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5th Sunday Ordinary *'Study Text' Not for Liturgy* Year A Mat 5:13-16



“You are the salt of the earth. But if salt loses its saltiness, with what will it be salted? It is no longer useful at all, except to be cast out and trampled under by men. You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden. And they do not light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, so that it may shine to all who are in the house. So then, let your light shine in the sight of men, so that they may see your good works, and may glorify your Father, who is in heaven.”

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

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 February 8, 2026

Is 58:7-10/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16

Monday 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday 1 Kgs 10:1-10/Mk 7:14-23

Thursday 1 Kgs 11:4-13/Mk 7:24-30

Friday 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Mk 7:31-37

Saturday 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Mk 8:1-10

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

Weekly Online Mass **Sunday -10:00 am** **We still Live Stream on FB:** Facebook at: St. Pius X & St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Churches

Fr. Brian Johnson, Pastor

Paula Schmidt, CRE/Office Manager

Bulletin/Website Submissions

Parish Office Hours

Tuesday -- Thursday



‘The Salt of the Earth’

By Algernon Charles Swinburne

IF childhood were not in the world,
 But only men and women grown;
 No baby-locks in tendrils curled,
 No baby-blossoms blown;

Though men were stronger, women fairer,
 And nearer all delights in reach,
 And verse and music uttered rarer
 Tones of more godlike speech;

Though the utmost life of life's best hours
 Found, as it cannot now find, words;
 Though desert sands were sweet as flowers
 And flowers could sing like birds,

But children never heard them, never
 They felt a child's foot leap and run:
 This were a drearier star than ever
 Yet looked upon the sun.

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. 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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9:00 am-2:00 pm

Pastor's Study
Desk Notes



Dear St Anthony & St Pius Families,

5th Sunday Ordinary Time

Matthew 5:13-16

Does salt actually lose its taste? Okay, maybe not. The TV show America's Test Kitchen tells us that the element of salt (NaCl) is remarkably stable even in food. It really doesn't lose its taste, but the perception of its taste can diminish over time due to certain factors, such as the particular food that it is in. For example, pasta left out in open air, tends to accumulate water, which dilutes salt's effect & taste. Also, the sweetness of excessive sugar can overwhelm salt's taste. Further, salt is less active in colder foods, in comparison to its effect and action in hot or warmed foods. And finally, (depending on how heavily we shake that shaker), taste buds can desensitize to salt, due to its overuse. So, even though elemental salt does not lose taste, it can be eclipsed by other factors either in the recipient or its environment. However, though we think of salt today as an **accent to food**, I imagine that in Jesus' time, **salt's preservative effect** was the most important use of it. I understand Jesus' point in using salt as an image for His disciples to emulate, to be that Christians should be distinctive & effective in preserving the good in others, just as salt enhances food's flavor best!

So, yes, salt diluted with water, salt clumped up, or salt contaminated with impurities won't be as effective, due to its additives impeding its work. What do you do with 'spent salt'? My eco-friendly gardeners tell me never to just throw old salt away, because it is a safe to use weed killer for eliminating pesky plants, without introducing the carcinogenic side effects of poison herbicides – which can also kill pollinating bees, or us!)

But, what **salt** does best, is season and enhance the good flavor of whatever food it is added to. So, Jesus wants His disciples to do the same. Whatever we mix with, we should bring out the best in it. Like salt, we should preserve the good and accent the best within it. This image ties in so well with Jesus' repeated call for His disciples to proclaim the '**gospel**' (Mk 16:15). 'Gospel' means '**good news**' so the message of Christians should always be hopeful, optimistic and positive. We focus on the good and highlight the best in things. Christians emphasize the good, finding the best in everything and focusing attention fully on such positive elements. Every word out of a Christian's mouth should be 'uplifting' (calling attention to the good). Perhaps the measure of whether a person is Christian or not is reflected in their speech. Are their comments uplifting, dignified and positive? Or are they obnoxious, caustic and denigrating? In Colossians 4:16, the writer actually uses Jesus' same metaphor of salt here, by advising, "Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt....." (*Of course, St James warns us more strongly that many a person condemns themselves to fiery Gehenna by the crude use of their tongue--James 3:6*) So, as Christians, we wish build up the good, and call people to better, by watching our words, so as to bring out the best in others, '**speaking only for edification, and not grieving the Holy Spirit, but imparting grace to all who hear**' (Ephesians 4:29-31).

And what about the other metaphor Jesus uses to describe His disciples? **Light!** We are called to be the light of the world. What does light do, but guide and bring security? The right kind of light means everything. First, it points out to us the holes or bumps on the sidewalk at night to keep us from falling, but it also pierces the dark under the couch or under the sink to help us find what we are searching for there. Light guides and keeps us focused. Darkness conceals or hides, preventing good from shining. Ask a painter, how challenging it is to paint a room/home at night. Many a paint job I have done, but never claimed it complete until I inspected and touched it up the next morning, when the bright light of day tested my work. Just as there is the right tool for any job, also just as important, is the right light (ask an electrician about the hazards of fumbling with boxes and fixtures without good light)! Light, while not shining on itself, draws attention to what it is shining on, and encourages the best from it, by its highlighting. Just being under light's shine, makes us sit up a little straighter and focus more on successively finishing what we are undertaking (there's an observer effect, on our work, that better ensures a job well-done and fulfilled when someone is watching-can see it well!) So, Jesus uses these two common images of salt and light, to push us to be our best and to draw the best out or from others too! We Christians should be salt of the earth and light of the world, to make things better by our presence!

Peace, Fr Brian

Pius X Parish Council Mtg Wednesday March @ 5:00 pmChair Person, Secretary & Finance, Spiritual Life, FFY & Religious Ed
Social Program/Outreach, Building & Ground Comttes

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

First Reconciliation/First Communion Schedule

Sun Feb. 15	9:00 - 9:45am	First Comm	Session #3	Parish Hall
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

Feb 9 – Feb 15

Tuesday	6:00 pm	<i>Florence & John Sharkey</i>
Wednesday	8:00 am	<i>Sally Anne Klohr</i>
Thursday	8:00 am	<i>Mr & Mrs A.F. Kauzlarich</i>
Friday	8:00 am	<i>Dolly Bardsley</i>
Saturday	4:30 pm	<i>Hinkebein Family</i>
Sunday	10:00am	<i>Linda Paluso</i>

WEEKLY DONATIONS

Parish Hall Donation (2/1/25)	\$	490.00
Budget for 2025/2026 Fiscal Year	\$	205,000.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$	3,942.00
Weekly Donation (2/1/25)	\$	6,548.50
Online Giving (2/1/25)	\$	1,950.00
Total Week's Gift Offering 2/1	\$	7,998.50
Fiscal Year to Date	\$	162,902.42



Happy Birthday! Feb 8– Feb 14 St. Pius

Feb 8 Mindy Fatum Feb 8 Kristen Anderson
Feb 8 Amanda Scheidegger Feb 9 Pam Hurst

Happy Anniversary! St. Pius

Feb 13 Joe & Lora Rivera
Feb 14 Caleb & Kelli King

Prayers & Sympathy: Please pray for the eternal rest & peace of **Janice Stahl Devine**, (*mother of Mark Devine & grandmother of Ryan*), who passed away last Monday. Please pray for all of her family, that they be comforted & given strength in the days ahead as they grieve her loss.

<u>Women's Spirituality Grp</u>	Every 3 rd Sunday after Mass
<u>Men's Bible Study</u>	Every 3 rd Sunday after Mass

Feb 14-15 Weekend Communal Anointing of Sick

at all of the weekend Masses in honor of Our Lady of Lourdes Feast-Patroness Saint of the Sick

Upcoming Cursillo Weekends at Gasper River

Men's weekend —February 26-March 1, 2026

Women's weekend —March 5-8, 2026

Cost for weekend is \$180. Financial assistance is available. Cursillo Weekend is a lay-led, & clergy advised short course in Christian living. For an application or more information visit

<http://www.cursillo-owensboro.org/>

or contact Denis or Martha Wheatley, (270)-922-6860 or (270)-927-6540, martha.wheatley@att.net

Ash Wed Ministers 6:00 pm

Communion : Amanda Scheidegger Marcus & Teresa Newman

Reader: Philip Scheidegger

Servers: Kinley Peterson, Franky & Marlie Schiaretti

St Pius X Mass Assignments: Saturday, February 14, 2026

Servers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers / Greeters	Money Counters
Camryn Risley Kendall Risley	Mike Bowling	Paula Schmidt Larry Whitt Charlotte Riedfort	George Humphreys (Greeter) Paula Humphreys (Greeter)	
Mass Assignments: Sunday, Feb 15, 2026				
Gavin Devine Kinley Peterson	Kason Peterson	Marcus Newman Teresa Newman Diane Witowski	Margaret Howard Gary Traylor Usher Volunteer	Nancy Singleton Kathy Smith

FFY Calendar & Activities Schedule

DATE	SUNDAY GOSPEL READING	Classes or Events
Feb 11, 2026 Wed 6:00-7:30	Sixth Sunday of the Year - A Matthew 5:17-37	Middle School Students: Visit CCCC Learn about Lent and St. Valentine
Feb 18, 2026 Wed 6:00-7:30	Ash Wednesday Mass 6:00 pm Matthew 4:1-11	NO FFY class session – Pray with Family and Devotional
Feb 25, 2026 Wed 6:00-7:30	2 nd Sunday Lent Year A Matthew 17:1-9	<i>ADORATION After Stations of the Cross with Penance/Confessions available</i>

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 Longsworth, Helen Bennett, Catherine Broks, Stacy Newby, Bette Zilligen, Ric Vaughn, Betty Derry, Scott Hamilton, Connie Burt, Ericka Karpstein, Joanna Cooper, Angel Thompson, Kaye Poyer, 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—Valentine's Themed Gifts!

Marriage at Cana: Friday February 27 at 6:00 pm. We'll begin with Mass at 6:00, celebrating marriage and anniversary blessings, & then enjoy a delicious catered dinner afterward. Music and dancing will conclude the evening. Please sign up on the sheet to RSVP or see Judy Forsythe.

Plan for Ash Wednesday Mass February 18

St Anthony 9:00 am Mass
St Pius 8:00 am, NOON & 6:00 pm

Stations of the Cross through Lent

St Pius Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm
St Anthony Friday mornings at 9:30 am

Needed: Helpers to sign up for Donut Sunday.

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 Feb 8 – Feb 14

Feb 10 Margie Sheppard
Feb 12 Robert Tashjian

St Anthony Anniversaries:

February 10 Todd & Shannon Lucas

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



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)
- † **CONFESSON:** 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

St. Anthony of Padua

Mass Intentions Feb 9 – Feb 15

Wednesday	9:00 am	Alan Hamilton
Friday	9:00 am	John & Anne Bradshaw
Sunday	8:00 am	Mike & Linda Drury

WEEKLY DONATIONS

Budget 2024/2025 Fiscal Year (July 2025-June 2026)	\$ 89,000.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 1,711.54
Weekly Donation 2/1/2025	\$ 2,780.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 73,126.70



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 – Feb 15, 2026

<i>Lector</i>	Shara Parish
<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>	Judy Forsythe Kevin Diamond
<i>Ushers/Greeters</i>	Vern Hunsley Georgia Hunsley
<i>Server</i>	Juan Gonzalez
<i>Money Counters</i>	Shara Parish Kevin Diamond

CONSIDER ATTENDING DAILY MASS OR WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

St Anthony Prayer List: Holly O'Brien, Theresa Owens, Kathy Johansen, Jeff Ritorto, Cathy Ritorto, Betty Gonzalez, Elena Carey, Linda Drury, Bob Decker, Bill Rodgers, 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 Mar 18 Wed @ 6:00 pm