



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.

With the Lord
there is
mercy and
redemption.

PSALM 130



Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 29, 2020

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MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday: 5:00 PM
Sunday: 8:00 AM and 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
Bulletin Deadline: Monday at Noon

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WORSHIP and PRAYER

Everyday Stewardship: Committed

Jim Valvano, the former coach of the NC State men's basketball team words exemplified the best of the human spirit we all share, "Don't give up; you can never give up." Sometimes, living out those words seem much more difficult than saying them.

These words are also important for our faith life. The life Jesus calls us to is not easy. When working toward a life of greater generosity and surrender of all to God, we are prone to fall flat on our face many times. We are not called to this life only when we are strong. It is how we respond when times are the most difficult that truly defines us as disciples and stewards. The world may think we are down for the count, but rising again gives testimony that in Christ we are stronger.

Commitment takes a willingness to do the things needed to get stronger and build our spiritual muscles. We cannot expect to find success in the spiritual life unless we continue to work on our resolve and grow in our knowledge of the faith. A marathon runner would never be able to make it to the finish line unless they have trained and prepared in advance. We must work hard to stay the course and prepare for the race at hand. No matter what this life may have in store for us, we are called to not give up. God will never give up on us.

Readings for the week of March 29, 2020

Sunday: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [7]/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [4ab]/Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21/Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7 [cf. 7]/Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13 [cf. 10d]/Jn 11:45-56

Next Sunday: Mt 21:1-11/Ls 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14—27:66 or 27:11-54

St. Vincent DePaul:

Volunteers are on-call Tuesday and Thursday mornings 9-11:00 AM. Stop in and a volunteer will come to help anyone in need.



Weekly Mass Count

Saturday 5 PM
Sunday 8 AM
Sunday 11 AM

Question of the Week Life Everlasting

Reading I Ezekiel 37:12-14(prophecy or restoration)

Reading II Romans 8:8-11 (the flesh and the Spirit)

Gospel John 11:1-45 (the raising of Lazarus)

Key Passage: Jesus said to Martha, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" (John 11:25-26)

Adult: What are you doing in your life right now to move toward light rather than darkness?

Youth: How can you let the light of your faith in Jesus shine for others to see?

Pray for the Sick: Lois Davis, Axel Fleischmann, Larry Harralson, Jeanetta Mayfield. Theresa Murphy, Corky and Elaine Norcia, JR Payne, Robert Shrewsbury, Simone family, Julie S., Ron Tucker, 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

Fern Terra: Nettie Noel

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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Masses Intentions for Mar. 30—April 5, 2020

8 am—Mon.—Adam Huff birthday
8 am—Tues.—Hugh and Theresa Higdon †
6 pm—Wed.—Charles Leo Howard †
8 am—Fri.—Bob Storm's birthday
5 pm—Sat.—Bernie Mattingly †
8 am—Sun.—Our Parish Family
11am—Sun.—Laura Jane Green †

Observances for the week of March 29, 2020

Sunday: 5th Sunday of Lent **Spring Break**
Monday: Lent **Spring Break**
Tuesday: Lent **Spring Break**
Wednesday: April Fools' Day **Spring Break**
Thursday: St. Francis of Paola, Hermit **Spring Break**
Friday: Lent **Spring Break**
Saturday: St. Isidore, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Spring Break
Next Sunday: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
Spring Break

Perform one of the Corporal Works of Mercy



during Lent to give drink to the thirsty. Take home an empty "Hope" water bottle in the vestibule, fill with loose change or currency and return it before Holy Week. Donations provide filtering systems for cleaning drinking water where there is none. "I thirst". (John 19:28)

With the latest information from the CDC, Bishop Medley has suspended the public celebration of Mass effective immediately and to continue at least through Palm Sunday, April 5, 2020. Before Holy Week a decision will be made regarding future weeks based upon available information at that time. Cancellations include: Vespers, Stations of the Cross, Lenten book studies, Penance service (March 26), Grace Marriage (March 21), Families in Faith. If you or a family member need the Anointing of the Sick in an extreme situation, please contact. Fr. Tom. Let us pray!

EASTER EGG HUNT - CANCELLED

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.



St. Pius X Church is open daily from 8 AM—8 PM.

Stop in and pray before the tabernacle or altar. The Lord be with you!

Sunday Mass (Live-Streaming)

St. Stephen Cathedral at 9 AM www.facebook.com/ststephencathedral/live
Brescia University at 10 AM: <https://www.facebook.com/BresciaUniversity>

Bishop Medley has mandated that Solemn **Exposition and Benediction** NOT be publicly celebrated at this time as this would invite people to assemble. The church is open daily for private adoration and devotion. The sacrament of Reconciliation is encouraged. St. Pius X Saturdays 12-1:00 PM or by appointment.

The **Chrism Mass** is postponed until a later date at St. Stephen Cathedral.

Free tax filing for 2020 has been discontinued for now because of the Bishop's mandate for no meetings. This ministry may be restarted at a later time.

St. Vincent de Paul is in need of replenishing its Food Pantry for the needy. Food donations can be dropped off in the vestibule. Thank you for your generosity!

All Cooking Team cooks cancelled at this time including the Easter Ham and Boston Butt sales.

Most of us have family, friends or neighbors who are likely struggling under our current circumstances as we work our way through the coronavirus. Be proactive! Reach out to them. Pick up food, toiletries, and prescriptions and deliver them to them; get them to medical appointments and the like. If they are shut-ins, keep in touch with them, especially if they are in nursing homes. Be positive with each person, especially those who are fearful. In short communicate hope through your actions -- let them know we are in this together and we will persevere through this testing.

If you identify a need you cannot handle, please advise us soonest of the details so we can pursue additional help. Also, if you are available to help others in these or other ways, advise us so we can pass the word to others. Deacon Nick

Grace Marriage at St. Pius X March 21 Postponed

ST. PIUS X YOUTH NEWS

Matthew Knight, Youth Minister
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All Parents at SPX

FACEBOOK PARENT NETWORK GROUP – With everyone not able to get to the Church for Sunday Mass I wanted to give you all an opportunity to continue the conversation about faith with your children. There is an online Facebook Group that Matt runs and puts different materials to equip you as the first spiritual leaders of our youth. During this time of quarantine Matt will be placing videos, articles, prayer experiences, etc. to help you to bring faith into your homes if you aren't sure exactly how to do it or start the conversation. The Facebook Group also allows other parents to ask questions to help them with different types of issues. This group is open to ANY ST. PIUS X members who have a child newborn to college. You are the first Catechists and the most important in your child's faith; Hope you can take full advantage of this group.

Middle and High School Youth

THIS SUNDAY, March 29th – Online Praise and Worship from 6:00pm-7:00pm

Last week seemed to be a big success. So, Francis and I are going to do another online praise and worship time to help us think a little more on the bright side. This will be an Instagram Live event on Matt's account. Hope you have an opportunity to join us from 6:00pm – 7:00pm.

ZOOM – *During this time of quarantine I do not want to miss out on an opportunity to minister to our youth. There is an app that is 100% safe for your child to download. This is similar to Skype except there is a secure meeting room that I will send to our youth via text (Matt's cell (270)454-0404) that allows for up to 100 people to log on and interactive with the meeting host. These meetings will be recorded for Safe Environment Purpose in order to protect your child. This app will allow me to not only check in and create a space for your child to meet with their friends but will also allow me to continue ministering to your child via videos, lessons, bible studies, etc.*

Families in Faith



*Called to be Missionary Disciples
'We walk with Jesus together.'
Families in Faith*

LENT – COVID 19 OPPORTUNITIES

Remember ASH WEDNESDAY!?

"Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel."

So, how are you doing? Turn away from sin: have you prayed when you are tempted? Fasted so that you might be stronger against temptation? Had an opportunity to receive Reconciliation to ask for forgiveness and to find peace? It's not too late.

SACRED TRIDUUM – APRIL 9-11

Watch your mailbox or this bulletin for information regarding the Holy Week and Easter celebrations while remaining at HOME. Sorry, but there is NO Easter Egg hunt this year.

COME HOME FOR EASTER

We invite you as you read this to pick up the phone and come visit Fr. Tom, our Pastor, or Sr. Suzanne, Director of Faith Formation at

270-684-4745 or 270-993-2557.

LENTEN ALMS: RICE BOWLS

Are you following the annual Rice Bowl calendar tips and suggestions? Did that go the way of lots of other "junk" in your trash? No worries. You can go to www.crs.org and watch the short videos you missed so far these first 3 weeks of Lent. There is so much valuable information and learning there, esp. about other children in other countries. These will be collected during Holy Week if you can bring them to church or later as we resume Sunday Mass.

THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW (Year A)

"(Jesus) Where have you laid him?. Sir, come and see. And Jesus wept. So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him (Lazarus).'"

John 11:34-36

MINISTRIES and EVENTS

Pastor's Homily: 5th Sunday in Lent

We see them all the time at major sporting events. Avid fans flash signs saying "Do you believe?" Others hold John 3:16 signs. The raising of Lazarus raises one main question. Do YOU believe in Jesus? Do you "BELIEVE" in Jesus? Do you TRULY believe in Jesus?

This incredulous happening of bringing Lazarus back to life is found only in John. The Gospel of John is unique. It is a Book of Signs and Wonders. John is highly focused on revealing the divine nature of Jesus more so than his human nature contained in the other Gospels.

Each of John's Gospel heard in Cycle A this Lent share one common theme. Jesus is True God and True Man. The Son of God emptied himself and became one us that we may have new life. Jesus approaches each of us to ask an important question about faith. Do you still trust in Jesus even in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic that is rocking our world?

John's raising of Lazarus is the final visible sign and wonder that Jesus performed before entering Jerusalem that begins Holy Week. Foreshadowed in the restoration of the physical body of Lazarus is the ultimate sign and wonder, the Resurrection of the lifeless body of Jesus and his glorious triumph over sin and death.

All the signs and wonders Jesus performed can never be explained by scientific means. They are mysteries of faith that lie beyond the scope of human reason and logic. Miracles like Jesus changing water into wine or healing the blind man can only be understood through the "eyes of faith". Each one leads us to ask, "Do I believe in JESUS?"

Our gospel reading is more than just a nice Bible story that happened long ago. It is a "slice of life" millions of believer face every day. We walk in the shoes of Lazarus' sisters Martha and Mary every time a crisis shakes our world. We cry out in desperation, "Lord, if you had been here!"

Many may panic or doubt their faith, "Lord, where are you in this COVID-19 crisis?" Faith is our rock during this challenging time. We cling on to faith to weather the dark stormy clouds. We know that the Lord walks with us.

God is performing signs and wonders in new ways. The crisis has forced us to slow down our chaotic life and refocus our priorities. We have more time on our hands than we know what to do with. The wonder may be a new focus on prayer and Scripture. Now we have the time to learn about our faith online or reading about the Saints. The miracle maybe that I am learning what is secondary in life and how I can be happier.

"Lord if you had only been here." At first it appears that Martha and Mary are disappointed that Jesus did not respond as quickly as they would have liked after learning about their dear brother's sickness that ended in death but not without hope.

Jesus responds to Martha's complaint. "I am the Resurrection and the Life. Do you believe this?" Martha replies, "Yes Lord, I know he will rise on the last day".

What do we learn? Martha and Mary are models of faith. Their faith is not a "blind" faith but a "living" faith. They teach us to trust in Jesus even when evidence tells us different. The lesson learned: TRUST IN JESUS.

Now we prepare to walk with Jesus when his faith is tested as well as his follower. The every changing circumstances may dictate changes for Holy Week. If so we still have our faith.

We still believe in Jesus!

~Fr. Tom Buckman

STEWARDSHIP and SERVICE



	Week of	Year 2019/20
<i>(fiscal year begins in July)</i>	3/15/2020	To Date
Regular Collections	4,420.55	511,873.04
Budgeted	13,900.00	528,200.00
Over/(Short) TOTAL	(9,479.45)	(16,326.96)
SVDP	5025.00	
Renovation Goal	1,500,000.00	
Pledges Received	1,290,071.37	
Money Received	479,898.51	

For online giving or from your electronic device:

Web address is: <http://bit.ly/StpxOboro>

or QR code



Prayer for Sick (Virus Protection)

O Mary, 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, Salvation of the Roman people,
 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
 Faith
 And to do as we are told by Jesus,
 Who has taken upon himself our sufferings
 And carried us, through the cross,
 To the joy of the Resurrection.

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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. Amen.

ALTERNATIVE FAMILIES IN FAITH

There are other ways to help your child/ren to grow in faith during this unique time at home. We wanted to share lots of resources for the ages of your child.

FAMILIES TOGETHER IN STUDY AND PRAYER

Especially for our families whose children are registered in FAMILIES IN FAITH

1. Your child's catechist is receiving some key information about the *Alive in Christ* (AIC) series they use during Sunday classes, grades 1-8.

They will soon be sharing the next weekly lessons with you through email.

2. If you do not have an email address, please call the office to let us know. This bulletin column each week will also have some options for you.

3. If you/your child was given some Lenten materials to use at home, please try to locate these and enjoy them together: puzzles, mazes, Lenten vocabulary crosswords, etc. Other materials are still in the vestibule for you to pick-up.

4. At home or at the Church, be sure and help your children pray the *Stations of the Cross* together, kneel in prayer in front of the tabernacle, take a bottle of holy water home and bless each other with it each night at bedtime.

5. Download a free app to expand your resources: ***Laudate, Universalis, the web site of the Diocese (rcdok.org) for live-streamed Mass on Sunday, listen or sign up to receive Bishop Medley's weekly "Around the Diocese message."***

6. Prepare your Facebook live to watch Sunday liturgy as a family in the weeks ahead. Many options, local & national, are available. See www.rcdok.org

7. Stay tuned: more to come next week!

SACRAMENTS AND EVENTS

Vocations: Save the following dates:

April 4, 2020 – Diaconate Ordination of Corey D. Bruns **postponed**

May 23, 2020 – Priestly Ordination of Deacon Stephen Van Lal Than

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Due to the recent announcement from our Bishop, we will not be meeting until after the first week of April. We are working on new dates to do our April Discipleship Night. Please stay tuned to our Instagram page or the Bulletin for more information.

Lenten Book Study on Facebook Live!

Join the Young Adult Ministry for a Facebook Live Lenten Book Study with Fr. Will Thompson and Neena Gaynor. The book is, "No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion," by Dr. Edward Sri.

Monday nights at 7:30 PM beginning on February 24, 2020. Expect live commentary and discussion.

Follow these tips from the World Health Organization to keep yourself safe and help contain the spread of the virus.

1. Wash your hands with soap and water for 20 seconds.
2. Avoid touching your face, eyes, mouth, and nose.
3. Avoid contact with people who are vulnerable; and if you can't, wear a mask.
4. Cover your cough with the bend of your elbow.
5. Disinfect surfaces you regularly use.
6. If you feel unwell, stay at home and call your healthcare provider.
7. Only share information from trusted sources.

Safe Environment:

To report suspected abuse, call the Kentucky Child Protection Hot Line: 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.

WELCOME AND SACRAMENTS:

Membership In Parish

We extend a hearty welcome to all new families or persons in our parish. We want everyone to be part of our faith community and an active member of our vibrant parish life. Please register in the Parish Office.

Marriage

Call the Parish Office at least six months before the proposed date.

Communion to Shut-Ins

Any home-bound parishioner wishing to receive Communion is asked to call the Parish Office.

Baptismal Preparation

The Baptism Formation "Belonging" will be held on the first Tuesday of each month from 6:00-8:00 pm. Parents and Grandparents may attend this 2 hour session before or after the birth of the child. Please call the Office to schedule your session.

RCIA and RCIC

Those aged 7+ or interested in learning more about the Catholic faith please call the Parish Office. Classes are Thursday evening at 6-7:30.

Anointing of the Sick

Anointing of the sick is celebrated twice a year and on First Fridays. Anyone wishing to receive the Sacrament at another time is asked to call the Parish Office.

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