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4th Sunday Lent Year A John 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38



"As Jesus passed by he saw a man blind from birth. He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva, and smeared the clay on his eyes, and said to him, "Go wash in the Pool of Siloam" — which means Sent —. So he went and washed, and came back able to see. His neighbors and those who had seen him earlier as a beggar said, "Isn't this the one who used to sit and beg?" Some said, "It is" but others said, "No, he just looks like him." He said, "I am." They brought the one who was once blind to the Pharisees. Now Jesus had made clay and opened his eyes on a sabbath. So then the Pharisees also asked him how he was able to see. He said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and now I can see." So some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, because he does not keep the sabbath." But others said, "How can a sinful man do such signs?" And there was a division among them. So they said to the blind man again, "What do you have to say about him, since he opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet." They answered and said to him, "You were born totally in sin, and are you trying to teach us?" Then they threw him out. When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered and said, "Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "I do believe, Lord," and he worshiped him."

If I Were Blind

by Patricia Joan Polhans

If I were blind, none would know
I see with eyes not here below.
Eyes were given through my heart
That's how I view and how I start.

I do not see with eyes so much.
I only perceive from a gentle touch.
My heart would sense friend or foe
For I do not see what others know.

If I were blind and could not see
How people stare and point at me.
If I were blind, thankful I am
To be sheltered in protecting hands.

Eucharistic Renewal Meditation

"As in any art, the ars celebrandi requires different kinds of knowledge. First of all, it requires an understanding of the dynamism that unfolds through the Liturgy. The action of the celebration is the place in which, by means of memorial, the Paschal Mystery is made present so that the baptized, through their participation, can experience it in their own lives. Without this understanding, the celebration easily falls into a preoccupation with the exterior (more or less refined) or into a concern only for rubrics (more or less rigid). Then, it is necessary to know how the Holy Spirit acts in every celebration. The art of celebrating must be in harmony with the action of the Spirit. Only in this way will it be free from the subjectivisms that are the fruit of individual tastes dominating. Finally, it is necessary to understand the dynamics of symbolic language, its particular nature, its efficacy. (Desiderio #49)

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

Visit our Website www.stpiusx.us

Daily Scripture Readings

Sunday March 19

1 Sm 16:1, 6-13/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41

Monday 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-16/Mt 1:16-24

Tuesday Ez 47:1-9, 12/Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday Is 49:8-15/Jn 5:17-30

Thursday Ex 32:7-14/Jn 5:31-47

Friday Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday Is 7:10-14;/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

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,

4th Sunday Lent Year A

John 9:1-41

“Master, I want to see.” (Mark 10:51) This is what the famous Bartimaeus said in Mark’s gospel.

Uniquely we hear about another blind man (from birth) unnamed in today’s gospel of John, who encounters Jesus and is healed, but we don’t hear him say anything, until AFTER he is healed. He is thrilled and grateful for being healed, but we don’t hear about him chasing after Jesus or calling out for healing like Bartimaeus did in Mark’s gospel. The point I am highlighting is that, interestingly sometimes in Jesus’ ministry, sometimes Jesus comes upon someone in need, and immediately meets their need without them asking for anything. Sometimes, Jesus initiates their healing without them really making a ‘first approach’ to Him. Another such example of Jesus suddenly healing someone without them asking first, is found in Luke’s gospel 14:2-4/ There, Jesus shows up at a dinner and sees a crippled man and Jesus immediately heals him without any prior conversation. Certainty in the majority of cases with Jesus’ healing miracles, He is pursued and asked for healing (*such as Bartimaeus above who repeatedly yelled out to Jesus in Mark 10, or the woman with hemorrhage in Mark 5:25-34, who made effort to sneak and be healed without troubling Jesus much-just touch Him!*) At times though, when the afflicted person (because of their disease) cannot approach Jesus themselves, they have intermediaries who help them come or intercede for them to Jesus. Such 3rd party interventions make sense, because sometimes that person’s disability prevents them from moving freely or successfully finding Jesus. For these types, think of the blind man who can’t see where Jesus is Mark 8:22, or the paralyzed man who can’t walk to Him in Luke 5:17-39, or even the demon possessed who don’t have the focused frame of mind to rationally approach Jesus and ask Him such a simple question in Mark 9:17. These extreme disabilities prevent a person from getting to Jesus, so they are helped by others interceding (asking Jesus for them, or carrying the sick person to Jesus), but back to today’s gospel, we do find on occasion that Jesus is fully aware of one’s need (***Jesus knows our heart’s desire!***) and He immediately intervenes to bring the desired healing to a person. Today, we hear that Jesus and His disciples happen to cross the path of a man blind from birth. The blind man doesn’t say anything, but when the disciples mistakenly start blaming the man (or his parents) for his unfortunate health problem, Jesus directly intervenes and heals the man. Again, the man never vocally addresses/asks Jesus! What a gift! But Jesus (God) is always about more ends, than we can imagine (Jesus is also reprimanding the apostles’ popular yet wrong attitude of ‘blaming the victim’ & additionally settling a Sabbath controversy with the Pharisees!) With Jesus, there are always more things going on than ***meets our eyes!***

I find the once-blind man to be just as surprised by his ‘sudden’ healing by how he always seems to be brief and struggles for words, when he later retells the details of the event to others. Since the blind man now healed was ‘surprised by joy’, I think he laughs with gladness and shares this sense of humor with everyone else. I can even picture a smile on the man’s face when he later gives testimony about what happened to him. For example, when he is interrogated by the crowd about WHO healed him, he can say he heard the name Jesus – but of course he never saw Jesus because Jesus covered his eyes with holy saliva-clay and sent him to wash (John 9:11). When pressed about a physical description of Jesus, of course, the man has to smile, and say “I don’t know” (Jn 9:12). How would he know yet? When he is pushed again to draw for them a detailed picture of Jesus and the act of his healing, the man responds “.....I don’t know One thing I do know is that I was blind and now I see” (Jn 9:25) I bet the man feels like he is on ‘candid camera’ or something with such nonsensical questions from the Pharisees. The man knows what he knows is important and that is his now healed condition, not arguing about the past and what he didn’t see to begin with about the event! I suggest that the ‘once blind’ man’s exasperation over the Pharisees’; nonsense leads him to comically point out there ‘deafness’ when he says “I told you already and you did not listen. ***Why do you want to hear it again? Do you want to become his disciples, too?***” (Jn 9:27) Good one! Of course, the Pharisees don’t appreciate the man’s cute but exasperated response. They attack him and he ends up ejected from the synagogue. But that brings the story to full circle, because Jesus is ‘greater’ than the synagogue (Matt 12:6). Jesus being the personal savior He is, He seeks the man out (John 9:35) and privately dialogues with him about salvation, giving him one on one attention. In this later personal dialogue, the man comes to know and SEE Jesus as the Savior-Messiah-Son of Man (Jesus’ full identity). Jesus does that: He personally seeks us out and invites us into deeper relationship! May we see as clearly as this healed man does through our Lenten spiritual works and prayer! Peace, Fr Brian

Faith Formation Calendar for Youth FFY 2022-2023

Wednesday	March 22	6:00 - 7:30	FFY: Meal, Stations Cross, Class	Parish Hall
Sunday	March 26	11:00am	First Communion Class	Parish Hall
Wednesday	March 29	6:00 - 7:30	FFY: Meal, Stations Cross, Class	Parish Hall



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
White Beans & Cole Slaw

Baked Potato or French Fries
Hot or Mild Hush Puppies & Drink

Birthdays & Anniversaries: Mar 19 – Mar 25

Happy Birthday! St. Pius X

March 22 Marilyn Wysock
March 23 Katie Hurst
March 26 Jim Williams

St. Anthony of Padua
No birthdays this week

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*

Hope Clinic Baby Bottle Drive

Please pick up a baby bottle to fill with your loose change around the house to benefit Hope Clinic's pro-life work protecting babies and new mothers. We will be doing the baby bottle drive through the month of March. Please pick one up today to help!

St Pius X Mass Assignments: Saturday, March 25, 2022

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

Mass Assignments: Sunday, March 26, 2023

Mike Bowling Addison Peterson	RJ (Ric) Witowski	Pam Hurst Jimmy Harbison Patty Langford	Philip Scheidegger Volunteer (Usher) Volunteer (Greeter)	Jan Waniel Jean Waniel
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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, 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 20 – March 26		
Tuesday	6:00 pm	John & Sue Mudd
Wednesday	8:00 am	Bob Mattingly
Thursday	8:00 am	Danissa Mudd Lewis
Friday	8:00 am	Dr Sidney Edds
Saturday	4:30 pm	Lois Tashjian
Sunday	10:00 am	James Hobbs

WEEKLY DONATIONS

Parish Hall Donation (3/12/23)	\$ 593.00
Budget for 2022/2023 Fiscal Year (July 2022-June 2023)	\$ 190,000.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 3,653.58
Weekly Donation (3/12/23)	\$ 2,589.00
Online Giving (3/12/23)	\$ 1,261.00
Total Week's Gift Offering 3/12	\$ 3,850.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 165,316.27



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!

Prayers & Sympathy: Please pray the eternal rest of the soul of *James Hobbs* who was buried last week. Please keep Donna and all of the family in your prayers, too, that God may comfort them.

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.

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 May @ 4:30 pm

Bereavement Committee

St. Anthony of Padua

Mass Intentions March 20 – March 26		
Wednesday	9:00 am	Francis Hagman
Friday	9:00 am	Violet Hamilton
Sunday	8:00 am	Deanna Hayward

WEEKLY DONATIONS

Budget 2022/2023 Fiscal Year (July 2022-June 2023)	\$ 73,500.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 1,413.46
Weekly Donation 3/12/2023)	\$ 1,835.01
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 57,007.59

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 26, 2022

Lector	Darin Adrian
Eucharistic Ministers	Shara Parish Mike Drury
Ushers/Greeters	Kevin Diamond Kelly Noonan
Server	Juan Gonzalez
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 an Advent 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:** 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