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1st Sunday Lent 'Study Text' Not for Liturgy Year A Matt 4:1-11



"Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert, in order to be tempted by the devil. And when he had fasted for forty days and forty nights, afterwards he was hungry. And approaching, the tempter said to him, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread." And in response he said, "It has been written: 'Not by bread alone shall man live, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.' " Then the devil took him up, into the holy city, and set him on the pinnacle of the temple, and said to him: "If you are the Son of God, cast yourself down. For it has been written: 'For he has given charge of you to his angels, and they shall take you into their hands, lest perhaps you may hurt your foot against a stone.' " Jesus said to him, "Again, it has been written: 'You shall not tempt the Lord your God.' " Again, the devil took him up, onto a very high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory, and said to him, "All these things I will give to you, if you will fall down and adore me." Then Jesus said to him: "Go away, Satan. For it has been written: 'You shall adore the Lord your God, and him only shall you serve.' " Then the devil left him. And behold, Angels approached and ministered to him."

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

"Paradise Lost" (Book 12 lines 460-480)

By John Milton

About victory over temptation & sin

.....Above all names in Heaven; and thence shall come,
When this world's dissolution shall be ripe,
With glory and power to judge both quick and dead;
To judge the unfaithful dead, but to reward
His faithful, and receive them into bliss,
Whether in Heaven or Earth; for then the Earth
Shall all be Paradise, far happier place
Than this of Eden, and far happier days.
So spake the Arch-Angel Michael; then paused,
As at the world's great period; and our sire,
Replete with joy and wonder, thus replied.
O Goodness infinite, Goodness immense!
That all this good of evil shall produce,
And evil turn to good; more wonderful
Than that which by creation first brought forth
Light out of darkness! Full of doubt I stand,
Whether I should repent me now of sin
By me done, and occasioned; or rejoice
Much more, that much more good thereof shall spring;
To God more glory, more good-will to Men
From God, and over wrath grace shall abound.....

**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 February 22, 2026
Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Rom 5:12-19/Mt 4:1-11
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, 14-16, 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

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,

1st Sunday Lent

Matthew 4:1-11

How long did Adam & Eve live in Eden? Theologians speculate that it might not have been very long at all! A day? Maybe six days? Maybe a month? Of course, there is no indication in the text of Genesis, so it is complete speculation to suggest an answer. I propose that it was only a matter of minutes! Why is such a question even important? Because I think it is good for us to admit up front, the dark side of pride and selfish freedom in human nature. Human nature has a tendency to project itself as the source of our good and we overreach in our claims, demanding as our own, what is rightfully God's. This is the capital sin of pride – this original sin of pride is Ego projection, claiming selfishly, "It is mine"! I suggest it didn't take long at all for Adam and Eve, to claim everything as their own, and to deny any limits to their freedom. Might it have been the first second that God left them alone to enjoy the garden, that just after both Adam and Eve were created, those first humans fell from grace, *(which by the way, for those of us who wrongheadedly play the blame game of putting it completely on Eve that she ate the fruit first and then persuaded Adam to sin by eating it too, please note that Eve wasn't even created yet when the command was given to Adam alone not to eat of that one tree's fruit! - Gen 2:17 & 18- So, Adam failed in his job of passing on the life-giving teaching of God! So, we can't blame Eve when the one first created-Adam-actually bears the greater responsibility!)*

Why am I bringing this up – again, it is wise of us to realize quickly and be honest about our quick tendency to 'fall' into sin— *in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done, and in what I have failed to do, just as we confess at the beginning of mass!*

So, Lent is a annual opportunity for us to take sin seriously and face in ourselves the source of it, our own ego! Let's go back to the start. In our readings for the first Sunday of Lent (A), I love how the church, has us read about the creation and fall of humanity, right from the beginning. Then, I love how our gospel, tells of Jesus taking us back to the dust of creation by His own sojourn into the desert, to show us how we should have reacted (obediently to God) to temptations of selfish aggrandizement and pleasure (to listen to God's word and keep in our place following God's will for our fulfillment).

I see a connection between the dust of creation and the dust of the desert. Also, a connection between the Spirit of God breathed into us in the beginning and that same Spirit of God that we owe back to Him (that all that comes out of us, word and act, should be in HIS service and glory – not mine). That is freedom's proper life-giving fulfillment.

And yes, there are forces against us - Satan in the garden and Satan in the desert. That is the principle of selfish ego. Proudly Projecting ourselves or greedily grabbing for ourselves. That is sin's root! The Devil tempted Adam/Eve in garden to selfishly think only of themselves and of what more they could take for themselves – not just food, not just how it appealed to the eye {a 'peeled' to the I -)} how pleasurable it it looked, but even to become like God! We will see those same temptations thrown at Jesus, by the Devil in the desert. But Jesus responds rightly, where Adam and Eve responds wrongly. Jesus says 'no to self' and 'yes to God'. He could have, but doesn't selfishly feed himself with His given power. He doesn't claim more power over others by taking on earthly kingdoms and he doesn't claim His own identity as God's Son to provoke miraculous privilege at the Temple's Highest Spire (like Him saying, "Look at me and watch this drama as I plunge from the Temple, to coerce my Father to save me in an angelic spectacle!) No ego grandstanding with Jesus,. He came to serve the Father's will and way, and to glorify the Father, not Himself. Jesus is tempted three times to serve His own ego and reject God's will, but each time, Jesus submits to something greater, and serves the Father for the greater good. Some people see these same three temptations of bodily pleasure, power over others and spiritual pride to be what John writes about in his first letter, when he reveals that it is only in rejecting our egos and accepting God's will that we find peace and eternal life. ! John 2:16-17, says, "For all that is in the world, 1)sensual lust, 2)enticement for the eyes, and a 3)pretentious life, is not from the Father but is from the world. Yet the world and its enticement are passing away. But whoever does the will of God remains forever." That is what Lent offers us, a spiritual program of rebirth by properly rising above our selves to the greater life and good of better serving God and God's will instead of our own selfish way (God has so much more for us than we can ever grasp!)

Lenten Blessings, 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 Feb. 22	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 23 – Mar 1		
Tuesday	6:00 pm	<i>Bob Darst</i>
Wednesday	8:00 am	<i>Crispin & Lucila Rendon</i>
Thursday	8:00 am	<i>Russell Tomlinson</i>
Friday	8:00 am	<i>Special Intention</i>
Saturday	4:30 pm	<i>Patty Johnson</i>
Sunday	10:00am	<i>PJ & Martha Rose O'Donoghue</i>
WEEKLY DONATIONS		
Parish Hall Donation (2/15/25)	\$	86.00
Budget for 2025/2026 Fiscal Year	\$	205,000.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$	3,942.00
Weekly Donation (2/15/25)	\$	3,021.00
Online Giving (2/15/25)	\$	1,172.00
Total Week's Gift Offering 2/15	\$	4,193.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$	171,410.92

Catholic Charities CAP: Counseling Assistance Program collaborates with several counselors who offer services at a reduced rate for parishioners in the Diocese of Owensboro, For more information Visit Owensborodiocese.org counseling services

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 entrance, or at office. For info call 1-270-554-3810 or www.nativitypilgrimage.com/holy-land-6016.




Every Friday thru Lent
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

Happy Birthdays and Anniversaries this Week!

Happy Birthday! Feb 22– Feb 28 St. Pius
 Feb 24 Anna Robertson Feb 24 Madelynn Rae Devine
 Feb 25 Vickie Spencer Feb 26 Aryanna Vieitez
 Feb 26 Lucy Schmidt Feb 27 Marlene Helpingstine

Happy Anniversary! St. Pius
 Feb 23 *Charlie & Barbara Doughty*
 Feb 25 *Brent & Pam Hurst*

St Pius X Mass Assignments: Saturday, February 28, 2026				
Servers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers / Greeters	Money Counters
Camryn Risley Kendall Risley	Liz Medley	Charlotte Riedfort Jeff Riedfort Amy Crass	George Humphreys (Greeter) Paula Humphreys (Greeter)	
Mass Assignments: Sunday, Mar 1, 2026				
Gavin Devine Harrison Shupe	Philip Scheiber	Amanda Scheidegger Marcus Newman Teresa Newman	Margaret Howard Gary Traylor Usher Volunteer	Jan Waniel Jean Waniel

FFY
Calendar
&
Activities
Schedule

DATE	SUNDAY GOSPEL READING	Classes or Events
Feb 25, 2026 Wed 6:00-7:30	2nd Sunday Lent Matthew 17:1-9	ADORATION After Stations of the Cross with Penance/Confessions
Mar 4, 2026 Wed 6:00-7:30	3 rd Sunday Lent John 4:5-42	Regular FFY Session
Mar 11, 2026 Wed 6:00-7:30	4 th Sunday Lent John 9:1-41	Regular FFY Session

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,



St. Anthony Page Announcements

Coffee/ Doughnuts 1st Sunday Every Month

Bazaar Crafts Rack Sale: Be sure to check out the new seasonal merchandise– St Patrick’s Day Green!

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. Please sign up on the sheet to RSVP or see Judy Forsythe.

Lenten Stations of the Cross

St Anthony Fridays 9:30am
St Pius Wednesdays 6:30 pm

Lenten Bible Studies

St Anthony Wednesdays 10:00 am
St Pius Tuesdays 6:30 pm

Needed: Helpers to sign up for Donut Sunday.

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



St Anthony Birthdays Feb 22 – Feb 28

Feb 22 AnneMarie Tutor
Feb 25 Sommer Johnson

St Anthony Anniversaries:

Non 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



St. Anthony of Padua

**Mass Intentions
Feb 23 – Mar 1**

Wednesday	9:00 am	John & Anne Bradshaw
Friday	9:00 am	Richard Gregory Klohr
Sunday	8:00 am	Loretta Wheatley

WEEKLY DONATIONS

Budget 2024/2025 Fiscal Year (July 2025-June 2026)	\$ 89,000.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 1,711.54
Weekly Donation 2/15/2025	\$ 3,772.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 78,230.70



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 – Mar 1, 2026

Lector	John Colgan
Eucharistic Ministers	Shara Parish Mike Drury
Ushers/Greeters	Kevin Diesen Kelly Noonan
Server	
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

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