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Palm Sunday 'Study Text' Not for Liturgy Matthew 21:1-11



“And when they had drawn near to Jerusalem, and had arrived at Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them: “Go into the town that is opposite you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Release them, and lead them to me. And if anyone will have said anything to you, say that the Lord has need of them. And he will promptly dismiss them.” Now all this was done in order to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet, saying, “Tell the daughter of Zion: Behold, your king comes to you meekly, sitting on a donkey and on a colt, the son of one accustomed to the yoke.” Then the disciples, going out, did just as Jesus instructed them. And they brought the donkey and the colt, and they laid their garments on them, and they helped him sit upon them. Then a very numerous crowd spread their garments on the way. But others cut branches from the trees and scattered them on the way. And the crowds that preceded him, and those that followed, cried out, saying: “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!” And when he had entered into Jerusalem, the entire city was stirred up, saying, “Who is this?” But the people were saying, “This is Jesus, the Prophet from Nazareth of Galilee.”

Catholic Public Domain Version. Original Edition. Ronald L. Conte Jr., translator editor.

Excerpt “To Autumn”

By John Keats

.....Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness,
Close bosom-friend of the maturing sun;
Conspiring with him how to load and bless
With fruit the vines that round the thatch-eves run;
To bend with apples the moss'd cottage-trees,
And fill all fruit with ripeness to the core;
To swell the gourd, and plump the hazel shells
With a sweet kernel; to set budding more,
And still more, later flowers for the bees,
Until they think warm days will never cease,
For summer has o'er-brimm'd their clammy cells.

Who hath not seen thee oft amid thy store?
Sometimes whoever seeks abroad may find
Thee sitting careless on a granary floor,
Thy hair soft-lifted by the winnowing wind;
Or on a half-reap'd furrow sound asleep,
Drows'd with the fume of poppies, while thy hook
Spares the next swath and all its twined flowers:
And sometimes like a gleaner thou dost keep
Steady thy laden head across a brook;
Or by a cyder-press, with patient look,
Thou watchest the last oozings hours by hours.....

**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**
Holy Saturday- 8:00 pm
Easter Sunday- 10:00 am
† **Daily Mass**
Tuesday – 8:00 am
Wednesday- 8:00 am
Holy Thursday-7:00 pm
Good Friday- 7:00 pm

Eucharist Adoration

Visit our Website www.stpiusx.us

Daily Scripture Readings

Sunday March 29, 2026
Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14—27:66
Monday Is 42:1-7/Jn 12:1-11
Tuesday Is 49:1-6/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wednesday Is 50:4-9a/Mt 26:14-25
Thurs- Ex 12:1-14/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15
Fri Is 52:13-53:12/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1-19:42
Sat Gn 1:1—2:2 ...Rom 6:3-11/Mt 28:1-10

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

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Wednesday- 9:00 am
Holy Thursday 5:30 pm
Good Friday- 5:30 pm

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,

Palm Sunday

1st Palm Procession Gospel Matthew 21:1-11

Welcome to Holy Week! **Where to start?** This week overflows with scriptural words, just as next week will overflow with baptismal water! But its not a surprise, because we've been in the desert with Jesus through Lent, maybe reading/meditating on only a few verses (*perhaps only, the three verses that Jesus Himself offered on the First Sunday of Lent as He overcame the Devil's temptations-Mt 4:1-11—those verses were* 1) Deut 8:3: "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God" 2) Deut 6:16 "You shall not put the Lord your God to the test" & 3) Deut 6:13 "Worship the Lord your God, and serve God only.") We simplify things during Lent, to focus more on deeper prayer, silences and social practices (fasting & charity works). I've known people who actually read less material overall (**certainly turning off electronic devices**), but read what they do read with more focus – perhaps only taking **one scripture verse a day but memorizing it, and meditating on, only it, all day long**, and get so much more out of it! We can make Lent too busy, such as by subscribing to ten commentaries and email-box devotions, instead of just using one/two & going more deeply into them alone (simplify!)

So, I hope Lent has been a simpler & slower prayer time for you, focused on deeper meditation. Alos, I hope that in between prayer sessions you had more opportunity to offer works of mercy, performed in Jesus' Name. If so, great! If not, there's still today to act!

But if we've distilled down our scripture focus through Lent so far, then now we will see how deeply we can drink in the Word of God, because Holy Week offers us **so much** public reading of scripture (today and Friday are the longest readings ever in the year!) And again, this is no surprise since **Jesus is the Living water Himself** (Jn 4:14,7:38). When we receive Him, He creates in us 'ever-rising fountains of life-giving streams'. So, I pray this coming week is a fruitful plumbing of the depths of his Word for you as we move into Easter

Today's Passion Reading is from the gospel of Matthew (Year A). In fact we have two gospels: one for the Palm Procession at the beginning of Mass and one at the regular time in Liturgy of the Word (The account of Jesus' Passion). I like to emphasize the unique details of each gospel so that we can come to appreciate this multi-directional approach to seeing the whole of the Truth (four evangelists – four directions for full perspective!) No, one, tells the whole story, so we read them all, together, to see the fullness of Jesus!

Yet, since we are in Matthew 's year, I like to point out the unique details to notice from Matthew. The first striking detail here, is Matthew's focus on Kingship from birth to death for Jesus. Recall that back at Jesus' birth, He experienced the mortal threat of being pursued by Bad King Herod as the magi appeared looking for 'newborn KING of the Jews-Mt 2:2 (and a warning dream against Herod-Mt 2:13-was given to help overcome this threat). Well, now at Jesus' death, again we find a bad ruler preoccupied with preserving power again threatening death over a title: Matt 27:11 Pilate questioned him, "Are you the KING of the Jews?" and Pilate will place the charged printed over Jesus' head on the cross -Mt 27:37 "the soldiers placed over his head the written charge against him: This is Jesus, the KING of the Jews." (and a warning dream had been sent to Pilate's wife-Mt 27:19, but was ignored). So, Matthew tied together Jesus' true rule and Kingship, not being earth- bound, but over the 'Kingdom of Heaven' (from Beatitudes) from his birth to His death!

Some further unique details of Matthew to notice as we read the Passion include: 1) mention of guards being placed at the tomb for security (Mt 27:62-66) and their later mention having been bribed by the high priests to falsely claim that Jesus' body was stolen (Mt 28:11-15)! Yes, disinformation intentionally disseminated by the 'powers that be' is not new to government! 2) another unique detail is the act of Pilate 'washing his hands' of the whole affair of Jesus' trial (Mt 27:24-5), also 3) Judas' remorse and attempt to return the bribe blood money, before ultimately taking his own life (Mt 27:3-10) also 4) the crowd's confession fo mob complicity in Jesus' unjust death (Mt 27:25) and finally the very unique visible signs of trauma to the earth/cosmos at the moment of Jesus' death when there is an earthquake reported (Mt 27:52-53) which simultaneously opens the graves of other holy ones (martyrs-innocents?) as witnesses to Jesus' salvific act - raising the righteous!

Each evangelist can be appreciated for their unique perspective on the events of Jesus' life, death and resurrection. May this week's readings deepen your devotion to God's word! Peace, 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 Comtess

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

Study our Catholic Faith & Scripture

Every Tuesday Night from 6:30-7:30pm We gather to

study some aspect of our Catholic Doctrine and research both its scriptural foundation and the tradition history of its teaching

MARCH 29, 2026 † PALM SUNDAY YEAR A

St Pius X Mass Intentions Mar 30 – April 5		
Tuesday	8:00 am	Russell Tomlinson
Wednesday	8:00 am	Pope Leo's Request for incurable Diseases especially Evie Haynes
Thursday	7:00 pm	Don & Iva Mae Witte
Friday	7:00 pm	Good Friday Liturgy
Saturday	8:00 pm	All Parishioners
Sunday	10:00am	All Parishioners
WEEKLY DONATIONS		
Parish Hall Donation (3/22/25)	\$	297.00
Budget for 2025/2026 Fiscal Year	\$	205,000.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$	3,942.00
Weekly Donation (3/22/25)	\$	3,276.00
Online Giving (3/22/25)	\$	1,111.00
Total Week's Gift Offering 3/22	\$	4,387.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$	210,431.32

Prayers & Sympathy: Please pray for the eternal rest of *Michael Bowling*, who passed away last week. Please pray for Loise & family in this time of grief.

St. Francis de Sales Annual Quilt Luncheon
Thursday, April 23rd from 10:30 am – 1:30 pm.
Come enjoy a delicious meal, browse our Quilt display, and take a chance to win a beautiful hand-made quilt - "**THE FLOWER GARDEN**"!

Holy Week & Easter Schedule:

Tues Chrism Mass in Owensboro Tues 6:30 pm
Holy Thursday St Anthony 5:30 St Pius 7:00 pm
Good Friday St Anthony 5:30 St Pius 7:00 pm
Holy Saturday St Pius 8:00 pm (Easter Fire)
Easter Sunday 8:00 am St Anthony 10:00 St Pius

Pray for our Easter OCIA Class:

Logan, Chelsea & Aden Woodward
Tyler Bradley Cody Dearth
Blake Johnson Jeff Risley
Dustin Bickerstaff



Happy Birthday! Mar 29– Apr 4 St. Pius

Mar 29 Payton Dixon Mar 30 Helen Bennett
Mar 31 Daniel Hurst Mar 31 Tammie Georgen
Apr 3 Jason Anderson Apr 3 Frances Dacus
Apr 4 Joseph Gentry

Happy Anniversary! St. Pius
No anniversaries this week

St Pius X Mass Assignments: Saturday, Apr 4, 2026 8:00 pm

Servers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers / Greeters	Money Counters
Franky Schiaretti Marlie Schiaretti	Paula Schmidt (1 st) Larry Whitt (3 rd) Brenda Schiaretti (5 th) Liz Medley (Epistle)	Kurt Schmidt Volunteer Volunteer	George Humphreys (Greeter) Paula Humphreys (Greeter)	

Mass Assignments: Sunday, Apr 5, 2026 10:00 am

Servers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers / Greeters	Money Counters
Kinley Peterson	Philip Scheidegger	Pam Hurst Teresa Newman Marcus Newman	Margaret Howard Gary Traylor Usher Volunteer	Nancy Singleton Kathy Smith

FFY
Calendar
&
Activities
Schedule

DATE	SUNDAY GOSPEL READING	Classes or Events
April 1, 2026 Wed 6:00 - ?	Easter Sunday Apr 5 John 20:1-9	EASTER EGG HUNT @ 6:00PM Holy Week lesson & Games
April 8, 2026 Spring Break	2 nd Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy John 20:19-30	No FFY Classes – Spring Break
April 15, 2026 Wed 6:00-7:30	3 rd Sunday of Easter Luke 24:13-35	Middle School students: Visit CCCC

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,



PRAY FOR UKRAINE

St. Anthony Page Announcements

Coffee/ Doughnuts 1st Sunday Every Month

Bazaar Crafts Rack Sale: Be sure to check out the new seasonal merchandise—Easter & Spring Gifts!

The Diocese invites you to join Risen and Sent:

Easter Pilgrimage to Washington D.C. with Fr. Carl McCarthy as chaplain, from April 12–17, 2026. Points of pickup will be in Paducah and Madisonville before gathering at Precious Blood Church in Owensboro for 10:30 a.m. Mass then departing. We'll journey together to Seton Shrine, Basilica of the National Shrine, Franciscan Monastery, National Monuments and Memorials, and more-daily Mass For details and to register, visit <https://tri.ps/fPROe>

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 brochure and itinerary is on bulletin board. Info 1-270-554-3810 www.nativitypilgrimage.com/holy-land-6016

All-Day Adoration on Friday May 1

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 May 2 @ 8:00am. Every first Saturday we offer mass and pray the rosary



St Anthony Birthdays Mar 29 – Apr 4
Mar 29 Linda Drury Apr 5 Kevin Diesen

St Anthony Anniversaries:
March 29 Dan & Gail Dailey

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
Mar 30 – April 5**

Wednesday	9:00 am	Loretta Wheatley
Thursday	5:30 pm	Margie Sheppard
Friday	5:30 pm	Good Friday Liturgy
Sunday	8:00 am	All Parishioners

WEEKLY DONATIONS

Budget 2024/2025 Fiscal Year (July 2025-June 2026)	\$ 89,000.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 1,711.54
Weekly Donation 3/22/2025	\$ 3,228.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 88,843.70



FOOD PANTRY

Dry/Can Food Items Collection container back of church

Pickup a Hope Clinic Baby Bottle for Collection

Please fill a bottle with your loose change at home and return to church for the Hope Clinic Collection

St Anthony Mass Assignments – Mar 22, 2026

Lector	Wayne Bradshaw
Eucharistic Ministers	Shara Parish John Colgan
Ushers/Greeters	David Loxley Kelly Noonan
Server	Juan Gonzalez
Money Counters	Shara Parish Kevin Diamond

**CONSIDER ATTENDING DAILY MASS
OR WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY**

St Anthony Prayer List: Jane Travelstead, Holly O'Brien, Theresa Owens, Kathy Johansen, Jeff Ritorto, Cathy Ritorto, Betty Gonzalez, Elena Carey, Linda Drury, Bob Decker, Bill Rodgers, 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 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