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6<sup>th</sup> Sunday Easter Year B John 15:9-17



"Jesus said to his disciples: "As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. "I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and your joy might be complete. This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I no longer call you slaves, because a slave does not know what his master is doing. I have called you friends, because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father. It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you. This I command you: love one another."

**'Greater Love'**

*BY Wilfred Owen (World War I Poet-Soldier)*

Red lips are not so red  
As the stained stones kissed by the English dead.  
Kindness of wooed and wooer  
Seems shame to their love pure.  
O Love, your eyes lose lure  
When I behold eyes blinded in my stead!

Your slender attitude  
Trembles not exquisite like limbs knife-skewed,  
Rolling and rolling there  
Where God seems not to care;  
Till the fierce love they bear  
Cramps them in death's extreme decrepitude.

Your voice sings not so soft,—  
Though even as wind murmuring through rafters loft,—  
Your dear voice is not dear,  
Gentle, and evening clear,  
As theirs whom none now hear,  
Now earth has stopped their piteous mouths that coughed.

Heart, you were never hot  
Nor large, nor full like hearts made great with shot;  
And though your hand be pale,  
Paler are all which trail  
Your cross through flame and hail:  
Weep, you may weep, for you may touch them not.

**Spiritual Thought for the Week**

Late have I loved you, O Beauty ever ancient, ever new, late have I loved you! You were within me, but I was outside, and it was there that I searched for you. In my unloveliness I plunged into the lovely things which you created. You were with me, but I was not with you. You touched me, and now....." St Augustine

**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 May 5, 2024

Acts 10:25-26, 34-48/1Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17

Monday Acts 16:11-15/Jn 15:26—16:4a

Tuesday Acts 16:22-34/Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday Acts 17:15-18:1/Jn 16:12-15

Thursday Acts 18:1-8/Jn 16:16-20

Friday Acts 18:9-18/Jn 16:20-23

Saturday Acts 18:23-28/Jn 16:23b-28

**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

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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,

6<sup>th</sup> Sunday Easter Year B

Jn 15:9-17

**Joy, Love and Fidelity!** Three Amigos! That is Friendship! John has his favorite words! We hear three of them today. One of them is 'love' (John 15:9-10, 12-13, 17). Another one John uses today is 'joy' (2 times in verse 15:11), Yet, what about 'fidelity'? Well, John uses the word 'remain' or 'abide' (Greek 'meinate'). 'Abide' means to 'stay with', 'be beside' or 'always come to' – the same meaning we intend when we say that 'friends are always 'there' for us. Think of a loyal-faithful-constant companion. That is fidelity. Friends share in all things with one another, going through everything together. Chinese philosopher Mencius describes friendship as "one mind in two bodies". Roman Philosopher Statesman Cicero said that a 'friend is a second self, doubling your happiness and halving your sorrow'. So, when times are good you are blessed to share and enjoy them with someone. Yet, even when times are bad, you are still blessed, having a deep 'joy' inside, because of who you are with, going through the trial together. That is 'fidelity'.

And that is exactly what Jesus is describing about our relationship to Him, when He tells us in John 15:15 "I have called you friends". He remains with us (fidelity). *In fact, He moves into us when we openly accept Him – in John 14:23, Jesus says, "We will come to that person and make our dwelling with him.)* So, what a gift that Jesus calls us, friends! And what a 'faithful' friend Jesus is! He keeps faith with us, even when we may break faith (our sin). A great example of this, is when we hear that Jesus loved His friends 'to the end' (even as He was being crucified -due to our sins- and through the apostles--representing us--abandoning Him). John 13:1 says, "*Jesus loved his own in the world and he loved them to the end.*"

What a marvel that we can be friends with God in Jesus. We could never have initiated such a friendship. Friendship with God is His initiative (*He had to invite us into such a life together*), which is why Jesus mentions, "It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you" (John 15:16). Also, 1 John 4:10 tells us that God made the first move toward us, to befriend us by reminding us that it is "not that we have loved God, but that he first loved us."

Prior to Jesus drawing us into friendship with God (all of us who accept, believe and trust in Him), I can think of only two Old Testament figures who were described as being friends with God. One of them, Moses, scripture itself comes right out and states that, "The LORD used to speak to Moses face to face, as *a person speaks to a friend*" (Exodus 33:11). The other 'friend of God' is King David, who is described by God Himself, as being 'chosen' to lead, 'because David is 'a man after my own heart'. That is a close relationship described by God. We see repeated examples of God's ever-faithful friendship as God bears with David, and Loves him through even all of David's failures to keep faith. Again, just as we see later in Jesus' own life, God sets the standard for friendship, and what actions and attitude constitute friendship: Love, Joy and Fidelity! All three are found in today's gospel, where Jesus summarizes it as "There's no greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends" (John 15:13).

I've always been drawn to a definition of friendship inspired by some comments by the fox character in Antoine de Saint-Exupery's book 'The Little Prince'. The fox mentions that 'if you are to come to me at four o'clock in the afternoon, then at three o'clock I shall begin to feel happy, and as the hour advances I shall get happier and happier....' (*Page 84 HBJ edition*). The fox is emphasizing the elements of joy and fidelity in friendship - the fact that we are made better by a friend's presence/influence and a friend creates that gentle stirring in our soul when we think of them. Yet, for Christians, perhaps the classic work written on friendship based on Jesus, is from the most prominent of the Cistercian abbots of 12th-century England, Aelred of Rievaulx (b. 1110–d. 1167). He wrote "Spiritual Friendship" when asked by his monks that he served and led in his monastery what it meant to be a 'friend in Christ'. Aelred taught that what makes a friendship 'spiritual' is that it begins in God, continues in God, and is perfected in God. Just as Jesus initiated friendship with us, faithfully walking with us and calling us to join Him living beyond anything this world offers, Him forever, there is no kinship any more spiritual than that to be found!

Peace and Prayers, Fr Brian

**St Pius X Parish Council Meeting Thurs July 25 @ 5:30 pm**

Gary Traylor	(3)	Chair Person
Nora Canon	(3)	Secretary & Finance
Paula Humphreys	(3)	Spiritual Life
Stacey Newby	(3)	FFY & Religious Ed
Debbie Anspach	(3)	Social Program/Outreach
Michael Bowling	(3)	Building & Ground

**Congratulations to our Confirmation Students!**

*Max Canon*                      *Pax Canon*  
*Dorothy Schmidt*  
*Addison Peterson*        *Kason Peterson*

**MAY 5, 2024 + 6TH SUNDAY EASTER YEAR B**



Acts 2:42 next Meeting May 5, St Pius@ 1:30 pm

**Prayer & Condolences:** Please pray for the eternal rest of **Joe Ferris** who was buried from St Pius last Saturday. Please keep his family in your prayers,

**Wedding Congratulations:** Jacob Thomas & Patricia Abreu who were married last weekend at St Jerome!

**Wedding at Cana Coming Again Friday May 24**  
**St Pius Couples invited!** Please come enjoy a wonderful evening of mass, dinner & dancing.  
 RSVP on table by door, Judy Forsythe 612-245-3636

**Birthdays & Anniversaries: May 5– May 11**

**Happy Birthday! St. Pius X**

- May 5 Nancy Forsythe
- May 6 Miles Doughty
- May 8 Kason Grief
- May 10 Susan Padgett
- May 11 Landon Shupe

**Happy Anniversary! St. Pius X**

*No anniversaries this week*

St Pius X Mass Intentions May 6 – May 12		
Tuesday	6:00 pm	Larry & Mary Knox
Wednesday	8:00 am	John & Sue Mudd
Thursday	8:00 am	Sylvia Hamilton
Friday	8:00 am	Richard & Virginia Klohr
Saturday	4:30 pm	James Hobbs
Sunday	10:00am	All Mothers
WEEKLY DONATIONS		
Parish Hall Donation (4/28/24)	\$	280.00
Budget for 2022/2023 Fiscal Year (July 2023-June 2024)	\$	195,000.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$	3,750.00
Weekly Donation (4/28//24)	\$	3,370.25
Online Giving (4/28/24)	\$	1,996.00
Total Week's Gift Offering 4/28	\$	5,366.25
Fiscal Year to Date	\$	194,002.73

**Mother's Day Dinner May 11th after 4:30 mass**

Plan to come enjoy dinner & Fellowship, celebrating mothers!  
 Tickets are \$20/couple - \$10/single and \$5/children.  
 Please see Debbie Anspach to help prepare or help serve it.

**Coffee & Doughnuts after Mass at St Pius**

After the 10 am Mass May 12

**St Pius X Mass Assignments: Saturday, May 11, 2024**

Servers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers / Greeters	Money Counters
Volunteer	Liz Medley	Suzette Whittington Charlotte Riedfort Not filled	Volunteer (Usher) Volunteer (Usher) Volunteer (Greeter) Volunteer (Greeter)	

**Mass Assignments: Sunday, May 12, 2024**

Kason Peterson	Dawn Whitt	Caleb King Pam Hurst Jimmy Harbison	Philip Scheidegger Usher Volunteer Usher Volunteer	Mary Ann Huebschmann Kathy Smith
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**FFY Schedule of Classes and Events**

Sunday	May 19	10:00 am Mass	High School Graduate Mass	Church
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**PRAY FOR UKRAINE**

**Remember in Prayer**

**St. Pius X:** Theresa Owens, Sara Repovich, Kaye Hinkebein, Amanda Scheidegger, Olga Edwards, Diane Fischer Russell Tomlinson, Joanne Schmidt Paula Willett, Kent & Kim Henry, Linda Womer, Leah Vincek, Rick Wilson, Richard Warmowski, Wade Barnes, Ashley Hayden, Donna Barrix, David Crass, Beth Strutzel, Jason Long, Helen Nicholson, Larry Kline, Bonita Walker, Joe Hedges, Jerry Wade, Katie Wood, Joanna Grimes, Amanda Bailey, Kaileigh Row, Dolly Bardsley, Pam Laibl, David Kroll, Henry Feezor, Lisa Hammond, Bennett Meisenheimer, Jim & Rose Drury, Wes Hayes, Mike Norvell, Maryann Huebschmann, Shirley Mangan, 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 Broks, Stacy Newby, Bette Zilligen, Ric Vaughn, Donny Travis, Betty Derry, Scott Hamilton, Connie Burt, Abigail Huebschmann, Lucas Hebner, 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, Julianne Utley, 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**

**Quilters group** at St Anthony Every Tuesday

Contact Georgia Bradshaw for details. Quilters gather and work on their community quilt together.

**Needed Donations: SEW ON Velcro** (any size) for

Diaper Project for Orphaned Children in the Philippines. **Only SEW-ON Velcro can be used** – Please NO adhesive velcro. Contact Georgia Hunsley (St Anthony Church) at 402-920-0108 for more info. Baskets by church doors to collect it

**Wedding at Cana Coming Again Friday May 24**

*A wonderful evening of mass, dinner & dancing.*

*A sign up form for couples is on the kitchen serving window. Please sign-up. Or RSVP Judy Forsythe 612-245-3636 We need volunteer singles to help by serving dinner.*

**Accepting Parish Council Nominations**—Forms on Tables

**\*\*Corpus Christi Procession Jun 2 @ 2:00 pm\*\***

**All-Day Adoration on 1<sup>st</sup> Friday June 7**

St Anthony Parish 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. Prayer Partners are requested for each hour during Adoration. Please register your time on the schedule or call Judy Forsythe - 612-245-3636

**First Saturdays Honor the Blessed Mother:**

First Saturday Mass on June 1 @ 8:00am. Every first Saturday we offer mass and pray the rosary



**St Anthony Birthdays May 5 – May 12**

May 8 Cathy Ritorto  
May 12 Gail Dailey

**St Anthony Anniversaries:**

*No anniversaries this week*

**Lectio Divina Weekly Sessions**

Every Wednesday @ St. Anthony of Padua, we gather for weekly "Lectio Divina" sessions. Come and open God's Word in your heart & mind. We have workbooks available



**St. Anthony of Padua**

**Mass Intentions**

**May 6 – May 12**

<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<i>Sally Anne Klohr</i>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<i>Robert Hanegan Family</i>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<i>All Mothers</i>

**WEEKLY DONATIONS**

Budget 2022/2023 Fiscal Year (July 2023-June 2024)	<b>\$ 73,500.00</b>
<b>Donation Need Each Week</b>	<b>\$ 1,413.46</b>
<b>Weekly Donation 4/28/2024</b>	<b>\$ 3,163.00</b>
<b>Fiscal Year to Date</b>	<b>\$ 83,026.13</b>

***Thank you so much for your faithful generosity! The Parishes and the Church's Mission depends on you!***



**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

**St Anthony Mass Assignments – May 12, 2024**

<b>Lector</b>	Wayne Bradshaw
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Mike Drury Cindy O'Brien
<b>Ushers/Greeters</b>	Kelly Noonan Kevin Diamond
<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, Jeff Ritorto, Cathy Ritorto, Betty Gonzalez, Elena Carey, Donna & Jon Gresham, Bob Decker, Bill Rodgers, Tom & Margie Sheppard, Bob Tashjian, Mr. Driskill, Margaret Adams, Pat Gorbett, Ed Derringe, Imogene Ramey.

**Pray for our Military**

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**

Mike Drury	Chair Person
Debbie Owens	Secretary/Family Life
Shara Parish	Finance
Kelly Noonan	Building & Ground
David Loxley	Social Concerns/Events
Steve Wilkes	Spirituality/Faith Formation

**Next Meeting June 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)