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**MATTHEW
25:1-13
THE PARABLE OF THE TEN BRIDESMAIDS**

Jesus told his disciples this parable:

"The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were wise. The foolish ones, when taking their lamps, brought no oil with them, but the wise brought flasks of oil with their lamps. Since the bridegroom was long delayed, they all became drowsy and fell asleep. At midnight, there was a cry, 'Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!' Then all those virgins got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish ones said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise ones replied, 'No, for there may not be enough for us and you. Go instead to the merchants and buy some for yourselves.' While they went off to buy it, the bridegroom came and those who were ready went into the wedding feast with him. Then the door was locked. Afterwards the other virgins came and said, 'Lord, Lord, open the door for us!' But he said in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.' Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

**Observances for the Week of :
November 9-15**

- Monday-** *The Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica*
- Tuesday-** *Memorial of St. Leo, The Great*
- Wednesday-** *Memorial of St. Martin of Tours*
- Thursday-** *Memorial of St. Josaphat*
- Friday-** *Memorial of St. Francis Xavier Cabrini*
- Sunday-** *Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**Weekly Mass Readings
November 9-15**

- Monday** Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22
- Tuesday** Ti 2:1-8, 11-14; Lk 17:7-10
- Wednesday** Ti 3:1-7; Lk 17:11-19
- Thursday** Phlm 7-20; Lk 17:20-25
- Friday** 2 Jn 4-9; Lk 17:26-37
- Saturday** 3 Jn 5-8; Lk 18:1-8
- Sunday** Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; 1 Thes 5:1-6; Mt 25:14-30

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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

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*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**
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
November 8, 2020 Mt 25:1-13

Dear St. Pius X and St. Anthony Church,

Out of gas on the last lap! Sometimes in the final stretch of a Nascar race, if there hasn't been a recent yellow caution flag to give the lead cars a chance to top off their fuel or change a slick tire, then often the lead car has a tragic blow out tire or they just run out of fuel and have coast down into the in-field. **Either way, they are out of the race!** I see today's parable about the foolish virgins like those Nascar drivers who risk pushing to the end with scarce resources and they **come up empty**. They ALMOST make it, but they can't cross the finish line!

Here's the story: Ten maids in a bridal party are waiting for the groom to arrive for the grand entrance; five of them brought extra oil and five did not. The last five risk it, trying to get by with what is already in the tank. Well, I'm not saying anything, but maybe grooms and brides are not always on time! So, as the virgin maids wait longer and longer, the ones with no reserve oil come up short. The lamps were so important for the guests because they led your way to the door, but also, they were your light to show your face, be recognized at the door, and be let in to the home. The maids 'running on empty' try to beg some out of their friends. *But that is not going to work.* I want to take a minute to explain why they really can't share oil with the others. People often point out that it *doesn't seem very Christian* of these wise virgins *not to share their oil*. But think of it this way: A couple of years ago during the ice storm, a neighbor asked me if I had any gas for him to get to town with. I invited him to siphon some out of my truck tank, but no luck. We tried, but he couldn't siphon any out. In the good old days, even with a piece of garden hose you could siphon gas out of car tanks! (*Or were the days so good, if your gas could be stolen so easily?*) But why couldn't the wise maids share their lamp oil? Well, in life, there are just some things you have to do by yourself. No one can do it for you. Like accepting Jesus and committing one's own heart to Him, each person has to make that decision on/for one's own. Or take the experience of eating, there are some things we just have to do ourselves. You cannot eat for me. So with Jesus, one adult cannot do that for another adult! Each person has to take that action oneself. If the desire for living with God does not come from within that person, then no one can drag you to heaven. Many parents would love to be able to grow up *for* their children, by taking the licks and learning the hard lessons for them so the child can be spared the rough and tumble of accepting responsibility for their actions. But some things each person has to go through themselves. Parents, though, hope that their children can learn & interiorize the hard lessons of life on the first attempt to avoid the future pain of having to go through it a second or third time. My dad would say that 'there are some things that you should only **go through one time** in life'. He'd say 'Learn that 1/8 a tank of gas won't get you through waiting in a traffic jam and on to work!' Or 'hurriedly not securing the ladder's feet will not get you something (called a broken leg) but not get you on to the roof!' Or have you heard the 'saying' about there not being any educational value from the second kick of a mule! Again, there are some things we each have to go through to own ourselves. The oil already in the lighted lamps cannot be taken out and given to the others. Another way of imagining this impossibility is to picture the risk of pouring gasoline from one running generator into another generator also running! Looks like an explosion in the planning!

So what do we do? Be aware and bring a little extra stock with you. It doesn't have to be a lot, but just enough to get through (a little longer). This parable would be a great commercial for the Cub Scouts and their motto: Be Prepared! I only made it to wolf scout (1st level), but I did pick that lesson up! Oh, well, that lesson of preparedness **and** also I learned the wolf cub two finger salute (like ears on eager wolf listening) standing for the principles of 1) Honor God and Country & 2) Help others. So, the foolish virgins here offer us a lesson about keeping our reserve of oil handy and keeping our eyes open for the coming of the bridegroom-Jesus!

Peace, Fr. Brian

Another Saint in Time of Plague: Blessed Fr. Michael McGivney (born 8-12-1852 died 8-14-1890)

How Timely! Fr. Michael McGivney, the priest founder of the Knights of Columbus, was just beatified last Saturday October 31, 2020. He is now one step away from being recognized a saint in our tradition. Currently, he is referred to as a 'Blessed', yet after the canonization process is completed he will be called 'Saint'. He is a good pandemic saint for our time because he died so young (at only 38 years old). He had contracted tuberculosis through his care for the sick in a local epidemic of rampant tuberculosis. His health declined rapidly and he passed away. A dedicated priest, he was zealous to minister to his people in all the areas of parish life. He brought all the different experiences of his life (joyful & sorrowful) to strengthen his compassion for people's needs and he applied himself tirelessly to meet those needs.

Fr. McGivney was born in Waterbury, Conn., on August 12, 1852, the first child of Patrick and Mary (Lynch) McGivney. His parents were Irish immigrants. His father found a job in a brass mill, performing dangerous molding work. His mother had 13 children though six of his siblings passed away in infancy. He had two living brothers and four sisters. Fr. McGivney attend public schools in the working class neighborhoods. He was such a good student that he finished his schooling three years early and was hired in a factory at only age 13. Feeling a call to priesthood, he began seminary training for priesthood at age 16 (1868) in Quebec Canada. He continued on in his seminary training in New York State and back to Montreal, before his father tragically died in 1873. Fr McGivney returned home accepting the fact that he would leave seminary for good to find factory work and support his family and mother at home. However, the Bishop of Hartford CT, intervened to help his family financially and let Fr. McGivney return to seminary. This experience affected Fr. McGivney deeply and impressed upon him the plight of struggling widows and orphans and the daily and dangerous grind of immigrant laborers. This moved him later to form the Knights as a widow/orphan financial assistance society. On December 22, 1877, he was ordained to the priesthood by Archbishop James Gibbons. His first assignment was as an assistant pastor at St. Mary's Church, the first Catholic parish in the busy port city of New Haven. Anti-Catholic bigotry was not new to him, yet New Haven presented the special challenge of both anti-immigrant and anti-catholic prejudice. Yet, Fr. McGivney was a good faith witness and worked gracefully with everyone. His pastoral ministry was respected and he was well known for his work with the sick and prisoners.

Also, described as a 'man of the people', Fr. McGivney was gifted at relating to all ages; he was comfortable counseling the old and young alike. He enjoyed offering theater plays and sports with the youth, and also potlucks and socials with elders. After only a few years as associate pastor, Fr. McGivney was made pastor of St. Thomas Parish in Thomaston in November 1884. Thomaston was about 30 miles from New Haven named for the clockmaker Seth Thomas. In his six years at St. Thomas, Father McGivney was an admirable pastor who built strong connections to all of his parishioners. He took up serving a second mission church and enjoyed driving by horse carriage to the second location every week and when needed. His heart was always with his people. Ahead of his time, he knew the value of having laity-led groups in the parish to allow parishioners to serve and minister to each other. From this desire to inspire and empower the laity to serve and lead in the parish he founded the Knights of Columbus as a layman's ministry. Fr. McGivney suggested that the new men's group be named for Christopher Columbus. Universally esteemed as the brave discoverer of the New World, the name Columbus would emphasize the deep roots of Catholics in America and the long history of Catholic evangelization in the Americas. His vision was to create a fraternal benefit society of Catholic Men to support family life, Catholic faith and wholesome moral living as good American citizens. At the time, the title "Knights" appealed to Civil War veterans in the group who saw the virtuous principles of knighthood in the Order's protection of the faith, family finances and the civil and religious rights of Catholics. Fr. McGivney stated that a primary purpose of the society is for it to 'unite the men of our Faith throughout the Diocese of Hartford, to aid each other in time of sickness, to provide for decent burials, and to render monetary assistance to the families of deceased members.' The Knights took on the many challenges facing Catholic family life in the late 1800's — poverty, early death, secret societies, anti-Catholicism — with the flexibility to take on other duties in the future. The Knights have thrived and grown worldwide to this day.

While ministering to those sick with tuberculosis in his parishes, he also fell ill with TB in January 1890, and it worsened into fatal pneumonia. He became bedbound over the summer. He dedicated himself to constant prayer since he couldn't be active in parish work. He never recovered and died on August 14, two days past his 38th birthday. Blessed Fr. Michael McGivney, pray for us!



Thank You...and God Bless You, Veterans!

Sympathy Prayers: Please pray for the eternal rest of the soul of Mary Ellen Mayhew, sister of Midge Oswald, who was buried last week. Please keep Midge and the family in your prayers, too.

St. Pius Building Accident Update: I simply wanted to offer an update after last Sunday's accident at the 10:00 am mass. Again, I am most thankful and still daily offer prayers of gratitude that no one was injured in the event. And I am so grateful for parishioners who responded and checked out things that needed immediate attention (Ushers, Knights, members). Also, I am grateful for the professional fire, police and medic volunteers that arrived to assist any way needed. We are blessed with them! So, especially in this month of gratitude, I am thankful! I know people have spoken about how memorable this year has been already in a not so good-a-way, but we have to remember that even in upside-down or inconvenient times, we still have much to be thankful for.

The insurance companies are involved, and the Diocesan Administration Properties director Bill Blincoe is guiding the process through Catholic Mutual Ins (I want to thank Ryan Devine, too, for helping on the local level). Some initial stabilizing may be needed before the actual reconstruction takes shape. Our insurer brought in a structural engineer to review the foundation (roof line etc). We may have a portion of church cordoned off awhile but I am committed to keeping our regular Sunday Mass (mass time and space!) as close to normal as possible. We have so much to be thankful for!

Celebrate Fr. Michael McGivny-Founder of Knights of

Columbus: Pope Benedict XVI named Father McGivney as a key figure in "the impressive growth" of the Church throughout the United States. He said, "Think of the remarkable accomplishment of that one exemplary American priest, the Venerable Michael McGivney, whose vision and zeal led to the establishment of the Knights of Columbus." Fr. McGivny's zeal to serve families, teach the young, defend the dignity of life and feed the poor is recognized in his Beatification ceremony in St. Joseph's Cathedral in Hartford, Connecticut, Saturday, October 31. Blessed Fr. McGivny, a protector of parishes, families, children and the unborn, pray with us! And when you see a Knight congratulate them on their good.

All Souls Day and November Remembrance: We will be having the candles lit in the sanctuary for our recently deceased parishioners from the parishes. Also, the Books of Remembrance will be out for you to come write the names of deceased family members in it for the special prayers for the departed throughout the month of November. We honor the faithful departed and support them by our prayers. May God give them rest.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

November 9-15



St. Pius X

November 9-Marlie Schiaretti
November 11-Michael Rourke
November 11-William Vandermeir
November 11-Cammi Varel
November 14-Erin Hamilton
November 14-Cameron Thomason
November 15-Kathy Canup

St. Anthony of Padua

November 15-Wayne Bradshaw



St. Pius X

November 9-Dylan & Kamie Pellegrin
November 15-David & Vicki Spencer

St. Anthony of Padua

No Anniversaries this week

We are still Live Streaming for anyone at home. Join us Wednesday evening at 6:00 pm or Sunday morning at 10:00 am on Facebook.

Remember in Prayer

St. Pius X: John Bardsley, Kaileigh Row, Bennett Meisenheimer, Neil Trammell, James Eden, Peter Bullock, Jim & Rose Drury, Wes Hayes, Mike Norvell, 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, Forrest Michael Teeters, Mike Block, David Kroll, Cameron Brewer, Stefanie Wilkerson-Barragin, Hugo Santos, Sharon Gibbons, Lori Blades, Wayne Viniard, Braydn Barnett 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, Imogene Ramey 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, Amanda Wojahn and Luke Jablonski.

St. Anthony of Padua: 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. Pius X

**Mass Intentions
November 9-15**

Tuesday	6:00 pm	<i>Oren & Margie Francois</i>
Wednesday	8:00 am	<i>Veronica Lazatin</i>
Wednesday	6:00 pm	<i>Military Veterans</i>
Thursday	8:00 am	<i>Cynthia Becker</i>
Friday	8:00 am	<i>Louis Haas</i>
Saturday	4:30 pm	<i>Todd Pearson</i>
Sunday	10:00 am	<i>Phyllis Minton</i>

WEEKLY DONATIONS

Parish Hall Donation (11/01/20)	\$ 1,007.00
Budget for 2020/2021 Fiscal Year (July 2020-June 2021)	\$ 165,000.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 3,173.08
Weekly Donation (11/01/20)	\$ 3,812.00
Online Giving (11/01/20)	\$ 1,140.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 63,390.00

Online Giving: To sign up, visit our website at 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.

Marcella's Kitchen Food Collection:

Brown paper bags and food list can be found in the vestibule of the church. **Please return filled bags to the vestibule by November 15.**

Suggested non-perishable items to donate:

canned fruits, meals in a can (ravioli, spaghetti, etc.), boxed meals (Hamburger Helper, etc.), jars of sauce, peanut butter, canned vegetables, canned soups, pasta/rice, beans and canned meat/fish.

Thank you for your generosity!

Parish Council

Pam Hurst	Chair Person
Jeff Outland	Building & Ground
Larry Krouse	Secretary
Robert Weekes	Finance
Dawn Whitt	Spiritual Life
Catherine Broks	FFY

Bereavement Committee

Fran Dacus (618)383-4646

Other Groups

<i>Finance Council</i>	<i>Harold Dacus, Chair</i>
<i>Art & Decorations</i>	<i>Paula Schmidt</i>
<i>Knights of Columbus</i>	<i>Philip Scheidegger</i>

St. Anthony of Padua

**Mass Intentions
November 9-15**

Wednesday	9:00 am	<i>Military Veterans</i>
Friday	9:00 am	<i>Souls in Purgatory</i>
Sunday	8:00 am	<i>Alfred Judd</i>

WEEKLY DONATIONS

Budget 2020/2021 Fiscal Year (July 2020-June 2021)	\$ 60,000.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 1,153.85
Weekly Donation (11/01/20)	\$ 1,152.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 22,404.00

Livingston County Helping Hands

Thanksgiving & Christmas Food Basket Collection:

Food donations for the Thanksgiving and Christmas Baskets are being collected. **Non perishable items needed:** corn, green beans, chicken broth, tomato sauce, cranberry sauce, tomatoes, chili beans, pinto beans, mixed vegetables, evaporated milk, sweet potatoes, spaghetti sauce, tuna, Hamburger Helper, Tuna Helper, Spaghetti noodles, great northern beans, sugar, flour, Kool Aid, pancake mix, macaroni and cheese, kids cereal, crackers, cake mix, frosting, tea bags, peanut butter, jelly, pancake syrup, dishwashing liquid, shampoo, toilet paper, laundry detergent and coffee. There is a collection container at the back of the church for your non-perishable items. Thank you for your generosity!

Livingston County 4-H Christmas Tree Walk: The Livingston County Extension Office (803 US 60 E Smithland) is hosting a **Christmas Tree Walk** through their building to view all the submitted trees by local groups, families or organizations. The walk through is December 17th from 5:00-7:00 pm and visitors can vote for their favorite tree winner -\$1 a vote. The exhibit room is open to the community for viewing regular hours from Dec 1-22. If your group would like to submit a tree (creative themed colorful tree!), set-up day is Nov 19th. Contact the Extension office for more details 270-928-2168.

Parish Council

Roy McFadden	Chair Person
Mike Drury	Vice Chair/Building & Ground
Debbie Owens	Secretary/Family Life
Shara Parish	Finance
	Building & Ground –Indoor
Nick Zaim	Social/Spiritual Concern
Sr. Michael Friedman	Spiritual/Faith Formation

Bereavement Committee

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

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:** 2nd & 4th 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