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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
<p>No Public Celebration of Masses Until Further Notice</p> <p>Let us hold one another in prayer especially for the sick, healthcare workers and caregivers. May God strengthen and protect you.</p>		

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

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 17, 2020

Dear Parishioners of St. Pius & St. Anthony,

God has blessed humans with creativity and intelligence, and I feel that God will work through some industrious researcher, scientist or university grad student to make a breakthrough in mapping out this new virus to open effective treatments and vaccines. Who would have thought, but I heard about Belgian scientists who had been working on MERS and SARS antibodies from (of all things) Llamas! Apparently back in those outbreaks around 2003, researchers began looking into antibodies to the viruses among the animal kingdom. So some old research that found some SARS resistant proteins and actual antibodies in Llamas was freshened up and looked into again. God only knows if anything fruitful for a cure, vaccine or treatment will come from it, but who would have looked to a poor Llama for help. (I ran into the story from a Reuters newswire). Llamas are unique animals (maybe so unique that we wonder about their place in the world, like Armadillos or Platypus or Bilibies-Well, here we go-maybe this is their day!) With God anything is possible. Of course, we still do our responsible part in trying to keep our communities well and protected from any careless spread of the virus by keeping faithful to safe distance, needed face coverings and sanitizing practices.

This column may already be written and printed out in our weekly bulletins by the time the Diocese issues guidelines and directives for how to re-open our public worship again with the offering of masses in church with congregations, but that day is coming close. I will forward news to everyone as soon as it is released to us for publication. The expected return date is Wednesday May 20. If it stays on schedule, we will have our regular daily masses with all of the precautionary conditions met (everyone masked, safe distance spaced out, no touch-contact and abundant sanitizing hand cleaner, wipes and disinfectants available). Thorough cleaning will be done already and arrows or markings will be in pews and aisles for safest walking through the church. There will be more adaptations to the flow of mass (no singing, no passed collections, no sign of peace, no gifts procession forward, etc) but knowing that we will be expressing our faith together publicly again is a tremendous gift and progress in these times. I pray we all keep safe and stay mindful of the reason these things are being done: for overall public health, protecting the sickest among our communities and to prevent any relapses or case spikes. So we will gladly keep our careful cleaning and cautious conduct going until this passes and clears!

We will keep our livestreamed Facebook offerings going even after public masses begin. Check out the times, though, because we will go back to 8:00 am and 10:00 am masses when we can publicly gather again. Keep tuned in to our websites for daily announcements, resources & spiritual reflections. Let's keep to our regular prayer meetings, Wednesday nights & Sunday mornings as 'church days'!

- 1) **TODAY: LIVE-STREAMED mass at 9:30 am on our St Pius Calvert City Facebook page.**
- 2) ****ALSO, a LIVE-STREAM prayer or teaching Wednesday nights at 5:30 for Rosary Prayer, and 6:00 pm for a Bible Study session with Fr Brian.**

If I or the office can help with something, please call me 270-668-7675 or 395-4727.

Peace and Prayers,
Fr. Brian

Donate Life! St Pope John Paul II wrote in his major teaching on life issues titled 'Gospel of Life' #86, that "organ, eye, and tissue donation is considered an act of charity and love, and transplants are morally and ethically commendable." Our catholic tradition completely supports the voluntary gift of life through organs donated following natural death. Though National Organ and Tissue Donor Awareness Week has already passed, take a moment sometime, to discuss organ and tissue donation with your family. Consider how simple acts may change the lives of others who have great need. Sign your organ donor card today; it is simple enough an act to perform and it may make the difference between life and death for someone in need of an organ. Jesus says in John 10:10 "I came that they may have life and life abundantly". Your gift could be that life to someone, given for love of Christ.

May 1 Consecration of Americas under the Patronage of Our Lady of Guadalupe

In trial or difficulty I have recourse to Mother Mary, whose glance alone is enough to dissipate every fear. -St. Thérèse of Lisieux

O Virgin of Guadalupe,

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, who faithfully pray and intercede for your children,

You 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. Amen.

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,
keeping us always close to your healing and saving Son, Jesus
in whose name we pray. Amen


**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 17, 2020**


ST. PIUS X

MASS INTENTIONS May 18 th -24 th	
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Broks Family</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Sylvester & Maryann Hicks</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Jared Wheatley</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>Joanne Carter</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>Beatrice Forsythe & Don Buffington</i>
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Barbara Shipley</i>

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 (05/10/20)	\$ 278.00
Budget for 2019/2020 Fiscal Year (July 2019-June 2020)	\$ 177,160.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 3,406.92
Weekly Donation (05/10/20)	\$ 1,930.00
Online Giving (05/10/20)	\$ 1,224.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 156, 234.44

 **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 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, 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 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 May 18 th -24 th	
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Pat Howell</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>Genevieve Wilkes</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>Danissa Lewis</i>
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Hannah Friedman</i>

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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 (05/10/20)	\$ 785.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 60, 688.29

 **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 16:11-15; Jn 15:26-16:4a
Tuesday	Acts 16:22-34; Jn 16:5-11
Wednesday	Acts 17:15, 22-18:1; Jn 16:12-15
Thursday	Acts 18:1-8; Jn 16:16-20
Friday	Acts 18:9-18; Jn 16:20-23
Saturday	Acts 18:23-28; Jn 16:23b-28
Sunday	Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20

Congratulations to Case Thomason: Case was awarded the SLIM (Servant Leadership in Ministry) by the Bishop this past week. This award recognizes the community service and Christian leadership qualities of the young persons as they have ministered among their peers and in the Church. Congratulations and thank you Case, for your faithful involvement and support of your church community!

Mark your Calendars:
The Anniversary of Fr. Brian's Ordination is May 31st.

St. Pius X: \$20.00 was collected from aluminum can recycling. Donated cans can be left in the recycling area near the parish hall at St. Pius X. Thank you!

Sympathy: Please pray for the eternal rest of Carol York, who passed away on May 11. Please pray for her husband and family that God may console them in their time of grief. Carol was the Director of Faith Formation for St. Pius X before she retired in 2009. Before she worked at St. Pius X, she was the DRE at St. Anthony of Padua. After her retirement, she attended St. Henry Parish in Aurora where she was a catechist and helped in other parish ministries. Recently, she was called back into the DRE position. She touched many people's lives and loved to share her faith.



FROM THE PASTOR

May 17, 2020
Sixth Sunday of Easter
Jn 14:15-21

Dear St. Pius X and St. Anthony Church,

Back on rainy Easter morning, I shared at the beginning of our Facebook LiveStream Mass, the first lines of an old peppy Christian song from a Vacation Bible School I attended as a kid. It had great lyrics that remind me of the gospel today. The lyrics went, "I believe in the sun even when it isn't shining, I believe in love even when there is no one there, and I believe in God even when He is silent...." It turns out that it is an old Carey Landry church song, from his 'Hi, God' album from the 70's (yes an original vinyl album!) Those lyrics tell of knowing something without having it proven to you, or trusting someone without seeing them. They are just what Jesus is saying today, too. "The world will no longer see me, but you will see me" (John 14:19). Jesus is saying that those who are close to Him will see things others do not, or see *into* things what others cannot imagine. What is it that we see, that the world does not see? Christ, yes, but what about Christ? All His good, His life, His care, His touch that we know he always brought to everything and that he always will bring to everything. It is who He is! Much like the beloved disciple who looked into the empty tomb the morning of the resurrection and saw the two neatly, folded up burial cloths and he 'believed' (John 20:8). Knowing Christ, the beloved disciple saw the living Christ even in the empty signs of death. Whether he remembered Jesus' exact and predictive words about what was beyond the cross, or whether he just knew the Lord well enough to know that a dark empty tomb was not the end of the story, he believed and saw more into this moment than even the other followers saw. And all of us Christians are that way when it comes to the world. The world may see defeat or death, but we resurrection people see victory and the beginning of something new. Like looking upon a just harvested wheat field that is barren and stripped, we see so much more there, like the abundant stored seed that will continue to bear life, in other forms and through its recipients. The seed's change doesn't end just in the simple act of harvesting and being cut down. It can still undergo the crushing, mixing & baking to become bread (or imagine the radical transformation of corn into hominy for even longer storage!) So we look upon what the world also looks upon, but we see more. That is hope. St Paul says in 2 Corinthians 5:7 "We walk by faith not by sight". Or I also think of the philosopher Kierkegaard who said that "*Faith sees best in the dark.*" For Christians, we do not get drawn down by the events or attitudes around us, so that when things look the worst, we become our best. Because our guide is faith in the word and life of Christ, we can fly by IFR-Instrument Flight Rules instead of only VFR-Visual Flight Rules. Amid obstructing clouds or storms, we can fly by instrument readings and radar (that are Jesus' words!). In John 14:21, Jesus says that "Whoever has my commandments (words) and observes them" is the one who will live and the one that He remains in. I understand that to mean that if we keep His words, repeating them to ourselves, sharing them with others, saying them over and over to ourselves like constant affirmations in our hearts, then He will always be with us and we will be fulfilled. Verse 20, He had said, "I am in you." Like hearing our loved ones speak to us gently in our hearts, when they are nowhere around, or recalling their favorite phrases or stories for boosts during difficult times, that is God also can speak to our hearts. That is exactly what I see happening on the Road to Emmaus in Luke 24:32 when it hits them that they knew something/ someone familiar was with them when they heard again Jesus' speech. Their hearts burned within them. Jesus was moving in them and awakening them to life by the refreshing of His Word in their minds, memory and heart. May His words keep us refreshed too.

Peace,
Fr. Brian

Our Lady of Refuge for Health Care Workers

Lord Jesus, who healed the sick and gave them new life, be with doctors, nurses and all health care workers, as they act as agents of your healing touch. In desperate times, keep them strong yet loving. And when their work is done, be with them in their weariness and in their tears. Amen.

Two Child Saints for a Time of Plague: Jacinta & Francisco

St. Francisco Marto (b. 6-11-1908 d. 4-4-1919) &
St. Jacinta Marto (b. 3-11-1910 d. 2-20-1920)

These two young precious saints were two of the three children who witnessed the repeated apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima from May 13 to October 13, 1917, at Cova da Iria, near Fátima, north of Lisbon, Portugal. At that time, Europe was involved in a bloody and costly war in human terms. Portugal itself was political chaotic, having overthrown its monarchy in 1910, with government 'reforms' that suppressed religious organizations soon thereafter. At the first appearance, the Blessed Mother asked the children to return to that spot on the thirteenth of each month for the next six months. She also asked them to learn to read and write and to pray the rosary "to obtain peace for the world and the end of the war." They were to pray for all sinners and for the conversion of Russia, which had recently overthrown Czar Nicholas II and soon was to be under the rule of communism. At the final apparition, up to 70,000 people gathered in the field on October 13, 1917 to witness the miracle. But less than two years later, Francisco died of the 1918 Pandemic Influenza in his family home. Jacinta died of the same influenza virus in Lisbon in 1920, offering her suffering for the conversion of sinners, peace in the world, and the Holy Father. Their cousin Lúcia dos Santos, became a Carmelite nun and was still living when Jacinta and Francisco were beatified in 2000; Lucia died in 2005. Pope Francis canonized the younger children on his visit to Fátima to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the first apparition—May 13, 2017. The shrine of Our Lady of Fátima is visited by up to 20 million people a year.

About Francisco was born the sixth of seven children of Manuel and Olimpia Marto. He loved games and playing with other children, yet was not overly competitive. He never complained about childhood tricks or injustices as he may have been picked on by older children. He was a peacemaker, but strong willed, as his conduct under questioning by the Mayor would later show. He loved nature, and animals in particular. He played with lizards and snakes, and would bring them home, to his mother's upset. It is said that he once he gave a penny as ransom, all the money he had, to a friend for a captured bird, only to set the bird free. He could play a musical reed pipe, to which other kids would dance or sing. Alone among the three children of Fatima, Francisco never heard the Lady's words or voice, although he saw her. In the second apparition, Lucia asked to be taken to heaven, and the Lady replied that Francisco and Jacinta would be go first, and Lucia would have to wait. She died February 13, 2005 at the age of 97.

At the final apparition on October 13, over 70,000 people gathered upon hearing of the opposition the children encountered from the doubting local mayor and Mary's prophecy of a public sign. The wonder of the 'sun that danced' occurred at the last apparition. After the apparitions ended, Francisco attended school but often missed it as much as possible. He preferred to spend time praying to the "Hidden Jesus" in the Tabernacle. When asked what he wanted to be when he grew up, Francisco answered, "I don't want to be anything, but be with God. I want to die and go to heaven." In April 1919, Francisco, knew his time was short, and asked to receive the Hidden Jesus for the first time in Holy Communion. He made it and died the next day.

About Jacinta, she was two years younger than Francisco. She was an energetic and playful young girl. She loved flowers, gathering them and making bouquets or garlands for Lucia. At a First Communion, she was one of the girls chosen to scatter and spread petals before the Blessed Sacrament. She had many friends, but above all she loved her cousin Lucia. When Lucia, became old enough to work, she was sent by her parents to pasture their sheep, which upset and took away Jacinta's time with her. Jacinta begged her parents to allow her and Francisco to work with Lucia and the sheep. She gave the sheep names, held their little ones on her lap, and tried to carry a lamb home on her shoulders, as she had seen in pictures of the Good Shepherd. They all loved being outdoors and looked up the sky. They called the sun "Our Lady's lamp," and the stars "the Angels' lanterns," which they tried to count as it grew dark. They started out to hear their voices echo across the valley. They said the Rosary every day after lunch. Apparitions started for them in the spring of 1916 when an angel would visit and pray with them (sometimes showing a bleeding host over a chalice). Then began the monthly visitations of the Blessed Mother to the children on the 13th of each month that contained messages to them of the need for prayer for the conversion of the world. It was said that once Jacinta 'bilocated' to help find and bring a lost child back to his home. When she came down with influenza, she was removed from her family to a hospital a few miles away. She did not complain, and was even moved again to a farther away hospital (Mary had informed her of the need for strength in the coming loneliness). Transferred to a second hospital, Jacinta continued her faithful prayer and made her final offering in dying alone. Later she was buried at the place of the apparitions, at Cova da Iria.