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3rd Sunday Lent *'Study Text' Not for Liturgy* John 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42



"Therefore, he went into a city of Samaria which is called Sychar, near the estate which Jacob gave to his son Joseph. And Jacob's well was there. And so Jesus, being tired from the journey, was sitting in a certain way on the well. It was about the sixth hour. A woman of Samaria arrived to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me to drink." For his disciples had gone into the city in order to buy food. And so, that Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, being a Jew, are requesting a drink from me, though I am a Samaritan woman?" For the Jews do not associate with the Samaritans. Jesus responded and said to her: "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who is saying to you, 'Give me to drink,' perhaps you would have made a request of him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him: "Lord, you do not have anything with which to draw water, and the well is deep. From where, then, do you have living water? Surely, you are not greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and who drank from it, with his sons and his cattle?" Jesus responded and said to her: "All who drink from this water will thirst again. But whoever shall drink from the water that I will give to him will not thirst for eternity. Instead, the water that I will give to him will become in him a fountain of water, springing up into eternal life." The woman said to him, "Lord, give me this water, so that I may not thirst and may not come here to draw water." "Lord, I see that you are a Prophet. Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, but you say that Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship." Jesus said to her: "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you shall worship the Father, neither on this mountain, nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know. For salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and it is now, when true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth. For the Father also seeks such persons who may worship him. God is Spirit. And so, those who worship him must worship in spirit and in truth." The woman said to him: "I know that the Messiah is coming (who is called the Christ). And then, when he will have arrived, he will announce everything to us." Jesus said to her: "I am he, the one who is speaking with you." Many of the Samaritans from that city believed in him, because of the word of the woman who was offering testimony: "For he told me all the things that I have done." Therefore, when the Samaritans had come to him, they petitioned him to lodge there. And he lodged there for two days. And many more believed in him, because of his own word. And they said to the woman: "Now we believe, not because of your speech, but because we ourselves have heard him, and so we know that he is truly the Savior of the world."

Catholic Public Domain Version, Original Edition. Ronald L. Conte Jr., translator

From "Ghazal: Woman at Well"

By Carolyn Wright

In this late season, who is the woman at the well drawing water, reflecting on the woman at the well? Millennial fissures in the well-rim, weed-choked cracks where brackish water rises for the woman at the well. At the bottom of the well shaft, the sky's reflective eye opens, closes on the shadow of the woman at the well.

Where are the rains of bygone eras?
Ancestral well of Jacob, where a weary traveler rests, where Jesus asks for water from the woman at the well.
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On the night of destiny, the angel Gabriel descends and hovers by the footprints of the woman at the well. Jacob's ladder leans against the door of heaven— on the bottom rung, the woman at the well. Women of Sychar, women of Shechem! Draw aside your veils, reveal the features of the woman at the well. Wise ones, why do you weep? Do you fear your fate tips a mirror toward the woman at the well? Oh artisan of sorrow, mystery's precision, sit down beside your sister, second self, the woman at the well.

In memoriam Agha Shahid Ali

**IN THE WORD
WITH BISHOP MEDLEY**

4th Sundays of month 1:30 St Pius Parish Hall
For more info, Contact Ed-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
Thursday-8:00 am
Friday-8:00 am

Eucharist Adoration
Visit our Website www.stpiusx.us

Daily Scripture Readings

Sunday March 8, 2026
Ex 17:3-7/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42
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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Parish Office Hours Tuesday -- Thursday 9:00 am-2:00 pm



**Pastor's Study
Desk Notes**



Dear St Anthony & St Pius Families,

3rd Sunday Lent

John 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

Back to John's gospel, so it must be a special occasion! Yes, we have been reading Matthew's gospel consistently on Sundays, even up into Lent - It is Year A after all- but we move to John's gospel for the special OCIA readings this Sunday. (The RCIA was renamed **OCIA**, **Order of Christian Initiation of Adults** which is the preparation program for those joining the Catholic Church). On the 3rd, 4th & 5th Sundays of Lent, special readings accompany special 'Scrutiny' Prayers at Mass for the OCIA catechumens and candidates. So, we will have John's gospel for today and the next two Sundays (3-4-5). We hear John's dramatic and dialogic stories of the 'woman at the well' (Jn 4), the 'man born blind' (Jn 9) and the 'resurrection of Lazarus' (Jn 11). The inspiration behind studying these special readings is because they illustrate the goals of 1) 'purification' 2) 'enlightenment' and 3) 'restoration' to life that the OCIA process and the sacraments of initiation intend to deliver! However, those already baptized and confirmed (& fed by Eucharist), also benefit greatly too, by walking with our catechumens and candidates toward the refreshing waters of Easter. I need purification, enlightenment and resurrection, too! So, I listen to (& invite everyone to) these readings with an open heart. They offer us a lot! I love the abundance of dialogue that we get from these three Johannine stories of Jesus interacting personally with these disciples. This week let's look at Jesus' conversation with the woman at the well.

The more Jesus talks and the more she listens, the deeper her faith grows (the deeper her relationship to Him grows) And with Jesus, His well never runs dry! Jesus promises to stir within her an ever-flowing fountain to satisfy her (*'become a spring of water within welling up to eternal life'* 4:14). She had certainly looked for life and joy everywhere else (looked for love in all the wrong places). And now in Jesus, she found it. And He plants that life-giving source within her. I think of her experience speaking with Jesus heart to heart, as so similar to the experience of the two disciples on the road to Emmaus who describe their experience after a 'heart to heart' with Jesus just as jubilantly as this woman. Lk 24:32 records their experience: "Were not our hearts burning [within us] while he spoke to us on the way and opened the scriptures to us?" The way, the woman at the well says it here, is, "He told me everything I have done." (Jn 4:39) Jesus had shone her 'unconditional positive regard' (*Carl Rogers' Psych Therapy Method*) and loved her through a therapeutic healing of her hurtful past. She has found her soul's peace in Christ, and she leaves in her past any dysfunctionally abusive relationships. Jesus purified her! And Jesus offers us that 'purification' of the past too. I see her 'left behind' water jar, as a symbol of the past that she moves on from. Jesus invites us to deeper dialogue (daily prayer) with Him, so that we can let go of and leave behind our 'water jars' (bottles, or whatever the addictive pacifier may be: electronics, substances, travels, obsessions, etc). He wishes to empower us to live more fully and freely in His grace! I love how Jesus befriends her and draws her into a more meaningful life, actually calling her into her own version of apostolate in His service among her own village (Jn 4:39) He drew her out of a focus on only herself, and called her to engage with others selflessly, serving them in His Name. Part of our purification is our commitment to sharing grace with others (it starts as penance, yet grows into transformed habits of goodness that benefits others). Like the 12th step of self-help programs, part of any healthy recovery is reaching out to others, carrying the message of recovery as a social service action. This often happens as one helping person listening to the painful story of another person, before sharing one's own personal witness and their way through some past suffering. I am sure the woman being all alone at the well says a lot about her social isolation and estrangement from others, and yet by meeting Jesus and being accepted and healed by him, she reconnects and becomes instrumental in the whole community's renewal. They see the powerful change in her life & they seek *for themselves* the living source of the refreshing/purifying waters that transformed her (Jn 4:42)!

As we keep moving on through this Lenten program of spiritual development, may we also come to hear Jesus speak to our inner hearts the word we need to hear and bring us the grace to act upon it in the changed, new conduct of our own lives!
Lenten Blessings and Peace, Fr Brian

Pius X Parish Council Meeting Wednesday Apr 22 @ 5:00 pm

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

Barb Melillo, Stacey Newby, Philip Scheidegger, Amanda Gentry, Allison Devine, Michael Bowling, Karen Williams

First Reconciliation/First Communion Schedule

Sun Mar. 22 & Apr 19: 9:00-9:45am First Comm Session #5 & #61
Wed April 22 First Communion Practice at Wednesday FFY
Sun April 26 First Communion Mass - April 26th

**St Pius X Mass Intentions
Mar 9 – Mar 15**

Tuesday	6:00 pm	Special Intention
Wednesday	8:00 am	Russell Tomlinson
Thursday	8:00 am	Alan Hamilton
Friday	8:00 am	Dolly Bardsley
Saturday	4:30 pm	Loretta Wheatley
Sunday	10:00am	Debbie Green

WEEKLY DONATIONS

Parish Hall Donation (3/1/25)	\$	127.00
Budget for 2025/2026 Fiscal Year	\$	205,000.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$	3,942.00
Weekly Donation (3/1/25)	\$	3,178.15
Online Giving (3/1/25)	\$	1,572.00
Total Week's Gift Offering 3/1	\$	4,750.15
Fiscal Year to Date	\$	180,934.07

Women's Spirituality Grp Every 3rd Sunday after Mass
Men's Bible Study Every 3rd Sunday after Mass

Pray for our Easter OCIA Class:

Logan, Chelsea & Aden Woodward
Tyler Bradley Cody Dearth
Blake Johnson Jeff Risley

St. Stephen and St. Henry Parish Mission

Mon Mar 23, Tues, Mar 24, and Wed, Mar 25

St. Henry's schedule each day is:

Mass @ 10:30 am-- Presentation @ 11:00 am-- &
Lunch @ 12:00

St. Stephen's schedule each night is:

Mass @ 5:30 pm-- Presentation @ 6:00 pm-- &
Reception @ 7:00pm



Happy Birthday! Mar 8– Mar 14 St. Pius

Mar 11 Addison Peterson Mar 12 Victoria Hosman
Mar 13 Cynthia Devine Mar 14 Tommy Robertson
Mar 15 Diane Hayden Mar 15 Jacob Wilson

Happy Anniversary! St. Pius

March 12 David & Donna Carr



4:00-7:00pm at St. Pius Hall Feb 13 thru March 27

Phone Order 395-5747 Carry Out or Dine-In

Price is \$15 a person and includes Your choice of either:

Fish, Shrimp, or Chicken

Baked Potato or French Fries Hot or Mild Hush Puppies
White Beans & Cole Slaw & Drink & Dessert

St Pius X Mass Assignments: Saturday, March 14, 2026

Servers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers / Greeters	Money Counters
Volunteer	Larry Whitt	Kurt Schmidt Charlotte Riedfort Jeff Riedfort	George Humphreys (Greeter) Paula Humphreys (Greeter)	

Mass Assignments: Sunday, Mar 15, 2026

Gavin Devine Harrison Shupe	Marty Darst	Allison Devine Caleb King Jimmy Harbison	Margaret Howard Gary Traylor Usher Volunteer	Kathy Smith Nancy Singleton
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**FFY
Calendar
&
Activities
Schedule**

DATE	SUNDAY GOSPEL READING	Classes or Events
Mar 11, 2026 Wed 6:00-7:30	4 th Sunday Lent John 9:1-41	Regular FFY Session
Mar 18, 2026 Wed 6:00-7:30	5 th Sunday Lent John 11:1-45	Middle School students: Visit CCCC
Mar 25, 2026 Wed 6:00-7:30	Palm Sunday Matt 21:1-1 & 26:14-27:66	ADORATION After Stations of the Cross With Penance & Confessions

Remember our Sick in Your Prayers

St. Pius X: Beck Martin, Kaira Legendre, Sean Fusco, Allie Marie, Zsigray, Dina Funderburk, Matt Scheiber, Christine Thornton, Florine Daigle, Angie Farris, Pat Hobbs, Kathy Sanderson, Greg Williams, Judy Ayers, Keisha Bradley Iris Joelle Maynard, Sara Repovich, Kaye Hinkebein, Amanda Scheidegger, Olga Edwards, Diane Fischer Paula Willett, Kent & Kim Henry, Leah Vincek, Rick Wilson, Ashley Hayden, David Crass, Helen Nicholson, Bonita Walker, Joe Hedges, Jerry Wade, Katie Wood, Joanna Grimes, Amanda Bailey, Pam Laibl, David Kroll, Henry Feezor, Lisa Hammond, Bennett Meisenheimer, Mike Norvell, 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, Betty Derry, Scott Hamilton, Connie Burt, Ericka Karpstein, Joanna Cooper, Angel Thompson, Kaye Poyner, Bob Tashjian, Rita Cook, Jack Bender, Don Kemp, Sharon Olejnicak, Tim Wilson, Kerry Frazier, Rene Harrington, Forrest Teeters, Cameron Brewer, Hugo Santos, Sharon Gibbons, Braydn Barnett, Elizabeth Witowski, Pam Dietz, Anthony Pellegrin.

Pray for Our Military Cameron Thomason, James Griffith, Cory Erickson, Justin Fatum, James A. Kinsey, Sarah Martindale, Benjamin Patton, Kousuke Sasaki,



PRAY FOR UKRAINE

St. Anthony Page Announcements

Coffee/ Doughnuts 1st Sunday Every Month

Bazaar Crafts Rack Sale: Be sure to check out the new seasonal merchandise – St Patrick Green Gifts!

The Diocese invites you to join Risen and Sent:

Easter Pilgrimage to Washington D.C. with Fr. Carl McCarthy as chaplain, from April 12–17, 2026. Points of pickup will be in Paducah and Madisonville before gathering at Precious Blood Church in Owensboro for 10:30 a.m. Mass then departing. We'll journey together to Seton Shrine, Basilica of the National Shrine, Franciscan Monastery, National Monuments and Memorials, and more-daily Mass For details and to register, visit <https://tri.ps/fPROe>

Lenten Stations of the Cross

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

Lenten Bible Studies

St Anthony Wednesdays 10:00 am
St Pius Tuesdays 6:30 pm

Needed: Helpers to sign up for Donut Sunday.

All-Day Adoration on Friday May 1

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 May 2 @ 8:00am. Every first Saturday we offer mass and pray the rosary



St Anthony Birthdays Mar 8 – Mar 14

March 5 Vern Hunsley

St Anthony Anniversaries:

March 11 Mark & Val Fredrick

St Anthony Wednesday Bible Study

Come join us every Wednesday at 10:00-11:00 for study of the gospel reading from the Sunday ahead. We'll be reading the text and conducting a form of Lectio Divina & discussing the fruit of our reflection upon God's Word



St. Anthony of Padua

Mass Intentions

Mar 9 – Mar 15

Wednesday	9:00 am	<i>Margie Sheppard</i>
Friday	9:00 am	<i>Russell Tomlinson</i>
Sunday	8:00 am	<i>Charles Thurman Sr</i>

WEEKLY DONATIONS

Budget 2024/2025 Fiscal Year (July 2025-June 2026)	\$ 89,000.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 1,711.54
Weekly Donation 3/1/2025	\$ 2,449.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 83,393.70



FOOD PANTRY

Food Items Especially Needed: Saltine Crackers, peanut butter, Hamburger Helper, sugar, cereal, 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 church

St Anthony Mass Assignments – Mar 15, 2026

Lector	Georgia Bradshaw
Eucharistic Ministers	Mike Drury Cindy O'Brien
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:

Jane Travelstead, Holly O'Brien, Theresa Owens, Kathy Johansen, Jeff Ritorto, Cathy Ritorto, Betty Gonzalez, Elena Carey, Linda Drury, Bob Decker, Bill Rodgers, 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 Mar 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)
- + **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