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2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Lent

Year A

Matt 17:1-9



“Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, conversing with him. Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, “Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud cast a shadow over them, then from the cloud came a voice that said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.” When the disciples heard this, they fell prostrate and were very much afraid. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Rise, and do not be afraid.” And when the disciples raised their eyes, they saw no one else but Jesus alone. As they were coming down from the mountain, Jesus charged them, “Do not tell the vision to anyone until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead..”

**THE LIGHT WE’VE BEGUN TO KNOW**

Anonymous

We think we know light’s stories – like the glow that shone from Moses’ skin as he brought the law in stone down from the mountain; or the brilliance of the fire of the chariot and riders that swept to heaven the prophet named Elijah.

But today the light we thought we knew has taken on new radiance, has made an unexpected move, is telling a new story; it dazzles the eyes but more our hearts, for this is the light embodied: this is the light of the knowledge of God that shines in the face of Jesus.

Nor is this the final story that the light in Christ will tell: the veil that is lifted so briefly upon his unseen glory drops again; the tale to remain untold until his rising from the dead – when the light we’ve begun to know makes its home in the church, to reveal his glory in us, and transfigured will be me and you.

**Eucharistic Renewal Meditation**

“One way of caring for and growing in a fruitful understanding of the symbols of the Liturgy is certainly the ars celebrandi, the art of celebrating (presiding with attention & craft). This expression also is subject to different interpretations. Its sense becomes clear if we refer to the theological sense of the Liturgy described in Sacrosanctum Concilium n. 7, to which I have already referred several times. The ars celebrandi cannot be reduced to only a rubrical mechanism, much less should it be thought of as imaginative — sometimes wild — creativity without rules. The rite is in itself a norm, and the norm is never an end in itself, but it is always at the service of a higher reality that it means to protect.” (Desiderio #48)

**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*

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**Daily Scripture Readings**

*Sunday March 5*

*Gn 12:1-4a/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9*

*Monday Dn 9:4b-10/Lk 6:36-38*

*Tuesday Is 1:10, 16-20/Mt 23:1-12*

*Wednesday Jer 18:18-20/Mt 20:17-28*

*Thursday Jer 17:5-10/Lk 16:19-31*

*Friday Gn 37:3-4, 12-28a/Mt 21:33-46*

*Saturday Mi 7:14-20/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32*

**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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*[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 Pius And St Anthony Churches,      2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Lent    Year A

Matthew 17:1-9

**Mountaintop Experiences** are revelatory, opening us to things that we may not be aware of down in the valley! Jesus takes Peter, James and John up the mount for a **summit** with Moses & Elijah. Why Peter, James & John? Because they are 'leadership' picks for Jesus. He wants them to lead like Him. He calls them closer to Himself, to teach them how to be exemplary guides to the other nine apostles. He is showing this 'inner circle' how to lead and serve in His Name. St. Paul recognizes this, too, as he refers to these three as 'pillars among the apostles' in Galatians 2:9. A couple of times in His ministry, Jesus will uniquely bring along Peter, James and John alone with him for some event. In Mark 5:37, Jesus only takes Peter James and John into Jairus' house to miraculously heal his daughter. In the garden of Gethsemane, it will only be Peter, James and John who are invited to enter more deeply into the garden grove, to pray with Jesus (Matthew 26:37). And keep in mind that Peter, James and John are the first apostles called by Jesus (Matthew 4:18-22). They seem to constitute an inner group with Jesus, to serve as His leadership core among the larger group of apostles. And their unique place is not all positive. Jesus will also **uniquely reprimand these three** apostles, being severe with them about what to avoid in leadership. When Peter wants to rewrite God's will, taking the cross out of discipleship (Matt 16:22-23) and when James and John let power go to their heads by asking for 'glory seats' (Matt 20:21-27), Jesus especially scolds them. These three apostles, have to stay after class and be given advanced lessons in Christ's leadership style. But this extra time (for both camaraderie and correction) is Jesus' further investment in them and expresses His intention to have them guide the other nine apostles (& all of His church). They are to be servant leaders like Him!

Haven't we all had 'peak experiences'? High times that are stimulating boosts to motivate us and carry us along when things are not going so smoothly. I view the Transfiguration as a type of 'pep-rally' for the apostles. It offers a glimpse of the greatest good that can be or that is coming soon. It is like a 'vision-quest' meant to strengthen their endurance when they are tempted to give up. Similar to Dr Martin Luther King's last speech "I've been to the mountaintop", the transfiguration scene of Jesus being glorified beside the great Moses and Elijah is meant to instill hope and strength into Peter, James and John to persevere in His name, no matter what adversities they will face. Whether in glorying or grunting, they will be in good company with the triumphant Jesus. Yet, Jesus realistically reminds them that such glory comes only through the grueling grind of climbing mountains, which is where Moses and Elijah come in to the picture. They are both associated with God experiences on mountains (& 40 day stays on mountains). In Exodus 33:18-23, God tells Moses to stand in a cleft of rock on Mt. Sinai, and God shows him His glory. In 1 Kings 19:11-12, Elijah also ascends a mountain — Mt. Horeb (another name for Mt. Sinai) to experience the glory of God in the still, small whisper of wind. Moses and Elijah, like all leaders, similarly needed to remember the 'highs' of grace, because leadership brought them plenty of afflictions and adversity, too. In Numbers 11:11, we hear of Moses' complaints to God and in 1 Kings 19:4 Elijah laments his leadership position (Elijah even says, "Take me, I'm done!"). But, their 'visions' of God are meant to carry them through these tormenting ordeals of management. Moses and Elijah do persevere through the grace of their mountaintop experiences.

The poet William Blake wrote in his Notebooks, "**Great things are done when men and mountains meet**; this is not done by jostling in the street." So, by Jesus bringing Peter, James and John along, He was preparing them for greater things to come for them, too. Jesus says as much in John 14:12 when he tells his faithful followers, "whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do **greater ones than these**." The mountain top vision spurs them on when they may have questions (doubts) or feel discouragement in their ministries. I like how Jesus provides other little 'mountain experiences' (little victories) to them along the Way too. I see such a boost to the confidence of Peter/James/John, when Luke 9:10 describes the return of the apostles from mission, and they '*explained to Jesus what they had done*'. I see them beaming as they tell Jesus of the wonders they performed in His Name. Or another such small victory-shot of confidence comes to Peter as he first began to 'walk on water' (Matthew 14:29). These 'peak experiences' pick up and strengthen the apostles (and us) to keep faith and persevere whenever 'cross-winds' or obstacles enter their ministry paths. We can count on such challenges too, as we take up our Lenten practices and prayers for our spiritual transformation. We want to keep fresh in our minds, the glorious vision of Jesus on the Mountain, especially through any experiences of dark valleys this Lent. Peace, Fr Brian

### Faith Formation Calendar for Youth FFY 2022-2023

Sunday	March 5	11:00am	First Communion Class	Parish Hall
Wednesday	March 8	6:00 - 7:30	FFY: Meal, Stations & Class	Parish Hall
Wednesday	March 15	6:00 - 7:30	FFY: Meal, Stations & Class	Parish Hall



**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*



Every Friday thru Lent

4:00-7:00pm at St. Pius Hall

Call in Order 395-5747 Pick up/Carry Out

Price is \$13 a person and includes Your choice of either:

- Fish, Shrimp, or Chicken
- Baked Potato or French Fries
- White Beans & Cole Slaw
- Hot or Mild Hush Puppies & Drink

**Birthdays & Anniversaries: Mar 5 – Mar 11**

**Happy Birthday! St. Pius X**

- March 3 Diane Witowski
- March 11 Nora Lucas
- March 11 Addison Peterson

**St. Anthony of Padua**

- March 4 Debbie Owens

**Happy Anniversary! St. Pius X**

No anniversaries this week

**St. Anthony of Padua**

No anniversaries this week

**LENT SPECIAL PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES**

**At St Pius**

--Every Tuesday Night 6:30—*Early Church Fathers/ StClement*

--Every Wednesday 6:30 pm – *Stations of Cross w/FFY*

--Every Thursday 10:00 -- *Centering Prayer Group*

--Every Saturday 10:00 am--*Thomas Merton New Seeds Contemplation*

**At St Anthony**

--Every Friday 9:30 Stations of Cross

--Every Wednesday 10:00 *Lectio Divina*

**Prayers & Sympathy:** Please pray for the eternal rest of Rosemarie Verdu (mother of Sandy Sutterer) and Dr Charles Paulius III, who passed away last week. Please keep Sandy & her family, and all of the Paulius family in your prayers, that God may comfort and strengthen them through this difficult time of grief. May God give them daily grace.

**St Pius X Mass Assignments: Saturday, March 11, 2022**

Servers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers / Greeters	Money Counters
Volunteer	Dawn Whitt	Charlotte Riedfort Jeff Reidfort Suzette Whittington	Volunteer (Usher) Volunteer (Usher) Volunteer (Greeter) Volunteer (Greeter)	

**Mass Assignments: Sunday, March 12, 2023**

Franky Schiaretti Anthony Schiaretti	Mike Bowling	Amanda Scheidegger Pam Hurst Teresa Newman	Philip Scheidegger Volunteer (Usher) Volunteer (Greeter)	Rich Derry Nancy Singleton
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**Pilgrimage to the Treasures of Italy with Fr. John Vaughan July 10-20, 2023**

This pilgrimage begins with a Papal audience and visit to St. Peter's Basilica and the Vatican and concludes with a visit to the beautiful city of Venice. Mass will be celebrated daily and stops in Assisi, Florence, Pisa, and Padua will allow visits to the tombs of numerous saints. This tour includes quality hotels, great food, and free time for individual exploration. \$3845 per person, double occupancy; \$1250 per person, single supplement, PLUS air (\$2465). For a full brochure, contact Kenny Trowbridge at 270.952.2913 or email info@faithintravel.com

**Remember in Prayer**

**St. Pius X:** 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, Tad Inman, 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 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:** 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 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 March 6 – March 12		
Tuesday	6:00 pm	Bernie & Pat Fendler
Wednesday	8:00 am	Dr Sidney Edds
Thursday	8:00 am	Taylor Johansen
Friday	8:00 am	Bob Mattingly
Saturday	4:30 pm	John & Sue Mudd
Sunday	10:00 am	Matt Williams

WEEKLY DONATIONS

Parish Hall Donation (2/26/23)	\$ 368.00
Budget for 2022/2023 Fiscal Year (July 2022-June 2023)	\$ 190,000.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 3,653.58
Weekly Donation (2/26/23)	\$ 2,624.00
Online Giving (2/26/23)	\$ 1,101.00
Total Week's Gift Offering 2/26	\$ 3,725.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 157,042.27



**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!

**Thomas Merton Study:** Every Saturday at 10:00 in St Pius Library. We will be reading 'New Seeds of Contemplation' and discussing his spirituality.

**Quilt Raffle Chances: 'Rhapsody in Red'**

The quilters have been busy and have another quilt for raffle, with unique design. Be sure to pick up some tickets. It will be raffled at Easter, and benefit the St Pius Parish Hall Building Fund.

**Parish Council**

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

(Yrs left in term)

Next Meeting @ 4:30 pm  
Bereavement Committee

**St. Anthony of Padua**

Mass Intentions March 6 – March 12		
Wednesday	9:00 am	Lois Tashjian
Friday	9:00 am	Sr Michael Marie Friedman
Sunday	8:00 am	Dick Gorbett

WEEKLY DONATIONS

Budget 2022/2023 Fiscal Year (July 2022-June 2023)	\$ 73,500.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 1,413.46
Weekly Donation 2/26/2023)	\$ 2,855.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 53,806.58

*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 – March 12, 2022

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

**CONSIDER ATTENDING DAILY MASS FOR LENT**

**Centering Prayer Group: Thursdays at 10:00 am**

Interested in *Centering Prayer*? Thursdays at 10:00 am in St Pius Library, we will have a 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 @ 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)