

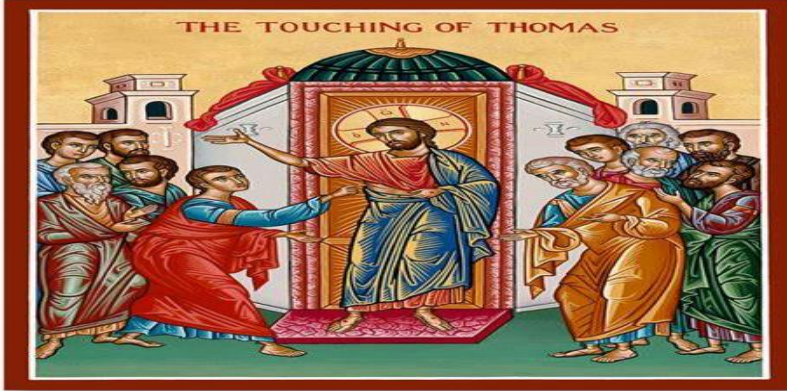


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Divine Mercy Sunday Year B John 20:19-30



"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. These are written that you may come to believe.

'St Thomas Didymus'

By Denise Levetov

"I needed blood
to tell me the truth,
the touch of blood. Even
my sight of the dark crust of it
round the nailholes
didn't thrust its meaning all the way through
to that manifold knot in me
that willed to possess all knowledge,
refusing to loosen
unless that insistence won
the battle I fought with life.....
..... But when my hand
led by His hand's firm clasp
entered the unhealed wound,
my fingers encountering
rib-bone and pulsing heat,
what I felt was not
scalding pain, shame for my
obstinate need,
but light, light streaming
into me, over me, filling the room
as I had lived till then
in a cold cave, and now
coming forth for the first time....."

Spiritual Thought for the Week

"This is love..... To know the pain of too much
tenderness, To be wounded by your own
understanding of love, and to bleed willfully and
joyfully. To wake at dawn with a winged heart,
and give thanks for another day of loving...
(Kahlil Gibran The Prophet p,13)

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 7,2024
Acts 4:32-35/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-31
Monday Is 7:10-14;8:10/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38
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 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, Divine Mercy Sunday Year B John 20:19-31

It's like *Groundhog Day* all over again! We hear in today's gospel of that *First Day of the Week* in John chapter 20 when Jesus rose from the dead-Easter! *It had been a long, full day*. It began early (Jn 20:1 "while it was still dark") first with the discovery of the empty tomb, and then containing various appearances of Jesus, first to Mary Magdalene (Jn 20:16) and then here to the rest of the apostles (except Thomas). *What an eventful day!* But it only gets better, because Jesus will be back again, which brings us to today (Jn 20:26 '*Now a week later*'). Jesus appears again to everyone, plus Thomas this time, and Jesus' first word, just like last week is '*Peace* be with you" (Jn 20:26). I love that! This is actually the *third time* Jesus has wished them '*Peace*' (Jn 20:19, 21 & 26) I expect His threefold wish of peace, is a nod to Peter to begin forgiving himself for denying knowledge of and friendship with Jesus back on the night of Jesus' arrest (Jesus will fully redeem this sin of Peter in John 21:15-17) That is our merciful Shepherd, which brings us to why we call this 2nd Sunday of Easter, *Divine Mercy* Sunday! What is Divine Mercy? Basically, Jesus defines it Himself, in John 3:17, that "God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him". Jesus came back resurrected, not to condemn but to save!

Divine Mercy is the offer of forgiveness and reconciliation from God to us after we sin and reject Him. Specifically in today's gospel, notice what Jesus does in these first appearances to the group of apostles after His terrible torture and death on the cross and their abandonment of Him. He reveals His true redeeming ministry of reconciliation. Jesus gives 1) peace, 2) the Holy Spirit and 3) authority to 'forgive sins in His name' (Jn 20:21-23). In 2 Corinthians 5:18-19 St Paul reminds us that "all this is from God, who has reconciled us to himself through Christ and *given us the ministry of reconciliation..... and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.*" So this gift of Jesus further invite sus to join His work of reconciliation. Not Easy! Ask any mediator, any referee if their work is easy! They will share what grief comes to them when they step between squared off enemies, trying to reconcile the opposing parties. When I was a kid, I learned that it is the person breaking up the fight, that gets broken themselves, as they absorb punches from both sides (*or mistakenly gets grabbed by the principal and accused of being the cause of the melee*). Jesus on the cross is exactly in that position – standing between us and our sin and on the other side the death that results from our wayward disobedience. Colossians 1:20 says it this way: Jesus came "to reconcile all things for God, *making peace by the blood of his cross.*" Jesus steps in to save us, uniting and reconciling us back to the Father by His own suffering and crucifixion for us. Ephesians 2:14 & 16 summarizes the saving action of Jesus so well: "For he {Jesus} is our peace, he who made both one and broke down the dividing wall of enmity, through his flesh.....thus establishing peace, to reconcile both with God, in one body, through the cross, putting that enmity to death by it." What an awesome act of mercy! Divine, we say! And maybe we should not be surprised at the overwhelming goodness of God reflected in Jesus' first act after rising from the dead being 'forgiveness' of the past. Jesus gave a glimpse of 'reconciliation' ahead, when he forgave his tormentors even as he stood about to be crucified, in Luke 23:34 "Father, forgive them, they know not what they do." He had all but told Peter the same, when he predicted Peter's cowardly denials. , Jesus hinted at forgiveness to come telling Peter, "I have prayed that your own faith may not fail; and *once you have turned back, you must strengthen your brothers*" (Luke 22:32). Jesus suggests to Peter a role of leadership in this 'reconciling ministry' of the cross: forgiving enemies and bringing opponents together in peace. And keep watching through the Eater season, as we continue to see how loving forgiveness and compassionate mercy drives the engine of conversion growing the church in time and bearing great fruit through the spread of Jesus' Name to all the world! And even today, we have a powerful role to play in being co-workers in Jesus' ministry of reconciliation, because we have received God's Mercy. Who better to share a gift, than a person who has received it? SO it all began, by the apostles receiving and accepting the gift of mercy/forgiveness, and turning to the world to announce and administer such mercy to others! If we have experienced God's Mercy, then we are eager to share it! Easter Peace, Fr Brian

St Pius X Parish Council Meeting Thurs @ 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 7, 2024 † DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY YEAR B

St Pius X Mass Intentions April 8 – April 14		
Tuesday	6:00 pm	John & Sue Mudd
Wednesday	8:00 am	Marilyn Erselius
Thursday	8:00 am	Martha Rose O'Donoghue
Friday	8:00 am	John Bardsley
Saturday	4:30 pm	Jim & Mary Stroud
Sunday	10:00 am	Blessing for John & Marilyn Brooks
WEEKLY DONATIONS		
Parish Hall Donation (3/31/24)	\$	217.00
Budget for 2022/2023 Fiscal Year (July 2023-June 2024)	\$	195,000.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$	3,750.00
Weekly Donation (3/31/24)	\$	6,285.22
Online Giving (3/31/24)	\$	1,471.00
Total Week's Gift Offering 3/31	\$	7,756.22
Fiscal Year to Date	\$	176,616.33

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.
Coffee & Doughnuts after Mass at St Pius
 After the 10 am Mass **April 14**


ACTS 2:42 GROUPS
 LIVING THE EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

Acts 2:42 next Meeting May 5 St Pius@ 1:30 pm
 Come learn more about the Real Presence of Christ.


Knights of Columbus
Mag. Albert A. Thompson Chapter #10888 Paducah, KY 40304

29th Annual Charity Golf Tournament


Drake Creek Golf Club


4 PERSON SCRAMBLE
SATURDAY, AUGUST 24, 2024
 REGISTRATION STARTS AT 6:45 AM
 SHOTGUN START 8:00 AM
 Entry Fee: \$85 per player. LADIES WELCOME

- Apr 7– Apr 13 Happy Birthday! St. Pius X**
- April 7 Philip Scheidegger
 - April 7 Danny Shea
 - April 7 Theresa Wilson
 - April 8 Catherine Broks
 - April 8 Marilyn Brooks
 - April 8 Lisa Tack
 - April 13 Maddie Traylor
 - April 13 Mary Ann Ruhl
- Happy Anniversary! St. Pius X**
- April 12 Brad & Lisa Tack

St Pius X Mass Assignments: Saturday, April 13, 2024				
Servers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers / Greeters	Money Counters
	Liz Medley	Paula Schmidt Charlotte Riedfort Kurt Schmidt	Volunteer (Usher) Volunteer (Usher) Volunteer (Greeter) Volunteer (Greeter)	
Mass Assignments: Sunday, April 14, 2024				
Kason Peterson	Mike Bowling	Marcus Newman Teresa Newman Patty Langford	Philip Scheidegger Usher Volunteer Usher Volunteer	Jan Waniel Jean Waniel

FFY Schedule of Classes and Events

Wednesday	April 10	6:00 - 7:30	Meal & Class (Confirmation Practice)	Hall & Church
Sunday	April 14	11:00-12:00	First Communion Class & Practice	Hall & Church
Wednesday	April 17	6:00 – 7:30	Meal & Class (1 st Communion Practice)	Hall & Church
SUNDAY	April 21	10:00 AM	First Communion Mass	Church
Wednesday	April 24	6:00 – 7:30	Meal & Class (Confirmation Practice)	Hall & Church
SATURDAY	April 27	10:30AM	Confirmation Mass With Bishop Medley	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, Kaleigh Row, Dolly Bardsley, Pam Laibl, David Kröll, 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 First Sunday Every Month

Many Thanks to all the helpers-Decorators,Cleaners, Servers, Musicians and Ministers who made the Holy week liturgies so powerful and prayerful. It takes a lot of planning & preparation. Thank you for blessing us

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 Judt Forsythe 612-245-3636 to RSVP.

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 7 – Apr 13

April 9 Fr Brian Johnson
April 12 Sherry Rebich
April 13 Keely Lucas

St Anthony Anniversaries:

No anniversaries this week

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 8 – April 14**

Wednesday	9:00 am	Richard & Virginia Klohr
Friday	9:00 am	Sr Michael Marie Friedman
Sunday	8:00 am	Helen Krivan

WEEKLY DONATIONS

Budget 2022/2023 Fiscal Year (July 2023-June 2024)	\$ 73,500.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 1,413.46
Weekly Donation 3/31/2024	\$ 1,955.50
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 73,830.13
Diocesan Easter Special Collections	\$ 341.00

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

Wonderful Response of Generosity: New Piano

What a tremendous blessing & overwhelming response to our New Piano Fund! A special thanks to Ashley & Pam Thurman who invited special donations & went to pick up new piano for Easter! We are so thankful to have been able to pay for it entirely with generous donations, especially the anonymous final donors that got us over the finish line!

St Anthony Mass Assignments – April 14, 2024

Lector	Shara Parish
Eucharistic Ministers	Mike Drury Pat Gorbett
Ushers/Greeters	David Loxley Kevin Diamond
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 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