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5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Easter John 15:1-8



Jesus said to his disciples: "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and every one that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit. You are already pruned because of the word that I spoke to you. Remain in me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me will be thrown out like a branch and wither; people will gather them and throw them into a fire and they will be burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you. By this is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

**An Easter Poem : 'Easter (I)' by George Herbert**

Rise heart; thy Lord is risen. Sing his praise  
Without delays,  
Who takes thee by the hand, that thou likewise  
With him mayst rise:  
That, as his death calcined thee to dust,  
His life may make thee gold, and much more just.

Awake, my lute, and struggle for thy part  
With all thy art.  
The cross taught all wood to resound his name,  
Who bore the same.  
His stretched sinews taught all strings, what key  
Is best to celebrate this most high day.

Consort both heart and lute, and twist a song  
Pleasant and long:  
Or since all music is but three parts vied And multiplied;  
O let thy blessed Spirit bear a part,  
And make up our defects with his sweet art.

**Weekly Mass Readings April 25 – May 2**

<b>Sunday 5/2</b>	Acts 9:26-31/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8
<b>Monday 5/3</b>	1 Cor 15:1-8/Jn 14:6-14
<b>Tuesday 5/4</b>	Acts 14:19-28/Jn 14:27-31a
<b>Wednesday 5/5</b>	Acts 15:1-6/Jn 15:1-8
<b>Thursday 5/6</b>	Acts 15:7-21/Jn 15:9-11
<b>Friday 5/7</b>	Acts 15:22-31/Jn 15:12-17
<b>Saturday 5/8</b>	Acts 16:1-10/Jn 15:18-21
<b>Sunday 5/9</b>	Acts 10:25-35, 44-48/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17

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**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 & 6:00 pm  
Thursday-8:00 am  
Friday-8:00 am

*Eucharist Adoration-First Friday of each month-  
8:00 am*

† **Online Mass**

Sunday -10:00 am  
Wednesday - 6:00 pm

**We are still Live Streaming Facebook  
for anyone at home**

Find us on Facebook at:  
*St. Pius X & St. Anthony of Padua Catholic  
Churches*

**Parish Office Hours**

Thursday 9:00 am-2:00 pm

**St. Anthony of Padua  
Mass Schedule**

† **Weekend Mass**  
1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month-8:00 am  
Sunday- 8:00 am

† **Daily Mass**  
Wednesday-9:00 am  
Friday-9:00 am

*Eucharist Adoration-First Friday of each  
month-9:00 am*

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## FROM THE PASTOR

A Message From Fr. Brian Johnson



Dear St Pius And St Anthony Churches, May 2, 2021

I am no horticulturalist, but I like to plant things. I don't always know what each plant is or how and where to best plant the different plants, but I enjoy more than anything simply watching them grow over time. Like a kid with a homemade chart marking his/her height on the hallway wall, I just watch and admire the daily measure of their increased height or length. I planted some ground crawlers this year (pickle cucumbers and cantaloupes), but I am also trying some giant sunflowers (supposed to grow up to 12 feet high)! Serious gardening I leave to the professional farmers and God! I have to point out that Jesus revealed himself to be the divine gardener (He was for Mary Magdalene in John 20:15). Today, He teaches about our life in God being like a branch on the vine. Jesus says in John 15:4, "Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me." Jesus is telling us that we receive life and nourishment from Him, much like water and ground minerals are distributed to the leaves on a branch from the roots through the trunk or vine. Jesus is our vine or trunk source. For us to live and bear fruit we must remain linked-connected to Him. I am sure we have all seen a beautiful and thriving plant, but then noticed a wilting or browning section of it. If we looked closer, I bet we saw that an inner branch had broken away from its stem or stalk. I notice this a lot around the more tender plants like Christmas Poinsettias. Their branches are so sensitive. Often either in delivery or as we move them around the church decorating the sanctuary, inevitably we notice a section of leaves limping or a hole in the foliage and looking close, 'Yep, the branch got pushed too hard and there is some separation of a branch!' But it makes for a lopsided plant after that (put the flat said against the wall!). So, Jesus says that apart from Him, we wither and die, but if we stay connected to Him we will live and thrive! This teaching picture image of vine-branch illustrates so well one of John, the gospel writer's favorite words: 'remain'. In these first ten verses of chapter 15, John uses 'remain' ten times! I get the point. Stay connected to Christ. Fruit to Branch, Branch to Vine, Vine to Root (Doesn't that remind you of the old 'wrist bone connected to the hand bone' song?) But I get the connection to Jesus? Or so I hope and pray!

An additional spiritual point is made by Jesus today when he speaks about the necessary pruning of the vine. It really strikes me (or cuts me!) when He says, "the vine-grower takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and every one that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit." (John 15:2). It is no surprise that Jesus says that if a branch doesn't bear fruit, it is cut and tossed away. But, and here is the point, He says that even a branch that bears fruit will be pruned. I bet if we ask a branch "Do you like being pruned?" It will say "No. If you think so, then let me trim some of your fingers back and see how it feels" But, the additional pruning away, in fact, makes the branch more fruitful. Like any fruit vine (grape-blackberry) that needs yearly pruning to increase its yield, Jesus is saying that even good vines will be pruned. I think Jesus is explaining why sometimes we may suffer a little loss for a greater good to come: that some is trimmed away to make room for gaining even more. I find this a comforting image for when we have experienced some loss or suffering. The loss may be redemptive if God is 'pruning' in order to better let His life flow through us to bear even more fruit. I can think of a branch that may be growing into the shade of another tree or under a building that needs pruning away. Or maybe it is growing into a well-traveled path or into some other danger for the whole plant. A wise pruner will nip back that growth (even though it is still growth-it is not good for the whole plant or for the long run). So, when I need to pray about such a possibility whenever I experience some loss or suffering. Am I being pruned or cut back as a necessary pruning for my greater living and thriving. It is something to pray over when needing to tap into spiritual resilience and still keep growing, despite cuts, nips or outright amputations! Peace, Fr Brian

### Another Saint in Time of Plague: Blessed Luigi Maria Monti (born 7-24-1825 died 10-1-1900)

Luigi Monti was born on July 24, 1825 at Bovisio in the diocese of Milan. He was the eighth of eleven children. His family was devout and ensured that all of the children received catechism and prepared to receive their first sacraments. The family was noticeably faithful to attending mass and devotions in the parish. He took his school lessons seriously and enjoyed being physically active, helping neighbors with chores or trying to apprentice himself to local workers. Tragedy struck when he was only 12 years old when his father died suddenly. He volunteered to begin working full time to help his mother and the younger siblings. He took work in a local woodshop. As a quick learner, his woodworking skills were recognized and he was sought out for his craftsmanship. He inspired several other woodworkers to form a prayer group in the woodshop and they regularly gathered for spiritual devotions and church rituals. Villagers of Bovisio referred to the group as 'The Company of Friars'. They almost constituted a little religious order of their own, dedicated to living a strict life of penance, prayer and manual work. They sought to serve the sick and the poor, and to befriend those who had fallen away from the Faith. Luigi was the leader of the group and to further commit himself, he made a public consecration of himself in 1846 (age 21) accepting the vows of chastity and obedience to a spiritual director and his bishop. He and his spiritual group was opposed by jealous and suspicious town members who resented their preaching and corporal works of mercy in their city. The local police were even given secret reports that Luigi and his company were 'insurrectionists masquerading as spiritual brothers'. In 1851, they were all arrested and questioned for three days straight and incarcerated for ten weeks in a Milan jail. Finally, the authorities were convinced of their goodness and the innocent intentions of social work among the poor. It helped that the Cardinal Archbishop of Milan, Bartolomeo Carlo Romilli also intervened to secure their release. Afterward, Luigi's spiritual director, Fr Dossi, finally convinced him to serve under the banner of an already established religious order. Luigi Monti joined the Sons of Mary Immaculate, which was a new congregation founded by Blessed Ludovico Pavoni only five years before. Luigi remained associated with this congregation for six years as a novice. The Sons of Mary Immaculate were dedicated to serving the poor and nursing the sick, especially the most desperately ill or terminal patients. While with them in 1855, a terribly devastating cholera epidemic broke out in Brescia, and Luigi Monti eagerly accepted the most dangerous positions to ensure the worst cases of cholera received as much pastoral care as those lightly sick. He volunteered to be isolated in a local asylum to make sure that they would be cared for and comforted even if they were soon to die. He was always called 'Father' even though he was not a priest, because his patients recognized his 'paternal care and solicitude'. A year or two following his survival of this epidemic time of service, Luigi underwent a dark night of the senses and soul, where he felt far from God and unfaithful because of not being as active in pastoral service. He had a vision of the Blessed Mother and Jesus who informed him of the redemption and continuation of his suffering before heavenly victory would be his. Luigi's spiritual director Fr Dossi, perceived the inner need of service that drove him, so Fr Dossi encouraged Luigi to move to Rome and place himself under the supervision of a religious order caring for the sick. Luigi thought it meant he should start or call back together the 'company of brothers' from Bovisio and live together in Rome. He met and welcomed the help of a respected and gifted nurse-teacher by the name of Cipriano Pezzini. As they moved to Rome, they found a welcome and plenty of work at the Capuchin Santo Spirito Hospital. The Capuchins at the time were beginning to form a 'Third Order of St Francis' branch of laymen at the hospital to conduct nursing ministry. Luigi felt the call to serve at the time as a ward nurse and be called 'Fra Luigi'. He worked as what is called today a 'phlebotomist' and received formal training and certificate at La Sapienza University in Rome. In 1877, Pope Pius IX placed him at the head of his fraternity of 'Congregation of Sons of the Immaculate Conception'. He remained its leader until his death 23 years later. Luigi imagined their life to be modeled on the apostolic life of communal prayer and mission. He composed a rule of life for his nursing community. The lay brothers centered their lives on the holy Eucharist and offered their lives heroically serving the severely sick and those who others had given up on healing. They were even known to give up the own beds and living spaces to make space for the sick during times of heavy outbreaks of disease.

Blessed Luigi expanded his nursing mission in 1882, when God brought a Carthusian monk into Santo Spirito Hospital, presenting a sad case of four nephews who had lost both parents. Luigi saw this as a sign from God that he needed to open an orphanage and so his community of brothers opened an orphanage home to provide them a family community and an education. He continued to serve his congregation as its superior, and worked tirelessly in his missions to orphans, the poor and the sick until his death in 1900 at the age of 75. He became blind in his last years, but continued to serve and minister just as the other brothers served. Four years after his death, St Pius X approved Blessed Luigi's rule of life and congregation. Blessed Luigi is a wonderful example of loving care given to the sick, especially in times of epidemics when regular nursing staffs are stressed and overworked. **Bl. Luigi, pray for us!**

**Sr Rosemary Esterkamp: Special Magazine Columns**

Be sure to pick up a copy of the Glenmary Magazine **Kinship** that has a special memorial essay about Sr Rosemary's life and pastoral ministry serving the church and poor. She ministered in the Livingston County area for many years as a missionary presence. The magazine includes some of her writing and poetry. We especially thank God for the Glenmary Sisters Charism & Sr Rosemary's ministry among us!

**Every Wednesday Bible Study**  
at 10:00 am St Anthony Church



Come study the Sunday Mass readings with a group as a wonderful preparation to find even more grace in Sunday Celebrations.

**Message from Bishop Medley on Pandemic Guidelines**

"I know you are tired, but I ask for your continued patience. I know you are aching for all of those things from which you have had to fast for over a year now. I share in your fatigue. I long for the day when everyone can return to the full celebration of the Eucharist when we can fill our churches with song and praise the Lord with our voices. However, we have not yet arrived at that moment. For now, we must continue to do what is necessary to protect the common good."

**We must still follow these guidelines:**

- 1) **Masks required** inside the building for mass and meetings.
- 2) 6 foot **physical distancing** between families, groups
- 3) Limited capacity & no physical contact/communion on tongue

***Parishioner Robert Burgess*** is moving this week. We miss him already, yet we pray for his move and transition to go smoothly as he settles in his new home. His new address is:  
9317 State Route 121 N, Hickory, KY 42051

**Protect our Children: Report and 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). To report abuse to the diocese, current or past, by anyone acting in the name of the Church (paid or volunteer), call Louanne Payne, Pastoral Assistance Coordinator (English) on the confidential phone line: 270-852-8380, or Susan Montalvo-Gesser/Miguel Quintanilla, Pastoral Assistance Coordinators (Spanish): 270-880-8360. The Diocese of Owensboro's sexual abuse policy is available this parish, on the bulletin board, in the parish office, and also on the diocesan website (<https://owensborodiocese.org/safe>).

**Remember in Prayer**

**St. Pius X:** John Bardsley, Kaileigh Row, Jim Maziarka, Marilyn Duzmal, Lisa Hammond, Rose Grossius, Bennett Meisenheimer, Neil Trammell, Peter Bullock, Jim & Rose Drury, Wes Hayes, Mike Norvell, Maryann Huebschmann, Shirley Mangan, Kenny Matthews, Dora Miller, Miller Meisenheimer, Joann Najgebauer, Elizabeth Nelson, Johnny Poe, Joel Rivera, Carol Ross, Marty Tyskling, Lonnie Vogler, Brenda Waitke, Gary Walters, Andrew Walton, Larry Wenzel, Anna Williams, Dawn Williams, Wilma Lejuene, Lori Butler, Isabella Hamilton, Dr. Danny Butler, Jeanette Hayes, Cameron Richmond, Brad Longworth, Matthew Black, Helen Bennett, Nannette Frizzell, Catherine Brooks, Stacey Newby, Bette Zilligen, Dorothy Henry, Ric Vaughn, Susan Sloan, Donny Travis, Betty Derry, Scott Hamilton, Connie Burt and family, Abigail Huebschmann, Lucas Hebner, Juanita Perkins, Ericka Karpstein, Joanna Cooper, Carolyn Outland, Angel Thompson, Kaye Poyner, Jerry Huebschmann, Dorothy Henry, Bob & Lois Tashjian, Rita Cook, Hannah Padgett, Juliette Kaplanes, Jack Bender, Penny Maupin, Don Kemp, Sharon Olejnicak, Tim Wilson, Beverly Dukes, Bill Norvell, Wallace Hunt, Phyllis White, Judy Krouse, Kerry Frazier, Rene Harrington, Joe Cirrito, Lisa Doyle, Forrest Michael Teeters, David Kroll, Cameron Brewer, Stefanie Wilkerson-Barragan, Hugo Santos, Sharon Gibbons, Lori Blades, Wayne Viniard, Braydn Barnett, and their families and caregivers

**St. Anthony of Padua:** Elena Carey, Donna & Jon Gresham, Bob Decker, Bill Rodgers, Tom & Margie Sheppard, Bob & Lois Tashjian, Mr. Driskill, Margaret Adams, Pat Gorbett, Ed Derringe, Charles Paulius, Helen Krivan, Imogene Ramey, Bob Lang and their families and caregivers.

**Pray for Our Military**

**St. Pius X:** 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 of Padua:** Joel Dumbacher, Matt Elder, Kathleen Erickson, Scott Erickson, Cory Erickson, Jason Huber, James A. Kinsey, Jay Lockhart, Sarah Martindale, Devin McFadden, Ryan M. Fields, LeAnne Neal, and Kousuke Sasaki.

**FFY Faith Formation Youth News:**

We will meet at 6:45pm on Wednesday, May 5, for our **LAST FFY In-Person Session** for the school year. A party is being planned to celebrate the end of the school year and graduation. Watch email for more information.

**Birthdays & Anniversaries:**

May 3 – May 9

**Happy Birthday!**

**St. Pius X**

- May 3 Kevin Hodges  
May 5 Nancy Forsythe  
May 5 Nico Galvan  
May 6 Miles Doughty

**St. Anthony of Padua**

May 3 Stephen Wilkes

**Happy Anniversary!**

**St. Pius X**

- May 5 Jan & Jean Waniel  
May 5 Wes & Victoria Duzmal

**St. Anthony of Padua**

No anniversaries this week

**Grace Marriage: Come & See Event**

Have you ever wondered what Grace Marriage is all about? Here's your chance to find out! Facilitator couples from current Grace Marriage groups will host a FREE half-day session (for married couples) on Saturday, May 8th from 9am-noon at Brescia University's Duffy Auditorium (9th & Frederica St) in Owensboro. This free session includes three lessons and a participant book for couples to have an in-depth example of what to expect in a full Grace Marriage quarterly session. Space is limited, so RSVP at [owensborodiocese.org/grace-marriage](https://owensborodiocese.org/grace-marriage).

**St. Pius X**

**Mass Intentions  
May 3 – May 9**

Tuesday	6:00 pm	Sally Anne Klohr
Wednesday	8:00 am	Nancy & Jim Forsythe
Wednesday	6:00 pm	Todd Pearson
Thursday	7:00 pm	Anne Burgess
Friday	8:00 am	Mary Ann Johnson
Saturday	4:30 pm	All Mothers
Sunday	10:00 am	All Mothers

**WEEKLY DONATIONS**

Parish Hall Donation (4/25/21)	\$ 168.00
Budget for 2020/2021 Fiscal Year (July 2020-June 2021)	\$ 165,000.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 3,173.08
Weekly Donation (4/25/21)	\$ 6,118.00
Online Giving (4/25/21)	\$ 1,120.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 168,908.20

**Online Giving:** To sign up, visit our website at [www.stpiusx.us](http://www.stpiusx.us) and click on the link for “online giving” to set up your account. If you need any assistance, please call the parish office.

**2021 Year Honoring St. Joseph**

The Office of Worship is releasing video reflections on the titles of St. Joseph on Fridays. Fr. Brandon Williams will be giving reflections in English, and Dcn. Chris Gutierrez will be giving reflections in Spanish. These will be posted on diocesan social media (please “like” and “share”!) and on the diocesan webpage under the Year of St. Joseph. Additional Year of St. Joseph resources can be found here:  
<https://owensborodiocese.org/year-of-st-joseph/>.

**Parish Council**

Pam Hurst	Chair Person
Jeff Outland	Building & Ground
Larry Krouse	Secretary
Robert Weekes	Finance
Dawn Whitt	Spiritual Life
Catherine Broks	FFY

**Bereavement Committee**

Fran Dacus

**Other Groups**

Finance Council	Harold Dacus, Chair
Art & Decorations	Paula Schmidt
Knights of Columbus	Philip Scheidegger

**St. Anthony of Padua**

**Mass Intentions  
May 3 – May 9**

Wednesday	9:00 am	Successful surgery and recovery of George Wilts
Friday	9:00 am	In Thanksgiving
Sunday	8:00 am	Mary Rose Limb

**WEEKLY DONATIONS**

Budget 2020/2021 Fiscal Year (July 2020-June 2021)	\$ 60,000.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 1,153.85
Weekly Donation (4/25/2021)	\$ 1,328.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 52,871.00

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

**Livingston County Helping Hands**



**Non perishable items needed:** paper towels, toilet paper, laundry detergent, shampoo (adult & baby), bath soap, diapers, baby wipes, feminine hygiene products, dish soap, coffee, tea, mac and cheese, sugar, flour, cereal, peanut butter, jelly, tuna, salmon, canned fruits, canned vegetables. There is a collection container at the back of the church for your donated items.

Thank you for your generosity!

**Spring Women’s Retreat: Saturday, May 22**

“Renewing Our Hearts: Hope & Healing in Julian of Norwich” will be presented at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Hall, 4029 Frederica St., Owensboro. Retreatants will be invited to explore similarities between their own lives and that of Julian’s, recognizing that both mirror the life and death of Jesus Christ. This Women’s Retreat will take place from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. The program facilitator will be *Sister Cheryl Clemons, OSU*. The \$40 fee includes lunch. For more info, call 270-229-0206 or email [retreatcenter@maplemount.org](mailto:retreatcenter@maplemount.org) or go online at <https://ursulinesmsj.org/registration-form-for-sponsored-programs/>

**Parish Council**

Roy McFadden	Chair Person
Mike Drury	Vice Chair/Building & Ground
Debbie Owens	Secretary/Family Life
Shara Parish	Finance/ Building & Ground
Nick Zaim	Social/Spiritual Concern
Sr. Michael Friedman	Spiritual/Faith Formation

*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:** 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:stpiusx@stpiusx.us)