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Divine Mercy Sunday Year A John 20:19-30



“On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, “Peace be with you.” When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained.” Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples said to him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nailmarks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.” Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, “Peace be with you.” Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe.” Thomas answered and said to him, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said to him, “Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.” Now, Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name.”

A Doubting Thomas sort-of sonnet

by Jill Alexander Essbaum

*Sometimes I think belief is obsolete.
The sky is empty. God does not exist.
That there's no point to life, and wishing it
won't make it true. That miracles and feats
arrive by way of science. Cures and healings?
Just suave doctoring. And soul's a quick
and nitwit way of naming all the tricks
our hocus-pocus human brains complete.
And death's the end of everything, full stop.
And heaven's ever-after is a ruse.
And we're no more than broken, bloody dopes
who pray to ghosts. But. Sometimes something not-
myself pervades the walls of my heart's room,
goes boom, then wracks and blacks and blues my bones.
The stone is rolled. I'm whole. I'm held. It's hope.*

Eucharistic Renewal Meditation

“Every gesture and every word contains a precise action that is always new because it meets with an always new moment in our own lives. I will explain what I mean with a simple example. We kneel to ask pardon, to bend our pride, to hand over to God our tears, to beg his intervention, to thank Him for a gift received. It is always the same gesture which in essence declares our own being small in the presence of God. Nevertheless, done in different moments of our lives, it moulds our inner depths and then thereafter shows itself externally in our relation with God and with our brothers and sisters. Also kneeling should be done with art, that is to say, with a full awareness of its symbolic sense and the need that we have of this gesture to express our way of being in the presence of the Lord. And if all this is true for this simple gesture, how much more will it be for the celebration of the Word? (Desiderio #53)

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-First Friday of each month-8:00

Visit our Website www.stpiusx.us

Daily Scripture Readings

Sunday April 16

Acts 2:42-47/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31

Monday Acts 4:23-31/Jn 3:1-8 (267)

Tuesday Acts 4:32-37/Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday Acts 5:17-26/Jn 3:16-21

Thursday Acts 5:27-33/Jn 3:31-36

Friday Acts 5:34-42/Jn 6:1-15

Saturday Acts 6:1-7/Jn 6:16-21

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

Mass Schedule

† **Weekend Mass**

Sunday- 8:00 am

† **Daily Mass**

Wednesday-9:00 am

Friday-9:00 am

Eucharist Adoration-First Friday 9:00 am

First Saturday of Month Mass 8:00 am

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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 Pius And St Anthony Churches, Divine Mercy Sunday Year A John 20:19-30

You got another thing coming! But, in the best of ways, it is not what you think! Happy Divine Mercy Sunday! The first word out of Jesus' mouth after He rises up from the terrible torture and terror of His crucifixion, is 'Peace be with you'! Considering that nearly all of His followers denied or deserted Him through His suffering, we might expect a word of retribution or reprimand from Jesus. But not our good and patient Savior: Jesus brings 'Peace' to them! ***That is Mercy!*** And not just once, but Jesus speaks '***Peace***' to them twice on that first appearance Easter Day (Jn 20:19, 21). Then, when He returns the next week, He speaks a third word of '***Peace***' to them all (Jn 20:26).

Surprised by Mercy! That is what mercy does! Especially through suffering and death, Jesus teaches us how to love! (*It is easy to love when everything is just as you like it, but true love is keeping joyful love offered to others when nothing is going 'our way'*). On Easter morning, Jesus revealed what divine love looks like, and He invites us (*actually commands us to, when He said, "As the Father sent me, so I send you" Jn 20:21*) to give such love to others (we give to others what we receive from God-pass it forward). This happens when He 'breathes the Holy Spirit upon us and calls us to 'forgive sins' (Jn 20:22-23). How do we 'forgive sins'? When we bear a little more patiently with others who have offended us, or we give a little more (*be the bigger person to sacrifice-give a little to make it work*) to make peace with them, that is forgiveness. Jesus shows us how to love sacrificially. Romans 5:8 tells us that "God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us." When we most deserved a 'dressing down', God covered us with His abundant love (Jn10:10). So Jesus Himself shows us this way of Divine Mercy. Humanly, after our Fall from grace with 'Original Sin', we do not know how to love unselfishly. We must be taught again how to love by God, and Jesus shows us in person through His willing death and resurrection. Alone, we are helpless to love sacrificially. It takes Jesus to teach and show us. 1 John 4: 10 says, "In this is love: not that we have loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as expiation for our sins." And we are taught not just by His redeeming death, but also His loving return to us through the resurrection along with His subsequent 40 day teaching seminar with the apostles and the early church before He ascended in glory to the Father to send back the Holy Spirit at Pentecost (Acts 1:3 tells us, "He presented himself alive to them by many proofs after he had suffered, appearing to them *during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God*"). So Jesus teaches us how to love, like He loves. And He confidently calls us to join Him in sharing such love, when He commanded us "As I have loved you, so you also should love one another" (Jn 13:34 & Jn 15:12). With Jesus, we learn to love His Way: What wondrous Love!

The First followers of Jesus surely loved others as He taught. In our Tuesday evening group at church, we have been reading Early Church documents. A little while ago, we read from the Letter of Mathetes to Diognetes (dated around 130 AD). The writer describes how Christians looked and how they behaved. He wrote about Christians saying that, "*They pass their days on earth, but they are citizens of heaven. They obey the prescribed laws, and at the same time surpass the laws in the work of their lives. They love all men, but are persecuted by all, they are put to death, but restored to life. They are poor, yet make many others rich; they are in lack of all things, and yet abound in everything; they are dishonored, and yet in their very dishonor they are glorified. They are evil spoken of, and yet are justified & noble; they are reviled, but bless; they are insulted, and repay the insult with honor; they do good, yet are punished as evil-doers*" (*Diognetes Chp 5*). What compliments and praise the Christians could receive because of the sacrificial and Christ-like conduct toward other people. They were paying forward the grace of Christ, sharing with others and giving the Love of Christ they received from God. Loving others as Christ loved us! St Faustina often wrote about being an 'Ambassador/Messenger of Divine Mercy'. May we be such good witnesses of God's Mercy to others. Peace, Fr Brian

Faith Formation Calendar for Youth FFY 2022-2023

Wednesday	April 19	6:00 - 7:30	FFY: Meal and Class	Parish Hall
Sunday	April 16	11:00am	First Communion Practice	Parish Hall
Wednesday	April 19	6:00 - 7:30	FFY: Meal and Class	Parish Hall
Sunday	April 23	10:00am	FIRST COMMUNION SUNDAY	
Wednesday	April 26	6:00 - 7:30	FFY Year-end Family Activity&Party	Parish Hall
Sunday	May 7	10:00am	MAY CROWNING	Church
Sunday	May 21	10:00am	HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE MASS	



Prayer for Vocations: *God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women from the Diocese of Owensboro to serve in your Son's kingdom as priests, deacons, and religious. We pray that you continue to inspire young men and women to respond courageously to your call and give themselves generously to the Church in service of the Gospel. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon them to answer your call. We ask this in Christ our Lord*

Lucernarium – Service of Light! Were you part of the Easter Vigil Celebration of Fire & Light? What a unique opportunity to witness the blessing of Easter Fire – Jesus Risen from the Dead and process into the darkened cave-tomb of the Church led by the Paschal Candle Light with each of us holding our portion of Christ-Light-Candle in hand! Our enlightening (& space of church) was then so fragrantly incensed, before we listened to the ancient 'Exultet'! Watch this corner in weeks to come as we will study exciting details of the song's words!

Holiest Week of the Year! How special to be able to celebrate all of the special rituals of Holy Week and Easter. Yet, it takes so much work and planning. I want to thank all of the special helpers with the flower decorating/setup, the special music pieces and the extra ministers who served to make the Holy Days such a festive celebration of Easter NewLife! Thank you choirs, musicians, artsy decorators and servants at the altar and ambo! Our liturgies were blessed with unique moments of prayer because of you!

Birthdays & Anniversaries: Apr 16 – Apr 22

Happy Birthday! St. Pius X

- April 19 Debra Boughton
- April 21 Brandon Doughty
- April 21 Sami Luecke
- April 21 Kate Outland
- April 23 Grant Anderson
- April 23 John Schuld

St. Anthony of Padua
No birthdays this week

Happy Anniversary! St. Pius X

- April 22 Ed & Tammie Georgen

St. Anthony of Padua
No anniversaries this week

First Holy Communion Class April 23

Please keep in your prayers our First Communion Students who are excited about receiving the Holy Eucharist for the first time on Sunday April 23, 10:00am

St Pius X Mass Assignments: Saturday, April 22, 2022

Servers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers / Greeters	Money Counters
Volunteer	Paula Schmidt	Suzette Whittington Charlotte Riedfort Kurt Schmidt	Volunteer (Usher) Volunteer (Usher) Volunteer (Greeter) Volunteer (Greeter)	

Mass Assignments: Sunday, April 23, 2023

Franky Schiaretti Anthony Schiaretti	Pam Hurst	Paula Schmidt Amanda Scheidegger Marty Darst	Philip Scheidegger Volunteer (Usher) Volunteer (Greeter)	Mary Ann Huebschmann Kathy Smith
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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>).

Remember in Prayer

St. Pius X: Ashley Hayden, David Crass, Beth Strutzel, Jason Long, Helen Nicholson, Larry Kline, Bonita Walker, Joe Hedges, Jerry Wade, Katie Wood, Joanna Grimes, Amanda Bailey, Kathryn Bailey Kaileigh Row, Dolly Bardsley, Pam Laibl, Chevelle Allen, David Kroll, Tad Inman, Henry Feezor, Jerry & Sissy Wommack, Lisa Hammond, Rose Grossius, 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, Juliette Kaplanes, Jack Bender, Penny Maupin, Don Kemp, Sharon Olejnicak, Tim Wilson, Beverly Dukes, Wallace Hunt, Judy Krouse, Kerry Frazier, Rene Harrington, Forrest Michael Teeters, Cameron Brewer, Stefanie Wilkerson-Barragan, Hugo Santos, Sharon Gibbons, Braydn Barnett, Elizabeth Witowski, Pam Dietz.

St. Anthony of Padua: David Reed, Juan 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, Bob Lang and their families and caregivers.

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 of Padua: Joel Dumbacher, Matt Elder, Kathleen Erickson, Scott Erickson, Cory Erickson, James A. Kinsey, Jay Lockhart, Sarah Martindale.

St. Pius X

Mass Intentions April 17 – April 23		
Tuesday	6:00 pm	Bernie & Pat Fendler
Wednesday	8:00 am	Taylor Johansen
Thursday	8:00 am	Sr Anne Michelle Mudd
Friday	8:00 am	Benedict Lazatin
Saturday	4:30 pm	James Hobbs
Sunday	10:00 am	First Communion Children

WEEKLY DONATIONS

Parish Hall Donation (4/9/23)	\$ 280.00
Budget for 2022/2023 Fiscal Year (July 2022-June 2023)	\$ 190,000.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 3,653.58
Weekly Donation (4/9/23)	\$ 2,648.00
Online Giving (4/9/23)	\$ 2,128.00
Total Week's Gift Offering 4/9	\$ 4,776.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 183,870.27



Early Church Fathers:

Every Tuesday Night from 6:30-7:30pm Come study these foundational documents written by the students of apostles. *After Scripture, these are our earliest sources of Faith!* Very Interesting History & Acts!

Holy Land Presentation: Wendy Elrod (daughter of Wayne & Georgia Bradshaw) recently visited the Holy Land on a pilgrimage tour, and is willing to share an interesting night, recounting her trip and giving a informative presentation of its holy sites and her time. Watch for the upcoming date and come out to hear of it

Quilt Raffle Chances: 'Rhapsody in Red'

The quilters have been busy and have another quilt for raffle, with unique design. Be sure to pick up some tickets. It will be raffled this Sunday.

Parish Council

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

(Yrs left in term)

Next Meeting Tues May 16 @ 4:30 pm

Bereavement Committee

St. Anthony of Padua

Mass Intentions April 17 – April 23		
Wednesday	9:00 am	Christine Whelan
Friday	9:00 am	Dr Sidney Edds
Sunday	8:00 am	RoseMarie Verdu

WEEKLY DONATIONS

Budget 2022/2023 Fiscal Year (July 2022-June 2023)	\$ 73,500.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 1,413.46
Weekly Donation 4/9/2023)	\$ 1,662.75
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 61,721.34

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

Livingston County Helping Hands



Food Items Especially Needed: Hamburger Helper, mac and cheese, 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, baby wipes, feminine hygiene products. Collection container is in back of the church for your donated items.

St Anthony Mass Assignments – April 23, 2022

Lector	Shara Parish
Eucharistic Ministers	Pat Gorbett Mike Drury
Ushers/Greeters	Kellu Noonan Kevin Diamond
Server	Juan Gonzalez
Money Counters	Shara Parish Kevin Diamond

Centering Prayer Group:

Thursdays at 10:00 am

Interested in **Centering Prayer**? Thursdays at 10:00 am in St Pius Library. We read an excerpt of "Open Mind, Open Heart" by Keating, briefly discuss, then practice Centering Prayer for 10 minutes. Hope you can join us!

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 May 10 @ 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