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Easter Sunday Year C John 20:1-9



“On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them, “They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don’t know where they put him.” So Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the tomb. They both ran, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and arrived at the tomb first; he bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in. When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead.

### **Easter Sunday**

*By GK Chesterton*

The Christ is risen the preachers say  
“Cry, for today is Easter Day”.

Yea; if the dead might rise; then he  
Might rise for one thing verily.

He has not heard the mouths that moved  
The faint and fallen that he loved

The wheels that rack, the lips that rave  
Stern is God's guard about the grave.

Peace—for the priests in gold array—  
Peace—for today is Easter day.

The bannered pomp: the pontiffs wise  
(Great God—methinks he might arise)

Might break for once from death's eclipse  
To smite these liars on the lips.

**Resurrection Eucharist** "Every time we celebrate the Eucharist in the Church, we recall the death of the Savior, & proclaim his Resurrection as we await his return. Thus no sacrament is greater or more precious than that of the Eucharist. When we receive Communion, our life is transformed and taken up by the Lord." *St John Paul II*

**ACTS 2:42 GROUPS**  
THE MEETING OF A FIDELITY PEOPLE  
YEAR OF MISSION

*“They devoted themselves to the teachings of the apostles, the communal life, the breaking of the bread & prayer”*

Next Meeting May 11 at 1:30pm @ St Pius

Contact Ed Georgen [edwardgeorgen@gmail.com](mailto:edwardgeorgen@gmail.com)

### **St. Pius X Mass Schedule**

+ **Weekend Mass**

Saturday- 4:30 pm

Easter 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 April 20, 2025*

*Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Col 3:1-4/Jn 20:1-9*

*Monday Acts 2:14, 22-33/Mt 28:8-15*

*Tuesday Acts 2:36-41/Jn 20:11-18*

*Wednesday Acts 3:1-10/Lk 24:13-35*

*Thursday Acts 3:11-26/Lk 24:35-48*

*Friday Acts 4:1-12/Jn 21:1-14*

*Saturday Acts 4:13-21/Mk 16:9-15*

### **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,

Easter Sunday

Year C

Luke 24:1-12

***"The women who had come from Galilee with him"*** (Luke 24:1)? They prepared spices and oils to caringly apply to Jesus' dead body, as a type of cleansing and embalming process in Jesus' burial. Who are they? That is a familiar phrase (*'women who had come from Galilee with him'*) for Luke. Just before today's gospel verse, we had heard this phrase to describe the women who also followed behind when Jesus was taken down from the cross and placed in the tomb. Luke 23:55 tells us that ***"they had seen the tomb and the way in which his body was laid in it"***. Then, they went home to prepare spices and oils for the body. Luke has the same women at the scene of Christ's death also going along to the tomb, to ensure for history's sake that they do return to the same spot-same tomb, where Jesus was buried. They witnessed it and were there to see the exact location. This is so important, because some resurrection-deniers, claimed that the apostles were so shaken up and scattered by Jesus' death, that no one really knew the exact location of Jesus' burial spot. They claimed the women went to the wrong tomb address the next morning, so of course they didn't find his body there. But Luke details that it was the same group that saw him buried, that also returned the next morning to the same place. (*Has it ever happened that someone told you, "I dropped the papers off at your office", but you never got them? Maybe it was an office they went to, but it wasn't yours!*)

But who were these women disciples? They are mentioned at several places in Luke's gospel. In Luke 23:48-49, we hear that these women are among Jesus' friends who 'stood off at a distance', watching the events surrounding Jesus' death on the cross. Much earlier in Luke's gospel, these women disciples of Jesus, were described (and named) as ***"some women who had been cured of evil spirits and infirmities, 1) Mary, called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out, 2) Joanna, the wife of Herod's steward Chuza, 3) Susanna, and many others who provided for them out of their resources"*** (Luke 8:2-3). The faithful tenderness of the women who caringly provided for Jesus throughout His ministry, is a testament to how deeply He touched and affected them. Jesus had healed or otherwise touched them through personal encounters with them, and they responded by offering compassionate service to Him and His mission. I think another example of this personal bonding and commitment between Jesus and His disciples (their willingness to serve Him) is seen in the interaction between Jesus and Peter's mother-in-law. In Luke 4:38-39, we are told that after Jesus heals her, she immediately began to wait upon Jesus (her reaction to Jesus' touch was to serve-pass grace forward!) But notice that Luke says in chapter 8:3, that ***"many others"*** were in the women's group. Certainly that would include Jesus' kinfolk, such as the Blessed Mother (she doesn't need mentioning by name-we know she would be at his side!). But again, on Easter morning, these women are the first witnesses to the empty tomb and seeing the angelic men who announced Jesus' resurrection.

I like how Luke parallels this 'announcement' scene at the tomb with angel-heralds announcing Jesus' resurrection at the end of the gospel, similar to when Luke began the gospel with angelic heralds also announcing Jesus' 1<sup>st</sup> coming(*birth*) into the world (Lk 2:10-13)!

But, ***Good news comes to those doing good!*** These women respond to cruelty with kindness. They are compensating for the terrible brutality of Jesus' crucifixion by offer their own compassionate responses of care toward him. And as a result, they experience 'resurrection'! don't they set a great example of discipleship? Despite the harshness of the world around them, they hospitably exhibit helpful service, and receive joy/bliss as a result. They experience angels, being told the most welcome news that Jesus is in fact alive again! And they joyfully and jubilantly share the news with others. Although their joyful enthusiasm is not reciprocated by the other apostles immediately, that does not deter them from continuing to tell it! Luke tells us that some of the Twelve, (*not Peter, because he did follow up to see for himself*) they dismissed the women as nonsensical, passing along idle tales (Luke 24:11,22-23). But the women know! They continue to bubble over with grace to share with everyone, the 'rest of the story'. The angels had 'reminded' them (Luke 24:6 *"Remember what he said...."*) that Jesus had predicted His rejection and execution in earlier teaching to them. And not just once, but Jesus had said as much, at least three times before to them (Luke 9:22, 44; 17:25; 18:32-33). Jesus will challenge the two disciples on the road to Emmaus, that they are 'slow at heart to believe' (Luke 24:25). Whether slow to remember, slow to learn, slow to believe, or slow to act, we can all be guilty of such missing out on God's grace. Is it our fallen human nature and our tendency to inertia, that leads us to be dismissive and small-hearted toward God's grace? It's our own joyfulness that we reject, when we discredit angelic announcements or transformative visions. How could the disciples not have believed instantly at the first suggestion of Jesus' resurrection? These women evangelists certainly had that gift of belief & hope! Jesus' Resurrection is God's resilient remedy to our negative discounting of divine action. Though we are realistic, and grant that there was doubt and denial among the first believers, there was much more hope and helpfulness in the disciples for us to affirm! Jesus rose up from the dead, and opened new life-beginnings to them! With Jesus' resurrection, God revealed that there is more ahead, than there is, behind us. Easter calls us out, to be always open to new beginnings and seeing the Great Good, even though its often minimized, there is so much Good all around us! Thank God for those women's acts of thoughtful kindness that brought us the news of Jesus overcoming our death and sin! They proved it! 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 Comttee  
Returning Members: Debbie Anspach, Stacey Newby  
Welcome New Members: Amanda Gentry, Allison Devine,  
Philip Scheidegger & Karen Williams.

**Jesus' Last Seven Words from Cross Study & Discussion**  
**Every Tuesday Night from 6:30-7:30pm** Come study this classic devotion to Jesus' preaching from the pulpit of the cross itself. Scripture study and Lenten focus on deepening prayer.

**St Pius X Mass Intentions**

**Apr 21– Apr 27**

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>	<i>Ray Lucas</i>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<i>Rita Scott</i>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<i>Beth Strutzel</i>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<i>Jared Wheatley</i>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>4:30 pm</b>	<i>Carol York</i>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	<i>First Communicants</i>

**WEEKLY DONATIONS**

<b>Parish Hall Donation (4/13/25)</b>	<b>\$ 122.00</b>
<b>Budget for 2024/2025 Fiscal Year</b>	<b>\$ 195,000.00</b>
<b>Donation Need Each Week</b>	<b>\$ 3,750.00</b>
<b>Weekly Donation (4/13/25)</b>	<b>\$ 3,256.00</b>
<b>Online Giving (4/13/25)</b>	<b>\$ 1,001.00</b>
<b>Total Week's Gift Offering 4/13</b>	<b>\$ 4,257.00</b>
<b>Fiscal Year to Date</b>	<b>\$ 199,869.84</b>

**Attn: Online Auction Dolly Bardsley Estate**

4/18 thru 4/24 Auction includes Beautiful art quilts, modern furniture, antiques, jewelry & collectibles conducted by Robert Alexander Auction Group (4000 Olivet Church Rd). View items and bid online.

Go to website to register:

<https://www.rareauctions.com/auctions/detail/bw137880>

**Congratulations to our newly Confirmed Members who received their First Sacraments at Easter Vigil**

***Mr Luke Young (husband of Kate Young)***  
***Ms Chloe Anderson (daughter of Jason Anderson)***  
*Please welcome & congratulate them when you see them!*

**Thank you** for the wonderful birthday party! I am so thankful for the many cards, gifts, cake, cookies & ice cream celebrating my birthday! You bless me, and I am grateful for your kind generosity! Gratefully, Fr Brian



**Happy Birthday! Apr 20 – Apr 26 St. Pius**

April 21	Brandon Doughty
April 21	Kate Young
April 23	Grant Anderson
April 23	Kelli King
April 24	Darrow Orlandi
April 24	Kurt Schmidt
April 25	Loise Bowling
April 26	Stacey Newby
April 27	Luke Young
April 30	Megan Duzmal

**Happy Anniversary! St. Pius X**

April 22	Ed & Tammie Georgen
April 27	Charlie & Mary Jane Haley
April 27	Jacob & Patricia Thomas

**St Pius X Mass Assignments: Saturday, April 26, 2025**

Servers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers / Greeters	Money Counters
Ed Georgen	Liz Medley	Amy Crass Jeff Riedfort Charlotte Riedfort	George Humphreys (Greeter) Paula Humphreys (Greeter)	

**Mass Assignments: Sunday, April 27, 2025**

Volunteer	Larry Whitt	Paula Schmidt Kelli King Allison Devine	Usher Volunteer Usher Volunteer Usher Volunteer	Nancy Singleton Kathy Smith
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**FFY**

**Calendar  
&  
Activities  
Schedule**

DATE	SUNDAY GOSPEL READING	SUBJECT
April 23, 2025 Wed 6:00-7:30 pm	Divine Mercy Sunday John 20:1-31	Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet Learn about St. Faustina
April 30, 2025 Wed 6:00-7:30 pm	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday Easter John 21:1-19	Last FFY session - Year End Party! 4/27/25 First Communion – Pray for students
Summer Program	Watch for announcements about Bible Study Summer Program	Have a Wonderful Summer!

**Remember in Prayer**

**St. Pius X:** 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 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. We could use some old, used light bulbs for our next crafts project! Also, volunteer help is always needed too! Come/Have fun!



**Next Lunch Bunch gathering in April 24**

**Come bring a side this Thursday to Lunch Bunch 11:30 Ham will be Main Entrée –Bring a side dish/ dessert!**

**Acts 2:42 Group: 2nd Sunday every month: May 11**

Signup contact Ed Georgen [edwardgeorgen@gmail.com](mailto:edwardgeorgen@gmail.com)

**Paducah Quilt show time! St. Francis de Sales Church**

is having their annual Quilt Show & Luncheon Thurs, April 24<sup>th</sup> and Fri, April 25<sup>th</sup> from 10:30 am – 1:30 pm.

Come enjoy a delicious meal, browse our Quilts display, and get chance to win a quilt!

**All-Day Adoration on Friday May 2**

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 May 3 @ 8:00am. Every first Saturday we offer mass and pray the rosary



**St Anthony Birthdays Apr 20– Apr 26**

April 27 Kelly Noonan

**St Anthony Anniversaries:**

April 22 Ed & Tammie Georgen

**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**

**Apr 21 – Apr 27**

<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Charles Thurman</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Lynette Fredericks</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>Dolly Bardsley</b>

**WEEKLY DONATIONS**

Budget 2024/2025 Fiscal Year (July 2024-June 2025)	<b>\$ 73,500.00</b>
Donation Need Each Week	<b>\$ 1,413.46</b>
Weekly Donation 4/13/2025	<b>\$ 2,322.00</b>
Fiscal Year to Date	<b>\$ 89,448.50</b>



**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 – Apr 27, 2025**

<b>Lector</b>	Georgia Bradshaw
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Joyce Wilkinson Pat Gorbett
<b>Ushers/Greeters</b>	Kevin Diamond David Loxley
<b>Server</b>	Juan Gonzalez
<b>Money Counters</b>	Shara Parish Kevin Diamond

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

**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 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:** 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)