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4th Sunday Lent Year B John 3:14-21



"Jesus said to Nicodemus: "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life." For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him will not be condemned, but whoever does not believe has already been condemned, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the verdict, that the light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light, because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed. But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God."

Excerpt from 'A Way Out'

By David Hopwood

Snake bites and rebellion, trouble and despair.
And guided by his God, Moses crafts a way out,
something physical, something real,
a symbol of the present and healing God,
a version of the very thing that is hurting them.

A bronze snake lifted up,
the problem right there, raised high,
and all who look to it would live.

And so Jesus smiles and tells this man,
who is longing for a new start,
that he will be lifted up, raised high,
a version of the very thing that is hurting the
world.

Something physical, something real,
a symbol of the present and healing God.."

Spiritual Thought for the Week

How often have I lived through these weeks of Lent without paying much attention to penance, fasting and prayer? How often have I missed the spiritual fruits of the season without even being aware of it? But how can I celebrate Easter without observing Lent? How can I rejoice fully in your Resurrection when I have avoided participating in your death? Yes, Lord, I have to die- with you, through you, and in you- and thus become ready to recognize you when you appear to me in your resurrection. There is much in me that needs to die like false attachments, greed & anger, impatience and stinginess... O Lord, make this Lent different from the other ones. Let me find you again this Lent, Amen (*Henri Nouwen*)

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 March 10, 2024

2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21

Monday Is 65:17-21/Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday Ez 47:1-9, 12/Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday Is 49:8-15/Jn 5:17-30

Thursday Ex 32:7-14/Jn 5:31-47

Friday Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday Jer 11:18-20/Jn 7:40-53

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

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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 Lent Year B

John 3:14-21

Time to Face the Music! Jesus' words about being lifted up, are a reference to the experience of the Israelites and Moses in the desert on the way to the Promised Land. After the Israelites gripe and grumble against God, serpents slip into the camp to terrorize them. It was as if God heard their complaints and stepped back to let them, 'do things their own way'. And the result? They complained all the more! As soon as the serpents (natural predators in the desert), began harassing the Hebrews during their journey across the desert, they cried out for help from God. After they had selfishly pushed God away, complaining against Him, they learned the painful way, that they could not live in the desert without God and by following His direction. So they turn back and plead with Moses to ask God for help. And of course, God provides such care when asked! God commands Moses to attach a serpent to a pole and raise it up in the center of the camp. This sign became a healing remedy to anyone suffering. People who looked upon it, were soothed and healed. This amounted to the Israelites confronting their fear and weakness, and admitting their need of God. When they confessed their sin and faced their faults, looking at the lifted-up serpent, then they were restored to health! This whole story of Moses/Israelites and the bronze serpent pole can be found in Numbers 21:4-9. It is a classic tale of human waywardness/sin and its effects.

But how does this healing serpent relate to Jesus? Jesus says, "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life" (John 3:14-15). Just like in the time of Moses, that, to look upon the serpent brought healing to a person, so also if believers later look upon Jesus crucified and lifted up on the cross (our sin did that!), then we can receive healing and eternal life, too! One of our great Catholic devotions is to meditate upon the crucifix! We look upon Jesus hanging on the cross and visualize Jesus actively suffering for us. Such vivid detail makes Jesus' love for us more real and felt. Many people actually feel comfort after praying and gazing upon a crucifix. I can see that comfort being similar to the healing that the Israelites felt, too.

I think of Jesus' comparison to Himself being lifted up on the cross as being like Moses' serpent on the pole, in this way: First, the solution to the Israelites' pain and suffering was that they needed **to face up** to the source of their suffering. They needed **to admit and repent** of their turning away from God through their complaints against Him. Keep in mind that the serpent in the garden of Eden also complained and turned against God (Genesis 3:4-5) and led others (Eve & Adam Gen 3:6) to do the same (such disobedience is bad, yet God brings good from it by having it lead to our redemption with Jesus' coming) *Yet, how does that apply to us?* Well, Jesus will be raised up on the cross because of our disobedience (sin/turning against God). That is bad (our sin & Jesus' suffering its effects for us). But again, God will bring good even from this pain and death that Jesus willingly accepts for us. God draws good from Jesus' death as it becomes our forgiveness and salvation. When we sin, we reject God and go it our own way (just like the complaining Israelites). However, God's love overcomes our selfish 'doing it our own way' by Jesus' loving acceptance of the punishment that should be coming to us due to our sin. Jesus willingly suffers the consequences of our sin, to redeem and heal us by his death on the cross. So, it ends up that **when we look at Jesus lifted up, on the cross-pole, we are facing our part in putting Him there.** We feel the serpent's bite of suffering because of our doing sin, but by Jesus' voluntary sacrifice for us, He takes away the sting of death (1 Corinthians 15:55 "Where, O death, is your sting?"), and bring us back to life.

So, like the Israelites, this gospel amounts to us facing up to our own sin (selfishly insisting on our own way), admitting and repenting of it, so that we can look upon, accept and follow Jesus' Way-the Way of loving redemption. In the end, that is the cross! The only way past it, is **through it!** And Jesus leads us to life on the other side of the cross, by dying on it for us! But, we must look/see and face our sin, turn to God and accept His way of sacrificial love as our response to His gift of healing and restoration to life! What a gospel! John 3:17 says, "For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him."

Prayers & Peace, Fr Brian

St Pius X Parish Council *Next Meeting March 10*

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

Refresh Committee Update: Please note new two chandeliers in the vestibule & children's room, and the high ceiling repairs. Also, the design for the wood framing around the tabernacle is on display in the vestibule to review. The beautiful frame allows for new statues of the Blessed Mother and St Joseph to be brought into the sanctuary, alongside the tabernacle.

MARCH 10, 2024 + 4TH SUNDAY LENT YEAR B

St Pius X Mass Intentions March 11 – March 17

Tuesday	6:00 pm	<i>All Souls in Purgatory</i>
Wednesday	8:00 am	<i>John & Sue Mudd</i>
Thursday	8:00 am	<i>Jim & Beatrice Forsythe</i>
Friday	8:00 am	<i>Linda Sutton</i>
Saturday	4:30 pm	<i>James Hobbs</i>
Sunday	10:00 am	<i>Bob Mattingly</i>

WEEKLY DONATIONS

Parish Hall Donation (3/3/24)	\$ 349.00
Budget for 2022/2023 Fiscal Year (July 2023-June 2024)	\$ 195,000.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 3,750.00
Weekly Donation (3/3/24)	\$ 5,186.00
Online Giving (3/3/24)	\$ 1,451.00
Total Week's Gift Offering 3/3	\$ 6,637.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 158,478.00

Acts 2:42 Group: Session #6 is **Sunday April 7, at St Pius at 1:30 pm** All are invited



Special Lenten Prayer/Programs/Study Groups

Apostolic Church Fathers Tues 6:30 pm @ St Pius
Lectio Divina Group Wed 10:00 am @ St Antony

Stations of Cross Prayers

St Anthony Fridays 9:30 am
St Pius Wednesdays 6:30 pm

Silent Adoration of Blessed Sacrament

Every Thursday 8:30-9:30 am St Pius

Birthdays & Anniversaries: Mar 10– Mar 16

Happy Birthday! St. Pius X

March 11	Addison Peterson
March 12	Victoria Hosman
March 13	Cynthia Devine
March 14	Tommy Robertson
March 15	Jacob Wilson
March 15	Diane Hayden
March 16	Loretta Vargocko
March 16	Rosemary Hudson

Happy Anniversary! St. Pius X

March 12	David & Donna Carr
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Knights Columbus Fish Frys Begin Friday Feb 16

Serving 4:00-7:00 pm. Eat in, or carry out! Come enjoy fish, potato, slaw, beans & hush puppies! Great dinner & social!

Call in an order for pick-up at 270-395-5747

Coffee & Doughnuts after Mass at St Pius

After the 10 am Mass **March 10**

St Pius X Mass Assignments: Saturday, March 16, 2024

Servers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers / Greeters	Money Counters
Volunteer	Dawn Whitt	Kurt Schmidt Suzette Whittington Volunteer	Volunteer (Usher) Volunteer (Usher) Volunteer (Greeter) Volunteer (Greeter)	

Mass Assignments: Sunday, March 17, 2024

Volunteer	Mike Bowling	Patty Langford Marcus Newman Teresa Newman	Usher Volunteer Usher Volunteer	Maryann Huebschmann Kathy Smith
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FFY Schedule of Classes and Events

Wednesday	March 13	6:00 - 7:30	Meal, Stations Cross 7/8 Gr Lead, Class	Hall & Church
Wednesday	March 20	6:00 – 7:30	Meal & Class	Hall & Church
Wednesday	March 27	6:00 – 7:30	Meal, Stations of Cross, Class	Hall & Church
Wednesday	April 3	Spring Break	Spring Break – No classes	Spring Break Off
Wednesday	April 10	6:00 - 7:30	Meal & Class (Confirmation Practice)	Hall & 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, Kaileigh 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 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, 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 First Sunday Every Month

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

Congratulations Cindy O'Brien Quilt Winner!

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.

Look Forward to Special March 21st Lunch Bunch

Jewish Food Theme with Highlights & Pictures from **Wendy Elrod** after **Trip to Holy Land**. Fr Brian will offer scriptural significance and background, too.

All-Day Adoration on 1st Friday March 1

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 April 5 @ 8:00am. Every first Saturday we offer mass and pray the rosary



St Anthony Birthdays Mar 10 – Mar 16

March 2 Karen Matthis

Anniversaries:

March 11 Mark & Val Fredrick

March 16 Antonio & Estella Molina

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

March 11 – March 17

Wednesday	9:00 am	Dan & Cindy O'Brien Family
Friday	9:00 am	Dr Sidney Edds
Sunday	8:00 am	Margaret Drury

WEEKLY DONATIONS

Budget 2022/2023 Fiscal Year (July 2023-June 2024)	\$ 73,500.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 1,413.46
Weekly Donation 3/3/2024	\$ 1,901.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 67,862.63

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

Seeking New Piano Yamaha Clavinova

Please see the brochures and Info on the new musical instrument fund we are starting to try to defray the cost of such an upgrade to the piano/organ sounds accompanying our masses & liturgies. Please see Ashley or Pam Thurman for more information

Livingston County Helping Hands



St Anthony Mass Assignments – March 17, 2024

Lector	Darin Adrian
Eucharistic Ministers	Joyce Wilkinson Mike Drury
Ushers/Greeters	Kelly Noonan Kevin Diamond
Server	Juan Gonzalez
Money Counters	Shara Parish Kevin Diamond

**CONSIDER ATTENDING DAILY MASS
OR WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY**

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 April 17 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