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Divine Mercy Sunday Year C John 20:19-31



“On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, “Peace be with you.” When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained.” Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples said to him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nailmarks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.” Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, “Peace be with you.” Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe.” Thomas answered and said to him, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said to him, “Have you come to believe because you have seen? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.”

Poem Narrated by Doubting Thomas

By Denise Levertov

The I needed
blood to tell me the truth,
the touch
of blood. Even
my sight of the dark crust of it
round the nailholes
didn't thrust its meaning all the way through
to that manifold knot in me
that willed to possess all knowledge,
refusing to loosen
unless that insistence won the battle I fought with life
But when my hand led by His hand's firm clasp
entered the unhealed wound,
my fingers encountering rib-bone and pulsing heat,
what I felt was not
scalding pain, shame for my obstinate need,
but light, light streaming
into me, over me, filling the room
as I had lived till then
in a cold cave, and now
coming forth for the first time,
the knot that bound me unravelling,

I witnessed all things quicken to color, to form,
my question not answered but given
its part in a vast unfolding design lit by a risen sun.



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 May 11 at 1:30pm @ St Pius

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

Daily Scripture Readings

Sunday April 27, 2025
Acts 5:12-16/Rv 1:9-13, 17-19/Jn 20:19-31
Monday Acts 4:23-31/Jn 3:1-8
Tuesday Acts 4:32-37/Jn 3:7b-15
Wednesday Acts 5:17-26/Jn 3:16-21
Thursday Acts 5:27-33/Jn 3:31-36
Friday Acts 5:34-42/Jn 6:1-15
Saturday /Jn 14:6-14

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,

Divine Mercy Sunday

Year C

John 20:19-31

One Word from Jesus: **Peace!** How awesome a word for us, and especially since that is the first word out of Jesus' mouth after his agonizing death and resurrection. "Peace!" That amazes me! Especially when I consider the humiliating torture and painful crucifixion He underwent, along with the mental anguish he experienced after being abandoned in His deepest hour of need (only Mother Mary and the Beloved Disciple stayed at His side). With three days to rest on it, Jesus offers back, nothing like a stinging rebuke of their failures, but instead, an affirming consolation to His disciples. He even breathes 'new spirit' into them by giving them a new mission of 'reconciliation'. Of course, promising to be with them always, Jesus empowers them with His death-defying work of forgiveness for all people. And this forgiving work, starts at home. The first case to tackle: Get Thomas back into the fellowship. After the tragic loss of Judas, and now with Thomas' absence, too, (were those two paired somehow in Jesus' 2x2 mission assignments, and so now Thomas is 'suspect' by the other ten?), they have to bring Thomas back in. Jesus 'breathes' new life into their work and calls them to get to work 'reconciling' again. It seems that Jesus gives them a one-week deadline to work it out, and when He shows again the next week at the 'same bat channel-same bat time' ('a week later' still 'first day of the week'=Sunday Jn 20:19, 26) Thomas is now back with the group! And Jesus ratifies the reconciliation by again by pronouncing 'peace' now, for a third time upon them (with all 11 apostles present=Jn 19:26). Of course, Thomas' exclamation is something for us to pray over and affirm ourselves (Older Catholics remember the nuns teaching us to make Thomas' confession of faith our own, every time the host or chalice are elevated at the Consecration) Many scripture scholars suggest that Thomas' profession of faith here ('My Lord and My God'), is stronger and more definitive than even Peter's confession back in Matthew 16:16 ("You are the Christ-Son of the Living God"). Considering Peter's backsliding and public denial of Jesus 3 times after Jesus' arrest (Jn 18:15-18 & 25-27), Peter's redemption by Jesus will also be public as we see in John 21:15-17 when Jesus recommissions him to lead by feeding & tending Jesus' sheep. With Jesus, there is always reconciliation, if we seek it sincerely! And with human nature, there is always work for us to do bettering ourselves! So, Jesus commands them "As the Father sent me, so I send you" (Jn 20:21) Sent for what? To Reconcile and make peace! Jesus' deep prayer- wish at the Last Supper was "that they may be one, as you Father and I are one" (Jn 17:20) So Easter morning and night, Jesus re-commissions the apostles into a ministry of reconciliation, of uniting and making peace among all people. As always Jesus embodies **peacemaking practice** by example!

This is Why we call this Sunday, **Divine Mercy Sunday!** God's Mercy is on Display! And mercy is shown best in the tending to the wounded Body of Christ! Yes, the resurrected body of Jesus still shows wounds! Some people are scandalized by this: That the resurrected body of Jesus would not be restored immaculately again, with the wounds cosmetically healed back to some original purity. But Jesus is real flesh like us, and bodies do scar! The scars remind us of pain, but a pain transformed as a warning sign of their cause and for us not to let the cause be repeated. (Reminds me of the music lyrics of the Chili Peppers song 'Scar tissue that I wish you saw...'). But to know Christ once-crucified, and to see His scar-wounds, reminds me of His loving sacrifice willingly accepted for us! And I think of Jesus' invitation to Thomas to come touch, feel, & probe His wounds. That was Jesus' intimate way of saying, "Thomas, and everyone, let's not go back to this hurting brokenness!" This reveals to me the power of the Crucifix – A Real Sign of God's Love –not to be hidden away or sanitized because of our discomfort when viewing it. No, the crucifix of Jesus is testimony to God's redemption of our flesh. It reminds us of Jesus 'feeling with us' and entering fully into our own experience of broken flesh and shed blood that is so common in our own lives. Jesus accepts and enters into all human experience with us! (maybe a deeper conversation for us would be to ask ourselves, "Do we reject the wounded Christ-crucifix because we are ashamed of our own flesh's weakness or because we did that to Him?")

About the crucifix and our Catholic Devotion to it, I like Zechariah 12:10 suggestion that "they look on him whom they have thrust through". Also, Isaiah 53:3,5 predicts that we would want to avoid or sanitize the crucifix when he writes, "Like one from whom you turn your face, he was spurned.....but he was pierced for our sins."; Of course, St Paul is not afraid of the crucifix, as he says in 1 Corinthians 1:23 "but we **proclaim Christ crucified**" and in 1 Corinthians 2:2 "For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except **Jesus Christ, and him crucified.**"

Our condemnation (the crucifix!), becomes our redemption! But again, that is Divine mercy! God takes on our weakness, to reveal how we overcome it! Entering it to redeem it! 'Denying ourselves, taking up our cross and following Jesus' (Matt 16:24) means we face the woundedness of human nature so that God can apply His healing to 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 28– May 4**

Tuesday	6:00 pm	Tony & Donna Lazzaro
Wednesday	8:00 am	Taylor Johansen
Thursday	8:00 am	PJ & Martha Rose O'Donoghue
Friday	8:00 am	Richard & Virginia Klohr
Saturday	4:30 pm	Jeff Arenz
Sunday	10:00am	Dolly Bardsley

WEEKLY DONATIONS

Parish Hall Donation (4/20/25)	\$
Budget for 2024/2025 Fiscal Year	\$ 195,000.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 3,750.00
Weekly Donation (4/20/25)	\$ 3,207.80
Online Giving (4/20/25)	\$ 1,024.00
Total Week's Gift Offering 4/20	\$ 4,231.80
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 204,101.64

Congratulations to the First Communion Class

**Oliver Anderson Fletcher Bradley
Raylan Hayden Marlie Schiaretti**



Mass Prayer for the Pope's Eternal Rest

Merciful Lord, from whom the just receive an unfailing reward, grant that your servant Francis, our Pope, whom you made vicar of Peter and shepherd of your Church, may rejoice forever in the vision of your glory, for he was faithful steward here on earth of the mysteries of your forgiveness and grace.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

Prayers & Sympathy: Please pray for the eternal rest of **Charlie Hinkebein, (brother of Clem Hinkebein)** Also, please hold Clem and the family in your prayer that God may strengthen & comfort them through this difficult time of grieving.



Happy Birthday! Apr 27 – May 3 St. Pius

April 27	Luke Young
April 30	Megan Duzmal
May 3	Kevin Hodges
May 5	Cole Blazina
May 5	Nancy Forsythe

Happy Anniversary! St. Pius X

April 27	Charlie & Mary Jane Haley
April 27	Jacob & Patricia Thomas
May 05	Jan & Jean Waniel
May 05	Wesley & Victoria Duzmal

St Pius X Mass Assignments: Saturday, May 3, 2025

Servers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers / Greeters	Money Counters
Franky Schiaretti	Brenda Schiaretti	Suzette Whittington Kurt Schmidt Paula Schmidt	George Humphreys (Greeter) Paula Humphreys (Greeter)	

Mass Assignments: Sunday, May 4, 2025

Gavin Devine Kinley Peterson	Pam Hurst	Allison Devine Teresa Newman Marcus Newman	Usher Volunteer Usher Volunteer Usher Volunteer	Nancy Singleton Kathy Smith
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FFY

Calendar
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 rd Sunday Easter John 21:1-19	Last FFY session - Year End Party! Sun First Communion – Pray for students!

Please offer a Rosary and your own personal prayer daily for our Holy Father Francis' Eternal Rest and Peace!

Remember in Prayer

St. Pius X: Erin Hamilton, 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 1st 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 May 15

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

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

Signup contact Ed Georgen edwardgeorgen@gmail.com

Please Bring Back your Hope Clinic Baby Bottles for their Support Collection. Please drop them in the basket

Prayers and Sympathy: Wayne Bradshaw's sister Jenny, passed away and was laid to rest last week. Please pray for her eternal rest in God now, and for Wayne and his family to be comforted.

All-Day Adoration on Friday May 2

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



St Anthony Birthdays Apr 27– May 3

April 27 Kelly Noonan

May 03 Stephen Wilkes

St Anthony Anniversaries:

No anniversaries this week

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 4th gospel



St. Anthony of Padua

Mass Intentions

Apr 28 – May 4

Wednesday	9:00 am	Robert Paul, Jr
Friday	9:00 am	Linda Paluso
1st Sat	8:00 am	Taylor Johansen
Sunday	8:00 am	Gabriel Miller

WEEKLY DONATIONS

Budget 2024/2025 Fiscal Year (July 2024-June 2025)	\$ 73,500.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 1,413.46
Weekly Donation 4/20/2025	\$ 2,945.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 92,393.50

Protect our Children: Report/Seek Help against Abuse

The safety of our children is the responsibility of every Christian. Anyone aware of the abuse of a person under the age of eighteen is **required by law to report** this to the proper state authorities local law enforcement or the Kentucky Child Abuse Hotline (toll-free: 1-877-597- 2331). Report abuse to the diocese, current or past, by anyone acting in the name of the Church call Louanne Payne, Pastoral Assistance Coordinator on the confidential phone line: **270-852-8380**, or Susan Montalvo-Gesser/Miguel Quintanilla, Pastoral Assistance Coordinators (*Spanish*): **270-880-8360**.

St Anthony Mass Assignments – May 4, 2025

Lector	Sandy Ruth
Eucharistic Ministers	Jo Herron Mike Drury
Ushers/Greeters	Kelly Noonan David Loxley
Server	Juan Gonzalez
Money Counters	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:** 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