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22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time Year C Luke 14:1, 7-14



"On a sabbath Jesus went to dine at the home of one of the leading Pharisees, and the people there were observing him carefully. He told a parable to those who had been invited, noticing how they were choosing the places of honor at the table. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not recline at table in the place of honor. A more distinguished guest than you may have been invited by him, and the host who invited both of you may approach you and say, 'Give your place to this man,' and then you would proceed with embarrassment to take the lowest place. Rather, when you are invited, go and take the lowest place so that when the host comes to you he may say, 'My friend, move up to a higher position.' Then you will enjoy the esteem of your companions at the table. For every one who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted." Then he said to the host who invited him, "When you hold a lunch or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or your wealthy neighbors, in case they may invite you back and you have repayment. Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

### **'Ex Ore Infantium'**

By Francis Thompson

Little Jesus, wast Thou shy  
Once, and just so small as I?  
And what did it feel like to be  
Out of Heaven, and just like me?  
Didst Thou sometimes think of THERE,  
And ask where all the angels were?  
I should think that I would cry  
For my house all made of sky;  
I would look about the air,  
And wonder where my angels were;  
And at waking 'twould distress me--  
Not an angel there to dress me!  
Hadst Thou ever any toys,  
Like us little girls and boys?  
And didst Thou play in Heaven with all  
The angels that were not too tall,  
With stars for marbles? Did the things  
Play Can you see me? through their wings?  
And did Thy Mother let Thee spoil  
Thy robes, with playing on OUR soil?

### **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-- [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 August 31, 2025

Sir 3:17-29/Heb 12:18-24/Lk 14:1, 7-14

Monday 1 Thes 4:13-18/Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday Col 1:1-8/Lk 4:38-44

Thursday Col 1:9-14/Lk 5:1-11

Friday Col 1:15-20/Lk 5:33-39

Saturday Col 1:21-23/Lk 6:1-5

### **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

[www.stanthonygrandrivers.org](http://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,

22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time

Year C

Luke 14:1, 7-14

**“Humble yourself, or others will gladly do it for you.”** In this rough and tumble, prideful world of ours, no one stays on top long. If we happen to rise, yet lack a self-respecting humility, then inevitably, someone else **will** pull us down. So Jesus advises proactively lowering oneself, (one’s estimation of oneself and one’s actual standing), to prevent such a fall or career crash. In Luke 14:10, Jesus teaches, “when invited to a banquet, go and **take the lowest place.**” One way of viewing this advice, is that, at least (?) from such a lowered position, one can only go up! Jesus says further, “everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted” (Lk 14:11)

Jesus’ parable about taking the lowest seat at the banquet, reminds me of another teaching story told by the Christian desert father Abba Theophilus. *Theophilus tells about a young man who had followed various elders’ advice to go do penance in order to find fulfillment. One elder told him to work as a ferryman, to courteously bear all offenses as due to him and give away his income to the poor, to attain wisdom. After several years working, the young man retired to move to Athens to study contemplation (Theoria). As he approached the city gate, a wise philosopher sitting there mocked and humiliated him, and the young man laughed back joyously! The philosopher acted surprised, and said, ‘Why do you laugh, I put you down?’ To which the seeker laughed more, ‘For three years I have paid to be insulted and now as a student of wisdom, here I am insulted free of charge!’*

When we proudly fight back insults, or stew angrily over humiliations, we are further paying for it! Yet, when we honestly know ourselves, we can welcome such humbling (self-initiated or other-inflicted), because it is not on us- it is free (and we)! I see such an honest self-appraisal and humble focus on higher causes (God’s work-Kingdom), when Jesus reprimanded James and John who sought to retaliate in anger after being insulted by a rejecting Samaritan town back in Luke 9:54-56. There, Jesus advised brushing (laughing) it off and keeping attention on the greater mission – there is too much good work to be done than to be dragged down by someone else’s pettiness. Move on, not becoming hurt or entangled in pride’s clawing back and forth.

Jesus continues His teaching about the Christian servant’s humility by saying, “If you hold a banquet, invite the poor e poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind -- blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you” (Luke 14:13-14). For the disciple of Jesus, service work is not about payment. It is about goodness being shared. Goodness, holiness and virtue are their own reward. The Christian servant is good about hospitality and helping others, not for any recognition or reward, but for the sheer goodness of it. We can witness how goodness grows of itself through such humble, anonymous service directed solely to the benefit of other people. We see the contagious ‘paying it forward’ element, that does not stop for any return accolades but simply anonymously (humbly) continues forward with the free distribution of the grace cycle!

When Jesus sent out the apostles on mission, one of his commands to them was, “Without cost you have received; without cost you are to give” (Matthew 10:8) And St Paul says it this way, “What do you possess that you have not received?” (1 Corinthians 4:7) The humble person knows that they depend upon God, and that all we have (if anything) is a gift from God. We must remember that what is here today can be gone tomorrow (*Job 1:21 “The LORD gave and the LORD has taken away, yet blessed be the name of the LORD!”*). So, Jesus calls His followers to not rely upon their own self-promotions or self-projections ( I am reminded of the politician who was caught calling newspapers early in his career, acting like a publicist telling columnists to check out this outstanding, up-and-coming guy who turned out, because the call was taped, to be the shameless self-promoting guy himself!). St Paul says, “Romans 12:3 “I tell everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than one ought to think...”

Jesus calls us to trust in His care and always seek the lowest position among others. Isn’t this just another way of simply saying, “Always put others ahead of yourself.” Romans 12:10 has St Paul telling Christians to ‘outdo one another in showing honor to the other.” each other.” But if we don’t, count on a fall. “Whoever thinks he is standing secure should take care not to fall” (1 Corinthians 10:12). 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 Comttees

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



**PRAY FOR  
UKRAINE**

**St Pius X Mass Intentions**

**Sep 1– Sep 7**

|                  |                |                                              |
|------------------|----------------|----------------------------------------------|
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | <b>6:00 pm</b> | <b>Max Ray Hayes</b>                         |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>8:00 am</b> | <b>James Spike &amp; Celia Faye Johnston</b> |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>8:00 am</b> | <b>Dolly Bardsley</b>                        |
| <b>Friday</b>    | <b>8:00 am</b> | <b>Ralph Georgen</b>                         |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | <b>4:30 pm</b> | <b>Don Buffington</b>                        |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>10:00am</b> | <b>Dee Dee Whittaker</b>                     |

**WEEKLY DONATIONS**

|                                         |                      |
|-----------------------------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Parish Hall Donation (8/24/25)</b>   | <b>\$ 122.00</b>     |
| <b>Budget for 2025/2026 Fiscal Year</b> | <b>\$ 205,000.00</b> |
| <b>Donation Need Each Week</b>          | <b>\$ 3,942.00</b>   |
| <b>Weekly Donation (8/24/25)</b>        | <b>\$ 2,432.50</b>   |
| <b>Online Giving (8/24/25)</b>          | <b>\$ 1,162.00</b>   |
| <b>Total Week's Gift Offering 8/24</b>  | <b>\$ 3,594.50</b>   |
| <b>Fiscal Year to Date</b>              | <b>\$ 38,036.55</b>  |



**Happy Birthday! Aug 31– Sep 6 St. Pius**

|                        |                         |
|------------------------|-------------------------|
| Sept 1 Nicholas Duzmal | Sept 3 Kenneth Matthews |
| Sept 2 Jason Doughty   | Sept 5 Tonya Dao        |
| Sept 2 Ryan Devine     | Sept 6 Cindy Jackson    |
| Sept 3 Beck Lucas      | Sept 6 Paula Schmidt    |

**Happy Anniversary! St. Pius**

*No anniversaries this week*

**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**  
**Men's Bible Study**

**September 21 after 10 Mass**  
**September 28 after 10 Mass**



**Knights of Columbus**  
Magr. 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

**St Pius X Mass Assignments: Saturday, Sep 6, 2025**

| Servers                                | Lectors           | Eucharistic Ministers                       | Ushers / Greeters                                       | Money Counters |
|----------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| Franky Schiaretta<br>Marlie Schiaretta | Brenda Schiaretta | Amy Crass<br>Paula Schmidt<br>Jeff Riedfort | George Humphreys (Greeter)<br>Paula Humphreys (Greeter) |                |

**Mass Assignments: Sunday, Sep 7, 2025**

|           |              |                                               |                                                    |                                |
|-----------|--------------|-----------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Volunteer | Mike Bowling | Allison Devine<br>Caleb King<br>Teresa Newman | Margaret Howard<br>Gary Traylor<br>Usher Volunteer | Nancy Singleton<br>Kathy Smith |
|-----------|--------------|-----------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|

**FFY**

**Calendar  
&  
Activities  
Schedule**

| DATE                                 | SUNDAY GOSPEL READING                        | Classes or Events           |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Sep 3, 2025<br><b>Wed 6:00-7:30</b>  | 23 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time -C  | FFY Classes in Rooms/Church |
| Sep 10, 2025<br><b>Wed 6:00-7:30</b> | 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time - C             | FFY Classes in Rooms/Church |
| Sep 17, 2025<br><b>Wed 6:00-7:30</b> | 25 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - C | FFY Classes in Rooms/Church |

**Remember in Prayer**

**St. Pius X:** Florine Daigle, 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 Broks, 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, 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 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 September 6 @ 8:00am.  
 Every first Saturday we offer mass and pray the rosary



### St Anthony Birthdays Aug 31 – Sep 6

September 6 Jovita Herron

### St Anthony Anniversaries:

August 31 Ashley & Pam Thurman

September 1 Steve & Linda Wilkes

### 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**

**Sep 1– Sep 7**

|                |         |                    |
|----------------|---------|--------------------|
| Wednesday      | 9:00 am | Charles Thurman Jr |
| Friday         | 9:00 am | Deanna Hayward     |
| First Saturday | 8:00 am | Taylor Johansen    |
| Sunday         | 8:00 am | Rosey Carey        |

#### **WEEKLY DONATIONS**

|                                                       |              |
|-------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| Budget 2024/2025 Fiscal Year<br>(July 2025-June 2026) | \$ 89,000.00 |
| Donation Need Each Week                               | \$ 1,711.54  |
| Weekly Donation 8/24/2025                             | \$ 2,463.00  |
| Fiscal Year to Date                                   | \$ 24,872.00 |



### **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**

|                              |                               |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Lector</b>                | Sandi Ruth                    |
| <b>Eucharistic Ministers</b> | Mike Drury<br>Shara Parish    |
| <b>Ushers/Greeters</b>       | Kelly Noonan<br>Kevin Diamond |
| <b>Server</b>                | Juan Gonzalez                 |
| <b>Money Counters</b>        | Shara Parish<br>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:** 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)