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Divine Mercy Sunday *'Study Text' Not for Liturgy* Yr A John 20:19-31



"Then, when it was late on the same day, on the first of the Sabbaths, and the doors were closed where the disciples were gathered, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst, and he said to them: "Peace to you." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and side. And the disciples were gladdened when they saw the Lord. Therefore, he said to them again: "Peace to you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them. And he said to them: "Receive the Holy Spirit. Those whose sins you shall forgive, they are forgiven them, and those whose sins you shall retain, they are retained." Now Thomas, one of the twelve, who is called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus arrived. Therefore, the other disciples said to him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I will see in his hands the mark of the nails and place my finger into the place of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will not believe." And after eight days, again his disciples were within, and Thomas was with them. Jesus arrived, though the doors had been closed, and he stood in their midst and said, "Peace to you." Next, he said to Thomas: "Look at my hands, and place your finger here; and bring your hand close, and place it at my side. And do not choose to be unbelieving, but faithful." Thomas responded and said to him, "My Lord and my God." Jesus said to him: "You have seen me, Thomas, so you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen & yet have believed." Jesus also accomplished many other signs in the sight of his disciples. These have not been written in this book. But these things have been written, so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and so that, in believing, you may have life in his name."

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

From "Hope – A thing w/Feathers"

By Emily Dickinson

"Hope" is the thing with feathers –
That perches in the soul –
And sings the tune without the words –
And never stops – at all –

And sweetest – in the Gale – is heard –
And sore must be the storm –
That could abash the little Bird
That kept so many warm –

I've heard it in the chillest land –
And on the strangest Sea –
Yet – never – in Extremity,
It asked a crumb – of me.

**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 April 12, 2026
Acts 2:42-47/1 Pt 1:3-9/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 Acts 6:1-7/Jn 6:16-21

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

John 20:19-31

Knock, Knock! “Who’s there?” **Dozen!** “Dozen who?” **Dozen anyone care, to let me in?** Of course, come on in, especially Jesus! As the gospel of John records it, though, Jesus doesn’t knock. Instead, He passes right through the locked door to meet up again with His apostles. But sadly, there are not twelve (dozen) apostles anymore. Tragically Judas is gone from their company eternally, and now it seems that another brother, Thomas, is on the verge of being lost too. So, it wasn’t only Jesus who faced a locked door, but also Thomas! Where was Thomas? Jesus had strictly taught them to follow a prayer -partner practice or a spiritual buddy-system, of going out two-by-two (Mark 6:7). Perhaps Thomas, was Judas’ partner? Had the other ten apostles confronted Thomas with their suspicions of his complicity with Judas’ betrayal? Did that make Thomas so uncomfortable that he left? Or did they exile Thomas themselves? The apostles were known for animated disagreements and feuds (such as fighting over who was the greatest-Luke 9:46, 9:49, 9:54 & 22:24). Might they have pushed Thomas out? If so, that certainly adds another dimension to Jesus’ exact words of peace and forgiveness in this first group appearance of Him to the group after His resurrection. Over the two-stage course of this encounter, Jesus will extend ‘peace’ to them three times! (John 20:19, 21, 26). He will breathe ‘His and the Father’s’ Spirit (20:22) upon them, and give them authority to ‘forgive sins’ in His name (20:23).


It is needed! Many of us at first assume that this reconciliation scene is necessary for us, as between Jesus and everyone, since we all sent Him to the Cross, and then abandoned Him there alone. And it is! The apostles represent all of us here, needing redemption for our sin of not remaining faithful to Jesus. But reconciliation is also required among all of Jesus’ followers too (between themselves). Again, they represent all of us, and notice how after they fail Jesus, they then turn against each other (sin does that!) The apostles are fragmenting after His death (*In Mt 26:31-Jesus had warned them about possibly splitting apart after his persecution by quoting Zech 13:7-strike shepherd & sheep scatter-but they didn’t listen*). Despite Jesus’ caution, they seem to be falling right into that further sin of dividing against each other (*much like we human beings have done from the beginning, as seen when Adam & Eve reject God and then turn against, and blame each other-Gen 3:12-13*) So, Yes, we need reconciliation from God for our sin, turning against Him through the crucifixion of Christ, but we also need reconciliation with each other to heal the social fracturing that results from our selfish ego defenses (Its not my fault!-sound familiar?) We have to own our responsibility in rejecting God **and** in our refusal to see our neighbor as ourselves. But Jesus the ever-patient and merciful teacher, returns (still bearing his ever-fresh wounds) to show us how to forgive and embrace each other again. That’s divine mercy! God’s own love manifest! I like how St Paul describes God’s love in Romans 5:8 **“God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us.”** While we were still sinners! Not deserving it, not meriting it, and not even asking for it yet, God makes the first move to love us out of sin, and forgives us. 1 John 4:19 says as much too by saying that God teaches us HOW to love: “We love because He first loved us.” God’s loving us first was His way of showing us how to love. Love sacrificially, love selflessly & love generously!

I’ve been asked before, “What exactly is mercy-What does mercy look like? I answer that “Mercy is Jesus”! What He would do, what He would say, how He would act – That is Mercy! As St Paul says in 2 Cor 1:3 – “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, **the Father of mercies**” What did Paul say but, “The father of Mercies”? So the heavenly Father is the ‘father of Mercies’. Then that makes the Son Jesus and the Holy Spirit ‘Mercies’! Since we can’t see the Spirit, then the Son Jesus is the visible face of Mercy for us. Him, we can see! Look upon Jesus and you look upon Mercy. Embody Mercy and you embody Jesus. Share mercy and you share Jesus! By Jesus coming back to reconcile us all to the Father, He was also reconciling us to each other. Jesus wished to call the apostles back together (and for them to remain together), just as He wishes us all to be reunited to each other in Him as one. Jesus had prayed for this community among all of His followers, at the Last Supper when He said, “Father, may they be one, as you and I are one....” (John 17:11, 22). Easter Peace, Fr Brian

Pius X Parish Council Meeting Apr 22 @ 5:00 pm
Chair Person, Secretary & Finance, Spiritual Life, FFY & Religious Ed
Social Program/Outreach, Building & Ground Comttees
Barb Melillo, Stacey Newby, Philip Scheidegger, Amanda
Gentry, Allison Devine, Karen Williams

Marcella’s Kitchen Volunteers: *Many thanks to parishioners
George & Paula Humphreys, Steve/Nancy Glover, Gary Traylor,
David Vaughan and Anna Watson who regularly volunteer at
Marcella’s serving in Christ’s name! Gary and I are gathering an
additional team for home deliveries once a month– Would you join?*

St Pius X Mass Intentions Apr 13 – Apr 19		
Tuesday	6:00 pm	<i>Dolly Bardsley</i>
Wednesday	8:00 am	<i>Don Nichols</i>
Thursday	8:00 am	<i>Beth Strutzel</i>
Friday	8:00 am	<i>Mary Ann Huebschmann</i>
Saturday AM	8:00 am	<i>Bonnie Wathen</i>
Saturday PM	4:30 pm	<i>Russell Tomlinson</i>
Sunday	10:00am	<i>Linda Paluso</i>
WEEKLY DONATIONS		
Parish Hall Donation (4/5/25)	\$	405.00
Budget for 2025/2026 Fiscal Year	\$	205,000.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$	3,942.00
Weekly Donation (4/5/25)	\$	4,258.79
Online Giving (4/5/25)	\$	2,411.00
Total Week's Gift Offering 4/5	\$	6,669.79
Fiscal Year to Date	\$	221,743.61



Happy Birthday! Apr 12– Apr 18 St. Pius
 Apr 13 Maryann Ruhl Apr 14 Michale Canon
 Apr 14 Madeline Traylor Apr 15 Tyler Anderson
Happy Anniversary! St. Pius
 Apr 12 Bradley & Lisa Tack

Congratulate & Welcome Our Newly Baptized & Confirmed Members
Blake Johnson

Logan, Chelsea & Aden Woodward, Jeff Risley
 Tyler Bradley, Cody Dearth & Dustin Bickerstaff

Many thanks to Paula Schmidt and all the helpers at St Pius who made the Easter liturgies so special and uplifting by their work planning & setting up!



2026 Summer Camp Schedule
 MAY 31-JUNE 5: EXPEDITION 1
 JUNE 7-12: QUEST 1
 JUNE 14-17: EXPLORER 1
 JUNE 21-26: CAMP LIFE 1 CALLED TO LOVE
 JUNE 28-JULY 3: CAMP LIFE 2
 JULY 5-10: QUEST 2
 JULY 12-17: EXPEDITION 2
 JULY 19-22: EXPLORER 2

St. Francis de Sales Annual Quilt Luncheon
 Thursday, April 23rd from 10:30 am – 1:30 pm.
 Come enjoy a delicious meal, browse our Quilt display, & take a chance to win hand-made quilt

St Pius X Mass Assignments: Saturday, April 18, 2026				
Servers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers / Greeters	Money Counters
Franky Schiaretti Marlie Schiaretti	Liz Medley	Amy Crass Paula Schmidt Kurt Schmidt	George Humphreys (Greeter) Paula Humphreys (Greeter)	
Mass Assignments: Sunday, April 19, 2026				
Gavin Devine Kinley Peterson	Kason Peterson	Allison Devine Diane Witowski Teresa Newman	Margaret Howard Gary Traylor Usher Volunteer	Jan Waniel Jean Waniel

FFY
 Calendar
 &
 Activities
 Schedule

DATE	SUNDAY GOSPEL READING	Classes or Events
April 15, 2026 Wed 6:00-7:30	3 rd Sunday of Easter Luke 24:13-35	Middle School students: Visit CCCC
April 22, 2026 Wed 6:00-7:30	4 th Sunday of Easter Jn 10:1-10 1 st Communion Mass – Apr 26	First Communion Practice Apr 22
April 29, 2026 Wed 6:00-7:30	5 th Sunday of Easter John 14:1-12	Mass @ 6:30pm FFY Final Day Mass & Celebration

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, 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,



St. Anthony Page Announcements

Coffee/ Doughnuts 1st Sunday Every Month

Bazaar Crafts Rack Sale: Be sure to check out the new seasonal merchandise– Spring & Memorial Day!

Lunch Bunch: 3rd Thursday of April

Thursday April 16 at 11:30 am. Bring a side or dessert for the chicken dinner! Come for fun as we will be playing Bingo after Lunch! A great time!

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.

Thank you to all of the decorators, cleaners, mass servers and musicians who made Easter liturgies so spiritual and beautiful celebrations! Thank you!

All-Day Adoration on Friday May 1

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 2 @ 8:00am. Every first Saturday we offer mass and pray the rosary



St Anthony Birthdays Apr 12 – Apr 18

Apr 12 Sherry Rebich Apr 13 Keely Lucas

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
Apr 13 – Apr 19**

Wednesday	9:00 am	Margie Sheppard
Friday	9:00 am	Health of All The Rebich Family
Sunday	8:00 am	Dolly Bardsley

WEEKLY DONATIONS

Budget 2024/2025 Fiscal Year (July 2025-June 2026)	\$ 89,000.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 1,711.54
Weekly Donation 4/5/2025	\$ 3,175.31
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 93,473.01



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 – Apr 19, 2026

Lector	Darin Adrian
Eucharistic Ministers	Mike Drury Cindy O'Brien
Ushers/Greeters	Kevin Diamond David Loxley
Server	Juan Gonzalez
Money Counters	Shara Parish Kevin Diamond

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

St Anthony Prayer List: Jane Travelstead, Holly O'Brien, Theresa Owens, Jeff Ritorto, Cathy Ritorto, Betty Gonzalez, Elena Carey, Linda Drury, Bill Rodgers, Bob Tashjian, Mr. Driskill, Pat Gorbett, Imogene Ramey.

Prav 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 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