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Ascension Sunday Year A Matthew 28:16-20



“The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had ordered them. When they saw him, they worshiped, but they doubted. Then Jesus approached and said to them, “All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.”

Ascension Day

by Christina Georgina Rossetti

“When Christ went up to Heaven the Apostles stayed”
Gazing at Heaven with souls and wills on fire,
Their hearts on flight along the track He made,
Winged by desire.

Their silence spake: “Lord, why not follow Thee?
Home is not home without Thy Blessed Face,
Life is not life. Remember, Lord, and see,
Look back, embrace.

“Earth is one desert waste of banishment,
Life is one long-drawn anguish of decay.
Where Thou wert wont to go we also went:
Why not today?”

Nevertheless a cloud cut off their gaze:
They tarry to build up Jerusalem,
Watching for Him, while thro’ the appointed days
He watches them

Eucharistic Renewal Meditation

“When the first community broke bread in obedience to the Lord’s command, it did so under the gaze of Mary who accompanied the first steps of the Church: “these all continued with one accord in prayer with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus.” (Ac 1:14) The Virgin Mother “watches over” the gestures of her Son confided to the Apostles. As she protected the Word made flesh in her womb after receiving the words of the angel Gabriel, she protects once again in the womb of the Church those gestures that form the body of her Son. The priest, who repeats those gestures in virtue of the gift received in the sacrament of Holy Orders, is himself protected in the womb of the Virgin. Do we really need a rule here to tell us how we ought to act? (Desiderio#58)

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

Daily Scripture Readings

Sunday May 14
Acts 1:1-11/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20
Monday Acts 19:1-8/Jn 16:29-33
Tuesday Acts 20:17-27/Jn 17:1-11a
Wednesday Acts 20:28-38/Jn 17:11b-19
Thursday Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Jn 17:20-26
Friday Acts 25:13b-21/Jn 21:15-19
Saturday Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Jn 21:20-25

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
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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 Anthony & St Pius Families,

Ascension Sunday Year A

Acts 1:1-12 & Matthew 28:16-20

“Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky? (Acts 1:11) They were looking up at a stellar sight in sky: Jesus ascending in glory and disappearing into the sky clouds! Back on Easter when I was researching future dates of Easter in the years ahead, I learned that we in this part of Western Kentucky are in for another solar eclipse phenomenon again. I read that on Monday April 8, 2024 at about 1:55 pm our piece of Kentucky will experience ‘totality’ with the ‘solar eclipse’ occurring that day. It seemed like we just had one a couple of years ago? Do you remember where you were on Aug. 21, 2017? That was the date of the last total eclipse for us! How unique that two ‘totality’ events this close together! Maybe we should have a ‘Totality Luncheon and Viewing Party’ as parishes on that day next year? Be thinking about it!

Normally on this page here, I always reflect upon the gospel reading, but since today is the Feast of the Ascension, I want to reflect upon that event, which is recounted in the first reading from Acts of the Apostles (Acts was written by a gospel writer too though, Luke - some people consider it a fifth gospel – the Gospel of the Holy Spirit!) The Acts account provides the most detailed (yet not a lot of details at that) telling of this event. The gospel of Matthew Mt 28:16-20, only tells us in its last lines that Jesus ‘on the mountain’ commissions His apostles to go baptize, teach and witness to all the nations (the final scene and mountain part gives the impression that he dissolves/ascends into the clouds, but doesn’t mention any ‘Ascension). The gospel of Mark, though, adds a detail about the resurrected Jesus appearing to the disciples to strengthen their faith and commission them and immediately after that encounter, **“Jesus was taken up into heaven** and took his seat at the right hand of God” (Mark 16:19). Luke’s gospel itself sets up the more detailed Acts account, by saying that Jesus taught the apostles some more and then walked with them out of Jerusalem as far as Bethany, and then “raised his hands, and as he blessed them he parted from them and was **taken up to heaven**” (Luke 24:50-51). John’s gospel says nothing about an Ascension, but John 20:30 justifies such an omission by saying, “Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. . . .” (also, Jn 21:25). So, the most detail we have about the Ascension comes from today’s first reading of Acts 1: 3-4, 9-12. What is common to all of these multiple accounts is that Jesus ascends, after a formal ‘commissioning’ of them to carry the gospel to all the world. Acts 1:9 says, “When he had said this (*the commissioning orders*), as they were looking on, **he was lifted up, and a cloud took him** from their sight.” They are seemingly dazed and shocked by this sight still looking up to the sky, when it takes two ‘grounded men in white’ to bring them back to the mission command, “Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky?” (Acts 1:11). These two messengers tell the apostles to “get to work”. They are to be open to the Spirit’s working in them and serve the ministry of Jesus to everyone, the world over! The ‘looking up’ and dreamy skygazing is over. They need to get into action and bring about the work of Jesus, spreading the Kingdom of God upon earth. Maybe such an awakening call to action could be compared to the recent midair explosion of the SpaceX Starship rocket. As everyone stared into the sky at the puffs of smoke, ash and cloudy debris in the air, Elon Musk was commanding his workers to learn from the event, and get back to their workshop to build & design the ‘next sequence’ model rocket for its eventual rollout (April 21, 2023). We have work to do! And we certainly see such ‘action’ as we progress through the Acts of the Apostles Book and hear about the successful spread and growth of Christianity across the known world in its earliest years. So, I understand the Ascension of Jesus as the perfect set-up to the event of Pentecost we will celebrate next week! Jesus’ commissioning of the Apostles will be powered by the gift of Holy Spirit that the early church receives on Pentecost.

However, if you would like to find other references (without detail) to Jesus’ Ascension in the Bible, they can be found in some of Paul’s and other New Testament letters. For example, 1 Timothy 3:16 says that Jesus was **“taken up in glory”** & 1 Peter 3:21-22 tells that Jesus **“has gone into heaven**, at the right hand of God”. There are many references to Jesus, ‘raised’ and seated at the right hand of the Father (and how does Jesus get to the right hand of the Father in heaven after resurrection except by ‘ascending in glory’ again? -see Romans 8:34, Ephesians 1:19–20, Colossians 3:1). Yet, for me the crucial necessity of Jesus’ ascension has always been that His Post-Pentecostal Presence (‘In Holy Spirit’) ensures His simultaneous availability and faithful nearness to all of His followers everywhere all at once, scattered all over the world! He is not localized and isolated into any one geographically situated position fixed apart from all others. No, Jesus can be accessed not only in Jerusalem, not only in Nazareth, not only in Rome, but anywhere and anytime that a believer calls upon His Name (Spirit)! He is with us all! Peace, fr Brian

MAY 21, 2023 † ASCENSION SUNDAY YEAR A

St. Pius Mass Intentions

May 22 – May 28

Tuesday	6:00 pm	Bernie & Pat Fendler
Wednesday	8:00 am	Dr Sidney Edds
Thursday	8:00 am	Spencer Redding
Friday	8:00 am	John & Sue Mudd
Saturday	4:30 pm	James Hobbs
Sunday	10:00 am	John Bardsley

WEEKLY DONATIONS

Parish Hall Donation (5/14/23)	\$ 213.00
Budget for 2022/2023 Fiscal Year (July 2022-June 2023)	\$ 190,000.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 3,653.58
Weekly Donation (5/14/23)	\$ 3,762.00
Online Giving (5/14/23)	\$ 1,191.00
Total Week's Gift Offering 5/14	\$ 4,953.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 197,704.52



Early Church Fathers Study:

Every Tuesday night 6:30 at St Pius come study these foundational documents of the Catholic church Study the Church's beginning from Jesus & the apostles onward to now!

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 reading of Thomas Keating's teachings, on *Centering Prayer*. We always read some spiritual writings and then have a brief discussion before an experience of prayer (15 min).

St. Pius X Birthdays & Anniversaries: May 21-May 27



Happy Birthday!

May 22 Patty Robertson
May 23 Bette Zilligen

Happy Anniversary!

May 15 Joey & Tara Blazina
May 21 Nick & Jamie Zaim
May 22 Philip & Amanda Scheidegger
May 22 Marcus & Teresa Newman
May 27 John & Marilyn Brooks

Bible Sewing Camp: Want to learn a new skill or be creative this summer? Join us for a Bible Sewing Camp! Four Wednesday evenings this summer you will learn the basics of hand-sewing and embroidery. Each Wednesday session will include a Bible story and a related sewing craft. The Camp is open to all ages (especially ages from 8 - 108). Sessions will be June 21, June 28, July 5, July 12 from 6:00pm - 7:30pm. Come for all four sessions or just a couple. Registration & more info is in the back of church.

St Pius X Mass Assignments: Saturday, May 27, 2022

Servers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers / Greeters	Money Counters
Volunteer	Paula Schmidt	Charlotte Riedfprt Jeff Riedfort Kurt Schmidt	Volunteer (Usher) Volunteer (Usher) Volunteer (Greeter) Volunteer (Greeter)	

Mass Assignments: Sunday, May 28, 2023

Kason Peterson Brayden Willett	RJ (Ric) Witowski	Jimmy Harbison Patty Langford Volunteer	Phillip Scheidegger Volunteer (Usher) Volunteer (Greeter)	Andy Ferm Sherry Ferm
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Parish Council

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 Brooks, 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.

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

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:

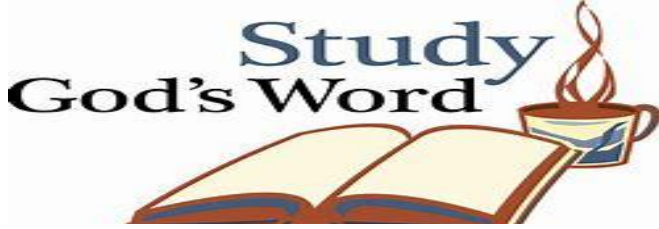
Mark your calendars: Sunday June 25, 12:00 pm
Wendy Elrod (daughter of Wayne & Georgia Bradshaw) recently visited the Holy Land on a pilgrimage. Come see her pictures and hear her story of the holy sites & her experiences in the Holy Land!

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.

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



St Anthony Birthdays May 21 - May 27

May 21 Antonio Molina

Anniversaries:

No anniversaries this week

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. The Diocese of Owensboro's sexual abuse policy is available this parish, on the bulletin board, in the parish office, and also on the diocesan website (<https://owensborodiocese.org/safe>).

St. Anthony of Padua

**Mass Intentions
May 22 – May 28**

Wednesday	9:00 am	Rose Marie Verdu
Friday	9:00 am	Margaret Lee
Saturday	6:00 pm	Dick Gorbett
Sunday	8:00 am	Taylor Johansen

WEEKLY DONATIONS

Budget 2022/2023 Fiscal Year (July 2022-June 2023)	\$ 73,500.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 1,413.46
Weekly Donation 5/14/2023)	\$ 4,669.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 72,592.34

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 – May 28, 2022

Lector	Mike Drury
Eucharistic Ministers	Shara Parrish Steve Wilkes
Ushers/Greeters	David Loxley Kipling Spenser
Server	Juan Gonzales
Money Counters	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

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:** 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