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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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OFFICE HOURS

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



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

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

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER/DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
APRIL 19, 2020

Dear Parishioners of St. Pius & St. Anthony,

Happy Divine Mercy! How are we all doing? I pray every day for you, our members and families that everyone out there is keeping well and safe in these 'sheltering at home' days. I pray for all those who are sick with the virus and feel alone separated from loved ones out of safety. I pray for them to know the Lord, their healer and peace, is by their side. And may their families soon be back safely by their bedside too. I pray for all families anxious over tightened and short home budgets and pray for their peace of mind and economic security. Also, I hold in great admiration all of the 'essential workers' who are out and about, serving and keeping the *infrastructure of our society held up* and functioning. They are the good bones of this house of society and community that we all live under. I am profoundly appreciative of them. We have much to pray for in terms of protective grace, but we still do also in terms of thanksgiving for blessings received. Let's keep praying and serving as best we can our neighbors through words and acts of blessing towards them.

I want to thank everyone for the beautiful cards and notes, kind calls and birthday wishes. It was overwhelming, and I thank God for the generous and thoughtful hearts that sent birthday greetings, especially in this disorienting time. Do you find it hard to keep straight what exact day of the week it is? Is today another Wednesday, or Saturday again already? Oops, did April 15th pass already this week? But again, I am so thankful for the notes and cards. I offer so many prayers of thanks in return. Thank-you!

Please continue to check out our daily refreshed website with new material, prayers and reflections. Also, let's keep our regular prayer meetings going. This coming Wednesday we are going to try something new! Let's keep Wednesday nights & Sunday mornings in our routines as 'church days'!

- 1) **SUNDAY: LIVE-STREAMED mass at 9:30 am on our St Pius Calvert City Facebook page/channel.**
- 2) ****ALSO, starting this Wednesday night (April 22) at 6:30 pm we will be doing a LIVE-STREAM prayer in church and then move to one of the FFY classrooms for a 25-minute lesson!**

I am so grateful for all of the helpers in the church who are doing daily checks or tasks for other neighbors or members. This practical Christianity which is seen in our corporal/spiritual works of mercy is the most genuine witness to our faith! **If I or the office can help with some kind of grocery pick-up or drop-off or home need, please call me 270-668-7675 or 395-4727.**

Peace and Prayers,
Fr. Brian

Calling all Catholics in the Diocese of Owensboro:

In these dark days, we invite all Catholics of Western Kentucky to engage in a project meant to communicate faith and hope to our neighbors and be a sign of encouragement and to all who are suffering. Shine Christ's Light! Beginning at 8:00 PM on April 11, Holy Saturday, and through May 31, Pentecost Sunday, use the symbol of light as an outward sign in some way on your property as a witness to all of the prayers burning in our hearts and as a reminder that the light has come into our world and has conquered even death.

Bring out the Christmas lights you have stored away. Wrap a strand around a door or window, visible to all who pass. Place a flower wreath on a door and weave through it a strand of light. Two strands of lights can be used to form a cross on a garage door. Strings of light can be woven through bushes, or even a small tree. The candles you put in your windows at Christmas can be placed there once again. Be creative!

Each night, as you "turn on the lights", you might also light a candle and say a prayer to the one "who sheds his peaceful light on all humanity" (the Exsultet from the Easter Vigil) for an end to the pandemic. Let's unite with one another in prayer this Easter season and remind one another and our neighbors that we are never beyond the reach of God. Let's light up the world! Share your pictures on social media and use the hashtag: #EasterLightsKY

Prayer for the Sick

Jesus, our Healer, You traveled through towns and villages curing every disease and illness among the people. Come to our aid now in this health crisis so that we may know your healing love. Heal those who are sick: may they regain their health and strength. Heal us from our fear, which prevents us from helping one another. Heal us from our pride, that may keep us from trusting and turning to you.

Bless health care professionals with strength and compassion as they selflessly respond to our needs. We make this prayer in your strong and holy name, Jesus, who with the Father and Spirit, live and reign for ever and ever. Amen

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER/DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY


APRIL 19, 2020

ST. PIUS X


MASS INTENTIONS April 20 th -26 th	
Tuesday	Danissa Lewis
Wednesday	Leo Mudd
Thursday	Shirley Henderson
Friday	Forsythe Family
Saturday	Arthur Francis Tashjian
Sunday	Barbara Cirrito

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

WEEKLY DONATIONS	
Parish Hall Donation (04/12/20)	\$ 160.00
Budget for 2019/2020 Fiscal Year (July 2019-June 2020)	\$ 177, 160.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 3, 406.92
Weekly Donation (04/12/20)	\$ 1, 010.00
Online Giving (04/12/20)	\$ 995.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 144, 665.44



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, LaRece Hurst, 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, JoAnne Carter, 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, Rvan M. Fields, Benjamin Patton, Kousuke Sasaki, Noah


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.*

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MASS INTENTIONS April 20 th -26 th	
Wednesday	Becky Higdon
Friday	Kathy Lehky
Sunday	Harvey & Genevieve Wilkes

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WEEKLY DONATIONS	
Budget 2019/2020 Fiscal Year (July 2019-June 2020)	\$ 72,100.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 1,386.54
Weekly Donation (04/12/20)	\$ 1, 210.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 57, 153.29



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	
Monday	Acts 4:23-31; Jn 3:1-8
Tuesday	Acts 4:32-37; Jn 3:7b-15
Wednesday	Acts 5:17-26; Jn 3:16-21
Thursday	Acts 5:27-33; Jn 3:31-36
Friday	Acts 5:34-42; Jn 6:1-15
Saturday	1 Pt 5:5b-14; Mk 16:15-20
Sunday	Acts 2:14, 22-33; 1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35

Sympathy: Please pray for the eternal rest of Fred Leatherman, who was buried last week at Mt Carmel Cemetery. Please pray for his wife, Judy, and children, Derek and Sarah, and their families. May God console them in their time of grief.

- Church Projects Corner:** If an individual or Family would like to help a neighbor or friend, here are a couple of specific ideas:
- Cards to Nursing Home Residents: If you would like to send cards to our Nursing Home Parishioners and Friends of the Parish, please let Fr Brian know 270-668-7675 or email Brian.Johnson@pastoral.org and he will send you names and addresses. Could be as simple as homemade cards and crayon-colored pictures with the residents' name and greeting on it!
 - The St Pius Mary's Grotto between church & Office might need bushes trimmed and beds weeded in preparation for Mary Crowning. Also, the Mary Garden beside St Anthony, Grand Rivers Rectory. Both could be nice solitary outside jobs!
 - **Do you have more ideas?** Please share them. Help be creative and come up with other community safe -socially distanced projects to work on for us to suggest and circulate as thoughtful service projects to uplift others! Suggest them and we'll publicize them!

April 19, 2020
Divine Mercy Sunday
Jn 20:19-31

Dear St. Pius X and St. Anthony Church,

Happy Easter, still! It is the *season of resurrection* for another six weeks! The second Sunday of Easter was designated an additional Feast in the church calendar by St John Paul II to be called Divine Mercy Sunday. He shared with his fellow Polish citizen St Faustina Kowalski a deep devotion to Divine Mercy, so in addition to canonizing her, he also dedicated this day to the Mercy of God. Of course, this outpouring of Mercy began on Good Friday when Jesus' side was pierced making blood and water flow out, to mark the birth of our being washed of sin and transfused by Christ' blood. His passion is our redemption! There are too many passages of scripture that depict God's Steadfast Mercy to quote all, but we see the *pre-eminent one in today's gospel*. The pain and suffering of terrible abuse is still felt & shown in Jesus' body, as he appears to the apostles. In this first time without Thomas present, (and then following in the 2nd time when he returns for Thomas), the first word from His lips is "Peace!". Peace, is His word. Jesus gives us peace, not a dressing down or scolding. He doesn't say, 'Have you got it coming, now', nor does He say 'Do you know what you put me through?'. Nothing condemnatory at all comes from His mouth, but simply 'PEACE!' That is a compassionate Savior who embodies faithful forgiveness. And thanks be to God for Him! What a dramatic return! Did we know just how patient a Savior we had? Imagine that even when Jesus accomplishes such a 'returning entrance' appearing to the apostles, they weren't all there! So, our patient Savior has to appear again making a 'call-back'. A week later (now all there) Jesus patiently repeats His Gift of Peace and the presentation of His resurrected Self to them.

Jesus comes through (literally the locked door!) again to provide not only the demonstration of His really resurrected body as a vindication of God's authority even over death now. But, Jesus also *appears* to reconstitute the previously divided and scattered apostles. Following Jesus' rising from the dead (and His later ascension in glory to the Father), the apostles will be shifting into 'holy drive' to take up, full-on, the mission of the Kingdom animated by the Holy Spirit given at Pentecost. But not to get too far ahead of this story, we do see the first portion of that Gift of God's spirit today. Jesus gives 1) 'peace', 2) the breath of the Holy Spirit and 3) the commission to liberate those bound in sin and to bind up with grace the broken ones who are wandering lost without an anchoring faith (John 20:21-23).

Thomas is such an interesting character. Sometimes we all have different reactions to scripture readings, or they stir particular memories or different emotions in each of us. I encourage you to read this account slowly, noting details and ask why those details are significant. A big question I have is that 'Since Thomas wasn't with the others, *where exactly was he* and *what was he doing wherever he was*?' It wouldn't seem to be the best time right after Jesus' traumatic torture and death, to be out in the city wandering around alone. Some have suggested that Thomas was Judas' one-time partner in the 'buddy system' established by Jesus (sent them out 2x2- Mark 6:7) Yet, 'Inquiring minds want to know!' Maybe the journalist or scientist part in Thomas wanted to explore and find out things for himself. Maybe he was out *scouting* the Jerusalem streets to find out if the authorities had further ideas on *handling* the rest of Jesus' group. But regardless, *Jesus always meets us where we are*. Though Thomas had set the 'believing' bar high, by demanding to touch and probe the physical wounds of Jesus, in fact, Thomas ends up believing without touching Jesus. The mere appearance of Jesus and His spoken invitation to Thomas leads Thomas to deep belief. The scripture does not say anything about Thomas actually following through with a forensic exam of Jesus lacerated body. And Thomas, among all the apostles, gives the most definitive and declarative identification of Jesus as Divine Messiah, when he states "*My Lord and My God*" (John 20:28). Peter had come close earlier calling Jesus, "the Messiah, the Son of the living God" (Matthew 16:16). Yet Thomas' confession goes further identifying Jesus as true living God, 'God from God-Light from Light', as we profess in the Nicene Creed every Sunday. Also, I hope everyone is aware of the older tradition of prayer and worship offered at the consecration of Mass that was taught through the Baltimore Catechism lessons given by our teaching sisters. This acclamation 'My Lord and My God' is to be offered as an internal heart prayer at every mass during the consecration as the host and chalice are elevated, the very presence of Christ in Body & Blood. That is a recognition, like Thomas', that we see and encounter the very flesh and blood of Jesus' presence. He is really alive and really present in the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist that He initiated at the Last Supper! I love how Jesus notes that only a few people (out of how many believing Christians over how many years from His ascension until now), only a few will experience/see Him walking around after his resurrection until His Ascension to the Father's glory. So He adds this commendation to believers who do not demand physical, touching proof. Jesus says in John 20:29 "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." That includes all of us on this side of history after His resurrection/ascension. So in faith, and by His inviting word, Jesus comes to us in the weekly celebrating of His sacramental presence. We will hear some wonderful readings about Jesus appearing in the 'breaking of the bread' from Luke's gospel in this Easter season (Luke 24:35). What a gift the Holy Eucharist is! I still keep hearing what Jesus said back on Holy Thursday, too, "If you understand this, blessed are you if you do it" (John 13: 17).

Peace,
Fr. Brian

Another Saint for a Time of Plague:
Saint Sebastian (c. AD 256 – 288)

St. Sebastian was an early Christian saint and martyr, who served in Roman military and government, until being discovered a 'covert Christian'. He is claimed to have suffered 'two martyrdoms'! According to an account reportedly recorded by St Ambrose, Sebastian was killed during the Roman emperor Diocletian's persecution of Christians. He was initially tied to a post and shot full with arrows as target practice for the archers, and left dead to be buried. He was rescued and healed by Saint Irene (a widow of another Roman Christian Sebastian had helped save but was eventually martyred). After St. Sebastian recovered, he went to the palace and knowing the emperor's movements, he waited by a staircase that the Emperor Diocletian frequented. He shouted warnings for him to repent of his unjust rule and sins, and though surprised, the Emperor then had Sebastian beaten to death with clubs and thrown into the sewer.

Though little is known of his childhood and family, in 283, Sebastian entered the army in Rome under Emperor Carinus *to assist the Christian martyrs*. Because of his courage he became one of the captains of the Praetorian Guards under Diocletian and Maximian, who were unaware that he was a Christian. Sebastian witnessed prudently to others serving in the Roman government and gave hope and strengthened all of the Christians jailed and persecuted in the penal system. He was known to convert many in his interactions through personal testimony. He once even inspired a jailer and other guards to release Christians from prison and encouraging them to flee to the mountains, repenting for their crimes against humanity. Yet, eventually, Diocletian discovered Sebastian's Christian faith and work, and declared that he be executed in 288.

St. Sebastian's association with divine interventions during times of plague stemmed from his care/treatment of prisoners who may have suffered cycles of disease in the poor, unsanitary conditions of Roman jails. Also, throughout the middle ages, he was frequently invoked for prayer/protection during episodic bouts of plague in Europe. His intercession was often credited in the recovery and survival of victims to plague. Seeing statue representations of St Sebastian and his many arrow wounds that appeared to fester, this sight cemented his connection to those suffering from the bubonic plague of the 1300's. The arrow gashes reminded everyone of the terrible bubonic patch skin wounds. Many found strength and comfort in his prayer and intercession. His own blessed ability to rebound from destruction (underground trials and two martyrdoms) gave great hope to sufferers of the plague. St Sebastian is known as the patron saint of soldiers and athletes, and of those who are persecuted and faithfully persevere. St. Sebastian, pray for us!

The Litany Prayer of St. Sebastian

Lord, have mercy on us! Christ, have mercy on us! Lord, have mercy on us!

Holy Trinity, one God, have mercy on us!

Holy Mary, Queen of Martyrs, Pray for us.

Saint Sebastian, Pray for us.

Invincible Martyr, Pray for us.

Glorious warrior and martyr of Christ, Pray for us.

Patron and mirror of Christian soldiers, Pray for us.

Despiser of the world, Pray for us.

Comforter of the dying, Pray for us.

Consoler of the afflicted, Pray for us.

Saint Sebastian, perfect in virtue and wisdom, Pray for us.

St. Sebastian, servant of God and of his brothers and sisters, Pray for us.

St. Sebastian, who fortified those wavering in their faith, Pray for us.

St. Sebastian, who encouraged the doubting to persevere to the end, Pray for us.

St. Sebastian, who, inflamed with love of God, who withstood pains inflicted by a tyrant, Pray for us.

St. Sebastian, instructed by the holy Angels, Pray for us.

St. Sebastian, who for defending the truth was wounded by arrows, Pray for us.

St. Sebastian, who was put to death with clubs, Pray for us.

St. Sebastian, who was crowned with eternal glory, Pray for us.

St. Sebastian, endowed with power from God to avert pestilence and contagious diseases, Pray for us.

Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world: Spare us, O Lord!

Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world: Graciously hear us, O Lord!

Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

Let us pray: St. Sebastian, once a commander in a Roman court, You chose to be also a soldier of Christ and dared to spread faith in the King of Kings, for which you were condemned to die. Your body, however, proved miraculously strong and the executing arrows extremely weak. So another means to kill you was chosen and you gave your life to the Lord. May you intercede for those who are weakened from the effects of disease. May their bodies be miraculously strengthened physically and spiritually, as was yours through the grace and mercy of Christ. Bless us and keep us safe in this time of history, suffering a virus plague. May we be always as strong in our faith as you so clearly have been. Amen.

Merciful Father, may the glorious intercession of Your blessed martyr Saint Sebastian be our protection. Bless us and keep us safe in this time of history, suffering a virus plague. Grant all that we humbly ask for, in these days of prayer, according to your will, through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son, Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.