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4th Sunday Easter Year B Jn 10:11-18



"Jesus said: "I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. A hired man, who is not a shepherd and whose sheep are not his own, sees a wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away, and the wolf catches and scatters them. This is because he works for pay and has no concern for the sheep. I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. These also I must lead, and they will hear my voice, and there will be one flock, one shepherd. This is why the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down on my own. I have power to lay it down, and power to take it up again. This command I have received from my Father."

'The Song of the Happy Shepherd'

BY WILLIAM BUTLER YEATS

The woods of Arcady are dead, And over is their antique joy....
But O, sick children of the world, Of all the many changing things
In dreary dancing past us whirled,
To the cracked tune that Chronos sings,
Words alone are certain good.
Where are now the warring kings,
Word be-mockers? — By the Rood
Where are now the warring kings?
An idle word is now their glory,
By the stammering schoolboy said,
Reading some entangled story:
The kings of the old time are dead;
The wandering earth herself may be
Only a sudden flaming word,
In clanging space a moment heard,
Troubling the endless reverie.
Then nowise worship dusty deeds,
Nor seek, for this is also sooth,
To hunger fiercely after truth,
Lest all thy toiling only breeds
New dreams, new dreams; there is no truth
Saving in thine own heart. Seek, then,
No learning from the starry men,
Who follow with the optic glass
The whirling ways of stars that pass —
Seek, then, for this is also sooth,
No word of theirs — the cold star-bane
Has cloven and rent their hearts in twain,
And dead is all their human truth.
Go gather by the humming sea
Some twisted, echo-harboured shell,
And to its lips thy story tell,
And they thy comforters will be.....

Spiritual Thought for the Week

"How is my trust in God shown to other people?"

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 April 21, 2024
Acts 4:8-12/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18
Monday Acts 11:1-18/Jn 10:1-10
Tuesday Acts 11:19-26/Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday Acts 12:24—13:5a/Jn 12:44-50
Thursday 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Mk 16:15-20
Friday Acts 13:26-33/Jn 14:1-6
Saturday Acts 13:44-52/Jn 14:7-14

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,

4th Sunday Easter Year B

Jn 10:11-18

"I am Good Shepherd", Jesus says! In the Gospel of John, Jesus describes Himself using several different images (concepts) that are familiar to us. John includes seven titles or descriptions of who Jesus is for us. (Seven is John's favorite number!) Jesus will reveal that He is 1) the bread of life" (John 6:35), the "light of the world" (John 8:12), 3) "the gate" (John 10:7), 4) "the good shepherd" (John 10:11), 5) "the resurrection and life" (John 11:25), 6) "the way, truth, and life" (John 14:6), 7) "the true vine" (John 15:1-5). It's no surprise to me that Jesus speaks so imaginatively here about how He relates to us, because we all know how He preferred to teach with the parable-story form, too! So, Jesus is a lot of things to us, or in fact, He is everything! As St Paul will say in Colossians 3:11 "Christ is all and in all". St Paul asserts time and time again how all-encompassing Jesus is, after we have been baptized into Him. Paul comes to realize the Supreme Identity of Jesus, as everything in his life becomes 'subordinate' to living Christ! In Philippians 3:7, Paul says, "whatever gains I had before, these I have come to consider a loss because of Christ" (once we've tasted Christ, everything else fades). And in Galatians 2:20, Paul says it this way, "yet I live, no longer I, but Christ lives in me." Some people say Paul is getting too 'mystical' on us there, but He is reflecting the practical result of accepting Christ in and through everything. Really, that is as 'down to earth' as a person can get, just like we see in Jesus' self-descriptions. Think about it: Securing bread, making fires, going in and out of doors, shepherding and vine-tending are all every day activities and all of the stuff of living each of us busy ourselves with each day! And Jesus enters into this daily business of ourselves, and we can easily access His presence in them, if we accept and are open to it.

Again, we have such a 'down to earth' God in Christ! Today's teaching about Jesus shepherding us, might be as 'down to earth' as it gets! JESUS 'lays down his life' for us. As a Shepherd, He lays down with us sheep in the field. Jesus explains HOW he does this as a shepherd, when he mentions five times that He 'lays down' His life' for the sheep (verses 11, 15, 17, 18 & 18). A shepherd in the field would always be on the lookout (like a good scout) for the best 'resting areas' for sheep. And by the 'best' areas for sheep, what that means, is not only good 'water and greens' but also safe sleeping areas (Ps 23:2). If there was not a pre-fabricated sheep pen already built in a grazing field for them, a creative shepherd could fashion one, cordoning off His sheep along a stream with a cliff-hill face, and stack up some rocks to make a third wall enclosure, which leaves only one wall left to assemble, so the Shepherd's body itself would become the fourth wall or the Gate, by him laying down along that side as an entrance/exit point to keep in the sheep safely (for a wolf to harass sheep, wolf has to get through/past that shepherd).

And such self-sacrificing shepherding is reflected in Jesus' promotion of the shepherd versus the 'hired hand'. The shepherd truly loves the sheep, with no thought of any self-privilege or self benefit. The shepherd's heart is with the sheep while the hired hand is concerned with pay. The shepherd stays with and lives among his sheep while the hired hand moves from sheepfold to sheepfold and pasture to pasture always looking for more 'pay' and 'privilege', at the expense of the sheep. Jesus may be calling out the corrupt Pharisees as hired hands (see Matthew 23:13-33 for His condemnation of their greed and self-promotion), or He may be referring to the bad shepherd type, condemned back in Ezekiel 34:1-10. And Jesus goes on to describe qualities of good shepherds by saying they freely sacrifice themselves for their sheep (v11), they stay courageously with their sheep (v 12), their sheep 'listen-hear His voice' (v 16), they know Him (v 14) and there is 'unity-harmony' (v 16) among them in addition to the Father's love (v17) felt amid them. Of course, Jesus Himself perfectly embodies these welcome shepherding gifts. And how grateful we should all be that we have such a 'Good Shepherd' in Him. As I always tell our children, especially our First Communion class today, that as a sign of our gratitude for Jesus being our Good Shepherd, we should strive always to be His Good Sheep. And that is an excellent prayer meditation for us: What disposition should we reflect to be seen as being 'Good Sheep' of our Lord?

Peace, Fr Brian

St Pius X Parish Council Meeting Thurs Apr 25 @ 5:30 pm

Gary Traylor	(3)	Chair Person
Nora Canon	(3)	Secretary & Finance
Paula Humphreys	(3)	Spiritual Life
Stacey Newby	(3)	FFY & Religious Ed
Debbie Anspach	(3)	Social Program/Outreach
Michael Bowling	(3)	Building & Ground

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!

APRIL 21, 2024 † 4TH SUNDAY EASTER YEAR B



Acts 2:42 next Meeting May 5, St Anthony@ 1:30

St Pius X Mass Intentions April 22 – April 28		
Tuesday	6:00 pm	<i>Lucilla Rendon</i>
Wednesday	8:00 am	<i>John & Sue Mudd</i>
Thursday	8:00 am	<i>Larry & Mary Knox</i>
Friday	8:00 am	<i>PJ & Martha Rose O'Donoghue</i>
Saturday	4:30 pm	<i>Our Youth who received Confirmation</i>
Sunday	10:00am	<i>John Bardsley</i>
WEEKLY DONATIONS		
Parish Hall Donation (4/14/24)	\$	116.00
Budget for 2022/2023 Fiscal Year (July 2023-June 2024)	\$	195,000.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$	3,750.00
Weekly Donation (4/14/24)	\$	2,776.00
Online Giving (4/14/24)	\$	1,004.00
Total Week's Gift Offering 4/14	\$	3,780.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$	185,050.83

Pray for our First Communion Class – April 21

Gavin Devine
Dylan Coursey
Miles Doughty
Harrison Shupe

Keep in your prayer our Confirmation Class
to be confirmed by Bishop Medley Apr 27
Max Canon, Pax Canon, Dorothy Schmidt,
Addison Peterson, Kason Peterson

St. Francis Catholic Church Annual Quilt Show Luncheon

Thursday, April 25th and Friday, April 26th 10:30 am – 1:30 pm
Come enjoy a delicious meal, browse our Quilt display, and take a chance to win a beautiful hand-made quilt! Meals and display at St Francis, 116 South 6th Street Paducah KY.

Mother's Day Dinner May 11th after the 4:30 mass
Tickets are \$20/couple - \$10/single and \$5/children.

Birthdays & Anniversaries: Apr 21– Apr 27

Happy Birthday! St. Pius X

April 21	Brandon Doughty
April 21	Kate Outland
April 23	Grant Anderson
April 23	Kelli King
April 24	Kurt Schmidt
April 25	Loise Bowling
April 26	Stacey Newby

Happy Anniversary! St. Pius X

April 22	Ed & Tammie Georgen
April 27	Charlie & Mary Jane Haley

St Pius X Mass Assignments: Saturday, April 27, 2024

Servers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers / Greeters	Money Counters
Edward Georgen	Paula Schmidt	Jeff Riedfort Charlotte Riedfort Volunteer	Volunteer (Usher) Volunteer (Usher) Volunteer (Greeter) Volunteer (Greeter)	

Mass Assignments: Sunday, April 28, 2024

Kason Peterson	Philip Scheiber	Patty Langford Marcus Newman Teresa Newman	Philip Scheidegger Usher Volunteer Usher Volunteer	Andy Ferm Sherry Ferm
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FFY Schedule of Classes and Events

Wednesday	April 17	6:00 – 7:30	Meal & Class (First Communion Practice)	Hall & Church
Wednesday	April 24	6:00 – 7:30	Meal & Class (Confirmation Practice)	Hall & Church
SATURDAY	April 27	10:30 AM	Confirmation Mass With Bishop Medley	Church
Wednesday	May 1	6:00 – 7:30	Year End Party Celebration	Parish Hall
Sunday	May 12 or 19	10:00 am Mass	High School Graduate Mass	Church

Remember in Prayer

St. Pius X: Theresa Owens, Sara Repovich, Kaye Hinkebein, Amanda Scheidegger, Olga Edwards, Diane Fischer Russell Tomlinson, Joanne Schmidt Paula Willett, Kent & Kim Henry, Linda Womer, Leah Vincek, Rick Wilson, Richard Warmowski, Wade Barnes, Ashley Hayden, Donna Barrix, David Crass, Beth Strutzel, Jason Long, Helen Nicholson, Larry Kline, Bonita Walker, Joe Hedges, Jerry Wade, Katie Wood, Joanna Grimes, Amanda Bailey, Kailigh Row, Dolly Bardsley, Pam Laibl, David Kroll, Henry Feezor, Lisa Hammond, Bennett Meisenheimer, Jim & Rose Drury, Wes Hayes, Mike Norvell, Maryann Huebschmann, Shirley Mangan, 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, Donny Travis, Betty Derry, Scott Hamilton, Connie Burt, Abigail Huebschmann, Lucas Hebner, 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.

Pray for Our Military

St. Pius X: Cameron Thomason, Julianne Utley, 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

Quilters group at St Anthony Every Tuesday
Contact Georgia Bradshaw for details. Quilters gather and work on their community quilt together.

Needed Donations: SEW ON Velcro (any size) for Diaper Project for Orphaned Children in the Philippines. Only SEW-ON Velcro can be used – Please NO adhesive velcro. Contact Georgia Hunsley (St Anthony Church) at 402-920-0108 for more info. Baskets by church doors to collect the velcro.

Wedding at Cana Coning Again Friday May 24

Watch for more details, and mark your calendars for a wonderful evening of mass, dinner and dancing. A sign up form is found on the kitchen serving window. Or call Judy Forsythe 612-245-3636 to RSVP.

Hope Clinic Baby Bottles -Please Return your collection bottles and thank you for participating!

All-Day Adoration on 1st Friday May 3

St Anthony Parish 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. Prayer Partners are requested for each hour during Adoration. Please register your time on the schedule or call Judy Forsythe - 612-245-3636

First Saturdays Honor the Blessed Mother:

First Saturday Mass on May 4 @ 8:00am. Every first Saturday we offer mass and pray the rosary



St Anthony Birthdays Apr 21 – Apr 27

April 27 Kelly Noonan

St Anthony Anniversaries:

No anniversaries this week

Lectio Divina Weekly Sessions

Every Wednesday @ St. Anthony of Padua, we gather for weekly "Lectio Divina" sessions. Come and open God's Word in your heart & mind. We have workbooks available



St. Anthony of Padua

Mass Intentions

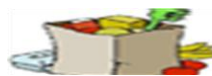
April 22 – April 28

Wednesday	9:00 am	<i>Sally Anne Klohr</i>
Friday	9:00 am	<i>Larry Muzzy</i>
Sunday	8:00 am	<i>Deceased Parents/Siblings of Judy Forsythe</i>

WEEKLY DONATIONS

Budget 2022/2023 Fiscal Year (July 2023-June 2024)	\$ 73,500.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 1,413.46
Weekly Donation 4/14/2024	\$ 1,990.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 78,107.13

Thank you so much for your faithful generosity! The Parishes and the Church's Mission depends on you!



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 the church for your donated items.

St Anthony Mass Assignments – April 28, 2024

Lector	Darin Adrian
Eucharistic Ministers	Joyce Wilkinson Cindy O'Brien
Ushers/Greeters	Kelly Noonan David Loxley
Server	Juan Gonzalez
Money Counters	Shara Parish Kevin Diamond

CONSIDER ATTENDING DAILY MASS

St Anthony Prayer List: Theresa Owens, Jeff Ritorto, Cathy Ritorto, Betty Gonzalez, Elena Carey, Donna & Jon Gresham, Bob Decker, Bill Rodgers, Tom & Margie Sheppard, Bob Tashjian, Mr. Driskill, Margaret Adams, Pat Gorbett, Ed Derringe, Imogene Ramey.

Pray for our Military

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

Mike Drury	Chair Person
Debbie Owens	Secretary/Family Life
Shara Parish	Finance
Kelly Noonan	Building & Ground
David Loxley	Social Concerns/Events
Steve Wilkes	Spirituality/Faith Formation

Next Meeting June 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