

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 26, 2020



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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.

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Dear Parishioners of St. Pius & St. Anthony,

I sure do miss seeing everyone around church. I think of you all the time and look forward to the day we can safely gather again to visit and celebrate mass together in person. It is my daily prayer (some days an hourly prayer) that everyone is coping well and patiently bearing these unique weeks or months. I hear people say a lot that we're running out of words to use when describing these times we are living in, (what is New-Normal, unprecedented, strange, unusual, weird, uncertain, novel, unheard-of, uncharted, unwritten, still-being-studied, unparalleled, changed, never the same, then back to New-Normal again). Maybe leading up to this past January, we have longed or hoped to live in exciting times (historic or epic). Well, we have it! I pray we live up to it. I have mentioned to people that this is a great time to keep a journal, especially as more and more new experiences surface, as a diary or record to pass on to your grandchildren. I know when I was a kid, I would hear people say things in Owensboro about the 1937 flood (things like farmers moving their cattle on barges to get them to higher ground or fishing off their front porches). However, I never heard anybody say anything about living through the 1918 Spanish Flu (too far back in history). I think we all could write a book about our days when this all passes. Your journal will be your primary notes. However, to be realistic, if I wrote such a thing, I have to wonder who may ever read it, since I confess I have not prior to now read any works on the 1918 pandemic. But, such daily journaling, may be an excellent spiritual and emotional tool to help process and keep sane about today's experiences. Writing and getting them down on paper is some measure of personal control and organization in an otherwise out of control or chaotic situation! Like journaling, it helps clear or straighten our thoughts/feelings to write them out, look at them on paper and then to objectively re-read them. Speaking of confession, I did pretty good job honoring my Lenten sacrifice to 1) not buy any new books and 2) any books I was tempted to buy, to then donate that amount to charity. So, now that Lent has passed, can I buy one? I admit I just purchased one through Amazon (can I excuse it saying I am doing research on this plague virus and its effect on society?) It is titled, The Great Influenza: The Story of the Deadliest Pandemic in History by John M. Barry. I'll let you know how it turns out. But I do keep on top of my daily spiritual reading and prayer times, too. We have to take a break from the stories, news and gossip going around to keep our focus on God and serving Him in all of this.

As I was thinking about our historic times, and if this pandemic is truly a 100-year event, then I wonder about how many interesting events a generation can live through? Is this enough? We have also had such a time with interesting weather events too, lately! We all remember the 2009 Ice Storm don't we? Maybe we should pray to not live in such interesting times. What will the people living in 2120 know or remember about us? Of course, by bringing up this historic angle to current events, I intend to stir us to think about the wonderful opportunity that these days present us. Great people rise to great challenges. Like a coach that pushes an athlete to dig deep and find inner strength to make a unique play or get the ball across the goal line on 4th down, these times call for our best response. We can excel or surpass, just as Jesus calls us to by following Him (Matthew 5:20). And Faith always delivers, we know this from our Lord Himself. Romans 5:5 "Hope does not disappoint" and 1 Corinthians 10:13 "God is faithful and will not let you be tried beyond your strength because with every trial He will also provide a way out, so that you may be able to bear it." Best of all, Jesus says, "I am with you always" (Matt 28:20)

So, we keep at our duties performing Christian service responsibly! Continue to stay tuned in to our daily refreshed website with new material, prayers and reflections. Also, let's keep our regular prayer meetings going. 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, Wednesday nights at 6:00 pm we will be doing a LIVE-STREAM prayer or teaching in the church for a 25-30 minute session!**

If I or the office can help with some kind of grocery pick-up or drop-off or other 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 stands 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

A Prayer to Combat the Coronavirus Pandemic

Most Merciful and Triune God, We come to You in our weakness.

We come to You in our fear. We come to You with trust.

For You alone are our hope. We place before You the disease present in our world.

We turn to You in our time of need.

Bring wisdom to doctors. Give understanding to scientists.

Endow caregivers with compassion and generosity.

Bring healing to those who are ill.

Protect those who are most at risk.

Give comfort to those who have lost a loved one.

Welcome those who have died into Your Eternal Home.

Stabilize our communities.

Unite us in our compassion.

Remove all fear from our hearts.

Fill us with confidence in Your care.

Jesus, I trust in You.

Jesus, I trust in You.

Jesus, I trust in You. Amen

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

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ST. PIUS X

MASS INTENTIONS

April 27th-May 2nd

Tuesday	Jared Wheatley
Wednesday	Victims of COVID-19
Thursday	The Hagen Family
Friday	Olivia Reddani
Saturday	To End the World Pandemic
Sunday	Arthur Francis Tashjian

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 (04/19/20)	\$ 1,122.00
Budget for 2019/2020 Fiscal Year (July 2019-June 2020)	\$ 177, 160.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 3, 406.92
Weekly Donation (04/19/20)	\$ 2, 195.00
Online Giving (04/19/20)	\$ 830.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 147, 690.44



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 Brooks, Stacey Newby, Bette Zilligen, Dorothy Henry, Ric Vaughn, Susan Sloan, Donny Travis, Betty Derry, Scott Hamilton, Connie Burt and family, Abigail Huebschmann, Lucas Hebnar, 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, Ryan M. Fields, Benjamin Patton, Kousuke Sasaki, Noah Willett, Wallv Schmidt, 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

April 27th-May 2nd

Wednesday	Danissa Lewis
Friday	Harvey Wilkes
Sunday	Kathy Lehky

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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 (04/19/20)	\$ 910.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 58, 063.29



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 6:8-15; Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday	Acts 7:51-8:1a; Jn 6:30-35
Wednesday	Acts 8:1b-8; Jn 6:35-40
Thursday	Acts 8:26-40; Jn 6:44-51
Friday	Acts 9:1-20; Jn 6:52-59
Saturday	Acts 9:31-42; Jn 6:60-69
Sunday	Acts 2:14a, 36-41; 1 Pt 2:20b-25; Jn 10:1-10

Sympathy: Please pray for the eternal rest of Anne LaRece Hurst (Brent Hurst's mother), and Phineas Hogancamp (Jimmy's uncle) who passed away this week. Please pray for their families, that God may 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!



FROM THE PASTOR

April 26, 2020
Third Sunday of Easter
Lk 24:13-35

Dear St. Pius X and St. Anthony Church,

"Is this a private argument or can I join in?" No, this is not going to be about 2020 politics. I think something like this is what Jesus said to the two disciples on the road to Emmaus. Verse 15 said they were already 'conversing and debating', and then Jesus slid up alongside them asking, "What are you discussing as you walk along?" (Lk 24:15, 17) And the conversation only gets better and livelier! That is a quick sermon for us all: whenever we debate anyone, make sure Jesus is in the conversation!

That's it! A short enough message for today? Keep Jesus in every conversation! Well, I'm not trying to get the last word in here, but I feel there is so much more to get out of today's gospel reading, too. It provides a full week's worth of study if we 'stay' with it! How much time do we have together? But really, I wish so much that I could have been on that road walking with them, too. Why? Well, it sounds like an intimate personal bible study with Jesus himself. What a blessing that is! We all know how sometimes after reading a great book, you have such a desire to meet the author, and ask deeper questions and explore their mind more and more. These two disciples have such a meeting with Jesus. Luke 24: 27 says that Jesus *"beginning with Moses and all the prophets, He interpreted to them what referred to him in all the scriptures."* That makes it a personal bible study with Jesus surveying all the Old Testament to explain every reference made about His own life and ministry. Since I have a tendency for bible studies that I lead to run over time, I was interested in finding out how long this Bible Study of Jesus' ran. Luke tells us that Emmaus is seven miles from Jerusalem, (Lk 24:13), and since generally people can walk a mile in about 20 minutes on level ground (add a little extra for hills), then it seems the *bible study with Jesus may have run about 2 1/2-3 hours*. These two disciples will later describe their study time with Jesus opening the scriptures for them as a fire being set in their hearts while listening to Him (Lk 24:32). For a teacher, you want those kind of descriptions to show up on your evaluation forms at the end of the semester! But the best reward for any teacher, is to hear from students that the material taught stuck with the students. Teachers love knowing that the students continue to think about the lesson and that they commit to pursue the subject further. We find that feeling expressed by these two disciples when they say at the end of their outdoor class and just as it looks like their different journey roads are about to part, they end up saying ***"Stay with us!"*** (Lk 24:29)

Here is something to think about from this reading, that I hope stays with us. The road to Emmaus tells me that Jesus meets us where we are; that He comes to us along the way. Even among apostles, there is a slowness to understand Jesus (Lk 24:25). Here, Jesus gently scolds these two disciples about not understanding the prophecy or the person of the Messiah (Himself). Maybe they're not recognizing him yet, was Jesus' way of protecting them from the awkward personal sting of a confrontation! Anyway, seen in their mood and questions, they obviously did not understand Him, His teaching or the ancient prophecy about the Messiah. We expect that they did pay attention in their previous sessions with their teacher Jesus, like in His Sermon on the Mount. And to their credit, as I believe about all students, they are picking up and absorbing more than we ever expect. I find a spiritual principle in this story about the deep impression that people's attitudes teach even before any words are spoken. Pope Paul VI taught in 1975, that people *'listen more willingly to witnesses than to teachers, and if they do listen to teachers, it is because they are witnesses.'* (Evangeliu Nuntiandi #41). The lesson that students pick up on most is the teacher's own life, not the papers handed out. And I think these two disciples, even though they can't quote the prophecies from memory, they do remember how their rabbi lived and how he acted toward others. I see their education from Jesus in their reaction to this stranger on the road. They invite him in and provide both food and shelter to him. It sounds like to me, they were listening when Jesus taught 'For I was hungry and you gave me food....a stranger and you welcomed me....and whatever you did for one of these least ones of mine, you did for me'(Matthew 25:35&40). The two disciples may not have been able to quote their teacher chapter and verse, but they still imitate His example and practice the words He taught them! They feed the hungry and shelter the homeless!

A favorite poet of mine, Gerard Manley Hopkins, had an agnostic friend named Robert Bridges that inquired of Hopkins one time how he might encounter Christ. Hopkins wisely counseled him that if he didn't feel comfortable trying to pray, then at least try giving alms to the point of inconvenience. He suggested that such a physical act of sacrifice would put him in touch with the divine. God surprises us.

Peace,
Fr. Brian

Another Saint for a Time of Plague –

St. Cuthbert (b. 634-d. 687)

One of the most honored medieval saints of Northern England, St. Cuthbert is regarded as the patron saint of Northumbria (region of North England, southern Scotland). Cuthbert was thought by some to be Irish and by others, Scottish. He was orphaned when a young child and thought to be born of nobility yet abandoned due to strife and death of parents. He was a shepherd for a time, and one night while working in the field, he had a vision of the soul of St Aidan being carried to heaven by angels, and later found out that Aidan had died that night. He likely served in the military for a time and then became a monk at Melrose Abbey. In 661, he accompanied his mentor St. Eata to Ripon Abbey, as his assistant. Following a short stint, as prior of Melrose Abbey with Eata, St Cuthbert engaged in successful missionary work among the villages. After an ecclesiastical shake-up in a dispute between Roman and Celtic liturgical rites, St. Eata was appointed bishop in place of the abdicating Bishop St Colman, and Eata named Cuthbert Prior of Lindisfarne. In addition to serving his monastery, Cuthbert resumed his missionary activities, attracting and preaching to huge crowds. ***During this time, he succumbed to the plague, but on learning that his brothers had prayed for him all night he rose miraculously from his sick-bed. He recovered, though he limped for the rest of his life. His heart stayed with all plague-ridden villagers throughout the rest of his life and he continued to minister to the sick.*** Cuthbert's fame for piety, diligence & fidelity was widely recognized. His asceticism was complemented by his charm and generosity to the poor, and his reputation for gifts of healing and spiritual insight led many people to consult him, gaining him the name of "Wonder Worker of Britain". In his missionary work, he travelled all over the country, yet kept a little monk's cell for himself. St Cuthbert retired in 676, moved by a desire for the contemplative life. With his abbot's leave, he moved to an isolated spot, though he received many visitors and seekers. Against his will and reluctant to leave his prayerful seclusion until persuaded by a large group including the King, he was elected bishop of Hexham in 685. He arranged with St. Eata to swap Dioceses, and became bishop of Lindisfarne. He spent the last two years of his life administering his Diocese, caring for the sick of the plague that decimated his church. He worked numerous miracles of healing, and shared the gift of prophecy freely with his people. He died at Lindisfarne, in 687. His feast day is March 20.

Hymn of St. Cuthbert: God is Our Island of Peaceful Solitude

*Lord God Almighty, you are my island,
in your bosom I nest.
You are the calm of the sea,
in that peace I rest.*

*You are the waves on the shore's glistening stones,
their sound is my hymn.*

*You are the song of the birds echoing verses
their tune I sing.*

*You are the sea breaking on rock,
I praise you with the swell.*

*You are the ocean that rushes my being,
in you I dwell.*

*Here be the peace, Before departure
You have been with us at the world's beginning,
Be with us till the world's end.*

*You have been with us at the sun's rising,
Be with us to our day's end.*

*You have been with us on our journey here,
Be with us to our journey's end.*

*Go before us in our pilgrimage of life.
Anticipate our needs, prevent our falling,
and lead us to our eternal destiny.*

May the peace of the Lord Christ lead us out, back to you.

Let us Pray:

Wounded healer St. Cuthbert, we pray for those known to us who suffer in this pandemic, that you will intercede by your prayer to the Lord for them, (mention the sick by name). Help us also to admit our own wounds as turn to God our Shepherd who binds up all wounds. May you inspire us to serve among the sick with the same heart of Jesus. Amen.

FFY News

- FFY Meeting, (Online thru Zoom)-Wednesday April 29 @ 6:30 pm. The link will be emailed to FFY parents.
- Confirmation, scheduled for May 2, 2020, has been postponed. A new date will be announced at a later time.