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2nd Sunday Lent 'Study Text' Not for Liturgy Year A Matt 17:1-9



“And after six days, Jesus took Peter and James and his brother John, and he led them onto a lofty mountain separately. And he was transfigured before them. And his face shined brightly like the sun. And his garments were made white like snow. And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, speaking with him. And Peter responded by saying to Jesus: “Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you are willing, let us make three tabernacles here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” And while he was still speaking, behold, a shining cloud overshadowed them. And behold, there was a voice from the cloud, saying: “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased. Listen to him.” And the disciples, hearing this, fell prone on their face, and they were very afraid. And Jesus drew near and touched them. And he said to them, “Rise up and do not be afraid.” And lifting up their eyes, they saw no one, except Jesus alone. And as they were descending from the mountain, Jesus instructed them, saying, “Tell no one about the vision, until the Son of man has risen from the dead.”

Catholic Public Domain Version. Original Edition. Ronald L. Conte Jr., translator and editor. https://www.sacredbible.org/catholic/NT-01_Matthew.htm

From “The Transfiguration”

By Edwin Muir

So from the ground we felt that virtue branch
Through all our veins till we were whole, our wrists
As fresh and pure as water from a well,
Our hands made new to handle holy things,
The source of all our seeing rinsed and cleansed
Till earth and light and water entering there
Gave back to us the clear unfallen world.

We would have thrown our clothes away for lightness,
But that even they, though sour and travel stained,
Seemed, like our flesh, made of immortal substance,
And the soiled flax and wool lay light upon us
Like friendly wonders, flower and flock entwined
As in a morning field. Was it a vision?
Or did we see that day the unseeable
One glory of the everlasting world
Perpetually at work, though never seen
Since Eden locked the gate that's everywhere
And nowhere? Was the change in us alone.....

And the enormous earth still left forlorn,
An exile or a prisoner? Yet the world
We saw that day made this unreal, for all
Was in its place.....

As on the starting-day. The refuse heaps
Were grained with that fine dust that made the world;
For he had said, "To the pure all things are pure.'.....

**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**

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

Daily Scripture Readings

Sunday March 1, 2026

Gn 12:1-4a/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9

Monday Dn 9:4b-10/Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday Is 1:10, 16-20/Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday Jer 18:18-20/Mt 20:17-28

Thursday Jer 17:5-10/Lk 16:19-31

Friday Gn 37:3-4, 12-28/Mt 21:33-46

Saturday Mi 7:14-20/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

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

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,

2nd Sunday Lent

Matthew 17:1-9

“Would you like to see my *pride* and *joy*?” I knew a gentleman, that was also a jokester, who used to love to ask that question in a crowd of strangers. As soon as someone would respond, “Sure, I’d love to”, he would reach for his wallet. Of course, any of us would expect to see some beautiful pictures of his precious children or grandchildren as soon as he opened his wallet. But, he opened to a picture of bottled dishwasher detergent ‘*Joy*’ standing beside a bottle of furniture wax ‘*Pride*’. But he *did also have* beautiful children to show pictures of too, but he was also joyfully proud of his joke!

That experience, (yes, more than once!) comes to mind, every time I visualize the scene of Jesus’ Baptism and Transfiguration. Why? Because at each event, I sense a proud Father and a joyful Spirit present as Jesus’ divine glory is manifest to the crowd. The Heavenly Father’s voice is the most obvious at each event, but I also see the Spirit’s presence at each. At His baptism, we hear that the Spirit came down ‘like a dove’ (Matt 3:16). I like to emphasize that Matthew uses the word ‘like’, so it wasn’t an actual ‘dove’. I imagine ‘dove-like’ to be a visible, opened white-winged form (Wide Cloud-something to appear on an airy background-maybe a ‘mass of mist’). At the Transfiguration, we certainly hear about the Spirit as a ‘bright cloud’? (Mt 17:5)

I invite you to activate your imagination for a moment. Throughout the Old Testament, the Spirit of God was often seen as anything that could provide form or body to air-spirit-wind-breath. For example, most commonly the Spirit is described as 1) fire-with flames that move in sync with the flow of air, 2) cloud or smoke wisping in the air, but also as 3) flowing water and oil which all readily interact with forms, shifting shape (think of the study of fluid dynamics-vortices). Scripture also pictures the Spirit at times as 4) multidimensional ‘light’ and even as 5) ‘hand’ or ‘finger’ which is most visible in gesticulations (*In the Acts of Apostles 2, we even see the Spirit described as ‘tongues of fire’ that include sound and movement dimensions-may I say ‘hot air’*). All this to say, again, that at both the baptism and transfiguration, we see the Heavenly Father’s *beaming pride* at the sight of His Beloved Son’s inauguration, as God shares this image of Christ *joyfully* with others. How many proud parents do this every day with joy?

The baptism and transfiguration events are revelations of Jesus’ divinity and identity as ‘Son of God’ by the Father & Holy Spirit. We can, like Peter, stand there shocked and revel for a minute (or longer), admiring the beauty and awe of divine life, right there embodied in front of us! Amazing! What a boost and high point (like gazing at a newborn)!

Yet with all mountaintops, there are also valleys, and every time we rise up, we know that there is the inevitable coming down, that keeps the world moving. So, just as the Father lifts us up by sharing His highest joy with us, He also realistically brings us back down to work again. At Baptism, the Father had announced “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased” (Mt 3:17). Interestingly, at the Transfiguration, we hear that same earlier proclamation WITH the added phrase, “listen to him.” (Mt 17:5) Okay! I got it! Apparently, the apostles had not been truly hearing and taking to heart the teaching of Jesus thus far. But aren’t we all prone not to ‘hear and heed’ what Jesus teaches & says to us? Now already halfway through Jesus’ ministry, the Father & Spirit need to intervene and repeat the revelation to the apostles, with emphasis on *‘Now this time around, listen!’* Once more, but with feeling! To help with their listening skills, I love how Jesus tells them as they walk down the mountain together, “not to tell the vision to anyone until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead” (Mat 17:9). The time for listening is now. The time for talking is later! The time (*after Resurrection/ Ascension/ Pentecost*) will come for proclamation and much speaking, but at this time, Jesus calls the apostles to listen better and take in more deeply the significance of His actions & witness. In a comic way, in Luke’s version (Lk9:33), Luke even tells us that when Peter opened his mouth at the Transfiguration, *“he didn’t know what he was saying.”* Don’t speak about what you don’t know! Unfortunately, isn’t it also true that the people who speak the most, usually know the least! James 1:19 teaches that we should be “quick to listen, and slow to speak”. Proverbs 17:27 tells us that “The wise, restrain their words.” Sirach 1:24, says, “Until the right time, the patient hold back their words.” (or as Plato writes ‘that one who thinks he knows, doesn’t know!’ in The Apology 21D, or Lao Tzu who advises, “Those who know it, do not speak about it. Those who speak about it do not know it” Tao-#56).

Lent is our time for listening to the Voice of God, so the more reflectively we listen, then the more clearly we will hear God speak and see Him manifest! Lenten 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 Comttee

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

First Reconciliation/First Communion Schedule

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| Sun Mar. 1 | 9:00 - 9:45am | First Comm | Session #4 | Parish Hall |
| Sun Mar. 22 | 9:00 - 9:45am | First Comm | Session #5 | Parish Hall |

| St Pius X Mass Intentions Mar 2 – Mar 8 | | |
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| Tuesday | 6:00 pm | Mary Ann Huebschmann |
| Wednesday | 8:00 am | Tena Brooks |
| Thursday | 8:00 am | Lucila Rendon |
| Friday | 8:00 am | Debbie Green |
| Saturday | 4:30 pm | Virgilio Rendon |
| Sunday | 10:00am | Hinkebein Family |
| WEEKLY DONATIONS | | |
| Parish Hall Donation (2/22/25) | \$ | 135.00 |
| Budget for 2025/2026 Fiscal Year | \$ | 205,000.00 |
| Donation Need Each Week | \$ | 3,942.00 |
| Weekly Donation (2/22/25) | \$ | 3,413.00 |
| Online Giving (2/22/25) | \$ | 1,360.00 |
| Total Week's Gift Offering 2/22 | \$ | 4,773.00 |
| Fiscal Year to Date | \$ | 176,183.92 |

Pray for our Easter OCIA Class:

Logan, Chelsea & Aden Woodward
 Tyler Bradley Cody Dearth
 Blake Johnson Jeff Risley
 Please pray for their continued formation & preparation

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 sample brochure and itinerary available below, on the table at church entrance, or at office. For info call 1-270-554-3810 or www.nativitypilgrimage.com/holy-land-6016.



Happy Birthday! Mar 1– Mar 7 St. Pius

Mar 3 Diane Witowski Mar 3 Cheryl Hebner
 Mar 3 Joel Rivera

Happy Anniversary! St. Pius

March 12 Davd & Donna Carr



Every Friday thru Lent

4:00-7:00pm at St. Pius Hall Feb 13 thru March 27

Phone 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

St Pius X Mass Assignments: Saturday, March 7, 2026

| Servers | Lectors | Eucharistic Ministers | Ushers / Greeters | Money Counters |
|--|-------------------|--|---|----------------|
| Franky Schiaretti Marlie Schiaretti | Brenda Schiaretti | Paula Schmidt Kurt Schmidt Jeff Riedfort | George Humphreys (Greeter) Paula Humphreys (Greeter) | |

Mass Assignments: Sunday, Mar 8, 2026

| Servers | Lectors | Eucharistic Ministers | Ushers / Greeters | Money Counters |
|---------------------------------|--------------|---|--|---------------------------|
| Gavin Devine Kinley Peterson | Jeff Outland | Caleb King Pam Hurst Diane Witowski | Margaret Howard Gary Traylor Usher Volunteer | Jan Waniel Jean Waniel |

FFY
Calendar
&
Activities
Schedule

| DATE | SUNDAY GOSPEL READING | Classes or Events |
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| Mar 4, 2026 Wed 6:00-7:30 | 3 rd Sunday Lent John 4:5-42 | Regular FFY Session |
| Mar 11, 2026 Wed 6:00-7:30 | 4 th Sunday Lent John 9:1-41 | Regular FFY Session |
| Mar 18, 2026 Wed 6:00-7:30 | 5 th Sunday Lent John 11:1-45 | 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– St Patrick’s Day Green!

Lenten Stations of the Cross

St Anthony Fridays 9:30am
St Pius Wednesdays 6:30 pm

Lenten Bible Studies

St Anthony Wednesdays 10:00 am
St Pius Tuesdays 6:30 pm

Deepening Our Prayer Life: Four Saint Teresas

All are invited to join Sister Cheryl Clemons, Ph.D., for a Day of Prayer/Reflection during Lent. She will offer insights on prayer from St Teresa of Avila, St Thérèse of Lisieux, St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein), and St Teresa Calcutta. The day will include quiet prayer/small group work
Cost: \$60. Saturday, March 28 9:30 a.m.–3:30 . Mt St Joseph
Sign up online: www.ursulinesmsj.org/calendar

All-Day Adoration on Friday March 6

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 March 7 @ 8:00am. Every first Saturday we offer mass and pray the rosary



St Anthony Birthdays Mar 1 – Mar 7

Mar 2 Karen Matthis Mar 4 Debbie Owens
Mar 5 Vern Hunsley

St Anthony Anniversaries:

No anniversaries this week

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 2 – Mar 8**

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| Wednesday | 9:00 am | John & Anne Bradshaw |
| Friday | 9:00 am | Helen Krivan |
| 1st Saturday | 8:00 am | Taylor Johansen & Shane Lyman |
| Sunday | 8:00 am | Linda Paluso |

WEEKLY DONATIONS

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|---|---------------------|
| Budget 2024/2025 Fiscal Year (July 2025-June 2026) | \$ 89,000.00 |
| Donation Need Each Week | \$ 1,711.54 |
| Weekly Donation 2/22/2025 | \$ 2,714.00 |
| Fiscal Year to Date | \$ 80,944.70 |



FOOD PANTRY

Food Items Especially Needed: Saltine Crackers, peanut butter, Hamburger Helper, sugar, cereal, 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 church

St Anthony Mass Assignments – Mar 8, 2026

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| Lector | Sandy Ruth Diesen |
| Eucharistic Ministers | Sam Rebich Sherry Rebich |
| Ushers/Greeters | Ron Matthis Karen Matthis |
| Server | Juan Gonzalez |
| Money Counters | Shara Parish Kevin Diamond |

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

St Anthony Prayer List: Holly O’Brien, Theresa Owens, 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

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|---------------|---------------------------|
| 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 Mar 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:** 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