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3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Lent

Year C

Luke 13:1-9



"Some people told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with the blood of their sacrifices. Jesus said to them in reply, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were greater sinners than all other Galileans? By no means! But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did! Or those eighteen people who were killed when the tower at Siloam fell on them— do you think they were more guilty than everyone else who lived in Jerusalem? By no means! But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did!" And he told them this parable: "There once was a person who had a fig tree planted in his orchard, and when he came in search of fruit on it but found none, he said to the gardener, 'For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none. So cut it down. Why should it exhaust the soil?' He said to him in reply, 'Sir, leave it for this year also, and I shall cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in the future. If not you can cut it down.'"

### **Gentle Gardener**

By Edgar Albert Guest

I'd like to leave but daffodills  
to mark my little way,  
To leave but tulips red and white  
behind me as I stray;  
I'd like to pass away from earth  
and feel I'd left behind  
But roses and forget-me-nots  
for all who come to find.

I'd like to sow the barren spots  
with all the flowers of earth,  
To leave a path where those who come  
should find but gentle mirth;  
And when at last I'm called upon  
to join the heavenly throng  
I'd like to feel along my way  
I'd left no sign of wrong.

And yet the cares are many  
and the hours of toil are few;  
There is not time enough on earth  
for all I'd like to do;  
But, having lived and having toiled,  
I'd like the world to find  
Some little touch of beauty  
that my soul had left behind.



**ACTS 2:42 GROUPS**  
ON MISSION AS A EUCHARISTIC PEOPLE  
YEAR OF MISSION

"They devoted themselves to the teachings of the apostles,  
the communal life, the breaking of the bread & prayer"

Next Meeting April 13 at 1:30pm @ St Pius

### **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](http://www.stpiusx.us)

### **Daily Scripture Readings**

Sunday March 23, 2025

Ex 3:1-15/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9

Monday 2 Kgs 5:1-15b/Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday Is 7:10-14/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday Dt 4:1, 5-9/Mt 5:17-19

Thursday Jer 7:23-28/Lk 11:14-23

Friday Hos 14:2-10/Mk 12:28-34

Saturday Hos 6:1-6/Lk 18:9-14

### **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

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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,

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Lent

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Luke 13:1-9

**Why do bad things happen to good people?** A perennial question for people of faith, is the question of why there is evil in the world that afflicts all of us! Why? Even if we refer to the 1<sup>st</sup> biblical example of how sin entered the world by our first parent Adam abusing his human freedom (Original Sin when Adam rejected God), we still might ask, "Why did God allow the serpent's evil presence to be in the garden to sour the sweetness of Paradise?" These are stimulating and foundational questions that express our God-given desire to know and discover God's purposeful meaning to creation—How does evil come about and how should we respond to it? One clear lesson of the Adam and Eve story is that accusatory 'BLAME' doesn't do anything to get us closer to the solution of the problem of evil. Adam blames Eve & Eve blames Serpent, and we all blame them to excuse our sinfulness!

Jesus does address this problem of evil in today's gospel (Luke 13:1-9) by recounting the human tragedies that would have been all the news in his time, of the terrifying tower collapse at Siloam that killed many, or of Pilate's slaughter of many innocent Galileans. I hear Jesus saying that everything is a 'teaching moment' or moment for good to triumph (think of how natural disasters bring the best out of people by their good-hearted responses with charity aid). Jesus insightfully points out that if we focus on shaming victims, quick to see them as 'guilty', then we ignore the reality of life's suffering (call to mercy within us) and we lose grace offered to us even in a 'bad situation'. Jesus addressed this same problem of evil in the world, in John's gospel (Jn 9:2-3), when Jesus was asked about the sad case of a man born blind. His apostles asked Him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" And Jesus answered wisely, "Neither he nor his parents sinned; but it is so that the works of God might be made visible through him." Of course, Jesus goes on to heal the man of his blindness, but Jesus was basically telling His apostles that a lot of other people were going to be offered 'sight' into the work/glory of God, by Jesus' encounter with the man. Not only was the blind man going to see, but Jesus was going to open all of our eyes to how God can bring even greater goodness from (out of) what seems a 'bad situation'! Confronting and coping with evil, requires taking a 'longer view' or a higher perspective to appreciate how the good ultimately overcomes evil.

Granted, it may not seem to bring any comforting resolution initially, but it all does come down to 'God's ways not being our ways' (Isaiah 55:8-9 & Matt 16:23) and that the providence of God befuddles our plans and humbles our pride. What do we know? Our frame of reference is so finite, and our judgement so conditioned on the moving marks of life. This is why Jesus says in today's gospel (Luke 13:2-5) "Do you think that because these people suffered in this way {that} they were greater sinners than all other Galileans? ***By no means!*** But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did." Jesus is saying that, every moment is an opportunity for us to find God's grace. Rather than shaming/blaming others, we need to put ourselves in their shoes (*'there but for the grace of God, go I'*) and be grateful and respond with grace (compassion) ourselves. It is about the 'longer-view' of life and ultimately eternity!

Here's a great story that teaches us to be wisely patient and careful about assigning blame/evil/loss:

***"A farmer had only one horse. One day, his horse ran away. His neighbors said, "I'm so sorry. Such bad news. You must be so upset." The man just said, "We'll see" A few days later, his horse came back with a wild horse following. The man and his son corralled the horse. His neighbors said, "Congratulations! Such good news. You must be so happy!" The man just said, "We'll see" The wild horse threw the man's only son, breaking both his legs. His neighbors said, "I'm so sorry. Such bad news. You must be so upset." The man just said, "We'll see" The Communist army came through the village to conscript every young man to fight in an unjust war, but due to the injury the farmer's son was spared. His neighbors said, "Congratulations! Such good news. You must be so happy!" The man just said, "We'll see".....***

So, taking God's long-view and understanding the proper use of our human freedom, may be the ultimate answer to the problem of accounting for evil's presence in our world. As people of faith, we would say that Jesus provides a solution to evil, by His own life of trust in goodness, and of Him strongly accepting circumstances as they come, teaching us to respond to our circumstances by applying our own measure of will and good to each step. We'll see. Maybe, I don't know why I am suffering, but I trust that the Good God, that brought me here, will also take me there-to better things (or as we say "For the greater glory of God"-Greater Good that God has planned!) 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 Comtees  
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.



# MARCH 23, 2025 + 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY LENT YEAR C

## St Pius X Mass Intentions Mar 24 – Mar 30

Tuesday	6:00 pm	Richard Warmowski
Wednesday	8:00 am	Ray Lucas
Thursday	8:00 am	John T Schmidt, Sr
Friday	8:00 am	Beth Strutzel
Saturday	4:30 pm	Tony & Donna Lazzaro
Sunday	10:00am	Charles Fischer

## WEEKLY DONATIONS

Parish Hall Donation (3/16/25)	\$ 155.00
Budget for 2024/2025 Fiscal Year	\$ 195,000.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 3,750.00
Weekly Donation (3/16/25)	\$ 9,458.00
Online Giving (3/16/25)	\$ 1,043.00
Total Week's Gift Offering 3/16	\$ 10,501.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 182,194.31

## First Communion Classes Schedule

Sun March 30 11:00am First Communion Session Parish Hall  
1<sup>st</sup> Communion Mass for Students April 27 10:00 am Mass

**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 Quilt display, & get chance to win a quilt!



Every Friday thru Lent

4:00-7:00pm at St. Pius Hall

Call in 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

**Stations of Cross:** St Pius Every Wed 6:30

& at St Anthony every Friday 9:30 am

**Chrism Mass:** Join Bishop Medley & Diocese priests as they concelebrate Chrism Mass April 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30, @ Sports Center, 1215 Hickman Ave, in Owensboro



**Happy Birthday! Mar 23 – Mar 29 St. Pius**

March 23 Katie Hurst  
March 27 Aidan Blazina  
March 27 Paula Humphreys  
March 27 Dorothy Schmidt

**Happy Anniversary! St. Pius X**

March 26 Thomas & Nancy Forsythe

## St Pius X Mass Assignments: Saturday, March 29, 2025

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

## Mass Assignments: Sunday, March 30, 2025

Kinley Peterson Server Volunteer	RJ Ric Witowski	Allison Devine Kelli King Not Filled	Usher Volunteer Usher Volunteer Usher Volunteer	Jan Waniel Jean Waniel
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## FFY Calendar & Activities Schedule

DATE	SUNDAY GOSPEL READING	SUBJECT
March 26, 2025 Wed 6:00-7:30 pm	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Lent Luke 15:1-3, 11-32	<b>Penance Service</b> after Stations of the Cross Activity: Write letters of gratitude & prayer
April 2, 2025 Wed 6:00-7:30	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Lent John 8:1-11	<b>Attend Stations of the Cross</b> <b>Learn about Young Saints- St Carlo Acutis</b>
April 9, 2025 Wed 6:00-7:30 pm	Palm Sunday & Holy Week Luke 19:28-40 and Luke 22:14 - 23:56	<b>FFY Spring Break No classes</b>

## Remember in Prayer

**St. Pius X:** 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 17**

*Come bring a side this Thursday to Lunch Bunch 11:30*

**Acts 2:42 Group: 2nd Sunday every month: Apr 13**

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

Come share faith with others and enjoy a time of prayer and fellowship like the first apostles in Acts 2!

**Hope Clinic Baby Bottle Collection:** Pick up a bottle to fill with your loose coins or bills to help the pro-life & pregnancy support work of Hope Clinic.

**Plan to come to the Diocesan Chrism Mass Apr 15**

Tuesday of Holy Week in Owensboro at SportsCenter The Bishop will bless the Holy Oils for all parishes

**All-Day Adoration on Friday April 4**

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 April 5 @ 8:00am. Every first Saturday we offer mass and pray the rosary



**St Anthony Birthdays Mar 23– Mar 29**

March 26 Dot Lang  
March 26 Dan O'Brien  
March 29 Linda Drury

**St Anthony Anniversaries:**

March 29 Dan & Gail Dailey

**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**

**Mar 24 – Mar 30**

<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Richard Gregory Klohr</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Linda Paluso</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>Ray Lucas</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 3/16/2025	<b>\$ 1,173.00</b>
Fiscal Year to Date	<b>\$ 80,021.39</b>



**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 – March 30, 2025**

<b>Lector</b>	Darin Adrian
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Mike Drury Jovita Herron
<b>Ushers/Greeters</b>	Jeff Ritorto Cathy Ritorto
<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 May , 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)