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3rd Sunday Lent Year B John 2:13-25



"Since the Passover of the Jews was near, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. He found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money changers seated there. He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area, with the sheep and oxen, and spilled the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables, and to those who sold doves he said, "Take these out of here, and stop making my Father's house a marketplace." His disciples recalled the words of Scripture, "Zeal for your house will consume me." At this the Jews answered and said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered and said to them, "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and you will raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking about the temple of his body. Therefore, when he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they came to believe the Scripture and the word Jesus had spoken. While he was in Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, many began to believe in his name when they saw the signs he was doing. But Jesus would not trust himself to them because he knew them all, and did not need anyone to testify about human nature. He himself understood it well."

**'THE MAN FROM THE DESERT: ON THE
MONEY-CHANGERS from Jesus, Son of man**
By Kahlil Gibran

And as I stood there came of a sudden a man into the midst of the money-changers and those who sold doves. He was a man of majesty, and He came swiftly. In His hand He held a rope and He began to overturn the tables of the money-changers and to beat the peddlers of birds with the rope. And I heard Him saying with a loud voice, "Render these birds unto the sky which is their nest." Men and women fled from before His face.....And I walked towards him and said, "Sir, who is this man who stands alone, even like another temple?" And he answered me, "This is Jesus of Nazareth, a prophet who has appeared of late in Galilee. Here in Jerusalem all men hate Him." And I said, "My heart was strong enough to be with His whip, and yielding enough to be at His feet."

Spiritual Thought for the Week

Prayer is the light of the soul, giving us true knowledge of God. It is a link mediating between God and man. By prayer the soul is borne up to heaven and in a marvelous way embraces the Lord. This meeting is like that of an infant crying on its mother, and seeking the best of milk. The soul longs for its own needs and what it receives is better than anything to be seen in the world.
(St John Chrysostom Homily # 6 on Prayer)

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

Visit our Website www.stpiusx.us

Daily Scripture Readings

Sunday March 3, 2024
Ex 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25
Monday 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday Dn 3:25, 34-43/Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday Dt 4:1, 5-9/Mt 5:17-19
Thursday Jer 7:23-28/Lk 11:14-23
Friday Hos 14:2-10/Mk 12:28-34
Saturday Hos 6:1-6/Lk 18:9-14

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,

3rd Sunday Lent Year B

John 2:13-25

Clean this up, and clear that out! Like a construction site foreman making a spot-inspection, Jesus appears at the Temple and immediately begins to de-clutter and straighten up the scene where so many devout Jews came to offer prayer and worship God. He scatters and sends away the collections of animals and disperses the money-changers from the sanctuary. It is not because Jesus has anything against animals (I like to make the case that he has a place in His heart for the proper care of animals, as he is known to ride a donkey (Luke 19:28-40-ride into Jerusalem on donkey & Luke 2:7-born in manger Himself) Jesus talked about God's care of even sparrows-Matt 10:29, and most of all He was identified Himself as the 'Lamb' (John 1:29,36). So, the problem is not that animals dirty up the sanctuary area with their droppings. It is not even that the moneychangers inevitably bring lots of noise and commotion with them as they conduct their transactions (think of open-trading flea markets, or the yelling and bells of the Stock Market). No, what offends Jesus most about the commercialization of the Temple is that it exploits the poor and makes religiously required devotions a moneymaker for a few at the expense of many. Recall that it was just back on the Feast of the Presentation (Feb 2) that we heard the gospel of Mary & Joseph going to the Temple and making the required sacrifice offering of 'pair of turtle doves' (Luke 2:22-24 fulfilling Law of Leviticus 12:6). Here is a summary breakdown of how this economic machine exploited especially the poor and those who lived out away from the Temple. Say that I am farmer or fishermen living way up north in Galilee from the Temple. Since the offered animals had to be pure/unblemished (the good stuff-Leviticus 22:20), it was very risky to try and bring an animal you're your home all the way to Temple, since it could get sick or injured on the way. So, you bought one closer along the way to the Temple. But you can see where the exploitation enters into this transaction, because as you came closer to the Temple, the price of the animal kept going up (kind of like the price of gas increasing on the signs, the closer you get to the Interstate!) Yes, we call that price gouging! People paid a premium at the Temple Door for animals. Also, be assured that the moneychangers who provided currency exchange funds (coins with no idolatrous images on it because the Temple did not accept money with vainglorious human images like Caesar on it), that they charged a handsome 'fee' to help you make a proper gift at the Temple (like ATM's in the casino lobby!) So, Jesus' righteous indignation is over the Temple being hijacked for the commercial gain of merchants, and the robbing of the lay folk who simply wanted to obey religiously required customs at the Temple. Prayers to God should be multiplying at the Temple, not profits to the priests/elders. So, Jesus clears the money interests out of the sanctuary and proclaims the Temple to be the 'Father's House': a home welcoming to everyone, regardless of status or wealth and a place where the 'purity' of prayer be emphasized, not the purity of an animal's grade or the purity of gold evaluated. Prayer and Worship of God is the only 'business' of the Temple. All of God's children should be at home in the Temple, expressing from the hearts, their own prayers of praise and gratitude. In our prayer, the purity of our hearts should be the focus (not the purity of some animal's flesh).

Of course, Jesus' actions upset a lot of apple carts of the most powerful interests in Jerusalem. Many bible scholars, think that this prophetic act in the Temple, is the most politically explosive one that he performs and the one that sets in motion the plots to kill Him. I think Jesus knows full well the schemes against Him resulting from this public statement of His, and that is why He goes on to prophetically indicate His own death. In John 2:19, Jesus says, "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up." Of course, the crowd mistakes His comment as some kind of dare/challenge to replace the physical structure of the Temple in some whirlwind building campaign. But Jesus knows that He intends to transfer the 'Eternal Presence of God' from any one limiting physical site on earth to Himself Present anywhere in Spirit all over the World. Post-Resurrection/Ascension, Jesus will become the New Temple-the Presence of God on earth! Jesus says in Matthew 12:6, "I say to you, something greater than the temple is here." And He will tell the woman at the well in John 4:21 & 23, "Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem..... when true worshipers will worship the Father in Spirit and truth." Jesus is the New Temple, and Jesus embodies pure prayer by His words and works. When we enter into His life (Baptism & Eucharist are beautifully demonstrated in all of John's 2nd chapter), we enter into that Eternal Temple-Presence of God!

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!

MARCH 3, 2024 † 3RD SUNDAY LENT YEAR B

St Pius X Mass Intentions March 4 – March 10		
Tuesday	6:00 pm	James Hobbs
Wednesday	8:00 am	Daniel & Nancy Mudd Family
Thursday	8:00 am	Paul & Christamae Reichert
Friday	8:00 am	Bob Mattingly
Saturday	4:30 pm	Bob Zilligen
Sunday	10:00 am	Larry & Mary Knox
WEEKLY DONATIONS		
Parish Hall Donation (2/25/24)	\$	163.20
Budget for 2022/2023 Fiscal Year (July 2023-June 2024)	\$	195,000.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$	3,750.00
Weekly Donation (2/25/24)	\$	1,765.65
Online Giving (2/25/24)	\$	1,126.00
Total Week's Gift Offering 2/25	\$	2,891.65
Fiscal Year to Date	\$	151,841.00

Acts 2:42 Group: Session #5 is **Sunday March 3, at St Anthony at 1:30 pm** with group leaders Ashley & Pam Thurman. All are invited!



Special Lenten Prayer/Programs/Study Groups
Apostolic Church Fathers Tues 6:30 pm @ St Pius
Lectio Divina Group Wed 10:00am @St Anthony

Stations of Cross Prayers

St Anthony Fridays 9:30 am
St Pius Wednesdays 6:30 pm

Silent Adoration of Blessed Sacrament

First Friday 9:00am-9:00pm St Anthony
Every Thursday 8:30-9:30 am St Pius

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!

Call in an order for pick-up at 270-395-5747

Coffee & Doughnuts after Mass at St Pius

After the 10 am Mass **March 10**

Birthdays & Anniversaries: Mar 3– Mar 9

Happy Birthday! St. Pius X

March 3 Cheryl Hebner
March 3 Joel Rivera
March 3 Diane Witowski

Happy Anniversary! St. Pius X

No anniversaries this week

St Pius X Mass Assignments: Saturday, March 9, 2024

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

Mass Assignments: Sunday, March 10, 2024

Franky Schiaretti Dominic Schiaretti	Dawn Whitt	Marcus Newman Teresa Newman Pam Hurst	Philip Scheidegger Usher Volunteer Usher Volunteer	Andy Ferm Sherry Ferm
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FFY Schedule of Classes and Events

Wednesday	March 6	6:00 – 7:30	Meal & Class	Hall & Church
Wednesday	March 13	6:00 - 7:30	Meal, Stations Cross 7/8 Grd Lead, Class	Hall & Church
Wednesday	March 20	6:00 – 7:30	Meal & Class	Hall & Church
Wednesday	March 27	6:00 – 7:30	Meal, Stations of Cross, Class	Hall & Church
Wednesday	April 3	Spring Break	Spring Break – No classes	Spring Break Off

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.

Congratulations Cindy O'Brien Quilt Winner!

Needed Donations: *SEW ON Velcro* (any size) for Diaper Project for Orphaned Children in the Philippines. Only SEW-ON Velcro can be used – Please 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 March 1

St Anthony Parish has an all day Eucharistic Adoration every 1st Friday from 9:00am – 9:00pm All are welcome to spend time in prayer in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Confession available at 9:30am. Prayer Partners are requested for each hour during Adoration. Please register your time on the schedule or call Judy Forsythe - 612-245-3636

First Saturdays Honor the Blessed Mother:

First Saturday Mass on March 2 @ 8:00am. Every first Saturday we offer mass and pray the rosary



St Anthony Birthdays Mar 3 – Mar 9

March 04 Debbie Owens

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

March 4 – March 10

Wednesday	9:00 am	<i>John & Sue Mudd</i>
Friday	9:00 am	<i>All Souls in Purgatory</i>
Sunday	8:00 am	<i>Archie Drury</i>

WEEKLY DONATIONS

Budget 2022/2023 Fiscal Year (July 2023-June 2024)	\$ 73,500.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 1,413.46
Weekly Donation 2/25/2024	\$ 1,948.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 65,961.63

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

Awesome Donations to Pay for New Piano!

How generous a blessing & overwhelming response to our New Piano Fund! A special thanks goes out to the generous donors who have given great gifts to completely pay for the New Yamaha piano! And many, many thanks to everyone who gave, especially the *anonymous final gift* that moved us across the finish line, allowing us to pay for it fully

St Anthony Mass Assignments – March 10, 2024

Lector	Mike Drury
Eucharistic Ministers	Shara Parish Cindy O'Brien
Ushers/Greeters	David Loxley Kellu 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