

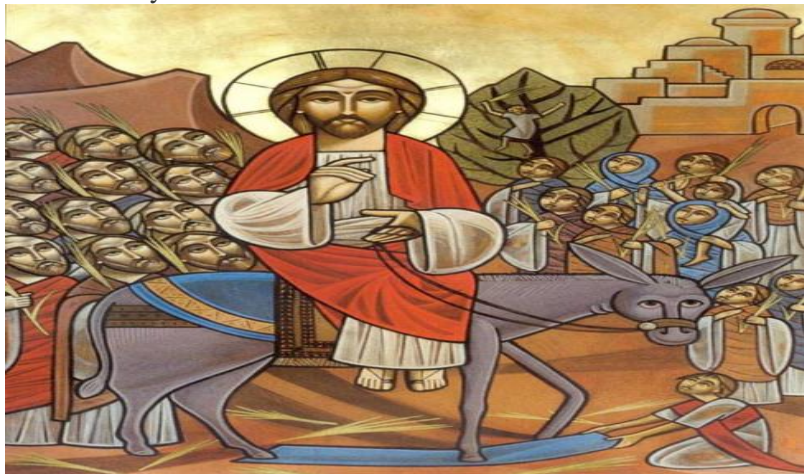


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Palm Sunday Year B Mark 11:1-1-10



“When Jesus and his disciples drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them, “Go into the village opposite you, and immediately on entering it, you will find a colt tethered on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone should say to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ reply, ‘The Master has need of it and will send it back here at once.’” So they went off and found a colt tethered at a gate outside on the street, and they untied it. Some of the bystanders said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” They answered them just as Jesus had told them to, and they permitted them to do it. So they brought the colt to Jesus and put their cloaks over it. And he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. Those preceding him as well as those following kept crying out: “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is to come! Hosanna in the highest!”

‘a poet thinks of a donkey’

By Mary Oliver

On the outskirts of Jerusalem
the donkey waited.
Not especially brave, or filled with understanding,
he stood and waited.

How horses, turned out into the meadow,
leap with delight!
How doves, released from their cages,
clatter away, splashed with sunlight.

But the donkey, tied to a tree as usual, waited.
Then he let himself be led away.
Then he let the stranger mount.

Never had he seen such crowds!
And I wonder if he at all imagined what was to happen.
Still, he was what he had always been: small, dark, obedient.

I hope, finally, he felt brave.
I hope, finally, he loved the man who rode so lightly upon him,
as he lifted one dusty hoof and stepped, as he had to, forward.

Spiritual Thought for the Week

“Fasting is a medicine. But medicine, as beneficial as it is, becomes useless through the inexperience of the user. He has to know the appropriate time that the medicine should be taken and the right amount of medicine and the condition of the body which is to take it.....Further, what advantage is fasting, if we have gone through a whole fast devoid of works? If another says, “I have fasted all of Lent,” you should say, “I had an enemy, but I was reconciled; I had a habit of gossiping, but I put a stop to it; I had a habit of swearing, but I have broken through this evil practice.” (John Chrysostom)

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 24,2024
Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1—15:47
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
Thursday Ex 12:1-14/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15
Friday Is 52:13-53:12/Heb 4:14-16 Jn 18:1-19:42
Saturday Gn 1:1—2:2/Rom 6:3-11/Mk 16:1-7

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**
Easter Sunday- 8:00 am
† **Daily Masses**
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
Visit our website

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 Year B

Mark 11:1-1-10

“What makes this night different from all other nights?” In the Jewish custom of Seder-Passover Meal celebrations, the youngest child present asks this question of the Father of the home (everyone has a part). The purpose is to highlight the fact that **THIS** celebration is unique, unlike all other times/meals of the year! (For our Jewish brothers and sisters, the ‘Passover-Seder’ commemorates the saving events of Moses leading their ancestors out of slavery in Egypt toward the Promised Land to come!

We can similarly ask that question about this whole coming week (Holy Week) and Thursday evening’s special meal of the Holy Eucharist! **What makes this WEEK different from all other weeks?** What makes this week ‘Holy’? Well, this week commemorates Jesus’ passion, death and resurrection! Yes, a case can be made that every week/every day is ‘holy’ (everything from the hand of God is ‘Holy’). But this week above all weeks is especially holy, because of how we dedicate our time to walk again with Christ through His last days, last hours and even last breath on the cross. (Of course, it leads to His eventual resurrection on Easter). Holy Week is a blessed time of remembrance wherein we retrace the final steps of Jesus from His Triumphant entry in to Jerusalem, through his teaching in and prophetic cleansing of the Temple, to His last meal, leading to His arrest, trial, torture and execution. (Again, Yes, Christ rises on the third day-Easter!) But each day of this coming Week, we recount, study and pray with Christ as He approaches His sacrifice for us, dying his death for our sake to save/free us!

For us Christians, it turns out that our Promised Land is Life With Christ: Salvation in Christ becomes everything for us. **Where-ever and Any time!** That is true deliverance-true freedom! Our place of promise is anywhere Christ is, and all the time! Now and everywhere! I like how the result of our observance of Holy Week, consecrates all time and all places. Jesus death and resurrection and our sharing in it through baptism, makes **all time holy, everywhere.** (*Jesus’ True Worshipers in Spirit and in Truth John 4:23*).

So, this Holy Week invites us to view time as the sacred gift it is, and to live each moment fully as the ‘presents’ of God that it is! If we meditate deeply upon and follow Jesus closely through the events of this coming week, we will appreciate more fully, the human experience of living each day to its fullest. Jesus surely did by His intense embrace of our human condition (all its glory and guilt). We see this in every gospel reading we proclaim this coming week. As Jesus eagerly approached and accepted the cross for us, He was sanctifying the whole range of our human nature, to redeem us and reveal to us the Way of our Redemption. May Jesus’ time become our time this week! May the holiness of His actions radiate into our own behavior! So, here we go!

Therefore, I encourage everyone to spend as much time in prayer with Christ and read closely each reading of this week’s sacred liturgies (every day). I usually reflect on the week’s gospel in this column, yet the volume and magnitude of scriptures that we are going to hear all week, reminds me of the overflowing baskets of Jesus’ multiplied loaves of bread. There is too much for any one of us to consume completely. But still, that is all for our good. It guarantees that there is always more for us to return to Jesus to receive and be fed with anew. So, again, please taste and be nourished on His word this coming week. The Word will sanctify your week too (*John 17:17 “Father, Consecrate them in the truth. Your word is truth.”* & *John 15:3 “You are already pruned (cleansed) because of the Word that I spoke to you.”*) So, please familiarize yourself each day with either the daily mass readings or your own additional reading of John’s gospel chapters 13 to 21.

And here is a closing prayer-thought, on today’s first gospel of Jesus triumphant entry into Jerusalem as ‘Son of David’ on the back of simple donkey (Mark 11:1-10). I love how the story unfolds through the humble service of two disciples assisting Jesus and likely not understanding at the time what Jesus was up to). They were told to go borrow a service animal in a type of pre-arranged deal, and return to Jesus with it. They do it faithfully, and Jesus then proceeds to enter Jerusalem amid shouts of glory and a welcome fit for a king (palms waving and cloaks rolled out on ground before him). Of course, the crowd and everyone is going to turn against Jesus, but He is not going to be deterred from fulfilling His Father’s Will/Mission. Yet, those two disciples give a witness of faithful service to Jesus, similar to Jesus’ faithful service to the Father. Who are those disciples? Of course, to cultivate humility among disciples of Jesus, we never learn their names! **Who they are doesn’t matter. It is who they serve that matters!** So, may this be our prayer: *Jesus, make us into those faithful, humble servants of yours!* If we know who we serve-Jesus, then that makes all of our actions holy, because they are consecrated to His glory!

Happy Holy Week, Fr Brian

St Pius X Parish Council Meeting Thurs @ 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

Early Church Fathers Study & Discussion

Every Tuesday Night from 6:30-7:30pm Come study some of these foundational documents written by the students of apostles. After Scripture, these are our earliest sources of Faith!

MARCH 24, 2024 † PALM SUNDAY YEAR B



Acts 2:42 next Meeting April 7, St Pius@ 1:30 pm

St Pius X Mass Intentions March 25 – March 31		
Tuesday	8:00 AM	Marilyn A Erselius
Wednesday	8:00 am	James Hobbs
Thursday	7:00 pm	John Bardsley
Friday	7:00 pm	Good Friday Liturgy
Saturday	8:00 pm	Richard & Virginia Klohr
Sunday	10:00 am	All Parishioners
WEEKLY DONATIONS		
Parish Hall Donation (3/17/24)	\$	180.00
Budget for 2022/2023 Fiscal Year (July 2023-June 2024)	\$	195,000.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$	3,750.00
Weekly Donation (3/17/24)	\$	2,225.00
Online Giving (3/17/24)	\$	898.00
Total Week's Gift Offering 3/17	\$	3,123.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$	165,516.11

Holy Week And Easter Mass Schedule

Tuesday Evening Chrim Mass in Owensboro 6:30

Wednesday 8:00am St Pius, 9:00 am St Anthony

Holy Thursday

5:30 St Anthony & 7:00 St Pius

Good Friday

5:30 St Anthony & 7:00 St Pius

Holy Saturday Vigil 8:00 pm St Pius (no 4:30 mass)

Easter Sunday Morning

8:00 am St Anthony

10:00 am St Pius

St. Francis Catholic Church Annual Quilt Show Luncheon

Thursday, April 25th and Friday, April 26th 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! Meals and display at St Francis, 116 South 6th Street Paducah KY.

Coffee & Doughnuts after Mass at St Pius

After the 10 am Mass **April 14**

Birthdays & Anniversaries: Mar 24– Mar 30

Happy Birthday! St. Pius X

- March 27 Aiden Blazina
- March 27 Paula Humphreys
- March 27 Dorothy Schmidt
- March 30 Helen Bennett
- March 30 Victoria Le

Happy Anniversary! St. Pius X

- March 26 Thomas & Nancy Forsythe

St Pius X Mass Assignments: Saturday, March 30, 2024

Servers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers / Greeters	Money Counters
Franky Schiaretta Dominic Schiaretta	Paula Schmidt Dawn Whitt	Kurt Schmidt Charlotte Riedfort Volunteer	Volunteer (Usher) Volunteer (Usher) Volunteer (Greeter) Volunteer (Greeter)	

Mass Assignments: Sunday, March 31, 2024

Kason Peterson Brayden Willett	Ric Witowski	Patty Langford Marcus Newman Teresa Newman	Volunteer (Usher) Volunteer (Usher) Volunteer (Greeter) Volunteer (Greeter)	Rich Derry Nancy Singleton
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FFY Schedule of Classes and Events

Wednesday	March 27	6:00 – 7:30	Meal, Stations of Cross, Class	Hall & Church
Wednesday	April 3	Spring Break	Spring Break – No classes	Spring Break Off
Wednesday	April 10	6:00 - 7:30	Meal & Class (Confirmation Practice)	Hall & Church
Sunday	April 14	11:00-12:00	First Communion Class & Practice	Hall & Church
Wednesday	April 17	6:00 – 7:30	Meal & Class(First Communion Practice)	Hall & Church

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.

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 First Sunday Every Month

Quilters group at St Anthony Every Tuesday
Contact Georgia Bradshaw for details. Quilters gather and work on their community quilt together.

Church Spring Cleanup Day *Come help get church ready for Easter with clean-up Friday Mar 29 @ 10:00 am*

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 the velcro.

Wedding at Cana Coning Again Friday May 24

Watch for more details, and mark your calendars for a wonderful evening of mass, dinner and dancing. A sign up form is found on the kitchen serving window. Or call Judt Forsythe 612-245-3636 to RSVP.

All-Day Adoration on 1st Friday April 5

St Anthony Parish 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. 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 April 6 @ 8:00am. Every first Saturday we offer mass and pray the rosary

St Anthony Birthdays Mar 24 – Mar 30

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

St Anthony Anniversaries:

March 29 *Dan & Gail Dailey*

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

March 25 – March 31

Wednesday	9:00 am	<i>Danissa Lewis Mudd</i>
Thursday	5:30 pm	<i>Charlotte Drury</i>
Friday	5:30 pm	<i>Good Friday Liturgy</i>
Sunday	8:00 am	<i>All Parishioners</i>

WEEKLY DONATIONS

Budget 2022/2023 Fiscal Year (July 2023-June 2024)	\$ 73,500.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 1,413.46
Weekly Donation 3/17/2024	\$ 1,405.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 70,120.63

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

Wonderful Response of Generosity: New Piano

What a tremendous blessing & overwhelming response to our New Piano Fund! A special thanks to Ashley & Pam Thurman who invited special donations & went to pick up new piano for Easter! We are so thankful to have been able to pay for it entirely with generous donations, especially the anonymous final donors that got us over the finish line!

St Anthony Mass Assignments – March 31, 2024

Lector	Darin Adrian
Eucharistic Ministers	Mike Drury Jeff Ritorto
Ushers/Greeters	David Loxley Kelly Noonan
Server	Juan Gonzalez
Money Counters	Shara Parish Kevin Diamond

CONSIDER ATTENDING DAILY MASS

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 April 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