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**Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 19 2020**



Matthew 13:24-43

Jesus proposed another parable to the crowds, saying:

"The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everyone was asleep his enemy came and sowed weeds all through the wheat, and then went off. When the crop grew and bore fruit, the weeds appeared as well. The slaves of the householder came to him and said, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where have the weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' His slaves said to him, 'Do you want us to go and pull them up?' He replied, 'No, if you pull up the weeds you might uproot the wheat along with them. Let them grow together until harvest; then at harvest time I will say to the harvesters, 'First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles for burning; but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

**Observances for the Week of :
July 20-26**

Wednesday-Feast of St. Mary Magdalene
Saturday-Feast of St. James
Sunday -Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Weekly Mass Readings
July 13-19**

Monday Mi 6:1-4, 6-8; Mt 12:38-42
Tuesday Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Mt 12:46-50
Wednesday Sg 3:1-4a; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Thursday Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Mt 13:10-17
Friday Jer 3:14-17; Mt 13:18-23
Saturday 2 Cor 4:7-15; Mt 20:20-28
Sunday 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12; Rom 8:28-30;
Mt 13:44-52

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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**
Saturday- 6:00 pm
Sunday- 8:00 am

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

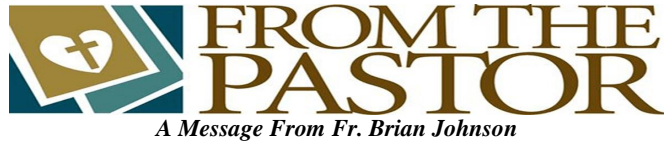
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FROM THE PASTOR
A Message From Fr. Brian Johnson

July 19 2020 Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mt 13:24-43

Dear St. Pius X and St. Anthony Church,

Pulling weeds. Now that is something I can do in a garden! My landscape and gardening skill set is limited to watering and weeding (similar to my construction skill set that only consists of demolition tasks). Those may be the only jobs that you would want me overseeing if it is your own garden or home! Jesus shares a parable today, in which we hear that a farmer discovers many weeds growing up unexpectedly in his planted field. Some helpful workers approach him to volunteer 'Do you want us to go and pull them up?' (Matthew 13:28). It sounds good to go ahead and pull the bad out now. Weeds draw away precious minerals and water from the other plants and increases the work time at harvest, since they grow in densely with the good grain. **But**, this farm owner is wise (and knows his workers and fields, too). He calculates that weeding the field now is going to damage or even destroy a lot of crops. Several good plants will be caught up in the weed pulling and be lost too. I've pulled a few weeds in my life and I testify that it is easy to mistake good plants for bad plants at certain stages of their growth. Even if I was careful about grabbing a handful of weeds at their base, inevitably I tore off a leaf from a good plant that tangled into the bunch I grabbed. Or maybe because roots from both good and bad had grown over one another, when I pulled up the bad, I also fatally disturbed the good plant's roots or destabilized the good stalk. Not good! Remarkably, what always amazes me is how some bad plants seem to grow conveniently by their 'good cousins' that look so similar to them, and they end up using their looks to mix in and 'mooch' off the good ones. I am thinking of Johnson grass' long blade that appears a little like corn's, or this year I even had a wild grape-like vine grown in with my cantaloupe vines. This plant 'mooching' reminds me of the equally interesting behavior among 'parasite brooder' birds that will lay eggs in other bird's nests and have them hatch & raise their chicks (cowbirds are known to do this). But, like in the parable, there is an eventual sorting out of good from bad at the harvest time.

Rereading this parable today, I am struck by the 'patience' of the farm owner, and his trust in the good seed when he calls for waiting until harvest time to separate them out. This reminds me of what Jesus said in Matthew 5:45 about the saving work of respecting and praying for our enemies so that we may be "children of your heavenly Father, for He makes his sun rise on the bad and the good, and causes rain to fall on the just and the unjust." Jesus is calling us disciples to be patient in working for good outcomes even from what seems like 'bad sources' by giving the extra time and effort along the way to the end. He says in Mathew 7:20 "by their fruits they will be known" and in Luke 8:17 that "there is nothing hidden that will not become visible, and nothing secret that will not be known and come to light." Or St Paul says it more starkly in Galatians 6:7, "Make no mistake: God is not mocked, for a person will reap only what he sows." So, following Jesus, we want to make sure that we are the wheat (is that what a kids says, 'Don't be a weed!'), and keep good ourselves. Part of being wheat is also to not let the weeds choke out the good among us or not prevent the flowering or fruit from the good.

In the fields of our own lives, we have to '**Weed and Feed**': Weed out bad-intent and bad interest and feed good-will and good motive. I know a friend who told me they discovered how much of their lawn work is true grass mowing versus weed cutting, when they applied a 'weed and feed' chemical the first of spring and discovered so many bare patches in the yard! I guess it humbles us to realize there are always more weeds in our yard than we had imagined. I know in college, I worked landscape for a local doctor who was a real optimist and always told me that '*A weed is only a flower growing in the wrong place*'. But I have to add that he supplied me with plenty of 'Round-Up' to deal with all those misplaced flowers!

Peace, Fr. Brian

Another Saint in a Time of Plague:
Saint Nicasius of Rheims (died 407)

Little is known of St. Nicasius' birth and early life before he suddenly appears as Bishop of Reims, France. He is memorialized in the architecture and stain glass of the Cathedral in Reims. He is credited with founding and building the Cathedral. Accounts of his martyrdom in 407 at the hands of the invading Vandals tell of his courageous witness and standing strong at the gates of Reims and the Cathedral doors to prevent the residents from being harmed or the city and cathedral being looted and destroyed. St Nicasius is credited with prophesying about an imminent invasion of France by the Vandals. He preached and encouraged his people to prepare for hard times and pray for divine intervention. He was asked if the people should take up arms in battle. Nicasius responded, "Let us abide the mercy of God and pray for our enemies. I myself, am ready to give my life for my people." As the Vandals overran the gates and charged into the city, he decided to attempt to obstruct their advance by talks and interventions with them. He wanted more of his people to find time enough to pack and escape. Hostile and unwilling to speak of peace, the Vandals pushed Bishop Nicasius back to the Cathedral doors. He refused to give up seeking a peaceful resolution and he was beheaded at the Cathedral with his Deacon Florentius, his sister Eutropia (she was a consecrated virgin) and others. Following their deaths, the Vandals are reported to have felt fear and panic witnessing Nicasius' gentle and noble acceptance of death rather than lashing out violently at them. He had prayed for their conversion and repentance. Nicasius recited Psalm 119:5 at the time of his death. As he was decapitated, he had prayed the verse, "My soul is attached unto dust" and then continued mouthing the concluding phrase "Revive me, Lord, with your words". The Vandals are said to have retreated immediately from the Cathedral and the city of Rheims, even leaving behind their loot. He is often portrayed in statues or images as holding his own mitered head in his hands in front of him. He is considered a patron saint of epidemics and especially smallpox epidemics due to his having miraculously survived a smallpox outbreak. His healing and survival became part of his spiritual conversion story. It led to his bold service in pastoral care and serving as shepherd bishop to the poor and sick of the Diocese of Rheims. Another later Bishop bearing the same name (Nicasius) led the Diocese of Reims through another bloody invasion by the Huns in the 450's AD. This later one is also reported to have been martyred in 451. As a sufferer and survivor of a terrible outbreak of smallpox in France, St. Nicasius compassionately understands the plight of Covid victims and families. St Nicasius, pray for us!

Family Retreats @ Gasper

In addition to Gasper on the Go!, Gasper River is over family retreats at the camp this summer. Bring your family out just for the day or stay a night or two! There are many options available. You can book a lodge, bring your own meals or have Gasper provide meals (catered), hike and explore, do activities, or just enjoy God's creation together. Call or email Gasper to make a reservation or to get more information and pricing details: 270-781-2466 or gasperriver@hotmail.com.

Safe Environment: To report suspected abuse, call the Kentucky Child Protection Hot Line: 1-877-KYSAFE1 or 1-877-597- 2331 (Toll Free) or contact your local Commonwealth Attorney. To report abuse to the diocese, current or past, by anyone acting in the name of the Church, call Louanne Payne, Pastoral Assistance Coordinator (English) at 270-852- 8380, or Nuria Elizondo, Pastoral Assistance Coordinator (Spanish) at 270-880-8360. You may also visit the Office of Safe Environment (owensborodiocese.org/safe) for more information.

Daily Mass and Weekend Mass Participation: Capacity is allowed now up to 50%, with face covering/masks required and 6 ft distance between people/non-family units. *Of course, the Sunday Obligation to attend is still relaxed.* So the Live-Stream Mass and Personal At Home Prayer is the first & safest option. Maybe consider a weekday mass before a weekend mass: Wednesday and Friday mornings 8:00 am-St. Pius & 9:00 am at St. Anthony. We have two weekday evening masses Tuesday & Wednesday 6:00 pm at St. Pius. Our two Saturday masses are at 4:30-St. Pius & 6:00 pm at St. Anthony. And then Sunday mornings 8:00 St. Anthony & 10:00 am St. Pius. Again, **Face coverings and distancing are required, and we maintain the regular sanitizing of surfaces.**

We are still Live Streaming Facebook for anyone at home. We pray with you and remember our homebound members at each mass. Sunday Morning 10:00 am and Wednesday evening at 6:00 pm.

Confirmation: Retreat is scheduled for Sunday, August 23 at 11:00 am-3:00 pm at St. Pius X. Sponsors and Students should attend. **Confirmation** has been rescheduled to Saturday, August 29 at 10:00 am.

V National Encuentro: After four years of prayer, study, consultation, visitations, discernment and hard work, the V National Encuentro process of Hispanic/Latino Ministry in the United States is now in its pastoral planning stage! The next stage for the rest of 2020 is being called “Coming Down the Mountain” in which dioceses and episcopal regions are working on their own pastoral plans for Hispanic Ministry. Bishop Medley has commissioned a Diocesan Hispanic Ministry Pastoral Planning Committee to study the results of the V Encuentro process, discern our local pastoral responses and draft a diocesan pastoral plan for 2021-2025. If anyone has any questions or wishes to know more about the process, please contact Dcn. Chris Gutiérrez at chris.gutierrez@pastoral.org or our website: owensborodiocese.org/v-encuentro

Mt St Joseph: “Jesus:A Pilgrimage” Book Study begins Aug 13: The Focus on Faith program, which meets monthly to study the Catholic faith, will begin discussing a new book, “Jesus A Pilgrimage” by Father James Martin, on Thursday, Aug. 13 from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. The program is led by Sister Ann McGrew, OSU. The \$20 fee per session includes lunch. The group meets at Mount Saint Joseph Conference Center. Call 270-229-0206 or email retreatcenter@maplemount.org or register online at ursulinesmsj.org/registration-form-for-sponsored-programs. Future book discussions are scheduled for Sept. 10, Oct. 8, Nov. 12 and Dec. 10. *Please note: We will be following the physical distancing and safety guidelines recommended for group gatherings.*

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Week of July 20-26



St. Pius X

July 21-Lincoln Shaw

July 22-Penny Hobbs

July 25-Fletcher Bradley

July 26-Jerry Sanderson

St. Anthony of Padua

July 22-Elena Carey



St. Pius X

July 21-Harald & Fran Dacus

St. Anthony of Padua

No Anniversaries this week

Remember in Prayer

St. Pius X: John Bardsley, Kaileigh Row, Bennett Meisenheimer, Peter Bullock, Jim & Rose Drury, Wes Hayes, Maryann Huebschmann, Shirley Mangan, Kenny Matthews, Dora Miller, Miller Meisenheimer, Joann Najgebauer, Elizabeth Nelson, Johnny Poe, Joel Rivera, Sister Rosemary, 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, Jim Henthorn, Jack Bender, Penny Maupin, Don Kemp, Tom and Sharon Olejnicak, Tim Wilson, Beverly Dukes, Bill Norvell, Kacie Schmidt, Wallace Hunt, Phyllis White, Judy Krouse, Kerry Frazier, Rene Harrington, Joe Cirrito, Lisa Doyle, Phyllis Whit, Lanie Pellegrin, Forrest Michael Teeters, Mike Block, Jerry Isaacs, David Kroll, Cameron Brewer and their families and caregivers

St. Anthony of Padua: Elena Carey, Donna & Jon Gresham, Bill Rodgers, Sister Rosemary, Tom & Margie Sheppard, Bob & Lois Tashjian, Deanna Hayward, Mr. Driskill, Margaret Adams, Pat Gorbett, Ed Derringe, Charles Paulius, Helen Krivan 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 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
July 20-26**

Tuesday	6:00 pm	<i>Leo Mudd</i>
Wednesday	8:00 am	<i>Lloyd Brown</i>
Wednesday	6:00 pm	<i>Jared Wheatley</i>
Thursday	8:00 am	<i>Josephine & Elmore Bourgeois</i>
Friday	8:00 am	<i>Gloria Sehuler Arns</i>
Saturday	4:30 pm	<i>Jimmy Doughty</i>
Sunday	10:00 am	<i>Joe Bob Canup</i>

WEEKLY DONATIONS

Total for Fiscal Year 2019-2020	\$ 179, 287.27
Parish Hall Donation (07/05//20)	\$ 328.00
Budget for 2020/2021 Fiscal Year (July 2020-June 2021)	\$ TBA
Donation Need Each Week	\$ TBA
Weekly Donation (07/05/20)	\$ 2, 582.00
Online Giving (07/05/20)	\$ 740.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 7,364.00

Online Giving: To sign up, visit our website at www.stpiusx.us and click on the link for "online giving" to set up your account. If you need assistance, please call the parish office.

Sympathy: Please pray for the eternal rest of Helen Margaret Belshoff, (Madeline Traylor's 103 yr old grandmother) who passed away July 3 in Louisville. Please pray for God's comfort to be with the family.

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>Philip Scheidegger</i>

St. Pius X Mission Statement: *We, the parishioners of St. Pius Tenth Church, gather in the name of the Lord to praise God and His Son, Jesus Christ, through the Holy Spirit, thanking them for the many blessings that they have given to us. We gain strength from the Word of God in order to share and celebrate God's love through the sacraments.*

St. Anthony of Padua

**Mass Intentions
July 20-26**

Wednesday	9:00 am	<i>Willard O'Brien</i>
Friday	9:00 am	<i>Kathy Lehky</i>
Saturday	6:00 pm	<i>Mount St. Josephine Ursuline Jubilarians</i>
Sunday	8:00 am	<i>Daniel & Nancy Mudd Family</i>

WEEKLY DONATIONS

Total for Fiscal Year 2019-2020	\$ 69, 204.29
Budget 2020/2021 Fiscal Year (July 2020-June 2021)	\$ TBA
Donation Need Each Week	\$ TBA
Weekly Donation (07/05/20)	\$ 1,135.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 2,611.00

*Livingston County Helping Hands
Food Pantry Needs:*

paper towels, toilet paper, laundry detergent, shampoo, bath soap, diapers, feminine hygiene products, dish washing liquid, coffee, tea, macaroni and cheese, sugar, flour, cereal (all kinds), peanut butter, jelly, tuna, salmon, other canned meats, canned fruits, and canned vegetables

There is a donation basket at the back of the Church for your non-perishable items.

Parish Council

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

Bereavement Committee

<i>Helen Krivan</i>	<i>(270) 559-7586</i>
<i>Pat Gorbett</i>	<i>(270)362-3377</i>

St. Anthony of Padua Mission Statement: *We, the Catholics of St. Anthony of Padua Parish of Grand Rivers, are united as a faith-filled community to give honor and glory to God, to aid each other, and others, on the journey of salvation and to share the Good News of the Gospel.*

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 Jamie by 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday. Email: stpiusx@stpiusx.us