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OF COVID-19 PANDEMIC

While we miss seeing each other, Let us keep thinking of each other and praying everyday for Everyone's Health and Peace.

Please check out New Readings, Prayers/Devotions Inside
I have placed our Parish Directories by the Tabernacles for Personal Prayer and Remembrance of all Members, Families and Friends
Keep Well and Keep the Faith.

Prayers, Fr. Brian Johnson

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**Parish Council Members
(St. Anthony of Padua)**

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| Roy McFadden | Chair Person |
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OFFICE HOURS

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| Wednesday | 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. |
| Thursday | 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. |



| Days | St. Pius X | St. Anthony |
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| <p>No Public Celebration of Masses Until Further Notice</p> <p>Let us hold one another in prayer especially for the sick, healthcare workers and caregivers. May God strengthen and protect you.</p> | | |

Please see calendar inside for Holy Day times & other changes.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 10, 2020

Dear Parishioners of St. Pius & St. Anthony,

Mayday! May Days are here! But I don't mean it like that; no dire warning (there is enough of that). No, instead this May brings days of celebration (think of Mother's Day, May Crownings, Memorial Day, Graduation Day, and usually the ending feasts of Easter come up in May-Ascension and Pentecost). So we do have a lot to celebrate, though we will be celebrating these days uniquely. But often the most memorable holidays are the unique ones that don't happen the way we figure them to traditionally go. I can recall a Thanksgiving several years back in which the weather had remained so warm that we grilled out steaks, baked potatoes and salad as the menu (you know that made at least one turkey's day). So I pray that these days still allow for special and memorable occasions. I've probably said it already, but people amaze me everyday with what they come up with creatively to make connections with others or to reach out supporting others. Seeing such innovations and crafty ideas gives me confidence that God is working through great and dedicated minds maybe hidden away but so hard at work in some research lab or teaching hospital to break through this awful time of virus suffering and death. Of course, our good part in cooperating with God is to keep faithful ourselves (maybe creatively!) to our daily prayer and being as thoughtful and considerate of others as we can, knowing that nothing is turning out for anyone like we would otherwise want it. So, we do what we can, and wait for better days to come. Again we have to be at least a day closer to this all passing than yesterday, right?

But since I brought up May Day (May 1), for we Catholics, that is the Feast of St Joseph the Worker. I like how St Joseph has two feast days (the other is March 19, St Joseph, husband of Virgin Mary). May 1 recognizes the dignity of Joseph's craft and occupation. The Church uses the feast to honor the dignity of all human work and the fruitfulness of meaningful labor. I looked into the history of folk May Day celebrations and found all kinds of rituals and customs. Some International Worker Movements observe May 1 as a rally day for rights and protections. Some indigenous religions in the past saw May 1 as a celebration of nature and its life and fertility. Every group seemed to have a different reason for calling the day special! They all are festive though and involve celebrating spring work, planting, growth, flowers, food, song and dance. Unique customs abound May Days, too, such as May Poles, May Baskets, or even May Fires. I remember my elementary school playground had a fun piece of equipment called a 'May Pole' that was a huge ring suspended from atop a pole with chains. The metal ring spun around the pole and we kids would grab on for a ride. You could actually swing around so fast if one of the older kids pulled the ring to the center and ran fast around the base, that your feet would fly out swinging you horizontally (to get off you had to let go and fly through the air-how did we not break arms?). But for a lot of other people, May Pole means a decorative pole with banners of cloth streaming down with flowers tied on the ends that children would run around singing spring songs. Or May baskets that were bouquets of fresh cut flowers to share with others. I could easily see the flower bouquet impulse become our May Bonnets, corsages and boutonnieres! What would Mother's Day (or Derby Day) be without Bonnets! But that brings me back to May and us honoring Mothers! Of course, we honor the Blessed Mother Mary (May Crowning Today), but we also recognize and share our thankfulness and devotion to our own mothers who gave us life and 'grew' us up that we might bloom & bear fruit in our life's work! So, to all moms, we thank you and love you! God bless you!

Continue to stay tuned in to our daily refreshed website with new material and reflections. Also, let's keep our regular prayer meetings going, Wednesday nights & Sunday mornings as 'church days'!

- 1) **SUNDAY: LIVE-STREAMED mass at 9:30 am on our St Pius Calvert City Facebook page/channel.**
- 2) ****ALSO, a LIVE-STREAM prayer or teaching Wednesday nights at 5:30 for Rosary Prayer, and 6:00 pm for a Bible Study session with Fr Brian.**

If I or the office can help with something around your home/yard or for a grocery pick-up or drop-off, please call me 270-668-7675 or 395-4727.

Peace and Prayers,
Fr. Brian

May 1 Consecration of Americas under the Patronage of Our Lady of Guadalupe

In trial or difficulty I have recourse to Mother Mary, whose glance alone is enough to dissipate every fear. -St. Thérèse of Lisieux

Please pray in union with the US-Canadian and Mexican Bishops this intercessory prayer asking for relief, strength and comfort during this time of Pandemic Virus. Our Bishops prayed in solidarity Friday May 1, (Feast of St Joseph, the Worker) to consecrate our land and peoples to God's merciful care under the tender watch and nurturance of the Blessed Mother. Keep in mind, too that Pope Francis has asked all Catholics to offer a rosary a day together as a family throughout the month of May.

O Virgin of Guadalupe,

you always shine on our path
as a sign of salvation and of hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,
who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm.

You, who faithfully pray and intercede for your children,

You know what we need,
and we are sure you will provide
so that, as in Cana of Galilee,
we may return to joy and to feasting
after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love,
to conform to the will of the Father
and to do as we are told by Jesus,
who has taken upon himself our sufferings
and carried our sorrows
to lead us, through the cross,
to the joy of the resurrection. Amen.

Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God.
Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are in trial,
but deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin,
keeping us always close to your healing and saving Son, Jesus
in whose name we pray. Amen


FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 10, 2020


ST. PIUS X

| MASS INTENTIONS May 11 th -17 th | |
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| Tuesday | Olga Edwards |
| Wednesday | Loretta Rodney Wheatley Family |
| Thursday | Barb Shipley |
| Friday | Dent & Evelyn Mudd |
| Saturday | Fr. Lucian Hayden |
| Sunday | School Graduates |

All Mass Intentions **must** be turned in to the office 30 days prior to the date you want the Mass celebrated.

| WEEKLY DONATIONS | |
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| Parish Hall Donation (05/03/20) | \$ 315.00 |
| Budget for 2019/2020 Fiscal Year (July 2019-June 2020) | \$ 177,160.00 |
| Donation Need Each Week | \$ 3,406.92 |
| Weekly Donation (05/03/20) | \$ 1,770.00 |
| Online Giving (05/03/20) | \$ 1,260.00 |
| Fiscal Year to Date | \$ 153,080.44 |

 **PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK:** John Bardsley, 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, Derwood & Pat Doyle, 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, Harry Frizzell, Mike Block, Jerry Isaacs and their family and caregivers.

 **FOR OUR MILITARY:** Daniel Burgess, James Griffith, Cory Erickson, Justin Fatum, Jason Huber, James A. Kinsey, Sarah Martindale, Devin McFadden, Ryan M. Fields, Benjamin Patton, Kousuke Sasaki, Noah Willett and Luke Jablonski.


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 May 11 th -17 th | |
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| Wednesday | Monroe Adrian |
| Friday | Barb Cirrito |
| Sunday | Becky Higdon |

All Mass Intentions **must** be turned in to the office 30 days prior to the date you want the Mass celebrated.

| WEEKLY DONATIONS | |
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| Budget 2019/2020 Fiscal Year (July 2019-June 2020) | \$ 72,100.00 |
| Donation Need Each Week | \$ 1,386.54 |
| Weekly Donation (05/03/20) | \$ 1,130.00 |
| Fiscal Year to Date | \$ 59,903.29 |

 **PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK:** Elena Carey, Donna & Jon Gresham, Bill Rodgers, Sister Rosemary, Tom & Margie Sheppard, Bob & Lois Tashjian, Deanna Hayward, Mr. Driskill, Margeret Adams, Pat Gorbett, Ed Derringe, Charles Paulius, Helen Krivan, Betty Gonzalez, Frances Scott, Alice Blazina and their families and caregivers.

 **FOR OUR MILITARY:** 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. 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 home and glory to God, to aid each other, and others, on the journey of salvation and to share the Good News of the Gospel.*

| Weekly Mass Readings | |
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| Monday | Acts 14:5-18; Jn 14:21-26 |
| Tuesday | Acts 14:19-28; Jn 14:27-31a |
| Wednesday | Acts 15:1-6; Jn 15:1-8 |
| Thursday | Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Jn 15:9-17 |
| Friday | Acts 15:22-31; Jn 15:12-17 |
| Saturday | Acts 16:1-10; Jn 15:18-21 |
| Sunday | Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; 1 Pt 3:15-18; Jn 14:15-21 |

Congratulations to our High School Graduates: Seniors Megan Duzmal, Alex Galvan, DJ Massengill, Kate Outland, Case Thomason, and Andrew Wilson. With their families, we are so proud of them and congratulate them on their accomplishments, especially in these unusual times that make for such unique ceremonies and memories. We pray that God continues to bless and guide their future steps in walking with Him into the next stages of their lives under His Plan for them!

Mark your Calendars
The Anniversary of Fr. Brian's Ordination is May 31st.



FROM THE PASTOR

May 10, 2020
Fifth Sunday of Easter
Jn 14:1-12

Dear St. Pius X and St. Anthony Church,

"In my Father's house there are many dwelling places" (John 14:2).

This comforting line from Jesus is offered at many funerals, but it fits a multitude of occasions (fills the space!) so well, because Jesus is saying that 'He has got us-has got this life!' I hear Jesus saying that He has many, many, okay infinite- accommodations (places) to provide for us and to stay with us. The opening line He speaks today about us not being troubled or afraid reinforces this interpretation. He has or IS, the plan (the way). Jesus is assuring and begs us to let Him take away our anxiety and worry. With Him, He will open a way for us, find a place and manage the unique needs and hurts that each of us experiences. Like the Good Shepherd who knows His sheep, Jesus knows that no one of us is like the other, we each are a unique child of God, needing personal approach and accommodation. Like unique, though different, children in a family household. Each child is preciously made and held by God who knows each best inside and out because we all came from His own hand. To me, this whole passage breathes gently, "Comfort, comfort" (Isaiah 40:1). Maybe some time ask me about my "Top Ten Most Comforting Scripture Passages" Sermon. Here today it may lead me to go on and on, on on and on..... But Jesus does hunger to comfort us as He says in Matthew 11:28, "Come to me, all you who labor and are weary and I will give you rest." YES!

Thomas and Philip are like the good students in a classroom who go ahead and ask the question that is on everyone's mind but that no one will ask. This may puzzle us, why the disciples would hold back from asking Jesus as many questions as they could think up, but that is what happened. Mark 9:32 tells us that the disciples "did not understand the saying, and they were afraid to question him". Who could be more patient and eager to give wisdom than Jesus, but they did hold back, except Philip and Thomas! Thomas first asks, "Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?" (Jn 14:5) And this is very close to what Philip was digging into also when asking Jesus, "Master, show us the Father, and that will be enough for us" (Jn 14:8). They want to know the "Way to the Father's House". To them both, Jesus basically answers, "I am the Way, stay with me and you'll see the Father."

This reading brings home to me the mix of emotions, or ambivalence of affection, that amounts to being human: that the human heart and all human feeling and action stemming from it are always multiplicitous. For example, we know but we don't know, or we do something, but aren't sure that it is the right thing at the right time, or we do the right thing and people come apart because of it, or we are just tired (not sure what but we're impelled to do something) and fail through fatigue. It just happens. Welcome to life, huh? I find some of this in today's reading where Jesus accepts and loves Thomas and Philip through their misunderstanding of Him. I pick it up in Jesus' reply that, "Have I been with you for so long a time and you still do not know me, Philip?" (John 14:9). Jesus understands Philip's anxiety, mistrust and weariness and He basically tells Philip "Relax, you know me, rest on this, I will work it all out". And Jesus does sort all of life's pushes and pulls out for us and brings us that peaceful wholeness and 'way of being' that the Father wills for each of us (what He made us for). Two chapters later in John's gospel (deeper into the Last Supper), Jesus reminds His disciples that "I have told you this so that you might have peace in me. In the world you will have trouble, but take courage, I have overcome the world" (Jn 16:33). I will save it for later, but Jesus dips into a little teaching on the mysterious life of the Holy Trinity today by stating His Unity with the Father (their co-equal divinity). We'll have a full opportunity to explore this Triune Life of God on Trinity Sunday to come after Pentecost (be here before you know it!). But Jesus will lead us perfectly into such life and understanding. We only need to trust and stay with Him. He is the 'Way, Truth and Life' (Jn 14:6). He is the Way. Being with Him will show us. Bringing together the vagrancy of our hearts and our desire to enter the peace of the Father's House with Jesus yearning to save/show and love us, Jesus tells us if we can't make it there, He can bring it to us. In John 14:23 He tells us, "Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him." Keep to Jesus the Way, He is our hope and our home.

Peace,
Fr. Brian

Another Saint for a Time of Plague: St. Damien of Molokai

St. Damien of Molokai, was born in rural Tremelo, Belgium, on January 3, 1840. His name was Jozef De Veuster, and he was the youngest of seven children. Growing up on the farm, Jozef attended school until the age of 13 when his help was needed full-time on the family farm. He worked hard for his family until he was old enough to enter the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary. He took the name Damien, after a sixth century martyr.

In 1864, Damien's brother who was also in the same religious order, was sent on mission to Hawaii. But his brother Pamphile became ill, so Br. Damien offered to go in his place. The superiors worried that Br. Damien was too uneducated to become a priest. but, Br. Damien eagerly sought to quickly learn Latin from his brother. Devoted to imitating the saints, he often prayed before an icon of Saint Francis Xavier to be allowed a missionary life. Eventually, the order's leaders agreed to send him to the Hawaiian Islands and prepare him for ordination. Br. Damien arrived in Hawaii in March 1864, and was ordained a priest two months later. For nine years, he worked on the island as a priest serving in daily parish ministry. In 1866, Hawaii established a leper colony on the Kalaupapa Peninsula. Mistakenly believing that leprosy was highly contagious, authorities set up a forced quarantine of leprosy patients. But the residents still needed spiritual and medical care, so Fr. Damien discerned his call to serve them. In 1873, Fr. Damien made the trip to live with the lepers in their colony. Without much village infrastructure, Fr Damien realized the colony needed order and regularity, so he encouraged the residents to build homes, schools and eventually the parish church, St. Philomena (still standing today). The sick cared for one another and a sense of community grew among them. Fr Damien was supposed to only work in the colony for a time and then he was to be replaced by one of three other volunteers for the work. Fr. Damien had grown daily in his devotion to seeing Christ in the sick, and in his work. ***He asked permission to stay in the colony to serve.*** His request was granted. The leper colony became his permanent home and ministry. At some time in his ministry at Molokai, he came down with leprosy, too. Not to give in, Fr Damien continued his pastoral care to the sick as best he could, until his illness took completely over his body. As always, He derived strength from prayer and devotion. Isolated too, he often went to the cemetery, spending personal time praying (rosary & breviary) and reading the lives of saints. His love of the Holy Eucharist never wavered. He wrote that, "It is at the foot of the altar that we find the strength we need in our isolation." Fr. Damien died on April 15, 1889. He was first buried nearby, and then his remains were transferred to Belgium in 1936. He was beatified by St John Paul II in Brussels on June 4, 1995. His sainthood was confirmed on October 11, 2009 by Pope Benedict XVI. His feast day is May 10.

Our Lady of Refuge for Health Care Workers

Lord Jesus, who healed the sick and gave them new life, be with doctors, nurses and all health care workers, as they act as agents of your healing touch. In desperate times, keep them strong yet loving. And when their work is done, be with them in their weariness and in their tears. Amen.

Happy 
Mother's
Day