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3rd Sunday Lent Year A John 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42



Jesus came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of land that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there. Jesus, tired from his journey, sat down there at the well. It was about noon. A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, "How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?" —For Jews use nothing in common with Samaritans.— Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you do not even have a bucket and the cistern is deep; where then can you get this living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us this cistern and drank from it himself with his children and his flocks?" Jesus answered and said to her, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may not be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water. "I can see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain; but you people say that the place to worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You people worship what you do not understand; we worship what we understand, because salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when true worshipers will worship the Father in Spirit and truth; and indeed the Father seeks such people to worship him. God is Spirit, and those who worship him must worship in Spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that the Messiah is coming, the one called the Christ; when he comes, he will tell us everything." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking with you." Many of the Samaritans of that town began to believe in him. When the Samaritans came to him, they invited him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. Many more began to believe in him because of his word, and they said to the woman, "We no longer believe because of your word; for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the savior of the world."

The Woman at the Well

By Edward Potts

I am the woman He met at the well,
My life was in shambles, I was living in hell,
He asked for a drink and I filled a cup,
He talked and I listened as He tilted it up.

He told of my life and what it had been,
He knew all about my living in sin,
He spoke so gently, my heart almost burst,
"Drink of my water and you'll never more thirst.

I went to the well, a woman in sin,
When I left that well I had Jesus within,
The curse on my lips had been changed into praise,
I'll never more thirst the rest of my days.

Eucharistic Renewal Meditation

"Guardini writes, "Here there is outlined the first task of the work of liturgical formation: man must become once again capable of symbols." [13] This is a responsibility for all, for ordained ministers and the faithful alike. The task is not easy because modern man has become illiterate, no longer able to read symbols; it is almost as if their existence is not even suspected. This happens also with the symbol of our body. Our body is a symbol because it is an intimate union of soul and body; it is the visibility of the spiritual soul in the corporeal order; and in this consists human uniqueness, the specificity of the person irreducible to any other form of living being. Our openness to the transcendent, to God, is constitutive of us. Not to recognize this leads us inevitably not only to a not knowing of God but also to not knowing ourselves. (Desiderio #44)

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 12

Ex 17:3-7/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42

Monday 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday Dn 3:25, 34-43/Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday Dt 4:1, 5-9/Mt 5:17-19

Thursday Jer 7:23-28/Lk 11:14-23

Friday Hos 14:2-10/Mk 12:28-34

Saturday Hos 6:1-6/Lk 18:9-14

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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Pastor's Study Desk Notes



Dear St Pius And St Anthony Churches, 3rd Sunday Lent Year A

John 4:5-42

“*Give me a drink.*” (John 4:7), Jesus says at the beginning of today’s reading. This reminds me of an old co-worker of mine who used to joke, saying, “Did you bring a lunch?” when I showed up at the work site. He meant that we were going to be there a while, and that the job was bigger than we had been told it would be. Yes, today’s reading is a very long one, but that is not why Jesus asks for a ‘drink’!

By the way, we should get ready to listen to long readings because as we enter the last third of Lent in this Year A, we have several weeks of long RCIA-oriented readings that teach the benefits of baptism in Christ: saving forgiveness, enlightenment and resurrection. The reading that corresponds to each of these aspects of baptism are all from John: 1) *forgiveness* where **John 4:3-42** tells of the woman at the well coming to faith as Jesus forgives her past and ‘satisfies’ her longing soul 2) *enlightenment* where **John 9:1-41** tells of the man born blind who encounters Christ and sees his salvation & 3) *resurrection* where **John 11:1-44** tells of Lazarus’ encounter with Jesus through death even, to be raised up anew. So, prepare for a couple of weeks ahead of long readings (*recall that the week following these is Palm Sunday with the long passion reading too!*), as we dig deeper into what it means to encounter Christ in baptism and what Christ brings to us because of it. So, sit back, and enjoy this dialogue with Jesus. Jesus does bring the only satisfying ‘drink’ to us: Himself!

A unique, but common factor among these three readings from John’s gospel is the presence of extended dialogue conversation between Jesus and others. Normally, in the gospels, Jesus’ encounters (or all that we hear of them) are very brief exchanges of words very (*personal, as always from Jesus, but brief*). But with the well woman, the blind man and with Lazarus, Martha & Mary, we hear long, extended conversations between them. Why? In each one of these cases, we witness ‘real-time’, a deepening relationship that builds between Jesus and another person as they continue talking. That is a lesson, that teaches us that relationship to Jesus deepens as we continue in conversation with him. Like any good relationship, the give and take of ongoing talk/listening, allows us to learn more about each other, having more to share with them and to love about them. In each week’s gospel, we see that the longer, the people spend with Jesus, the deeper the bond between them grows. Also, we see especially that the person encountering Jesus, comes more and more to understand just who He is (Jesus’ identity as God-that takes time!) For example, we can watch the woman at the well, and see how she changes the way she addresses Jesus. The longer they spend talking, the more intimate becomes her ‘title’ to address Him. At the beginning of their conversation, she politely but impersonally, calls Jesus ‘Sir’ in John 4:11. Then, her heart’s interest in Him grows and she addresses Him as a ‘prophet’ in John 4:19. A little more time and she is feeling something in her heart pulling her close to Him, causing her to wonder if He is her ‘Messiah’ in John 4:29. And then as she reflects afterward with some time and after having spoken of Him to others with excitement, her devotion builds to finally culminate in her recognition of Him as ‘Savior of the World’ in John 4:42. Such a growing progression in relationship between Jesus and someone else through continued and deepening conversation, could be outlined in the other dialogues we will be hearing the next two weeks between the blind man and Jesus (John 9) and with Jesus, Martha, Mary & Lazarus (John 11). Like good prayer which is simply our conversation with God (speaking our heart & then silently listening to God’s response), the more time we spend with Him, the deeper our life in Him will grow too.

To me, the most comforting part of today’s gospel is the ‘unconditional positive regard’ (*this is a psychological catch phrase from the 1970’s Rogerian Client –Centered Therapy movement*) that Jesus uses to approach the woman. He invites her into a ‘healing relationship’ by being an unconditionally loving presence (God) to allow her to drop her ego-defenses hardened through past sins/guilt. This permits her to truly accept her past weakness, let go of it and now receive Jesus’ absolution and nurturing forgiveness. Such healing forgiveness accepted is what opens within her that soul-satisfying well of ‘living water’ (Jn 4:14) within her (*that feeling within us that God is here, we are loved by Him and everything is just fine!*). That is the shepherd-savior we have: Jesus, who knows us through and through and love us all the more. The woman expressed this inner peace when she shared her newfound joy with the other villagers saying, “*Come see a man who told me everything I have done*” (Jn 4:29). Jesus knows everything about us, forgives and loves us more because of it! How awesome that Jesus reads out hearts. To reflect more about how Jesus knows our hearts and inner thoughts/feelings, I encourage a meditation upon Luke 5:22, where we read that Jesus ‘knew their thoughts’ (also Luke 6:8, & 9:47, & Acts 15:8 or Psalm 139). Peace, Fr Brian

Faith Formation Calendar for Youth FFY 2022-2023

Wednesday	March 15	6:00 - 7:30	FFY: Meal, Stations Cross, Class	Parish Hall
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

MARCH 12, 2023 + 3RD SUNDAY LENT YEAR A



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 12 – Mar 18

Happy Birthday! St. Pius X

- March 12 Victoria Hosman
- March 13 Cynthia Devine
- March 14 Tommy Robertson
- March 15 Jacob Wilson
- March 15 Diane Hayden
- March 16 Rosemary Hudson

St. Anthony of Padua

Happy Anniversary! St. Pius X

- March 12 David & Donna Carr

St. Anthony of Padua

- March 16 Antonio & Estella Molina

Prayers & Sympathy: Please pray for the eternal rest of Diane Morgan (mother of Lori Zimmer) who passed away and was buried last week in Bloomfield, IL. Please keep Lori, Margaret and all the family in your prayers. May God comfort them.

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*

At St Anthony

- Every Friday 9:30 Stations of Cross
- Every Wednesday 10:00 *Lectio Divina*

St Pius X Mass Assignments: Saturday, March 18, 2022

Servers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers / Greeters	Money Counters
Volunteer	Nancy Glover	Kurt Schmidt Volunteer Volunteer	Volunteer (Usher) Volunteer (Usher) Volunteer (Greeter) Volunteer (Greeter)	

Mass Assignments: Sunday, March 19, 2023

	Phil Scheiber	Patty Langford Marcus Newman Teresa Newman	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, 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 13 – March 19		
Tuesday	6:00 pm	Bob Mattingly
Wednesday	8:00 am	David Mudd
Thursday	8:00 am	Hagan Family
Friday	8:00 am	Taylor Johansen
Saturday	4:30 pm	Daniel & Nancy Mudd Family
Sunday	10:00 am	Bernie & Pat Fendler

WEEKLY DONATIONS

Parish Hall Donation (3/5/23)	\$ 418.00
Budget for 2022/2023 Fiscal Year (July 2022-June 2023)	\$ 190,000.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 3,653.58
Weekly Donation (3/5/23)	\$ 2,448.00
Online Giving (3/5/23)	\$ 1,976.00
Total Week's Gift Offering 3/5	\$ 4,424.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 161,466.27



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!

St. Anthony of Padua

Mass Intentions March 13 – March 19		
Wednesday	9:00 am	Dr Sidney Edds
Friday	9:00 am	John & Sue Mudd
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 3/5/2023)	\$ 1,366.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 55,172.58

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 19, 2022

Lector	Shara Parish
Eucharistic Ministers	Steve Wilkes 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 10, @ 6:00 pm

Saturday Morning Lent Retreat: March 25

Rediscover Mass- Come enjoy a close review of Mass and its parts. Examine the various ritual elements and gestures meant to awaken us to the purpose behind all that we do. 10:00-12:00 StPius

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 March 15 @ 4:30 pm

Bereavement Committee

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