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Christ of the Lord. He came in the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to perform the custom of the law in regard to him, he took him into his arms and blessed God, saying: “Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel.” The child’s father and mother were amazed at what was said about him; and Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, “Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted -and you yourself a sword will pierce- so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.” There was also a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived seven years with her husband after her marriage, and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple, but worshiped night and day with fasting and prayer. And coming forward at that very time, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were awaiting the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.”

Excerpt from “Song of Simeon”

By TS Eliot

Grant us thy peace.
I have walked many years in this city,
Kept faith and fast, provided for the poor,
Have given and taken honour and ease.
There went never any rejected from my door.
Who shall remember my house, where shall live my children’s children
When the time of sorrow is come?
They will take to the goat’s path, and the fox’s home,
Fleeing from the foreign faces and the foreign swords.
Before the time of cords and scourges and lamentation
Grant us thy peace.
Before the stations of the mountain of desolation,
Before the certain hour of maternal sorrow,
Now at this birth season of decease,
Let the Infant, the still unspeaking and unspoken Word,
Grant Israel’s consolation
To one who has eighty years and no to-morrow.
According to thy word.
They shall praise Thee and suffer in every generation
With glory and derision,
Light upon light, mounting the saints’ stair.
Not for me the martyrdom, the ecstasy of thought and prayer,
Not for me the ultimate vision.
Grant me thy peace.
(And a sword shall pierce thy heart, Thine also).
I am tired with my own life and the lives of those after me,
I am dying in my own death and the deaths of those after me.
Let thy servant depart, Having seen thy salvation.

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 February 2, 2025
Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40
Monday Heb 11:32-40/Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday Heb 12:1-4/Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Mk 6:1-6
Thursday Heb 12:18-19, 21-24/Mk 6:7-13
Friday Heb 13:1-8/Mk 6:14-29
Saturday Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Mk 6:30-34

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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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, 4th Sunday Ordinary Time Year C Luke 2:22-40

"Now I have seen it all!" But not really! It's wise not to say that (I'm told), because the minute you do, then surprise! Who would ever have thought we'd see some of the things we have seen in modern times? We're tempted to say this whenever we're discouraged over some public scandal, or maybe when some 'karmic' come-uppance visits an enemy. But ever-faithful Simeon is announcing with joy a similar expression to this, in our gospel today, when he proclaims that he has seen it all, ('My eyes have seen the glory' Luke 2:30). He has seen the coming of the Lord (An Infant Messiah, but messiah all the same). What Simeon and Anna have been waiting, and waiting for, has now come to pass. Simeon knew through the Holy Spirit, that his life's call was to wait and watch in the Temple for the Lord to come. Day in and day out, he continued to show up and perform the simple, ordinary duties of religious observances/prayers. **And then one day, it happens!** St Joseph and the Blessed Mother enter the Temple to offer their customary purifications and thanksgiving sacrifices, and Simeon personally greets his Messiah! The prophetess Anna is also aware of God's presence in the person of Jesus, and she expresses grateful relief to have witnessed God's fulfillment of saving promises, just as Simeon does. What a day! Imagine the sense of completion-Mission Accomplished! Simeon certainly expresses such a self-congratulatory sentiment in his sung canticle: "Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word...." Like the joyful satisfaction felt when you get to see a plan all come together in the end, Simeon is blessed to know his life's purpose has been achieved!

I imagine we have all had the little joys of completing a project and relishing the sense of the resolution at looking over the job finally done. Maybe like when the baker delivers the wedding cake successfully to the reception serving table, or when we finish reading the final paragraph of a great book and close the cover, that feeling of fulfillment brings such a sense of peace to our souls. Simeon and Anna receive such a consoling grace from God when all of their many prior 'uninteresting' days at the Temple pay off for them (how many times they trudged into the Temple to complete their tasks and show up for their prayers, and then on THAT particular day.....). Every Advent overwhelms me with a sense of gratitude that I live on this side of the history after Jesus' coming, but it deepens my appreciation for the millions of people who lived in anticipation of a Messiah. From Adam until Jesus' birth, the people lived on trust and the promise of God that the Christ would come. The prophets throughout the Old Testament kept that expectant fire of faith alive in the people's hearts and kept their eyes looking for signs of the Messiah's arrival. But not until Jesus' coming is that hope realized!

I recall that Jesus commends more greatly, the faith of those who have not seen, or do not have to see the Messiah, to believe and trust God. Jesus reminded Thomas of this when saying, "*Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed*" (John 20:29) And Peter commends such 'living hope', in 1 Peter 1:8 when he says, "*even though you do not see him now, yet believe in him, you rejoice with an indescribable joy...*" What deep trust they had!

In such a 'results-oriented' and 'same-day delivery' society such as what we live in, it may be hard to understand the long-suffering faith of all those people who knew of a prophecy, yet never saw any glimpse of signs indicating its fulfillment. That is faith ("We walk by faith, not by sight" 2 Cor 5:7) Many a saint in our Catholic tradition (notably the friends St John of the Cross & St Teresa Avila) have counselled us against seeking demonstrative signs or fulfilling proofs (another word for fulfillment could be 'gratification' --Oh!) They are reminding us to live uprightly and according to God's direction, without needing spectacular or convincing visions.

Simeon and Anna share lives of prayerful attention and dutiful service with us. They are aware of God acting in the world every day, and they conduct their duties with engaged hearts and devotion to living 'intentionally', alert to God's presence in the simplest of jobs/tasks. I like how Advent doesn't 'end' our year, it only marks its beginning. After four weeks of special preparation, Christ is born. But then what do we do with the other 48 weeks of the year? We do the same thing that we did before, except after Christ' birth we do it in a 'transfigured' way, with an even greater focus and intention. By our Church Calendar, showing us the endgame at the beginning, it strengthens us wisely, to accept/embrace especially the most ordinary and simple things of our lives as expressions of our 'living out' our hope and trust in God. We can take up what others call insignificant or unimportant and eagerly apply ourselves to it, for we work for what is unseen and only hinted at in our day to day occupations. Jesus, our expectation of Him and our trust in His presence, then, now and to come, transfigure everything for us. May we daily attend to the Temple sanctuary of our hearts and eagerly work at our business, whatever it may be, with the same hope and joy as Simeon and Anna! Peace, Fr Brian

St Pius X Parish Council Meeting Thurs @ 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

Parish Council Elections Today February 2

Pick up a nomination form and submit some candidates to serve on the parish council. Please ask them to serve first.

Early Church Fathers Study & Discussion Tuesdays 6:30 pm

St Pius X Mass Intentions Feb 3 – Feb 9		
Tuesday	6:00 pm	Ray Lucas
Wednesday	8:00 am	John & Florence Sharkey
Thursday	8:00 am	Jared Wheatley
Friday	8:00 am	Richard & Virginia Klohr
Saturday	4:30 pm	Good Health/Loretta Wheatley
Sunday	10:00am	Deborah J. Hicks
WEEKLY DONATIONS		
Parish Hall Donation (1/26/25)	\$	112.00
Budget for 2024/2025 Fiscal Year	\$	195,000.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$	3,750.00
Weekly Donation (1/26/25)	\$	2,753.50
Online Giving (1/26/25)	\$	996.00
Total Week's Gift Offering 1/26	\$	3,749.50
Fiscal Year to Date	\$	140,727.14

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

Feb 8, 2025, St. Ann Parish Hall, Morganfield, from 8:00am-2:30 pm. Register for the event here <https://owensborodiocese.org/womensretreat/>

End of Year Contribution Reports Mailed

Watch for your end year report of donations. For any questions, or adjustments is needed, call Fr.

Emerald Isle: Journey Among the Irish Saints/Shrines Aug 5-14, 2025 Fr. Corey Bruns & Fr. Christopher Grief 9-day Irish spiritual journey! Includes Dublin's streets, Knock's holy shrine, Aran Islands, Blarney Castle, Ring of Kerry. Limited spots available! For more information and to register now: <https://tri.ps/plnMZ>. For more Detail:Contact RoseMary (rose@faithintravel)



Happy Birthday! Feb 2 – Feb 8 St. Pius

- February 2 Phil Scheiber
- February 7 Charlotte Riedfort
- February 7 Elaine Hogancamp
- February 7 Patti Langford
- February 8 Mindy Fatum
- February 8 Amanda Scheidegger
- February 8 Kristen Anderson

Happy Anniversary! St. Pius X

- February 5 Mark & Cynthia Devine

First Communion Classes Schedule

- Sun Feb. 2 11:00am 1st Communion Session in Parish Hall
- Sun Feb. 23 11:00am 1st Communion Session in Parish Hall
- Sun March 9 11:00am 1st Communion Session in Parish Hall

Upcoming Events: Mark your calendars

Feb 8 Valentine's Dinner – Italian Spaghetti Dinner

St Pius X Mass Assignments: Saturday, February 8, 2025

Servers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers / Greeters	Money Counters
Camryn Risley Kendall Risley	Nancy Glover	Jeff Riedfort Charlotte Riedfort Volunteer	George Humphreys (Greeter) Paula Humphreys (Greeter)	

Mass Assignments: Sunday, February 9, 2025

Kinley Peterson Volunteer	Marty Darst	Jimmy Harbison Caleb King Pam Hurst	Usher Volunteer Usher Volunteer Usher Volunteer	Nancy Singleton Kathy Smith
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FFY
Calendar
&
Activities
Schedule

DATE	SUNDAY GOSPEL READING	SUBJECT
February 5, 2025 Wed 6:00-7:30 pm	5th Sunday Ordinary Time Luke 5:1-11 Commandments	Words of Life Activity, PG 157-159, AB p.119 Path of Life Activity PG p.176-77, AB p.124-125
February 12, 2025 Wed 6:00-7:30 pm	6 th Sunday Ordinary Time Luke 6:17,20-26 Commandments	St. Valentine's Heart craft with Ten Commandments & Party After
February 19, 2025 Wed 6:00-7:30 pm	7 th Sunday Ordinary Time Luke 6:27-38	Adoration – Holy Time 7:00 pm Review Ten Commandments

Remember in Prayer

St. Pius X: Greg Williams, Judy Ayers, Pat Hobbs, Keisha Bradley Janet Norvell, Iris Joelle Maynard, Megan Mudd, 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, Helen Nicholson, Bonita Walker, Joe Hedges, Jerry Wade, Katie Wood, Joanna Grimes, Amanda Bailey, Kaileigh Row, 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, 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 1st Sunday Every Month Bazaar Workshop at St Anthony Every Tuesday Starting Jan 7 at 9:00 am – Every Tuesday & all parishioners invited to come participate in helping craft gifts for the annual bazaar fundraiser. See the list of item materials anyone can donate.

Orphaned Children Diaper Project Finished!:

Thanks to everyone for their donations. The diaper project is completed now. A total of 2220 were made and we thank you for bringing in Velcro to help!

Special Wedding at Cana Celebration Fri Feb 28!

Friday Feb 28 @ 6:00 pm St Anthony Special mass and banquet program celebrate Marriages! Sign up!



Next Lunch Bunch gathering in February 20

Acts 2:42 Group: 2nd Sunday every month: Feb 9

Signup contact Ed Georgen edwardgeorgen@gmail.com

Come share faith with others and enjoy a time of prayer and fellowship like the first apostles in Acts 2!

All-Day Adoration on Friday February 7

St Anthony Church has an all day Eucharistic Adoration every 1st 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 1 @ 8:00am. Every first Saturday we offer mass and pray the rosary



St Anthony Birthdays Feb 2– Feb 8

February 4 Georgia Bradshaw

February 4 Cindy O'Brien

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

Feb 3 – Feb 9

Wednesday	9:00 am	Dr Sidney Edds
Friday	9:00 am	Richard Gregory Klohr
Sunday	8:00 am	Robbin Iddins

WEEKLY DONATIONS

Budget 2024/2025 Fiscal Year (July 2024-June 2025)	\$ 73,500.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 1,413.46
Weekly Donation 1/26/2025	\$ 1,071.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 63,990.39

Thank you so much for your faithful generosity! The Parishes and the Church's Mission depends on you!



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 – February 9, 2025

Lector	Mike Drury
Eucharistic Ministers	Jovita Herron Judy Forsythe
Ushers/Greeters	David Loxley Kelly Noonan
Server	Juan Gonzalez
Money Counters	Shara Parish Kevin Diamond

CONSIDER ATTENDING DAILY MASS OR WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

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 March 19, 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:** 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