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1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Lent

Year C

Luke 4:1-13



“Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days to be tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and when they were over he was hungry. The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread.” Jesus answered him, “It is written, One does not live on bread alone.” Then he took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a single instant. The devil said to him, “I shall give to you all this power and glory; for it has been handed over to me, and I may give it to whomever I wish. All this will be yours, if you worship me.” Jesus said to him in reply, “It is written ‘You shall worship the Lord, your God, and him alone shall you serve.’” Then he led him to Jerusalem, made him stand on the parapet of the temple, and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written: ‘He will command his angels concerning you, to guard you, and: ‘With their hands they will support you, lest you dash your foot against a stone.’” Jesus said to him in reply, “It also says, You shall not put the Lord, your God, to the test.” When the devil had finished every temptation, he departed from him for a time.”

**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**  
THE MISTON AND PADUA 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](mailto:edwardgeorgen@gmail.com)  
**NEW: Every Thursday 6:00 pm Lent Retreat**  
with Bishop Barron on Lives of the Saints for our Day! Come learn/admire the Saints’ model!

**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](http://www.stpiusx.us)

**Daily Scripture Readings**

Sunday March 9, 2025  
Dt 26:4-10/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13  
Monday Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Mt 25:31-46  
Tuesday Is 55:10-11/Mt 6:7-15  
Wednesday Jon 3:1-10/Lk 11:29-32  
Thursday Est C:12-16, 23-25/Mt 7:7-12  
Friday Ez 18:21-28/Mt 5:20-26  
Saturday Dt 26:16-19/Mt 5:43-48

**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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Parish Office Hours

Tuesday -- Thursday

9:00 am-2:00 pm



**Pastor's Study  
Desk Notes**



Dear St Anthony & St Pius Families,

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Lent

Year C

Lk 4:1-13

**Welcome to the desert!** We go into the desert for spiritual training. We seek to learn and grow with Jesus. Of course, there are forces that would not want us to deepen our life with Christ. So, yes temptations will be hurled at us. Likely, our first temptation will be the one telling us we do not need to go, to not even go into the desert at all. Then we'll be tempted to give up and quit at the first challenge or with the first stumble we encounter. And then, we will likely be tempted to be preoccupied with ourselves, only viewing the training period as a chance to somehow get ahead of other people (Pride-Look at me!).

About temptations, what do they say but that *'You can take the man out of the city, but you can't take the city out of the man.'* Going to the desert won't automatically take away our bad thoughts and sin. It may get us away from their 'reinforcements' or 'influencers', but what it is in our minds and hearts initially goes out there with us. Going to the desert may be an attempt to get out of the chaos of the world, but the world can follow us out into the desert tagging along in our thoughts, desires and memories. Well, Jesus is also tempted, like us, with all the things of the world (city) even in the desert! What is He up against? St John outlines the most basic temptations we encounter, when he tells us in 1 John 2:16-17 *"For all that is in the world, 1) desires of flesh, 2) enticement for the eyes, and 3) a pretentious life, is not from the Father but is from the world. Yet the world and its enticement all pass away. But whoever does the will of God remains forever."* The Devil throws every challenge at Jesus to distract and divert him from the Father's will, yet Jesus remains ever-focused on His Mission. Right before Jesus goes into the desert, He had just been baptized by John. It was revealed then, by the Father's voice, and in the company of the Holy Spirit (dove) that Jesus was His 'Beloved Son with whom I am well pleased" (Luke 3:21-22). The Father's joy resulted from His Son Jesus doing His Will (Father's Work). The Devil doesn't want that! So, as the Devil had turned against God already, now the Devil is quick to go after God's Son, like a terrorist and corrupt politician (even Tony Montana had the honorable rule of 'no wife no kids - leave them out of it!'). Specially, the devil comes after Jesus with bribing offers of 1)'physical gratification', 2)'power, kingdoms and rule' and 3)'ultimate ego projection' (manipulate the Father for your own promotion). But isn't the word of God always on time, always providing a remedy? Jesus offers a response from scripture to each of the devil's bribes, simply quoting God's own Word back to him. It is not unique wisdom from Jesus. He simply offers God's pre-given words- those words manifest the Father's Will. That is a spiritual weapon we can use too: to have a handy 'scripture response' to whatever temptation or sin we may be plagued with at times. Write them down, memorize them or keep a handy rolodex of responses to whatever particular sin attacks you.

Yet, let's also look at the particular attacks that the Devil launches against Jesus. The Devil first appeals to the physicality of Jesus. Jesus is fasting, so the devil first tempts Him to please His appetite and produced sweet breads from the abundant stones in the desert. Then the devil insinuates that Jesus can become ruler of all kingdoms of the earth if He simply gives His soul to Satan. Then the devil presents a conniving plan for Jesus to force the Father's hand to 'save' Him spectacularly, through an egomaniacal display of self-importance- that Jesus plunge himself from the top of the Temple causing the Father to send in an army of angels to catch Him (note the grand, public nature of a manipulated miracle in the Holiest of Holy spots). These three temptations are what St John was summarizing as the worlds temptations: 1) instant physical gratification, 2) covetousness for others' possessions and positions, and 3) pretentiousness (when we exalt our own ego's over God's will- basically worshipping our selves!)

Jesus' scriptural responses are that bread alone does not feed us (Deut 8:3), that God alone is to be worshipped (Deut 6:13), and that trying to control God (Deut 6:16) leaves a person with nothing but themselves. And nothing but oneself is truly nothing-Hell! As TS Eliot wrote in his play 'The Cocktail Party" (act 1 scene 3) *"What is hell? Hell is oneself. Hell is alone.....And nothing to escape to. One is always alone."* (This aloneness is what the condemned rich man suffers in Luke's parable of the ignored poor man Lazarus. The rich man's condemnation combined all three of these si temptations- his physical comfort, his rapacious greed accumulating everything in sight, and his egotistical self-importance became the Hell of his own creation—Luke 16:19-31)

But Jesus brings the remedy to us. If Jesus represents anything to us, He represents constant communion with the Father and Holy Spirit, and constant communion with the Family of humanity. Jesus knows the emptiness of the world's (Devil's) promises. The Devil would have us project ourselves over others – our promotion even at the cost of another person. But Jesus says no! We are made to fulfill the Father's will, to glorify God and to serve our neighbor, created in His image. The desert reminds of all that we need: God, our relationship to Him and to His other children- one another. May we discover this in the desert and deepen our life with Christ and His People. 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 Comttees  
Returning Members: Debbie Anspach, Stacey Newby  
Welcome New Members: Amanda Gentry, Allison Devine,  
Philip Scheidegger & Karen Williams.

**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!



St Pius X Mass Intentions Mar 10 – Mar 16		
Tuesday	6:00 pm	Janet Noyes
Wednesday	8:00 am	Tony Horn
Thursday	8:00 am	Dolly Bardsley
Friday	8:00 am	For the Parish Youth
Saturday	4:30 pm	Shirley Mangan
Sunday	10:00am	Warmowski Family
WEEKLY DONATIONS		
Parish Hall Donation (3/2/25)	\$	420.00
Budget for 2024/2025 Fiscal Year	\$	195,000.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$	3,750.00
Weekly Donation (3/2/25)	\$	6,202.50
Online Giving (3/2/25)	\$	1,531.00
Total Week's Gift Offering 3/2	\$	7,733.50
Fiscal Year to Date	\$	167,667.06



**Fish Fry**  
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

**Stations of Cross:** St Pius Every Wed 6:30  
& at St Anthony every Friday 9:30 am  
**Parish Potluck & Bingo Sat Mar 15 after 4:30 mass**  
Plan to come enjoy St Pat's potluck dinner! Bring a side!

**First Communion Classes Schedule**  
Sun March 9 11:00am 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Session in Parish Hall  
Sun March 30 11:00am First Communion Session Parish Hal

**Jubilee Year Eucharist Adoration/Reflections on Hope**  
Pilgrimage Church St. Leo @ Murray Tue, March 11, 7-9 pm



**Happy Birthday! Mar 9 – Mar 15 St. Pius**

- March 10 Nora Lucas
- March 11 Addison Peterson
- March 12 Victoria Hosman
- March 13 Cynthia Devine
- March 14 Tommy Robertson
- March 15 Jacob Wilson
- March 15 Diane Hayden

**Happy Anniversary! St. Pius X**  
March 12 David & Donna Carr

**St Pius X Mass Assignments: Saturday, March 15, 2025**

Servers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers / Greeters	Money Counters
Edward Georgen	Liz Medley	Kurt Schmidt Suzette Whittington Volunteer	George Humphreys (Greeter) Paula Humphreys (Greeter)	

**Mass Assignments: Sunday, March 16, 2025**

Kinley Peterson Server Volunteer	Marty Darst	Kelli King Patty Langford Volunteer	Usher Volunteer Usher Volunteer Usher Volunteer	Nancy Singleton Kathy Smith
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**FFY**  
Calendar  
&  
Activities  
Schedule

DATE	SUNDAY GOSPEL READING	SUBJECT
March 12, 2025 Wed 6:00-7:30 pm	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday Lent Luke 9:28b-36	Corporal Works Mercy, PG p. 200-201, AB p.139-140 <b>Stations of the Cross @ 6:30 for all parishioners</b>
March 19, 2025 Wed 6:00-7:30 pm	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday Lent Luke 13:1-9	Middle/High School Class <b>lead Station of the Cross</b> Spiritual Works of Mercy, PG p. 202-203
March 26, 2025 Wed 6:00-7:30 pm	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Lent Luke 15:1-3,11-32	<b>Penance Service</b> after Stations of the Cross Activity: Write letters of gratitude & prayer

**Remember in Prayer**

**St. Pius X:** 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. Help Needed!



**Next Lunch Bunch gathering in March 20**

**Acts 2:42 Group: 2nd Sunday every month: Mar 9**  
 Signup contact Ed Georgen [edwardgeorgen@gmail.com](mailto:edwardgeorgen@gmail.com)

Come share faith with others and enjoy a time of prayer and fellowship like the first apostles in Acts 2!



**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.

**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 9– Mar 15**

*No birthdays this week*

**St Anthony Anniversaries:**

March 11 Mark & Val Fredrick

**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 10 – Mar 16**

Wednesday	9:00 am	Donna Lazzaro
Friday	9:00 am	Linda Paluso
Sunday	8:00 am	Dolly Bardsley

**WEEKLY DONATIONS**

Budget 2024/2025 Fiscal Year (July 2024-June 2025)	\$ 73,500.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 1,413.46
Weekly Donation 3/2/2025	\$ 2,536.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 76,637.39

**WE ARE HIRING!**

**MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL**



St. Mary School System is seeking a dynamic, visionary, and forward-thinking leader to serve as Principal of our Middle and High School, beginning in July 2025. We are looking for an individual who will inspire academic excellence, foster spiritual growth, and continue to nurture the strong sense of community within our school.

To learn more and to apply:  
[www.smss.org/about/employment\\_opportunities/](http://www.smss.org/about/employment_opportunities/)

**St Anthony Mass Assignments – March 16, 2025**

<b>Lector</b>	Mike Drury
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Joyce Wilkinson Cindy O'Brien
<b>Ushers/Greeters</b>	Kevin Deisen Kevin Diamond
<b>Server</b>	Juan Gonzalez
<b>Money Counters</b>	Shara Parish Kevin Diamond

**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 March 19, 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)