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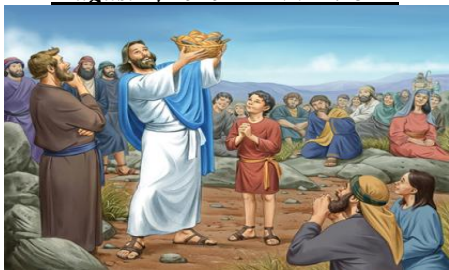
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**Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
August 2, 2020 Mt 14:13-21**



When Jesus heard of the death of John the Baptist, he withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself. The crowds heard of this and followed him on foot from their towns. When he disembarked and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, and he cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples approached him and said, "This is a deserted place and it is already late; dismiss the crowds so that they can go to the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "There is no need for them to go away; give them some food yourselves." But they said to him, "Five loaves and two fish are all we have here." Then he said, "Bring them here to me," and he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, he said the blessing, broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, who in turn gave them to the crowds. They all ate and were satisfied, and they picked up the fragments left over—twelve wicker baskets full. Those who ate were about five thousand men, not counting women and children.

**Observances for the Week of :  
August 3-9**

**Tuesday-Memorial of St. John Vianney**  
**Thursday-Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord**  
**Saturday-Memorial of St. Dominic**  
**Sunday -Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Weekly Mass Readings  
July 27-August 2**

**Monday** Jer 28:1-17; Mt 24:22-36  
**Tuesday** Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Mt 15:21-28  
**Wednesday** Jer 31:1-7; Jn 11:19-27  
**Thursday** Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mt 17:1-9  
**Friday** Na 2:1, 3, 3:1-3 & 6-7; Mt 16:24-28  
**Saturday** Hb 1:12-2:4; Mt 17:14-20  
**Sunday** 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a; Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33

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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

*Eucharist Adoration-First Friday of each month-  
9:00 am*

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# FROM THE PASTOR

A Message From Fr. Brian Johnson

**August 2, 2020 Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mt 14:13-21**

Dear St. Pius X and St. Anthony Church,

How do you handle bad news? To answer this question we don't have to think too hard, because we receive such tests every day! With every news report, society delivers us something potentially discouraging or depressing again. But after such reports, how do we respond? What is our reaction after hearing bad news? Do we add to the negativity by our own reaction? Or do we counter it by offering a positive response? Our Good Shepherd Jesus models a positive and constructive response when he hears the tragic news of John the Baptist's death. Keep in mind that John didn't die by some snakebite in the desert or from a fall off a cliff. He was cruelly beheaded at King Herod's command, because of petty jealousy and threats to his political power. So, Jesus takes a moment to pray in a solitary place, and then turns toward others (disciples and crowds) to relieve and meet their great needs. Matthew 14:14 says Jesus "saw the vast crowd, **and His heart was moved**.....and he cured their sick." Jesus introduces a helpful therapy for dealing with personal grief. We are not alone in suffering. All we have to do is take a moment to pray and then turn toward others to help. We will easily find others that are in pain, too. There is a saying, "Need a friend? Then be a friend!" Behind a lot of grief is that feeling of helplessness we experience after a tragedy strikes. While we are genuinely helpless to unwind or undo what is past, we can act in the present to remedy the current hurt or assist at this moment in rebuilding with other people. When we reach out compassionately to help another person, our own burden of grief is lessened. Hearing how Jesus' learning of John's death, and then turning to heal the crowds in the gospel, that shows me a redemptive response to human suffering. Recently, I ran across a University Wisconsin study (Frontiers in Psychology May 2018) that showed that with the practice of 'compassion meditation' (what we call 'prayer'), then levels of emotional reactivity like anxiety/depression are lowered. In today's reading, Jesus took up this practice of prayer following the news of John's execution. But also, our experience shows that after a tragedy, the most resilient people are the ones that practice volunteer service and social work for others. Jesus certainly did this too, by healing and feeding the crowds in the gospel. What a splendid solution to sad news is in the plan to get out of one's own suffering by helping lift someone else's burdens. I think of so many natural disaster scenes after a hurricane or tornado, when neighbors help neighbors, even though their own homes are damaged or destroyed. We see everyday heroes in our own neighborhoods when tragedy afflicts people themselves, but they choose to focus upon helping someone else and turn toward their neighbors, instead of just dwelling on their own plight.

What a Good Shepherd we have in Jesus who seeks to alleviate our suffering by intervening Himself to comfort us and to give us a virtuous example of bearing suffering nobly. In the gospel, Jesus withdrew to decompress and process the bad news, and then got busy healing, feeding and bringing peace again to the community. Jesus teaches us how to redeem the bad things that inevitably happen in life. Just as Hebrews 5:8 tells us that "Son though he was, Jesus learned obedience from what he suffered". Jesus models compassion toward others as the solution to human hardships. We can find such positive responses to human suffering from other writers and philosophers over the years, too, like the ancient Greeks and Romans. We can read where the Greek author Aeschylus writes in his play 'The Oresteia' that "Wisdom comes through suffering" (line 178). Also, the Roman poet Ovid, wrote in Amores, "Be patient and strong. **Someday this pain will be useful!**" (Book III, Elegy XI). And back to our Christian revelation, we can find that St Paul exhorts us that as disciples of Jesus we are to "Bear our share of hardship for the gospel!" (2 Timothy 1:8). So we keep the faith, and we keep by Jesus!

Peace and Prayers, Fr. Brian

## Another Saint in a Time of Plague: Our Lady of Monte Cassino, St. Meinrad (1870's)

As I have been reflecting upon different Saints who have been invoked as 'prayer intercessors' during times of plague, it made me remember that when I was in St. Meinrad Seminary, stories were told of a little pilgrimage site on their grounds dedicated to the Blessed Mother that played a role in bringing peace and protection during an outbreak of smallpox in community. (*The official notes can be read straight from the Monastery's website:*

<https://www.saintmeinrad.org/the-monastery/monte-cassino-shrine/> ). The shrine's location about a mile northeast out of the monastery on a hilltop was a popular area of recreation or solitary prayer for monks and seminarians. It was named Monte Cassino (the name of 1st house established by St Benedict in Italy). In 1857, a monk and some students carved a niche in an oak tree and affixed a sacred image of the Immaculate Conception to it, making an out of the way prayer spot. Over time, the town's residents, local farmers or passersby began to stop and pray for the Blessed Mother's intercession also. Around 1866, the first rector of the seminary, Fr. Isidor Hobi, OSB, determined that a more suitable, or more permanent prayer shelter should be built. A 12'x14' frame building was put together about 150 feet west of the currently standing chapel. The simple image of the Immaculate Conception remained in the new shelter. A year later, following discovery of construction grade sandstone in the hill for the building of the monastery and school buildings, some stone was set aside for the construction of a permanent chapel at monte Cassino. The design of the chapel was based on an early shrine of Our Lady at Einsiedeln, the motherhouse of Saint Meinrad Archabbey. The sanctuary was built and dedicated on May 1, 1870. A wooden statue of the Blessed Virgin and Child, carved by hand in Switzerland, was blessed and installed. It remains there today above the altar. The chapel's dedication and recognition fostered its wider devotion and use by the community and visitor pilgrims. Which brings us to the chapel's relevance for today's Covid Pandemic. It turns out that an epidemic of smallpox threatened the southern Indiana area in the winter of 1871. The monastery and community sought the prayer and intercession of Our Lady of Monte Cassino. A first case of smallpox was diagnosed around Christmas of 1871. Several people in the town died and through the holiday period and the beginning of New Year, four persons became infected at Saint Meinrad. As more cases of the disease were discovered, the worst was feared. On January 5, all of the seminarians who could walk made a pilgrimage to Monte Cassino. A votive Mass was offered (as well as devotional litanies and personal rosaries too, I'm sure). A 2nd pilgrimage was made on the last day of the novena (January 13). At its beginning, through the novena and afterward, not anymore cases of smallpox were reported. As an annual offering of thanksgiving and as an act of devotion to our Lady of Monte Cassino, Saint Meinrad students make a pilgrimage to Monte Cassino as close as possible to January 13. Over the years, other reports of intercessory healings have been credited to Our Lady. A pilgrimage to Monte Cassino is certainly worth the increase of grace and trust in the prayer of our Lady, Queen of the Saints. Of course, Pope Francis back in April 2020, dedicated our efforts at being preserved from Covid's ravaging health effects and death, by invoking Mary, the Help of Christians with this prayer: 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 all 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 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. 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, Pray for us!

**FINANCIAL UPDATE:** Dear Parishioners and Friends, I know I mentioned it last week too, but I wanted to just say again how much I appreciate everyone who has been able to continue offering support to the parishes with monthly or weekly tithes and contributions. I know that COVID has introduced a lot of uncertainty to everyone's home and family budgets. And we do not know how long the Pandemic will continue. But, God will provide the way through, and we want to do the best we can to plan ahead, conserve and trim where and what we can to manage through these days. *Again, I am so grateful for parishioners and friends who have faithfully continued to be able to contribute to the parishes. Every gift helps, and I know every gift amounts to a sacrifice. I have posted on the bulletin boards at each church the 2019-2020 yearly financial report and the 2020-2021 budget for the new year. You can access them on the website, too by the bulletins archive.*

So, let's keep hope in God's providence through these times, praying first of all for the sick and those suffering physically from COVID. But we also pray for their families and caregivers to be strengthened to cope and manage through this social crisis. And again, I pray in thanksgiving for those who are able to continue offering support to the parishes. I thank God for you and your help. Peace and Prayers, Fr. Brian Johnson

**Mt. St. Joseph Ursulines Fall Raffle 2020:** The Mount Raffle has been a tradition for 50 years! You can now buy your tickets for the 2020 Mount Saint Joseph Raffle! The proceeds support the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph, especially those who are retired. The next Mount Raffle is Sept. 13, 2020! Tickets are just \$5 a piece, with the top prize \$10,000! The second place winner receives \$3,500. The rest of the prizes are a handmade quilt worth \$1,000, and cash prizes of \$1,000, \$500, \$250 and \$100. Please see the bulletin board sign or the ticket order cards on it to buy your tickets. It can be done online <https://ursulinesmsj.org/mountraffle> or through the mail by making your check to the Ursuline Sisters, and send to "Mount Raffle 8001 Cummings Rd Maple Mount, KY 42356. Sr Michael Marie and the Ursulines thank you for your support of their ministries!

### **Birthdays & Anniversaries**

**August 3-9**



#### **St. Pius X**

August 3-Nancy Glover

August 5-Judy Riter

August 6-David Spencer

August 6-Suzette Whittington

August 7-Dominic Schiaretti

August 8-Jan Waniel

#### **St. Anthony of Padua**

August 4-Kevin Diamond

August 9-Shara Parish



#### **St. Pius X**

August 7-Leon & Penny Hobbs

#### **St. Anthony of Padua**

August 3-David & Ginny Reed

August 9-Darin & Lisa Adrian

**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. Again, **Face coverings and distancing are required, and we maintain the regular sanitizing of surfaces**

#### **Daily Mass Schedule.**

Tuesday -6:00 pm(St. Pius X)

Wednesday -8:00am (St. Pius X), 9:00 am(St. Anthony)  
and Wednesday 6:00 pm again (St. Pius X)

Thursday- 8:00 am(St. Pius X)

Friday- 8:00 am (St. Pius X) and 9:00 am (St. Anthony)

Saturday- 4:30 pm (St. Pius X) and 6:00 pm (St. Anthony)

Sunday 8:00 am (St. Anthony) and 10:00 am (St. Pius X)

**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.

#### **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, Nolan Zaim & friends 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,

**St. Pius X**

**Mass Intentions  
August 3-9**

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>	<i>Elizabeth Solis &amp; James Philips</i>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<i>Harold Dacus</i>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>	<i>Shirley Henderson</i>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<i>John &amp; Sue Mudd</i>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<i>Olga Edwards</i>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>4:30 pm</b>	<i>Robert Bennett</i>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	<i>Jared Wheatley</i>

**WEEKLY DONATIONS**

<b>Total for Fiscal Year 2019-2020</b>	<b>\$ 179,167.27</b>
<b>Parish Hall Donation (07/26/20)</b>	<b>\$ 427.00</b>
<b>Budget for 2020/2021 Fiscal Year</b> (July 2020-June 2021)	<b>\$ TBA</b>
<b>Donation Need Each Week</b>	<b>\$ TBA</b>
<b>Weekly Donation (07/26/20)</b>	<b>\$ 2,085.00</b>
<b>Online Giving (07/26/20)</b>	<b>\$ 833.00</b>
<b>Fiscal Year to Date</b>	<b>\$ 12,954.00</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.

**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.

**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. 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  
August 3-9**

<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<i>Special Intention-Thanksgiving</i>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<i>Landon Kasey</i>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>	<i>David Mudd</i>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<i>Vince Friedman</i>

**WEEKLY DONATIONS**

<b>Total for Fiscal Year 2019-2020</b>	<b>\$ 69,204.29</b>
<b>Budget 2020/2021 Fiscal Year</b> (July 2020-June 2021)	<b>\$ TBA</b>
<b>Donation Need Each Week</b>	<b>\$ TBA</b>
<b>Weekly Donation (07/26/20)</b>	<b>\$ 760.00</b>
<b>Fiscal Year to Date</b>	<b>\$ 4,327.00</b>

*Livingston County Middle School  
School Supply Drive*

**Classroom Items Needed:**

- **3-Subject Notebooks**
- **Pencils (#2)**
- **Pencil cap erasers**
- **Loose Leaf Paper**

*For more information, please contact Jamie or Nick Zaim*

**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>Bob Lehky</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**

*Helen Krivan (270) 559-7586  
Pat Gorbett (270)362-3377*

**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:** 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)