

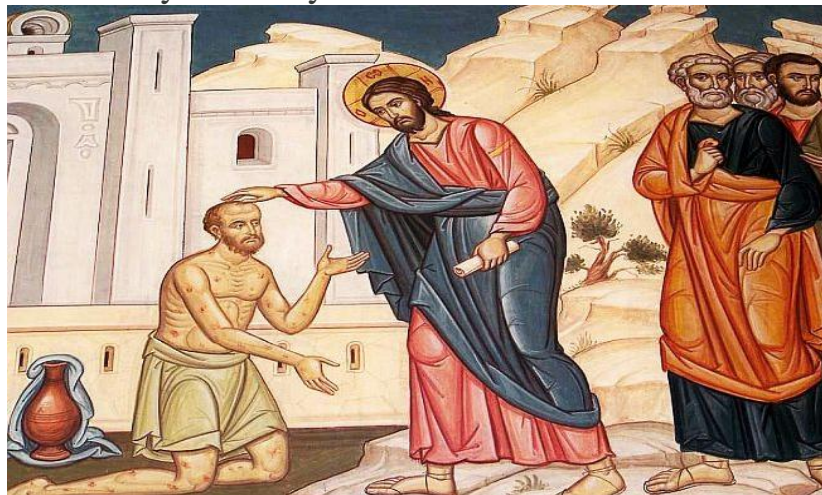


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6th Sunday Ordinary Year B Mark 1:40-45



"A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down begged him and said, "If you wish, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, "I do will it. Be made clean." The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean. Then, warning him sternly, he dismissed him at once. He said to him, "See that you tell no one anything, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses prescribed; that will be proof for them." The man went away and began to publicize the whole matter. He spread the report abroad so that it was impossible for Jesus to enter a town openly. He remained outside in deserted places, and people kept coming to him from everywhere."

From 'Praying'

By Mary Oliver

It doesn't have to be
the blue iris, it could be
weeds in a vacant lot, or a few
small stones; just
pay attention, then patch
a few words together and don't try
to make them elaborate, this isn't
a contest but the doorway
into thanks, and a silence in which
another voice may speak.

Spiritual Thought for the Week

"Through the desert, God leads us to freedom. We realize how true this is at those moments when we feel hopeless, wandering through life like a desert and lacking a promised land as our destination. Lent is the season of grace in which the desert becomes once more —as the prophet Hosea said,— the place of our first love. The desert is the place where our freedom matures in a personal decision not to fall back into slavery. We find new criteria of justice and a community with which we can press forward on a road not yet taken,

Ash Wednesday Schedule

St Pius 8:00 am, 12:00 Noon & 6:00 pm
St Anthony 9:00 am

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 February 11, 2024

Lv 13:1,44-46/1 Cor 10:31-11:1/Mk 1:40-45

Monday Jas 1:1-11/Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday Jas 1:12-18/Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6

Thursday Dt 30:15-20/Lk 9:22-25

Friday Is 58:1-9a/Mt 9:14-15

Saturday Is 58:9b-14/Lk 5:27-32

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

Sunday- 8:00 am

† Daily Masses

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 Anthony & St Pius Families,

6th Sunday Ordinary Time

Year B

Mark 1:40-45

He takes our place! Prisoner 16770 in Auschwitz, stepped up to the guard and said, "Let me take his place. I am old. He has a wife and children." The guard had just selected ten prisoners to be killed as vindictive punishment for only one escapee who successfully slipped through the camp's fence (isn't such disproportionate cruelty typical of evil?) This substitute was the martyr priest Fr Maximilian Kolbe, taking the place of Franciszek Gajowniczek. Fr Kolbe followed the example of Jesus, who takes our place on the cross, dying that we may live! Jesus does that! What we have coming to us, Jesus steps in and absorbs Himself that we may be spared!

Do you see such a substitution in this story of Jesus and the healed leper? Jesus takes on the suffering and isolation of the leper after He the leper. Jesus trades places with him! Recall that the law for lepers indicated that they had to live in quarantine apart from society. Leviticus 13:46 commanded that "Being unclean, the leper shall dwell apart, taking up residence outside the camp" Jesus has compassion for the leper and so He lovingly interacts with him and heals him (Mark 1:41 says Jesus "he stretched out his hand, **touched him**"). Whether Jesus was officially sanctioned or not because of this 'unclean' touch or just because of popularity, Jesus does receive an 'isolating quarantine' of sorts. Mark 1:45 says, "that afterward it was impossible for Jesus to enter a town openly. **He remained outside in deserted places....**" So, Jesus took the role and place of the isolated leper! We see this work of 'substitution' in several ways throughout Jesus' ministry. Consider His resurrection of Lazarus: **Jesus raises Lazarus to life again**, and the result of such a miracle is that the **Sanhedrin began to plot to have Jesus killed**. Right after Lazarus' resurrection, John 11:47, 53 tells us that, "the chief priests and the Pharisees convened the Sanhedrin and said, "What are we going to do? This man is performing many signs.....So from that day on they planned to kill him." Lazarus dead comes to life again, and Jesus is condemned to die because of it. Very clearly later on, Jesus physically takes the death row place of Barabbas, which subsequently sets Barabbas free. In Matthew 27:21, we read that "Pilate the governor said to them in reply, "Which of the two do you want me to release to you?" They answered, "Barabbas!" So, Jesus takes Barabbas' place on death row, setting him free.

Another example of Jesus substituting himself for a victim, to set the other person free can be seen in his exorcism of demons. Jesus calms the tormented spirits and life of those who are demon-possessed, and it brings all kinds of chaotic controversy on to Him. Tormentors pursue Jesus with controversy after he heals the 'demon-possessed'. For example, Jesus is constantly harassed by Pharisees & Scribes after he drives out demons. It brings the personal attacks to His own door. For example, in Matthew 9:34, we hear that "the Pharisees said of him, "He drives out demons **by the prince of demons.**" Matt 12:24 repeats the same trolling charge and persecuting accusation against Jesus - that He is a demon Himself. The Pharisees stalk Jesus, like demons themselves, with such slandering taunts.

But Jesus does step in to save us, time and time again, taking our place of punishment to set us free of it. St Paul has a litany of such 'replacement' roles that Jesus accomplishes for us. In 2 Corinthians 8:9, Paul writes that "for your sake he became poor although he was rich, so that by his poverty you might become rich." In 2 Corinthians 5:21, Paul states that, "For our sake he made him to be sin who did not know sin, so that we might become the righteousness of God in him." And in 1 Corinthians 1:27-28, Paul explains this substitution and reversal methodology of God being demonstrated by how Jesus takes our place when he says "God chose the foolish of the world to shame the wise, and God chose the weak of the world to shame the strong, choosing the lowly and despised of the world.....to reduce to nothing those who are something." Jesus, God, lowers Himself to us, so that we can be lifted up to Him. Or similarly Romans 5:8 says it simply, "God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us." All of these scripture quotes amount to what we hear in today's gospel, that Jesus 'was moved with pity' (Mark 1:41). To have pity, is to feel compassion (to suffer with/for) for another person, and Jesus feels for all of us. That is Divine Mercy. What we have coming to us, Jesus takes up, He takes it on Himself for us and saves us from it!

Peace, Fr Brian

St Pius X Parish Council Meeting Thurs @ 5:30 pm

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|-----------------|-----|-------------------------|
| Gary Traylor | (3) | Chair Person |
| Nora Canon | (3) | Secretary & Finance |
| Paula Humphreys | (3) | Spiritual Life |
| Stacey Newby | (3) | FFY & Religious Ed |
| Debbie Anspach | (3) | Social Program/Outreach |
| Michael Bowling | (3) | Building & Ground |

Early Church Fathers Study & Discussion

Every Tuesday Night from 6:30-7:30pm Come study some of these foundational documents written by the students of apostles. After Scripture, these are our earliest sources of Faith!

FEBRUARY 11, 2024 + 6TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME YEAR B

St Pius X Mass Intentions February 12 – February 18

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| Tuesday | 6:00 pm | <i>Larry & Mary Knox</i> |
| Ash Wed | 8:00 am | <i>All Souls in Purgatory</i> |
| Ash Wed | NOON | <i>Helen Krivan</i> |
| Ash Wed | 6:00 pm | <i>Anthony Ribaud Return to Health</i> |
| Thursday | 8:00 am | <i>Shirley Henderson</i> |
| Friday | 8:00 am | <i>Dr Sidney Edds</i> |
| Saturday | 4:30 pm | <i>Bob Zilligen</i> |
| Sunday | 10:00 am | <i>Sally Anne Klohr</i> |

WEEKLY DONATIONS

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| Parish Hall Donation (2/4/24) | \$ 302.00 |
| Budget for 2022/2023 Fiscal Year | \$ 195,000.00 |
| Donation Need Each Week | \$ 3,750.00 |
| Weekly Donation (2/4/24) | \$ 2,658.10 |
| Online Giving (2/4/24) | \$ 1,451.00 |
| Fiscal Year to Date | \$ 141,144.80 |

Acts 2:42 Group: Session #5 is **Sunday March 3, at St Pius at 1:30 pm. All are Invited!**



ACTS 2:42 GROUPS
LIVING THE EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

Note from Marcella's Kitchen - Thank You St Pius

Another WOW year, so much happened at Marcella's Kitchen in 2023. Thank you so much for your continued support and volunteering. We served over 72, 269 meals this year, a 40.5% increase from 2022. We began several years ago delivering 50 meals to homes, also, and now are up to 220 meals daily delivered in addition to the lunch served in house. We can always use more volunteers! Or drop off an food donations from 11:00 am- 1:00 pm daily. Or, mail a donation in to:

Marcella's Kitchen P.O. Box 272 Benton, KY 42025

Knights Columbus Fish Frys Begin Friday Feb 16

Serving 4:00-7:00 pm. Eat in, or carry out! Come enjoy fish, potato, slaw, beans & hush puppies! Great dinner & social!

Coffee & Doughnuts after Mass at St Pius

TODAY After the 10 am Mass **February 11**

After the 10 am Mass **March 10**

Birthdays & Anniversaries: Feb 11 – Feb 17

Happy Birthday! St. Pius X

February 14 Clem Hinkebein

February 14 Jerolyn Vickers

February 16 Gavin Devine

Happy Anniversary! St. Pius X

February 13 Joel & Lora Rivera

February 14 Caleb & Kelli King

St Pius X Mass Assignments: Saturday, February 17, 2024

| Servers | Lectors | Eucharistic Ministers | Ushers / Greeters | Money Counters |
|-----------|------------|--|--|----------------|
| Volunteer | Dawn Whitt | Paula Schmidt Charlotte Riedfort Volunteer | Volunteer (Usher) Volunteer (Usher) Volunteer (Greeter) Volunteer (Greeter) | |

Mass Assignments: Sunday, February 18, 2024

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| Dominic Schiaretta Franky Schiaretta | Marty Darst | Marcus Newman Teresa Newman Kelli King | Philip Scheidegger Usher Volunteer Usher Volunteer | Jan Waniel Jean Waniel |
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FFY Schedule of Classes and Events

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| ASH Wednesday | February 14 | 6:00 pm | Ash Wednesday Mass | Church |
| Wednesday | February 21 | 6:00 – 7:30 | Meal, Stations of Cross, Class | Hall & Church |
| Wednesday | February 28 | 6:00 - 7:30 | Meal, Stations of Cross, Class | Hall & Church |
| Wednesday | March 6 | 6:00 – 7:30 | Meal, Stations of Cross, Class | Hall & Church |
| Wednesday | March 13 | 6:00 - 7:30 | Meal, Stations of Cross, Class | Hall & Church |

Remember in Prayer

St. Pius X: Sara Repovich, Kaye Hinkebein, Amanda Scheidegger, Olga Edwards, Diane Fischer Russell Tomlinson, Joanne Schmidt Paula Willett, Kent & Kim Henry, Linda Womer, Leah Vincek, Rick Wilson, Richard Warmowski, Wade Barnes, Ashley Hayden, Donna Barrix, David Crass, Beth Strutzell, Jason Long, Helen Nicholson, Larry Kline, Bonita Walker, Joe Hedges, Jerry Wade, Katie Wood, Joanna Grimes, Amanda Bailey, Kaileigh Row, Dolly Bardsley, Pam Laibl, David Kroll, Henry Feezor, Lisa Hammond, 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, Jack Bender, Don Kemp, Sharon Olejnicak, Tim Wilson, Beverly Dukes, Judy Krouse, Kerry Frazier, Rene Harrington, Forrest Michael Teeters, Cameron Brewer, 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 Page Announcements

Coffee/Doughnuts First Sunday Every Month

Valentine's Dinner for Widows/Widowers

Sponsored by Filbeck-Cann/Milner Orr Funeral Home, Benton. RSVP 270-527-3281 Free Dinner Mon Feb 12 at Life Celebration Ctr 1003 Poplar Street

Donations Needed: SEW-ON Velcro for Diaper Project for Orphaned Children in the Philippines. Only SEW-ON Velcro can be used – NO Adhesive Velcro. Contact Georgia Hunsley (St Anthony Church) at 402-920-0108 for more info. Baskets by church doors to collect the velcro.

Look Forward to Special March Lunch Bunch

Jewish Food Theme with Highlights & Pictures from **Wendy Elrod** after **Trip to Holy Land**. Fr Brian will offer scriptural significance and background, too.

All-Day Adoration on 1st Friday

St Anthony Parish has an all day Eucharistic Adoration every 1st Friday. All are welcome to spend time in prayer in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Prayer Partners are requested for each hour during Adoration. Please register your time on the schedule or call Judy Forsythe - 612-245-3636

First Friday Sacred Heart Devotion: After Friday 9:00 am mass, we hold a Holy Hour of Adoration, with confession available, followed by Benediction.

First Saturdays Honor the Blessed Mother: Be sure to come to First Saturday Mass on March 2 @ 8:00am. Every first Saturday we offer mass and pray the rosary



St Anthony Birthdays Feb 11 – Feb 17

February 12 Robert Tashjian

February 17 Barbara Diamond

Anniversaries:

No anniversaries this week

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 of Padua

Mass Intentions

February 12 – February 18

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|----------------|----------------|---------------------------------------|
| Ash Wed | 9:00 am | <i>All Souls in Purgatory</i> |
| Friday | 9:00 am | <i>Dan & Cindy O'Brien Family</i> |
| Sunday | 8:00 am | <i>Taylor Johansen</i> |

WEEKLY DONATIONS

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|---|---------------------|
| Budget 2022/2023 Fiscal Year (July 2023-June 2024) | \$ 73,500.00 |
| Donation Need Each Week | \$ 1,413.46 |
| Weekly Donation 2/4/2024 | \$ 986.00 |
| Fiscal Year to Date | \$ 60,858.63 |

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

Seeking New Piano Yamaha Clavinova

Please see the brochures and Info on the new musical instrument fund we are starting to try to defray the cost of such an upgrade to the piano/organ sounds accompanying our masses & liturgies. Please see Ashley or Pam Thurman for more information

Livingston County Helping Hands



St Anthony Mass Assignments – February 18, 2024

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| Lector | Wayne Bradshaw |
| Eucharistic Ministers | Mike Drury Shara Parish |
| Ushers/Greeters | David Loxley Kelly Noonan |
| Server | Steve Wilkes |
| Money Counters | Shara Parish Kevin Diamond |

**CONSIDER ATTENDING DAILY MASS
OR WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY**

St Anthony Prayer List: Jeff Ritorto, Cathy Ritorto, Betty 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.

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

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|--------------|------------------------------|
| 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 April 17 Wed @ 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