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28th Sunday Ordinary Time Year C Luke 18:1-8



"Jesus told his disciples a parable about the necessity for them to pray always without becoming weary. He said, 'There was a judge in a certain town who neither feared God nor respected any human being. And a widow in that town used to come to him and say, 'Render a just decision for me against my adversary.' For a long time the judge was unwilling, but eventually he thought, 'While it is true that I neither fear God nor respect any human being, because this widow keeps bothering me I shall deliver a just decision for her lest she finally come and strike me.'" The Lord said, "Pay attention to what the dishonest judge says. Will not God then secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night? Will he be slow to answer them? I tell you, he will see to it that justice is done for them speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

'Persistent Widow'

By Lucy Wall

"Oh what a blessed parable that reassures the soul,
Encouraging our desperate heart that God is in control!
It comforts mind and spirit to read what Christ declares,
A lesson to be steadfast and persistent in our prayers!

For here He paints the picture of a woman in distress,
Petitioning for justice as she pleads in righteousness.
Appealing to a godless judge, a weary task indeed,
Who only grants her justice through a purely selfish need.

Oh what striking contrast, this sits in opposition
To how our loving Father views our prayers and each petition!
Invested in our interests, God listens to His Bride.
Unlike the unjust judge, our faithful God is on our side!

He's sensitive to all our cries, He bottles up our tears.
We know that our requests will never fail to reach His ears!

Although our repetitions may put us to the test,
We walk by faith and trust in God who always knows what's best.

We do not need to shout and scream, a whisper will suffice
But perseverance moulds our heart and makes us more like Christ.
Rectifying every wrong, our Saviour won't begrudge.
Oh praises to our loving King! Our fair and righteous Judge!"

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 19, 2025

Ex 17:8-13/2 Tm 3:14–4:2/Lk 18:1-8

Monday Rom 4:20-25/Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-21/Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday Rom 6:12-18/Lk 12:39-48

Thursday Rom 6:19-23/Lk 12:49-53

Friday Rom 7:18-25a/Lk 12:54-59

Saturday Rom 8:1-11/Lk 13:1-9

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

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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,

29th Sunday Ordinary Time

Luke 18:1-8

“Pray always without becoming weary” (Lk 18:1) Jesus tells a parable about a wonderfully positive and persistent widow, who day after day continues to return to the court to ask for a hearing to redress an injustice done to her (perhaps she was evicted from an estate, or written off by the family of her husband after his death--widows were ‘sitting ducks’ for exploitation having no civil rights or representation in the law). We hear that the judge was corrupt and cared nothing about justice (how did he get a seat on the bench--likely, he bought it to enrich himself, or was bought himself to enrich someone else--elite!) Yet, the persistence of the good-natured widow and her faithful witness every day testifying to her case of justice denied eventually bears fruit in the judge rendering a ‘just verdict’. Goodness does not give up. Her keeping at it, and never dropping her claim to justice, even in the face of denials and dismissals, ***eventually prevailed***. She broke through the judge’s corruption and won him over, maybe despite himself! Maybe it was the only just and good decision the judge ever rendered, but due to her determined doggedness she received a fair ruling, upholding the good. Justice! But had she despaired and given up, it never would have happened! She is a witness to being faithful to what is good and just, regardless of its recognition or any recompense. I suspect that she didn’t stop advocating for justice, after the success of her verdict. I bet that she continued to show up afterward and took up her fellow widows’ causes encouraging them every day or directly advocating for them (*maybe trying to obtain a ‘law degree’ herself to represent others, appealing now for the friends she met each morning who were also waiting day after day on the courtroom steps, attempting to get a hearing!*) Don’t give up: appeal, appeal, appeal! To work in matters of civil rights requires deep personal strength and inner conviction to continue appealing to justice, despite daily defeats and discouragements. Right is right, whether everybody else recognizes it or ***nobody else recognizes it*** (the work is easier when others see it too, but just their coming along & admitting it too, is not what makes it right). The good widow may have felt like no one else recognized her justice claims, ***but she never gave up***.

In the long view of history, she is not alone in never ceasing to call for justice. I think about the Psalmist who asks in prayer, “Has God forgotten how to show mercy, or in anger withheld his compassion?” yet the psalmist goes on to pray, “but Your way, God, is holy; what God is as great as our God? (Psalm 77:10 & 14) Or better even still, faithful Job shows the determination of the persistent widow, when Job prays about even God’s silence to him, “Though He may slay me, I will trust in Him” (Job 13:15). Job kept on praying, even in his personal dark night of silence from heaven. John’s gospel gives us the hopeful motive for good people of faith to persist and struggle on, despite receiving any confirmation, when it tells us, “the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it” (John 1:5) Or as the civil rights prophet Dr Martin Luther King Jr said, “The arc of the moral universe is long, yet it bends toward justice.” Give it time! Maybe not today, maybe not tomorrow, but one day, God will bring justice to all!

Like Jesus’ widow in the parable, those who stand up for justice, often find themselves alone, like John the Baptist did when he quoted the prophet Isaiah to describe his vocation, “I am ‘the voice of one crying out in the desert....’” (Jn 1:23 quoting Isaiah 40:3) But as they say, ***“True character is what we do when no one is watching.”*** I am always encouraged to hear anew the words that St Mother Teresa taught her sisters. When they may be tempted to discouragement, at their seeming failure to treat and feed all of the needy poor and the sick or hungry people in the streets of Calcutta, she would remind them that *“God did not call us to be successful. He called us to be faithful.”* Their place was to simply serve faithfully, and keep showing up each day to give God’s care to whoever was in front of them, and to not view their ministry ever as ‘success’, but only a matter of fidelity (do what you are called to!) Peace, 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 20 – Oct 26

Tuesday	6:00 pm	<i>Florence & John Sharkey</i>
Wednesday	8:00 am	<i>Norman Wheatley</i>
Thursday	8:00 am	<i>Helen Krivan</i>
Friday	8:00 am	<i>Tena Brooks</i>
Saturday	4:30 pm	<i>Jim Weindel</i>
Sunday	10:00am	<i>MaryAnn Huebschmann</i>

WEEKLY DONATIONS

Parish Hall Donation (10/12/25)	\$ 177.00
Budget for 2025/2026 Fiscal Year	\$ 205,000.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 3,942.00
Weekly Donation (10/12/25)	\$ 2,277.50
Online Giving (10/12/25)	\$ 1,709.00
Total Week's Gift Offering 10/12	\$ 3,986.50
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 71,892.91

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

Luke Spehar: Pilgrim's Way-3 Day Mission

Oct 19th at St John Evangelist Church

Oct 20 at St Francis Desales Church

Oct 21 at St Thomas More Church

Come each night 6:00 pm

Wonderful family friendly musical mission!



Happy Birthday! Oct 19– Oct 25 St. Pius

Oct 19 Judy Krouse Oct 24 Heidi Outland
Oct 21 Bill Patton Oct 25 Louise Toon
Oct 21 Brenda Schiarette Oct 25 Tom Forsythe

Happy Anniversary! St. Pius

No anniversaries this week

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



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!

St Pius X Mass Assignments: Saturday, Oct 25, 2025

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

Mass Assignments: Sunday, Oct 26, 2025

Gavin Devine Kinley Peterson	Larry Whitt	Kelli King Jimmy Harbison Diane Witowski	Margaret Howard Gary Traylor Usher Volunteer	Jan Waniel Jean Waniel
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**Calendar
&
Activities
Schedule**

DATE	SUNDAY GOSPEL READING	Classes or Events
Oct 22, 2025 Wed 6:00-7:30	30 th Sunday in Ordinary Time-C	<i>Class Session 6:30 pm Hall & Church</i>
Oct 29, 2025 Wed 6:00-7:30	31 st Sunday in Ordinary Time-C	MASS @ 6:30PM with little dinner/snacks after
Nov 5, 2025 Wed 6:00-7:30	Dedication of St John Lateran Basilica in Rome	<i>Class Session 6:30 pm Hall & Church</i>

Remember our Sick in Your Prayers

St. Pius X: Clem Hinkebein, Geoffrey Grublesky, 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 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, 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

Christmas Choir Practice: Will begin Sat Oct 25. We would like to invite all who are interested to join us. We will meet each following Saturday at 9:00 am until Christmas. Call Pam Thurman 270-217-8390.

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.

You're invited! Christmas Bazaar!

St. Henry Church Annual Christmas Bazaar

16097 US HWY.68 E, Hardin, KY 42048

Saturday Nov 8, from 10:am - 3 pm

Come enjoy a day filled with fun, food, & shopping!

Our Bazaar includes: *Handmade Crafts *Unique

Gifts *Delicious Baked Goods *Raffle Prizes

*Lunch & Snacks *Silent Auction *Holiday Decor

All-Day Adoration on Friday October 3

St Anthony Church has an all day Eucharistic Adoration every 1st Friday from 9:00am – 9:00pm.

Prayers & Sympathy: Please pray for the eternal rest and peace of James Dale "Jimmy" Harris (father of Lee Ann Hunsley) whose funeral was last Sunday. We pray asking God to comfort & strengthen Lee Ann & her family during this time.



St Anthony Birthdays Oct 19 – Oct 25

October 21 Shannon Tutor

October 21 Kippling Spencer

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

Oct 20– Oct 26

Wednesday	9:00 am	Patty Johnson
Friday	9:00 am	Linda Paluso
Sunday	8:00 am	Charles Thurman Jr

WEEKLY DONATIONS

Budget 2024/2025 Fiscal Year (July 2025-June 2026) \$ 89,000.00

Donation Need Each Week \$ 1,711.54

Weekly Donation 10/12/2025 \$ 1,704.05

Fiscal Year to Date \$ 40,550.05



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 – October 26, 2025

Lector	Darin Adrian
Eucharistic Ministers	Mike Drury Judy Forsythe
Ushers/Greeters	Kevin Diamond 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, 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