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4th Sunday Easter Year A Jn 10:1-10



"Jesus said: 'Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever does not enter a sheepfold through the gate but climbs over elsewhere is a thief and a robber. But whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has driven out all his own, he walks ahead of them, and the sheep follow him, because they recognize his voice. But they will not follow a stranger; they will run away from him, because they do not recognize the voice of strangers.' Although Jesus used this figure of speech, the Pharisees did not realize what he was trying to tell them. So Jesus said again, 'Amen, amen, I say to you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. A thief comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy; I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly.'"

The Shepherd

by Christine

*Our eyes Shepherd, leave your flock and fold
Shepherd, leave your flock and fold,
Find the lamb from times of old:
Shepherd king, on David's throne,
God's anointed cornerstone.
See the child now laid on earth,
Heaven's prince and hope's new birth,
He will bring all nations peace,
And his reign will never cease.
Shepherd, hear the angels call,
Find the lamb, the Lord of all.*

*Late the hour and small the flame,
Yet for you, the Christ child came.
Do not linger at the cost,
Seek the one who seeks the lost.
He will give the weary rest,
Pastures green and waters blessed,
Shepherd, hear the angels call,
Find the lamb, the Lord of all.*

Eucharistic Renewal Meditation

"If it is There would be much more to say about the importance of presiding and what care it requires. On different occasions I dwell on the demanding duty of preaching the homily. Here I limit myself to several other broad considerations, always wanting to reflect with you on how we are formed by the Liturgy. I think about the regular rhythm of Sunday Mass in our communities, and I address myself therefore to priests, but implicitly to all ordained ministers. 56. The priest lives his characteristic participation in the celebration in virtue of the gift received in the sacrament of Holy Orders, and this is expressed precisely in presiding. Like all the roles he is called to carry out, this is not primarily a duty assigned to him by the community but is rather a consequence of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit received in ordination which equips him for such a task. The priest also is formed by his presiding in the celebrating assembly (Desiderio #55-6)

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 30

Acts 2:14a, 36-41/1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10

Monday Col 3:14-17,23-24/Mt 13:54-58

Tuesday Acts 11:19-26/Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday 1 Cor 15:1-8/Jn 14:6-14

Thursday Acts 13:13-25/Jn 13:16-20

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

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, 4th Sunday Easter Year A

Jn 10:1-10

Did the superhero Batman's sidekick Robin ever say, "**Good Shepherd, Batman**"? I don't think so either but I don't claim to have seen all the original episodes! But if Robin didn't say it, he surely could have! Doesn't it sound like something he'd say? In today's gospel, John tells us that "Although Jesus used this figure of speech (*about sheep hearing voice of shepherd*), they (*Pharisees*) did not realize what he was trying to tell them" (John 10:6). Jesus points out that His sheep hear His voice (John 10:3 & 4). They follow Him because they know His voice-they know He is talking to them. They know that His heart is with them-He loves them. This is not so, regarding the thief & robber shepherds (Jn10:1) or stranger-shepherds (Jn 10:5). The sheep avoid or run from them (bad shepherds). Jesus suggests that the Pharisees & Scribes were 'bad' shepherds (looking to 'fleece' the sheep instead of serve & care for the sheep). Actually, Jesus would rather 'give his own skin' instead of fleecing His sheep, which He says in John 10:15 & 17 when He tells us that He 'lays down His life for His sheep.' ***The sheep sense the Shepherd's care; it is in His voice.*** But, such concern and care is not heard in the Pharisees' voice-speech. This universal recognition of Jesus' compassion in His voice is referred to Matthew in 7:28-29, when he notes that "the crowds were astonished at Jesus' teaching, for he ***taught them as one having authority***, and not as their scribes."

As a Good Shepherd, Jesus seeks out the lost and wayward (those who close their ears to His voice - or exercise 'selective hearing' - Does that sound familiar?) In, Matthew 18:12-13, Jesus tells us about Himself as the Good Shepherd who is willing to leave the 99 to go find the one lost sheep. So, Jesus does not give up on anyone. He tries to break through the self-centeredness and self-righteousness of the Pharisees & Scribes to have them change their ways- turn to God. But tragically, they do not listen.

So it is no surprise that the Pharisees, do not 'hear' Jesus calling them out, for bad shepherding. They do not know Jesus' voice. They don't even seem to try listening to Him. Why? Well, who knows the reasons when the human heart sabotages itself? Maybe it is envy or jealousy over Jesus' ministry challenging their grip of control over religious institutions? Maybe it is laziness, and they do not want to exert any extra effort? Maybe they are accustomed to pleasure, and do not want to sacrifice? Or maybe simple distraction and diversion, so that they just don't want to give Jesus any time in their otherwise busy and 'important' schedules? But regardless of their avoidance of Jesus' call to them, His voice remains faithful. He always tries to reach them and speak to them.

I am struck by how important Jesus' VOICE is in several of the resurrection appearance stories. Often the voice of Jesus speaking, is what pushes people into recognizing that it is truly Him alive again. When Jesus speaks, people recognize, "It is the Lord". (*Do you remember the old commercials for investment brokerage firm EF Hutton, "When EF Hutton speaks, people listen"?*) Several times, Jesus' followers do not recognize Him resurrected, until after He speaks directly to them. Mary Magdalene at the tomb garden doesn't realize Jesus is in front of her until He speaks her own name to her. In John 20:16, it says, "***Jesus said to her, "Mary!"***" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni," which means Teacher." Or again on the Road to Emmaus, the two disciples do not recognize that the stranger walking with them is Jesus, until he speaks directly to them the prayer words of the Holy Eucharist Meal (which they would have heard at the Last Supper), and their 'eyes are opened to recognize Him in the Breaking of the Bread'. As they recount it later, they tell us that "Were not our hearts burning [within us] ***while he spoke to us*** on the way and opened the scriptures to us?" (Luke 24:32). I would suggest that even with Thomas, more than the sight of Jesus' wounds, the one trigger for Thomas' assertion of faith, resulted from Jesus personally addressing Thomas by voice. John 20:27, shows ***Jesus directly talking to Thomas***. It says, "Then ***Jesus 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." Something in Jesus' voice-His sheep recognize Him! Again, as John 10:4 told us, "the sheep follow him, because ***they recognize his voice***." Peace, Fr Brian

Faith Formation Calendar for Youth FFY 2022-2023

Wednesday	April 26	6:00 - 7:30	Prayer & FFY/YM Year-end 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*



All camps are still open for the summer 2023 but spaces are filling up fast! To get signed up visit, www.gasperriverretreatcenter.org. We also have opportunities for full-time summer staff positions, Staff-in-training positions, volunteer counselor positions still available for season.

Birthdays & Anniversaries: Apr 30– May 6

Happy Birthday! St. Pius X

May 3	Kevin Hodges
May 5	Cole Blazina
May 5	Nancy Forsythe
May 5	Nico Galvan
May 6	Miles Doughty

St. Anthony of Padua

May 3	Stephen Wilkes
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Happy Anniversary! St. Pius X

May 5	Jan & Jean Waniel
May 5	Wesley & Victoria Duzmal

St. Anthony of Padua

No anniversaries this week

Bible Sewing Camp: Want to learn a new skill or be creative this summer? Join us for a Bible Sewing Camp! Four Wednesday evenings this summer you will learn the basics of hand-sewing and embroidery. Each Wednesday session will include a Bible story and a related sewing craft. The Camp is open to all ages (especially ages from 8 - 108). Sessions will be June 21, June 28, July 5, July 12 from 6:00pm - 7:30pm. Come for all four sessions or just a couple. Registration & more info is in the back of the church. Please register soon so we can plan accordingly. Helpers needed to assist with sewing activity.

From **HOPE Clinic:** We want to thank St Pius & St Anthony Churches for your recent participation in the Baby Bottle Drive that raised nearly \$800.00 to support preborn children & their mothers!

St Pius X Mass Assignments: Saturday, May 6, 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, May 7, 2023

	Mike Bowling	Amanda Scheidegger Pam Hurst Marty Darst	Philip Scheidegger Volunteer (Usher) Volunteer (Greeter)	Rich Derry Nancy Singleton
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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, 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 Brooks, 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: Justin Fatum Cameron Thomason, Julianne Utley, Daniel Burgess, James Griffith, Cory Erickson, 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, Devin McFadden, LeAnne Neal, and Kousuke Sasaki.

St. Pius X

Mass Intentions

April 31 – May 7

Tuesday	6:00 pm	Bernie & Pat Fendler
Wednesday	8:00 am	Bob Mattingly
Thursday	8:00 am	John & Sue Mudd
Friday	8:00 am	Dr Sidney Edds
Saturday	4:30 pm	Joey Elder
Sunday	10:00 am	Dee Dee Whittaker

WEEKLY DONATIONS

Parish Hall Donation (4/23/23)	\$
Budget for 2022/2023 Fiscal Year (July 2022-June 2023)	\$ 190,000.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 3,653.58
Weekly Donation (4/23/23)	\$ 1,973.00
Online Giving (4/23/23)	\$ 1,141.00
Total Week's Gift Offering 4/23	\$ 3,114.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 191,219.27



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 her.

Mother's Day Weekend Dinner Plan to enjoy a great dinner on May 13th after the 4:30 Saturday Mass. Tickets \$20/couple, \$10/Single, \$5/child See Deb Anspach for more details or to help out.

Parish Council

Gary Traylor (3)	Chair Person
Nora Canon (3)	Secretary & Finance
Paula Humphreys (3)	Spiritual Life
Stacy Newby (3)	FFY & Religious Ed
Debbie Anspach (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 31 – May 7

Wednesday	9:00 am	Dick Gorbett
Friday	9:00 am	RoseMarie Verdu
1st Sat	8:00 am	Sally Anne Klohr
Sunday	8:00 am	Margaret Lee

WEEKLY DONATIONS

Budget 2022/2023 Fiscal Year (July 2022-June 2023)	\$ 73,500.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 1,413.46
Weekly Donation 4/23/2023)	\$ 1,367.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 64,226.34

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 – May 7, 2022

Lector	Mike Drury
Eucharistic Ministers	Steve Wilkes Mike Drury
Ushers/Greeters	David Loxley Kippling Spenser
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 will have an Advent series of teachings and practice, on **Centering Prayer**. We will have a short 20 min video & 10 min discussion before each experience of prayer (15 min). Discussion follows

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