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**Pentecost Sunday Year A Acts of Apostles 2:1-11**



“When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, they were all in one place together. And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven staying in Jerusalem. At this sound, they gathered in a large crowd, but they were confused because each one heard them speaking in his own language. They were astounded, and in amazement they asked, “Are not all these people who are speaking Galileans? Then how does each of us hear them in his native language? We are Parthians, Medes, and Elamites, inhabitants of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the districts of Libya near Cyrene, as well as travelers from Rome, both Jews and converts to Judaism, Cretans and Arabs, yet we hear them speaking in our own tongues of the mighty acts of God.”

**Pentecost**

by William Blake (1757-1827)

*Unless the eye catch fire,  
The God will not be seen.  
Unless the ear catch fire  
The God will not be heard.  
Unless the tongue catch fire  
The God will not be named.  
Unless the heart catch fire,  
The God will not be loved.  
Unless the mind catch fire,  
The God will not be known.*

**Eucharistic Renewal Meditation**

“Having become instruments for igniting the fire of the Lord’s love on the earth, protected in the womb of Mary, Virgin made Church (as St Francis sang of her) priests should allow the Holy Spirit to work on them, to bring to completion the work he began in them at their ordination. The action of the Spirit offers to them the possibility of exercising their ministry of presiding in the Eucharistic assembly with the fear of Peter, aware of being a sinner (Lk 5:1-11), with the powerful humility of the suffering servant (cf. Is 42ff), with the desire “to be eaten” by the people entrusted to them in the daily exercise of the ministry.” (Desiderio#59)

**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](http://www.stpiusx.us)*

**Daily Scripture Readings**

*Sunday May 21*  
Acts 2:1-11/1 Cor 12:3-7, 13/Jn 20:19-23  
*Monday* Acts 1:12-14/Jn 19:25-34  
*Tuesday* Sir 35:1-12/Mk 10:28-31  
*Wednesday* Rom 12:9-16/Lk 1:39-56  
*Thursday* Sir 42:15-25/Mk 10:46-52  
*Friday* Sir 44:1, 9-13/Mk 11:11-26  
*Saturday* Sir 51:12cd-20/Mk 11:27-33

**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**  
Saturday 6:00 pm  
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*  
*Visit our website*  
**[www.stanthonygrandrivers.org](http://www.stanthonygrandrivers.org)**

**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,

Pentecost Sunday Year A

Acts of Apostles 2:1-11

This Springtime of the year gives us many opportunities witness transformation right before our eyes. For example, when the bare brown dirt of the flower bed begins to be peppered with green shoots, and then grows a leafed canopy of plants, that completely covers the brown bed of dirt. Or I have kept a keen eye this spring on the different type of leaves on plants, and how God uses different methods to roll out new life. Some leaves, unfurl lengthwise like ferns, while some leaves unspool sideways like hostas, and some leaves just simply seem to split in two, like a pod opening, before a new shaft rises up and then repeats the process on the next tier! And on and on! But God our Creator, keeps rolling them out! (*I can't say I've been as blessed to see any new growth come out on certain trees and bushes after last December's sub-zero windy freeze- I'm sad that I lost my fig tree to the freeze!*) Yet, spring brings all kinds of life transformations, such as birds making nest-homes out of scraps of string and dried grass before eggs are laid and break open to reveal songs and movements of the new hatchlings! So, what a transformative make-over of life all around us!

Since we are talking about new-life transformations, how about the incredible transformation of the Apostles as the Holy Spirit enters them on Pentecost Day! Jesus had promised the apostles the return gift of Himself, through the Holy Spirit (John 14:16, 26)! And the apostles demonstrate the change that Jesus in their lives fully makes: What a difference! Recall that we heard after Jesus' death & resurrection, the apostles were still hiding *behind 'locked doors'* (John 20:19 & 19:26)/ Yet, on Pentecost Day, we hear about Peter leading the apostles *out of the 'house'* they were all gathered together in awaiting the Coming Spirit' (Acts 2:1-3). All around the apostles, multiple 'dynamic' signs such as 'moving winds', 'hovering fires' 'never before heard new languages' manifest themselves. An overall sense of God's Blessing Presence covers everyone. Peter delivers such an animated testimony that Acts 2:41 tells us that about 3,000 people were welcomed into fellowship with Christ and His Church through baptism that same day! Again, what a transformation of hearts and a tremendous display of new life, that God births among His People on that day!

But before we put too much emphasis on sudden, overnight changes, it is wise to consider that though some conversions occur in a flash, many more of them occur after a longer incubation period. For example, even though the Spirit did descend upon the apostles all gathered in the upper room in that one exciting moment, Jesus had been preparing them for that transformation for a while already (at least 50 days)! Experience teaches us too, that while lightning flash changes might make the most dramatic stories, they may not be as durable and lasting as what more conventional, but boring, training periods create. Even though today's first reading tells about a spectacular change brought about by the holy shock and awe of the Spirit's raining down fire upon the apostles, Jesus had in fact been preparing the apostles for this transformation since even before his death. Specifically, at the Last Supper, Jesus had said, "Now I have told you this before it happens, so that when it happens you may believe..." (John 14:29) in addition to telling them, "I have told you this so that when their hour comes you may remember that I told you" (John 16:4). Then after His resurrection, Jesus continued some advance teaching with them, preparing them for their conversion ahead as Acts 1:3 says, "he appeared to them during forty days, speaking about the kingdom of God." Following that 40 day instruction period, Jesus called them to spend a further nine days in prayer (the first novena!) waiting in Jerusalem for the Spirit's coming (Acts 1:4). So, their spiritual transformation wasn't truly an overnight one. It had been in the works for quite a while before fully manifesting on Pentecost.

Similarly, we often dramatize Paul's conversion as a sudden 'shot in the dark' conversion, but he also went through quite a lengthy follow-up after that initially dramatic encounter with Christ. Paul does undergo a transformation from being the church's greatest persecutor to becoming its greatest spokesperson. It begins with a flashpoint experience on the road to Damascus (Acts 9:3-4). But, if we keep reading Paul's conversion story, we find out that Paul goes through a lengthy recovery period that becomes a 'training and instruction' period, too. He receives extensive formation before he takes up actual Christian ministry. For example, following his blindness, resulting from the dramatic vision of Christ on the road, Acts 9:9 says that "For three days Paul was unable to see, and he neither ate nor drank." He was still sorting out what all his enlightening experience meant. Acts 9:19 says that "He stayed some days with the disciples in Damascus." Then Acts 9:22 tells us that "Saul grew all the stronger and confounded [the] Jews who lived in Damascus..." And to further fill in the gap of time following Paul's Damascus Road Encounter until his full-time engagement on the missionary circuit, he describes what sounds like a 'retreat period' in his letter to the Galatians, 1:17, where he says, "rather, I went into Arabia (a while) and then returned to Damascus." I imagine this 'Arabian' period for Paul was like a time of prayer reflection and formative concentration for him before he took up widespread public evangelization for Christ. But, certainly it indicates that Paul's conversion experience was much more involved and lengthy than simply one 'moment's transformation'. Paul's change of life, like the apostles', was the culmination of many preceding moments of grace that built up to new life in Christ.

Prayers & Peace, Fr Brian



**Lunch Bunch Thank you!** What a great day! Thanks to everyone who brought out a dish to share! And to our activity leaders Dolly Bardsley & Georgia Bradshaw who always plan great program games and activities to enjoy after dinner! What a fun day!

**Sympathy:** Please pray for the eternal rest and peace of *Merle Wysock & Nancy Rodgers*, as they were buried from St Pius last week, May their families be comforted through this difficult time.

**Birthdays & Anniversaries: May 28 - Jun 4**  
**Happy Birthday! St. Pius X**  
 May 30 Stormy Weigle  
 May 30 Russell Tomlinson  
 May 30 Anthony Pellegrin  
 June 1 Silas Traylor  
 June 2 Andrew Wilson  
 June 3 Joanne Najgebauer  
 June 3 Noreen Patton  
 June 3 Travis Tack  
 June 3 Catie Weekes  
 June 4 Sara Newman  
**Happy Anniversary!**  
 May 29 Jeff & Heidi Outland  
 May 30 Russell & Carolyn Tomlinson  
 May 31 Fr. Brian's Ordination Anniversary

Mass Intentions May 29 – June 4		
Tuesday	6:00 pm	James Hobbs
Wednesday	8:00 am	Taylor Johansen
Thursday	8:00 am	Bob Mattingly
Friday	8:00 am	Taylor Johansen
Saturday	4:30 pm	George & Rosemary Powell
Sunday	10:00 am	Regina Moore

WEEKLY DONATIONS	
Parish Hall Donation (5/21/23)	\$ 190.00
Budget for 2022/2023 Fiscal Year (July 2022-June 2023)	\$ 190,000.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 3,653.58
Weekly Donation (5/21/23)	\$ 1,798.00
Online Giving (5/21/23)	\$ 1,391.00
Total Week's Gift Offering 5/21	\$ 3,189.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 200,893.52

St Pius X Mass Assignments: Saturday, June 3, 2023				
Servers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers / Greeters	Money Counters
Volunteer	Paula Schmidt	Kurt Schmidt Charlotte Riedfort Suzette Whittington	Volunteer (Usher) Volunteer (Usher) Volunteer (Greeter) Volunteer (Greeter)	
Mass Assignments: Sunday, June 4, 2023				
Volunteer	Marty Darst	Teresa Newman Marcus Newman Patty Langford	Volunteer (Usher) Volunteer (Usher) Volunteer (Greeter)	Andy Ferm Sherry Ferm

**Parish Council**

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

Next Meeting **Tues May 16 @ 4:30 pm**  
Bereavement Committee Fran Dacus

**Remember in Prayer**

**St. Pius X:** Ashley Hayden, Braidyn Womer, Donna Barrix, 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 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 Kaplans, 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.

**Pray for Our Military**

**St. Pius X:** Cameron Thomason, Julianne Utley, Daniel Burgess, James Griffith, Cory Erickson, Justin Fatum, James A. Kinsey, Sarah Martindale, Benjamin Patton, Kousuke Sasaki, Noah Willett, Amanda Wojahn and Luke Jablonski.



**St. Anthony**

**Quilters group** at St Anthony Every Tuesday:  
Contact Georgia Bradshaw for details. Quilters gather and work on their community quilt together. Come and join in their labor of love for their church family

**Holy Land Presentation:**

Mark your calendars: Sunday June 25, 12:00 pm  
Wendy Elrod (daughter of Wayne & Georgia Bradshaw) recently visited Jerusalem & the Holy Land on a pilgrimage. Come see pictures and her story of the holy sites & experiences in Holy Land!

**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 & give themselves generously to the Church in service of the Gospel. In Christ's Name.



**St Anthony Birthdays May 28 - June 4**

- May 19 **Danny Day**
- June 4 **Janice Brookshire**
- June 4 **Jonathan Molina**

**Anniversaries:**

- June 1 **Kevin & Barbara Diamond**

**ATTN: SCRIPTURE READERS & LISTENERS**

**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



**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. Report by contacting Police and Diocese (<https://owensborodiocese.org/safe>).

**St. Anthony of Padua**

**Mass Intentions**

**May 29 – June 4**

<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Dr Sidney Edds</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Robert Hannegan Sr Family</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>	<b>Rose Marie Verdu</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>Margaret Lee</b>

**WEEKLY DONATIONS**

<b>Budget 2022/2023 Fiscal Year (July 2022-June 2023)</b>	<b>\$ 73,500.00</b>
<b>Donation Need Each Week</b>	<b>\$ 1,413.46</b>
<b>Weekly Donation 5/21/2023)</b>	<b>\$ 1,544.42</b>
<b>Fiscal Year to Date</b>	<b>\$ 74,136.76</b>

***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 – June 4, 2023**

<b>Lector</b>	Wayne Bradshaw
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Mike Drury Steve Wilkes
<b>Ushers/Greeters</b>	David Loxley Kipling Spenser
<b>Server</b>	Shara Parish
<b>Money Counters</b>	Shara Parish Kevin Diamond

**St Anthony Prayer List:** 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/caregivers.

**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**

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|--------------|------------------------------|
| 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 August 9 @ 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:** 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:stpiusx@stpiusx.us)