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4th Sunday Ordinary ***'Study Text' Not for Liturgy*** Year A Mat 5:1-12a



"Then, seeing the crowds, he ascended the mountain, and when he had sat down, his disciples drew near to him, and opening his mouth, he taught them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are the meek, for they shall possess the earth. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be consoled. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for justice, for they shall be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. Blessed are those who endure persecution for the sake of justice, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when they have slandered you, and persecuted you, and spoken all kinds of evil against you, falsely, for my sake: be glad and exult, for your reward in heaven is plentiful."

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

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 February 1, 2026

Zep 2:3; 3:12-13/1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 5:1-12

Monday Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40

Tuesday 2 Sm 18:9-9:3/Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Mk 6:1-6

Thursday 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/Mk 6:7-13

Friday Sir 47:2-11/Mk 6:14-29

Saturday 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Mk 6:30-34

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



'Blessed are the Meek They shall inherit Earth '

By George McDonald

A quiet heart, submissive, meek,
 Father do thou bestow;
 Which more than granted will not seek
 To have, or give, or know.
 Each green hill then will hold its gift
 Forth to my joying eyes;
 The mountains blue will then uplift
 My spirit to the skies.
 The falling water then will sound
 As if for me alone;
 Nay, will not blessing more abound
 That many hear its tone?
 The trees their murmuring forth will send,
 The birds send forth their song;
 The waving grass its tribute lend,
 Sweet music to prolong.
 All lovely things from south to north,
 All harmonies that be,
 Each will its soul of joy send forth
 To enter into me.

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. 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

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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,

4th Sunday Ordinary Time

Matthew 5:1-12

Fanfare for the Common Man is a splendid, uplifting musical score by American composer Aaron Copland. He wrote it in 1942, inspired by a speech by US Vice President Henry Wallace. Wallace used the phrase "Century of the Common Man" to celebrate the power and persistence of the American farmer, soldier and factory worker. These everyday citizens knew that American strength lies in a regular **handworker's** **willingness to sacrifice** for a better life – for the freedoms of self-expression (one's labor-talent, one's religion, one's free opinion, one's movements). The common US spirit was one of service shown through the embrace of its civic duties: "1)duty to **produce** to the limit. 2)duty to **transport** as rapidly as possible to the field of battle 3)duty to **struggle** with all that is in us. 4)duty to **build a peace**—just, charitable and enduring." That's not only noble action but also that's '**next-door**' in America! The US worker, soldier and farmer do exemplify hard work and humility, and should always be commended.

When I hear the Beatitudes of Jesus (Sermon on the Mount), I hear Jesus celebrate what later He will call 'salt of the earth' (Matt 5:13-next Sunday's gospel). They are the ones who both sustain and season the world! The **meek** and **merciful**, the **poor**, **peacemaking** and **pure** ones that are inevitably **persecuted** (which brings on the **mourning**-since all struggle includes sadness). And what drives these best of souls among us, but their **hunger** for something more. Jesus commands them: the Kingdom of God is theirs! They uphold the whole structure. Or as the OT book of Sirach tells us, "*All these are skilled with their hands, each one an expert at his own work.....Without them no city could be lived in, and wherever they stay, they do not go hungry.... Yet they maintain the fabric of the world*" (Sirach 38:31-32, 34). These are the people you want showing up when you are down, the ones you want beside you in the trenches, and the ones to walk into your life when things are falling apart! As Sirach 38 said, "they maintain the structure/order of the world". There is a quote from an old movie called "Fight Club" (a kind of voluntary, private MMA sports club that also acted as a social commentary), which was provoked after its members got persecuted by an political investigation by a grandstanding police commissioner bragging about shutting it down. In a confrontational scene, they confront him with a deal he can't refuse telling him to leave them alone, "*Look, the people you are after are the people you depend on: we cook your meals, we haul your trash, connect your calls, we drive your ambulances, we guard you while you sleep....*" It is those unrecognized workers that keep the lights on for us, the stores open and the busses running. Back during the Covid days, there was a needed renaissance of respect for what we called 'frontline workers', where people actually tipped and thanked cashiers, cabbies and cooks out of appreciation for their undervalued work (how far we've come). I hear Jesus celebrating these 'salt of the earth' humble, hard-workers in our society, through His teaching of the Beatitudes.

For the Kingdom of God, to be displayed in our world, We need 'Indeed'! Calling all Christians! We could use a rediscovery of the heavenly value of the blessed qualities of mercy meekness and mourning, poverty, peacemaking, purity, and even persecution (that builds character!) And along with all of these virtues, we need a 'hungering' for something more (how did the music group Switchfoot sing it, "We were meant to live for so much more.....more than this world's got to offer"- to fill the God-gap in each of us!) Of course, Jesus is that fulfillment we seek. He embodies that presence of God's Kingdom, by bringing it down into the basic human yearnings for better, more fuller life, that we all share and experience everyday. Christ shines in the basic needs of our brothers/sisters being fulfilled and our simple duties humbly taken up each day. God calls us to keep focused on our 'next right thing to do', and that by doing it with heart, we are doing our part in bringing about His Kingdom on earth (as it is in heaven). This is St Therese' Little Way of God's Service, but it is also following the command of Jesus Himself who further taught us that whatever we do to the least of our brother and sister, we do to Him (Matt 25:40, 45).

Peace and Prayers, Fr Brian

Pius X Parish Council Meeting Wednesday Jan 28 @ 5:00 pm

Chair Person, Secretary & Finance, Spiritual Life, FFY & Religious Ed
Social Program/Outreach, Building & Ground Comttes

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

First Reconciliation/First Communion Schedule

Sun Jan. 25	9:00 - 9:45am	First Comm	Session #2	Parish Hall
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 2 – Feb 8

Tuesday	6:00 pm	Virgilio Rendon
Wednesday	8:00 am	Norman Wheatley
Thursday	8:00 am	Tena Brooks
Friday	8:00 am	MaryAnn Huebschmann
Saturday	4:30 pm	Debbie Green
Sunday	10:00am	Don & Sylvia Hamilton

WEEKLY DONATIONS

Parish Hall Donation (1/25/25)	\$ 45.00
Budget for 2025/2026 Fiscal Year	\$ 205,000.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 3,942.00
Weekly Donation (1/25/25)	\$ 605.00
Online Giving (1/25/25)	\$ 1,365.00
Total Week's Gift Offering 1/25	\$ 1,970.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 154,903.92



Happy Birthday! Feb 2 – Feb 8 St. Pius

Feb 1 Landry Coursey	Feb 2 Phil Scheiber
Feb 7 Elaine Hogancamp	Feb 7 Patti Langford
Feb 7 Charlotte Riedfort	Feb 8 Mindy Fatum
Feb 8 Amanda Scheidegger	Feb 8 Kristen Anderson

Happy Anniversary! St. Pius

Feb 5 Mark & Cynthia Devine

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

Seeking Communion Ministers to Homebound

If you feel called to this special ministry of care and prayer, reaching out to our homebound members, please let Fr Brian know. It is a blessing ministry to share the Eucharistic Body of Our Lord with the sick.

St Blase Blessing of Throats

Weekend of Feb 1 – At all Masses Throat Blessing
Feb 14-15 Weekend Communal Anointing of Sick

at all of the weekend Masses in honor of Our Lady of Lourdes Feast-Patroness Saint of the Sick

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. Cursillo Weekend is a lay-led, & clergy advised short course in Christian living. For an application or more information visit

<http://www.cursillo-owensboro.org/> or contact Denis or Martha Wheatley, (270)-922-6860 or (270)-927-6540, martha.wheatley@att.net.

St Pius X Mass Assignments: Saturday, February 7, 2026

Servers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers / Greeters	Money Counters
Franky Schiaretti Marlie Schiaretti	Paula Schmidt	Jeff Riedfort Charlotte Riedfort Amy Crass	George Humphreys (Greeter) Paula Humphreys (Greeter)	
Mass Assignments: Sunday, Feb 8, 2026				
Gavin Devine Harrison Shupe	Marty Darst	Allison Devine Caleb King Jimmy Harbison	Margaret Howard Gary Traylor Usher Volunteer	Andy Ferm Sherry Ferm

FFY
Calendar
&
Activities
Schedule

DATE	SUNDAY GOSPEL READING	Classes or Events
Feb 4, 2026 Wed 6:00-7:30	Fifth Sunday of the Year - A Matthew 5:13-16	Regular Class
Feb 11, 2026 Wed 6:00-7:30	Sixth Sunday of the Year – A Matthew 5:17-37	Middle School Students: Visit CCCC
Feb 18, 2026 Ash Wed Mass	Ash Wednesday Masses 8:00 am, Noon, 6:00 pm	Ash Wednesday Masses 8:00 am, Noon, 6:00 pm

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 Longsworth, 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.

Study is a work of prayer. Visit Saint Meinrad for the **Graduate Theology Program Open House**, Feb 14–15. Tour campus, attend class, pray at liturgy, and meet professors and students. Learn more about our flexible and affordable offerings and register at www.saintmeinrad.edu/openhouse. All are welcome.

Needed: Helpers to sign up for Donut Sunday.

All-Day Adoration on Friday February 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 February 7 @ 8:00am. Every first Saturday we offer mass and pray the rosary



St Anthony Birthdays Feb 2 – Feb 8

Feb 4 Georgia Bradshaw Feb 4 Cindy O'Brien
Feb 4 Steven Sulfridge

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



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

St. Anthony of Padua

Mass Intentions Feb 2 – Feb 8		
Wednesday	9:00 am	Charles Thurman, Jr
Friday	9:00 am	Linda Paluso
1 st Saturday	8:00 am	Taylor Johansen & Shane Lyman
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 1/25/2025	\$ N/A Snow
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 70,346.70



FOOD PANTRY

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 8, 2026

Lector	Georgia Bradshaw
Eucharistic Ministers	Mike Drury Cindy O'Brien
Ushers/Greeters	Kevin Diesen Kelly Noonan
Server	Juan Gonzalez
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