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23rd Sunday Ordinary Time Year C Luke 14:25-33



“Great crowds were traveling with Jesus, and he turned and addressed them, “If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if there is enough for its completion? Otherwise, after laying the foundation and finding himself unable to finish the work the onlookers should laugh at him and say, ‘This one began to build but did not have the resources to finish.’ Or what king marching into battle would not first sit down and decide whether with ten thousand troops he can successfully oppose another king advancing upon him with twenty thousand troops? But if not, while he is still far away, he will send a delegation to ask for peace terms. In the same way, anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple.”

'The Journey'

By Mary Oliver

One day you finally knew
what you had to do, and began,
though the voices around you
kept shouting their bad advice—
though the whole house began to tremble
and you felt the old tug at your ankles.
"Mend my life!" each voice cried.
But you didn't stop. You knew what you had to do,
though the wind pried with its stiff fingers
at the very foundations,
though their melancholy was terrible.
It was already late enough, and a wild night,
and the road full of fallen branches and stones.
But little by little,
as you left their voices behind, the stars began to burn
through the sheets of clouds, and there was a new voice
which you slowly recognized as your own,
that kept you company
as you strode deeper and deeper into the world,
determined to do the only thing you could do—
determined to save
the only life you could save.

**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

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 September 7, 2025

Wis 9:13-18b/Phlm 9-17/Lk 14:25-33

Monday Mi 5:1-4a/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23

Tuesday Col 2:6-15/Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday Col 3:1-11/Lk 6:20-26

Thursday Col 3:12-17/Lk 6:27-38

Friday 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Lk 6:39-42

Saturday 1 Tm 1:15-17/Lk 6:43-49

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

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,

23rd Sunday Ordinary Time

Year C

Luke 14:25-33

“Are you really with me?” While Jesus’ words today seem harsh, He calls for our complete focus and fidelity as His followers. So, He calls roll for completely dedicated disciples. Jesus desires disciples whose hearts are completely invested in the mission of the kingdom. This is a ‘system critical’ need and a mission requirement: to be fully focused on His mission tasks, not on any other competing responsibilities. Back in Luke 9:62, Jesus had issued a similar statement when he said to some half-hearted followers, *“No one who sets a hand to the plow and looks to what was left behind is fit for the kingdom of God.”* And in Luke 16:13, Jesus will teach that, *“No servant can serve two masters.”* If one’s heart and attention is divided, then one’s performance and mission effectiveness will suffer. To reinforce this call for complete commitment, Jesus uses two practical examples that similarly call for total devotion: 1) a building project & 2) a military campaign. They both involve full and thorough project-planning prior to starting, alongside the amassing of needed resources to complete such a clearly defined objective. A good planner also considers all possible consequences and prepares for all contingencies. Jesus’ approach here, reminds me of what they call “Powell’s Doctrine” (after Gen. Colin Powell) which means that when a General plans war, they must have clear & attainable goals, apply overwhelming resources with wide support and plan a ‘practiced’ exit strategy. In today’s gospel, Jesus calls for our full attention and application. He needs ‘all of our selves’ to show up (report to duty) for the mission-task that He entrusts us to accomplish in His Name. Jesus doesn’t want ‘half-hearted’ measures, or lackadaisical lukewarmness. No, only Complete Commitment with Jesus!

I imagine we have all seen building projects that start quickly: 1) land is cleared, 2) equipment shows up, 3) a wood or metal skeleton seems to rise, and then 4) nothing happens for a long duration of time. So much so, that, little trees start to grow back up around the skeleton, as the forest nature reclaims the area. Even the project’s promotion sign on site starts leaning to one side unattended, and its colors fade (*maybe the project is delayed due to money shortage, permit problems, labor issues or property concerns?*) But the result is that, what was started, never gets completed. Or how about military campaigns that overlook a mission critical need such as re-supply routes being blocked, or lack of force protection that prevents troop movement forward. So, after making an initial push into enemy territory, a disastrous retreat is necessary (maybe in a land invasion from the sea, the armor gets dropped from ships in too deep a sea’s level away from the bank, and they simply sink to the bottom, dead in the water preventing any armor support of advancing troops). So, an effective plan includes all that is needed and critical for it: the complete commitment of those executing roles and tasks.

Jesus sums up proper preparedness: *“Everyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple”* (Luke 14:33). Who would want their dentist with a drill in their hand about to enter our mouth, to also be looking over my shoulder at a tablet or phone scrolling through ‘reels’ videos? Likewise, Jesus does not want us to have anything pulling our attention away from His mission. Of course, we may claim ‘We need it’, ‘It helps me’, and “This will make me better on the job”, like many a parent has probably heard a child use the excuse, “Can I leave the TV on, it helps me do my homework?” But, parents know and so does Jesus. A divided loyalty is no loyalty. A divided attention is swept away by the least sight or sound.

And to answer our question about our ‘needs’ and ‘helps’, Jesus reminds us that as His disciples, He will put into our hands all the resources we need (Luke 22:35). And anything we leave behind that is good, it will come back to us. He will bring the good back and even make it better if we but first renounce it. Peter will ask Jesus in Matt 19:27, “We have given up everything and followed you. What will there be for us?” And Jesus assures Peter (and all of his focused followers), *“everyone who has given up houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or lands for the sake of my name will receive a hundred times more, and will inherit eternal life”* (Matt 19:29). This ‘return blessing’ of something sacrificed for Jesus’ sake, is similar to the old saying, *“If you love something, let it go. If it returns, it is your good, yet if it doesn’t, then it never was.”* Jesus calls us to follow Him, to let go and show up with ‘open hands’ (and it takes ‘open hands’ to receive!) 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

First Reconciliation/First Communion Schedule

Sept. 7	Sun 9:00 - 9:45am	Intro/First Recon	Session #1
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

St Pius X Mass Intentions

Sep 8– Sep 14

Tuesday	6:00 pm	Crispin Rendon
Wednesday	8:00 am	Lucila Rendon
Thursday	8:00 am	Special Intentions
Friday	8:00 am	Ralph Georgen
Saturday	4:30 pm	Dolly Bardsley
Sunday	10:00am	Norman Wheatley

WEEKLY DONATIONS

Parish Hall Donation (8/31/25)	\$ 348.00
Budget for 2025/2026 Fiscal Year	\$ 205,000.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 3,942.00
Weekly Donation (8/31/25)	\$ 4,571.11
Online Giving (8/31/25)	\$ 4,744.00
Total Week's Gift Offering 8/31	\$ 9,315.11
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 47,351.66



Happy Birthday! Sep 7– Sep 13 St. Pius

Sept 10 Chloe Anderson	Sept 11 Kaylee Shupe
Sept 10 Barbara Doughty	Sept 11 Kamie Pellegrin
Sept 11 Kason Peterson	Sept 11 Max Risley
Sept 11 Larry Whitt	Sept 12 Amanda Glover

Happy Anniversary! St. Pius

Sept 10 Danny & Nikki Shea

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 13, 2025

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

Mass Assignments: Sunday, Sep 14, 2025

Gavin Devine Harrison Shupe	RJ Ric Witowski	Teresa Newman Marcus Newman 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
Sep 10, 2025 Wed 6:00-7:30	Feast Exaltation of the Cross C	FFY Classes in Rooms/Church
Sep 17, 2025 Wed 6:00-7:30	25 th Sunday in Ordinary Time C	FFY Classes in Rooms/Church
Sep 24, 2025 Wed 6:00-7:30	26 th Sunday in Ordinary Time C	ADORATION @ 7:00pm & Adoration etiquette/protocol

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 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

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 October 3

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



St Anthony Birthdays Sep 7 – Sep 13

September 6 Jovita Herron

September 11 Sam Rebich

St Anthony Anniversaries:

September 11 Robert & Tracey Tashjian

September 12 Wallace & Joyce Wilkinson

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 8– Sep 14

Wednesday	9:00 am	John & Sue Mudd
Friday	9:00 am	Linda Paluso
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 8/31/2025	\$ 3,305.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 28,177.00



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 – September 14, 2025

Lector	Darin Adrian
Eucharistic Ministers	Mike Drury Jovita Herron
Ushers/Greeters	David Loxley Kevin Diamond
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