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Exaltation of the Holy Cross Year C Jn 3:13-17



“Jesus said to Nicodemus: “No one has gone up to heaven except the one who has come down from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.” For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.”

### **'The Mystery'**

By Amos Russel Wells

One mystery there is, and one alone,  
Baffles the human spirit with despair,  
Filches the very sunlight from the air.  
And wrenches every breath into a groan.  
Oh, it is when our loved, our very own,  
The good,—so good! the fair,—so dearly fair!  
Are doomed some awful agony to bear.  
And all their sweet, pure life becomes a moan.  
Send us, O God! amid our aching tears  
The memory of Thine accepted fate,—  
Thy Son, Thy best beloved, torn with spears  
Of all our mortal woes disconsolate;  
So that our mystery of pain appears  
A mystery of love and not of hate.

## **IN THE WORD WITH BISHOP MEDLEY**

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

First Session Today 1:30 at St Pius Parish Hall  
Join 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 September 14, 2025

Nm 21:4b-9/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

Monday 1 Tm 2:1-8 (443)/Jn 19:25-27

Tuesday 1 Tm 3:1-13/Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday 1 Tm 3:14-16/Lk 7:31-35

Thursday 1 Tm 4:12-16/Lk 7:36-50

Friday 1 Tm 6:2c-12/Lk 8:1-3

Saturday 1 Tm 6:13-16/Lk 8:4-15

### **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,

Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Jn 3:13-17

***“Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up...so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life”*** (Jn 3:14-15) A powerful story about Moses in the desert tells of the time that the people were plagued by biting serpents that killed many of the Israelites. They called out for help, and God answered them by directing Moses to kill a serpent and place it high upon a stake. Even just looking at the staked serpent, became a healing remedy for those afflicted with serpent fears or injuries (Numbers 21:9). Similarly, we call out to God with complaints of how ‘angst-causing death’ stalks us, and God provides a visual remedy of Christ hung up, on the Cross for us. We gaze upon it and experience comfort and healing. If we recall that one of the consequences of Adama & Eve’s sin in the garden was suffering and death, then we can see that Christ on the Crucifix undoes the damage of Adama & Eve. The snake-bitten pain (suffering in this life) passed on to us from Adam and Eve’s act of stealing fruit from the tree, is healed by Christ’s return to the tree of the stolen fruit (*Jesus on cross is the restored fruit on the tree--His obedience redeems the disobedience of Adam*). This restitution-redemption (*Son of Man lifted up on tree of cross*) restores our best relationship to God and His Garden (God Creator & His Design for our Life & Being). Jesus willingly rose up onto the cross for us, accepting death that we might live. It is something to see! Look up at a crucifix! We must face the reality of sin’s pain and suffering in this world in order to overcome it. Often, that includes facing our own part to play in bringing it on. But by acknowledging it, we begin the process of its redemption--like exposing a wound to the healing effects of daylight-sunshine. Having faced our wound openly, when can begin healing it.

Jesus’ restoration of human obedience to Father’s Will restores/heals us by properly relating again to God, as God intended from the beginning. The Book of Revelation 22:2 tells us of the new heaven and new earth, where “the tree of life produces fruit twelve times a year... the leaves of the trees serve as medicine for the nations.” The cross of Jesus is the true tree of life, and it blooms and fruits our healing remedy! Isn’t it amazing to consider how, when we eat the new fruit of the cross-tree of life with Jesus on it now, we can say this new fruit brings eternal life back to us. In John 6:40 “everyone who *sees the Son {looks upon Him}* and believes in him may have eternal life” and in John 6:54, Jesus says “Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day.” Jesus is the fruit on the Tree of Life that we look upon, as He is raised up in front of us in every Mass at Communion, just before we are invited to come receive Him and live a healed life from Him (*‘Only say the Word, and my soul shall be healed’*)! What a sacred gift!

I was blessed a couple of years ago, to hear the ‘witness story’ of young man who had converted to the Catholic Faith from Buddhism. He had always been perplexed and put off by the Catholic Faith and the ever-present image of a crucifix of our Lord around sanctuaries or in our literature. He happened to be looking at a rosary one day and holding the crucifix piece one day, when an enlightening thought hit his heart - “This crucified Lord embodies what I profess we seek release from in Buddhism. ***Suffering in this life!*** The four Truths of Buddhism (central tenets) are 1) ***Life is suffering*** 2) The cause of suffering is Desire, 3) End Desire & then Suffering ends 4) The elimination of desire results from following the Eightfold Path of Rightness (*1. Right Understanding, 2. Right Intent, 3. Right Speech, 4. Right Action, 5. Right Livelihood, 6. Right Effort, 7. Right Mindfulness & 8. Right Concentration*). He came to realize that Jesus Christ fulfills that redemption of Suffering, by His loving sacrifice of death on the Cross – embracing it fully out of love for us and showing us the Way of Following Him (*the Path = Jesus’ ‘I am the Way, Truth and Life’ Jn 14:6*). Of course, there is a lot more historical background to the young man’s wonderful conversion story, but his breakthrough ‘moment of realization’ came after holding and meditating upon that suffering crucifix image of Jesus raised up upon the cross! It is our sign of salvation and the sign we follow: the sign of Christ on the Cross (1 Cor 1:23-24, Gal 6:14).

Peace of Christ, 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

### First Reconciliation/First Communion Schedule

Sept. 28	Sun 9:00 - 9:45am	First Reconciliation	Session #2
Oct. 19	Sun 9:00 - 9:45am	First Reconciliation	Session #3
Nov. 2	Sun 9:00 - 9:45am	First Reconciliation	Session #4/ #5



# SEPTEMBER 14, 2025 + EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS YEAR C

## St Pius X Mass Intentions Sep 15– Sep 21

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>	<b>Francisco Rendon</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>Virgilio Rendon</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>James 'Wootie' Wooten</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>Sally Anne Klohr</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>4:30 pm</b>	<b>Crispin Rendon</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Gregory Klohr</b>

## WEEKLY DONATIONS

<b>Parish Hall Donation (9/7/25)</b>	<b>\$ 130.00</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 (9/7/25)</b>	<b>\$ 4,030.50</b>
<b>Online Giving (9/7/25)</b>	<b>\$ 1,585.00</b>
<b>Total Week's Gift Offering 9/7</b>	<b>\$ 5,615.50</b>
<b>Fiscal Year to Date</b>	<b>\$ 52,967.16</b>



## Happy Birthday! Sep 14– Sep 20 St. Pius

Sept 14 Brent Hurst Sept 21 Eric Galvan  
Sept 18 Brynlee Dixon Sept 22 Leanne Scheiber

## Happy Anniversary! St. Pius

Sept 17 Klint & Debra Boughton  
Sept 17 Jerry & Kathy Sanderson  
Sept 18 Jeff & Julie Risley

## 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 September 21 after 10 Mass  
Men's Bible Study September 28 after 10 Mass

## Journey: Young Adult Hiking Retreat: Friday Oct

24 Sunday-Oct. 26, 2025 "Solvitur Ambulando" is a Latin phrase attributed to Saint Augustine which roughly translates to "In walking, it is solved." THE JOURNEY is an intentional space for reflection, prayer, retreat, fellowship, and adventure hosted by the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry utilizing the North Trail at Land between the Lakes. For ages 18-39. The cost is \$50, and space is limited to 12 participants. For more details and to register, please see: <https://owensborodiocese.org/journey-retreat/>



# PRAY FOR UKRAINE

## Mass Assignments: Saturday, Sep 20, 2025

Servers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers / Greeters	Money Counters
Franky Schiarette Marlie Schiarette	Brenda Schiarette	Kurt Schmidt Paula Schmidt Larry Whitt	George Humphreys (Greeter) Paula Humphreys (Greeter)	

## Mass Assignments: Sunday, Sep 21, 2025

Volunteer	Marty Darst	Caleb King Amanda Schiedegger Amy Crass	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
Sep 17, 2025 <b>Wed 6:00-7:30</b>	25 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time C	FFY Classes in Rooms/Church
Sep 24, 2025 <b>Wed 6:00-7:30</b>	26 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time C	<b>ADORATION @ 7:00pm</b> & Adoration etiquette/protocol
Oct 1, 2025 <b>Wed 6:00-7:30</b>	27 <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 Brooks, 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

**Prayers & Sympathy:** Please pray for the eternal rest and peace of Tommy Sheppard, husband of Margie, whose funeral was last week. Please keep Margie and their children and family in your prayers. May God comfort and strengthen them.

### All-Day Adoration on Friday October 3

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 October 4 @ 8:00am. Every first Saturday we offer mass and pray the rosary



### St Anthony Birthdays Sep 14 – Sep 20

September 15 Jamie Zaim

### St Anthony Anniversaries:

September 16 Bob & Dot Lang

### 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 15– Sep 21**

<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Richard &amp; Virginia Klohr</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Norman Wheatley</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>Dolly Bardsley</b>

#### **WEEKLY DONATIONS**

Budget 2024/2025 Fiscal Year (July 2025-June 2026)	<b>\$ 89,000.00</b>
Donation Need Each Week	<b>\$ 1,711.54</b>
Weekly Donation 9/7/2025	<b>\$ 2,221.00</b>
Fiscal Year to Date	<b>\$ 30,398.00</b>



### **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 – September 21, 2025

<b>Lector</b>	Mike Drury
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Joyce Wilkinson Jovita Herron
<b>Ushers/Greeters</b>	Vern Hunsley Georgia Hunsley
<b>Server</b>	Juan Gonzalez
<b>Money Counters</b>	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, 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)