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27th Sunday Ordinary Time Year C Lk 17:5-10



"The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith." The Lord replied, "If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you. "Who among you would say to your servant who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here immediately and take your place at table'? Would he not rather say to him, 'Prepare something for me to eat. Put on your apron and wait on me while I eat and drink. You may eat and drink when I am finished'? Is he grateful to that servant because he did what was commanded? So should it be with you. When you have done all you have been commanded, say, 'We are unprofitable servants; we have done what we were obliged to do.'"

'Mustard Seeds'

By Ana Lisa de Jong

Teach your children to plant trees.
Teach them to open their hands,
scatter seeds.

The world which would squeeze them to its mould,
would have them hold on tight,
bury them under its avalanche
of consumption.

Whereas breathing, living,
is found in breaking open,
pouring ourselves out.
Scattering the seed
which without there isn't fruit.

Teach your children the beauty of creation.
How what we do makes a difference,
just in the act of doing.

The war for our children's souls is quiet,
quiet as the drug that lulls them to sleep.
Open their hands, give them seeds.

IN THE WORD WITH BISHOP MEDLEY

A new series for parish adult small groups

2nd Sundays of month 1:30 St Pius Parish Hall
Join group to study the Bishop's message monthly. For
more info, Contact Ed-- edwardgeorgen@gmail.com

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 5, 2025

Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4/2 Tm 1:6-14/Lk 17:5-10

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

Luke 17:5-10

"Be careful what you ask for?" What the apostles ask Jesus for in today's gospel, sounds innocent enough, "Increase our faith" (Lk 17:5). But listening to Jesus' full response, He implies that their request is presumptuous and grandiose. I hear Jesus addressing the apostles' dramatic desire for attention, and that they are exhibiting a 'grandstanding' or 'showboating' posture.

So how does He respond? With a common enough answer, by saying, *"Faith even the size of a mustard seed can remove and transplant a tree into the sea"* (Lk 17:6) Jesus has them focus on the small and seemingly insignificant, a tiny mustard seed. Yet, given time and patience (faith itself), what can that seed accomplish? About Jesus' pronouncement, any one of His resulting claims would be remarkable: That by a word (say to the 'tree'-Lk 17:6), this could happen: 1) the removal of a tree 2) its transplantation in the sea & 3) its presumed survival and growth in the sea? How could any such thing happen? BY SIMPLE FAITH. Jesus is not talking about spectacular magic. He is talking about the unassuming and persistent expression of will and work toward a specific end. A definition of faith, could be, "trusting persistence". Such perseverance continues to act even in the face of seeming defeat or against the longest of odds. Who could think up, some of the great accomplishments of faith? Jesus to rise from the dead? Jesus converting an enemy's heart? Jesus teaching a miser to be generous? What all can God do? Hebrews 11:1 says of faith, that it is **'evidence of things unseen'**. St Paul says in 2 Corinthians 5:7, that "We walk by faith not by sight" So, Faith sees what is not yet visible. Faith continues working at something even when there is no sign of its success yet. That is a focused persistence!

How might this faith the size of a mustard seed do its work - uprooting a mulberry tree into the sea? Well, it grows and grows and grows, but without any grandstanding attention or any dramatic display. It simply plugs away moment by moment, and inch by inch. Imagine a mulberry tree growing along a wall cliff at the edge of the ocean (or how we see a lot, trees growing atop hill-cliff edges along our parkways and interstates). The mustard seed is deposited into the ground right beside an existing mulberry tree (there are many ways to plant a seed: by wind, by hand, by animal, by rain's movement, etc). Then the mustard seed takes root in the broken soil or crack of a rock beside the mulberry tree. The little mustard tree sapling begins its slow and arduous work of rooting deeper and deeper below, and putting out leaf branches above, while its trunk thickens. Over time, the mature mulberry tree weakens and the new neighboring mustard bush tree increases and increases in size until it pushes enough ground around the mulberry toward the cliff edge, and then tumbles the mulberry tree down the steep slope to the sea's edge. Depending on the saturation of the sandy soil at the sea's edge, I can imagine the mulberry tree landing with its roots downward, and the root clump impacting and entering into the wettened beach soil. Now once transplanted, it stretches and re-roots itself into the soft soil below. (By rooting below the soil, the tree avoids absorbing the poisonous salty sea water, and from underneath, the sandy soil functions as a filter against the salt, so as to absorb fresh water. It begins here, its new chapter growing alongside the sea's shore. Over time the water rises and recedes, until one day, we look out and there is a tree growing, surrounded by water (like in marshy bayous where trees grow and thrive, even standing in surrounding water!) How could all this happen? Slowly and persistently, working away silently and diligently without notice. That is faith! And that is why Jesus continues on, in today's reading, to celebrate the role of a humble and committed servant. The servant works and completes his job because that is what good servants do! Not for recognition, not for reward, but only because that is their role!

Just like Jesus wishes us, to humbly and simply do our life's work (*whatever that is and whatever He has assigned to us-our calling*). Just faithfully do our work! Jesus certainly set the example. Recall that He says on Luk 22:27 Jesus asks who is greater, the person seated at the table or the one standing and serving, and Jesus goes on to describe Himself, "I am among you as the one who serves" (similar to Mark 10:45, where Jesus says, "Son of Man came to serve, not to be served" & John 6:38 that He came "not to do my own will but the will of the one who sent me"). Faith is not flashy or spectacular: It simply does its work, for God!

Peace and Prayers, Fr Brian

Pius X Parish Council Meeting Wednesday Oct 15 @ 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

First Reconciliation/First Communion Schedule

Oct. 19	Sun 9:00 - 9:45am	First Reconciliation	Session #3
Nov. 2	Sun 9:00 - 9:45am	First Reconciliation	Session #4/ #5
Nov. 23	Sun 9:00 - 9:45am	First Reconciliation	Session #6

St Pius X Mass Intentions Oct 6– Oct 12		
Tuesday	6:00 pm	MaryAnn Huebschmann
Wednesday	8:00 am	Susan Padgett – Special Intention
Thursday	8:00 am	Gregory Klohr
Friday	8:00 am	Ronald Aylward
Saturday	4:30 pm	Norman Wheatley
Sunday	10:00am	John E Elder
WEEKLY DONATIONS		
Parish Hall Donation (9/28/25)	\$	332.00
Budget for 2025/2026 Fiscal Year	\$	205,000.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$	3,942.00
Weekly Donation (9/28/25)	\$	3,629.25
Online Giving (9/21+9/28/25)	\$	2,238.00
Total Week's Gift Offering 9/28	\$	5,867.25
Fiscal Year to Date	\$	61,206.41

Seeking: Any youth interested in learning piano?

The parish has been approached by generous donor willing to donate a baby-grand piano to anyone seeking to learn piano, or willing to serve in church music ministry. Let Father know if you have interest.

Women's Spirituality Grp October 19 after 10 Mass
Men's Bible Study October 26 after 10 Mass

Presentation on St John Henry Newman

Oct 9th @ St Leo Parish Murray 7:00 pm
President Rector of St Meinrad Seminary, Fr Denis Robinson, OSB will offer an engaging lecture presentation on the Spirituality & Thought of Henry Newman. Come enjoy an interesting overview of this fascinating and brilliant saint of modern times!

Ladies Night Out

With the Daughters of Isabella
You don't have to be a member to join in the fun,
but you do need to be a fabulous lady over 18!

Saturday Oct. 25 @ 6:30

An Amazing Evening of Fun and

BUNCO

At the KC Hall 3028 Jefferson Street, Paducah
\$15.00 per person to play and win prizes

Please bring an appetizer to share,
and your favorite drink!

You don't have to know how to play, we'll teach you, it's easy!



Happy Birthday! Oct 5– Oct 11 St. Pius

Oct 6 Wesley Duzmal Oct 9 Carol Roberts
Oct 9 Kim Lampert Oct 13 Anthony Schiaretto

Happy Anniversary! St. Pius

October 7 Stacey Newby & Catherine Broks
October 8 Vic & Barb Melillo
October 8 Maddie & Silas Traylor
October 10 P.J. & Tracy Thomason

St Pius X Mass Assignments: Saturday, Oct 11, 2025

Servers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers / Greeters	Money Counters
Camryn Risley Kendall Risley	Liz Medley	Amy Crass Charlotte Riedfort Jeff Riedfort	George Humphreys (Greeter) Paula Humphreys (Greeter)	

Mass Assignments: Sunday, Oct 12, 2025

Volunteer	Pam Hurst	Marcus Newman Teresa Newman Kelli King	Margaret Howard Gary Traylor Usher Volunteer	Nancy Singleton Kathy Smith
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FFY

Calendar
&
Activities
Schedule

DATE	SUNDAY GOSPEL READING	Classes or Events
Oct 8, 2025 Wed 6:00-7:30	28 th Sunday in Ordinary Time-C	NO FFY SESSION FALL BREAK
Oct 15, 2025 Wed 6:00-7:30	29th Sunday in Ordinary Time - C	Class Session 6:30-7:30
Oct 22, 2025 Wed 6:00-7:30	30th Sunday in Ordinary Time- C	Class Session 6:30-7:30

Remember our Sick in Your Prayers

St. Pius X: Clem Hinkebein, 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 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, 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 Longsworth, 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, 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 1st Sunday Every Month

October-Respect Life Month: Bishop Medley is asking every parish in our diocese to take up a special collection on the weekend of October 11-12 to aid Gazan Famine Relief. Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA) is heavily involved in giving relief, food & medicine to those displaced in Gaza.

Update on Retired Priest Apartments Project: "Nearly 200 attendees, including 22 priests, attended meeting-receptions held throughout the Diocese." The Project proceeds on schedule with good responses. Just a reminder that our parishes of St Pius & St Anthony already gave generous lump sum contributions, our 'fair share' assigned to each parish as a group for the campaign. This option exempts parishioners from additional mail/phone solicitations

Upcoming Events And Dates to Mark

Sunday Oct 5th 1st Friday Adoration Appeal (PT)

Sunday Oct 12 St Stephen Visit & Mass Prayer

Sunday Oct 19 Sign up Sunday - Get involved!

Calling all voices-Join the Choir! Please see Pam or Ashley Thurman if you are interested.

All-Day Adoration on Friday November 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 November 1 @ 8:00am.



St Anthony Birthdays Oct 5 – Oct 11

October 8 Colton Adrian

October 8 Tracy Modaff

October 10 Avery Zaim

St Anthony Aniversaries: 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

Oct 6– Oct 12

Wednesday	9:00 am	James 'Wootie' Wooten
Friday	9:00 am	Linda Paluso
Sunday	8:00 am	Jennie Cain

WEEKLY DONATIONS

Budget 2024/2025 Fiscal Year (July 2025-June 2026)	\$ 89,000.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 1,711.54
Weekly Donation 9/28/2025	\$ 2,282.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 36,558.00



FOOD PANTRY

Food Items Especially Needed: *Saltine Crackers, Hamburger Helper*, sugar, cereal, peanut butter, jelly, tuna.

Dave Ramsey Financial Peace University: We're interested in hosting a financial-help seminar. At least 10 people needed to host classes. Please ask Kippling Spencer or Fr Brian info.

St Anthony Mass Assignments – October 12, 2025

Lector	Mike Drury
Eucharistic Ministers	Joyce Wilkinson Steve Wilkes
Ushers/Greeters	David Loxley Kevin Diesen
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, 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 Nov 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