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Ascension Sunday

Year C

Luke 24:46-53



“Jesus said to his disciples: “Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And behold I am sending the promise of my Father upon you; but stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.” Then he led them out as far as Bethany, raised his hands, and blessed them. As he blessed them he parted from them and was taken up to heaven. They did him homage and then returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and they were continually in the temple praising God.”

O Holy Spirit of Fire

by Hildegard von Bingen

O Holy Spirit of Fire,
life in the life of all life,
holy are you, enlivening all things.
Holy are you,
a healing balm to the broken.
O Heart's Shield, guarding life and hope,
joining the many members into one body;
Belt of Truth, wrap them in beauty.
O Great Way that runs through all,
from the heights, across the earth,
and in the depths,
you encompass all and unify all.
From you the clouds stream
and the ether rises;
from your stones precious water pours,
springs well and birth waterways,
and the earth sweats green with life.
All praise to you,
you who are the song of praise
and the joy of life,
you who are hope and the greatest treasure,
bestowing the gift of Light.

IN THE WORD WITH BISHOP MEDLEY

A new series for parish adult small groups
Coming September 2025.

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 June 1, 2025

Acts 1:1-11/Eph 1:17-23/Lk 24:46-53

Monday Acts 19:1-8/Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday Acts 20:17-27/Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday Acts 20:28-38/Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Jn 17:20-26

Friday Acts 25:13b-21/Jn 21:15-19

Saturday Acts 28:16-31/Jn 21:20-25

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

Saturday – 6:00 pm

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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Parish Office Hours

Tuesday -- Thursday

9:00 am-2:00 pm



Pastor's Study Desk Notes



Dear St Anthony & St Pius Families,

Ascension Sunday

Year C

Luke 24:46-53

“As above, so below” OR “What goes up, also comes down”

Happy Ascension! Jesus rises again, to be seated in glory at the Right Hand of the Father. Peter in his persuasive message on Pentecost preached, “God raised this Jesus; of this we are all witnesses. Exalted at the right hand of God....”(Acts 2:32-33). What does that mean, ‘to be seated at the right hand of God’? Think of that statement as “Jesus **is** the ‘right hand’ of Father – the effective and authoritative expression of the Father. It’s the **“Hand”** that gets things done, as it embodies in action, the mind and will of its owner. And to be the ‘Right’ Hand, that puts the dot on the ‘I’! This expression is very biblical, as we can find examples in Psalm 138:7 “You stretch out your hand, God; **your right hand saves me**” Also, in Isaiah 41:20, “That all may see and know...That the **hand of the LORD** has done this.” Or in Exodus 15:6 “**Your right hand, O LORD, magnificent in power, your right hand, O LORD, shattered the enemy.**” The ‘Hand’ accomplishes work (manifests one’s will/ideas). Jesus steps right into that role of “God’s Hand” even before He formally ascends in glory, when He announces “I *came down* from heaven not to do my own **will**, but the will of the one who sent me” (John 6:38). Jesus adds later, “I did not speak on my own, but the Father....commanded me what to **speak**” (John 12:49) And then in John 14:10, Jesus says that “The Father who dwells in me is doing his **works.**” Jesus is the Will, Word and Work of the Father. This is why Jesus had told Philip, “If you see me, you see the Father!” (John 14:9). Taking up the **Hand Imagery** again in Luke 11:20, this is what Jesus meant when He told crowds, “If it is by the **finger of God** that I drive out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.” So, Jesus is the visible extension of the Father’s Will on Earth!

Jesus’ ascension up to the glory of the Father, leads to the descent back down to us of the Holy Spirit, so that we His disciples may become the continued presence of the Will, Word and Work of God on earth (*‘on earth as it is in heaven’*)! In today’s reading, Jesus counsels His disciples to trust and wait, for the Promise of the Father (Luke 24:49). What is that? The Father’s Will. The Triumph of 1)Life, 2)Good and 3)Grace! Life Wins! Ultimately the Promise of the Father is Jesus’ Resurrection-the vindication of Jesus. As the Son embodies the Father’s Will announcing the kingdom of Human fulfillment, so, the Father raises up and restores the Son’s work of human redemption. What is offered up in sacrifice, comes down in fruit born among us! Jesus ascends and the Spirit descends (*Jn 1:51 “you will see the sky opened and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man”*) The Holy Spirit confirms the presence of Jesus for us – they both are One with Father. That’s the rest of the story!

I like to point out where Luke says this Ascension event occurs - **at Bethany**. Luke 24:50-51 reports that Then “Jesus led them out as far as Bethany, raised his hands, and blessed them.....parting from them and was taken up to heaven.” Why Bethany? Bethany was just outside of Jerusalem about two miles, and was often rest stop or area of respite for pilgrims as they were about to enter the Holy city Jerusalem. It was also where they would retreat to, for overnight stays-likely rent and the cost of living was a lot less outside of the big city-sound familiar? (Matt 21:17, Mk 11:1). More importantly, it is where Jesus’ friends Martha, Mary and Lazarus lived (Lk 19:29, Jn 11:1), and where Lazarus was raised from the dead (Jn 11:18). Jesus **loved** to regularly eat and rest there (Luke 10:38-42). The name means, “House of Humility”, “House of Call-Answer” or “House of Toil”. A lot of something (Lazarus’ resurrection action) and a lot of nothing (Mary lounging at Jesus’ feet) went on there! It is where Jesus is served by both table service (Martha), eager listening (Mary) and occupational work (Lazarus). About Bethany, I also like to point out that Jesus “loved it” (John 11:15): A place of peace, work and rest with others! That’s us as the Spirit returns to us! We wait and watch for the Holy Spirit to come upon us! Peace, Fr Brian

Pius X Parish Council ** Meeting THIS Wed June 4, 6:30 pm

Chair Person, Secretary & Finance, Spiritual Life, FFY & Religious Ed

Social Program/Outreach, Building & Ground Comttee

Returning Members: Debbie Anspach, Stacey Newby

Welcome New Members: Amanda Gentry, Allison Devine,

Philip Scheidegger & Karen Williams.

Jewish Background to Christianity Book Study/Discussion

Every Tuesday Night from 6:30-7:30pm Come study this interesting approach and discussion to the Jewish Roots of the Catholic Faith based on Dr Brant Pitre’s research.

St Pius X Mass Intentions

June 2– June 8

Tuesday	6:00 pm	<i>Jared Wheatley</i>
Wednesday	8:00 am	<i>Richard Gregory Klohr</i>
Thursday	8:00 am	<i>Bob Darst</i>
Friday	8:00 am	<i>Betty Beecham</i>
Saturday	4:30 pm	<i>O'Donoghue Family Intentions</i>
Sunday	10:00am	<i>Charles Fischer</i>

WEEKLY DONATIONS

Parish Hall Donation (5/25/25)	\$ 107.00
Budget for 2024/2025 Fiscal Year	\$ 195,000.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 3,750.00
Weekly Donation (5/25/25)	\$ 5,636.00
Online Giving (5/25/25)	\$ 968.00
Total Week's Gift Offering 5/25	\$ 5,604.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 223,440.77

Try a Retreat: Area Spiritual Retreat Ctrs

- 1) Saint Meinrad Archabbey, Indiana**
Phone: (800) 581-6905 Email: guestservices@saintmeinrad.edu
- 2) St Joseph Passionist Monastery Whitesville KY**
Phone (270) 302-8023 Email: retreats@passionistnuns.org
- 3) King's House Retreat Ctr, Belleville IL**
Phone 800-779-7909 Email Info@KingsRetreatCenter.org
- 4) White House Jesuit Ctr: St Louis MO**
Phone 1-800-643-1003 Email: reservations@whretreat.org



Happy Birthday! June 1– June 7 St. Pius

Jun 1	Silas Traylor
Jun 2	Andrew Wilson
Jun 3	Joanne Naggebauer
Jun 3	Noreen Patton
Jun 3	Travis Tack
Jun 3	Catie Weekes
Jun 4	Sara Newman
Jun 5	McKenzie Tack
Jun5	Ric Witowski
Jun 6	Jeff Outland
Jun 7	Bernadette Smith

Happy Anniversary! St. Pius X

Jun 1	Luke & Kate Young
Jun 5	Greg & Karen Williams

Summer Bible Craft Nights: Come join us for Bible stories and crafts this summer. The theme is Service/Prayer. Families welcome to attend together, children must be accompanied due to tool use. June 11, June 18, July 9 & July 16 @ 6:00-7:30pm Contact Paula or register online!

Additional Summer Mass at St Anthony!

Every Saturday 6:00 pm St Anthony, Grand Rivers

St Pius X Mass Assignments: Saturday, June 7, 2025

Servers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers / Greeters	Money Counters
Camryn Risley Kendall Risley	Liz Medley	Paula Schmidt Kurt Schmidt Amy Crass	George Humphreys (Greeter) Paula Humphreys (Greeter)	

Mass Assignments: Sunday, June 8, 2025

Gavin Devine Kinley Peterson	Amanda Scheidegger	Pam Hurst Diane Witowski Allison Devine	Usher Volunteer Usher Volunteer Usher Volunteer	Nancy Singleton Kathy Smith
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Protect our Children: Report and Seek Help against Abuse: The safety of our children is the responsibility of every Christian. Anyone aware of the abuse of a person under the age of eighteen is required by law to report this to the proper state authorities local law enforcement or the Kentucky Child Abuse Hotline (toll-free: 1-877-597- 2331). To report abuse to the diocese, current or past, by anyone acting in the name of the Church (paid or volunteer), call Louanne Payne, Pastoral Assistance Coordinator (English) on the confidential phone line: 270-852-8380, or Susan Montalvo-Gesser/Miguel Quintanilla, Pastoral Assistance Coordinators (Spanish): 270-880-8360. The Diocese of Owensboro's sexual abuse policy is available this parish, on the bulletin board, in the parish office, and also on the diocesan website (<https://owensborodiocese.org/safe>).



**PRAY FOR
UKRAINE**

Remember in Prayer

St. Pius X: Erin Hamilton, Kathy Sanderson, 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 Brooks, 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 1st Sunday Every Month

Save the Dates: St Anthony Fall Bazaar

Fri Oct 3 @ 5:00 pm & All Day Sat Oct 4 @ 9-4
Every Tuesday 9:00 am Church: Come help prepare crafts and put together supplies. Jobs for everybody with no special skills required. We just need extra hands to piece together gifts/crafts. Please come out!

Plan ahead: For Bazaar Day, we will need set-up help, kitchen help, man tables & booths and sales.

Leaders: Quilts & Crafts: Wayne/Georgia Bradshaw
Set-up & Crafts: Vern & Georgia Hunsley
Lunch/Bake Sale: Kevin & Sandy Ruth Diesen

Retrouvaille Program of Louisville

HOPE for couples going through difficult times in their marriage. For confidential information or to register for the upcoming program weekend on Aug 1-3, in L-ville, call 502-479-3329 or email 3012@helpourmarriage.org

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



St Anthony Birthdays June 1- June 7

June 4 Janice Brookshire

Jun 4 Jonathan Molina

Jun 7 Mike Drury

St Anthony Anniversaries:

Jun 1 Kevin & Barbara Diamond

Jun 2 Fr Bob's Ordination Anniversary

St Anthony Wednesday Bible Study

Come join us every Wednesday at 10:00-11:00 for a study of Luke's Gospel. We are using Jeff Cavins & Dr Morrow's materials to guide our study. Bring your Bible & come learn about the 3rd gospel



St. Anthony of Padua

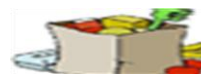
Mass Intentions

June 2 – June 8

Wednesday	9:00 am	<i>Dr Sidney Edds</i>
Friday	9:00 am	<i>Jeff Arenz</i>
1st Saturday	8:00 am	<i>Taylor Johansen</i>
Saturday	6:00 pm	<i>Rodney Wheatley</i>
Sunday	8:00 am	<i>Linda Paluso</i>

WEEKLY DONATIONS

Budget 2024/2025 Fiscal Year (July 2024-June 2025)	\$ 73,500.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 1,413.46
Weekly Donation 5/25/2025	\$ 3,378.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 105,059.50



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.

St Anthony Mass Assignments – June 8, 2025

Lector	Mike Drury
Eucharistic Ministers	Joyce Wilkinson Judy Forsythe
Ushers/Greeters	Kevin Diesen Davod Loxlwey
Server	Juan Gonzalez
Money Counters	Shara Parish Kevin Diamond

CONSIDER ATTENDING DAILY MASS

St Anthony Prayer List: Theresa Owens, Kathy Johansen, Jeff Ritorto, Cathy Ritorto, Betty Gonzalez, Elena Carey, Donna & Jon Gresham, 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 June 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