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4th Sunday Lent *'Study Text' Not for Liturgy* John 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38



“And Jesus, while passing by, saw a man blind from birth. When he had said these things, he spat on the ground, and he made clay from the spittle, and he smeared the clay over his eyes. And he said to him: “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which is translated as: one who has been sent). Therefore, he went away and washed, and he returned, seeing. And so the bystanders and those who had seen him before, when he was a beggar, said, “Is this not the one who was sitting and begging?” Some said, “This is he.” But others said, “Certainly not, but he is similar to him.” Yet truly, he himself said, “I am he.” They brought the one who had been blind to the Pharisees. Now it was the Sabbath, when Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes. Therefore, again the Pharisees questioned him as to how he had seen. And he said to them, “He placed clay over my eyes, and I washed, and I see.” And so certain Pharisees said: “This man, who does not keep the Sabbath, is not from God.” But others said, “How could a sinful man accomplish these signs?” And there was a schism among them. Therefore, they spoke again to the blind man, “What do you say about him who opened your eyes?” Then he said, “He is a Prophet.” They responded and said to him, “You were born entirely in sins, and you would teach us?” And they cast him out. Jesus heard that they had cast him out. And when he had found him, he said to him, “Do you believe in the Son of God?” He responded and said, “Who is he, Lord, so that I may believe in him?” And Jesus said to him, “You have both seen him, and he is the one who is speaking with you.” And he said, “I believe, Lord.” And falling prostrate, he worshipped him.”

Catholic Public Domain Version. Original Edition. Ronald L. Conte Jr., translator and editor. https://www.sacredbible.org/catholic/NT-01_John.htm

From “Blind.....”

By Richard Wlodarski

Lest we forget
Those who were blinded So that we may see
Lest we forget
Those who were deafened So that we may hear
Lest we forget
Those who were silenced So that we may speak
Lest we forget
Those who lost their taste for killing
So that we may all taste living
Through art
We shed tears
For your blindness
Through music
We mourn
Your deafness
Through poetry
Tears falling
For your silence
Through our love
Heart-felt tears
For your dying
Heart-felt thanks
For this gift
Of seeing
Heart-felt thanks

**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 15, 2026
1 Sm 16:1b, 6-13/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-38
Monday Is 65:17-21/Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday Ez 47:1-9, 12/Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday Is 49:8-15/Jn 5:17-30
Thursday 2 Sm 7:4-16/Rom 4:13-22/Lk 2:41-51
Friday Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday Jer 11:18-20/Jn 7:40-53

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,

4th Sunday Lent

John 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

“You see it or you don’t?” Like trying to find patterns in a number set: 1, 3, 5, 7...? Oh, the next number is 9! Or, 4, 8, 12, 16....? Oh, the next number is 20! Or maybe when someone points to a cloud and asks, “Do you see that elephant (the recognizable shape of elephant in the cloud)? It helps to know what one is looking for, but also to have good eyes to pick it out. In our gospel today, we hear about a blind man regaining his sight. But more than a physical healing miracle is going on here, if we look more closely. Jesus is trying *to open everyone’s eyes* (not just the blind man’s) in the story event today. Jesus wants everyone 1) *to see Him-who He really is-the Saving Son of God* & 2) *to see their own sin and their need to be saved*. Even physically, we all may suffer partial blindness (*or temporary loss of focus-think of your first look at the alarm clock when first waking!*). Some of us may have peripheral blindness (not able to see far right/far left side-views) or some of us may have floaters or spots that obstruct our sight at times (there are always cataracts too, that affect our perspective). I know that before my migraine headaches attack, sometimes I am visited with aura glittering floaters & sparkly lines, or as encircling curtains closing in to a dot, even though my eyes are wide open! So, maybe we’ve all experienced physical blind spots (Scotomas). But, in addition to physical blindness, we can also be blind in our understanding of things (mental and spiritual blindness). We just don’t see it. Think of examples of when you came to realize something new in life, through a sudden conversion or by your long effort. Or when you began to see what was there all along but previously you didn’t have the eyes to see (as we say, ‘I was enlightened to see to see it!’) So, yes, we can all be blind!

There are at least three spiritually blind groups in this gospel reading. Jesus wants to open their eyes. The first group is the disciples themselves (as halfhearted & spiritually immature). They can’t see past their naïve & simplistic judgementalism that harshly blames victims (that says, ‘If anything adverse happens to you, it must be your own fault’). Their blindness is reflected in their early question at the reading’s start “Who sinned that this man is blind-him or his parents?” (Jn9:2)

A second group includes the prejudiced neighbors & family, who can’t see beyond their locked-in stereotypes, they’ve formed of people. When the physically blind man is healed, they can’t recognize him at first, because they had written him off in the past as a useless beggar for so long. Their blindness is reflected in their question, “Is this the one who used to sit and beg?” Some said, “It is,” but others said, “No, he just looks like him”(Jn 9:8-9) They don’t recognize him (used to their to not really ever see him!)

A third group includes the Pharisees who can’t see past their smug complacency and feelings of superiority over others. This group refuses to acknowledge Jesus, for who He is, *and* refuses to see the blind man and his dignity too. This is reflected in their statements about Jesus that “This man Is not from God (9:16) and “he is a sinner” (9:24). And about the blind man, they insult him, saying, “You were born totally in sin, and are you trying to teach us?”(Jn 9:34)

But again, Jesus wants to open everyone’s eyes! Jesus says, “I am the light of the world”(Jn 9: 5). He wants us to live in His light, to perform works of light (Jn 9:4), and see others in His light. He wants us to see everything as He sees it-to see others as He sees them. In our encounter with Jesus, and through our believing in Him, Jesus overcomes our blindness and opens our eyes to see His presence and His kingdom. With Jesus, believing is the first step to ‘seeing’; because I believe first, then, I can see! The blind man comes to this clear vision of Jesus by his own acceptance of Jesus. In John 9:35, we hear Jesus ask him, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” and then go on to say, after sensing the man’s acceptance of Him, “You have seen him and the one speaking with you is He.” The Pharisees however seem to remain in their spiritually blind darkness (due to their willful closing of their eyes (& heart) to Jesus. The prideful Pharisees end up judging themselves, condemned, by keeping their eyes closed. We hear in John 9:40 that “*Some of the Pharisees who were with him heard Jesus, and said to him, ‘Surely we are not also blind, are we?’*, and Jesus said to them *‘If you were blind, you would have no sin; but now you are saying, ‘We see,’ so your sin remains.*’ The Pharisees’ presumptuous claim of self-righteous superiority and prejudicial judgement against others, is what blinds them to their own sin and blinds them from recognizing Jesus. this episode warns us to work at seeing our own sin, and need of a Savior, in order to have eyes opened to see the Messiah when He comes to us. I like how the gospel reading today, begins with the question of sin and seeing it (our own sin first-9:2), and it also ends with the question of sin (again, it’s our sin that blinds us-9:41). But, thanks be to God, Jesus brings light that opens eyes and dispels sin!

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 & April 19 9:00 - 9:45am First Communion Class
Wed April 22 First Communion Practice at Wednesday FFY
Sun April 26 First Communion Mass - April 26th

St Pius X Mass Intentions Mar 16 – Mar 22		
Tuesday	6:00 pm	Hinkebein Family
Wednesday	8:00 am	Linda Paluso
Thursday	8:00 am	PJ & Martha Rose O'Donoghue
Friday	8:00 am	MaryAnn Huebschmann
Saturday	4:30 pm	Sean Fusco & Family
Sunday	10:00am	Alan Hamilton
WEEKLY DONATIONS		
Parish Hall Donation (3/8/25)	\$	112.00
Budget for 2025/2026 Fiscal Year	\$	205,000.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$	3,942.00
Weekly Donation (3/8/25)	\$	8,876.75
Online Giving (3/8/25)	\$	2,038.00
Total Week's Gift Offering 3/8	\$	10,914.75
Fiscal Year to Date	\$	191,848.82

St Francis Assisi Lenten Retreat: Sat March 21

Come enjoy a Lenten Retreat reflecting on the life and mission of St Francis. We will draw lessons from Francis' diverse life experience & ministries to apply in our own prayer and practice. Retreat will begin at 9:30 and end at 12:00 noon. Come explore Franciscan Spirituality in depth for yourself

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



Happy Birthday! Mar 15– Mar 21 St. Pius

March 15 Diane Hayden March 16 Rosemary Hudson
March 16 Loretta Vargocko March 22 Marilyn Wysock
March 22 Jim Fogarty

Happy Anniversary! St. Pius

No anniversaries this week



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 21, 2026

Servers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers / Greeters	Money Counters
Camryn Risley Kendall Risley	Paula Schmidt	Larry Whitt Amy Crass Charlotte Riedfort	George Humphreys (Greeter) Paula Humphreys (Greeter)	

Mass Assignments: Sunday, Mar 22, 2026

Servers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers / Greeters	Money Counters
Kinley Peterson Harrison Shupe	Kason Peterson	Marcus Newman Teresa Newman Pam Hurst	Margaret Howard Gary Traylor Usher Volunteer	Andy Ferm Sherry Ferm

FFY
Calendar
&
Activities
Schedule

DATE	SUNDAY GOSPEL READING	Classes or Events
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
April 1, 2026 Wed 6:00-7:30	Easter Sunday Apr 5 John 20:1-9	Easter Egg Hunt @ 6:00pm Holy Week Lesson

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-Easter & Spring Theme Gifts

St. Francis de Sales Annual Quilt Luncheon

Thursday, April 23rd from 10:30 am – 1:30 pm. Come enjoy a delicious meal, browse our Quilt display, and take a chance to win a beautiful hand-made quilt - **“THE FLOWER GARDEN”!**

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

Pickup a Hope Clinic Baby Bottle for Collection

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 15 – Mar 21

No birthdays this week

St Anthony Anniversaries:

March 16 Antonio & Estella Molina

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 16 – Mar 22

Wednesday	9:00 am	Tena Brooks
Friday	9:00 am	Debbie Green
Sunday	8:00 am	Sally Anne Klohr

WEEKLY DONATIONS

Budget 2024/2025 Fiscal Year (July 2025-June 2026)	\$ 89,000.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 1,711.54
Weekly Donation 3/8/2025	\$ 1,164.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 84,557.70



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 22, 2026

Lector	Savannah Gilbert
Eucharistic Ministers	Judy Forsythe Pat Gorbett
Ushers/Greeters	John Colgan Janet Colgan
Server	Kevin Diesen
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, 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.
- † **ANONING 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