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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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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.

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD
APRIL 12, 2020

Dear Parishioners of St. Pius & St. Anthony,

Happy Easter! As I always say, I love about our church calendar that we do not just have single days to celebrate, we have whole seasons! So Easter brings so much new life and joy that one day can not contain it (like that tomb stone couldn't hold Jesus in!). We have fifty days of Easter season to celebrate. Next Sunday we call Divine Mercy Sunday, because of the 1st resurrection appearance of Jesus to the apostles, and Jesus' first word is 'PEACE'! (John 20:19) After all He went through for us, and He keeps on giving-peace! That is Divine Mercy! But every day is a 'mercy day' for us as we walk among the living, so keeping the good news of Jesus' resurrection is not new to us! So, let me say again, "Happy Easter Season".

A daily spiritual work would be to follow the church's daily mass readings because we will hear gospels speaking about Jesus' resurrection appearances and reviewing His prophetic teaching that foreshadowed his eventual rising from the dead. The first reading will be from the Acts of the Apostles, which will begin recounting the effect of Jesus' resurrection and His living work within His members-the apostles and their fellow missionaries who branch out further and further into the world to fulfill the mandate of Jesus to 'go on *discipling others*, baptizing and teaching all nations' (Matthew 28:19). A continuous reading of the Acts of Apostles reveals the growth and spread of Christianity-the ever growing resurrection faith of Jesus Christ and God's Love for all people. It is a daily progress story worth following. Dedicate some time each day to read along with the church or read through the Acts of Apostles at your own pace. There were a lot of 'acts' in the early church, that you might not have been aware of before. It makes for pretty 'animated' history reading.

Please continue to check out our daily refreshed website with new material, prayers and reflections. Also, let's keep our regular prayer meetings going: Of course, our LIVE-STREAMED mass every Sunday Morning 9:30 am on our St Pius Calvert City Facebook page/channel, and beginning this week we plan to start a Wednesday evening prayer/mass or teaching study!

I am so grateful for all of the helpers in the church who are doing daily checks or tasks for neighbors or members. I am so grateful for the volunteers to help with some nursing home and homebound cards to reach out and let them know, they are with us. We remember them and look forward to one day safely getting by to see and pray with them again in person. Also, the mystery gardeners who have been landscaping the grotto between church and the office, thank you.

Also, Case Thomason has been working hard over the fall and winter to complete his Eagle Scout Serviced Project and it is almost completely done! If you have a safe chance to check it out some time, please take a moment to walk with Mary and pray. He has made a living rosary walk beside the rectory which makes for a great peaceful sanctuary garden of prayer. Check it out! And Thank you Case! What hard work and a gift to your Church Family!

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

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD


APRIL 5, 2020

ST. PIUS X


| MASS INTENTIONS April 13 th -19 th | |
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| Tuesday | Barbara Cirrito |
| Wednesday | Arthur Francis Tashjian |
| Thursday | The Derry Family |
| Friday | Raymond Edwards |
| Saturday | Thomas Powell |
| Sunday | Barbara Shipley |

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 (04/05/20) | \$ 258.00 |
| Budget for 2019/2020 Fiscal Year (July 2019-June 2020) | \$ 177, 160.00 |
| Donation Need Each Week | \$ 3, 406.92 |
| Weekly Donation (04/05/20) | \$ 1, 955.00 |
| Online Giving (04/05/20) | \$ 1,083.00 |
| Fiscal Year to Date | \$ 142, 540.44 |



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 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 13 th -19 th | |
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| Wednesday | Richard Friedman |
| Friday | John & Sue Mudd |
| Sunday | Anna Rose Buckman |

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

| WEEKLY DONATIONS | |
|---|---------------|
| Budget 2019/2020 Fiscal Year (July 2019-June 2020) | \$ 72,100.00 |
| Donation Need Each Week | \$ 1,386.54 |
| Weekly Donation (04/05/20) | \$ 605.00 |
| Fiscal Year to Date | \$ 55, 943.29 |



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 | |
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| Monday | Acts 2:14, 22-33; Mt 28:8-15 |
| Tuesday | Acts 2:36-41; Jn 20:11-18 |
| Wednesday | Acts 3:1-10; Lk 24:13-35 |
| Thursday | Acts 3:11-26; Lk 24:35-48 |
| Friday | Acts 4:1-12; Jn 21:1-14 |
| Saturday | Acts 4:13-21; Mk 16:9-15 |
| Sunday | Acts 2:42-47; 1 Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31 |

Sympathy Prayers: Please pray the eternal rest of Sr. Mary Angela Matthews who passed away at the Mount on April 5. Sr. Matthews was a pastoral assistant at St. Pius X when Fr. Drury was pastor. May her family be comforted 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 5, 2020
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
 Mt 26:14-27:66

Dear St. Pius X and St. Anthony Church,

Happy Easter! This Easter is an unusual one due to the times. Yet, the Rising Light of Christ shines through all darkness. **The tomb is empty and that is a sign of new life.** Luke 24:3-5 tells of two angel-like men announcing to the surprised women who came to the Tomb of Jesus on Easter morning, **“Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; He has risen!”** The Lord is alive, not locked away in some dark tomb, but out and about, as light shining in the lives of His followers. The tomb is empty and that’s good! The Lord is not hidden away behind stone facades. He is alive and on the road—the Way. Remember Jesus called Himself the ‘Way’ Truth and Life (John 14:6)! We will hear so much more about this as we read the Acts of the Apostles in the daily readings all through the Easter season! So, since this is so usual an Easter Sunday, let’s look at it with the light and eyes of faith! The empty tomb is good news, because Jesus is out and about, alive in our midst! So, while **our churches may be empty, our faith is full-**y being called upon to remain active. While scattered geographically, we know that we are in solidarity & communion observing this day’s glory and praying together. The church building may be empty this morning, but ‘fear not’! Our faith is fully alive in every heart that keeps prayer and keeps practice! **God is alive** out here among us! Like the faithful women at the tomb, our response to Jesus’ resurrection should imitate their reaction which was to ‘bow heads and go to the ground’ (Luke 24:5). What I mean is that such a surprising, awesome event as Jesus rising from the dead, **shows that ‘God is in control’.** In His presence we should worship and give glory to Him! We do that by setting our time aside today to thank God and pray together, “What a mighty Savior we have!” Our worship of God shows our reliance upon Him. We joyfully trust in His provident care! Death, sickness or being scattered and isolated cannot keep us from our Lord’s love. St Paul sings as much in Romans 8:37-39 **“In all things, we conquer overwhelmingly through Him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor present things, nor future things, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.”** Nothing separates us from Christ—That is the resurrection for us!

Notice who discovers the empty tomb first and spreads the good word around! It was not the apostles, but some unknown women who were faithfully serving and keeping watch with/over Jesus. They are the first to discover the Good News. As Jesus consistently taught, it is the lowly ones who are the greatest in the kingdom (and the last first, the servant the leader, etc –Luke 9:48). These ‘little ones’ carry the weight of the world, and we see that today, too. I want to take a moment to recognize and celebrate our ‘daily heroes’ who are serving us in every hospital, drive-up clinic or nursing home. I recognize our EMTs and first responders. I celebrate every clerk, cashier or attendant who endangers themselves with their every shift to serve us in groceries, gas stations, and pharmacies. They are carrying the Good News. They are remarkably sharing the light of Christ with everyone. Jesus does that. When times seem dark, Jesus moves through the lives of good faithful people to keep the lights on. Every so often, there comes along some national tragedy and it opens our eyes to the quiet, lowly heroes in our midst. I recall after 9-11, our country rose up to give due honor to firemen and fire women, police and ambulance workers faithfully did their jobs. Hero figurines of fire workers were even made and sold afterward. The 9-11 aftermath brought attention to excavators and iron workers who daily build and rebuild for us. The same happened with the ‘firejumpers’ out west with the forest fires, or the Coast Guard and Cajun Navy after hurricanes down south. Or think of our military men and women who serve often in undisclosed areas on classified missions addressing threats or rescuing the endanger completely unknown to us. Or our school teachers with our children every day! What is daily and ordinary work takes on great significance in such times of tragedy. They should receive that recognition all the time, but unfortunately doesn’t. The same thing happens in our church with saints. Books are filled with ‘Lives of the Saints’ we know about, but how many uncanonized and silent saints are out there (remember those shepherds at Christmas!). They faithfully do their good work serving God and others with no recognition. I thank God for all of them. All of these hidden heroes, we thank God for them. How many good souls are out there working among their families and neighbors to keep faith alive to keep things going and to do anything that makes for more holiness and better days for others. I first thank God for them. Then, I thank them and ask that they keep inspiring all of us to do the same! Thank you faithful women visiting Jesus’ tomb, for getting all of this started. Now, that is some light!

Peace and Prayers,
 Fr. Brian

He is not here; he has risen!

Another Saint for a Time of Plague – St. Aloysius Gonzaga, SJ

Aloysius de Gonzaga (born 3-9 1568 & died 6-21-1591), born into a wealthy Italian aristocratic family, became a young member of St. Ignatius Loyola’s Society of Jesus. He died as a result of caring for the victims of a serious local plague.

As the first-born son (of seven children), he was in line to inherit his father’s title status and wealth. His father started his son’s military training as a valiant soldier at an early age, but also saw to it that he was given an education in languages and arts. He grew up amid the power intrigues and brutal violence of Renaissance Italy, even witnessing the murder of two of his brothers. Only aged 8-9 years old, he was sent to Florence along with his younger brother, Rodolfo, to serve at the court of the Grand Duke Francesco I de’ Medici. While there, he fell ill with a disease of the kidneys, which troubled him throughout his life. While he was ill, he took the opportunity to read about the saints and to spend much of his time in prayer. He reportedly took a private vow of chastity at age 9. On a return trip home once, he met Cardinal Charles Borromeo, and from him received First Communion in July 1580. After reading a book about Jesuit missionaries in India, Aloysius felt strongly that he wanted to become a missionary. He started teaching catechism classes to young boys in Castiglione in the summers, and adopted an ascetic lifestyle. He sought to join the religious order of the Capuchin Friars, or the Jesuits of St. Ignatius. His mother supported his religious call, but his father was furious and prevented him from doing so. Several members of his family worked hard to persuade him to change his mind. Realizing that Aloysius was firm in his commitment, the family tried to influence him to become a secular priest so they would ‘buy’ him a bishopric. At age 18, he signed away any claim to family inheritance. In November 1585 he was accepted into the novitiate of the Society of Jesus in Rome. He undertook his novice studies and formation, but bad health flared up at times.

In 1587, he took the three religious vows of chastity, poverty and obedience, and continued his studies for ordination to priesthood. In 1589, he was called to Mantua to serve as a political mediator between his brother Rodolfo and the Duke of Mantua, before returning to Rome. About this time, he had a vision wherein the Archangel Gabriel told him that he would die within a year. In 1591, a plague broke out in Rome. The Jesuits opened a hospital for the stricken, and Aloysius volunteered to work there. After begging alms for the victims, Aloysius began working with the sick, carrying the dying from the streets into the Jesuit hospital. There he washed and fed the plague victims, preparing them as best he could to receive sacraments. Once, Aloysius’s superiors forbade him from returning to the hospital. But Aloysius—long accustomed to refusals from his father—persisted and requested permission to return, which was granted. After falling ill with the plague, he rallied for a time, but as fever and cough set in, he continued to decline in health and died on June 21, 1591. A Statue of St Aloysius figures prominently on the campus of Gonzaga University in Spokane, Washington of St. Aloysius carrying a plague victim in the streets to the hospital. As a model of servant leadership, without any expectation of recognition or reward, Aloysius quietly and humbly cared for the abandoned, vulnerable and dying. St. Aloysius has always been invoked in times of epidemics, On the 400th anniversary of his death, St. John Paul II named St. Aloysius the patron of AIDS patients and AIDS caregivers. “May the Lord bring healing to the sick, wisdom to medical professionals, prudence to our civil leaders, charity toward all and hope to those who are discouraged. St Aloysius, pray for us.”

Litany Prayer of Saint Aloysius Gonzaga, SJ

*Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us. Lord, have mercy on us.
 Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Spirit, one God,
 Have mercy on us.*

*Holy Mother of God & Virgin of Virgins, Pray for us.
 Saint Aloysius Gonzaga, Pray for us.
 Beloved child of Christ, Pray for us.
 Delight of the Blessed Virgin, Pray for us.
 Most chaste and humble youth, Pray for us.
 Model of young students, Pray for us.
 Despiser of riches, Pray for us.
 Enemy of vanities, Pray for us.
 Fugitive from honors, Pray for us.
 Jewel of the nobility, Pray for us.
 Flower of innocence, Pray for us.
 Mirror of mortification, Pray for us.
 Model of perfect obedience, Pray for us.
 Template of evangelical poverty, Pray for us.
 Most zealous observer of rules, Pray for us.
 Desirous of the salvation of all souls, Pray for us.
 Holy Student of Saint Ignatius, Pray for us.*

*Be merciful: Spare us, O Lord.
 From the concupiscence of the eyes: O Lord, deliver us.
 From the concupiscence of the flesh: O Lord, deliver us.
 From the pride of life: O Lord, deliver us.*

*Through the merits and intercessions of St. Aloysius: O Lord, deliver us.
 Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us,
 Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us,
 Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.*