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Feast of the Epiphany Year A

Matthew 2:1-12



"When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. Assembling all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, He inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it has been written through the prophet: And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel." Then Herod called the magi secretly and ascertained from them the time of the star's appearance. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search diligently for the child. When you have found him, bring me word, that I too may go and do him homage." After their audience with the king they set out. And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way."

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 January 4, 2026

Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Monday 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday 1 Jn 4:7-10/Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday 1 Jn 4:11-18/Mk 6:45-52

Thursday 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Lk 4:14-22a

Friday 1 Jn 5:5-13/Lk 5:12-16

Saturday 1 Jn 5:14-21/Jn 3:22-30

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



'Gifts of the Magi'

By Timothy Dudley-Smith

Take, O Child,
 The gift that I bring,

Rich and rare as befits a King:
 Gold that glints as the star looks down -
 Gold to gleam in a great king's crown.

When the kingdom comes, when the flags unfold,
 Remember me, and my gift of gold.

Take, O Child,
 The gift that I bring,

Rich and rare as befits a King:
 I kneel as a king, to a King divine,
 Receive my praise, and this gift of mine
 Which is frankincense for the altar fire
 To burn in worship to the World's Desire.

Take, O Child,
 The gift that I bring,
 Rich and rare as befits a King:
 Costliest myrrh from the East afar

For the tomb foretold by the travelling star.
 When they bear you slow to your kingly grave
 You shall lie at last with the gift I gave.

IN THE WORD WITH BISHOP MEDLEY

4th Sundays of month 1:30 St Pius Parish Hall
 For more info, Contact Ed-edwardgeorgen@gmail.com

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

Fr. Brian Johnson, Pastor

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Tuesday -- Thursday

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9:00 am-2:00 pm

Pastor's Study
Desk Notes



Dear St Anthony & St Pius Families,

Feast of the Epiphany

Matthew 2:1-12

Return of the Magi! No, it is not a sequel in the Star Wars movie series. It is the story of the wise men seeking to find the messianic king who was to be born under the new celestial sign they observed in the sky! What a marvel! Not simply the stellar sight in the sky, but the fertile faith of those seekers on the ground! They strive to find their God! And they do!

Often the picture of Jesus and the Holy Family, and their struggles, are highlighted during the Christmas season. Certainly, they had many obstacles to overcome, such as Caesar's governmental demands (the Census), Herod's meddling persecutions, the harsh travel terrain and climate, the inhospitality of others along the way and plenty of demands still waiting back home for them (customers of Joseph's carpentry work). But especially since the magi-travelers also cover great distances in their search for a newborn king, I wonder about their particular struggles too along the way. But like Mary & Joseph, they also have sincere faith that motivates them to keep going in their search for the living God, despite hardship or setbacks! I can imagine their journey beginning something like this: one of them notices a strange appearance in the sky and calls his confreres to view it also. He asks them their experienced opinion as to what was going on. Like scientists, they want to seek and explore the sight more closely, so they take to the road to follow, the sight to its source. My burning question for them is, "What did they set aside, reschedule and leave behind to venture out and learn what this 'something more' is, that is, 'out there'? Were they young and looking to find what no one else yet had known? Were they old and seeking to confirm some finding they had wisely theorized about earlier in life, but now wished to validate by some public acknowledgement? Had they been rejected in their own scientific fields and now sought to make a break to begin a fresh career? Additionally, whatever motivated their journey beginning, now as they pursued this new direction, how many nagging questions, doubts or challenges did they face? What ridicule did they shrug off to remain at their quest, all the way, ultimately to Bethlehem in Palestine (West Bank) to meet and adore their new Lord! So often, the joy is in the journey! They kept seeking!

Back in 1895, American author Henry van Dyke, wrote the story, **The Other Wise Man**. In this version, there is a fourth Wise Man named, Artaban, who also follows behind them (*he got a later start and hoped to catch up with the others*). He brought three precious gifts – a sapphire, a ruby, and a pearl – to present to the new born Jesus, when he met Him.

While travelling to meet up with the other three Wise Men, Artaban comes across a man who is dying, and decides to stay with him and give him hospice care.. He uses his sapphire gift he planned to give to baby Jesus to pay for the man's medical needs. Despite this schedule delay, he hopes to catch up with the other wise men, Caspar, Melchior and Balthazar. However, when he reaches Bethlehem, he learns that the Wise Men had already come and gone, and that Mary, Joseph, and Jesus had also fled off to Egypt to escape King Herod's murderous decree to kill all the male babies. Disappointed, Artaban leaves Bethlehem, but on his way out, he sees soldiers preparing to carry out Herod's command. He runs across a desperate mom begging for help. Artaban, sacrifices his ruby to bribe a soldier into sparing her child. Still discouraged about missing the baby king Jesus, Artaban doesn't give up and return home. He continues his search still holding onto the pearl. Over the next 33 years, Artaban travels the hills of Judea and border areas, continuing his helping ministry, while he continues searching for his King. His journey seems to wind down as he thinks of just retiring to Jerusalem. Now elderly and moving much more slowly, he still holds onto his pearl, that last gift he reserves for the King. He learns that an innocent man, named Jesus, is set to be crucified, so he hurries to offer the pearl as a ransom. But again, along the way, he runs into a young girl about to be sold into slavery. His heart is moved at the sight of her, and he surrenders his last treasure, the pearl, to gain her release! As she approaches Artaban, to thank him, a violent earthquake shakes the city, and Artaban is fatally injured by a falling roof beam. As he lies dying in the street, he hears the voice of Jesus, telling him that he met his Savior King, through every act of love and mercy he performed for others in need. Jesus tells Artaban, that each act was indeed received by Him! In his final breaths, Artaban finds his life's peace, realizing that through his service of compassion, he had been discovering his King all along the Way. Anything done for the poor, is all done to God! Peace, Fr Brian

Pius X Parish Council Meeting Wednesday Jan 28 @ 5:00 pm
Chair Person, Secretary & Finance, Spiritual Life, FFY & Religious Ed
Social Program/Outreach, Building & Ground Comttes

Barb Melillo, Stacey Newby, Philip Scheidegger, Amanda Gentry, Allison Devine, Michael Bowling, Karen Williams

Weekly Scripture Study on the Gospel of Matthew

Every Tuesday Night from 6:30-7:30pm Come study this interesting approach and discussion about the week's gospel reading, using as a source material the work of Dr Brant Pitre.

St Pius X Mass Intentions
Jan 5 – Jan 11

Tuesday	6:00 pm	Russell Tomlinson
Wednesday	8:00 am	Don & Sylvia Hamilton
Thursday	8:00 am	Ann B. Dames
Friday	8:00 am	Florence & John Sharkey
Saturday	4:30 pm	Clem Hinkebein
Sunday	10:00am	Charles "Chuck" Fischer

WEEKLY DONATIONS

Parish Hall Donation (12/28/25)	\$ 5,236.00
Budget for 2025/2026 Fiscal Year	\$ 205,000.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 3,942.00
Sunday Collection (12/28/2025)	\$ 4,135.50
Online Giving (12/28/25)	\$ 1,057.00
Total Week's Gift Offering 12/28	\$ 5,192.50
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 127,624.16



Happy Birthday! Jan 4 – Jan 10 St. Pius

Jan 7 Matthew Brown Jan 8 Donna Carr
Jan 7 Chance Lucas Jan 12 Marty Lampert

Happy Anniversary! St. Pius

January 5 Willard & Kathy Doughty

BISHOP OF OWENSBORO

MEN'S RETREAT
APRIL 25TH – 26TH, 2025

Many thanks to St Pius Decorating Crew: The church was beautiful thanks to Ed/Tammie/Dalton Georgen, Danny Padgett, Mandy Joseph Jacob Gentry, MaryAnn Ruhl, Taran Crabtree, Tyler Bradley, Cody Dearth, Pam Hurst, Dorothy/Paula Schmidt! Thank you! Also, Thank You Danny Padgett & the Choir for the beautiful music and extra instruments for Christmas!

Christmas Memorial Flowers

In Memory of:	From:
Maryann Huebschmann	Rich/Betty Derry
Deceased Members of the Darst & Scheidegger Families	Philip & Amanda Scheidegger
Clem Hinkebein	Hinkebein Family
Bob Darst	Martina Darst
Deceased Members of the Tom Forsythe Family	Tom & Nancy Forsythe
Deceased Members of the Nancy Forsythe Family	Tom & Nancy Forsythe
Memory of The Goff & Mattingly Family	Pat & Lisa Mattingly
Deceased Members of George/ Paula Humphreys Family	George & Paula Humphreys
The Wilhelm Family	Kathy Doughty
The Doughty Family	Kathy Doughty
Taylor Johansen/Shane Lyman	Kathy Johansen

St Pius X Mass Assignments: Saturday, Jan 10, 2025

Servers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers / Greeters	Money Counters
Franky Schiaretti Marlie Schiaretti	Dawn Whitt	Kurt Schmidt Paula Schmidt Volunteer	George Humphreys (Greeter) Paula Humphreys (Greeter)	

Mass Assignments: Sunday, Jan 11, 2025

Kinley Peterson	Pam Hurst	Marcus Newman Diane Witowski Volunteer	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
Jan 7, 2026 Wed 6:00-7:30	Feast – Baptism of the Lord A	Regular Classes resume Epiphany Blessing, Baptism
Jan 14, 2026 Wed 6:00-7:30	Second Sunday of Year – A	Miracles
Jan 21, 2026 Wed 6:00-7:30	Third Sunday of the Year - A	Middle School students visit CCCC Study the Apostles' Creed

Remember our Sick in Your Prayers

St. Pius X: Allie Marie, Zsigray, Matt Scheiber, Christine Thornton, 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 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 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..



St. Anthony Page Announcements

Coffee/ Doughnuts 1st Sunday Every Month

Thank you for the Beautiful Sanctuary! Many thanks to all the decorators after mass who made the sanctuary beautiful for Christmas! Also, thanks to Ashley/Pam Thurman & choir for beautiful music!

Musicians Workshop: Jan 12-16 Chant Workshop

Discover how sacred music and chant can draw you closer to God by participating in Saint Meinrad's Winter Chant Workshop-Praying with Chant. Explore chant in a theological context and apply your insights in rehearsal. Register today at saintmeinrad.edu/sacred-music to deepen your love of sacred music.

Dave Ramsey Financial Peace University:

Last call for interest in attending a series of seminars by Dave Ramsey on Financial skills and planning. At least 10 people needed for us to host classes. Please ask Kippling Spencer, David Loxley or Fr Brian for more info on scholarships!

All-Day Adoration on Friday February 6

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



St Anthony Birthdays Jan 4– Jan 10

January 11 Ashley Thurman

St Anthony Anniversaries:

January 11 Merlin & Renee Ray

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



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)
- † **CONFESSON:** 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

St. Anthony of Padua

Mass Intentions Jan 5 – Jan 11		
Wednesday	9:00 am	PJ & Martha Rose O'Donoghue
Friday	9:00 am	Mike & Linda Drury Family
Sunday	8:00 am	Ron Christianson

WEEKLY DONATIONS

Budget 2024/2025 Fiscal Year (July 2025-June 2026)	\$ 89,000.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 1,711.54
Christmas & 12/28 Collection	\$ 2,437.65
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 63,790.70



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 – January 11, 2025

<i>Lector</i>	Shara Parish
<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>	Mike Drury Cindy O'Brien
<i>Ushers/Greeters</i>	David Loxley Kelly Noonan
<i>Server</i>	Juan Gonzalez
<i>Money Counters</i>	Shara Parish Kevin Diamond

CONSIDER ATTENDING DAILY MASS OR WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

St Anthony Prayer List: Holly O'Brien, Theresa Owens, 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