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4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Lent Year C Luke 15:1-3, 11-32



“Jesus taught: “A man had two sons, and the younger son said to his father, ‘Father give me the share of your estate that should come to me.’ So the father divided the property between them. After a few days, the younger son collected all his belongings and set off to a distant country where he squandered his inheritance on a life of dissipation. When he had freely spent everything, a severe famine struck that country, and he found himself in dire need. So he hired himself out to one of the local citizens who sent him to his farm to tend the swine. And he longed to eat his fill of the pods on which the swine fed, but nobody gave him any. Coming to his senses he thought, ‘How many of my father’s hired workers have more than enough food to eat, but here am I, dying from hunger. I shall get up and go to my father and I shall say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as you would treat one of your hired workers.”’ So he got up and went back to his father. While he was still a long way off, his father caught sight of him, and was filled with compassion. He ran to his son, embraced him and kissed him. His son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son.’ But his father ordered his servants, ‘Quickly bring the finest robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Take the fattened calf and slaughter it. Then let us celebrate with a feast, because this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again; he was lost, and has been found.’ Then the celebration began. Now the older son had been out in the field and, on his way back, as he neared the house, he heard the sound of music and dancing. He called one of the servants and asked what this might mean. The servant said to him, ‘Your brother has returned and your father has slaughtered the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.’ He became angry, and when he refused to enter the house, his father came out and pleaded with him. He said to his father in reply, ‘Look, all these years I served you and not once did I disobey your orders; yet you never gave me even a young goat to feast on with my friends. But when your son returns who swallowed up your property with prostitutes, for him you slaughter the fattened calf.’ He said to him, ‘My son, you are here with me always; everything I have is yours. But now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found.’”

**The Hope Jubilee Year Prayer**

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom. May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally. May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen

**ACTS 2:42 GROUPS**  
ON MISSION AS A EUCHARISTIC PEOPLE  
YEAR OF MISSION

“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  
Thursday-8:00 am  
Friday-8:00 am

Visit our Website [www.stpiusx.us](http://www.stpiusx.us)

**Daily Scripture Readings**

Sunday March 30, 2025  
Jos 5:9a, 10-12/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32  
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 Ex 32:7-14/Jn 5:31-47  
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  
[www.stanthonygrandrivers.org](http://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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## Pastor's Study Desk Notes



Dear St Anthony & St Pius Families,      4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Lent      Year C      Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

*"Are you sorry because of what you did, or because you got caught?"* How many of us heard this, when we were kids growing up? Hopefully no one did because it means we sinned, but I must confess that I heard it. Of course, my mom was pointing out that I needed to know in my heart what was right and what was wrong, and act appropriately. I needed to learn why, what I did, was wrong. I needed to know to always **do the 'right thing'** because it is God's will, it upholds order, and embodies holy values. Also, I needed to know to avoid wrong because it offends God, it disrupts relationships and ignores transcendent virtues. Being sorry and remorseful only because I got caught showed immaturity and a lack of any moral developmental sense. We all start out there as kids, but we as we grow, we progress through stages of advancing moral order, and come to see the inherent justice, of right action, right relationship and right motives. Humans

Lawrence Kohlberg outlined six stages of moral development that we humans grow through to refine our sense of right and wrong: from initially doing what is right only because we wish to avoid punishment (stage 1-a selfish infant) advancing all the way to the most developed stage of doing right because it embodies the universal dignity shown to all human beings (stage 6-a selfless adult). Of course, before we heard a 20<sup>th</sup> century theorist like Kohlberg talk about stage 6 morality, we already had heard Jesus teach us the highest ethic of universal compassion (*Jesus' Beatitudes & Golden Rule in Luke 6, or His teaching perfection to the rich young man, in Luke 18:18-23*). But also Jesus' parable of the Prodigal Son stirs up in my mind, the moral questions of not only doing the right thing, but also doing the right thing because of the right motivation (*similar to Paul's 'letter of the law & spirit of the law' 2 Cor 3:6 & Romans 8:2-4*)

In today's parable, both sons sin! One son's sin is more obvious and public, but both sons struggle with accomplishing, and doing the right thing. The first son's obvious greed and selfishness is on full display as he grabs at his inheritance from his father ('gimme, gimme') His generous father obliges his rash and immature request (likely his father thought, 'So, he has to learn the hard way!') And the youngest son runs off and discovers the hard truth of how the world eats up selfish people (after wasting his inheritance, he finds himself dumped in with the pigs). However, the older son seems consumed by a more controlled greed (but still motivated by greed) which is made public by his angry outburst not returning to the house when the younger son comes home. His greed is exposed, though he postures as 'righteous', by his anger over his half of the farm now being threatened by the younger son's return, and the father dipping into the remaining farm assets to celebrate and welcome him back. It turns out, that both sons are childish. They reflect only the first stages of moral development because they are doing right only to avoid pain or gain pleasure. Neither of them are concerned about 'good order' or moral virtue, the Father's will or compassionate care. BUT, the Father embodies that highest level of moral action – the rightness of proper human dignity in oneself and everyone. Of course, he is the wise and understanding father. The Father himself has overcome both temptations, one of early life's uninhibited indiscretions and also the later life's temptations toward 'graspy' acquisitiveness. He embodies a mature wisdom that values healthy relationships and permanent values.

The Prodigal Son parable invites all of us to examine our life's morality and its motivation. Some readers point out that the younger son's contrition is not genuine (what we call in Catholic Morality-'Imperfect Contrition' or 'Attrition'). His apologetic return to the father, is too rehearsed and contrived, (*like Hollywood actors or Washington politicians-is that the same thing anymore?-who hire crisis managers to accomplish their fall from grace-comeback tours?*) Yes, the younger son is exhibiting 'imperfect contrition', but the Father knows it is a beginning and something to work with. So, the Father is eager to model good virtue himself by going out to greet the son and walk him back to the farm. Additionally, notice though that when the self-righteous older brother flies off in an angry fit of drama his own way, the Father also goes out to engage, and attempt walking him back into the house, too. The father wants the sons to do the right thing for the right reason – to know the good order of social covenants that reflect dignified relationships/ He wants them to inherit mature relationships, not material resources. The father exhibits no greed – 'stuff, take it or leave it'. The Father knows he worked to accumulate the wealth of his farm once, and he can do it again. So the father is not concerned about the rings, the prize fatted calf, or the luxurious robe expended on the reunion celebration. He is just glad to have his relationships renewed.

We might commend the older brother for his responsibility, and diligently keeping up his work. The father tells him how proud he is of his dedication and homely work ethic. But the older son, must have been so obsessed with 'workaholism' that he never developed good loving relationship to his younger brother or his father –so that he wouldn't have been so harsh on his younger brother but also not have grieved his father in his old age. Good relationships reflect the highest moral values. So, today's parable invites us to examine our morality (our values and relationships) Lent is our season of conversion and spiritual growth. May we examine our own personal system of ethics, asking ourselves why we do, what we do. What motivates our morality? When we admit our wrongs, do we exhibit perfect contrition? Can we work on bettering our contrition instead of just being caught wrong? We have great helps in our Catholic Tradition for our personal moral inventories, such as 'examinations of conscience', prayers like Acts or Litanies of Contrition and of course, the Sacrament of Reconciliation itself. May we value more highly, the transcendental motivation of universal compassion, humane justice and true Christian dignity in doing the right thing.

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 Comttee  
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.

**MARCH 30, 2025 + 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY LENT YEAR C**

St Pius X Mass Intentions Mar 31– Apr 6		
Tuesday	6:00 pm	Richard Gregory Klohr
Wednesday	8:00 am	Rodney Wheatley
Thursday	8:00 am	Sally Anne Klohr
Friday	8:00 am	Jared Wheatley
Saturday	4:30 pm	Tony Horn
Sunday	10:00am	Ray Lucas
WEEKLY DONATIONS		
Parish Hall Donation (3/23/25)	\$	102.00
Budget for 2024/2025 Fiscal Year	\$	195,000.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$	3,750.00
Weekly Donation (3/23/25)	\$	2,455.50
Online Giving (3/23/25)	\$	1,024.00
Total Week's Gift Offering 3/23	\$	3,479.50
Fiscal Year to Date	\$	185,673.81



**Every Friday thru Lent**  
**4:00-7:00pm at St. Pius Hall**  
 Call in 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

**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 8:00 am St Anthony 10:00 St Pius

**Thank You!** Scott and Amy (Grizzard) Lazzaro would like to express our heartfelt gratitude for all of the condolences, kindness and prayers received over the past few months with the loss of our mom and dad (*Tony and Donna Lazzaro*). They were truly dedicated to and loved the Church and their faith and this was reflected in the support of the parishioners; for this we feel deeply blessed. Thank you, Scott & Amy

**Happy Birthday! Mar 30 – Apr 5 St. Pius**  
 March 30 Helen Bennett  
 March 31 Daniel Hurst  
 March 31 Tammie Georgen  
 April 3 Jason Anderson  
 April 3 Frances Dacus  
 April 4 Joseph Gentry  
**Happy Anniversary! St. Pius X**  
 April 6 Jim & Rose Drurv

St Pius X Mass Assignments: Saturday, April 5, 2025				
Servers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers / Greeters	Money Counters
Franky Schiaretti	Paula Schmidt	Amy Crass Jeff Riedfort Charlotte Riedfort	George Humphreys (Greeter) Paula Humphreys (Greeter)	
Mass Assignments: Sunday, April 6, 2025				
Server Volunteer Server Volunteer	Mike Bowling	Amanda Scheidegger Jimmy Harbison Pam Hurst	Usher Volunteer Usher Volunteer Usher Volunteer	Jan Waniel Jean Waniel

**FFY**  
 Calendar  
 &  
 Activities  
 Schedule

DATE	SUNDAY GOSPEL READING	SUBJECT
April 2, 2025 Wed 6:00-7:30	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Lent John 8:1-11	Hands-on Stations of the Cross Learn about Young Saints- St Carlo Acutis
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 6:0-0-7:30 pm	Easter – Resurrection of Lord John 20:1-9	Holy Week – What is it? Special Days, Lord's Passion Stations

**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 Longworth, 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**

**St. Pius X:** 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto: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

**Prayers & Sympathy:** Please pray for the eternal rest of Jimmy Edmonds, brother of Pamela Whitfill who was buried last Sunday. May God comfort family.

**All-Day Adoration on Friday April 4**

St Anthony Church has an all day Eucharistic Adoration every 1<sup>st</sup> 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 Mar 30– Apr 5**

April 5 Kevin Diesen

**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 4<sup>th</sup> gospel



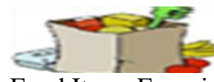
**St. Anthony of Padua**

**Mass Intentions  
Mar 31 – Apr 6**

Wednesday	9:00 am	Sally Anne Klohr
Friday	9:00 am	Linda Paluso
1 <sup>st</sup> Sat	8:00 am	Taylor Johansen
Sunday	8:00 am	Charles Thurman

**WEEKLY DONATIONS**

Budget 2024/2025 Fiscal Year (July 2024-June 2025)	\$ 73,500.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 1,413.46
Weekly Donation 3/23/2025	\$ 1,422.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 81,443.39



**FOOD PANTRY**

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 – April 6, 2025**

<b>Lector</b>	Sandi Ruth
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Cindy O'Brian Judy Forsythe
<b>Ushers/Greeters</b>	Kevin Diamond Kelly Noonan
<b>Server</b>	Juan Gonzalez
<b>Money Counters</b>	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)
- † **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:** 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:stpiusx@stpiusx.us)