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1st Sunday Lent Year B Mark 1:12-15



"The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert, and he remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan. He was among wild beasts, and the angels ministered to him. After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel."

From 'Best Society'

By Philip Larkin

When I was a child, I thought,
Casually, that solitude
Never needed to be sought.
Something everybody had,
Like nakedness, it lay at hand,
Not specially right or specially wrong,
A plentiful and obvious thing
Not at all hard to understand.

Then, after twenty, it became
At once more difficult to get
And more desired - though all the same
More undesirable; for what
You are alone has, to achieve
The rank of fact, to be expressed
In terms of others, or it's just
A compensating make-believe.....

Spiritual Thought from St Gregory Great

As the Easter festival approaches, we keep the greatest and most binding fast. The observation of it is imposed on all the faithful without exception. No one is so holy that he ought not to be holier, or so devout that he might not be more devout.....Adversity harms us, and prosperity spoils us. It is dangerous not to have what we want, and to have everything we want. There is a trap in the abundance of riches, and a trap in the straits of poverty; the one makes us proud, the other makes us complain. It doesn't matter whether the mind given over to earthly thoughts is taken up with pleasures or with cares—it is equally unhealthy to languish in empty delights or to labor under wracking anxiety. And no season, dear friends, requires and gives this fortitude more than Lent.

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 February 18, 2024

Gn 9:8-15/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15

Monday Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday Is 55:10-11/Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday Jon 3:1-10/Lk 11:29-32

Thursday 1 Pt 5:1-4/Mt 16:13-19

Friday Ez 18:21-28/Mt 5:20-26

Saturday Dt 26:16-19/Mt 5:43-48

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,

1st Sunday Lent Year B

Mark 1:12-15

What do you do in the desert? Only what is necessary! The desert focuses our attention, unlike anything else. It is isolating, and discomforting. Yet, doesn't that make us tune in and perk up to what is around us. Jesus goes into the desert to intensively concentrate on His identity and relation to the Father & Spirit (commune with them) and train for His mission and ministry. Mark's gospel even hints at dangers for Jesus. Being out there for an extended period (40 days – isn't one night enough?), Mark adds that there are nefarious visitors awaiting Him. such as, yes, rattlesnakes and scorpions, but Mark also says "Satan" & "Wild Beasts" visit Jesus (Mark 1:13). As if the rugged terrain and harsh climate were not challenging enough, there are also active predators. So, why does Jesus go into the desert? It is not just a daring 'He-Man' contest show of virility. No, Jesus is more interested in the purifying effects of solitude and focus upon his mission and identity. Recall, that just before He is 'driven by the Spirit' (Mark 1:12) into the desert, He had just been baptized by John. His baptism was quite the revelatory scene with the 'heavens being torn open and a dove descending upon him', with a heavenly voice declaring, 'You are my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased' (Mark 1:10-11). I suggest that such a dramatic experience demands some time to process. It calls for a period of debriefing, before taking any further steps. So, the Spirit leads Jesus into the desert, as an incubatory period to reflect upon what it means to be called the pleasing 'Son of God' along with those accompanying signs in the sky (maybe a new holiday song could be written, *'On the second day of baptism, my true love sent to me..... first, heavens halving, second, doves descending.....*). So, the purpose of Jesus' desert retreat is for Him to focus on His identity and consolidate His missionary approach and message. It will clarify for Him what the Father's Kingdom looks like and what words He will use to express it as well as what actions He will undertake to display it for others. Often we say that Jesus communes with the Father and Holy Spirit in the desert, deepening His identity with them. Such communion includes reflecting upon the Old Testament prophecy that He is fulfilling, and how He will now be teaching and demonstrating God's Kingdom come in His own Person. Maybe His desert conference can be understood as a type of planning period before He is called to duty. In Luke's gospel (4:187-21) we do find such an immediate reporting to work and rolling out of Jesus' 'Mission Statement' and 'Proof of Concept' for the Kingdom of God, actually happening right after His desert retreat. Why doesn't Mark include these additional scenes? Why does Mark not tell about Jesus' in-person presentation of His Strategy Notes on Ot prophecy fulfillment, at an inaugural visit to His home synagogue like Luke's Gospel does (or why does Mark not give the details of three separate temptations in desert?) Again, we remember that Mark is sparse with details since he is writing under the chaotic threat of the Roman takeover of Jerusalem and destruction of the Temple following the catastrophic uprising of the Jews in 66-70 AD. Mark keeps to the basics-only the essentials! I think Mark would be at home in the desert in that way. He focuses us on what is most important about the desert. 1) Jesus communes with the Father & Spirit, strengthening His sense of Identity, and 2) His resolve to fulfill the Will of God, reveal the Kingdom Way of God on Earth. Like an intense training camp, the desert period clarifies Jesus' mission and equips Him with the spiritual resources needed to 'adapt, improvise and overcome' any future obstacles/attacks the 'Devil or beasts' will hurl at Him in His ministry. I am sure that Jesus refers back often, in his own mind, to this desert refuge, as He undergoes all of His later mission work and experiences that we will read about in the rest of the gospels.

I find this 40 day desert retreat of Jesus to be the motivation for our forty day period of Lent, preceding Easter. This is a time for us to retreat, reflect, repent and restore anything we can, to better our discipleship with Jesus. We traditionally use the spiritual tools of prayer, fasting and almsgiving to help birth the new life of Christ in us. Easter celebrates that risen life of grace in us. So, we increase our prayer or add new forms of prayer to challenge ourselves to live closer to Christ. We voluntarily take on sacrifice like fasting, to give up some thing or some habit to open up more opportunities for us to experience God. Since prayer and sacrifice liberates us, we then have more resources and time to charitably serve others (because what I have given up, I now have, to be able to give to another person).

St Paul outlines the fruit of a good Lent when he writes in Romans 6:8 *"If, then, we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him."* 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!

FEBRUARY 18, 2024 + 1ST SUNDAY LENT YEAR B

St Pius X Mass Intentions February 19 – February 25

Tuesday	6:00 pm	Bob Mattingly
Wednesday	8:00 am	James Hobbs
Thursday	8:00 am	Taylor Johansen
Friday	8:00 am	Mr & Mrs A Kauzlarich
Saturday	4:30 pm	Larry & Mary Knox
Sunday	10:00 am	Charles M Fischer

WEEKLY DONATIONS

Parish Hall Donation (2/11/24)	\$ 144.00
Budget for 2022/2023 Fiscal Year (July 2023-June 2024)	\$ 195,000.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 3,750.00
Weekly Donation (2/11/24)	\$ 2,332.55
Online Giving (2/11/24)	\$ 1,434.00
Total Week's Gift Offering 2/11	\$ 3,766.55
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 144,911.35

Acts 2:42 Group: Session #5 is **Sunday March 3, at St Pius at 1:30 pm. All are invited.**



Note from Marcella's Kitchen - Thank You St Pius

Another WOW year, so much happened at Marcella's Kitchen in 2023. Thank you so much for your continued support and volunteering. We served over 72, 269 meals this year, a 40.5% increase from 2022. We began several years ago delivering 50 meals to homes, also, and now are up to 220 meals daily delivered in addition to the lunch served in house. We can always use more volunteers! Or drop off an food donations from 11:00 am- 1:00 pm daily. Or, mail in to

Marcella's Kitchen P.O. Box 272 Benton, KY 42025

Birthdays & Anniversaries: Feb 18 – Feb 24

Happy Birthday! St. Pius X

February 12 Ashley Hayden
February 20 Magnolia Doughty
February 24 Anna Robertson
February 24 John Morris
February 24 Madelynn Rae Devine

Happy Anniversary! St. Pius X

February 23 Charlie & Barbara Doughty

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, February 24, 2024

Servers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers / Greeters	Money Counters
Volunteer	Nancy Glover	Suzette Whittington Jeff Riedfort Charlotte Riedfort	Volunteer (Usher) Volunteer (Usher) Volunteer (Greeter) Volunteer (Greeter)	

Mass Assignments: Sunday, February 25, 2024

Kason Peterson Brayden Willett	Mike Bowling	Pam Hurst Patty Langford Caleb King	Philip Scheidegger Usher Volunteer Usher Volunteer	Jan Waniel Jean Waniel
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FFY Schedule of Classes and Events

Wednesday	February 21	6:00 – 7:30	Meal, Stations of Cross, Class	Hall & Church
Wednesday	February 28	6:00 - 7:30	Meal, Stations of Cross, Class	Hall & Church
Sunday	March 3	11:00am	First Communion Class	Parish Hall
Wednesday	March 6	6:00 - 7:30	Meal, Stations of Cross, Class	Hall & Church
Wednesday	March 13	6:00 – 7:30	Meal, Stations of Cross, Class	Hall & Church

Remember in Prayer

St. Pius X: 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.

Needed Donations: Sew on Velcro (any size) needed for a Diaper Project for Children. No adhesive Velcro please, but only ***Sew-On Velcro***. Contact Georgia Hunsley (St Anthony Church) at 402-920-0108 for more info. Baskets by church doors to collect it.

No lunch Bunch in February

Look Forward to Special March 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 will begin all day Eucharistic Adoration. Plan to come some time through the day to pray in presence of the Blessed Sacrament. A schedule is being put together for people to sign up for particular hours. Please call Judy Forsythe - 612-245-3636

Especially Need More Volunteers for open hours

First Friday Sacred Heart Devotion: After Friday 9:00 am mass, we hold a Holy Hour of Adoration, with confession available, followed by Benediction.

First Saturdays Honor the Blessed Mother: Be sure to come to First Saturday Mass on March 2 @ 8:00am. Every first Saturday we offer mass and pray the rosary



St Anthony Birthdays Feb 18 – Feb 24

February 18 Bob Tashjian

February 19 Nick Zaim

February 22 AnneMarie Tutor

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

February 19 – February 25

Wednesday	9:00 am	<i>All Souls in Purgatory</i>
Friday	9:00 am	<i>Sally Anne Klohr</i>
Sunday	8:00 am	<i>Deanna Hayward</i>

WEEKLY DONATIONS

Budget 2022/2023 Fiscal Year (July 2023-June 2024)	\$ 73,500.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 1,413.46
Weekly Donation 2/11/2024	\$ 2,190.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 63,048.63

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 – February 25, 2024

Lector	Mike Drury
Eucharistic Ministers	Cindy O'Brien Shara Parish
Ushers/Greeters	David Loxley Kelly Noonan
Server	Dan O'Brien
Money Counters	Shara Parish Kevin Diamond

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

St Anthony Prayer List: 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