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First Sunday Advent Year A Matthew 24:37-44



"Jesus said to his disciples: "As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. In those days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day that Noah entered the ark. They did not know until the flood came and carried them all away. So will it be also at the coming of the Son of Man. Two men will be out in the field; one will be taken, and one will be left. Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken, and one will be left. Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come. Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour of night when the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and not let his house be broken into. So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."

'The End is Near'

By Ernest Antony

There's a murmur from the millions,
in their misery and dearth,
There's an angry voice protesting from the corners of the earth.
Do you hear that voice my masters?
Are you deaf and are you blind,
That you do not heed the message that is borne upon the wind.

Are you list'ning to murmur that tells the discontent,
'Midst the victims of your avarice, by toil and hunger spent?
And do you disregard it, soothed by your wealth and power,
Do you never fear the seeds of hate
shall surely come to flower?

Do you hear that voice my masters,
in your seeming safe retreat?
And do you hear the tramping of countless thousands' feet?
That presage a day of battle for the slave battalions form.
In that distance-tempered murmur
of the slowly gathering storm.

Oh! That voice now cries for vengeance,
where for justice once it cried:
But hatred took the cry up, when the hope for justice died.
And 'tis ever drawing nearer, that murmur, low, but clear,
And it bears for you the warning that the end is drawing near.

IN THE WORD WITH BISHOP MEDLEY

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 November 30, 2025

Is 2:1-5/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44

Monday Is 4:2-6 /Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday Is 11:1-10/Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday Is 25:6-10a/Mt 15:29-37

Thursday Is 26:1-6/Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday Is 29:17-24/Mt 9:27-31

Saturday Is 30:19-26/Mt 9:35—10:1-8

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,

First Sunday of Advent

Matthew 24:37-44

“The Lord told Noah, there’s going to be a floody, floody....” Do you remember that old children’s song (*Rise and Shine & Give God the Glory, Glory*)? It is very upbeat & ‘catchy-catchy’! So today, we hear about Noah in the Gospel of Matthew reading (parallel is Lk 17:26–27), where Noah is used as a warning sign, of the ***surprise*** of everyone caught off guard, mired in sin when the earth-ending flood came upon them. ***They weren’t prepared.*** Yet, Noah who was aware and awake, had been preparing for the end by building a ‘lifeboat’ to survive the flood. The original flood story and the first mention of Noah is found in the Book of Genesis chapters 6-9. Noah gets special mention later in the Old Testament, by the prophet Isaiah (Is 54:9) and Ezekiel (Ez 14:14,& 20) where his faithful obedience and righteousness will be commended.

Interestingly, to be an Old Testament figure, Noah is also mentioned several times in the New Testament, such as we hear about today in (Mt 24:37 & Lk 17:26). The only other mention of Noah in a gospel is Luke 3:36, where he is simply listed as a name, in the genealogy of Jesus. But, the other NT references can be found in the letter to the Hebrews 11:7 where Noah is presented as an example of faith, working to build the ark obediently just as God commanded and St Peter writes about Noah twice in his letters. Peter first mentions Noah as one person of ***only a few saved*** from the flood (1 Pet 3:20), and the second mention of Peter celebrates Noah as a ‘witness to righteousness’ (2 Pet 2:5). What these references highlight to me, is how ‘counter-current’ Noah was in his practice of faith. Even while all the world went its own way, and may have even stood against him, Noah persisted in following God’s command and keeping faith. And for a long time, Noah kept at it, living righteously and working away at God’s project! Imagine how long it took to build that ark! He certainly got the attention of the lumber companies (*What are you doing with all of these trees?*), and the tool makers (*More saw blades, more pitch?*). And as the ark rose in construction, surely neighbors could have seen something of its towering size. Yet, somehow, more people did not pursue & look into what was motivating Noah (God) to prepare for whatever was coming! Maybe that reinforces just how caught up in their own sin & pleasures the rest of the world was. But certainly, the world was surprised.

And so, Jesus tells us that the world (anytime) will be surprised by the end! ***“You do not know on which day your Lord will come”*** (Mt 24:42). No one will see it coming! Jesus calls us to stay awake and be prepared. Basically, today is the day. Right now, maybe. Act as if ***today*** may be the last one, to ensure our proper preparation for the end. If we live by faith, most likely we will also be ‘counter-current’ to society just like Noah. Count on this: Denial is a strong force (just as strong is illusion!). Our tendency is to avoid thinking of our end. And the world is eager to keep us asleep in its monotony and under its mastery. The world woos us into preoccupation with our pleasure, with such promises as “Everything is just fine”, “It has always been this way and always will be” and “Do whatever you want-you deserve it”. But as Jesus says, “No, the day will come, and surprise you.” On that day, we will give an accounting of our faith or our lack of faith—our obedience to God or our obedience to the world.

So, what do we do? Build our ark. Build our lifeboat. Over the history of the church, many bishops and saints spoke about the church as another the ark that would lift us above the torrent of the world’s waves. The church has been referred to as the ‘Barque of Peter’, a survival boat to carry us over the waters of death. St Peter would have had a boat as a fisherman, and Jesus told Peter that he would be ‘fishing for men’. Obediently following Jesus, Peter can draw us into the boat with Jesus, and with us in the boat with Jesus means peace and rescue from the turbulent waters around us (Mat 14:30-33). We need to build and board that boat of Jesus. How do we do that? Keep Jesus with you by always looking to him, listening to Him and Living with Him. We want to be as obedient and faithful as Noah, in going about every day building our life with Christ, despite what the world tempts us with or what the world says. Stay on board with Jesus. Life in Christ is our life boat!

Peace, Fr Brian

Pius X Parish Council Meeting Wednesday Jan 21 @ 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

Dec 3 Wed 6:30-7:30 FFY Adoration & First Penance Celebration

Mark your calendars:

Dec 7 **Fr Brian Family Open House** after 10 am Mass

Dec 14 **Breakfast with Santa** after 10 am Mass

NOVEMBER 30, 2025 + FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR A

St Pius X Mass Intentions Dec 1 – Dec 7

Tuesday	6:00 pm	Chrispin Rendon
Wednesday	8:00 am	MaryAnn Huebschmann
Thursday	8:00 am	Don & Sylvia Hamilton
Friday	8:00 am	Charles Pollnow
Saturday	4:30 pm	Russell Tomlinson
Sunday	10:00am	Ray Lucas

WEEKLY DONATIONS

Parish Hall Donation (11/23/25)	\$ 353.00
Budget for 2025/2026 Fiscal Year	\$ 205,000.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 3,942.00
Weekly Donation (11/23/25)	\$ 2,635.50
Online Giving (11/23/25)	\$ 1,059.00
Total Week's Gift Offering 11/23	\$ 3,694.50
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 97,422.91

New Ministry Help at Mass: Anyone who would like to bring forward the gifts at the Offertory, we welcome such participation, individuals or families.

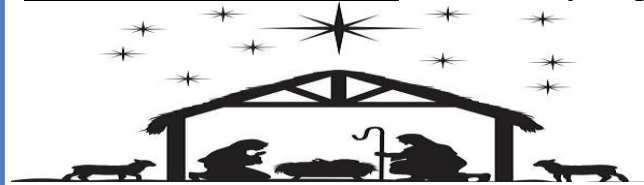
Raffle Christmas Message Print Fundraiser: We want to thank Gavin/Eastin & Madeline Devine for donating some of their handi-craft framed messages to be raffled off. They are donating the proceeds to a MCS Student Resource Center to help with buying Christmas gifts to children in the program in need. Check out their (& Ryan/Allison's) handiwork and buy some raffle tickets to help the Christmas cause!

CHRISTMAS EVE MASS SCHEDULE

Wednesday Dec 24 St Anthony 5:30 pm Mass (Carols 5:00)
Wednesday Dec 24 St Pius 8:00 pm Mass (Carols 7:30)

CHRISTMAS DAY MASS SCHEDULE

Thursday Dec 25 St Pius 9:00 am
Christmas Choir Help Needed: Contact Danny Padgett



Happy Birthday! Nov 30– Dec 6 St. Pius
Dec 2 Harrison Shupe Dec 3 Mila Richardson
Dec 5 Janet Brown

Happy Anniversary! St. Pius
Dec 5 Danny & Susan Padgett

St Pius X Mass Assignments: Saturday, Dec 6, 2025

Servers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers / Greeters	Money Counters
Camryn Risley Kendall Risley	Dawn Whitt	Jeff Riedfort Charlotte Riedfort Larry Whitt	George Humphreys (Greeter) Paula Humphreys (Greeter)	

Mass Assignments: Sunday, Dec 7, 2025

Gavin Devine Harrison Shupe	RJ Ric Witowski	Jimmy Harbison Allison Devine Diane Witowski	Margaret Howard Gary Traylor Usher Volunteer	Jan Waniel Jean Waniel
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FFY Calendar & Activities Schedule

DATE	SUNDAY GOSPEL READING	Classes or Events
Dec 3, 2025 Wed 6:00-7:30	Second Sunday Advent Year A	6:30-7:30 pm Adoration & 1 st Penance In Church
Dec 10, 2025 Wed 6:00-7:30	Third Sunday Advent Year A	Christmas Party – FFY & Family Caroling at CC Convalescent Center
Dec 17, 2025 No Classes/ Break	Fourth Sunday Advent Year A	Christmas Break – No FFY Classes

Remember our Sick in Your Prayers

St. Pius X: Allie Marie Zsigray, Christine Thornton, Thomas Lorenz, 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, Mike Norvell, Dora Miller, Miller & Bennett 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, 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

Christmas Choir Practice: Every Saturday at 9:00 am until Christmas. Come join and add your voice!

Many Thanks to all who helped the FallBazaar!

Creative Team: Joyce Noonan, Sherry Rebich, Joyce Wilkinson, Loretta Vargocko, Luann Kanaly, Karen Matthis, Cindy O'Brien, Brenda Georgen, Vern Hunsley, Wayne Bradshaw, Wendy Elrod Tinsley Rowe
Workers: Sandy/Kevin Deisen, Gail/Dan Dailey, Mark Wurth, Bobbie Edds, Judy Forsythe, Karen/Ron Matthis, Fr Bob Drury, Wendy Elrod, Shara Parish, Karen/Greg Williams, Pat Gorbett, Sonny/Karen Finnegan.

Thank you from the Bazaar Committee: Georgia Hunsley, Georgia Bradshaw, Sandy Ruth Deisen
 PS: Does the Parish want to discuss further fundraisers?

Dave Ramsey Financial Peace University:

We're interested in hosting a financial-help seminar. At least 10 people needed to host classes. Please ask Kipling Spencer or Fr Brian info.

All-Day Adoration on Friday December 5

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 Blessed Sacrament.

First Saturdays Honor the Blessed Mother:

First Saturday Mass on December 6 @ 8:00am.
 Every first Saturday we offer mass and pray the rosary



St Anthony Birthdays Nov 30– Dec 6

December 1 Grant Johnson

December 1 Laura Moor

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

Dec 1 – Dec 7

Wednesday	9:00 am	Linda Paluso
Friday	9:00 am	John & Anne Bradshaw
1 st Saturday	8:00 am	Taylor Johansen/Shane Lyman
Sunday	8:00 am	Bob & Paulina Paul

WEEKLY DONATIONS

Budget 2024/2025 Fiscal Year (July 2025-June 2026)	\$ 89,000.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 1,711.54
Weekly Donation 11/23/2025	\$ 1,327.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 54,095.05



FOOD PANTRY

Food Items Especially Needed: Saltine Crackers, peanut butter, Hamburger Helper, sugar, cereal, 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 – December 7, 2025

Lector	Darin Adrian
Eucharistic Ministers	Joyce Wilkinson Mike Drury
Ushers/Greeters	Kevin Deisen David Loxley
Server	Juan Gonzalez
Money Counters	Shara Parish Kevin Diamond

CONSIDER ATTENDING DAILY MASS OR WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

St Anthony Prayer List: Theresa Owens, Thomas Lorenz, Kathy Johansen, Jeff Ritorto, Cathy Ritorto, Betty Gonzalez, Elena Carey, Linda Drury, 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 Jan 21 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