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Feast of the Holy Family Year A Matt 2:13-15, 19-23



“When the magi had departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Rise, take the child and his mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I tell you. Herod is going to search for the child to destroy him.” Joseph rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed for Egypt. He stayed there until the death of Herod, that what the Lord had said through the prophet might be fulfilled, “Out of Egypt I called my son”. When Herod had died, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, “Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child’s life are dead.” He rose, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go back there. And because he had been warned in a dream, he departed for the region of Galilee. He went and dwelt in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, He shall be called a Nazorean.”

## ‘Flight into Egypt’

By Thomas Merton

Through every precinct of the wintry city  
Squadroned iron resounds upon the streets;  
Herod’s police  
Make shudder the dark steps of the tenements  
At the business about to be done.

Neither look back upon Thy starry country,  
Nor hear what rumors crowd across the dark  
Where blood runs down these holy walls,  
Nor frame a childish blessing with Thy hand  
Towards that fiery spiral of exulting souls!

Go, Child of God, upon the singing desert,  
Where, with eyes of flame,  
The roaming lion keeps thy road from harm.

## IN THE WORD WITH BISHOP MEDLEY

4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](http://www.stpiusx.us)

### Daily Scripture Readings

Sunday December 28, 2025

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Col 3:12-21 /Mt 2:13-23

Monday 1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35

Tuesday 1 Jn 2:12-17/Lk 2:36-40

Wednesday 1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18

Thursday Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Friday 1 Jn 2:22-28/Jn 1:19-28

Saturday 1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Jn 1:29-34

### 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

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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 Notes



Dear St Anthony & St Pius Families,

Feast of the Holy Family

Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

**Three dreams of life saving messages!** Three times in this reading, God *tells* Joseph how to save the Holy Family from being harmed/killed by Herod *through dreams*! Joseph, the foster father of Jesus, possesses the gift of dream interpretation just like his ancestor's namesake Joseph did also. His ancestor Joseph was the OT patriarch who had just as colorful an imagination as his many-colored coat was reported in Genesis 37:3. In today's gospel we hear of Joseph being nudged by God through three different dreams (He had already been led once, in a dream to accept a pregnant Mary, in Matthew 1:20). In this reading, first, Joseph is called to flee Egypt, to escape Herod's murderous jealousy (Matt 2:13). Then secondly, after Herod's own death, God sends word through a dream to Joseph to head back toward their homeland of Judea (Matt 2:19-20). However, whether Joseph interpreted the dream wrong, or events on the ground changed, God adjusted the travel route by messaging in another dream (the third time's the charm) some advanced detail, instructing Joseph specifically, to move and settle home farther up north safely in Galilee (Matt 2:22). Joseph was sensitive enough to discern God's direction through the use of his personal dreams.

Dreams can figure large in the lives of people. We see it happen in Scripture. Some biblical figures who God spoke to, through dreams, include the patriarch Jacob (Gen 28:10-22) & the prophet Daniel (Dan 2:19, 7:1). But, God tries to break through to nonbelievers, too, using their dreams. Some examples of God speaking to non-believers include the case of King Nebuchadnezzar's dream in Daniel 2 & 4, or King Abimelech's dream in Genesis 20:3. A similar dream intervention occurs in the New Testament with Pontius Pilate's wife in Matthew 27:19.

Back the beginning of December, I was excited to hear about a book about to be published which contained a complete transcript of the interviews between Dr Carl Jung, a Depth Psychologist and his long-time editor Aniela Jaffé. The interviews were the source material for his memoir, titled "Memories, Dreams & Reflections". But this release is the entire transcript of their conversations! Like Joseph, Carl Jung was a master at interpreting the spiritual content of dreams. He encourages us to approach our dreams as potential sources of meaningful direction. He taught that we should wisely approach them as helpful guides in considering action or decisions in our lives (of course, with prudent counsel). Dreams are good material for further deliberation and discussion that can yield fulfilling resolutions to our life's events. A couple of past popular books taught the same idea. They include Morton Kelsey's (1977) "Dreams: A Way to Listen to God" & John Sanford's (1989) "Dreams: God's Forgotten Language." Some people keep dream journals, just as they do prayer journals. Many literary authors draw their great plots or characters from them! Something to pray about and consider!

Yet, also many saints have had their lives turned around, because of dreams! Biographical tradition holds that St. Patrick was guided by a dream to escape his enslavement and captivity (the dream called him to flee in the night to the coast where a ship happened to be in port waiting to sail to Britain!) After his conversion, he was also led by God in a dream to return to Ireland, freely though this time, to minister to the people as a Catholic missionary.

Also, before St. Dominic was born, his mother dreamed of a black and white dog carrying a burning torch. The Latin name for the Dominicans, who set the world on fire for God, is Domini-canes (Dogs of the Lord). Also the great youth minister, St. John Bosco dreamed once of fighting dogs that were transformed into lambs. He interpreted the dream as God's direction to him, to take up the important work of shepherding the abandoned youth (wild) on the streets, and helping them be changed by Christ into upright young men. There is an inspirational book of St John Bosco, that reports a collection of some of his dreams from God (out of many from his obvious 'dream-prayer journal'). It is titled "The Forty Dreams of St. John Bosco."

Accounts are told of certain scientists that 'got *inspiration*' for their scientific breakthroughs (paradigm shifts) from their dreams, such as James Watson's dream of what turned out to be the actual shape of the DNA's double-helix, or August Kekulé documenting the structure of the benzene ring, or Dmitri Mendeleev's dream that led him to systematize elements by their properties (such as their reactivity & atomic weight). So dreams are powerful!

And dreams are an important tool God used with St Joseph to protect the Blessed Mother and our Savior! And God *may* use them with us! We may want to think again and pray about that last dream we had that stuck with us after a good night's rest! St Joseph, pray for us! Peace, Fr brian

**Pius X Parish Council** Meeting Wednesday @ 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

**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.

# DECEMBER 28, 2025 + FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY YEAR A

## St Pius X Mass Intentions Dec 29 – Jan 4

Tuesday	6:00 pm	Jean Raynor
Wednesday	8:00 am	Clem Hinkebein
Jan 1 Thursday	8:00 am	Norman Wheatley
Friday	8:00 am	Loretta Wheatley
Saturday	4:30 pm	Tena Brooks
Sunday	10:00am	Linda Paluso

### WEEKLY DONATIONS

Parish Hall Donation (12/14/25)	\$ 240.00
Budget for 2025/2026 Fiscal Year	\$ 205,000.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 3,942.00
Weekly Donation (12/14/25)	\$ 2,655.75
Online Giving (12/14/25)	\$ 1,059.00
Total Week's Gift Offering 12/14	\$ 3,714.75
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 122,431.66



### Happy Birthday! Dec 28 – Jan 3 St. Pius

Jan 1	Dylan Pellegrin	Jan 2	Alex Galvan
Jan 2	Max Canon	Jan 2	Kathy Sanderson

### Happy Anniversary! St. Pius

No anniversaries this week

## 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

## Joy, Laughter, and Holiness Women's Retreat

February 7, 2026 @ St. Ann Parish Hall, 304 S. Church St., Morganfield, KY. Doors open at 8:00am with program begins 9:00-2:30 pm. [owensborodiocese.org/womensretreat/](http://owensborodiocese.org/womensretreat/)



## St Pius X Mass Assignments: Saturday, Jan 3, 2025

Servers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers / Greeters	Money Counters
Camryn Risley Kendall Risley	Liz Medley	Kurt Schmidt Charlotte Riedfort Larry Whitt	George Humphreys (Greeter) Paula Humphreys (Greeter)	

## Mass Assignments: Sunday, Jan 4, 2025

Gavin Devine Harrison Shupe	Marty Darst	Allison Devine Amanda Scheidegger Pam Hurst	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
Dec 24, 2025	Feast of Christmas – A	<b>Christmas Break – No classes</b>
Dec 31, 2025	Feast of the Holy Family - A	<b>Christmas Break – Happy New Year</b>
Jan 7, 2026 Wed 6:00-7:30	Feast of the Epiphany - A	<i>Returning regular classes</i>

### 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 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 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Every Month

#### What a tremendous response to the Angel Tree

Still coming in but initial totals look to be near \$2,000.00 for Livingston County Families First!

**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](http://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 January 2

St Anthony Church has an all day Eucharistic Adoration every 1<sup>st</sup> 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 January 3 @ 8:00am. Every first Saturday we offer mass and pray the rosary



#### St Anthony Birthdays Dec 28– Jan 3

Dec 30 Tracey Tashjian

Jan 4 Laura Day

#### 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 29 – Jan 4

Wednesday	9:00 am	Charles Thurman Jr
Jan 1 HolyDay	9:00 am	Debbie Green
Friday	9:00 am	John & Anne Bradshaw
1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday	8:00 am	Taylor Johansen/Shane Lyman
Sunday	8:00 am	Helen Krivan

### WEEKLY DONATIONS

Budget 2024/2025 Fiscal Year (July 2025-June 2026)	\$ 89,000.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 1,711.54
Weekly Donation 12/21/2025	\$ 1,504.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 61,353.05



### 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 – January 4, 2025

Lector	Darin Adrian
Eucharistic Ministers	Joyce Wilkinson Judy Forsythe
Ushers/Greeters	Kevin Diamond Kevin Deisen
Server	Juan Gonzalez
Money Counters	Shara Parish Kevin Diamond

### CONSIDER ATTENDING DAILY MASS

**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

### 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:** 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:stpiusx@stpiusx.us)