

ST. PIUS X **CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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5th Sunday Lent

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"Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. But early in the morning he arrived again in the temple area, and all the people started coming to him, and he sat down and taught them. Then the scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery and made her stand in the middle. They said to him, "Teacher, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery. Now in the law, Moses commanded us to stone such women. So what do you say?" They said this to test him, so that they could have some charge to bring against him. Jesus bent down and began to write on the ground with his finger. But when they continued asking him, he straightened up and said to them, "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." Again he bent down and wrote on the ground. And in response, they went away one by one, beginning with the elders. So he was left alone with the woman before him. Then Jesus straightened up and said to her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" She replied, "No one, sir." Then Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin any more."

Parish Office Hours

What do thou Sayest? By Warfield (DW)

Desirous to entrap, by use of the Law, But their wicked motive, He already saw; Evil hearts then, evil hearts now, Care nothing for the Law, refusing to bow!

Was taken in adultery, in the very act, Moses said, should be stoned, well known fact; Caught red handed, guilty, here and now, The Law calls for death, but, what sayest thou?

Stooping down upon the ground, silence never broken, With His finger wrote, as if they'd never spoken; Tempting Him that day, addressed Him as Master, Today, same way, false prophets doomed, in disaster!

Let him without sin, cast the first stone, Leaving out one by one, left her there alone; Had stooped down again, finished writing on the ground, Lifting up Himself, the woman, all He found!

Where are your accusers, does no man condemn thee? As the woman stood there, without a single plea; No man, Lord, the answer, for the guilt she bore, Neither do I condemn thee, go, and sin no more!

Law rightfully condemning, are you freed from the charge? Toward the Law Giver, does your heart enlarge? This woman, calling Him Lord, in her heart, did bow, One day everyone will, but, what sayest thou?

ACTS 2:42 GROUPS

"They devoted themselves to the teachings of the apostles, the communal life, the breaking of the bread & prayer" Next Meeting April 13 at 1:30pm @ St Pius Or contact Ed Georgen edwardgeorgen@gmail.com

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 Thurday-8:00 am Friday-8:00 am

Eucharist Adoration

Visit our Website www.stpiusx.us

Daily Scripture Readings

Sunday April 6, 2025 Is 43:16-21/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11 Monday Dn 13:41c-62/Jn 8:12-20 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

- Read Read through it.
- Reflect Slowly consider it.
- Respond What does it say?
- 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

www.stanthonygrandrivers.org

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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Tuesday -- Thursday

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9:00 am-2:00 pm

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Pastor's Study Desk Notes



Dear St Anthony & St Pius Families,

5th Sunday Lent

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John 8:1-11

"If I could only be a fly on the wall (or fly in the sand)!" What did Jesus write on the ground? In fact, if a record of it had been kept, it would be the only document we'd have of anything Jesus Himself actually wrote! That surprises many people: that Jesus Himself did not write the gospels. Yes, they are His Words, but He only spoke and taught them, 'live action', and trusted His apostles to record and proclaim them to others. Jesus' intention was a person-to-person encounter for His Good News to be transmitted to others. Not just handing someone a book and saying 'Read it and be saved'. No, Jesus intended that His word be spoken and shared intimately to another person in a mutually discussed and communicated personal relationship! As an ideal version of how this 'Word-Sharing' can go on, I always think of the wonderful example of true evangelization that is seen between Stephen and the Ethiopian Eunuch in Acts chapter 8. In the story, Stephen walks along the carriage of the Ethiopian Eunuch and hears him reading out loud from the prophet Isaiah. Stephen asks him, "Do you understand what you are reading?" The eunuch responds, "How can I, unless someone instructs me?" (Acts 8:30-31) I love how the eunuch basically, says, "Talk with me: Please share with me what this reading is about." It is through their personal interaction afterward, that the eunuch gets excited about Jesus and asks for baptism immediately! It's the Personal Encounter that introduces God to others (it's not a 'paperchase', but personal speech that converts)! All of the words the First Christians used to grow God's kingdom, involved vocal speech not written words. 'Gospel' originally, means 'Announcement'. 'Kerygma' means 'proclamation'. 'Evangelization' means heralding 'glad tidings'. These are all acts of interpersonal speech not written homework to read. So, Jesus didn't write out books, manuals and policy binders. No, Jesus taught by His spoken word and the ensuing interaction that followed (questions asked afterward of Him for clarification in addition to His 'actedout' or demonstrations of the Word). His instructions were interactive and 'hands on' (what Jesus meant by 'Kingdom of God is at hand'-Matt 4:17; 10:7-it is the personal touch of a helping hand to 'carry-lighten' others' burdens). For example, when Jesus sent His apostles out on mission, Luke 9:2 says Jesus "sent them to proclaim the kingdom of God and heal the sick." 'Proclaiming' is all about personal speech with others, and healing includes not just the 'body-sick' but also the 'soul-sick'! Good personal interaction heals! So, in this story, what did Jesus write? Again, this story may be the only place in scripture that testifies about Jesus writing anything! Over in John 7:15, Jesus' critics actually accuse Him of not 'knowing letters', of being illiterate. So, again what did he write on the ground here?

Of course, the point of this story is the forgiving redemption that the woman receives from Jesus, and He challenges all of us to be slow to judge others, and quick to repent ourselves. In the drama of the story, Jesus pauses the 'rush to condemn' to personally give a moment to engage and talk with the woman, instead of simply hurling the rocks of insults at her (*Are our public leaders listening?*). So, Jesus bends down and speaks with her personally. He is putting himself in her sandals. This puts Him in the line of fire-rock attack' with her. The crowd as judge jury and executioner had pre-condemned her at a distance. But Jesus connects heart to heart with her and opens a path of new beginnings for her. That day she was the easy one to convert. But then Jesus tries to provoke some insight among the mob, by jotting those notes on the ground. Here is where the 'letter of the law' folks get their gospel education. As the mob wants to throw the book at her, Jesus' writing action is meant to have them 'read their own hearts' first. He intends to stir up a little merciful tenderness in them. Some scholars suggest Jesus had written on the ground, the name of a prominent 'rabbi', 'chief' or 'banker' that Jesus knew was the other guilty party in the adultery crime (the crowd was self-interestedly protecting this powerful person, by 'eliminating the evidence')!

Jesus knew their 'selective' indignation in this case. Other scholars suggest that Jesus was writing down a chart of every man's name in the crowd alongside a table of each man's hidden sins, too (outing them all)! Talk about salacious 'kiss and tell-alls' (this is prudent of Jesus to write all that in the sand because He was not about relishing in the dirt of other's sins, but about wiping them away by brushing them over, to erase each person's guilt as they repented).

In the end, only Jesus and that crowd know what He wrote - it was about them! (Notice that the contrite woman wouldn't know all the others' sins and meddle in them, because she kept her head humbled and looking downward—she just focuses on her own fall from grace and need of forgiveness). And the crowd's reaction of being humbled and walking away silently, reveals that they have come to face their own sin too-that they have their own moral business to settle. So here, Jesus disarms the attacking crowd by the simple truth. We should look at ourselves first. Inventory our own sins, before presuming to adjudicate the sins of others. This is a good Lenten lesson and a good call for all of us to repent. Lent invites us to celebrate reconciliation with Christ in the personal sacrament of penance! And start over new! Peace, Fr Brian

Pius X Parish Council Meeting Thurs @ 5:00 pm

Chair Person, Secretary & Finance, Spiritual Life, FFY & Religious Ed Social Program/Outreach, Building & Ground Comttes

Returning Members: Debbie Anspach, Stacey Newby

Welcome New Members: Amanda Gentry, Allison Devine,
Philip Scheidegger & Karen Williams.

Jesus' Last Seven Words from Cross Study & Discussion Every Tuesday Night from 6:30-7:30pm Come study this classic devotion to Jesus' preaching from the pulpit of the cross itself. Scripture study and Lenten focus on deepening prayer.

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St Pius X Mass Intentions				
Apr 7– Apr 13 Tuesday 6:00 pm Mary Bickett			am Diakatt	
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Wednesday	8:00 am		Rodi	iey Wheatley
Thursday	8:00 am		Ch	arles Tisius
Friday	8:00 am	Tony Horn		
Saturday	4:30 pm	Jared Wheatley		
Sunday	10:00am	Dolly Bardsley		
WEEKLY DONATIONS				
Parish Hall Donation (3/30/25)		\$	282.00	
Budget for 2024/2025 Fiscal Year		\$	195,000.00	
Donation Need Each Week		\$	3,750.00	
Weekly Donation (3/30/25)		\$ 3	,144.03	
Online Giving (3/30/25)		\$	918.00	
Total Week's Gift Offering 3/30			\$	4,562.03
Fiscal Year to Date			\$	190,235.84

1st Communion Mass will be April 27, 10:00 am

Holy Week Schedule Plan Ahead:

Holy Thursday St Anthony 5:30, St Pius 7:00 pm Good Friday St Anthony 5:30, St Pius 7:00 pm Holy Saturday St Pius 8:00 pm (Easter Fire)

Easter Sunday 8:00am St Anthony, 10:00am St Pius



Please join Bishop Tues Apr 8 @ 6PM St. Stephen Cathedral. During Child Abuse Awareness Month, we especially hold in our hearts all victims of sexual abuse. We take this time to pray for and support those wounded by sexual abuse. We pray for protection and healing for the victims. Remember to pull out your pinwheels and display as support!

FFY note: Wed, Apr 30th-Last FFY class & party!

Happy Birthday! Apr 6 – Apr 12 St. Pius

April 7 Philip Scheidegger April 7 Danny Shea April 7 Theresa Wilson April 8 Catherine Broks April 8 Marilyn Brooks April 8 Lisa Tack April 8 Liam Anderson

April 9 John Kuchta
April 9 Fr Brian Johnson

Happy Anniversary! St. Pius X Apr 12 Brad & Lisa Tack

St Pius X Mass Assignments: Saturday, April 12, 2025				
Servers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers / Greeters	Money Counters
Camryn Risley Kendall Risley	Brenda Schiaretti Paula Schmidt (N) Dawn Whitt (V)		George Humphreys (Greeter) Paula Humphreys (Greeter)	
Mass Assignments: Sunday, April 13, 2025				
Gavin Devine Kinley Peterson	Marty Darst Philip Scheiber (N) Jeff Outland (V)	Jimmy Harbison Allison Devine Kelli King	Usher Volunteer Usher Volunteer Usher Volunteer	Andy Ferm Sherry Ferm

FFY Calendar & Activities Schedule

DATE	SUNDAY GOSPEL READING	SUBJECT
April 9, 2025 Wed 6:00-7:30 pm	Palm Sunday & Holy Week Luke 19:28-40 and Luke 22:14 - 23:56	FFY Spring Break No classes
April 16, 2025 Wed 6:00-7:30 pm	Easter – Resurrection of Lord John 20:1-9	Holy Week – What is it? Easter Egg hunt starts at 5:30pm, 6:00 FFY meal and classes following
April 23, 2025 Wed 6:00-7:30 pm	Divine Mercy Sunday John 20:1-31	Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet Learn about St. Faustina

Remember in Prayer

St. Pius X: Kathy Sanderson, Greg Williams, Judy Ayers, Pat Hobbs, Keisha Bradley Janet Norvell, Iris Joelle Maynard, Megan Mudd, Theresa Owens, Sara Repovich, Kaye Hinkebein, Amanda Scheidegger, Olga Edwards, Diane Fischer Russell Tomlinson, Paula Willett, Kent & Kim Henry, Leah Vincek, Rick Wilson, Ashley Hayden, Donna Barrix, David Crass, Helen Nicholson, Bonita Walker, Joe Hedges, Jerry Wade, Katie Wood, Joanna Grimes, Amanda Bailey, Kaileigh Row, Pam Laibl, David Kroll, Henry Feezor, Lisa Hammond, Bennett Meisenheimer, Wes Hayes, Mike Norvell, Maryann Huebschmann, 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 Longsworth, Helen Bennett, Catherine Broks, Stacy Newby, Bette Zilligen, Ric Vaughn, Betty Derry, Scott Hamilton, Connie Burt, Abigail Huebschmann, 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. Anthony Pellegrin.

Pray for Our Military

<u>St. Pius X:</u> Cameron Thomason, 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 1st Sunday Every Month Bazaar Workshop at St Anthony Every Tuesday at 9:00 am – Every Tuesday & all parishioners invited to come participate in helping craft gifts for the annual bazaar fundraiser. See the list of items and materials that anyone can donate. We could use some old, used light bulbs for our next crafts project! Also, volunteer help is always needed too! Come/Have fun!



Next Lunch Bunch gathering in April 24

Come bring a side this Thursday to Lunch Bunch 11:30 Acts 2:42 Group: 2nd Sunday every month: Apr 13 Signup contact Ed Georgen edwardgeorgen@gmail.com **Hope Clinic Baby Bottle Collection:** Pick up a bottle to help the pro-life & pregnancy support work!

Plan to come to the Diocesan Chrism Mass Apr 15

Tuesday of Holy Week in Owensboro at SportsCenter

Paducah Quilt show time! St. Francis de Sales Church is having their annual Quilt Show & Luncheon Thurs, April 24th and Fri, April 25th from 10:30 am – 1:30 pm.

All-Day Adoration on Friday April 4

St Anthony Church 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.

First Saturdays Honor the Blessed Mother:

First Saturday Mass on April 5 @ 8:00am. Every first Saturday we offer mass and pray the rosary



St Anthony Birthdays Apr 6- Apr 12

Kevin Diesen April 5 April 9 Fr Brian Johnson April 12 Sherry Rebich

St Anthony Anniversaries: No anniversaries this week

St Anthony Wednesday Bible Study

Come join us every Wednesday at 10:00-11:00 for a study of John's Gospel. We are using Dr Brant Pitre materials to guide our study and discussion. Bring your Bible & come learn about the 4th gospel



St. Anthony of Padua

Mass Intentions		
Apr 7 – Apr 13		
Wednesday	9:00 am	Linda Paluso
Friday	9:00 am	Janet Noyes
Sunday	8:00 am	Deanna Hayward

WEEKLY DONATIONS	
Budget 2024/2025 Fiscal Year	\$ 73,500.00
(July 2024-June 2025)	
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 1,413.46
Weekly Donation 3/30/2025	\$ 3,541.11
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 84,984.50



Food Items Especially Needed: Saltine Crackers, Hamburger Helper, 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, wipes, feminine hygiene products. Collection container is in back of the church for your donated items.

St Anthony Mass Assignments – Apr 13, 2025		
Lector	Mike Drury	
Eucharistic Ministers	Jeff Ritorto Jo Herron	
Ushers/Greeters	Vern Hunsley Georgia Hunsley	
Server	Juan Gonzalez	
Money Counters	Shara Parish Kevin Diamond	

CONSIDER ATTENDING DAILY MASS OR WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

St Anthony Prayer List: Theresa Owens, Kathy Johansen, Jeff Ritorto, Cathy Ritorto, Betty Gonzalez, Elena Carey, Donna & Jon Gresham, Bob Decker, Bill Rodgers, Tom & Margie Sheppard, Bob Tashjian, Mr. Driskill, Pat Gorbett, Imogene Ramey.

Pray for our Military

Kevin Rapp, 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

Kevin Diamond Chair Person

Judy Forsythe Spiritual Life/ Secretary

Shara Parish Finance

Kelly Noonan Building & Ground David Loxley Social Concerns/Events Steve Wilkes **Faith Formation**

Next Meeting June 18, 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)
- <u>CONFESSION</u>: 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 <u>St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry:</u> 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