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5th Sunday Ordinary Year B Mark 1:29-39



“On leaving the synagogue Jesus entered the house of Simon and Andrew with James and John. Simon's mother-in-law lay sick with a fever. They immediately told him about her. He approached, grasped her hand, and helped her up. Then the fever left her and she waited on them. When it was evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were ill or possessed by demons. The whole town was gathered at the door. He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons, not permitting them to speak because they knew him. Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed. Simon and those who were with him pursued him and on finding him said, "Everyone is looking for you." He told them, "Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come." So he went into their synagogues, preaching and driving out demons throughout the whole of Galilee.

From ‘The Touch that Heals’

By Author Unknown

He touched her hand, and the fever left her.”
Oh blessed touch of the Man Divine!
So beautiful then to rise and serve Him
When the fever is gone from your life and mine.

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Whatever the fever, His touch can heal it;
Whatever the tempest, His voice can still;
There is only joy as we seek His pleasure;
There is only a rest as we seek His will –
And some day after life’s fitful fever,
I think we shall say in the home on high:
“If the hands that He touched but did His bidding
How little it matters what else went by!”

Ah, Lord Jesus! Thou knowest us altogether,
Each heart’s sore sickness, whatever it be.
Touch Thou our hands! Let the fever leave us –
And so shall we minister unto Thee!

Spiritual Thought for the Week

“In times of dryness in prayer, or of practicing virtue, I seek little opportunities, even mere trifles, to give pleasure to Jesus; for instance a smile, a pleasant word...if I find no opportunities, I at least tell Him again and again that I love Him....” *St Therese Little Flower*

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 4, 2024
Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/1 Cor 9:16-23/Mk 1:29-39
Monday 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday 1 Kgs 10:1-10/Mk 7:14-23
Thursday 1 Kgs 11:4-13/Mk 7:24-30
Friday 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Mk 7:31-37
Saturday 1 Kgs 12:26-13:33-34/Mk 8:1-10

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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Pastor's Study Desk Notes



Dear St Anthony & St Pius Families, 5th Sunday Ordinary Time Year B Mark 1:29-39

Why isn't my prayer being answered? Haven't we all asked that before? Maybe we feel like, "I'm praying and praying, and it doesn't seem like anything is happening". I wonder if Simon's mother-in-law was asking that, while she lay in bed sick. We don't get a sense of how long she was laid up sick, while Jesus and the apostles were out conducting ministry teaching, healing and serving the crowds. But we do hear of a definite time lag when it comes to the healing/resurrection of Lazarus in John 11. In Lazarus' case, we read that, from the time of Jesus' hearing about Lazarus' sickness until Jesus actually arrives at the scene to raise him, a couple days pass by. John 11:6 says, "when Jesus heard that he (Lazarus) was ill, Jesus remained for two days in the place where he was." Such a delay does not go unnoticed by both Mary and Martha. They remark to Jesus with a questioning tone as to the timing of Jesus' action when they both say to Him, "*Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died*" (John 11:21, 32). Such a question in prayer to God may be as old as David's lament in Psalm 13:2, "*How long, O, Lord?*" So we may feel that way about our prayer requests. But I suggest that it may help us to consider ***that in fact God is actively working on our prayer***, just not according to our exact timetable. God's plan is always bigger than us, greater than any one of us. God is working on all fronts, at all times. As Romans 8:28 says, "We know that all things work for good for those who love God". Think of what St Paul is saying right there, as not just that God is at work with everything, but that ***God is also working ALL things together simultaneously***. God always brings together multiple prayers and can answer them with and through each other. Think of it as what might be accomplished by God's working, when suddenly I am given a huge country ham by a friend, and that very moment I learn that I have out of town company coming over. My friend's concern over not letting precious meat go to waste and so sharing it, that takes care of my concern about how to feed the surprise hungry mouths showing up at my door! ***God bundles prayers (works all things together for His glory)!***

God can answer multiple prayers by the lining up of solutions from different requests coming in from all over. My prayer is not the only one. Maybe like me stopping at the grocery on my way to visit a friend in need. It takes a few more minutes, but the delay results in a special treat being given the friend when I do get there. I think Jesus says as much when He does finally raise Lazarus from the dead. In John 11:41-42, Jesus explains that Lazarus' resurrection is not only for Lazarus' good, but for the strengthening of faith or the invitation to unbelievers that they may begin believing in Him. Jesus' delay caused more people to accumulate at the scene, all of them mourning, around Mary & Martha. Jesus indicates this greater purpose to reach more people, when He says out loud, "*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.*" So Jesus could have raised Lazarus sooner, or healed Him before his death, but since Jesus' plan was greater than any one person, He ends up accomplishing so much more and much greater good through the delay. It is about more than just Lazarus being helped; Jesus wants the crowd to come to belief, too. But Mary and Martha have to become more patient about their prayer requests. Notice how by Jesus coming to Simon's home AFTER the long day teaching in synagogue (which delayed Mother-in-law's healing), that it brought so many more people to the door of Simon's home for just such healing graces from Jesus. Mark 1: 32-33 tells us that "When it was evening, *they brought to Jesus all who were ill or possessed by demons. The whole town was gathered at the door.*" How many more people came to Jesus, even though Simon's mother-in-law had to bear her illness a little longer than she may have preferred? Yet, it is all for the greater glory of God!

So, when we feel our prayers are not being answered, maybe we can think twice and consider that God is accomplishing more than we can imagine. Our prayers are being bundled with others to bring about a greater resolution than simply our own's answered. And don't we love Simon's mother-in-law's response? She began to serve and be a hostess to Jesus and the apostles after being touched by Jesus. Isn't that such a blessed reaction to realizing how good God has been to us? When we receive grace, don't we naturally turn to others to share the grace we have received? When we consider what God has done for us, we can't help but share it with others! We give, as it has been given to us!

Peace, Fr Brian

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

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 4, 2024 + 5TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME YEAR B

St Pius X Mass Intentions February 5 – February 11		
Tuesday	6:00 pm	Sally Anne Klohr
Wednesday	8:00 am	John & Sue Mudd
Thursday	8:00 am	Earl Henderson
Friday	8:00 am	James Hobbs
Saturday	4:30 pm	Bob Mattingly
Sunday	10:00 am	Linda Tillet
WEEKLY DONATIONS		
Parish Hall Donation (1/28/24)	\$	1,320.00
Budget for 2022/2023 Fiscal Year (July 2023-June 2024)	\$	195,000.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$	3,750.00
Weekly Donation (1/28/24)	\$	3,577.00
Online Giving (1/28/24)	\$	1,001.00
Total Week's Gift Offering 1/28	\$	4,578.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$	137,035.70

Valentine's Church Dinner: Saturday Night February 10
 2nd Annual Valentine's Dinner, 5:30 pm Cost is \$20/couple.
 Please see Debbie Anspach for tickets, or after mass for sale
Coffee & Doughnuts after Mass at St Pius
 After the 10 am Mass **February 11**
 After the 10 am Mass **March 10**

St Vincent DePaul Society at St Pius Church Report
 Quarterly Report (Oct-Dec 2023)
 SVDP Donations Received \$1,042.00
 SVDP Charity Help Given Out \$2,553.29
Nearly 60 people were helped with Food, Utility Assistance and Temporary Housing in last quarter.
 Many thanks for past contributions. However, we are currently running short of funds for helping.

Acts 2:42 Group: Session #5 is **Feb. 4, at St Pius at 1:30pm** hosted by Mandy Gentry & Paula Schmidt.

Birthdays & Anniversaries: Feb 4 – Feb 10

Happy Birthday! St. Pius X

- February 02 Phil Scheiber
- February 06 Scott Coleman
- February 07 Elaine Hogancamp
- February 07 Patti Langford
- February 07 Charlotte Riedfort
- February 08 Mindy Fatum
- February 08 Amanda Scheidegger
- February 09 Pam Hurst

Happy Anniversary! St. Pius X

- February 05 Mark & Cynthia Devine

St Pius X Mass Assignments: Saturday, February 10, 2024				
Servers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers / Greeters	Money Counters
Volunteer	Liz Medley	Volunteer Suzzette Whittington Jeff Riedfort	Volunteer (Usher) Volunteer (Usher) Volunteer (Greeter) Volunteer (Greeter)	
Mass Assignments: Sunday, February 11, 2024				
Kason Peterson Brayden Willett	Pam Hurst	Caleb King Patty Langford Jimmy Harbison	Philip Scheidegger Usher Volunteer Usher Volunteer	Rich Derry Nancy Singleton

FFY Schedule of Classes and Events

Wednesday	February 7	6:00 - 7:30	Meal and Class	Parish Hall
Sunday	February 11	11:00 – 12:00	First Communion Class	Parish Hall
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

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 Strutzel, 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 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, 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

Quilters group at St Anthony Every Tuesday
Contact Georgia Bradshaw for details. Quilters gather and work on their community quilt together.

Needed Donations: SEW ON VELCRO (any size) needed for a Diaper Project for Children in an orphanage in the Philippines. Contact Georgia Hunsley (St Anthony Church) at 402-920-0108 for more info. Baskets by church doors to collect the velcro.

No lunch Bunch in February

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 March 1

St Anthony will begin all day Eucharistic Adoration. Plan to come some time through the day to pray in presence of the Blessed Sacrament. A schedule is being put together for people to sign up for particular hours. Please call Judy Forsythe - 612-245-3636

Especially Need More Volunteers for open hours

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 4 – Feb 10

February 04 Georgia Bradshaw
February 04 Cindy O'Brien
February 10 Margie Sheppard

Anniversaries:

February 10 Todd & Shannon Lucas

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 5 – February 11

Wednesday	9:00 am	<i>Joan Harrison</i>
Friday	9:00 am	<i>Dr Sidney Edds</i>
Sunday	8:00 am	<i>David Reed</i>

WEEKLY DONATIONS

Budget 2022/2023 Fiscal Year (July 2023-June 2024)	\$ 73,500.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 1,413.46
Weekly Donation 1/28/2024	\$ 1,686.98
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 59,872.63

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 11, 2024

Lector	Shara Parish
Eucharistic Ministers	Mike Drury Steve Wilkes
Ushers/Greeters	David Loxley Kelly Noonan
Server	Juan Gonzalez
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

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