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**The Parable of the Talents**

**Matthew 25: 14-30**

Jesus told his disciples this parable: "A man going on a journey called in his servants and entrusted his possessions to them. To one he gave five talents; to another, two; to a third, one--to each according to his ability. Then he went away. Immediately the one who received five talents went and traded with them, and made another five. Likewise, the one who received two made another two. But the man who received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and buried his master's money. "After a long time the master of those servants came back and settled accounts with them. The one who had received five talents came forward bringing the additional five. He said, 'Master, you gave me five talents. See, I have made five more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy. Then the one who had received two talents also came forward and said, 'Master, you gave me two talents. See, I have made two more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy.' Then the one who had received the one talent came forward and said, 'Master, I knew you were a demanding person, harvesting where you did not plant and gathering where you did not scatter; so out of fear I went off and buried your talent in the ground. Here it is back.' His master said to him in reply, 'You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I did not plant and gather where I did not scatter? Should you not then have put my money in the bank so that I could have got it back with interest on my return? Now then! Take the talent from him and give it to the one with ten. For to everyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich; but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And throw this useless servant into the darkness outside, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth.'"

**Observances for the Week of :  
November 16-22**

**Tuesday-** *Memorial of St. Elizabeth of Hungary*  
**Saturday-** *Memorial of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary*  
**Sunday-** *Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe*

**Weekly Mass Readings  
November 16-22**

**Monday** Rv 1:1-4, 2:1-5; Lk 18:35-43  
**Tuesday** Rv 3:1-6, 14-22; Lk 19:1-10  
**Wednesday** Rv 4:1-11; Lk 19:11-28  
**Thursday** Rv 5:1-10; Lk 19:41-44  
**Friday** Rv 10:8-11; Lk 19:45-48  
**Saturday** Rv 11:4-12; Lk 20:27-40  
**Sunday** Ez 34:11-12, 15-17; 1 Cor 15:20-26;  
Mt 25:31-46

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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

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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**

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  
November 15, 2020 Mt 25:14-30

Dear St. Pius X and St. Anthony Church,

Just coming off the parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids, Jesus tells another parable today about a master entrusting money to his servants to invest for a good return. He gives five talents to one servant, two to another and one to the last servant. They are all told to work with the money to make more. The first two servants double their money and they get rewarded with promotions and more opportunities for themselves on the estate. However, the third servant turns out differently. I must say I feel a little sad for this servant. Apparently he has seen firsthand, his master ruthlessly extracting profits where no other investor could. His actual charge was that the boss "harvested where he did not plant and gathered where he did not scatter" (Matt 25:24). Did that mean the master had inched over his property markers to claim some of his neighbor's fruits, or eagerly collect remainders or abandoned goods from the trading floor? Obviously the servant had witnessed some kind of questionable backroom dealings from this master. The servant even adds that **he is afraid of the man**. So, he plays his one talent really safe and simply holds it tightly by burying it! With his 'no risk of loss' approach, he later just offers it back (no gain) when the master returns. But, the master is angry over such honesty from the servant and he throws him out. Don't you feel a little for the servant? What might Jesus be getting at here? What is He teaching his disciples in this parable? Does Jesus want more alpha shark-like, business savvy disciples? I remember Jesus saying once, "I am sending you out like sheep in the midst of wolves; so be shrewd as serpents and simple as doves." (Mathew 10:16). And another time in a parable, Jesus seems to commend an "unjust business manager" (Luke 16:1-13). Maybe, since the servant confesses his previous knowledge of the master's miserliness, that fact alone, may condemn the servant for not trying anything with the talent (*even a safe return of pennies interest from a bank is better than nothing*). By the way, according to today's 0% interest rates, trying a bank would even turn out to be the 'bury it in a hole strategy'! **BUT**, the man could have at least tried a conservative play like buying some plant seeds, and simply growing a crop to produce more seeds, at least converting the talent to some consumable commodity for the owner. Yet, then again, he only had ONE talent to work with—so what does that say about the owner?

However, the owner's actions are more saddening to me. I think Jesus is pointing out the tragedy of the master not investing in all his servants. **The kingdom of God is not about commodities, it is about communion.** The kingdom is not about the products being traded, but the people being taken care of in the exchanges. *The tragedy of the parable is the lack of relationship among the servants, and between the servants and the master.* For example, the man with one talent does not have much to work with in a market where some traders have so much more (five or two). Also, might the super successful owner have helped the one talent little guy, giving him some market advice or inside business connections who specialize in such small investments. Or might all of the three talent investors all together bundle their resources as a bloc to make an even larger return showing the owner a more collaborative(co-op) business model. Instead of competing against each other for promotions, the servants could have worked together. A team approach could have increased the owner's profit and opened new avenues for future work projects. I really think Jesus' parable is more about the true investments in the Kingdom of God, and they are the people of the kingdom working together. Not profits, not properties, not possessions, but simply the people, they are the 'real' estate! God invests in us, His People. Relationships are the value and gain in the Kingdom.

Why do I say this? I feel sure that Jesus did not intend to fund some mega-corporation to sell gadgets, fill billboards, and impress the stock market. He certainly drew crowds and could easily have set up 'cure-all' medical clinics if he wanted, but he walked the streets and visited homes to tend to, and heal the sick. I feel like Jesus in fact had nothing to do with expansionist entrepreneurial business, and I see signs of this from the very beginning of his ministry. Way back in the desert, when Jesus was just starting to be a public figure, he drew the attention of the devil in the desert. The Devil's first temptation was to focus Jesus only on the business of cornering the food market and piling up profits. His business proposal was to turn stones into bread! This could have been the Devil's marketing speech: "*Think of the potential profits—look around, see all these rocks—the desert is full of them. Turn them all into bread and we WIN—Talk about wonder bread!*" But Jesus responded to this temptation that 'we do not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God' (Matt 4:4, Deut 8:3). The Kingdom of God is about more than the buying and selling of bread. Most important in God's Kingdom are the 'People' and 'Relationships among them'. Romans 14:17 says, "the kingdom of God is not a matter of food and drink, but of righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit." So, this parable invites us to prioritize people over any profits, and communion with others over accumulating commodities. True Gains are realized when grace is given away to other people!

Peace, Fr. Brian

## Another Saint in Time of Plague: St. Barbara (born c. 250 AD- died c. 300 AD)

Saint Barbara is one of the Fourteen Holy Helpers mentioned several times already in this column. They were an assembly of saints invoked all together in 1300's Germany as protection against the bubonic plague. So many healings and miraculous recoveries are reported through the assistance of their prayers. All 14 include Saints Acacius, Barbara, Blaise, Christopher, Cyriacus, Catherine of Alexandria, Denis, Erasmus of Formiae, Eustace, George, Giles, Margaret of Antioch, Pantaleon, and Vitus. Since we have so little biographical information about some of them, they remain in the 'List of Saints' but their feast days were removed from the calendar.

In artwork or on prayer cards, St. Barbara is often depicted in a tower, or in chains. Sometimes in the background are storm clouds and lightning due to the demise of several of her persecutors (making her also a patron saint of artillery men and military engineers). She became associated with the pastoral care of the sick through her deep concern that all the sick be comforted and attended to, especially as they neared death (last rites-anointing & prayer). St. Barbara was born in Phoenicia, current day Lebanon, the daughter of a rich pagan named Dioscorus. Overly protective and seeking to arrange an opportunistically political marriage for her (him), he kept her locked up in a tower. Reading and contemplating alone in the tower, or inspired through brief lessons over time with a tutor, she secretly became a Christian. She prayed much and reflected upon the mysteries of God. An initial offer of marriage into a family arranged by her father, she outright rejected due to her Christian commitments (still unknown to her father). Before undertaking a business journey, once Dioscorus designed an adjoining bath house to the tower, to be built in his absence. St Barbara intervened with the builders and adjusted the original plan of two windows to become three windows for more light (God) and as a symbol of the Holy Trinity. Her father was furious upon returning and in the exchange, St. Barbara publicly confessed her conversion to Catholicism and her vows to Christ. Enraged and about to engage in an honor killing of her, Dioscorus drew his sword but St. Barbara slipped through some blocks already loosened by her. She sought refuge in the mountains calling upon God's help. Some hillside shepherds provided cover for a while, until one of them gave away to her father her hiding location. It was reported that his flock instantly became locusts and flew away, and he fell stone dead because of his betrayal. Captured, St. Barbara was tortured and pressured to renounce her Christianity and return to her father's tower for a future marriage. She refused and the Prefect of the area, Martinianus, had her imprisoned in a dungeon. She was chained and beaten. Miraculously, every morning her wounds were healed and her skin unblemished again. She comforted others in the dungeon with her, and she sought intercession for them pleading with them to make peace and prepare for death. Many were consoled to embrace their suffering and accept their passing from this world. Eventually, her father gave an ultimatum, and St Barbara, ever faithful, refused to recant her trust in Christ. Her father himself carried out her death sentence, beheading her. Her face glowed with light as she peacefully gave up her life. Her father however, as he left the government compound, was struck dead by lightning on his way home. His servants took possession of his trade and lands. However, the bathhouse later became a Christian shrine and church because of St. Barbara's design of it. In addition to the Trinity Windows, there was deeply etched into the marble a Sign of the Cross by her thumb, as if it was laser-cut into the dense stone. Also, a set of her foot prints were imprinted into the front steps of the building. Waters from a spring beside the bathhouse supplied it freshly, and the waters became the source of many healings to pilgrims attending prayer and masses at the shrine. An Eastern saint, St. Simeon Metaphrastes compared the bathhouse to the stream of Jordan and the Pool of Siloam, due to the miraculous healings. St. Barbara, pray for us!

**Thank you So Much for Mask Compliance:** I simply want to add again a special thanks to everyone for cooperating and keeping all our neighbors safe *through the wearing of masks*. It means so much to me, that despite the inconvenience and constant upkeep of maintaining a mask on our faces, that everyone in our buildings *help out with it*. I understand the struggle parents with kids have keeping up with one more thing about coming out to church, but we do have replacement masks at the church doors too if needed. Maybe it's ironic, but kids are more faithful about mask compliance than we adults are! Of course, it is easy to get distracted and forget or accidents do happen too. Recently, a gentleman approached saying he needed a replacement because he had a 'mask malfunction' when his strap broke! Again, we have back up masks for that reason. But again, I am so grateful for the cooperation that everyone offers at our public masses. *Since our county and all of our surrounding counties are now in red zones due to the rampant prevalence of the virus, it is more important than ever to keep expected 'health practices and protections' in public. It's a 'work of mercy' to wear a mask, distance and keep hand hygiene.* We will hear our Savior say soon, "Whatever you do to the least of my brothers and sisters, you do to me."

Thank you for helping out!  
Fr. Brian

**All Souls Day and November Remembrance:** We will be having the candles lit in the sanctuary for our recently deceased parishioners from the parishes. Also, the Books of Remembrance will be out for you to come write the names of deceased family members in it for the special prayers for the departed throughout the month of November. We honor the faithful departed and support them by our prayers. May God give them rest.

**Birthdays & Anniversaries**  
**November 16-22**



**St. Pius X**

November 16-Eastin Devine  
November 16-Mary Jane Haley  
November 16-Wanda Rourke  
November 17-Bob Darst  
November 18-Olga Edwards  
November 18-Ashley Peterson  
November 18-Patricia Schuld  
November 19-Harold Dacus  
November 20-Carter Willett

**St. Anthony of Padua**

November 20-Bill Rodgers  
November 21-Linda Wilkes



**St. Pius X**

November 19-James & Shirley Poat

**St. Anthony of Padua**

No Anniversaries this week

**We are still Live Streaming for anyone at home.** Join us Wednesday evening at 6:00 pm or Sunday morning at 10:00 am on Facebook.

**Thanksgiving**



**Day  
Mass**

**Thursday, November 26**

**St. Pius X**  
**8:00 am**

**St. Anthony of Padua**  
**9:00 am**

**Bring your bread or rolls  
to be blessed**

**Remember in Prayer**

**St. Pius X:** John Bardsley, Kaileigh Row, 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, 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, Forrest Michael Teeters, Mike Block, David Kroll, Cameron Brewer, Stefanie Wilkerson-Barragin, Hugo Santos, Sharon Gibbons, Lori Blades, Wayne Viniard, Braydn Barnett, Ligia Seyller, 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, Imogene Ramey 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  
November 16-22**

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>	<i>Dennis Serias</i>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<i>Onotre Lazatin</i>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>	<i>Michael Malzahn</i>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<i>John Bailey</i>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<i>Kaye Haas</i>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>4:30 pm</b>	<i>Christine Ladasz</i>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	<i>Harold Frizzel</i>

**WEEKLY DONATIONS**

<b>Parish Hall Donation (11/08/20)</b>	<b>180.00</b>
<b>Budget for 2020/2021 Fiscal Year (July 2020-June 2021)</b>	<b>\$ 165,000.00</b>
<b>Donation Need Each Week</b>	<b>\$ 3,173.08</b>
<b>Weekly Donation (11/08/20)</b>	<b>\$ 2,687.00</b>
<b>Online Giving (11/08/20)</b>	<b>\$ 1,135.00</b>
<b>Fiscal Year to Date</b>	<b>\$ 67,212.00</b>

**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 assistance, please call the parish office.

**Marcella's Kitchen Food Collection:**

Brown paper bags and food list can be found in the vestibule of the church. **Please return filled bags to the vestibule by November 15.**

**Suggested non-perishable items to donate:**

canned fruits, meals in a can (ravioli, spaghetti, etc.), boxed meals (Hamburger Helper, etc.), jars of sauce, peanut butter, canned vegetables, canned soups, pasta/rice, beans and canned meat/fish.

Thank you for your generosity!

**Parish Council**

<b>Pam Hurst</b>	<b>Chair Person</b>
<b>Jeff Outland</b>	<b>Building &amp; Ground</b>
<b>Larry Krouse</b>	<b>Secretary</b>
<b>Robert Weekes</b>	<b>Finance</b>
<b>Dawn Whitt</b>	<b>Spiritual Life</b>
<b>Catherine Broks</b>	<b>FFY</b>

**Bereavement Committee**

*Fran Dacus (618)383-4646*

**Other Groups**

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

**St. Anthony of Padua**

**Mass Intentions  
November 16-22**

<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<i>John Armitage</i>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<i>Cyril &amp; Francis Abanes</i>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<i>Willard O'Brien</i>

**WEEKLY DONATIONS**

<b>Budget 2020/2021 Fiscal Year (July 2020-June 2021)</b>	<b>\$ 60,000.00</b>
<b>Donation Need Each Week</b>	<b>\$ 1,153.85</b>
<b>Weekly Donation (11/08/20)</b>	<b>\$ 1,915.00</b>
<b>Fiscal Year to Date</b>	<b>\$ 24,319.00</b>

**Livingston County Helping Hands**

**Thanksgiving & Christmas Food Basket Collection:**

Food donations for the Thanksgiving and Christmas Baskets are being collected. **Non perishable items needed:** corn, green beans, chicken broth, tomato sauce, cranberry sauce, tomatoes, chili beans, pinto beans, mixed vegetables, evaporated milk, sweet potatoes, spaghetti sauce, tuna, Hamburger Helper, Tuna Helper, Spaghetti noodles, great northern beans, sugar, flour, Kool Aid, pancake mix, macaroni and cheese, kids cereal, crackers, cake mix, frosting, tea bags, peanut butter, jelly, pancake syrup, dishwashing liquid, shampoo, toilet paper, laundry detergent and coffee. There is a collection container at the back of the church for your non-perishable items. Thank you for your generosity!

**Livingston County 4-H Christmas Tree Walk:** The Livingston County Extension Office (803 US 60 E Smithland) is hosting a **Christmas Tree Walk** through their building to view all the submitted trees by local groups, families or organizations. The walk through is December 17<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-7:00 pm and visitors can vote for their favorite tree winner -\$1 a vote. The exhibit room is open to the community for viewing regular hours from Dec 1-22. If your group would like to submit a tree (creative themed colorful tree!), set-up day is Nov 19<sup>th</sup>. Contact the Extension office for more details 270-928-2168.

**Parish Council**

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

**Bereavement Committee**

*Pat Gorbett (270)362-3377*

**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 Jamie by 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday. Email: [stpiusx@stpiusx.us](mailto:stpiusx@stpiusx.us)