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2nd Sunday Ordinary Time Year A John 1:29-34



Announcement: Please Note Change

I have been contacted by the United Bishop's Conference that I am prohibited to print their approved translation of the Sunday's gospel text in this space, ***without purchasing an extra copyright license from the United States Bishops***. Though we regularly purchase 200 missalettes at St Anthony, & St Pius purchased 150 copies of hymnals containing the readings, I am not allowed to print the copyrighted Mass lectionary text here, without paying an additional license fee to the Bishop's Conference (*and get this, the Office is called "Office of the Biblical Apostolate"?? What is its mission? - "Apostolate"??*) But God's Word will not be chained (2 Timothy 2:9) and I am looking into an open-source, public domain Catholic Scholars Group that makes available for 'study' an English translation of the Latin Vulgate. I plan to have by next week a 'study' bible translation in place just in time for next Sunday's celebration, of 'The Word **of God** Sunday' (How Ironic!)!

N.B. -The text that will be found in this box, will not be used in our ecclesial liturgy. It is for 'study' & personal lectio divina.

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 18, 2026

Is 49:3, 5-6/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34

Monday 1 Sm 15:16-23/Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday 1 Sm 16:1-13/Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday 1 Sm 17:32-51/Mk 3:1-6

Thursday 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Mk 3:7-12

Friday 1 Sm 24:3-21/Mk 3:13-19

Saturday 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-27/Mk 3:20-21

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



'Little Lamb'

By William Blake

Little Lamb, who made thee?
Dost thou know who made thee?
Gave thee life, and bid thee feed,
By the stream and o'er the mead;
Gave thee clothing of delight,
Softest clothing, woolly, bright;
Gave thee such a tender voice,
Making all the vales rejoice?
Little Lamb, who made thee?
Dost thou know who made thee?

Little Lamb, I'll tell thee,
Little Lamb, I'll tell thee.
He is called by thy name,
For He calls Himself a Lamb.
He is meek, and He is mild;
He became a little child.
I a child, and thou a lamb,
We are called by His name.
Little Lamb, God bless thee!
Little Lamb, God bless thee!

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

Paula Schmidt, CRE/Office Manager

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Parish Office Hours

Tuesday -- Thursday

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9:00 am-2:00 pm



Pastor's Study Desk Notes



Dear St Anthony & St Pius Families,

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

John 1:29-34

“He must increase; I must decrease” (John 3:30) This is John’s humble admission of his ‘little’ role in Jesus’ ministry. John is only an opening act to the full drama of redemption accomplished by Jesus Christ. John needs to ‘Exit-Stage Left’, as Jesus assumes Center Stage. So, John defers and repeatedly points Jesus out to people. John tells us about Jesus, ***“He is the One...!”*** (Jn 1:30) This might sound paradoxical but John’s humility cannot be overplayed. And the key to understanding a few puzzles in today’s gospel comes down to appreciating this humility of John the Baptist. John will twice point out Jesus by title “Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world” (John 1:29, 36). John’s job description given by the angel to Zechariah about him, was that John would “go before the Lord.....to prepare a people fit for the Lord” (Lk 1:17). John prepared people for the Messiah’s coming, that “one mightier than I, is coming, ... who will baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire” (Lk 3:16). But two puzzles are presented by John’s speech in today’s gospel. The ***first*** puzzle is John’s enigmatic saying, “A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me because he existed before me” (Jn 1:30, which he had already said word for word back in John 1:15). That is a twisting head-turner literally. It makes us look backward, then forward, then backward again. Jesus shows up in earth-time ***after*** John, but Jesus had existed in heaven time forever ***before!*** Why does this even come up? Because of a bias, that those who come later, like students or disciples, cannot be greater than what was first such as original teachers and masters. The glory days are always the older days, right? (*that’s the bias- which is really just as wrong as the other direction’s bias, that anything new is automatically an improvement!*) So, to a crowd that venerated elders and ancients, John was saying ***“Though coming after me in time, Jesus is superior to me, because in fact, He has existed before time!”*** Really, Jesus was before John! Just like Jesus was before ancient ancestor Abraham, too. Jesus will play His ‘age-card’ later when disputing with the scribes, in John 8:58 “I say to you, before Abraham came to be, I AM.” So. Even though in time, Jesus appears to be a disciple of John, in fact, Jesus is master.

And the ***second*** puzzle, comes from what seems to be John’s feigned ignorance of who Jesus is. Twice John says, “I did not know him” (Jn 1:31,33). Okay, this is John humbly denying that his connection to Jesus is anything other than God’s gratuity’s grace. It is not any merit of John that he can pick out the Messiah (John is not a powerful ‘king-maker’). It is not any effort of John’s special study or accomplished task that he designates the ‘Messiah’. No, it is purely God knowing and God informing John at the appropriate time to reveal Jesus to the world. John was simply affirming that it was the Spirit of God informing him (Lk 1:15, 17), not John’s own human effort that made him know. John is saying, “I do not know this humanly – it is God’s divine inspiration that lets me know”. I find another comparable, divinely informed (not human) revelation of Jesus’ identity later when Peter announces that Jesus is ‘The Christ’. In Matthew 16:17, there Jesus responds to Peter’s revelation, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father.” Peter, like John the Baptist, are being told by the Spirit about Jesus’ identity, and they are not coming up with it on their own. That is a humbling admission and recognition. Likely, this same humbling insight about how we even know God, is what St Paul is reinforcing when he will say in 1 Corinthians 12:3 “No one can say, “Jesus is Lord,” except by the holy Spirit.” (1 John 4:10 not that we loved God, but that He loved us first” & John 15:16 “It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you”). So, yes, John the Baptist did know Jesus on some level, but it was by grace. He knew not by any authority of his own, but the Holy Spirit’s. And of course, for us all, this identity of Jesus is confirmed publicly, at that moment of His baptism, when the Holy Spirit came down upon Jesus as a dove, and the Father’s voice announced, ‘This is my beloved Son’ (Jn 1:31-34, Mt 3:13-17, Mk 1:9-11, & Lk 3:21-22). And not only Jesus’ identity is proclaimed, but we also received confirmation of who the whole Divine Trinity is - God as Father, Son & Spirit is revealed at that moment! And Blessed are we to know God now through Jesus!

Blessings and Peace, Fr Brian

Pius X Parish Council Meeting Wednesday Jan 28 @ 5:00 pmChair 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

First Communion Class Schedule

Sun Jan. 25	9:00 - 9:45am	First Comm	Session #2	Parish Hall
Sun Feb. 15	9:00 - 9:45am	First Comm	Session #3	Parish Hall
Sun Mar. 1	9:00 - 9:45am	First Comm	Session #4	Parish Hall
Sun Mar. 22	9:00 - 9:45am	First Comm	Session #5	Parish Hal

St Pius X Mass Intentions

Jan 19 – Jan 25

Tuesday	6:00 pm	Mary Ann Huebschmann
Wednesday	8:00 am	Mr & Mrs C.R. Fischer
Thursday	8:00 am	Sally Anne Klohr
Friday	8:00 am	Larry Darst
Saturday	4:30 pm	Linda Tillet
Sunday	10:00am	Russell Tomlinson

WEEKLY DONATIONS

Parish Hall Donation (1/11/25)	\$ 127.00
Budget for 2025/2026 Fiscal Year	\$ 205,000.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 3,942.00
Weekly Donation (1/11/25)	\$ 3,551.75
Online Giving (1/11/25)	\$ 1,698.00
Total Week's Gift Offering 1/11	\$ 5,249.75
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 146,660.28



Happy Birthday! Jan 18 – Jan 24 St. Pius

Jan 18 Jean Waniel	Jan 19 Lora Ann Rivera
Jan 20 Pax Canon	Jan 22 Charles Haley
Jan 22 Cole Scheidegger	Jan 24 Caleb King
Jan 24 Norman Jackson	

Happy Anniversary! St. Pius

No anniversaries this week

Women's Spirituality Grp Every 3rd Sunday after Mass
Men's Bible Study Every 3rd Sunday after Mass

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 am to 2:30 pm. Please visit owensborodiocese.org/womensretreat/



Upcoming Cursillo Weekends at Gasper River

Men's weekend —February 26-March 1, 2026

Women's weekend —March 5-8, 2026

Cost for weekend is \$180. Financial assistance is available. Cursillo Weekend is a lay-led, & clergy advised short course in Christian living. For an application or more information visit

<http://www.cursillo-owensboro.org/> or contact

Denis or Martha Wheatley, (270)-922-6860 or (270)-927-6540, martha.wheatley@att.net.

St Pius X Mass Assignments: Saturday, Jan 24, 2025

Servers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers / Greeters	Money Counters
Franky Schiaretti Marlie Schiaretti	Brenda Schiaretti	Larry Whitt Charlotte Riedfort Volunteer	George Humphreys (Greeter) Paula Humphreys (Greeter)	

Mass Assignments: Sunday, Jan 25, 2025

Volunteer	Kason Peterson	Caleb King Pam Hurst Jimmy Harbison	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
Jan 21, 2026 Wed 6:00-7:30	Third Sunday of the Year – A Matthew 4:12-23	Middle School students: Visit CCCC Study Apostles' Creed (Holy Trinity)
Jan 28, 2026 Wed 6:00-7:30	Fourth Sunday of the Year – A Matthew 5:1-12	MASS @ 6:30PM Matthew 5:1-12 dinner/snacks after
Feb 4, 2026 Wed 6:00-7:30	Fifth Sunday of the Year - A Matthew 5:13-16	Regular Class

Remember our Sick in Your Prayers

St. Pius X: Beck Martin, Sean Fusco, Allie Marie, Zsigray, Matt Scheiber, Christine Thornton, Florine Daigle, Tena Brooks, Angie Farris, Pat Hobbs, Kathy Sanderson, Greg Williams, Judy Ayers, 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 Broks, 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, 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

Marriage at Cana: Friday February 27 at 6:00 pm. We'll begin with Mass at 6:00, celebrating marriage and anniversary blessings, & then enjoy a delicious catered dinner afterward. Music and dancing will conclude the evening. Please sign up on the sheet to RSVP or see Judy Forsythe.

Needed: Donut Sunday Hosts/Hostesses

We need volunteers to sign up for the 1st Sunday of each month Coffee/Donut Sunday Service. To pick-up donuts/food and serve them after mass. Please see sign-up sheet @ kitchen window to help

Bazaar Crafts Rack Sale: Georgia and Georgia turned in \$700.00 more dollars from sales of the Christmas crafts sold. Be sure to check out the new seasonal merchandise – Valentines Themed Gifts!

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 18– Jan 24

Jan 18 Georgia Hunsley Jan 19 Ginny Reed
Jan 24 Paul Quayle

St Anthony Anniversaries:

January 24 Jack & Tracy Modaff

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 19 – Jan 25		
Wednesday	9:00 am	Patty Johnson
Friday	9:00 am	Monroe Adrian
Sunday	8:00 am	Clem Hinkebein

WEEKLY DONATIONS

Budget 2024/2025 Fiscal Year (July 2025-June 2026)	\$ 89,000.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 1,711.54
Weekly Donation 1/11/2025	\$ 1,393.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 68,540.70



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 25, 2025

<i>Lector</i>	Mike Drury
<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>	Steve Wilkes Joyce Wilkinson
<i>Ushers/Greeters</i>	Vern Hunsley Georgia Hunsley
<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