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6th Sunday Ordinary **'Study Text' Not for Liturgy** Year A Mat 5:17-30



"Do not think that I have come to loosen the law or the prophets. I have not come to loosen, but to fulfill. Amen I say to you, certainly, until heaven and earth pass away, not one iota, not one dot shall pass away from the law, until all is done. Therefore, whoever will have loosened one of the least of these commandments, and have taught men so, shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven. But whoever will have done and taught these, such a one shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I say to you, that unless your justice has surpassed that of the scribes and the Pharisees you shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven. You have heard that it was said to the ancients: 'You shall not murder; whoever will have murdered shall be liable to judgment.' But I say to you, that anyone who becomes angry with his brother shall be liable to judgment. But whoever will have called his brother, 'Idiot,' shall be liable to the council. Then, whoever will have called him, 'Worthless,' shall be liable to the fires of Hell. Therefore, if you offer your gift at the altar, and there you remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there, before the altar, and go first to be reconciled to your brother, and then you may approach and offer your gift. Be reconciled with your adversary quickly, while you are still on the way with him, lest perhaps the adversary may hand you over to the judge, and the judge may hand you over to the officer, and you will be thrown in prison. Amen I say to you, that you shall not go forth from there, until you have repaid the last quarter. You have heard that it was said to the ancients: 'You shall not commit adultery.' But I say to you, that anyone who will have looked at a woman, so as to lust after her, has already committed adultery with her in his heart. And if your right eye causes you to sin, root it out and cast it away from you. For it is better for you that one of your members perish, than that your whole body be cast into Hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and cast it away from you. For it is better for you that one of your members perish, than that your whole body go into Hell"

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

Excerpt from 'Preludes'

By TS Eliot

.....His soul stretched tight across the skies
That fade behind a city block,
Or trampled by insistent feet
At four and five and six o'clock;

And short square fingers stuffing pipes,
And evening newspapers, and eyes
Assured of certain certainties,
The conscience of a blackened street
Impatient to assume the world.

I am moved by fancies that are curled
Around these images, and cling:
*The notion of some infinitely gentle
Infinitely suffering thing.*

Wipe your hand across your mouth, and laugh;
The worlds revolve like ancient women
Gathering fuel in vacant lots.

**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

Ash Wednesday-8:00 am,Noon & 6:00 pm

Thursday-8:00 am

Friday-8:00 am

Eucharist Adoration

Visit our Website www.stpiusx.us

Daily Scripture Readings

Sunday February 15, 2026

Sir 15:15-20/1 Cor 2:6-10/Mt 5:17-37

Monday Jas 1:1-11/Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday Jas 1:12-18/Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday Jl 2:12-18/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday Dt 30:15-20/Lk 9:22-25

Friday Is 58:1-9a/Mt 9:14-15

Saturday Is 58:9b-14/Lk 5:27-32

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**

Ash 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,

6th Sunday Ordinary Time

Matthew 5:17-37

Jesus raises the bar! “Unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter into the kingdom of heaven” (Matt 5:20). I always hear my parents in those words of Jesus! How many times growing up, when I was in trouble for doing wrong, I used the excuse, “But the others were doing it, too!” They would always say, “But I/We expect more out of you.” And Jesus expects more out of His disciples. (that ‘salt & light’ talk!)

Of course, in Jesus’ Sermon on the Mount, we are well past the pretty and poetic part with the Beatitudes prayer/blessings. Now, Jesus is getting down to the practical business of living out that lofty poetry (the work of personal character development expressed all day long in our duties and decisions). Jesus speaks about His life and example, fulfilling God’s law. (Matt 5:17 “I have come not to abolish {the Law & Prophets} but to fulfill them.” Jesus is not taking away any responsibility of following the Law. He is adding to their observance, the ‘filling-full’ of their purpose by revealing the motivation behind the Law. I like to say that when we want to understand a Law’s meaning, we need to get to know the Lawgiver. I understand Jesus to be saying that it is not enough to follow only the letter of the law. We also need to embody the spirit of it. For example, here is a good question: “When following the law, where is our heart?” I work against the good if I perform it grudgingly. Do I understand the individual goods involved? Do I embrace the good of order? Do I value the flourishing of life/truth/good? Is the law only an inconvenience frustrating my will (my way of doing things), or do I see the greater good of God’s common will for everyone?

St Paul’s more excellent way (Way of Love -1 Cor 13), teaches us that it is not enough to only do what we are supposed to do. No, we should also do it well! And do it lovingly! Do I only do the right thing because I am told to do it, or because I understand it and love to do it? Paul will go on to say in Romans 13:10, “Love does no evil to a neighbor; hence, love is the fulfillment of the law.” Love gladly fulfills the law, as an expression of gratitude toward God’s gift of life.

Jesus demonstrates this ‘higher law of love’ by naming three commandments, “You shall not 1) kill, 2) commit adultery or 3) bear false oath”. Then, He pushes for more from us by calling for their heartfelt observance in our lives. On the face of these laws, God is not asking much from us (Don’t kill?? Easy enough!) So, Jesus wishes us to put our heart into following the laws more faithfully. He challenges us to root out the ‘near occasion’ of these sins. How about eliminating anger, lust and sloth from our hearts? Don’t allow them any place in our mind/ hearts. Then, we will not even get close to these mortal sins becoming actual. We can see where they lead: Anger grows into murder (vengeance leads to death), Lust grows into adultery (coveting leads to taking) and Sloth grows into lying (covering up instead of just doing the work!) The fulfillment of the Law is its joyful embrace in spirit and in deed. Doing good for good’s own sake (which is also our fulfillment!) It brings life and deepens our life (John 10:10). Some people describe this fuller living, as a living in the Spirit, as Paul indicates in 2 Corinthians 3:6, as “a new covenant, not of letter but of spirit; for the letter brings death, but **the Spirit brings life**”. Fulfilling the Law by embracing it out of love is what awakens us to living fully. I like how Jesus in John chapter 13 (in the context of serving his disciples by washing their feet), says “If you understand this, blessed are you if you do it.” Isn’t that life’s law?

Another passage of scripture that seems to be another place where Jesus demonstrates how He **‘fulfills’** the Law and Prophets, happens later in the gospel when He walks with the two disciples on the road to Emmaus, and He opens their mind/hearts to see His the actions of his life/ministry to be exactly what was called for by the Father’s plan from the beginning (Luke 24:27). Which brings us back to those Beatitude ‘blessings’!

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 Comites

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

First Reconciliation/First Communion Schedule

Sun Feb. 15	9:00 - 9:45am	First Comm	Session #3	Parish Hall
Sun Mar. 1	9:00 - 9:45am	First Comm	Session #4	Parish Hall
Sun Mar. 22	9:00 - 9:45am	First Comm	Session #5	Parish Hall

St Pius X Mass Intentions Feb 16 – Feb 22		
Tuesday	6:00 pm	Russell Tomlinson
Wednesday	8:00 am	PJ/Martha Rose O'Donoghue Family
Thursday	8:00 am	Francisco Rendon
Friday	8:00 am	Loretta Wheatley
Saturday	4:30 pm	Gerry Spence
Sunday	10:00am	Ray Lucas
WEEKLY DONATIONS		
Parish Hall Donation (2/8/25)	\$	185.00
Budget for 2025/2026 Fiscal Year	\$	205,000.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$	3,942.00
Weekly Donation (2/8/25)	\$	2,677.50
Online Giving (2/8/25)	\$	1,638.00
Total Week's Gift Offering 2/8	\$	4,315.50
Fiscal Year to Date	\$	167,217.92

Prayers & Sympathy: Please pray for the eternal rest & peace of Tommy Coursey, (grandfather of Blake Coursey) who passed away last week. Please pray for all of his family, that they be comforted and strengthened in these difficult days as they grieve his passing.




Every Friday thru Lent
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



Happy Birthday! Feb 15– Feb 21 St. Pius
 Feb 16 Ralph Georgen Feb 16 Gavin Devine
 Feb 20 Magnolia Dougherty
Happy Anniversary! St. Pius
No anniversaries this week

HOLY LAND & ROME PILGRIMAGE
13 days of Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus
 Travel w/ Spiritual Directors Fr. Riley & Fr. Fogle
 Dates: Nov. 2 – Nov. 14, 2026
 Cost: \$5999.00/person. Travel from Nashville, TN
 For more information and if interested, please contact
 Fr. Bruce @ St. John the Evangelist Parish
 Phone: 270-554-3810
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St Pius X Mass Assignments: Saturday, February 21, 2026				
Servers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers / Greeters	Money Counters
Franky Schiaretti Marlie Schiaretti	Brenda Schiaretti	Charlotte Riedfort Jeff Riedfort Paula Schmidt	George Humphreys (Greeter) Paula Humphreys (Greeter)	
Mass Assignments: Sunday, Feb 22, 2026				
Kinley Peterson Harrison Shupe	Pam Hurst	Kelli King Allison Devine Jimmy Harbison	Margaret Howard Gary Traylor Usher Volunteer	Nancy Singleton Kathy Smith

FFY
Calendar
&
Activities
Schedule

DATE	SUNDAY GOSPEL READING	Classes or Events
Feb 18, 2026 Wed 6:00-7:30	ASH WEDNESDAY MASS @ 6:00PM	No FFY, Pray with Family Matthew 4:1-11 Lenten activity
Feb 25, 2026 Wed 6:00-7:30	2nd Sunday Lent Matthew 17:1-9	ADORATION After Stations of the Cross with Penance/Confessions
Mar 4, 2026 Wed 6:00-7:30	3 rd Sunday Lent John 4:5-42	FFY Session

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,



St. Anthony Page Announcements

Coffee/ Doughnuts 1st Sunday Every Month

Bazaar Crafts Rack Sale: Be sure to check out the new seasonal merchandise—Valentine’s Themed Gifts!

Marriage at Cana: Friday February 27 at 6:00 pm. We’ll begin with Mass at 6:00, celebrating marriage and anniversary blessings, & then enjoy a delicious catered dinner afterward. Music and dancing will conclude the evening. Please sign up on the sheet to RSVP or see Judy Forsythe.

Upcoming Cursillo Weekends at Gasper River

Men’s weekend —February 26-March 1, 2026
 Women’s weekend —March 5-8, 2026
 Cost for weekend is \$180. Financial assistance is available. For an application or more info visit <http://www.cursillo-owensboro.org/>

Needed: Helpers to sign up for Donut Sunday.

All-Day Adoration on Friday March 6

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 March 7 @ 8:00am. Every first Saturday we offer mass and pray the rosary



St Anthony Birthdays Feb 15 – Feb 21

Feb 15 Sandy Ruth Diesen Feb 17 Barbara Diamond
 Feb 18 Bob Tashjian Feb 19 Nick Zaim

St Anthony Anniversaries:

No anniversaries this week

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
 Feb 16 – Feb 22**

Wednesday	9:00 am	<i>Iva Mae & Don Witte</i>
Friday	9:00 am	<i>Linda Paluso</i>
Sunday	8:00 am	<i>Charles Thurman, Jr</i>

WEEKLY DONATIONS

Budget 2024/2025 Fiscal Year (July 2025-June 2026)	\$ 89,000.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 1,711.54
Weekly Donation 2/8/2025	\$ 1,332.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 74,458.70



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 – Feb 22, 2026

Lector	Mike Drury
Eucharistic Ministers	Steve Wilkes Joyce Wilkinson
Ushers/Greeters	David Loxley Kelly Noonan
Server	Kevin Diesen
Money Counters	Shara Parish Kevin Diamond

**CONSIDER ATTENDING DAILY MASS
 OR WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY**

St Anthony Prayer List: 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