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5th Sunday Lent *'Study Text' Not for Liturgy* John 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45



"Now there was a certain sick man, Lazarus of Bethania, from the town of Mary and her sister Martha... Therefore, his sisters sent to him, saying: "Lord, behold, he whom you love is sick." Then, upon hearing this, Jesus said to them: "This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified by it." Now Jesus loved Martha, and her sister Mary, and Lazarus. Even so, after he heard that he was sick, he then still remained in the same place for two days. Then, after these things, he said to his disciples, "Let us go into Judea again."... And so Jesus went. And he found that he had already been in the tomb for four days.... Therefore, Martha, when she heard that Jesus was arriving, went out to meet him. But Mary was sitting at home. And then Martha said to Jesus: "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now, I know that whatever you will request from God, God will give to you." Jesus said to her, "Your brother shall rise again." } Martha said to him, "I know that he shall rise again, at the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her: "I am the Resurrection and the Life. Whoever believes in me, even though he has died, he shall live. And everyone who lives and believes in me shall not die for eternity. Do you believe this?" She said to him: "Certainly, Lord. I have believed that you are the Christ, the Son of the living God, who has come into this world."... And then, when Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had arrived with her weeping, he groaned in spirit and became troubled. And he said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." And Jesus wept. Therefore, the Jews said, "See how much he loved him!" But some of them said, "Would not he who opened the eyes of one born blind have been able to cause this man not to die?" Therefore, Jesus, again groaning from within himself, went to the tomb. Now it was a cave, and a stone had been placed over it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of him who had died, said to him, "Lord, by now it will smell, for this is the fourth day." Jesus said to her, "Did I not say to you that if you believe, you shall see the glory of God?" Therefore, they took away the stone. Then, lifting up his eyes, Jesus said: "Father, I give thanks to you because you have heard me. And I know that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the people who are standing nearby, so that they may believe that you have sent me." When he had said these things, he cried in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out." And immediately, he who had been dead went forth, bound at the feet and hands with winding bands. And his face was bound with a separate cloth. Jesus said to them, "Release him and let him go." Therefore, many of the Jews, who had come to Mary and Martha, and who had seen the things that Jesus did, believed in him."

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

Excerpt "Love Song of J Alfred Prufrock

By TS Eliot

And the afternoon, the evening, sleeps so peacefully!
Smoothed by long fingers,
Asleep ... tired ... or it malingers,
Stretched on the floor, here beside you and me.
Should I, after tea and cakes and ices,
Have the strength to force the moment to its crisis?
But though I have wept and fasted, wept and prayed,
Though I have seen my head (grown slightly bald)
brought in upon a platter,
I am no prophet — and here's no great matter;
I have seen the moment of my greatness flicker,
And I have seen the eternal Footman hold my coat,
and snicker, And in short, I was afraid.

And would it have been worth it, after all,
After the cups, the marmalade, the tea,
Among the porcelain, among some talk of you and me,
Would it have been worth while,
To have bitten off the matter with a smile,
To have squeezed the universe into a ball
To roll it towards some overwhelming question,
To say: "I am Lazarus, come from the dead,
Come back to tell you all, I shall tell you all"—
If one, settling a pillow by her head
Should say: "That is not what I meant at all;
That is not it, at all."

**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 22, 2026
Ez 37:12-14/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45
Monday Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-62/Jn 8:1-11
Tuesday Nm 21:4-9/Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday Is 7:10-14/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38
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

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

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,

5th Sunday Lent

John 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

'Dead as a doornail'! A key to understanding today's gospel details, is to keep in mind that Lazarus was **dead-dead!** Jesus' delay, the talk of stench, the gawking of the crowd, the need to unwrap Lazarus: All of it, comes together when we realize that Lazarus was past dead - beyond fixing (*which is what that saying above means- a nail in a door-knocker, was so beaten by its use knocking, that the head was flattened into the door & could never be removed for any second use – it is in its burial place forever!*)

Lazarus had suffered gravely from an illness for a couple days, so much so, that his sisters Mary & Martha sent word to Jesus of his rapidly declining health, while Jesus was out on the road doing His missionary ministry. But, so often with our Good Shepherd, Jesus knew this already – Jesus tries to inform the apostles, that everything is going to turn out okay. In John 11:4, Jesus says, **"This illness is not to end in death, but is for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it."** However, we are going to hear that in fact, Lazarus does die, and Mary/Martha conduct his funeral, including the wake period of mourning (*to older Catholics: Do you remember when we used to have two days of visitation and rosary, and the funeral mass followed on the 3rd day?*) So, Jesus delays at least two days more(11:6), and then returns to Bethany not only to relieve Mary/Martha from their grief, but also to relieve Lazarus from death – to resurrect him to Life! The Lazarus story perplexes a good many of us, because we wonder why Jesus would allow the suffering/grief of Mary & Martha to stretch out, by his intentional delay in applying his healing/vivifying touch to Lazarus. Of course, **we humans are often not content to just receive good things, but we often want to receive them according to our own schedule and timing, too.** This reading calls for greater trust in God, and for an adjustment in our demands of God. God is going to take care of things, but always in the **'bigger picture'** view than we are imagining. Perhaps, Jesus had even spoken of this with Mary/Martha/Lazarus before it all happened. (*True, we don't know of any prior conversation of Jesus warning them that they are about to go through a difficult time; but, His basic teaching, is always, that we should trust Him to remedy any & all of our hurts eventually - and Martha does seem to have an inkling of a restoration of Lazarus sometime in the future-11:24*) So, we can read this whole episode as a call for us to trust God more, and as an explanation **of why things don't happen the way we think they should** – because God always has His greater glory in mind and will be bringing more good than we can ever imagine to the situation (not just Lazarus healed, but Lazarus resurrected – not only Mary & Martha comforted, but everyone witnessing it, being lifted up with hope & strengthened by Jesus' confirming miracle!) **How much more God brings!** It is all a witness to the Greater Glory of God in Jesus! But the question of why there is suffering in our lives, or why there is more suffering than we think there should be, is a very common question for people of faith. We pray about it a lot. I find that that to be the most common question of faith – The Book of Psalms is filled with the question (& answer)! We can see that the apostles try to come up with their own explanation as to why Jesus 'delays' going straight to Lazarus when he hears that he is sick. They think it has to do with Jesus playing it safe, after just having had his own life threatened there with a 'stoning' recently. John 11:8, has them say, "Rabbi, the Jews were just trying to **stone you** there...." And when they do eventually head to Lazarus' place, Thomas will go on to say, "Let us also **go to die** with Jesus" (11:16) Judea was a hotbed of hatred for Jesus. So much so, that after Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead, we will hear that not only do the priests & powers plot to kill Jesus, but they also want to kill Lazarus too, since Lazarus was walking proof of Jesus' divinity (John 11:53 & 12:10). So, I see the apostles here, feeling a need to come up with an excusing explanation themselves, to account for why Jesus 'delays' two days before going to Lazarus. But we (they) need to trust Jesus more! He has got this!

What is the greater work? For Jesus to simply heal another person of a fever or disease, or to all the way, raise them back to life **from the dead?** To only witness the power to heal or the ultimate power to re-birth & give life again? Jesus says in John 11:25, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, **even if he dies,** will live,," The fact that Jesus adds, 'even if they die', He us saying that it is okay to die, belonging to Him. With Jesus, death is not the end. Life overcomes death, light overcomes darkness (Jn 1:5)!

Knowing that the gospel writer John loves 'sevens'-the number of life's perfection in heaven, I see a level of meaning (and reason for Jesus' delay) that it adds up that Lazarus is **raised on the seventh day.** Martha tells Jesus that Lazarus has been dead, for 'four days' in John 11:39 (The journey from Galilee to Bethany is four days). John the narrator says that when Jesus heard of Lazarus' sickness (one day), He then stayed on there, 'two days' (Jn 11:6), and then travels on to Bethany (four days) which brings us to the day Lazarus is resurrected: **the 'seventh' day from Lazarus' sickness unto death!** Additionally, this miracle-sign also happens to be the **seventh** one of Jesus, in the Gospel of John! That John loves 'the number seven' can be seen in the seven miracles, the seven feasts, the seven questions-discourses, the seven 'I am' statements, and the seven disciples that witness the resurrected Jesus on the seashore! Here's another reason to trust that more is always going on with Jesus than we can realize at first. He is always up to more than we can imagine! We must wait and trust!

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 Comttees

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

First Reconciliation/First Communion Schedule

Sun Mar. 22	9:00 - 9:45am	First Comm	Session #5	Parish Hall
Sun Apr. 19	9:00 - 9:45am	First Comm	Session #6	Parish Hall

St Pius X Mass Intentions
Mar 23 – Mar 29

Tuesday	6:00 pm	Debbie Green
Wednesday	8:00 am	Loretta Wheatley
Thursday	8:00 am	Hinkebein Family
Friday	8:00 am	PJ & Martha Rose O'Donghue
Saturday	4:30 pm	Linda Paluso
Sunday	10:00am	MaryAnn Huebschmann

WEEKLY DONATIONS

Parish Hall Donation (3/15/25)	\$	90.00
Budget for 2025/2026 Fiscal Year	\$	205,000.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$	3,942.00
Weekly Donation (3/15/25)	\$	12,728.50
Online Giving (3/15/25)	\$	1,467.00
Total Week's Gift Offering 3/15	\$	14,195.50
Fiscal Year to Date	\$	206,044.32

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

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**"!

Pray for our Easter OCIA Class:

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

Easter Vigil Holy Saturday April 4 @ 8:00 pm
Pray for our Easter Class & their First Sacraments



Happy Birthday! Mar 22– Mar 28 St. Pius

Mar 22 Jim Fogarty Mar 22 Marilyn Wysock
Mar 23 Katie Hurst Mar 27 Aiden Blazina
Mar 27 Paula Humphreys Mar 27 Dorothy Schmidt

Happy Anniversary! St. Pius

March 26 Tom & Nancy Forsythe



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 28, 2026

Servers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers / Greeters	Money Counters
Franky Schiaretti Marlie Schiaretti	Liz Medley Passion Readers (N) Larry Whitt (V) Brenda Schiaretti	Charlotte Riedfort Jeff Riedfort Amy Crass	George Humphreys (Greeter) Paula Humphreys (Greeter)	

Mass Assignments: Sunday, Mar 29, 2026

Gavin Devine Kinley Peterson	Phillip Scheiber Passion Readers (N) Pam Hurst (V) Philip Scheidegger	Allison Devine Kelli King Jimmy Harbison	Margaret Howard Gary Traylor Usher Volunteer	Nancy Singleton Kathy Smith
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FFY
Calendar
&
Activities
Schedule

DATE	SUNDAY GOSPEL READING	Classes or Events
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 w/ snacks & fellowship - All are invited!
April 8, 2026 Spring Break	2 nd Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy John 20:19-30	No FFY Classes – Spring Break

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–Seasons’ Themed 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>

13 Days Holy Land, Rome Pilgrimage: Mon, Nov 2 - Sat, Nov 14 with Fr. Bruce Fogle & Fr. Eric Riley.

The trip price is \$5,999.00 per person. (Air fare, Hotels, some meals). Flights from Nashville. A sample brochure and itinerary available below on the table at church

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 22 – Mar 28

Mar 26 Dot Lang Mar 26 Dan O’Brien
Mar 29 Linda Drury

St Anthony Anniversaries:

March 29 Dan & Gail Dailey

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 23 – Mar 29

Wednesday	9:00 am	Linda Paluso
Friday	9:00 am	Special Intention
Sunday	8:00 am	Helen Krivan

WEEKLY DONATIONS

Budget 2024/2025 Fiscal Year (July 2025-June 2026)	\$ 89,000.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 1,711.54
Weekly Donation 3/15/2025	\$ 1,058.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 85,615.70



Dry Food & Can Food Items Needed:

Collection container is in back of church

Pickup a Hope Clinic Baby Bottle for Collection

Please fill a bottle with your loose change at home and return to church for the Hope Clinic Collection

St Anthony Mass Assignments – Mar 29, 2026

Lector	Diane Quayle
Eucharistic Ministers	Steve Wilkes Joyce Wilkinson
Ushers/Greeters	Janice Brookshire Lisa Adrian
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, 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 17 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