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Jesus told his disciples this parable:

“The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out at dawn to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with them for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. Going out about nine o'clock, the landowner saw others standing idle in the marketplace, and he said to them, ‘You too go into my vineyard, and I will give you what is just.’ So they went off. And he went out again around noon, and around three o'clock, and did likewise. Going out about five o'clock, the landowner found others standing around, and said to them, ‘Why do you stand here idle all day?’ They answered, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You too go into my vineyard.’ When it was evening the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Summon the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and ending with the first.’ When those who had started about five o'clock came, each received the usual daily wage. So when the first came, they thought that they would receive more, but each of them also got the usual wage. And on receiving it they grumbled against the landowner, saying, ‘These last ones worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us, who bore the day's burden and the heat.’ He said to one of them in reply, ‘My friend, I am not cheating you. Did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what is yours and go. What if I wish to give this last one the same as you? Or am I not free to do as I wish with my own money? Are you envious because I am generous?’ Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

**Observances for the Week of :
September 21-27**

Monday-Feast of St. Matthew
Wednesday- Memorial of St. Pius of Pietrelcina
Sunday- Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Weekly Mass Readings
September 21-27**

Monday	Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Mt 9:9-13
Tuesday	Prv 21:1-6, 10-13; Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday	Prv 30:5-9; Lk 9:1-6
Thursday	Ecc 1:2-11; Lk 9:7-9
Friday	Ecc 3:1-11; Lk 9:18-22
Saturday	Ecc 11:9-12:8; Lk 9:43b-45
Sunday	Ez 18:25-28; Phil 2:1-11; Mt 21:28-32

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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

Find us on Facebook at:
*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

September 20, 2020 Mt 20:1-16a

Dear St. Pius X and St. Anthony Church,

Workers of the World Unite! Call the Union Steward and file a grievance. We need a hearing over this 'disparity of treatment'. Do you wonder what is going on in this parable with the pay inequality among the vineyard workers? I caution restraint to the workers before 'striking' and setting up a picket line at the vineyard gate. This is obviously not the 'landowner's' first harvest of grapes, unless he just inherited that vineyard over the winter. So I advise that we call a conference with the landowner before taking any drastic action. I agree that the landowner may know grapes, but he doesn't demonstrate much understanding of good worker morale and HR personnel matters. If he doesn't take a refresher management course, he may find himself harvesting the grapes by himself next fall. If we could hear about the next day in the parable, I wonder if he would have found any 'morning' workers at all. Who wouldn't drag their feet and wait to come on duty with the later afternoon shifts, if the day's pay was going to be the same again? UNLESS, something else is going on with this parable altogether. I suggest two considerations that may help account for what seems like an unfair pay situation. (Why might the owner pay the same for work shifts of different durations?) Well, I get the impression that the landowner is trying to build up a larger work force and is recruiting those new workers with a **generous 'advance' or sign-up bonus**, to which the veteran workers may already have a comparable offset such as a 401K program or some other benefit (a tradeoff that won't be offered to the new workers). It happens all the time (ask a newly hired school teacher today about the changes to traditional pension benefit systems). Or before we go to 'boycotting' grapes and grape products, we may want to hear if there are pressuring factors that made the owner need to rush that one harvest, and complete it in one day. Maybe he had a big order he had to ship that night or else he'd lose the whole sale of his crop (losing market share in the process and having to lay off every worker!) Or maybe he knew that a devastating storm was blowing in (or some approaching wave of plague locusts!) and he had to harvest everything that day to salvage all he could to make a good year of it. In such cases, he was under extreme pressure to harvest everything that day and he needed an 'all hands on deck' approach, having to find as many workers as possible to finish the job. Maybe he was operating like a contractor who is fighting to complete a job on time to avoid late penalty fees for unfinished work or to stop rental/finance costs from piling up. I've brought more people on a job near the end of it, to get the job done because of a deadline or schedule pressures. In such cases like these, I trust the landowner is going to take good care of those veteran faithful workers and reward them thoroughly later. He surely knows of their dependable reliability because they have seen him through many past harvests and he can count on them to always finish the job! Any of these considerations help us to reframe this one day of unjust pay, to understand it better.

Yet, also, knowing that Jesus is always talking about more than we can imagine, I suggest even another way of approaching this difficult-to-understand parable. Listen to Jesus' opening words and their full import: "**The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out to hire...** (Matt 20:1). This is not ordinary work. We are not talking about 'working for the weekend'. We are talking about 'working for eternity'. This work is for the Kingdom of God, and when we work for the Kingdom of God, "our work benefits are out of this world!"

I suggest that we miss the point of Jesus' teaching here if we only see this parable as a conflict over "workers' & owners' rights", or about pay and work practices. Jesus says that this parable is a descriptive 'likeness to the kingdom of God'. Listening closely to what Jesus says, I have to ask, "Okay then, there is another level to this story. So, what is this parable teaching about God's kingdom?" Well, first, the kingdom-the vineyard is **God's**, not ours. So, God sets the rules, and not us. In a heavenly vineyard, maybe the last thing to worry about is the grapes and pay. Working in God's eternal vineyard is not about any product, but about the joy of heavenly fellowship with the owner and other workers in a common effort. Who I am **working with** and **working for** is more important. Why work only for grapes that rot? Jesus will say in John 6:27, "Do not work for food that perishes, but food that endures to eternal life." We need to work for what is eternal, which amounts to good fellowship with the owner and the other workers. Thinking only of earth, we may only look at grapes and today's pay. But God brings heaven into this parable and expands the team of workers to possibly include everyone. In this case, if it is God's vineyard, I am just glad to be inside the gate and will happily work any task or hours in it. What can compete with that market? I'm just glad to be working there at all, fruitfully contributing my little part alongside everyone else with the harvest for the Kingdom.

Peace, Fr. Brian

Another Saint in a Time of Plague: St. Jude the Apostle

We popularly refer to St. Jude the Apostle as the patron saint of long shots, or lost causes. We may wonder why 'lost causes'? Tradition suggests that it may be because Jude shares an infamous name with Judas Iscariot, making him likely to be forgotten, overlooked or erased from history's consideration. Yet, also, St. Jude's life reflects some pretty remarkable achievements even though he lived in the shadow of other names (being a brother of James the less, sharing Judas' name and being called several other names besides like Thaddeus, Lebbeaus, etc). Some of these achievements include him writing a strong letter in the New Testament encouraging bravery among Christians facing deceptions, scorn, persecution and martyrdom. Also, he is known to have converted the King of Edessa to Christianity by his preaching, witness and miraculous healing. One prayer associated with St. Jude says, "*Most holy Apostle, Saint Jude Thaddeus, friend of Jesus, I place myself in your care at this difficult time. Help me know that I need not face my troubles alone. Please join me in my need, asking God to send me: 1) consolation in my sorrow, 2) courage in my fear, and 3) healing in the midst of my suffering. Ask our loving Lord to fill me with the grace to accept whatever may lie ahead for me and my loved ones, and to strengthen my faith in God's healing powers. Thank you, Saint Jude Thaddeus, for the promise of hope you hold out to all who believe, and inspire me to give this gift of hope to others as it has been given to me. St Jude, pray for me.*" His feast day is October 28.

St. Jude is listed among the apostles in the gospels as "Judas the son of James," in Luke 6:16. In Matthew 10:3, he is identified as "Thaddeus" right after a second James (also called James the less). In Mark 3:18, he is called "Thaddeus" again listed right after the 'lesser James'. In John 14:22 he is identified as 'Jude, not the Iscariot' though. Certainly there is a St. 'Jude' among the apostles. Tradition holds that he went on missionary work around 37 AD to Mesopotamia (present-day Iraq) and was a leader in the Eastern Church that St Thomas began in those parts of the world. He teamed up with St. Simon and they together evangelized a lot of Libya, Turkey, and Persia. He is given credit for establishing the Church in Armenia, and viewed today as the patron saint of the Armenian Christian Church. His popular conversion of the King of Edessa was the result of St. Jude going to him to pray and intercede for him because of sickness in the King's family. Often St. Jude is pictured as holding a medallion or cloth with the face of Jesus impressed upon it, because the legend says that after praying and teaching the king about Jesus, the King asked what Jesus looked like. St. Jude went off to pray and came back to the King with a cloth (similar to Shroud of Turin?) that had the Holy Face of Jesus imprinted upon it. By the touch of the holy cloth, the King's family member was miraculously healed. St. Jude wrote his New Testament letter around 60 AD and its theme of keeping faith under attack and persecution implies that he preached in the midst of hostile antagonism with false teachers conspiring against him. He is believed to have been martyred in Persia or Syria around 65 A.D. in holy card pictures or statues he is often seen holding an axe or club showing the manner of his martyr's death. Two Medieval saints who helped spread awareness of St. Jude and fostered special devotion to him were St. Bernard of Clairvaux in France and St. Bridget of Sweden. Of course, today we also have the wonderful charitable institution of St. Jude's Children Hospital (under his patronage). St. Jude, in this time of pandemic fear and division and with the hope of a long shot vaccine/cure, pray for us!

St. Anthony Parishioners Moving: To wish well and thank a couple of parishioners who are moving out of state in October, please come to farewell reception for **Steve & Helen Krivan** and **Bob Lehky** who will be moving to Texas and Alabama respectively. **Today, September 20,** after the 8:00 am Mass, we will be having a light reception to wish them well, and visit before their moves out of state in October. We pray for their moves and travels to be smooth and safe.

FFY News: Please watch your mail or email for upcoming news or information about this year's FFY lessons.

Dave Ramsey Financial Peace University Classes, coordinated by Dr. Chip Bohle: "Tell your money where to go instead of wondering where it went! Join my virtual Financial Peace University class and learn to make a budget you'll actually stick to. We meet online, so you won't even have to leave home. Visit this unique registration link for this local class fpu.com/1124405 and sign up to start your 14-day free trial of Financial Peace! Class starts October 7.

Hope Clinic Fundraiser 2020: Hello Everyone! We are sad that we were not able to have our in-person event for HOPE Clinic this year, but we are excited to see what God is going to do through our virtual event available anytime when you visit the following site: <https://poweringiving.com/> Please prayerfully consider giving to HOPE Clinic. You will be able to give by texting "Give" to 1-743-200-4673 or you can click the donate button on this link, <https://poweringiving.com/> or mail in to Hope Clinic 1100 Olive Street Benton, KY. 42025 Your gifts help us to provide pregnancy test, ultrasounds, STD testing, material support, parenting classes and so much more. All our services are free! We cannot do this without your support! Thank you, Lisa Holland, Director

CFSB will host its sixth annual prayer service at each Banking Center on Thursday, September 24, 2020 at 9:00 AM for the area's law enforcement officers. The prayer service is open to the public and all are welcome to attend. Our team members are appreciative of the efforts of those brave individuals who protect and serve their community, as well as their families. We want to take this time to pray for and support our law enforcement. May God protect them as they protect us! Come pray with us! To all Peace Officers, Thank you all for your sacrifices for the greater good of our area!

Birthdays & Anniversaries
September 21-27



St. Pius X

September 21-Eric Galvan
September 22-Shayla Le
September 22-Shirley Poat
September 24-Larry Krouse

St. Anthony of Padua

September 24-Betty Gonzalez



St. Pius X

September 24-Brandon & Nikki Boughton

St. Anthony of Padua

No Anniversaries this week

Remember in Prayer

St. Pius X: John Bardsley, Kaileigh Row, Bennett Meisenheimer, 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, 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 Derringer, Charles Paulius, Helen Krivan 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
September 21-27**

Tuesday	6:00 pm	<i>Rodney & Loretta Wheatley Family</i>
Wednesday	8:00 am	<i>Reddani Family</i>
Wednesday	6:00 pm	<i>Edwina & Frank Neel</i>
Thursday	8:00 am	<i>Jim Forsythe</i>
Friday	8:00 am	<i>Patricia Butson</i>
Saturday	4:30 pm	<i>Jerry Isaacs</i>
Sunday	10:00 am	<i>Joe Cirrito</i>

WEEKLY DONATIONS

Parish Hall Donation (09/13/20)	\$ 365.00
Budget for 2020/2021 Fiscal Year (July 2020-June 2021)	\$ 165,000.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 3,173.08
Weekly Donation (09/13/20)	\$ 2,819.00
Online Giving (09/13/20)	\$ 810.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 40,993.00

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.

\$21.00 was collected from aluminum can recycling. If you have aluminum cans you would like to donate, please bring to the recycling area near the dumpster by Parish Hall. Thank you!

Support Drive Collection for Calvert City Elementary School:
To help add to their pantry supplies for the students in case of a local safety disaster that requires an in-school Shelter-in-Place, we've been asked to help with donations of emergency foodstuffs to help out. We will be purchasing or collecting simple to serve items such as 1) Slim Jims or other beef jerky sticks that can be stored at room temperature 2) small container applesauces (or GOGO squeeze packages that don't require a spoon) 3) Fruit Cups or Puddings (again room temperature stored) 4) Peanut Butter Snacks 5) Boxed Cheerios Cereal (or variety pack individual servings). We are grateful for our community partners from Calvert City area! Thank You for any help!

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
September 21-27**

Wednesday	9:00 am	<i>Sr. Anne Michelle Mudd</i>
Friday	9:00 am	<i>Souls in Purgatory</i>
Sunday	8:00 am	<i>Safe Return of Parishioners to Mass</i>

WEEKLY DONATIONS

Budget 2020/2021 Fiscal Year (July 2020-June 2021)	\$ 60,000.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 1,153.85
Weekly Donation (09/13/20)	\$ 2,354.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 13,594.00

There will not be Saturday evening Mass at St. Anthony until Memorial Day. Sunday Mass is 8:00 am.

Livingston County Helping Hands
Food Pantry Needs:

paper towels, toilet paper, laundry detergent, shampoo, bath soap, diapers, feminine hygiene products, dish washing liquid, coffee, tea, macaroni and cheese, sugar, flour, cereal (all kinds), peanut butter, jelly, tuna, salmon, other canned meats, canned fruits, and canned vegetables

There is a donation basket at the back of the Church for your non-perishable items.

Parish Council

Roy McFadden	Chair Person
Mike Drury	Vice Chair/Building & Ground
Debbie Owens	Secretary/Family Life
Shara Parish	Finance
Bob Lehky	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