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Mark 1:12-15



The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert, and he remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan. He was among wild beasts, and the angels ministered to him. After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel."

**Observances for the Week of
February 21 – February 28**

Sunday- 1st Sunday Lent
Monday Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle
Tuesday Saint Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr
Wednesday
Friday
Saturday
Sunday 2nd Sunday Lent

**Weekly Mass Readings
February 21 – February 28**

Sunday, 2/21 Gn 9:8-15/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15
Monday 2/22 1 Pt 5:1-4/Mt 16:13-19
Tuesday 2/23 Is 55:10-11/Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday 2/24 Jon 3:1-10/Lk 11:29-32
Thursday 2/25 Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Mt 7:7-12
Friday 2/26 Ez 18:21-28/Mt 5:20-26
Saturday 2/27 Dt 26:16-19/Mt 5:43-48
Sunday 2/28 Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10

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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**
1st 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

February 21, 2021

Mark 1:12-15

Dear St Pius And St Anthony Churches,

Happy Lent! This season begins with Jesus entering the Desert just after His baptism (Spirit-led). He will be there 40 days, and the reading says He will be among 'beasts'. While beasts are out there in the desert, there are also 'ministering angels' there (Mark 1:13). God sends helpers in our trials to see us through. We have to recognize them though, and cooperate with their ministry. As St Paul says in 1 Corinthians 10:13 "God is faithful and will not let you be tried beyond your strength; but with the trial he will also provide a way out, so that you may be able to bear it." Regarding Jesus' time in the desert, we only hear from Mark today, the bare bones (typical of desert!) version. For more details we have to refer to Luke 4:1-13, and Matthew 4:1-11 (about the number and type of temptations, but also our best defense against the Devil which is God's word). I think though that Mark gives us enough to reflect upon as we enter this season of Lent with Jesus. Lent is meant to be our own period of 'voluntary' desert dwelling! So off we go!

Yet, what does it mean to go into the desert? Why do people go hike in the Grand Canyon among the barren rock formations and wide open spaces? It is debatable whether such a trip is about 1) getting away from something, or 2) getting more deeply into something else? Away from or into? I think it should be both. In the desert we are less distracted by outside things, and naturally that makes us go inside ourselves more. Hosea 2:16 has God saying, "I will lead her into the wilderness, and speak persuasively to her." God is inviting us into the desert to speak to our inner heart. When I was growing up, a popular motivational phrase, was "Space-the Final Frontier". Explore and Conquer Space! Yet as we have so many eyes on the skies now (powerful telescopes & roaming satellites), the more likely 'final frontier' and boundary to break through is the exploration of the 'interior' of ourselves (our mindscapes or 'heart'lands). When we consider all the modern problems that plague us, it is like we have been looking everywhere but 'within' for the solutions to our human problems. But that is what the desert can help us with: it takes away all of the distractions 'out there' (playground of the world) so we can focus on the pressing issues 'in here' (sanctuary of heart). In our hearts, we face it all. Once when attacked by the Pharisees about physical purity acts, Jesus stated that true purity does not come from constant 'handwashing', but from tending properly the human heart. He said, "From the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, unchastity, theft, false witness, blasphemy. These are what truly defile a person. Eating with unwashed hands does not defile" (Matthew 15:19-20). No amount of preoccupying ourselves in public activities or busily running around the world can replace what is not being explored or accomplished within us. What do they say about 'happiness being an inside job'? That is the desert. Take away the 'shiny' toys and trips of the world, and what do we have? Trim down our 'important' appointments and activities and what do we do? Can we survive in an isolated, quiet place? Even better, can we thrive there? God wants us to, so Jesus invites us to join Him in the desert and to explore what is inside us. The true space to conquer is inside of ourselves. James' letter in the bible is so insightful in 4:1-2 when he says "Where do the wars and where do the conflicts among you come from? Is it not from your passions that make war within your members? You covet but do not possess. You kill and envy but you cannot obtain; so you fight and wage war." The Roman Seneca said that the 'greatest empire in the world is to command one's own self' (letter 113:30). The French Philosopher Blaise Pascal wrote that "All of humanity's problems stem from man's inability to sit quietly in a room alone" (Pensees-139). What do they say about 'our true character revealing itself when no one is around'? So the desert challenges us to manage our dissipating desires and cultivate our character for good. Seneca also wrote in a letter to a friend, "withdraw from crowds as much as you can..... your good qualities should face inwards" (letter 7:1,12). We remember that the gospel from Ash Wednesday challenged us to do just this: Jesus said, "When you pray, go to your inner room, close the door, and pray to your Father in secret" (Matthew 6:6). So, into the desert we go!

Peace, Fr Brian

Another Saint in Time of Plague:

Saint Scholastica Born 480 – Died 2-10-543

St Scholastica is the biological sister of St Benedict, the Father of Western monasticism. She is most often appealed to as the patron saint of students, but she is also invoked as the patron saint of convulsive children. This makes her a timely saint to reflect upon and ask intercession of, because of the occurrence among children who have contracted COVID who go on to suffer terrible complications resulting in the over inflammation of the immune system. This syndrome, while rare, causes convulsions, prolonged high fevers, paralysis, coma and shock. In addition to living an exemplary life consecrated as a nun, St Scholastica also dedicated her life to teaching and forming other young women in religious life.

St. Scholastica was born in Nursia, Italy, the twin sister of St Benedict. She was born to wealthy parents named Anicius Eupropius and his wife Claudia Reguardati. They were devout about their in faith and they dedicated her to serve God in religious life from a young age. She was serious about her studies and education, and very pious with her prayers and frequent visits to church. She was very close to her brother Benedict, and they practiced their Catholic devotions together. She was saddened when her brother was sent to Rome to receive the higher education typical of noblemen. Considering her parents' support for her religious life, she likely remained in her father's house, under his protection, living out her vocation as a 'consecrated virgin'. Some biographers include that she had several friends, also living as consecrated virgins, together formed a small community on her father's domestic estate. At some point in St Scholastica's life, she established a hermitage about five miles from Monte Cassino, very near to St Benedict's monastery. This hermitage became the first convent of Benedictine nuns (an ancient church dedicated to her still stands at this site near Monte Cassino). Most biographers assume that she remained at her father's compound until his death and then moved to live near St Benedict's monastery. A lot of St Benedict's life is recorded in a written work of Pope St Gregory the Great's called 'The Dialogues'. It recounts the decisions and actions of St Benedict as he set up the order of Benedictine monks (all of his troubles and travels). St Scholastica is mentioned several times in St Gregory's writing about Benedict. A wonderful account of the closeness of brother and sister is told by St Gregory as he records that once a year, Benedict and Scholastica would meet for a day of visiting and celebrating mass together. Most of their time was spent discussing scripture, the sayings of the saints and their experiences in the monastery and convent. They also conferred with each other about spiritual direction issues arising among the other professed monks and nuns. During one such annual visit, they had eaten supper and were still talking when St Benedict indicated he needed to return to his monastery cell (according to their rule, monks were never to spend overnight away from their cell unless accompanied by a brother monk of the abbot's choosing). She asked if he would please stay a little longer this one time to continue his counsel of her. Benedict refused, due to his strict adherence to the common rule for monks. Unknown to him, St Scholastica had been having fainting spells for a while and she sensed that her death was imminent. She bowed her head in front of St. Benedict and prayed for a moment. Then suddenly outside, a thunderstorm blew up that prevented him from leaving until daybreak. St Benedict asked her, "What did you do?", and she replied, "I asked you and you would not listen; so I asked my God and he did listen. So now go off, if you can; leave me and return to your monastery." Of course, the rain and wind were too strong for him to travel, so they spent the night continuing their discussions and prayers. Only three days later, in his monastic cell, he was visited by a shining white dove, that he understood to be a sign of Scholastica's soul leaving the earth. She had died. As both his biological and spiritual sister, St Benedict had her body transferred to his monastery and laid her to rest there, recognizing her as a co-founder of the order of women Benedictines. St Scholastica's persistence and piety serves as an example to us of how to face challenges of sickness. Yet, her life also highlights the importance of reaching out to family and friends as best as we can in 'such distancing times'! Also, especially a patron saint of 'convulsive children' we ask her prayerful intercession for children plagued with COVID Multi-Inflammatory Immune Syndrome. **Pray for us!**

Spiritual Tool Time with St. Joseph Lenten Retreat

Tuesday Evenings 6:30 pm 7:30 In person Church or Zoom
Fr Brian will lead us through some weekly reflections on St Joseph, patron saint of families, fathers and the Church. Be introduced to some Spiritual Tools to use this Lent to shape up or craft your Soul!

FFY Faith Formation Youth News:

We will meet on Wednesday, Mar 3, for our **FFY In-Person Session at 6:45pm**. If the Marshall County School System is on virtual learning, we will meet via Zoom. Watch the mail for the new Gospel Weeklies Packet and emails!

Youth Ministry Group Prayer Meeting *Sunday Feb 28:*

We will meet again for our prayer time at 8:00pm. Please bring your prayer intentions for the week. A new year & new blessings! The Zoom Meeting link will be forwarded to you.

Birthdays & Anniversaries:

February 22- February 28

Happy Birthday:

St. Pius X

February 24 Anna Robertson

February 24 John Morris

February 25 Vicki Spencer

February 26 Lucy Schmidt

February 27 Marlene Helpingstine

February 28 Joseph Gaudy

St. Anthony of Padua

February 22 Anne Marie Tutor

February 23 Summer Adrian

February 25 Sommer Johnson

Happy Anniversary:

St. Pius X

February 23 Charlie & Barbara Doughty

February 25 Brent & Pam Hurst

St. Anthony of Padua

No anniversaries this week



Gasper River Summer Camp Registration is open for this coming summer! Space is limited, please register soon. Scholarships are available. Please contact Paula Schmidt for the scholarship application information. Visit gasperriverretreatcenter.org for more information about camp and to register for camp.

Summer staff applications are on our website. If you are or know a college aged young adult please apply or encourage them to apply for the chance to allow God to use them to make a difference in the life of a child! It's the greatest job in the world!



Every Wednesday St Pius 6:30 pm
Every Friday St Anthony 9:30 am



Every *Friday* thru Lent **4:00-7:00pm** at St. Pius **Call Order 395-5747**
Pick up/Carry Out Only

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, Eileen Sacks, Rose Grossius, Bennett Meisenheimer, Neil Trammell, James Eden, 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 Broks, 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, Kim Bruce, Rita Cook, Hannah Padgett, Juliette Kaplanes, Jack Bender, Penny Maupin, Don Kemp, Sharon Olejnicak, Tim Wilson, Beverly Dukes, Bill Norvell, Kacie Schmidt, Wallace Hunt, Phyllis White, Judy Krouse, Kerry Frazier, Rene Harrington, Joe Cirrito, Lisa Doyle, Forrest Michael Teeters, David Kroll, Cameron Brewer, Stefanie Wilkerson-Barragin, Hugo Santos, Sharon Gibbons, Lori Blades, Wayne Viniard, Braydn Barnett, and their families and caregivers

St. Anthony of Padua: Elena Carey, Donna & Jon Gresham, 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.

St. Pius X

Mass Intentions February 22-February 28		
Tuesday	6:00 pm	<i>Audeline Johnson Family</i>
Wednesday	8:00 am	<i>John & Sue Mudd</i>
Wednesday	6:00 pm	<i>Dorothy Kauzlarich</i>
Thursday	8:00 am	<i>Dent & Evelyn Mudd</i>
Friday	8:00 am	<i>Sr Teresa Riley</i>
Saturday	4:30 pm	<i>Rochelle Holmen</i>
Sunday	10:00 am	<i>The Hobbs Family</i>

WEEKLY DONATIONS	
Parish Hall Donation (2/14/21)	\$
Budget for 2020/2021 Fiscal Year (July 2020-June 2021)	\$ 165,000.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 3,173.08
Weekly Donation (2/14/21)	\$ 705.00
Online Giving (2/14/21)	\$ 935.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 119,952.00

Blessed be God. **DIVINE PRAISES (EP)**
 Blessed be His Holy Name.
 Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true Man.
 Blessed be the Name of Jesus.
 Blessed be His Most Sacred Heart.
 Blessed be His Most Precious Blood.
 Blessed be Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.
 Blessed be the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete.
 Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary most Holy.
 Blessed be her Holy and Immaculate Conception.
 Blessed be her Glorious Assumption.
 Blessed be the name of Mary, Virgin and Mother.
 Blessed be St. Joseph, her most chaste spouse.
 Blessed be God in His Angels and in His Saints. Amen.

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 (618)383-4646

Other Groups

<i>Finance Council</i>	<i>Harold Dacus, Chair</i>
<i>Art & Decorations</i>	<i>Paula Schmidt</i>
<i>Knights of Columbus</i>	<i>Philin Scheidegger</i>

St. Anthony of Padua

Mass Intentions February 22-February 28		
Wednesday	9:00 am	<i>Herman Lee</i>
Friday	9:00 am	<i>Lynette Blum</i>
Sunday	8:00 am	<i>Carol McFadden</i>

WEEKLY DONATIONS	
Budget 2020/2021 Fiscal Year (July 2020-June 2021)	\$ 60,000.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 1,153.85
Weekly Donation (2/14/2021)	\$ 815.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 38,370.00

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, can fruits, or canned vegetables. Collection container in back church. Thank you!

Where to find Peace? Story of Abba Theodore

A brother lived in the hermit cells alone and in his solitude he was troubled. He went to tell Abba Theodore of Pherme about it. The old man said to him, 'Go, be more humble in your aspirations, place yourself under obedience and live with others.' Later, he came back to the old man and said, 'I do not find any peace with others.' The old man said to him, 'If you are not at peace either alone or with others, why have you become a monk? Is it not to suffer trials? Tell me how many years you have worn the habit?' He replied, 'For eight years.' Then the old man said to him, 'I have worn the habit seventy years and on no day have I found peace. Do you expect to obtain peace in eight years?' At these words the brother went away strengthened.

He also said, 'In these days many people take their rest before God gives it them.'

Parish Council

Roy McFadden	Chair Person
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Debbie Owens	Secretary/Family Life
Shara Parish	Finance/ Building & Ground
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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:** 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