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20th Sunday Ordinary Time Year C Luke 12:49-53



"Jesus said to his disciples: "I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing! There is a baptism with which I must be baptized, and how great is my anguish until it is accomplished! Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. From now on a household of five will be divided, three against two and two against three; a father will be divided against his son and a son against his father, a mother against her daughter and a daughter against her mother, a mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law."

Nature is a Heraclitean Fire

By Fr Gerard Manley Hopkins

Cloud-puffball, torn tufts, tossed pillows | flaunt forth, then chevy on an air-
Built thoroughfare: heaven-roysterers, in gay-gangs | they throng; they glitter in marches.
Down roughcast, down dazzling whitewash, | wherever an elm arches, Shivelights and shadowtackle in long | lashes lace, lance, and pair.
Delightfully the bright wind boisterous | ropes, wrestles, beats earth bare
Of yestertempest's creases; | in pool and rut peel parches
Squandering ooze to squeezed | dough, crust, dust; stanches, starches
Squadroned masks and manmarks | treadmire toil there
Footfretted in it. Million-fuelèd, | nature's bonfire burns on.
But quench her bonniest, dearest | to her, her clearest-selvèd spark
Man, how fast his firedint, | his mark on mind, is gone!
Both are in an unfathomable, all is in an enormous dark
Drowned. O pity and indig | nation! Manshape, that shone
Sheer off, disseveral, a star, | death blots black out; nor mark
Is any of him at all so stark
But vastness blurs and time | beats level. Enough! the Resurrection,
A heart's-clarion! Away grief's gasping, | joyless days, dejection.
Across my foundering deck shone
A beacon, an eternal beam. | Flesh fade, and mortal trash
Fall to the residuary worm; | world's wildfire, leave but ash:
In a flash, at a trumpet crash,
I am all at once what Christ is, | since he was what I am, and
This Jack, joke, poor potsherd, | patch, matchwood, immortal diamond,
Is immortal diamond.

Sophia Award Congratulations

The Sophia Award is recognition by the Bishop of longstanding dedicated volunteers in parishes!

St Anthony Kevin Diamond
St Pius X Rose Drury

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 17, 2025

Jer 38:4-10/Heb 12:1-4/Lk 12:49-53

Monday Jgs 2:11-19/Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday Jgs 6:11-24a/Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday Jgs 9:6-15/Mt 20:1-16

Thursday Jgs 11:29-39a/Mt 22:1-14

Friday Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Mt 22:34-40

Saturday Ru 2:1-11; 4:13-17/Mt 23:1-12

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

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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 Desk Notes



Dear St Anthony & St Pius Families,

20th Sunday Ordinary Time

Year C

Luke 12:49-53

How great is my anguish until it is accomplished! (Lk 12:50) Jesus has a job to do, and He wants to **'get it done'**! Compare this exclamation of Jesus', to Blessed Simeon's statement of relief when He realizes that his life's purpose is fulfilled. In Luke 2:29-30, Simeon sighs with a sense of completion, *"Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace....my eyes have seen your salvation."* What a satisfying sign-off! Simeon's job is accomplished! I am sure that we all have all at some time faced a big task and felt such joy when the end did come – (*Like MLK's sermon prophecy looking forward to the day when all God's children can claim, "Free at last!"*) That is what we are after! To hear God tell us, "Well done, good and faithful servant" Matthew 25:23). Well, at this point in the gospel Jesus is not there yet, but He is progressing toward such a satisfying end! We will hear him claim such a completion of His mission, when He is on the cross and He cries out, **"It is finished"** (John 19:30) At that point, Jesus had accomplished His purpose, redeeming our human nature by becoming one with us (fully revealing the Way to the Father!) Yet, we are not fully there yet! Jesus has gone ahead, and we are still to follow Him!

But also, this exclamation of Jesus is a wonderful expression of how Jesus understands and relates to us, sharing with us in all of our hearts' longings, as the Second Vatican Council Document *Gaudium Et Spes* declared them, our *"joys and hopes, griefs and anxieties"* (GS1). Pope Francis' last encyclical *"Dilexit Nos"* (Latin for "He Loved Us") is an extended meditation upon the Sacred Heart of Jesus, which is **afire** for love of us. Francis quotes St Bonaventure who outlines how our hearts should **'long for' Christ's heart with a 'raging fire'** seeking union with Him ('heart to heart' as St John Newman teaches). The fuller quote of St Bonaventure describing Christ's heart whose desire is to draw us in to Him, is *"but the fire totally inflaming and transporting one into God both by its excessive unctons and by its most ardent affections... Who indeed is this God of fire"* (Bonaventure 'Journey of Mind into God' chp 7, no 6). 'Unctons' is an archaic way of saying, 'deepest feelings' 'commiserative emotions' or 'strongly shared empathy'. This wonderfully captures the 'longing' that Jesus feels for us and for competing his mission of bringing us, or reuniting and reconciling us to the Father, by awakening our hearts to their true desire-God Himself. Pope Francis' encyclical is great reading material for this Jubilee Year of Hope. It reflects upon this same burning love Jesus expresses in our gospel reading today. It is all captured perfectly in the image of Jesus' Sacred Heart. Similar to the expression, sung by the 1970's rock group Cheap Trick, Jesus *'wants us to want Him'* God loves us **first** to stir up our love for Him in return (1 John 4:19).

Another time in the gospel when Jesus expresses this burning love of us, is when He prays on the Mount overlooking the Holy City, and cries, "Jerusalem, Jerusalem,..... how many times **I yearned** to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her young under her wings, but you were unwilling")(Matthew 23:37). Jesus wants to draw us close to Himself, and to one another. Yet how do we respond? Some answer and some do not. Some answer affirmatively and some do not. How we answer, brings up the second part of today's reading that speaks about division and a lack of peace. It is how we choose. Jesus isn't intentionally divisive, and He doesn't taunt us over differences (as many politicians do today). His talk of divided households or families is all about generational differences. Notice his numerical breakdowns, 2 against 3 and 3 against 2 (assuming five as the total, He doesn't say "4 against 1 and 1 against 4). Also, notice His relationship descriptions, father-son and mother-daughter. He doesn't say "brother against sister and sister against brother". It's generational. He is speaking about the New Covenant, a new era of relationships, a new generation. Jesus teaches that there is no presumed dominance of anyone over the other simply because of a **title or position**. We are all children of God, and are not to lordly exert our familial position over others. (this is similar to his calling out of abuse and exploitation based on one's office or title 'Rabbi, Father, Master' in Matt 23:8-10 right before He denounces the Pharisees). So, Jesus longs to usher in this New Generation of relating to one another as fellow brothers and sisters all seeking to do and love the Father's will together. One can not be made to do it, but that is exactly where love and the heart come in. It is the moving fire of a person's charity, that we may motivate others to share and reciprocate Christ's love to embody the difference God wishes for the human family. That we be one again (John 17:21) a self-chosen loving unity - not obligated by familial dynasty (*baptismal water is thicker than racial blood*). Jesus desires us to be one as God created us to be and as Jesus died for us to become again. Peace, Fr Brian

Pius X Parish Council Meeting Wednesday Aug 13 @ 5:30 pm
Chair Person, Secretary & Finance, Spiritual Life, FFY & Religious Ed
Social Program/Outreach, Building & Ground Committees
Returning Members: Debbie Anspach, Stacey Newby
Welcome New Members: Amanda Gentry, Allison Devine,
Philip Scheidegger & 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 18– Aug 24**

Tuesday	6:00 pm	Virgilio Rendon
Wednesday	8:00 am	Max Ray Hays
Thursday	8:00 am	Francisco Rendon
Friday	8:00 am	Paul & Chris Reichert
Saturday	4:30 pm	Donald Mock
Sunday	10:00am	Don Buffington

WEEKLY DONATIONS

Parish Hall Donation (8/10/25)	\$
Budget for 2025/2026 Fiscal Year	\$ 205,000.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 3,942.00
Weekly Donation (8/10/25)	\$ 4,130.00
Online Giving (8/10/25)	\$ 1,535.00
Total Week's Gift Offering 8/10	\$ 5,665.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 29,942.55



Happy Birthday!	St Pius Parish	Happy Anniversary!
August 17	Liz Medley	Aug 18 Tom & AnnieMae Kingston
August 17	Frank Schiaretta	Aug 19 Larry & Sherry Ball
August 18	Sherry Ball	Aug 20 Bill & Noreen Patton
August 19	Adam Padgett	Aug 20 Gary & Cindy Ballard
August 20	Brayden Willett	
August 24	Sydney Johnson	

Women's Spirituality Group

All women are invited to come and enjoy time together after Mass every 3rd Sunday of month Today August 17

St Pius Parish Picnic Next Sunday Aug 24

Fried Chicken and Drinks provided! Bring a side dish! Bouncy House for kids! And Bingo after lunch inside!



1-day western Kentucky Jubilee of Hope

PILGRIMAGE
Saturday, August 30, 2025

Life is a pilgrimage toward eternal life. We are all pilgrims in this foreign land.

Come embark on a journey, as pilgrims have done for centuries, stepping out of the everyday to encounter Christ, our hope, within these 3 jubilee parishes & with fellow pilgrims from across the diocese & beyond.

Lunch @ St. Leo. Pilgrimage prayer resources provided, including pre-pilgrimage, as we set out with intent on this spiritual & physical journey.

Join for the full-day or for 1 or 2 experiences.

RSVP & find more details @ link/QR code.

Please RSVP so we have enough resources & food available @ each jubilee site & look for you.

tinyurl.com/2O25O8wkyljubileepilgrimage



Questions contact
Robin Murphey,
pilgrimage facilitator, at
asimplemilejourney@gmail.com



St. Francis de Sales
Paducah



St. Leo
Murray



Marian Shrine
@ St. Joseph
Bowling Green

St Pius X Mass Assignments: Saturday, Aug 23, 2025

Servers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers / Greeters	Money Counters
Franky Schiaretta Marlie Schiaretta	Paula Schmidt	Kurt Schmidt Jeff Riedfort Charlotte Riedfort	George Humphreys (Greeter) Paula Humphreys (Greeter)	

Mass Assignments: Sunday, Aug 24, 2025

Volunteer	Larry Whitt	Kelli King Diane Witowski Pam Hurst	Margaret Howard Gary Traylor Usher Volunteer	Andy Ferm Sherry Ferm
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Protect our Children: Report and Seek Help against Abuse: The safety of our children is the responsibility of every Christian. Anyone aware of the abuse of a person under the age of eighteen is required by law to report this to the proper state authorities local law enforcement or the Kentucky Child Abuse Hotline (toll-free: 1-877-597- 2331). To report abuse to the diocese, current or past, by anyone acting in the name of the Church (paid or volunteer), call Louanne Payne, Pastoral Assistance Coordinator (English) on the confidential phone line: 270-852-8380, or Susan Montalvo-Gesser/Miguel Quintanilla, Pastoral Assistance Coordinators (Spanish): 270-880-8360. The Diocese of Owensboro's sexual abuse policy is available this parish, on the bulletin board, in the parish office, and also on the diocesan website (<https://owensborodiocese.org/safe>).



**PRAY FOR
UKRAINE**

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 Longsworth, 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 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

Prayers & Sympathy: Please pray for the repose of the souls of Olive Guer, *sister-in-law of Diane Fischer*, & Barbara Green, *sister of Pat Scholl*, who were buried last week. Please keep their families in your prayers.

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 17 – Aug 23

August 13 Janet Colgan
 August 23 Bob Lang

St Anthony Anniversaries:

August 16 Rick & Margaret Wilson

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 18– Aug 24

Wednesday	9:00 am	Taylor Johansen
Friday	9:00 am	Priests of the Diocese
Saturday pm	6:00 pm	Linda Paluso
Sunday	8:00 am	Roel Reyes III

WEEKLY DONATIONS

Budget 2024/2025 Fiscal Year (July 2025-June 2026)	\$ 89,000.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 1,711.54
Weekly Donation 8/10/2025	\$ 3,064.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 18,942.00



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 24, 2025

Lector	Georgia Bradshaw
Eucharistic Ministers	Fr Bob Drury Jo Herron
Ushers/Greeters	Kevin Deisen Kelly Noonan
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