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1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Lent Year A Matt 4:1-11



“At that time Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was hungry. The tempter approached and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command that these stones become loaves of bread." He said in reply, "It is written: One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God." Then the devil took him to the holy city, and made him stand on the parapet of the temple, and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down. For it is written: He will command his angels concerning you and with their hands they will support you, lest you dash your foot against a stone." Jesus answered him, "Again it is written, 'You shall not put the Lord, your God, to the test.'" Then the devil took him up to a very high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in their magnificence, and he said to him, "All these I shall give to you, if you will prostrate yourself and worship me." At this, Jesus said to him, "Get away, Satan! It is written: The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve." Then the devil left him and, behold, angels came and ministered to him.”

**Temptation**

By William Cowper

The billows swell, the winds are high,  
Clouds overcast my wintry sky;  
Out of the depths to Thee I call, --  
My fears are great, my strength is small.

O Lord, the pilot's part perform,  
And guard and guide me through the storm;  
Defend me from each threatening ill,  
Control the waves, -- say, "Peace! be still."

Dangers of every shape and name  
Attend the followers of the Lamb,  
Who leave the world's deceitful shore,  
And leave it to return no more.

Though tempest-toss'd and half a wreck,  
My Saviour through the floods I seek;  
Let neither winds nor stormy main  
Force back my shatter'd bark again.

**Eucharistic Renewal Meditation**

Thinking about how the Liturgy forms us, another decisive question is the education necessary to be able to acquire the interior attitude that will let us use and understand liturgical symbols. Let me express it in a simple way. I have in mind parents, or even more perhaps, grandparents, but also our pastors and catechists. Many of us learned the power of the gestures of the liturgy from them, as, for example, the sign of the cross, kneeling, the formulas of our faith. Perhaps we do not have an actual memory of such learning, but we can easily imagine the gesture of a larger hand taking the little hand of a child and accompanying it slowly in tracing across the body for the first time the sign of our salvation. Words accompany the movement, these also said slowly, almost as if wanting to take possession of every instant of the gesture, to take possession of the whole body: "In the name of the Father... and of the Son... and of the Holy Spirit... Amen." And then the hand of the child is left alone, and it is watched repeating it all alone, with help ready nearby if need be. But that gesture is now consigned, like a habit that will grow with Him, imparting to it a meaning that only the Spirit knows how." (Desiderio #47)

**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 February 26*

*Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Rom 5:12-19/Mt 4:1-11*

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

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

*Wednesday*

*Thursday*

*Friday*

*Saturday*

**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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**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,

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Lent Year A

Matthew 4:1-11

**What is your price?** I heard that the other day in a old mobster movie, as the mob boss was trying to bribe a city official for a favor (and unbid city contract!) As we hear the devil tempting Jesus today (not once but three times) in the gospel, the devil presumes to know Jesus' price (bread, power and popularity). He tries to gain leverage over Jesus. Of course, these temptations of the Devil fail. Jesus' price (if we can say that) is simply humility – lovingly serving the Father's Will! There's no buying Jesus because He is not His own to sell. As Jesus says, "I do not seek my own glory" (John 8:50) and "I did not come to be served, but to serve" (John 20:28). The Devil can't hear that; he doesn't understand anything of 'selfless service' and 'humility'. Since the Devil is so consumed with Pride, it would never occur to him to vulnerably approach Jesus in meekness and just ask for something. It'd never happen. Perhaps for the Devil to get close to Jesus, the Devil might only have had to try 'out-Jesusing' Jesus! Try imagining the Devil 'denying himself and taking up his cross' (Mt 16:24) after Jesus. Not going to happen! The Devil is repelled by the humility of Jesus, as Jesus constantly directs attention to the Father. I like how even in Jesus' response to the temptations, He humbly lets the 'Father' talk for Him. In all three of these temptations, Jesus does not rely on any wisdom of His own. He simply quotes scripture back to the Devil.

To the first temptation (appealing to Jesus' bodily appetites), Jesus quotes Deuteronomy 6:3 "We live not by bread, but by God's Word". To the second temptation (taunting Jesus' spiritual ego to display some Temple spectacle), Jesus quotes Deuteronomy 6:16, "You shall not put the Lord, your God, to the test." And to the third temptation, (appealing to our human desire for power/control over others), Jesus quotes Deuteronomy 6:13 "The Lord alone shall you worship and serve." By already having such effective and ready responses to the Devil's temptations present in the known sacred scriptures of His time, that should have put the Devil humbly in his place-that his approaches are not anything novel. But it is also humbling to us, that God has given us what we need to overcome the Devil's tricks, if we seek and study them (God's Words). Humble faith and simple practices can be enough to ward off the Devil's approaches if we sincerely exercise them.

St Vincent DePaul (& many other saints) taught that our greatest weapon against the Devil is such humility. It actually scares the Devil, as he doesn't understand anything of it (he certainly doesn't exhibit any humility - being so full of himself and his exalting pride-who else could think so much of themselves as to try seducing Jesus!) So, humbling ourselves and faithfully fulfilling our prayer devotions and practices, can be our best defense against the snares and schemes of the Devil. 1 Peter 5:8 tells us to 'Be sober and vigilant. Your opponent the devil is prowling around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour'. Purity of Heart, clear-mindedness and clear eyes are the best defenses. Recently in his teaching, Pope Francis advised us all to strengthen our insight into and awareness of the ever-present temptations of the Devil (like he did against Jesus, he will throw everything at us, hoping something will stick). Basically, temptation is real! CS Lewis reminded us in his Screwtape Letters that the Devil's first and easiest approach to us, is to have us deny his reality, doubting this existence and claiming 'There is no devil'. What a set-up and assist for the Devil to then scoop right in unseen and take over us! Pope Francis reminds us of the spiritual tools/weapons that we have to use, as he wrote that ***The Christian life is a constant battle.....Those who do not realize this will be prey to failure or mediocrity. For this spiritual combat, we can count on the powerful weapons that the Lord has given us: faith-filled prayer, meditation on the word of God, the celebration of Mass, Eucharistic adoration, sacramental Reconciliation, works of charity, community life, missionary outreach***" (Gaudete Et Exsultate #158, 162). And keep in mind that we are not alone in this attack by the Devil. I like how the gospel reading today closes by saying, "*Then the devil left him and, behold, angels came and ministered to him*" (Matt 4:11). God will provide ministering, strengthening angels to help. St Paul says as much in 1 Corinthians 10:13, when he writes, "God is faithful and will not let you be tried beyond your strength; but ***with the trial he will also provide a way out, so that you may be able to bear it.***"

Peace, Fr Brian

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

Wednesday	March 1	6:00 - 7:30	FFY: Meal, Stations & Class	Parish Hall
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: Feb 26 – Mar 5**

**Happy Birthday! St. Pius X**

- February 26 Lucy Schmidt
- February 27 Marlene Helpingstine
- March 3 Cheryl Hebner
- March 3 Joel Rivera
- March 4 **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/ St Clement*

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

--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

**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 to help.

**St Pius X Mass Assignments: Saturday, March 4, 2022**

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

**Mass Assignments: Sunday, March 5, 2023**

Kason Peterson Brayden Willett	Phil Schieber	Amanda Scheidegger Pam Hurst Teresa Newman	Philip Scheidegger Volunteer (Usher) Volunteer (Greeter)	Mary Ann Huebschmann Kathy Smith
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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 February 27 – March 5		
Tuesday	6:00 pm	John Bardsley
Wednesday	8:00 am	Lois Tashjian
Thursday	8:00 am	Sally Anne Klohr
Friday	8:00 am	Fr Richard Powers
Saturday	4:30 pm	Nancy Rogers (For Health)
Sunday	10:00 am	Karen Elder

**WEEKLY DONATIONS**

Parish Hall Donation (2/19/23)	\$ 165.00
Budget for 2022/2023 Fiscal Year (July 2022-June 2023)	\$ 190,000.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 3,653.58
Weekly Donation (2/19/23)	\$ 3,608.00
Online Giving (2/19/23)	\$ 998.00
Total Week's Gift Offering 2/19	\$ 4,606.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 153,317.27



**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 February 27 – March 5		
Wednesday	9:00 am	Dr Sidney Edds
Friday	9:00 am	Christine Whelan
Sunday	8:00 am	Margaret Lee

**WEEKLY DONATIONS**

Budget 2022/2023 Fiscal Year (July 2022-June 2023)	\$ 73,500.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 1,413.46
Weekly Donation 2/19/2023)	\$ 1,065.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 50,951.58

***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 5, 2022**

<b>Lector</b>	Darin Adrian
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Steve Wilkes Mike Drury
<b>Ushers/Greeters</b>	David Loxley Kippling Spencer
<b>Server</b>	Juan Gonzalez
<b>Money Counters</b>	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 Lenten 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 March 1 @ 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)