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21st Sunday Ordinary Time Year C Luke 13:22-30



"Jesus passed through towns and villages, teaching as he went and making his way to Jerusalem. Someone asked him, 'Lord, will only a few people be saved?' He answered them, 'Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough. After the master of the house has arisen and locked the door, then will you stand outside knocking and saying, 'Lord, open the door for us.' He will say to you in reply, 'I do not know where you are from. And you will say, 'We ate and drank in your company and you taught in our streets.' Then he will say to you, 'I do not know where you are from. Depart from me, all you evildoers!' And there will be wailing and grinding of teeth when you see Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God and you yourselves cast out. And people will come from the east and the west and from the north and the south and will recline at table in the kingdom of God. For behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last.'"

The Narrow Gate

By George Barlow

*The road of pain and sorrow I pursue,
That so thine eyes may meet mine in the end: —
That thou mayst upward readily ascend,
My hair is wet with watching 'mid the dew
Of frequent nights; that thou mayst hasten through
The narrow gate, I stand beside and keep
My eyes, though heavy, from the aggressive sleep*

*That I may aid thy toil with weapon true.
Because the gate is strait, I will be there, —
Ready to help thee, ready forth to fare
That I may bring thy steps along the road:
Because the path is terrible and dire
I straightway seek it — with redoubled fire —
Secure that it conducts towards Love's abode.*

IN THE WORD WITH BISHOP MEDLEY

A new series for parish adult small groups
Coming September 2025.

Look Forward to registration Sunday coming up to
join a group to study monthly the Bishop's message
For more info, Contact Ed Georgen
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 August 24, 2025

Is 66:18-21/Heb 12:5-13/Lk 13:22-30

Monday 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday 1 Thes 2:1-8/Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday 1 Thes 2:9-13/Mt 23:27-32

Thursday 1 Thes 3:7-13/Mt 24:42-51

Friday 1 Thes 4:1-8/Mk 6:17-29

Saturday 1 Thes 4:9-11/Mt 25:14-30

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

St. Anthony of Padua Masses

+ Weekend Mass

Saturday – 6:00 pm

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,

21ST Sunday Ordinary Time

Year C

Luke 13:22-30

Were there mosquitoes in Eden before the Fall? There was a book written by John Aurelio back in the 1980's with such a similar title that explored the question of human suffering and why God permits pain in our world. It's a good, ponderous question to consider (those good ones that often children are behind, asking from their innocent curiosity!). So, if mosquitoes were in the garden, did they bite without injecting their itching chemical into us or did Adam and Eve simply accept the irritating itch thankfully as a gentle reminder to go on inside for the night (*unlike their earlier afternoon time of delight leisurely walking free through the garden-Gen 3:8*)? Rather than go in deep on this tangent myself right now, I invite you to pursue St Augustine's intriguing answers to such questions in his book *City of God*, chapter 14. But, for today's gospel, I suggest that more feared than mosquitoes may be the question, "Will there be MATH in heaven?" Some people run from numbers, especially those brain torturing 'Story Problems' that begin, "A train left Phoenix at 4:00 pm traveling 30 mph....." Oh no! Well, Jesus is asked one of those in our gospel reading today: "Lord, will only a few people be saved?" (Lk 13:23) Is there an exact number of saved people that God has in mind for Heaven's occupancy? Does heaven have an OSHA 'Safe Occupancy Load' sign over the door? I know some people go immediately to the Book of Revelation's quote about the perfect number of 144,000 who are sealed with the saving sign around the Lamb's throne (Revelation 7:4). But the imaginative symbolism of that exact number is clarifies its intent to us, when we consider that it is the product of twelve 12's, times a thousand (God loves 'thousand multiples' as in 2 Peter 3:8 & Psalm 90:4 'one day are as a thousand to God.....'). the twelves signify universal inclusion from all twelve familial tribes of the Old Testament or the Twelve apostles in the New Testament branching out on mission to all the nations of the world. The Book of Revelation is not tabulating actual math here, but only suggesting a whole lot of people with such a 'complete-perfect number'. The Book of Revelation goes on in a later verse to step back from giving a precise number of saved people, when it records in Rev 7:9, "I sawgreat multitude, which no one could count, from every nation...." Okay, then, God only knows the exact number.

And this is basically what Jesus answers when He is asked for inside information about who and how many people will be in heaven. It is as if Jesus responds, "Don't worry about the math, just make sure you are in the count!" In Luke 13:22, He actually says, "Strive to enter through the narrow door, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough." When I compare this challenge of Jesus, with His later parable of knocking at the door and being turned away as unrecognized, it makes me think that heaven's entrance takes a certain form. I am reminded of the children's toy that was a table with differently sized blocks that would only fit through like-sized shapes: circle in the circle hole, triangle in the triangle hole, square in the square hole. Is Jesus saying that 'Christ-formed' people enter Christian Paradise? People marked with the saving sign of Jesus Christ, and who truly exhibit Christ's grace or image outwardly, will be the ones that enter through His gate (John 10:9) He suggests this when His parable has the voice say to those locked outside, "I do not recognize you" (Luke 13:27). A similarly shocking rejection & turning away happens in His parable of the Sheep and Goats in Matthew 25:31-46, when Jesus indicates that entrance to His Kingdom, amounts to living and serving like Christ Himself (taking on a lifestyle look that models His-of caring concern and service). To be recognized by Him, we must look like Him or by grace be seriously attempting to look like him-have Him in us to shine through us! This challenge of Jesus is meant to keep us from arrogantly presuming His good grace and that we are going to easily slide into heaven. He does not want us to take His merciful goodness for granted. I hear Jesus clearly (& with St Paul's 'fear and trembling'--Philippians 2:12) when Jesus teaches us to stay humble. He teaches that we will be surprised: "Some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last" (Luke 13:30). Or as St Paul tells it: "Whoever thinks he is standing secure should take care not to fall" (! Cor 10:12). Heaven is not a matter of numbers and math. No, what counts is recognizing Christ in our hearts and being recognized by our hearts for others, all in His Name, Image and Likeness.

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 Comttee

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

Dr Brant Pitre's 9-Part Study of the The Holy Eucharist

Every Tuesday Night from 6:30-7:30pm Come study this interesting approach and discussion about the Holy Eucharist according to Dr Brant Pitre's special presentation series.

St Pius X Mass Intentions Aug 25– Aug 31		
Tuesday	6:00 pm	Ralph Georgen
Wednesday	8:00 am	Tom Forsythe
Wednesday pm	6:30pm	Rita Roach
Thursday	8:00 am	John & Sue Mudd
Friday	8:00 am	Linda Paluso
Saturday	4:30 pm	Virgilio Rendon
Sunday	10:00am	Brenda Georgen
WEEKLY DONATIONS		
Parish Hall Donation (8/17/25)	\$	267.00
Budget for 2025/2026 Fiscal Year	\$	205,000.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$	3,942.00
Weekly Donation (8/17/25)	\$	3,471.50
Online Giving (8/17/25)	\$	1,028.00
Total Week's Gift Offering 8/17	\$	4,499.50
Fiscal Year to Date	\$	34,442.05

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 3rd Sunday after 10 Mass

Men's Bible Study 3rd Sunday after 10 Mass



Knights of Columbus
Madr. Albert J. Thompson Council #10955
Calvert City, KY 42029

30th Annual Charity Golf Tournament

Drake Creek Golf Club

4 PERSON SCRAMBLE

SATURDAY, September 13, 2025

REGISTRATION STARTS AT 6:45 AM

SHOTGUN START 8:00 AM

Entry Fee: \$90 per player, LADIES WELCOME

Includes cart, green fee, beverages and snacks during play and lunch after play.

Prizes:

1st Hole in one on #17, \$1,000

Longest Drive

Longest Put

Closest to the Pin

50/50 Raffle

First Place Team

*** and the infamous Last Place Team ***

Several Raffle Prizes: **50" Plus Flat Screen TV**

Bring Cash, improve your Score with: Mulligans, Yardstick Golf, Take a Chance for a hole in one!

** Only Alcohol provided by Drake Creek is allowed on the course. **

ENTRY FEE MUST ACCOMPANY ENTRY FORM! Deadline to enter is Sept 8, 2025.

Individual entries are welcome, teams will be formed. Make checks payable to Knights of Columbus

Mail entry forms or Steve Glover, PO Box 767 Calvert City, Ky. 42029

Happy Birthday! Aug 24– Aug 30

Aug 25 John Brooks	Aug 26 Jimmy Harbison
Aug 25 Devin Humphreys	Aug 27 Willard Doughty
Aug 26 Julie Risley	Aug 28 Marty Darst
Aug 30 Tara Blazina	Aug 30 Sara Coleman

Happy Anniversary! St. Pius

August 24	Ric & Diane Witowski
August 27	David & Amy Crass

St Pius X Mass Assignments: Saturday, Aug 30, 2025

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

Mass Assignments: Sunday, Aug 31, 2025

Kinley Peterson Harrison Shupe	Philip Scheidegger	Amanda Scheidegger Pam Hurst Diane Witowski	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
Aug 27, 2025 Wed 6:30 Mass	22 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time-C	MASS @ 6:30pm Hand out FFY Books ICE CREAM SOCIAL!!!
Sep 3, 2025 Wed 6:00-7:30	23 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time-C	FFY Classes in Rooms/Church
Sep 10, 2025 Wed 6:00-7:30	24 th Sunday in Ordinary Time-C	FFY Classes in Rooms/Church

Remember in Prayer

St. Pius X: Tena Brooks, Maryann Huebschmann, Angie Farris, Kathy Sanderson, Greg Williams, Judy Ayers, Pat Hobbs, Keisha Bradley Janet Norvell, 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, Wes Hayes, Mike Norvell, 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 Brooks, Stacey 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

Save the Dates: St Anthony Fall Bazaar

Fri Oct 3 @ 5:00 pm & All Day Sat Oct 4 @ 9-4

Please consider signing up for any of the ways of helping the day of the bazaar. We need helpers for set-up, and clean-up. But also pies and cakes for the dinner and any baked goods for the Bake Sale. Please see the form in the front of church to help out further.

Plan ahead: For Bazaar Day, we will need set-up help, kitchen help, man tables & booths and sales.

Leaders: Quilts & Crafts: Wayne/Georgia Bradshaw
Set-up & Crafts: Vern & Georgia Hunsley
Lunch/Bake Sale: Kevin & Sandy Ruth Diesen

Saint Meinrad Young Adult Retreat Weekends

(Sept. 19-21, Nov. 7-9, Jan. 9-11, April 17-19, August 7-9, Oct. 23-25, 2026) The cost is \$50 and includes lodging and meals. This is an unstructured retreat, run by St Meinrad.
<https://www.saintmeinrad.org/retreats/young-adult-retreats>

All-Day Adoration on Friday September 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 the Blessed Sacrament. Confession available at 9:30am.

First Saturdays Honor the Blessed Mother:

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



St Anthony Birthdays Aug 24 – Aug 30

August 25 Merlin Ray

St Anthony Anniversaries:

August 29 Vern & Georgia Hunsley

August 31 Ashley & Pam Thurman

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

Aug 25– Aug 31

Wednesday	9:00 am	Jeanie Cain
Friday	9:00 am	Shirley Cothran
Saturday pm	6:00 pm	Bobby Eaves
Sunday	8:00 am	Monroe Adrian

WEEKLY DONATIONS

Budget 2024/2025 Fiscal Year (July 2025-June 2026)	\$ 89,000.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 1,711.54
Weekly Donation 8/17/2025	\$ 3,467.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 22,409.00



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 – August 31, 2025

Lector	Sandi Ruth
Eucharistic Ministers	Mike Drury Shara Parish
Ushers/Greeters	Kelly Noonan Kevin Diamond
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 Sept 17 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