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7th Sunday Ordinary Time Year C Luke 6:27-38



“Jesus said to his disciples: “To you who hear I say, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. To the person who strikes you on one cheek, offer the other one as well, and from the person who takes your cloak, do not withhold even your tunic. Give to everyone who asks of you, and from the one who takes what is yours do not demand it back. Do to others as you would have them do to you. For if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do the same. If you lend money to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, and get back the same amount. But rather, love your enemies and do good to them, and lend expecting nothing back; then your reward will be great and you will be children of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. “Stop judging and you will not be judged. Stop condemning and you will not be condemned. Forgive and you will be forgiven. Give, and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you.”

Excerpt from “Love your Enemies”

By Anonymous

Our enemy's life of sorrows and woes,
came from the wrong paths they chose.
Disarm them with love, and be like Jesus;
God's love can change them, like it did us.

Love your enemies, and offer them peace,
and perchance their hostilities will cease;
when they hear about the source of your love,
as you glorify your Heavenly Father above.

What you have received, now use it to bless
your enemies with your love and forgiveness.
What God did for you, He can do for them.
if they receive Jesus and turn to God again.

Jesus loved his enemies, but did they love him?
Don't be afraid, to be like Jesus, and love them.



ACTS 2:42 GROUPS
ON MISSION AS A EUCHARISTIC PEOPLE
YEAR OF MISSION

*“They devoted themselves to the teachings of the apostles,
the communal life, the breaking of the bread & prayer”*

Next Meeting March 9 at 1:30pm @ St Pius
Come learn about the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist

Contact Ed Georgen 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 February 23, 2025
1 Sm 26:2, 7-23/1 Cor 15:45-49/Lk 6:27-38
Monday Sir 1:1-10/Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday Sir 2:1-11/Mk 9:30-37
Wednesday Sir 4:11-19/Mk 9:38-40
Thursday Sir 5:1-8/Mk 9:41-50
Friday Sir 6:5-17/Mk 10:1-12
Saturday Sir 17:1-15/Mark 10:13-16

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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Pastor's Study Desk Notes



Dear St Anthony & St Pius Families, 7th Sunday Ordinary Time Year C Lk 6:27-38

Love enemies! Do good to those who hate you! What? This radical love teaching of Jesus may be the most unique and distinctively Christian doctrine that has ever been taught in any of the world's religions! It is not only a law of non-retaliation, but a positive command to seek the good of one's enemies. While Hinduism, Buddhism and Jainism teach a principle of ahimsa, which means 'no harm' to any creature (like 'live & let live'), they don't seem to go any further than simply not 'harming', whereas Jesus' peace plan is more lovingly engaging with others and creation. Jesus says, "Love them... pray for them..., do good to them.... and bless them...." (Luke 6:27-28). Not just 'avoid them and walk away', but Jesus seems call His disciples to seek out persecutors and show them goodness and care. I like how a church marquee said it once, "Get rid of your enemies, Jesus' Way — Make them friends!"

I think Jesus' approach here is a proactive and pre-emptive defusing of evil by taking away an enemies' power tools of (their) fear and (our) pride. The enemy's offending actions make us ask the questions, "1) What are they really after, and 2) What am I really defending?" When we hear Jesus' talk of 'loving enemies', it may sound like some version of 'killing them with kindness' or 'being generous to a fault'. But Jesus actually embodied this universal compassion. It wasn't just a theory. Since I mentioned earlier some Eastern religions' concept of 'ahimsa', I add here that Ghandi was once asked what he thought about 'Western Civilization' (and Christianity – by its dominance in the West). Ghandi responded, that it was a 'good idea' - 'not practiced, but still a good idea'. Asked why he wouldn't become Christian, he said "I like your Christ. But too many Christians are not like Him." He had been on the receiving end of discrimination and persecution too often by Christians! But with Jesus' own example we see the fruit of what love, blessing and prayer can do for softening or turning 'enemies'.

Jesus' own word and touch more than once, pacified a hostile person or crowd. Many examples of persons or crowds violently 'possessed' that are calmed or converted are evident in His own ministry. I think of the violent menace known as the Gerasene Demoniac (Mark 5:3-20) who Jesus pacified. Once healed of his past, the pacified demoniac wished to remain and minister along with Jesus. Or the soldier who had aggressively come against Jesus in the garden of Gethsemane, whose ear was cut off in the skirmish before Jesus healed him completely in Luke 22:50-53. Is this the same centurion who, acknowledged Jesus' innocent purity at the cross (Luke 23:47) Certainly we see without any doubt, the conversion of Jesus' enemy Saul, who converts to Christ, after having Jesus' peacemaking witness given to him by St Stephen in Acts 7:54-6. Verse 58 specifies that Paul was watching it all. Paul later teach this same 'conversion method' in Romans 12:14 "Bless those who persecute you, bless and do not curse them", saying that it will be through good, "that is evil is conquered" (Romans 12:17,21).

I know the hairs defensively go up on the back of our necks when we hear this 'peace' talk from Jesus. 'Impossible' we say – they'll never change! But who is the person saying that? Someone not willing to him/herself? Jesus also said, "For human beings it is impossible, but not for God. All things are possible for God." Rather than write off as impossible this 'enemy-love' of Christ, I like Jesus' re-approach used to introduce another way of seeing the inner effectiveness of such peaceful and universal consideration of all people, especially enemies. For example, if you are stuck, do you continue to do the same thing over and over, expecting it to suddenly change? Why would the same old thing, produce something new? So, with grudges and retaliation. How does one ever get through, if not by rising above the impasse. Jesus says, "*If you love only those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do the same. If you lend money to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit [is] that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, and get back the same amount.*" (Luke 6:32-34). So, assuming for the moment, that our enemy really is all bad. How are they ever going to change/convert? If they are never treated with Christ's loving care and true good, then how will they ever know it? If they are never shown it, they can justifiably claim to remain their same. Yet, if they encounter a true Christian and really receive Christ's concern for their lasting good, then who knows the growth and increase of Christ's presence in the world, and who could stop the spread of peace and good will among all people? It'd be Christmas again!

Peace and Prayers, Fr Brian

St Pius X Parish Council Meeting Thurs @ 5:00 pm
Welcome to the new members Amanda Gentry, Allison Devine, Philip Scheidegger & Karen Williams!
Continuing Members: Deb Anspach & Stacey Newby
Committees: Chair Person, Secretary & Finance, Spiritual Life
Social Concerns, FFY & Religious Ed, Building/Grounds

Early Church Fathers Study & Discussion
Every Tuesday Night from 6:30-7:30pm Come study some of these foundational documents written by the students of apostles. After Scripture, these are our earliest sources of Faith!

Dissecting Our Faith with Dcn Jay VanHoosier

Got questions about our Catholic faith? Join our Faith Formation family for a complimentary breakfast and an inspirational discussion with Deacon Jay VanHoosier, the Dir of Office Faith Formation with Diocese. Mar 8, Sat-8:30 am - 12:00 pm St. Mary's School Email to paducahfaithformation@smss.org to register.

Lent is Coming! A time of Spiritual Growth and change! Ash Wednesday is March 5th. We will be offering a Thursday evening retreat night to study and discuss some saints and their writings, helped by Bishop Robert Barron! We'll continue our other groups too, with Lenten themes of new change!



Happy Birthday! Feb 23 – Mar 1 St. Pius

- February 24 Anna Robertson
- February 24 Madelyn Rae Devine
- February 25 Vicki Spencer
- February 25 Aryanna Veitez
- February 26 Lucy Schmidt
- February 27 Marlene Helpingstine
- February 26 Emilee Veitez

Happy Anniversary! St. Pius X

- February 23 Charlie & Barbara Doughty
- February 25 Brent & Pam Hurst

**St Pius X Mass Intentions
Feb 24 – Mar 2**

Tuesday	6:00 pm	<i>Good Health for Loretta Wheatley</i>
Wednesday	8:00 am	<i>Sally Anne Klohr</i>
Thursday	8:00 am	<i>Ray Lucas</i>
Friday	8:00 am	<i>Linda Paluso</i>
Saturday	4:30 pm	<i>Beth Strutzel</i>
Sunday	10:00am	<i>Richard Warmowski</i>

WEEKLY DONATIONS

Parish Hall Donation (2/16/25)	\$ 130.00
Budget for 2024/2025 Fiscal Year	\$ 195,000.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 3,750.00
Weekly Donation (2/16/25)	\$ 1,629.00
Online Giving (2/16/25)	\$ 1,104.00
Total Week's Gift Offering 2/16	\$ 2,733.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 155,128.91

First Communion Classes Schedule

Sun Feb. 23 11:00am 1st Communion Session in Parish Hall
Sun March 9 11:00am 1st Communion Session in Parish Hall
Sunday March 30 11:00am First Communion Session Parish

Jubilee Year Eucharist Adoration/Reflections on Hope

Pilgrimage Church St. Leo @ Murray Tue, March 11, 7-9 pm

St Pius X Mass Assignments: Saturday, March 1, 2025

Servers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers / Greeters	Money Counters
Franky Schiaretti	Liz Medley	Paula Schmidt Suzette Whittington Volunteer	George Humphreys (Greeter) Paula Humphreys (Greeter)	

Mass Assignments: Sunday, March 2, 2025

Kinley Peterson Server Volunteer	Jeff Outland	Volunteer Teresa Newman Marcus Newman	Usher Volunteer Usher Volunteer Usher Volunteer	Andy Ferm Sherry Ferm
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FFY
Calendar
&
Activities
Schedule

DATE	SUNDAY GOSPEL READING	SUBJECT
February 26, 2025 Wed 6:00-7:30 pm	8 th Sunday Ordinary Time Luke 6:39-45	St Paul Miki Companions Story Journey Board - Love of Others
March 5, 2025 Ash Wed Mass 6:00	1 st Sunday Lent Luke 4:1-13	NO FFY lesson – Mass 6:00 pm Pray with family and share family Lent Lesson
March 12, 2025 Wed 6:00-7:30 pm	2 nd Sunday Lent Luke 9:28b-36	Corporal Works Mercy, PG p. 200-201, AB p.139-140 <i>Stations of the Cross @ 6:30 for all parishioners</i>

Remember in Prayer

St. Pius X: Greg Williams, Judy Ayers, Pat Hobbs, Keisha Bradley Janet Norvell, Iris Joelle Maynard, Megan Mudd, Theresa Owens, 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, Kaileigh Row, Pam Laibl, David Kroll, Henry Feezor, Lisa Hammond, Bennett Meisenheimer, Wes Hayes, Mike Norvell, Maryann Huebschmann, 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 Broks, 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 Bazaar Workshop at St Anthony Every Tuesday at 9:00 am – Every Tuesday & all parishioners invited to come participate in helping craft gifts for the annual bazaar fundraiser. See the list of items and materials that anyone can donate. Help Needed!

Orphaned Children Diaper Project Finished!

Thanks to everyone for their donations. The diaper project is completed now. A total of 2220 were made and we thank you for bringing in Velcro to help!

Special Wedding at Cana Celebration coming again!

February 28,, Friday, come celebrate again all marriages in our parishes with a special mass and banquet program at St Anthony. Plan to come!



Next Lunch Bunch gathering in March 20

Acts 2:42 Group: 2nd Sunday every month: Mar 9

Signup contact Ed Georgen edwardgeorgen@gmail.com

Come share faith with others and enjoy a time of prayer and fellowship like the first apostles in Acts 2!

All-Day Adoration on Friday March 7

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 March 1 @ 8:00am. Every first Saturday we offer mass and pray the rosary



St Anthony Birthdays Feb 23– Mar 1

February 22 AnneMarie Tutor

February 25 Sommer Johnson

St Anthony Anniversaries:

No anniversaries this week



Come join us every Wednesday at 10:00-11:00 for a study of John's Gospel. We are using Dr Brant Pitre materials to guide our study and discussion. Bring your Bible & come learn about the 4th gospel!

St. Anthony of Padua

Mass Intentions

Feb 24 – Mar 2

Wednesday	9:00 am	Dr Sidney Edds
Friday	9:00 am	Robert & Pauline Paul
1 st Saturday	8:00 am	Taylor Johansen
Sunday	8:00 am	Janet Noyes

WEEKLY DONATIONS

Budget 2024/2025 Fiscal Year (July 2024-June 2025)	\$ 73,500.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 1,413.46
Weekly Donation 2/16/2025	\$ 1,710.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 72,942.39

Saint Henry Parish Aurora, KY seeking Part-Time

Bookkeeper/Administrative Assistant, working approximately 16-18 hours per week, (Tues-Fri 9-1) under the supervision of the Pastor. This part-time position oversees all bookkeeping and administrative assistant responsibilities. Qualifications: High school diploma/Associate degree, minimum 2-3 year experience bookkeeping and office duties, applicant should have good organizational skills, general office skills. Candidate will need to have knowledge of Microsoft programs, accounting software and comm skills, verbal & written, & successfully complete background & SE checks. All interested applicants may submit a resume to:

Greg.Trawick@pastoral.org

St Anthony Mass Assignments – March 2, 2025

Lector	Mike Drury
Eucharistic Ministers	Shara Parrish Jovita Herron
Ushers/Greeters	David Loxley 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 March 19, 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