

St. Pius Tenth Catholic Church

The Church community of St. Pius Tenth hears the call to a deep, personal relationship with God in Jesus Christ. We commit ourselves to living and sharing our Catholic faith guided by the Holy Spirit and expressed in love.



4th Sunday OF EASTER

“I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture.” - Jn 10:9

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Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 2-3, 2020

PARISH STAFF:

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MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday: 5 PM
Sunday: Live Stream Mass: 11:00 AM
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 8:00 AM
Wednesday: 6:00 PM
Holy Day Vigil: 6:00 PM
Holy Day: 8:00 AM and 6:00 PM
Confession: Saturdays at 12-1:00 PM
Adoration: First Friday of the month 9 AM—8 PM
Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 9 AM—4 PM
Friday 9 AM—1 PM
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WORSHIP and PRAYER

Readings for the week of May 3, 2020

Sunday: Acts 2:14a, 36-41/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10

Monday: Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4 [cf. 3a]/Jn 10:11-18

Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 [Ps 117:1a]/Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday: Acts 12:24—13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8 [4]/Jn 12:44-50

Thursday: Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27 [2]/Jn 13:16-20

Friday: Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab [7bc]/Jn 14:1-6

Saturday: Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/Jn 14:7-14

Next Sunday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 [22]/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12

Everyday Stewardship:

Recognizing the Voice of Jesus

When my wireless provider introduced HD Voice, the voice I heard on my phone was unbelievably clear, and it felt at times like both the caller and I were in the same room. I could say it was free, but I suspect I was already paying for it in my monthly bill anyway. At least it felt free.

The clearer the voice calling you, the easier it is to recognize who it is on the other end of the line. In John's Gospel, Jesus speaks of the gatekeeper who opens the gate and calls for his sheep. They respond because they know his voice. Others try to lure the sheep when the gatekeeper is not there, but the sheep find their voices unclear or unfamiliar.

Jesus is our gatekeeper. But unlike receiving something for free from a wireless company, to be able to hear his voice we need to pay attention and practice listening. By developing a stewardship way of life that is mindful and prayerful, we become attuned to his voice and are able to discern when the call is from our Lord and when it is from an imposter. It is great to talk about all the things we can do and all the gifts we can share, but if we are not listening for his call to hear where our offerings are needed, we can end up like a lost sheep searching for the gatekeeper.

St. Vincent DePaul:

Volunteers are available on Tuesday and Thursday mornings 9-11:00 AM.

Question of the Week

First Reading

Luke tells us that Peter often testified: "Save yourself from this corrupt generation." How is this message still applicable today?

Second Reading

Peter asserts that the virtue of patience in one's suffering is a grace from God because Jesus modeled patient suffering. How does the exercise of this spiritual disposition help bring peace of mind?

Gospel Reading

Using the metaphor of sheep and gatekeeper, Jesus teaches his disciples the importance of remaining focused on his voice. Why do you think people are so easily distracted from other voices?

Pray for the Sick: Lois Davis, Axel Fleischmann, Larry Harralson, Jeanetta Mayfield, Alex McGehee Theresa Murphy, Corky and Elaine Norcia, JR Payne, Robert Shrewsbury, Julie S., Ron Tucker, Sharon Warren, Carrie Weaver. **Please call the office to add names.**

Carmel Home: Eugene Head, Audline Johnson, Margaret and Randal Richeson

Hillcrest: Kathleen Clark

Owensboro Center: Cecilia Aud, Peggy Livers

Heritage: Ed Howard

Pray for the Homebound: Arch Bamberger, Tamara Burns, Richard Crowe, Wilford Crowe, Betty Greenwell, Donald & Sylvia Hamilton, Gerald Haynes, Sharon Merkley, Janet Rehrauer, Nathan Rumage, Margaret VanBussum, John Williams

Please Pray for Our Military

Stuart Castlen: Navy, Fort Meade, Maryland

LTJG Patrick Clouse: Navy; Norfolk, VA

Sgt. Jeffery Cooper: Iraq

Kaleb Hedden: Iraq

CPT. Ben Hedges: US Army, Ft. Knox, KY

Sgt. Brandon Johnson: National Guard: Iraq

LTC. Jason Jones: US Army-Deputy Director NATO Italy

Brian A. McDaniel: Marine Corp

Tony Pace: National Guard

MSgt. Kevin Payne: Dyess, AFB Abilene, Texas

Joshua Jones: Army National Guard Greenville, KY

Nathan Jones: Army National Guard Greenville, KY

Cory Vance: US Marines

Scott Wallace: National Guard

Prayer Chain Requests:

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ST. PIUS X LITURGICAL LIFE

Masses Intentions for May 4-10, 2020

Mon.—Keith Storm’s birthday
Tues.—Jonathan Payne
Wed.—Hugh and Theresa Higdon †
Thurs.—Laverne Aud †
Fri. ---Charles Leo Howard †
Sat. — Deron Storm’s birthday
Sun. — Parish Family

Observances for the week of May 3rd, 2020

Sunday: 4th Sunday of Easter; World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Monday: Fourth week of Easter

Tuesday: Cinco de Mayo

Wednesday: Fourth week of Easter

Thursday: National Day of Prayer

Friday: Fourth week of Easter

Saturday: Fourth week of Easter

Next Sunday: 5th Sunday of Easter; Mother’s Day

Live Streaming Sundays at 11 AM from St. Pius X.

The live-streaming Mass on May 10th, Mother’s Day, will include a blessing for all mothers. The Mass will conclude with the Crowning of Mary. Consider a May Crowning at home at the same time. The Rosary will follow on live-stream for anyone that would like to participate. This will take the place of the Living Rosary in May.

The **Forever Young** get-together scheduled for June 4th is cancelled. We hope to see everyone in person soon!

Mardi Gras:

Total receipts	\$26,789.59
Total expenses	5,439.34
Net income	\$21,350.25

Thank you!

Our kind and generous community has gathered together to share their time, monies, talents and resources that they have to help those in need. Because of your donations, we are truly a light shining from the hilltop. Thank you! SPX Staff

THANK YOU to all parish members for your prayers, generosity and turning in your pledge cards! *If you have not turned in a pledge card, please turn them in as soon as possible so we can meet our goal!* If you cannot contribute financially, we ask that you please still return your pledge card and pray for the parish renovation.



I have asked the **Picnic Committee** to consider changing the date of the Picnic in light of the uncertainty created by the pandemic. **The new date for the Picnic is August 8th.** ~Fr. Tom

The **Flower Fund ministry** enhances the church environment throughout the year. Please contribute to replenish the flower fund if you are able. Special envelopes are at the church doors or simply designate “Flower Fund” on checks and envelopes. Thank you for your generosity.

Eternal rest grant **unto Fr. Bruce Fogle’s** (former pastor at St. Pius X) mother, Stella Fogle, who died April 23rd. May she rest in peace.

Congratulations to **John and Kim Boarman** who celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary on May 4th. May God bless you on your special milestone!

The diocese invites all Catholics to engage in **“Easter Lights”** now through May 31, Pentecost Sunday. Homeowners are invited to use the symbol of light on your property as a visible reminder that the light of Christ dispels the darkness of sin and death. Wrap Christmas lights around a door or window or maybe in a door wreath. Put candles in windows. Each night, as you “turn on the lights,” say a prayer for an end to the Pandemic.

Bishop Medley has assigned **Fr. John Paul Mang** as Associate Pastor at St. Pius Tenth. Effective starting date is June 9th pending more information on the coronavirus pandemic.

Deacon Stephen Van Lal Than will be assigned after Priesthood Ordination to Holy Spirit, Bowling Green.

Howdy Buckaroos!

St. Pius X VBS is the week of June 22-26, 2020.

The theme is Avalanche Ranch: ***A Wild Ride Through God’s Word. Yahoo!*** And YOU can help make this happen! **We need an organizer for registration forms.** This person will be trained to check all registration forms for completeness, ensure we have a registration form completed for all volunteer helpers, both adult and youth, and all participants, and organize the registration forms in a manner to be accessed when needed. If you are interested in helping, and have the gifts and talents to complete this, please contact Jeanie Lewis, VBS Director, at (270)314-7738 or lewisfamily2008@bellsouth.net.

ST. PIUS X YOUTH NEWS

Matthew Knight, Youth Minister
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MISSION TRIP INFO

Due to the current situation, we regret to inform you that Mission Missouri for Summer of 2020 is CANCELED. We will have plans to bring back the Mission Trip next summer. This is not a decision we take lightly but there is just no clear indicator that all three states (Kentucky, Tennessee, and Missouri) will be safe enough for us. PLEASE LET YOUR SPONSORS KNOW. They have the option to take the share back or they can still give it as a donation to the Youth Ministry program. Either way is completely acceptable. Once again, we are truly sorry to have to postpone this trip till next summer.

Middle and High School Youth

WEDNESDAY NIGHT, May 6th – Online Praise and Worship from 6:00pm-7:00pm

This is via Instagram Live. We go live around 5:55ish on my Instagram account @matt_knightt (yes that is Knight with 2 “t”s). Both Francis and I love sharing this time with everyone.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, May 7th - Youth Ministry via Zoom – 2pm-3pm

We will have some fun via Zoom this week. The Diocese and Zoom have put some extra precautions in to keep all of us safer online. Please sign up for Remind to get the room number and password. High School text @spxhs11, Middle School text @spxms22, Parents text @spxp33 to 81010. Can't wait to see your smiling faces!

Families in Faith



EASTER CONTINUES

MAY IS FOR MANY CELEBRATIONS

Today was to be THE special day for our 8 children who have prepared to receive JESUS in Holy Communion. Imagine how these young hearts must long to receive the Body & Blood of Jesus. We will have your special celebration as soon as possible when we return to Sunday gatherings. Meanwhile, your sacrifice of waiting is a prayer in union with Jesus' own sacrifice on the Cross. For now, pray the Spiritual Communion prayer with your family.

Also, please keep our candidates for Sacraments, especially our Catechumens, in your daily prayers as they wait, too.

CATECHISTS' ARE AWESOME

Our FIF Catechists have been sending home a lesson for your child/ren each week of April. Thank you to each one of them for taking the time to prepare those lessons while sheltering at home, helping with their own child's school work. Three cheers! Hats off! God bless you!

COME HOME ANYTIME OF YEAR

Thinking about a return to the **Catholic Church**? Call Fr. Tom, our Pastor, or Sr. Suzanne, Director of Faith Formation at 270-684-4745 or 270-993-2557. RCIA is not just for an academic season. It begins when an individual is ready to begin, at whatever point the person wishes to start. **WHEN DID YOU LAST INVITE SOMEONE TO CONSIDER BECOMING A CATHOLIC?**

JESUS RISEN APPEARS TO THEM

"If you are patient when you suffer for doing what is good, this is a grace before God." 1 Peter 2:20b

Pastor's Homily: Good Shepherd Sunday May 3, 2020

“I am the gate.” This 4th Sunday of Easter raises our awareness of Jesus as gate-keeper of the flock, the Church. In John’s Gospel the risen Lord calls himself “gate” before he does “Good Shepherd.”

The concept of shepherd to modern day city dwellers is foreign to many. But it was extremely important to ancient Israel and God.

The sheep gate was the critical opening through which the flock came and went. The gate itself was no physical gate, but the shepherd himself that protected the flock with his courage and staff. The shepherd’s mission was to safeguard the sheep from outside dangers and threats.

A good shepherd would literally lay down at night where a gate would be. He must be willing to “lay down” his life out of love for those under his care. “No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.” (John 15:13)

We have witnessed the example of countless, caring, courageous “good shepherds” since the pandemic began. They are those on the front lines like doctors, nurses and paramedics who care of the sick and dying. They include essential workers like grocery store personnel, pharmacists who fill prescriptions, and many more.

All of us have assumed a larger responsibility as “shepherd” in protecting our families. This signifies that we are following in the footprints of the Good Shepherd. We offer our humble thanks to him for protecting us from illness.

This Easter we turn our gaze towards the eternal gate. Through his death and resurrection we can now safely pass through the gate Jesus has unlocked for us. It was literally the laying down of his life on the cross that opened access to new life.

Jesus taught this lesson primarily to the Pharisees. They did not recognize the Good Shepherd in their midst. They failed to hear his voice. What has changed since then? Whose voice do I pay more attention to; his voice or mine? Where am I going?

Jesus, the gate for your flock, “Come that we might have life and have it more abundantly.”

~Fr. Tom Buckman



	Week of	Year 2019/20
<i>(fiscal year begins in July)</i>	4/26/2020	To Date
Regular Collections	11,670.81	574,542.99
Seminary (Easter)	102.00	
Budgeted	13,900.00	597,700.00
Over/(Short) TOTAL	(2,229.19)	(23,157.01)
Renovation Goal	1,500,000.00	
Pledges Received	1,313,906.62	
Money Received	517,931.20	

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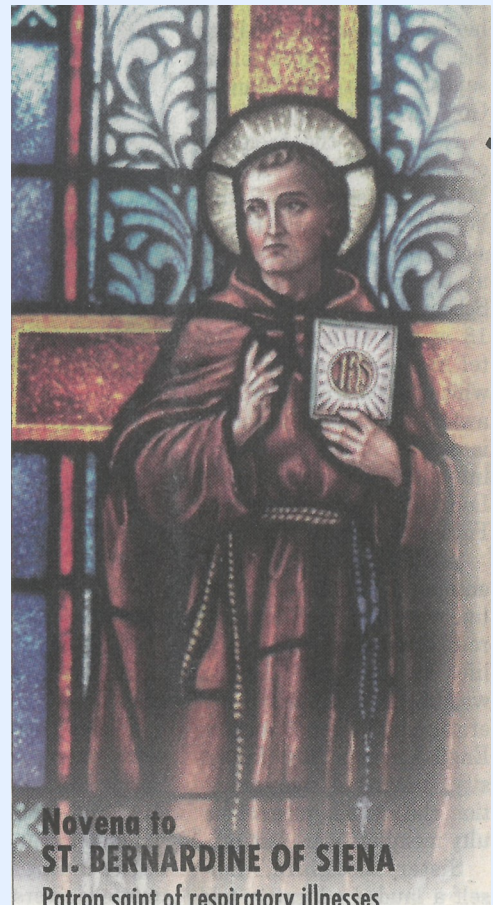
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Pope Francis has granted the gift of special Indulgences to the faithful in the current pandemic.

This includes those suffering from the coronavirus illness, those quarantined, health care workers, family members and others caring for those with coronavirus (exposing themselves to the risk of contagion). Do at least one: Mass through social media, Rosary, Way of the Cross (or other forms of devotion and ALL of the following as soon as possible (Confession, Eucharistic Communion and prayer) for the Pope’s intentions. The faithful not suffering from the coronavirus can also receive the Indulgence by following the conditions mentioned above and do at least one of the following: Visit the Blessed Sacrament, read Holy Scripture for at least half an hour, Rosary, Way of the Cross, Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

Grace marriage @ Home lesson per week for the next month or so. Couples watch an 8-10 minute teaching video and use a downloadable worksheet to apply the principles to their relationship. It takes about 30-45 minutes a week of undistracted time as a couple to go through each lesson.



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St. Bernardine of Siena,

You were healed of respiratory illness and preached the love and mercy of God everywhere you went.

I come to you now, seeking your prayers for *(name of person)*, and all who suffer from illness

Plead their causes in union with Mary, the Mother of God, and seek healing for them if that is God’s holy will.

Pray, dear saint, that they join their afflictions with Jesus’ for the salvation of souls and persevere with hope.

I ask your intercession on their behalf in Jesus’ holy Name.

Amen

Deacon Nick & Donna Nichols

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May, 2020

Dear Fr. Tom, and Our Brothers & Sisters of St. Pius X Catholic Church,
Peace and Blessings from our Lord, Jesus Christ!

As several of you are aware, for family reasons, Donna and I are relocating to the Panhandle area of Florida in early May, and due to the Wuhan virus pandemic, we are unable to plan a more formal 'until we meet again' -- for in the Lord's time we trust we will meet again in this age, or the age to come.

One of the greatest blessings we have as Catholics is that of Christian community built around the Mass -- the source and summit of who we are as Catholics. And St. Pius, as our parish community, has certainly been such a blessing for us.

From the time you embraced as part of this community almost 4 years ago, you have continued to call us to an ever deepening relationship with Our Lord, Jesus Christ, through our collective efforts to live the Gospel -- in season and out, in word and deed.

The older one gets, the more we realize how we need one another on our journey of faith, and are most thankful -- and grateful -- that the Lord placed us here for this part of our journey!

We expect no changes in our phone numbers or email addresses, so do not hesitate to contact us for any reason. And if you are going to be in the Lynn Haven area, let us know so we can try to meet and welcome you as you welcomed us into this community.

Yours in Christ,

Deacon Nick & Donna Nichols