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5th Sunday Lent

Year B

John 12:20-33



“Some Greeks who had come to worship at the Passover Feast came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, “Sir, we would like to see Jesus.” Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit. Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me. “I am troubled now. Yet what should I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it and will glorify it again.” The crowd there heard it and said it was thunder; but others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” Jesus answered and said, “This voice did not come for my sake but for yours. Now is the time of judgment on this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself.” He said this indicating the kind of death he would die.”

Excerpt from ‘Autumn Day’

By Ranier Rilke

Lord: it's time. The summer was magnificent.
Lay your shadows upon the sun-dials
and o'er the isles allow your winds to vent.
Command the final fruits to be full and fine;
give them two more days in the southern sun,
push them to completion and then run
the last sweetness through the heavy wine.
He who now has no house, will build one never.
He who is alone, will long so remain,
will awaken, read, lengthy letters pen
and in the lanes will forever
restlessly wander, when the leaves are driven....

Spiritual Thought for the Week

“Return to your heart. Why go away from yourselves? Going away from yourselves you perish. Why go the ways of deserted roads? Come back from your wandering that has taken you so far away and return to the Lord. It can happen quickly. First return to your own heart; you have wandered and become a stranger to yourself: you do not know yourself, and yet you are seeking the one who made you! Return, return to your heart, detach yourself from your body. ... Return to your heart; see there what you can perhaps perceive of God, for that is where you will find the image of God. Christ dwells in the inner man, and it is in your inner man that you are renewed after the image of God.”

(St. Augustine, Commentary on John, 18, 10; CCL 36, p. 186.)

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 17, 2024

Jer 31:31-34/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33

Monday Dn 13:1-17, 19-62 /Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday 2 Sm 7:4-16/Rom 4:13-22 Lk 2:41-51

Wednesday Dn 3:14-20, 91-95/Jn 8:31-42

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

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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, 5th Sunday Lent Year B John 12:20-33

What a 'seeking' faith! Some of the best lines of scriptures are from 'seekers' looking for more out of life! Even though they are already living good, moral lives, they seek that extra level of experience we call 'conscious contact' with God to lift themselves out of the monotony of 'just getting by' in life. They desire to move into a greater matrix of meaning! Like the music group Switchfoot lyrics sing, "***We were meant to live for so much more...everything inside screams for second life.***" Where does this 'seeking impulse' come from but from within each one of us! In fact, God creates us with that yearning for transcendence from the beginning. We only have to discover it. Sometimes simply reflecting upon our human nature and human experiences can awaken an awareness that God intends so much more for us, than just the 'status quo'. The great Christian novelist CS Lewis in book *Mere Christianity* (p. 120) writes about this human instinct within us, when he says, "If I find in myself a desire which no experience in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that ***I was made for another world.***" And the door to that other world is our own heart, if we open it! I like how the French philosopher Blaise Pascal describes this God-Spot within us, and that it was obscured in time by human sin (the Fall of Adam & Eve). He writes, "*What else does this craving {within}, and this helplessness, proclaim but that there was once in man a true happiness, of which all that now remains is the empty print and trace? This man tries in vain to fill with everything around him, seeking in things that are not there the help he cannot find in those that are, though none can help, since this infinite abyss can be filled only with an infinite and immutable object; in other words by God himself.*" (Pensées VII-425)

Yet, I love how our first reading today from the prophet Jeremiah 31:33, has God revealing that He created it this way: "***I will place my law within them, and write it upon their hearts.***" So, our desire for God, our search for more, is written into our DNA! We are probably all familiar with St Augustine's famous quote, "***Our hearts are restless till they find rest in Thee***" (Confessions, 1,1.5) St Augustine has diagnosed the human condition, identifying the potentially transcendent space within us that we call our 'soul'. This opening within ourselves, created in us to have God dwell there. But we have to seek God, and we have to search for this more within. This is why I love the curious 'Greeks' in today's gospel seeking to find Jesus. They are seeking that something more in life that only comes with God. And it doesn't sound easy for them, considering what they take on to see Jesus. They go to Philip, but then Philip refers to Andrew and then they all together go to Jesus. But their tenacious seeking is an example to us of what faith does – it never gives up. It keeps looking, it keeps searching. 'Seek and you will find!' (Matt 7:7) Staying at it, and digging for more, bears great fruit. These eager 'Greeks' remind me of the blind man in Mark 10:51 who tells Jesus Himself, "Master, I want to see." Or how about the great efforts of Zacchaeus who goes to 'unknown' heights (?) attempting to see/meet Jesus (Luke 19:4)? Or the strong Syrophenician woman (Matt 15:22-28) who overcomes all obstacles (even human blocks) to reach Jesus. More is in store for us here, if we search and look!

But someone may still ask, "What do I have to do to experience this 'more'? Jesus simply says, "Follow me" (Matthew 4:19) We only have to respond. The only requirement is to 'knock, ask, and seek'. Apply ourselves and it will appear. Often we quibble about membership requirements for groups and programs. I like how when Thomas Merton was asked one time about 'requirements to join the Trappist monastery', he shared the wisdom of the group with them, that the lifestyle itself selected its members (basically, whoever came on board and could live the life faithfully, stayed on board!). I am familiar with the AA 12-step program (similar model for many self-help recovery groups). I appreciate the simplicity of the group's 3rd Tradition which states, "The only requirement for A.A. membership is a desire to stop drinking." Or the Rule of St Benedict which stipulates the admission or screening of new recruits says, "The concern must be whether the novice truly seeks God and whether he shows eagerness for the Work of God, for obedience and for trials" (RB 58:7). So, the desire to find God, & to remain a lifelong 'seeker' is all that is needed to receive that 'something more' of which we have all been created for!

St Pius X Parish Council Meeting Thurs April 25 @ 5:30 pm

Gary Traylor	(3)	Chair Person
Nora Canon	(3)	Secretary & Finance
Paula Humphreys	(3)	Spiritual Life
Stacey Newby	(3)	FFY & Religious Ed
Debbie Anspach	(3)	Social Program/Outreach
Michael Bowling	(3)	Building & Ground

Early Church Fathers Study & Discussion

Every Tuesday Night from 6:30-7:30pm Come study some of these foundational documents written by the students of apostles. After Scripture, these are our earliest sources of Faith!

MARCH 17, 2024 + 5TH SUNDAY LENT YEAR B

**St Pius X Mass Intentions
March 18 – March 24**

Tuesday	6:00 pm	<i>David Mudd</i>
Wednesday	8:00 am	<i>All Souls in Purgatory</i>
Thursday	8:00 am	<i>Taylor Johansen</i>
Friday	8:00 am	<i>James Hobbs</i>
Saturday	4:30 pm	<i>Bob Zilligen</i>
Sunday	10:00 am	<i>Don Buffington</i>

WEEKLY DONATIONS

Parish Hall Donation (3/10/24)	\$ 287.35
Budget for 2022/2023 Fiscal Year (July 2023-June 2024)	\$ 195,000.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 3,750.00
Weekly Donation (3/10/24)	\$ 2,506.11
Online Giving (3/10/24)	\$ 1,434.00
Total Week's Gift Offering 3/10	\$ 3,940.11
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 162,418.11

Acts 2:42 Group: Session #6 is **Sunday April 7, at St Pius at 1:30 pm** All are invited



Holy Week And Easter Mass Schedule

Tuesday Evening Chrim Mass in Owensboro 6:30
Wednesday 8:00am St Pius, 9:00 am St Anthony

Holy Thursday

5:30 St Anthony & 7:00 St Pius

Good Friday

5:30 St Anthony & 7:00 St Pius

Holy Saturday Vigil 8:00 pm St Pius (no 4:30 mass)

Easter Sunday Morning

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

Knights Columbus Fish Frys Every Friday

Serving 4:00-7:00 pm. Eat in, or carry out! Come enjoy fish, potato, slaw, beans & hush puppies! Great dinner & social!

Call in an order for pick-up at 270-395-5747

Coffee & Doughnuts after Mass at St Pius

After the 10 am Mass **April 14**

Birthdays & Anniversaries: Mar 17– Mar 23

Happy Birthday! St. Pius X

March 22 Marilyn Wysock

March 23 Katie Hurst

Happy Anniversary! St. Pius X

No anniversaries this week

St Pius X Mass Assignments: Saturday, March 23, 2024

Servers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers / Greeters	Money Counters
Volunteer	Nancy Glover ® Liz Medley (N) Richard Derry (V)	Suzette Whittington Charlotte Riedfort Jeff Riedfort	Volunteer (Usher) Volunteer (Usher) Volunteer (Greeter) Volunteer (Greeter)	

Mass Assignments: Sunday, March 24, 2024

Franky Schiaretti Anthony Schiaretti	Marty Darst ® Pam Hurst (N) Ric Witowski (V)	Caleb King Kelli King Jimmy Harbison	Philip Scheidegger Usher Volunteer Usher Volunteer	Maryann Huebschmann Kathy Smith
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FFY Schedule of Classes and Events

Wednesday	March 20	6:00 – 7:30	Meal & Class	Hall & Church
Wednesday	March 27	5:30 – 7:00	Easter Egg Hunt, Meal, Stations of Cross	Picnic Shelter & Church
Wednesday	April 3	Spring Break	Spring Break – No classes	Spring Break Off
Wednesday	April 10	6:00 - 7:30	Meal & Class (Confirmation Practice)	Hall & Church
Wednesday	April 17	6:00 – 7:30	Meal & Class (First Communion Practice)	Hall & Church

Remember in Prayer

St. Pius X: Theresa Owens, Sara Repovich, Kaye Hinkebein, Amanda Scheidegger, Olga Edwards, Diane Fischer Russell Tomlinson, Joanne Schmidt Paula Willett, Kent & Kim Henry, Linda Womer, Leah Vincek, Rick Wilson, Richard Warmowski, Wade Barnes, Ashley Hayden, Donna Barrix, David Crass, Beth Strutzel, Jason Long, Helen Nicholson, Larry Kline, Bonita Walker, Joe Hedges, Jerry Wade, Katie Wood, Joanna Grimes, Amanda Bailey, Kaleigh Row, Dolly Bardsley, Pam Laib, David Kröll, Henry Feezor, Lisa Hammond, Bennett Meisenheimer, Jim & Rose Drury, Wes Hayes, Mike Norvell, Maryann Huebschmann, Shirley Mangan, 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, Donny Travis, Betty Derry, Scott Hamilton, Connie Burt, Abigail Huebschmann, Lucas Hebner, 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.

Pray for Our Military

St. Pius X: Cameron Thomason, Julianne Utley, 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 First Sunday Every Month

Quilters group at St Anthony Every Tuesday
Contact Georgia Bradshaw for details. Quilters gather and work on their community quilt together.

Needed Donations: SEW ON Velcro (any size) for Diaper Project for Orphaned Children in the Philippines. **Only SEW-ON Velcro** can be used – Please NO adhesive velcro. Contact Georgia Hunsley (St Anthony Church) at 402-920-0108 for more info. Baskets by church doors to collect the velcro.

Holy Land Special Lunch Bunch Thurs March 21

Jewish Food Theme with Highlights & Pictures from **Wendy Elrod** after her **Trip to Holy Land**. Fr Brian will offer scriptural significance and background, too. Bring a Jewish side dish! Program at 11:30, Mar 21!

Planning another Wedding Cana Dinner-Watch for Details!

All-Day Adoration on 1st Friday March 1

St Anthony Parish 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. Prayer Partners are requested for each hour during Adoration. Please register your time on the schedule or call Judy Forsythe - 612-245-3636

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 17 – Mar 23

No birthdays this week

Anniversaries:

No anniversaries this week

Lectio Divina Weekly Sessions

Every Wednesday @ St. Anthony of Padua, we gather for weekly "Lectio Divina" sessions. Come and open God's Word in your heart & mind. We have workbooks available



St. Anthony of Padua

Mass Intentions

March 18 – March 24

Wednesday	9:00 am	Dr Sidney Edds
Friday	9:00 am	Sally Anne Klohr
Sunday	8:00 am	Beverly Drury

WEEKLY DONATIONS

Budget 2022/2023 Fiscal Year (July 2023-June 2024)	\$ 73,500.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 1,413.46
Weekly Donation 3/10/2024	\$ 853.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 68,715.63

Thank you so much for your faithful generosity! The Parishes and the Church's Mission depends on you!

Awesome Donations to Pay for New Piano!

How generous a blessing & overwhelming response to our New Piano Fund! A special thanks goes out to the generous donors who have given great gifts to completely pay for the New Yamaha piano! And many, many thanks to everyone who gave, especially the *anonymous final gift* that moved us across the finish line, allowing us to pay for it fully

St Anthony Mass Assignments – March 24, 2024

Lector	Shara Parish
Eucharistic Ministers	Steve Wilkes Pat Gorbett
Ushers/Greeters	David Loxley Kevin Diamond
Server	Juan Gonzalez
Money Counters	Shara Parish Kevin Diamond

CONSIDER ATTENDING DAILY MASS OR WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

St Anthony Prayer List: Theresa Owens, Jeff Ritorto, Cathy Ritorto, Betty Gonzalez, Elena Carey, Donna & Jon Gresham, Bob Decker, Bill Rodgers, Tom & Margie Sheppard, Bob Tashjian, Mr. Driskill, Margaret Adams, Pat Gorbett, Ed Derringe, Imogene Ramey.

Pray for our Military

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

Mike Drury	Chair Person
Debbie Owens	Secretary/Family Life
Shara Parish	Finance
Kelly Noonan	Building & Ground
David Loxley	Social Concerns/Events
Steve Wilkes	Spirituality/Faith Formation

Next Meeting April 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