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5th Sunday Lent Year A John 11: 3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45



"The sisters of Lazarus sent word to Jesus, saying, 'Master, the one you love is ill.' When Jesus heard this he said, 'This illness is not to end in death, but is for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it.' Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. So when he heard that he was ill, he remained for two days in the place where he was. Then after this he said to his disciples 'Let us go back to Judea.' When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went to meet him; but Mary sat at home. Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask of God, God will give you.' Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise.' Martha said, 'I know he will rise, in the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus told her, 'I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' She said to him, 'Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world.' He became perturbed and deeply troubled, and said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Sir, come and see.' And Jesus wept. So, the Jews said, 'See how he loved him.' But some of them said, 'Could not the one who opened the eyes of the blind man have done something so that this man would not have died?' So, Jesus, perturbed again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay across it. Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the dead man's sister, said to him, 'Lord, by now there will be a stench; he has been dead for four days.' Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?' So, they took away the stone. And Jesus raised his eyes and said, 'Father, I thank you for hearing me. I know that you always hear me; but because of the crowd here I have said this, that they may believe that you sent me.' And when he had said this, He cried out in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' The dead man came out, tied hand and foot with burial bands, and his face was wrapped in a cloth. So Jesus said to them, 'Untie him and let him go.' Now many of the Jews who had come to Mary and seen what he had done began to believe in him.

Raising of Lazarus

By Mary Ann Carter

"Laz'rus come forth!" Lo! at the word he comes,
Who four days past had rotted in the tomb;
And tho' with grave clothes bound, he straightway stands
In all the vigour of life's freshest bloom!

.....
He lives, a monument of Jesus' pow'r,
Stupendous, wonderful, benign! and he
Must own its influence to his latest hour,
And let mankind, his grateful homage see.

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His Sisters round him now with rapture cling,
Anxious their heartfelt tenderness to prove;
He clasps them in his arms, and bathes with tears,
And blesses, with a brother's fondest love.

Eucharistic Renewal Meditation

"With Ars Celebrandi, in addition to technical knowledge, there has also to be inspiration, which is a positive form of possession. The true artist does not possess an art but rather is possessed by it. One does not learn the art of celebrating by frequenting a course in public speaking or in persuasive techniques of communication. (I am not judging intentions, just observing effects.) Every tool can be useful, but it must be at the service of the nature of the Liturgy and the action of the Holy Spirit. A diligent dedication to the celebration is required, allowing the celebration itself to convey to us its art. Guardini writes: 'We must understand how deeply we remain entrenched in individualism & subjectivism, how unaccustomed we have become to the demands of the 'great', and how small the parameters of our religious living are. We must regain the sense for the 'great' style of praying, the will towards the existential in prayer too. The way to achieve this, though, is through discipline, and giving up weak sentimentality; through serious work, carried out in obedience to the Church, on our religious being and acting.' This is how the art of celebrating is learned.

(Desiderio #50)

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 26

Ez 37:12-14/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45

Monday Dn 13:41c-62/Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday Nm 21:4-9/Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday Dn 3:14-20-91-92, 95/Jn 8:31-42

Thursday Gn 17:3-9/Jn 8:51-59

Friday Jer 20:10-13/Jn 10:31-42

Saturday Ez 37:21-28/Jn 11:45-56

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

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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Parish Office Hours

Tuesday -- Thursday

9:00 am-2:00 pm



Pastor's Study Desk Notes



Dear St Pius And St Anthony Churches, 5th Sunday Lent Year A

John 11: 3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

Another long reading! But today we hear several great exchanges of conversation between Jesus and others. Jesus speaks first with Martha, then offers some heart-to-heart conversation with Mary (through His tears), then addresses His Father (and the gathered crowd), and then *even greets the dead Lazarus!* Amazingly, Jesus can speak to the 'dead' and they 'listen' and respond! Since Lazarus is all wrapped up (and surely has a dry throat!), he doesn't speak back initially, but clearly he responds by rising and stepping out of tomb! I thought of Lazarus after my recent surgery. When I was awakened by the nurse's voice in the post-op room, she was letting me know where I was and asked me about the pain level. *I couldn't talk!* (I know some people may smile at that!) I was moving my arms and legs, like I was trying to get up, but I could only give a hand signal of four fingers (I know I gesture a lot!) (: It was strange trying to speak, and not being able to voice it. But, since John 11:44 says that even Lazarus' face was wrapped, he could not 'voice-answer' Jesus, either. But Lazarus definitely heard Jesus and responded, by his 'baby-steps' walking out of the tomb (keep in mind, his legs are wrapped too, so he had to shuffle out- we surely wouldn't want Lazarus to fall and knock his head on the rock unconscious again). So, just as our previous Lenten Sundays have blessed us with great sections of extended dialogue between Jesus and others, we get even more of it today. Most of the good dialogue is shared between Martha and Jesus. We already know of Martha's close relationship to Jesus, as we recall that she is not hesitant to share her heart with Jesus, like when she angrily lets loose on Jesus and Mary because she felt overwhelmed with kitchen duties (Luke 10:40-41). In strong relationships, even 'strong' feelings can be expressed safely. Good friends speak easily from one heart to the other, not afraid to mention even really sensitive, personal or strong things to each other. The deep-bond strength of the relationship can handle even difficult emotions. I love St Teresa Avila for many reasons (for one, she is the patron saint of 'headache sufferers'). But, St Teresa is also a master of prayer. She teaches that we should have straight-forward honesty and frankness in our prayer (expressing our hearts' concerns to God, even if the feeling is raw). God knows our hearts anyway, but our expression of honest sentiment testifies to the closeness within the relationship. A humorous story about St Teresa and her simple honesty with God, tells that on one of her trips visiting a neighboring convent in a rain storm, her horse suddenly halted because of a flash of lightning. She tumbled over its head, and landed in a puddle of mud, soiling her habit completely. Due to her constant prayer conversation with God, she didn't hesitate to look up to heaven and honestly say, "God, if this is how you treat your friends, no wonder you don't have many." Since prayer is our ongoing dialogue with God, St Teresa reflects her deep relationship with Him by this show of trust and confidence in knowing that He can easily handles her feelings, even her upset frustrations. She doesn't piously pose or deceptively mask her response. She humbly lays it out before Him, trusting God to sort it out with her and help her get through whatever difficulties are facing her. I find Martha doing that too, today.

First, Martha seems discouraged or disappointed when she tells Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died" (Jn 11:21). After Jesus reminds her of His teaching on re-birth and resurrection, she dismissively says, "I know he will rise, in the resurrection on the last day" (Jn 11:24). Martha suggests by this that she *hoped* Jesus could do more, now, to 'save' Lazarus. Of course, Jesus comes back at her quickly reminding her that He is the 'Resurrection and Life-Messiah'. She settles down into trusting & assured belief in Him, but Jesus has more relationships to work on as He visits next with Mary (who echoes word for word Martha's same grief over Lazarus- Jn 11:32). Amid Mary and the crowds' public tears and grieving, Jesus becomes sympathetically emotional too. John 11:33 & 38 tell us that Jesus was 'perturbed' and that He wept with them in verse 35. Again, good, deep relationships can allow for strong feeling to be expressed, and instead of ruining the relationship, such emotions lovingly expressed can strengthen the relationship. Yet, there is one more bump in the 'relationship road' to ride through for Martha and Jesus. It happens when Martha tries to hold Jesus back from opening the tomb of Lazarus (even though she had just asked Jesus to do something-anything to bring Lazarus back!). Jesus gently and patiently reminds her that He is the Resurrection, and so to step back herself and trust His miracle to roll out as planned. And of course, Lazarus is called out of the tomb as he is raised back to Life. Jesus will add some additional words addressed to the Father in prayer and to the gathered crowds before the scene ends. Jesus always wishes to engage everyone (including us!) Yet, I love the wonderful give-and-take, the back-and-forth between Jesus and Martha. I find it to be a great example of genuine prayer and how all true relationships are filled with trust and acceptance of the other person. Such strong relationships can absorb and process even strong emotions/feelings to make the bond shared between persons, even more lasting. It always does with Jesus, and our genuine, honest prayer talk with Him makes it so! Peace, Fr Brian

Faith Formation Calendar for Youth FFY 2022-2023

Wednesday March 29	5:45 - 7:30	FFY : Meal, Stations of the Cross, Class	Parish Hall
Wednesday April 5		SPRING BREAK	No FFY
Sunday April 9		EASTER SUNDAY	No FFY
Wednesday April 12	5:45 - 7:30	FFY : Meal and Class	Parish Hall
Sunday April 16	11:00am	First Communion Class/Practice	Hall/Church
Wednesday April 19	5:45 - 7:30	FFY: Meal and Class	Parish Hall

MARCH 26, 2023 + 5TH 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
White Beans & Cole Slaw

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

Holy Week Schedule

<u>Chrism Mass Tuesday</u>	April 4	Owensboro Sportscenter 6:30 pm
<u>Holy Wednesday</u>	April 5	St Pius 8:00 am St Anthony 9:00 am
<u>Holy Thursday</u>	April 6	St Anthony 5:30 pm St Pius 7:00 pm
<u>Good Friday</u>	April 7	St Anthony 5:30 pm
Friday Stations- St Pius 2:00 pm	Evening Service	St Pius 7:00 pm
<u>Easter Saturday Vigil</u>	April 8	St Pius 8:00 pm
<u>Easter Sunday</u>	April 9	St Anthony 8:00 am St Pius 10:00 am

Birthdays & Anniversaries: Mar 26 – Apr 1

Happy Birthday! St. Pius X

March 27	Aiden Blazina
March 27	Paula Humphreys
March 27	Dorothy Schmidt
March 30	Helen Bennett
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. Pius X

March 26 Thomas & Nancy Forsythe

St. Anthony of Padua

March 29 Dan & Gail Dailey

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.

St Pius X Mass Assignments: Saturday, April 1, 2022

Servers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers / Greeters	Money Counters
Volunteer	Volunteer	Charlotte Riedfort (1) Jeff Riedfort (2) Kurt Schmidt (3)	Volunteer (Usher) Volunteer (Usher) Volunteer (Greeter) Volunteer (Greeter)	

Mass Assignments: Sunday, April 2, 2023

	Phillip Scheiber Pam Hurst(Narrator) MikeBowling(Voice)	Jimmy Harbison (1) Marcus Newman (2) Teresa Newman (3)	Philip Scheidegger Volunteer (Usher) Volunteer (Greeter)	Andy Ferm Sherry Ferm
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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, 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, Ashley Hayden.

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 27 – April 2**

Tuesday	6:00 pm	John Bardsley
Wednesday	8:00 am	Benedict Lazatin
Thursday	8:00 am	Elizabeth Solis
Friday	8:00 am	PJ/Martha Rose O'Donoghue
Saturday	4:30 pm	Bernie & Pat Fendler
Sunday	10:00 am	DeeDee Whittaker

WEEKLY DONATIONS

Parish Hall Donation (3/19/23)	\$ 227.00
Budget for 2022/2023 Fiscal Year (July 2022-June 2023)	\$ 190,000.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 3,653.58
Weekly Donation (3/19/23)	\$ 1,945.00
Online Giving (3/19/23)	\$ 1,638.00
Total Week's Gift Offering 3/19	\$ 3,583.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 168,899.27



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. Francis de Sales, Paducah, is having their annual Quilt Display Luncheon Thursday, April 27 and Friday, April 28 from 10:30 am – 1:30 pm. Come enjoy a delicious meal, browse our Quilt display. Take a chance to win a beautiful hand-made quilt!

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 Anspaugh (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
March 27 – April 2**

Wednesday	9:00 am	David Mudd
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 3/19/2023)	\$ 1,050.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 58,057.59

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 – April 2, 2022

Lector	Wayne Bradshaw
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 @ 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