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4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Lent Year C

Lk 15:1-3, 11-32



"Tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to listen to Jesus, but the Pharisees and scribes began to complain, saying, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them." So to them Jesus addressed this parable: "A man had two sons, and the younger son said to his father, 'Father give me the share of your estate that should come to me.' So the father divided the property between them. After a few days, the younger son collected all his belongings and set off to a distant country where he squandered his inheritance on a life of dissipation. When he had freely spent everything, a severe famine struck that country, and he found himself in dire need. So he hired himself out to one of the local citizens who sent him to his farm to tend the swine. And he longed to eat his fill of the pods on which the swine fed, but nobody gave him any. Coming to his senses he thought, 'How many of my father's hired workers have more than enough food to eat, but here am I, dying from hunger. I shall get up and go to my father and I shall say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as you would treat one of your hired workers.'" So he got up and went back to his father. While he was still a long way off, his father caught sight of him, and was filled with compassion. He ran to his son, embraced him and kissed him. His son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son.' But his father ordered his servants, 'Quickly bring the finest robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Take the fattened calf and slaughter it. Then let us celebrate with a feast, because this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again; he was lost, and has been found.' Then the celebration began. Now the older son had been out in the field and, on his way back, as he neared the house, he heard the sound of music and dancing. He called one of the servants and asked what this might mean. The servant said to him, 'Your brother has returned and your father has slaughtered the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.' He became angry, and when he refused to enter the house, his father came out and pleaded with him. He said to his father in reply, 'Look, all these years I served you and not once did I disobey your orders; yet you never gave me even a young goat to feast on with my friends. But when your son returns who swallowed up your property with prostitutes, for him you slaughter the fattened calf.' He said to him, 'My son, you are here with me always; everything I have is yours. But now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found.'"

Excerpt from 'Prodigal Son' (by Rudyard Kipling)

Here come I to my own again,  
Fed, forgiven and known again,  
Claimed by bone of my bone again  
And cheered by flesh of my flesh.  
The fattened calf is dressed for me,  
But the husks have greater zest for me,  
I think my pigs will be best for me,  
So I'm off to the Yards afresh.

I never was very refined, you see,  
(And it weighs on my brother's mind, you see)  
But there's no reproach among swine, d'you see,  
For being a bit of a swine.  
So I'm off with wallet and staff to eat  
The bread that is three parts chaff to wheat,  
But glory be! - there's a laugh to it,  
Which isn't the case when we dine.

.....I wasted my substance, I know I did,  
On riotous living, so I did,  
But there's nothing on record to show I did  
Worse than my betters have done.  
They talk of the money I spent out there -  
They hint at the pace that I went out there -  
But they all forget I was sent out there  
Alone as a rich man's son.

Weekly Mass Readings **March 27 – April 2**

- Sunday 3/27** Jos 5:9a, 10-12/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
- Monday 3/28** Is 65:17-21/Jn 4:43-54
- Tuesday 3/29** Ez 47:1-9, 12/Jn 5:1-16
- Wednesday 3/30** Is 49:8-15/Jn 5:17-30
- Thursday 3/31** Ex 32:7-14/Jn 5:31-47
- Friday 4/1** Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
- Saturday 4/2** Jer 11:18-20/Jn 7:40-53

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**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*

† **Weekly Online Mass**

Sunday -10:00 am

**We are still Live Streaming Facebook  
for anyone at home**

Find us on Facebook at:  
*St. Pius X & St. Anthony of Padua Catholic  
Churches*

**Parish Office Hours**

Thursday 9:00 am-2:00 pm

**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 of each  
month-9:00 am*

**Pastoral Team**

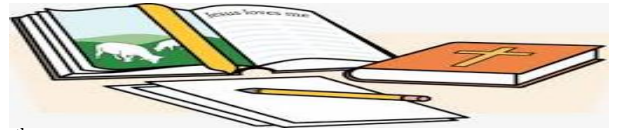
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# FROM THE PASTOR



Dear St Pius And St Anthony Churches,

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Lent Year C Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

We know the story! The Prodigal Son! We all have our own favorite parable that Jesus told, and this one ranks up near the top for many people, alongside the Good Samaritan. However, we often stop reading the parable at the return home of the young party-boy son. What a show of loving forgiveness from the Father! IF ONLY, the elder brother was half as forgiving of his younger brother. That is the bigger sin and ongoing misery from the young son's running away now-and the fault is not with the younger son at this point, it is now with the bitter older brother. With the rest of the story, we see that now the older son has his running away episode, when he vindictively won't welcome his brother back, carrying his grudge to the extreme by not coming into the family house to celebrate the young one's return. I like to point out that in both cases of these sons, the Father had to leave the security of the house to go into the field to welcome a son into the home. He runs out to greet the young one on his return (Luke 15:20) and when the angry older brother holds out and avoids the home dinner, the Good Father again goes out, into the fields to coax the other brother back into fellowship with his family (Luke 15:28). Why is the older brother so hostile to not forgive the younger one? With this parable's telling, Luke lets us know the occasion on which Jesus told this story. Luke 15:1-2 says, "The tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to listen to him, but the Pharisees and scribes began to complain, saying, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them." So to them (Pharisees) Jesus addressed this parable." Jesus is pointing this parable toward the Pharisees. Jesus is comparing here, the older brother being upset over the 'easy forgiveness' offered his younger brother with the Pharisees 'complaining' over sinners/tax collectors often being with Jesus. Why can't the Pharisees accept and celebrate the conversions of sinners/tax collectors? Like the elder brother, are they jealous over lost benefits from the farm? Are the Pharisees nursing some old grudge over hurtful words exchanged between them? Is it that the Pharisees would rather delight in the condemnation and misery of sinners, than be happy that sinners have changed their lives? Are they acting like the cold, older brother who wants his brother to 'pay more for his sins' before being welcomed back? I wonder. But why then, do any of us become upset and doubt people's sincerity when we hear of their repentance? The older brother and the Pharisees' mean and vindictive attitudes warn us to be careful about letting our judgements on other people's conversions drive us out of Grace's house, too. Self-righteous attitudes might be our sin. In fact, that may be a hazard of 'church-goers'. Might our regular observance lead us to feel superior and entitled to God's grace? Or because we go to church, maybe it leads us to arrogantly condemn others 'For God'? The older brother forgets that everything still belongs to the Father. The right to 'condemn' is God's right (my brother is God's Son-God's Worker and the whole Farm is also His), so who am I to presume it? I need to simply 'mind the farm' and keep faithful about my duties (the will of God) God has assigned me for His service. That is probably more than enough to keep me busy!

But, one more note about this reading for me is, that in the end, I feel sorry for the older brother who complains (one brother wines, and the other brother whines-Both sins!). He is consumed with self-pity, and I have to ask about why he isn't enjoying his productive work and life on the farm? It almost seems like, he reflects the same hedonistic attitude as the younger brother and that his anger is simply that he got beat to the 'ask' for the early windfall inheritance from his father. The father's statement, "You are here with me always; everything I have is yours" (Luke 15:31) makes me think that the Father is equally saddened by this brother's reaction. I hear sadness in the Father, as if he is saying, "I am sorry that you are so unhappy working our family business -I thought you enjoyed being with me here." It makes me wonder about the depth of their actual relationship. I suspect the Father could feel like saying, "It breaks my heart Son, that you never asked me for a small goat and drinks to have fun with your friends at the house." Maybe the older son was too hung up on 'duty & entitlement' instead of actually enjoying the productive work on the family farm with his dad. At least the younger son appreciates now the wholesome work and caring familial atmosphere on the farm. Someone once pointed out to me that since both sons sin against the Father, each in his own way, we want to learn from their mistakes. The real Faithful sons to the Father are actually the Joyful Servants who just love working the farm, and are always eager to fulfill the father's wishes. They are also the ones who genuinely celebrate in the Father's company all the while! The lesson for me: Following God's Will, God's call, whatever that be, is a joy! I am just glad to be here, staying on the farm, and taking joy as it comes and celebrating it as the gift it is!

Peace, Fr Brian

## Parish Hall Fund Raiser Raffle

Chance to win 7 day Beachfront Vacation Condo at Dauphin Island, Alabama!

Drawing will be April 17<sup>th</sup> – winner will be called

Only 500 tickets available for sale

\$10.00 a piece or 5 for \$40.00

\*Dates subject to availability, sorry no pets or smoking.

## Thomas Merton



### Saturdays 10:00 am!

Come join a discussion on Thomas Merton, the spiritual writer! We are reading **Bread in the Wilderness!** A great book on the Psalms & Contemplative Prayer!

**FFY Faith Formation Youth Activities Calendar**

WEDNESDAY	Mar. 30	6:30-7:30	Family Faith - April Parents Meeting	Parish Hall
<b>SPRING BREAK</b>				
WEDNESDAY	Apr. 13	6:30-7:30	Youth Ministry Group	Parish Hall
<b>EASTER SUNDAY</b>	<b>April 17</b>	<b>Happy Easter</b>		

**St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church, Paducah,** is having their annual *Quilt Show and Luncheon Thursday April 28th* and Friday April 29th, from 10:30 am – 1:30 pm. Come enjoy a delicious meal, browse our Quilt display, and take a chance to win a beautiful hand-made quilt! Children’s Meal and take out also available!

**Birthdays & Anniversaries: Mar 27 – April 2**

**Happy Birthday!**

**St. Pius X**

March 15	Diane Hayden
March 27	Aiden Blazina
March 27	Paula Humphreys
March 27	Dorothy Schmidt
March 30	Helen Bennett
March 30	Bob Zilligen
March 31	Joseph Hurst
March 31	Tammie Georgen

**St. Anthony of Padua**

March 26	Dot Lang
March 26	Dan O’Brien
March 29	Linda Drury

**Happy Anniversary!**

**St. Anthony of Padua**

March 29	Dan & Gail Dailey
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**St. Pius X**

No anniversaries this week

**LENT SPECIAL PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES**

**At St Pius**

- Every Tuesday Night 6:30 pm--*Why do we do that in Mass?*
- Every Wednesday night 6:00 pm Stations of Cross
- Every Saturday 10:00 am---*Thomas Merton Book Read*

**At St Anthony**

- Every Friday 9:30 Stations of Cross
- Every Wednesday 10:00 Bible Study

**St Pius X Mass Assignments: Saturday, April 2, 2021**

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

**Mass Assignments: Sunday, April 3, 2021**

Scott Langford	Mike Bowling	Amanda Scheidegger	Volunteer (Usher) Volunteer (Usher) Volunteer (Greeter)	Rich Derry Nancy Singleton
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**Congratulations to our Confirmation Students:** We welcome Bishop Medley as he celebrates Confirmation for our students. We pray for them, and ask the Holy Spirit to fill them with His gifts of Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Knowledge, Piety, Fortitude and Fear of the Lord. ***Congratulations to Juan Mendoza, Cole Scheidegger, Avery Zaim, Karlie Holmen, and Alex Holmen.*** May God’s Spirit lead and guide you all the steps of your life!

**Remember in Prayer**

**St. Pius X:** Joey Elder, Amanda Bailey, Kathryn Bailey, Pam Laible, Kaileigh Row, Dolly Bardsley, Chevelle Allen, Henry Feezor, John Campbell, Lisa Hammond, Rose Grossius, Bennett Meisenheimer, Jim & Rose Drury, Wes Hayes, Mike Norvell, Maryann Huebschmann, Shirley Mangan, Kenny Matthews, Dora Miller, Miller Meisenheimer, Joann Najgebauer, Johnny Poe, Joel Rivera, Carol Ross, Marty Tyskling, Lonnie Vogler, Brenda Waitke, Gary Walters, Andrew Walton, Larry Wenzel, Dawn Williams, Wilma Lejuene, Lori Butler, Isabella Hamilton, Dr. Danny Butler, Cameron Richmond, Brad Longworth, Matthew Black, Helen Bennett, Catherine Broks, Stacey Newby, Bette Zilligen, Ric Vaughn, Susan Sloan, Donny Travis, Betty Derry, Scott Hamilton, Connie Burt and family, Abigail Huebschmann, Lucas Hebner, Ericka Karpstein, Joanna Cooper, Carolyn Outland, Angel Thompson, Kaye Poyner, Jerry Huebschmann, Bob & Lois Tashjian, Rita Cook, Juliette Kaplans, Jack Bender, Penny Maupin, Don Kemp, Sharon Olejnicak, Tim Wilson, Beverly Dukes, Bill Norvell, Wallace Hunt, Phyllis White, Judy Krouse, Kerry Frazier, Rene Harrington, Lisa Doyle, Forrest Michael Teeters, David Kroll, Cameron Brewer, Stefanie Wilkerson-Barragan, Hugo Santos, Sharon Gibbons, Wayne Viniard, Braydn Barnett, and their families and caregivers

**St. Anthony of Padua:** David Reed, Juan Gonzalez, Elena Carey, Donna & Jon Gresham, Bob Decker, Bill Rodgers, Tom & Margie Sheppard, Bob & Lois Tashjian, Mr. Driskill, Margaret Adams, Pat Gorbett, Ed Derringe, Helen Krivan, Imogene Ramey, Bob Lang and their families and caregivers.

**Pray for Our Military**

**St. Pius X:** 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, Jason Huber, James A. Kinsey, Jay Lockhart, Sarah Martindale, Devin McFadden, Ryan M. Fields, LeAnne Neal, and Kousuke Sasaki.

**St. Pius X**

**Mass Intentions  
March 28 – April 3**

Monday	6:30 pm	Confirmation Students
Tuesday	6:00 pm	John Bailey
Wednesday	8:00 am	Charles R. Fischer
Thursday	8:00 am	Bob Darst
Friday	8:00 am	Joe Cirrito
Saturday	4:30 pm	Marietta Rendon
Sunday	10:00 am	Olive Fischer

**WEEKLY DONATIONS**

Parish Hall Donation (3/20/22)	\$ 625.00
Budget for 2021/2022 Fiscal Year (July 2021-June 2022)	\$ 180,000.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 3,461.54
Weekly Donation (3/20/22)	\$ 2,511.00
Online Giving (3/20/22)	\$ 968.00
Total Week's Gift Offering 3/20	\$ 3,479.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 141,653.04

**St. Anthony of Padua**

**Mass Intentions  
March 28 – April 3**

Wednesday	9:00 am	Mae DeFontorum & Family
Friday	9:00 am	Dr. Sidney Edds
Sunday	8:00 am	Freddie Hancock

**WEEKLY DONATIONS**

Budget 2021/2022 Fiscal Year (July 2021-June 2022)	\$ 72,000.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 1,386.54
Weekly Donation (3/20/2022)	\$ 782.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 54,113.69

*Thank you so much for your faithful generosity! The Parishes and the Church's Mission depends on you!*

**Livingston County Helping Hands**



**Non perishable items needed:** paper towels, toilet paper, laundry detergent, shampoo (adult/baby), bath soap, diapers, baby wipes, feminine hygiene products, dish soap, coffee, tea, mac & cheese, sugar, flour, cereal, peanut butter, jelly, tuna, salmon, canned fruits & vegetables.

A collection container is in back of the church. Any donation is needed!



**Every Friday thru Lent**

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

Call Order 395-5747

Pick up/Carry Out Only

**St Anthony Mass Assignments – April 3, 2022**

<b>Lector</b>	Darin Adrian
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Shara Parish
<b>Prayers of the Faithful</b>	
<b>Ushers/Greeters</b>	Kelly Noonan Kevin Diamond
<b>Server</b>	Steve Wilkes
<b>Money Counters</b>	Shara Parish Kevin Diamond

**Save Aluminum Can Pull Tabs:** To help families staying at the Ronald McDonald House through their children's surgeries in the neighboring hospitals in Louisville or Nashville. We have a basket by church doors to drop in the tabs.

**Parish Council**

Roy McFadden	Chair Person
Mike Drury	Vice Chair/Building & Ground
Debbie Owens	Secretary/Family Life
Shara Parish	Finance/ Building & Ground
Kelly Noonan	
David Loxley	
Steve Wilkes	

**Registration for Youth Summer Camp Now Open**

<http://www.gasperriverretreatcenter.org/> Gasper River Catholic Youth Camp and Retreat Center welcomes youth to experience faith with other young people. Visit & See!

**Parish Council**

Pam Hurst	Chair Person
Jeff Outland	Building & Ground
Larry Krouse	Secretary
Robert Weekes	Finance
Dawn Whitt/	Spiritual Life
Catherine Broks	FFY
Gary Traylor	
Nora Canon	
Catie Weekes	

**Bereavement Committee**

Fran Dacus

*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.
- † **ANONING 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)