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Feast of Christ the King Year C Luke 23:35-43



"The rulers sneered at Jesus and said, "He saved others, let him save himself if he is the chosen one, the Christ of God." Even the soldiers jeered at him. As they approached to offer him wine they called out, "If you are King of the Jews, save yourself." Above him there was an inscription that read, "This is the King of the Jews." Now one of the criminals hanging there reviled Jesus, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us." The other, however, rebuking him, said in reply, "Have you no fear of God, for you are subject to the same condemnation? And indeed, we have been condemned justly, for the sentence we received corresponds to our crimes, but this man has done nothing criminal." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied to him, "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

'Poem for Christ the King'

By Pamela Cranston

See how this infant boy
lifted himself down
into his humble crèche
and laid his tender glove of skin
against splintered wood—
found refuge in a rack
of straw—home
that chilly dawn,
in sweetest silage,
those shriven stalks.

This outcast king lifted
himself high upon his savage cross,
extended the regal banner
of his bones, draping himself
upon his throne—his battered feet,
his wounded hands not fastened
there by nails but sewn
by the strictest thorn of love.

IN THE WORD WITH BISHOP MEDLEY

2nd Sundays of month 1:30 St Pius Parish Hall Join
group to study the Bishop's message monthly.
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 November 23, 2025

2 Sm 5:1-3/Col 1:12-20/Lk 23:35-43

Monday Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday Dn 2:31-45/Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday Dn 5:1-17, 23-28/Lk 21:12-19

Thursday Dn 6:12-28/Lk 21:20-28

Friday Dn 7:2-14/Lk 21:29-33

Saturday Dn 7:15-27/Lk 21:34-36

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

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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,

Feast of Christ the King

Luke 23:35-43

"The Last Temptation of Christ". Yes, that is the book title of a 1950's classic written by the Greek writer Nikos Kazantzakis. The fictional story of Jesus' life/death explored questions of faith and belief. It is an imaginative literary exploration of possible thoughts that might have crossed Jesus' mind due to his human experience (*Yes, Jesus is fully divine, yet also fully human*). Call them thoughts arising from within, or temptations-taunts-trials suggested to him by others. Mel Gibson's movie "The Passion of the Christ" similarly introjected extra temptations into the Jesus story, such as the serpent testing Jesus in the garden of Gethsemane or the demons taunting him among the crowds. We traditionally speak of three temptations of Jesus, the three in the desert thrown at him by the Devil (Mt 4:1-11, Mk 1:12-13, Lk 4:1-13). Yet certainly, Jesus was tempted and tested other times. His earthly ministry seems filled with them. Matthew 22:18 tells us that Jesus, "Knowing the malice of the Pharisees, asked, "Why are you **testing** me, you hypocrites?" They are **tempting** Him (**tests & traps**)! So, I think of today's gospel as the **last three** temptations of Jesus. First by the "rulers" (v35), then by the "soldiers" (v36) and finally by the unrepentant man hanging beside him on a cross, too (v39). These last three temptations, all three, appeal to Jesus' pride and self-interest 'Yourself' (like the **first three** temptations, 'feed yourself'-Luke 4:3 'claim power yourself'-Luke 4:6 & 'show off your divinity'-Luke 4:9).

Now of course we know that Jesus will not be distracted from His mission, yet these last temptations all try inviting him again (like the first three) to think only of, and please only himself (ME, ME, ME). The archetypal temptation of pride is to make oneself out to be GOD-worshipping yourself – 1)"do what you want", 2)"only you matter" and 3)"you deserve it-take it". All three of these temptations, emphasize selfishly, "Save Yourself"! But we know from Jesus' own words of teaching, that He did not come FOR Himself. He came for us! A Jesus says in John 10:10, "I came so that **they** might have life...." & in John 3:16, "God gave his only Son, so that **everyone**.....might have eternal life." There's nothing selfish (no me!) in Jesus' sacrifice! Jesus knows Himself, the Father and the Holy Spirit and is perfectly in union with them and their divine mission (our salvation given through Jesus selflessly serving sacrificially-the opposite of pride). In m/ark 10:45, Jesus had taught, "*Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve.*" In John 6:38, Jesus said, "*I came down from heaven not to do my own will but the will of the {Father}...*" In John 12:49, Jesus clarifies that He "*did not speak on my own, but the Father who sent me commands me what to say.*" Jesus wonderfully summarizes His mission/ministry, when He says, "I do not seek my own glory" (John 8:50). Jesus never thinks of "me", but always "us".

Something special about today's gospel is that it contains what I think is Jesus' most comforting words ever uttered. As the 'repentant thief' recognizes Christ as the pure gift of God's 'selflessness' that saves, that good thief humbly asks Jesus to 'remember' him (divine kindness offered to a soul). And Jesus says it (not only comforting in the moment-but eternally comforting!). Jesus says, "Amen, I say, today you will be with me in Paradise" (Lk 23:43). What mercy, and what better thought to have on one's own mind as we breathe our last breath in this world. **Jesus has us, and will bring us with Him into Paradise!** What a sense of peace and relief! I think this good thief's expression (of blessed assurance) at the end of Luke's gospel echoes and communicates the same sense of comfort and fulfillment that we can find in the beginning of Luke's gospel. Back in Luke 2:29-30, we heard such a similar sentiment, when the prophet Simeon proclaimed to God, "*you may let your servant go in peace.....for my eyes have seen your salvation.*" Yes, we can be comforted and feel assurance, too, when we look upon a crucifix of Christ our King. God's glory, Jesus' sacrifice for us and our salvation, right before our eyes. It is Truly Blessed Assurance – Our Peace is God's Will. What a parting thought!

Peace and Blessings, Fr Brian

Pius X Parish Council Meeting Wednesday @ 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

Dec. 3 Wed 6:30-7:30 pm First Reconciliation Sacrament

Mark your calendars:

Dec 7 **Fr Brian Family Open House** after 10 am Mass

Dec 14 **KC's Breakfast with Santa** after 10 am Mass

NOVEMBER 23, 2025 + FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING YEAR C

St Pius X Mass Intentions Nov 24– Nov 30

Tuesday	6:00 pm	<i>Helen Spillane</i>
Wednesday	8:00 am	<i>Gregory Klohr</i>
Thursday	8:00 am	<i>Sally Ann Klohr</i>
Friday	8:00 am	<i>Clem Hinkebein</i>
Saturday	4:30 pm	<i>Norman Wheatley</i>
Sunday	10:00am	<i>Tena Brooks</i>

WEEKLY DONATIONS

Parish Hall Donation (11/16/25)	\$ 107.00
Budget for 2025/2026 Fiscal Year	\$ 205,000.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 3,942.00
Weekly Donation (11/16/25)	\$ 2,128.00
Online Giving (11/16/25)	\$ 1,290.00
Total Week's Gift Offering 11/16	\$ 3,418.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 93,728.41



Happy Birthday! Nov 23– Nov 29 St. Pius

November 25 Benjamin Patton

November 26 Steven Randol

Happy Anniversary! St. Pius

November 23 Lonie & Jeri Vickers

November 28 Steve & Nancy Glover

Calvert City Community Thanksgiving Service

Plan to come out and pray with the Calvert City Area Churches as we gather to pray and offer thanks to God for blessing us with a wonderful community, good neighbors and supportive churches. Come out tonight November 23 at 6:00 pm at Pathway Baptist Church.



Thank you Max Canon! For the Eagle Scout Project of a blessing box to help feed the hungry!

St Pius X Mass Assignments: Saturday, Nov 29, 2025

Servers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers / Greeters	Money Counters
Franky Schiaretta Marlie Schiaretta	Liz Medley	Kurt Schmidt Paula Schmidt Volunteer	George Humphreys (Greeter) Paula Humphreys (Greeter)	

Mass Assignments: Sunday, Nov 30, 2025

Volunteer	Kason Peterson	Pam Hurst Amanda Scheidegger Caleb King	Margaret Howard Gary Traylor Usher Volunteer	Nancy Singleton Kathy Smith
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FFY Calendar & Activities Schedule

DATE	SUNDAY GOSPEL READING	Classes or Events
Nov 26, 2025 No Classes tonite	NO FFY SESSION THANKSGIVING BREAK	Happy Thanksgiving!
Dec 3, 2025 Wed 6:00-7:30	Second Sunday of Advent - A	Adoration with First Penance
Dec 10, 2025 Wed 6:00-7:30	Third Sunday of Advent - A	FFY Christmas Party 6:30 pm Hall & Church

Remember our Sick in Your Prayers

St. Pius X: Christine Thornton, Thomas Lorenz, Florine Daigle, Tena Brooks, Angie Farris, Kathy Sanderson, Greg Williams, Judy Ayers, Pat Hobbs, Keisha Bradley 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, 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 Longworth, Helen Bennett, Catherine Brooks, 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, Beverly Dukes, 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..



PRAY FOR UKRAINE

St. Anthony Page Announcements

Coffee/ Doughnuts 1st Sunday Every Month

Christmas Choir Practice: Come join our choir. For Christmas. We invite all interested to join us. We meet every Saturday at 9:00 am until Christmas.

Craft Store Gifts: Take a moment to check out the handmade crafts for sale in the lobby of St Anthony Church. They were all made by parishioners, getting ready for the Fall Bazaar. See Georgia for any sales.

New Ministry Help at Mass: Anyone who would like to bring forward the gifts at the Offertory, we welcome such participation, individuals or families

Advent begins next weekend! *Be sure to sign up to carry in one of the Jesse Tree Symbols.*

Also, a family each week can bring in the flame to light the next Advent Week Candle!

All-Day Adoration on Friday December 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 December 6 @ 8:00am.
Every first Saturday we offer mass and pray the rosary



St Anthony Birthdays Nov 23– Nov 29

November 24 Savannah Gilbert

November 26 Jack Modaff

November 29 Shannon Lucas

St Anthony Anniversaries:

No anniversaries this week

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

Nov 24– Nov 30

Wednesday	9:00 am	Peter, Violet & Margie Rebich
Friday	9:00 am	Debbie Green
Thanksgiving	9:00 am	Steve & Patty Johnson
Sunday	8:00 am	Charles Thurman, Jr

WEEKLY DONATIONS

Budget 2024/2025 Fiscal Year (July 2025-June 2026)	\$ 89,000.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 1,711.54
Weekly Donation 11/16/2025	\$ 1,323.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 52,768.05



FOOD PANTRY

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 – November 30, 2025

Lector	Georgia Bradshaw
Eucharistic Ministers	Mike Drury Judy Forsythe
Ushers/Greeters	Kelly Noonan Davod Loxley
Server	Juan Gonzalez
Money Counters	Shara Parish Kevin Diamond

CONSIDER ATTENDING DAILY MASS OR WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

St Anthony Prayer List: Theresa Owens, Thomas Lorenz, Linda Drury, Kathy Johansen, Jeff Ritorto, Cathy Ritorto, Betty Gonzalez, Elena Carey, 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 Feb 18 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