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Divine Mercy Sunday John 20:19-31



On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you. When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them and whose sins you retain are retained. "Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples said to him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nail marks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name.

Love Overcame

Love overcame Emerging from a cold tomb All
the truth, majesty and creativity of a living God
Transforming a broken heart Making a quiet return, in a
still and sorrowful garden The grave stone rolled away, to
release redemptive love Jesus resurrected and restored
Comforts a weeping woman Speaks with travelers on a
journey Meets with his faithful friends And they bow
down before Christ alive And acknowledged that the
savior has arrived That the word of God has come alive
And that the extraordinary transformation of heaven and
earth is complete. (Easter Poem by Julie Palmer)

Weekly Mass Readings

April 11 – April 18

Sunday, 4/11 Acts 4:32-35/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-31

Monday, 4/12

Acts 4:23-31/Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday, 4/13

Acts 4:32-37/Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday, 4/14

Acts 5:17-26/Jn 3:16-21

Thursday, 4/15

Acts 5:27-33/Jn 3:31-36

Friday, 4/16

Acts 5:34-42/Jn 6:1-15

Saturday, 4/17

Acts 6:1-7/Jn 6:16-21

Sunday, 4/18

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/1 Jn 2:1-5a

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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

1st Saturday of each month-8:00 am

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



April 11, 2021

John 20:19-298

Happy Divine Mercy Sunday! We recognize today, our Polish saint friends, St John Paul II and St Faustina Kowalski for promoting and spreading the wonderful devotion to Divine Mercy. Most popularly, it is the image of Divine Mercy that most people recognize about the devotion. Of course, we have the prayers of the Chaplet, recited on a traditional rosary but with repeated 'mercy prayers' instead of 'Hail Marys'. Also, such practices as reciting the chaplet at the hour of Divine Mercy, 3:00 pm every day-the time in the afternoon of the crucifixion. Some people have read the spiritual diary of St Faustina (it is a little long) that shares her in-depth reflection and meditations on the Jesus' open heart toward us. So, about the popular image, it depicts

Jesus walking toward the viewer with one open hand raised in a gesture of blessing, and the other hand over his heart as if he is opening his cloak while two rays of projecting light (one blue-one red) flow outward us. The inspiration of the picture's painting comes from one of the prayer visions that St Faustina had of Jesus. She received the vision while in deep meditative prayer upon Jesus' Sacred Heart. The two rays of light represent the 1) water and 2) blood that flowed from Jesus' side (his heart lanced by the soldier) as Jesus hung upon the cross giving His life for the world's salvation (John 19:34). I see in the water and blood, that Two Central Sacraments of Christian life, 1) Holy Baptism that rebirths us into relationship to Christ and His life and Holy Eucharist that keeps Christ's life (His Precious Blood) infused with in us. There are many other details about the picture that can be appreciated when we prayerfully view it as a holy icon. I encourage you to sit with the Divine Mercy Icon-Image in contemplative prayer. Please let me know what details strike you as you gaze upon it. A final note from me about the image is the banner of words along the bottom, 'Jesus, I trust in you.' For me, that says it all. Divine Mercy is the realization that it takes God to save! We humans are helpless to save ourselves. Forgiveness is divine work. But the good news is that God offers it to us! Again, note that in the picture, Jesus is walking toward us: He is approaching us! He wants to give us mercy!

I always emphasize in Divine Mercy Sunday homilies, that something is 'not right' about the apostles being locked away in the room (the scripture says it was 'for fear of the Jews'???-John 20:19). When Jesus does appear (entering even through locked doors) among them, his first word is 'Peace' (20:19). He then goes on to speak about and give them the 'Holy Spirit' and the command to forgive and authority to forgive (John 20:22-23). I do think that they 'feared' the Romans and Jews after Jesus' shockingly cruel death, but I also think that they begin turning against each other because of internal paranoia and fear. They are at a crisis point (needing Jesus' intervention) always looking over their shoulders, ever since Judas betrayed Jesus. The act of Judas betrayed them all (why Peter denied him, and the rest ran and hid). Are they locked in, or Thomas locked out? Why is Thomas out alone? Does Thomas' absence hint of collusion with the Romans/Jews too? Recall that Jesus' command to them was to be sent 'two by two' (Mark 6:7, Luke 10:1). Especially after Jesus' death, no apostle has business being alone. So, Jesus' appearance is so necessary because the apostles are reacting just as every human does when faced with his/her own sin 1) turn against others and 2) hide from God. From Adam and Eve onward we find that classic response to one's own personal sin. Adam blames Eve, Eve blames Serpent, (Why was Eve alone?-Adam shouldn't have abandoned her) and they both hide from God (Genesis 3:8). Sin does that! It turns us against ourselves and against others, and ultimately drawing us back in hiding from God. And isn't that when we need God most! Sin is so cunning as to drive us away from the remedy we most need. But the Good News is that God seeks us out! This is something like Jesus talking about people in dark avoiding the light, because the light exposes their sin (John 3:20). So it is no surprise that fallen human nature pulls away from God in guilt after sin. The deepest tragedy here is that after sin's damage, that is when we most need to approach God! But often, we don't. When we should all the more go to Him, that is when we most feel like avoiding and running. So, in the Mercy Image, our Good Shepherd walks toward us offering us peace (Luke 15:4 tells of the Good Shepherd seeking out the lost sheep!). Divine Mercy shows us again, how good Jesus is to us! Fr. Brian

Another Saint for Plague: St. Finnian of Clonard, Ireland (born 470 AD died 12-12-549)

St Finnian (also called Irish Fionan or latin Finianus) was born at the Kingdom of Leinster, a son of Findlog. Not very much is known of his early years, but he is reported to have been born into the famous and powerful family called the Clanna Rudhraige (who ruled the area of Ulaid for many years). St Finnian was baptized by Abban, and while still in his youth he was given under to the care of Bishop Fortchern of Trim, for spiritual guidance and education. He would have not only studied but also worked for the monastery, tending its flocks upon the hills. He received an excellent education, at times studying under the greatest teachers available, even studying for a period at the monastic world's center in Gaul, the famous abbey of St Martin of Tours. He moved to Wales and continued studies at the monastery of Cadoc the Wise, at Llancarfan, receiving the spiritual direction of such masters as St Cadoc, St David and St Gildas. He adopted a strict monastic observance from Gaul, and very advanced studies in Latin Roman classics as well as translation and copying skills to include replicating manuscripts of St Jerome's Vulgate Bible.

After about 30 years studying and living among monasteries in Wales, he returned to Ireland. He went quickly to work founding monasteries and stirring up fervor among young men to dedicate their lives to constant prayer and work for Christ. He landed first at Aghowle in County Wicklow at the foot of Sliabh Condala, where the king of Leinster gave him land to build. After settling and training a group of monks there, he went to Skellig Michael, off the coast of Kerry, and started a monastery. A few years there and he traveled to Kildare and established an austere form of monastic life at St Brigid monastery. About the year 520, he was led by an angel to move to Clonard (Cluain Eraird) in County Meath along the River Boyne. The angel told him this would be 'his place of resurrection'-meaning that he would die there-remain there 'til death. At first he only built a little cell and church of clay and woven stick branches. He wanted to emulate the simplicity and poverty of the Desert Fathers. He constantly read scripture and the 'Lives and Sayings of the Desert Fathers' and slept on the bare ground, eating only what nature provided close at hand. He fasted much! His presence in Clonard became known and knowledge of his reputation as spiritual director and teacher spread throughout Ireland. Many men came to him and began to settle in the area to be taught and formed in his monastic spirituality. As a result, St Finnian opened another monastery at Clonard to accommodate the religious seekers who flocked there to dedicate themselves to monastic community and religious life. His rule was known for its strong asceticism and manual work. At one time, it is reported that there were as many as 3,000 men under his care in Clonard or surrounding communities. St Finnian established a large scriptorium and many workshops of trades/crafts at Clonard. Many monks were commissioned to leave Clonard and go out to evangelize Ireland and found more monasteries.

The master Finnian was unmatched in his ability to expound the Holy Scriptures and St John Cassian. His gift for teaching accounts for his numerous students and attraction of so many from all across Ireland to visit Clonard and hear his presentations and lectures. In 594, nearly all of County Meath and Clonard was stricken with waves of 'yellow plague' (a virus attacking/destroying the liver). St Finnian and other monks began setting up housing and nursing shelters for the ravaged sick. He read to them and supplied what medical attention he could to them. Before very long, he was also afflicted with the plague and died soon afterward. He was buried in the abbey church (his own building) at Clonard. The residents of Ireland continued to travel to the monastery for prayer and for healing intercession from St Finnian. Many miraculous cures are attributed to him over the years. He had a sister who also became a famous Abbess and women's teacher at Kilreynagh, near the present town of Banagher. Also, St Finnian is known to have taught the 12 Apostles of Ireland (nearly the most popular Irish Saints after Patirck!). They include the greats such Saints Ciarán, Brendan, Columba, Mobhí, Ruadháin, Senan and Laisrén. St Finnian is called the Father of Irish Monasticism. He is a great pandemic saint for his calm and prayerful approach to meeting its challenge by keeping the faith and keeping faithful to serving Christ in His sick. He sacrificed his own life, tending and caring for the sick.

Mask Reminder about Mass: We are still under Diocesan Care Protocols (Mask-Distance), *even though more and more states are relaxing such procedures*. I bet its whether the Easter/Spring Break Case Surge materializes or not, that will determine our next step back toward more comfortable worship again. I am **SO GRATEFUL** for your cooperation with this, until we hear more: **Thank You Church!**

I got vaccinated! As soon as the phase opened up available to people 50 years old (Yes, I am over 50 years old!), I called in & went to get it! I want to encourage everyone to receive one as soon as possible. Since last March, we have been praying for an end to this plague, and vaccines to be discovered. They are at hand (or arm!) now. Please schedule and receive your vaccine as soon as you can, as we all want to do our part to get this pandemic behind us!



Gasper River Summer Camp Registration is open for this coming summer! Space is limited, please register soon. Scholarships are available. Please contact Paula Schmidt for the scholarship application information. Visit gasperriverretreatcenter.org for more information about camp and to register for camp.

Also, YOUTH 2000 July 17-28, 2021 COVID-Modified Retreat is being planned still. Watch for more details. Please let Paula know of your interest.

FFY Faith Formation Youth News:

We will meet on **Wednesday, April 14**, for our **FFY In-Person Session at 6:45pm**. If the Marshall County School System is on virtual learning, we will meet via Zoom. Watch the mail for the new Gospel Weeklies Packet and emails!

Protect our Children: Report and Seek Help against Abuse: The safety of our children is the responsibility of every Christian. Anyone aware of the abuse of a person under the age of eighteen is required by law to report this to the proper state authorities local law enforcement or the Kentucky Child Abuse Hotline (toll-free: 1-877-597- 2331). To report abuse to the diocese, current or past, by anyone acting in the name of the Church (paid or volunteer), call Louanne Payne, Pastoral Assistance Coordinator (English) on the confidential phone line: 270-852-8380, or Susan Montalvo-Gesser/Miguel Quintanilla, Pastoral Assistance Coordinators (Spanish): 270-880-8360. The Diocese of Owensboro's sexual abuse policy is available this parish, on the bulletin board, in the parish office, and also on the diocesan website (<https://owensborodiocese.org/safe>).

Remember in Prayer

St. Pius X: John Bardsley, Kaileigh Row, Lisa Hammond, Eileen Sacks, Rose Grossius, Bennett Meisenheimer, Neil Trammell, 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, 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 Hebner, Juanita Perkins, Ericka Karpstein, Joanna Cooper, Carolyn Outland, Angel Thompson, Kaye Poyner, Jerry Huebschmann, Dorothy Henry, Bob & Lois Tashjian, Rita Cook, Hannah Padgett, Juliette Kaplanes, Jack Bender, Penny Maupin, Don Kemp, Sharon Olejnicak, Tim Wilson, Beverly Dukes, Bill Norvell, Wallace Hunt, Phyllis White, Judy Krouse, Kerry Frazier, Rene Harrington, Joe Cirrito, Lisa Doyle, Forrest Michael Teeters, David Kroll, Cameron Brewer, Stefanie Wilkerson-Barragan, 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, Tom & Margie Sheppard, Bob & Lois Tashjian, Mr. Driskill, Margaret Adams, Pat Gorbett, Ed Derringe, Charles Paulius, Helen Krivan, Imogene Ramey, Bob Lang 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.

Vaccine update in Kentucky

Locate vaccine by zip code, <https://vaccinefinder.org>
Kentucky's COVID-19 Vaccine Website, vaccine.ky.gov, shows Kentuckians which phase they are in specifically. Individuals can sign up for notifications so state officials can communicate with them when doses become available at new and existing sites. [Vaccine.ky.gov](http://vaccine.ky.gov) also lists regional vaccine Centers

Birthdays & Anniversaries:

April 12 – April 18

Happy Birthday!

St. Pius X

April 13	Alex Le
April 14	Michael Canon
April 14	Maddie Traylor
April 15	Tyler Anderson

St. Anthony of Padua

April 13	Keely Lucas
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Happy Anniversary!

St. Pius X

April 12	Brad & Lisa Tack
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St. Anthony of Padua

No anniversaries this week

Bridge Builders – Easter Series @ Your Home!

Apr 22 @ 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm

If you are active in a multicultural parish, we invite you to journey with us during Easter 2021 to explore how we can build bridges to integrate our parishes more fully. We will study two books together to work on better bridging skills within our communities. Patti Gutiérrez, host of the Gente Puente Café and Podcast, will guide the discussions. Registration per individual: \$10 Follow the text of “Best Practices for Shared Parishes: So That They All May Be One” For more info contact Deacon Chris Gutiérrez at chris.gutierrez@pastoral.org or (270) 880-8018.

St. Pius X

Mass Intentions April 12 – April 18		
Tuesday	6:00 pm	<i>Sally Anne Klohr</i>
Wednesday	8:00 am	<i>Mary Ann Johnson</i>
Wednesday	6:00 pm	<i>Anne Burgess</i>
Thursday	8:00 am	<i>John & Sue Mudd</i>
Friday	8:00 am	<i>Michael Malzahn</i>
Saturday	4:30 pm	<i>Daniel & Nancy Mudd Family</i>
Sunday	10:00 am	<i>Stephanie Wilkerson-Barragan</i>

WEEKLY DONATIONS

Parish Hall Donation (4/4/21)	\$ 385.00
Budget for 2020/2021 Fiscal Year (July 2020-June 2021)	\$ 165,000.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 3,173.08
Weekly Donation (4/4/21)	\$ 5,317.00
Online Giving (4/4/21)	\$ 1,275.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 151,213.20
Special Easter Church Coll. (NC)	\$ 2,145

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 any assistance, please call the parish office 270-395-4727.

2021 Year Honoring St. Joseph

On the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, Pope Francis has released an Apostolic Letter about Saint Joseph and has declared a "Year of St. Joseph" which will be observed from December 8, 2020 to December 8, 2021. The letter, *Patris corde* ("a Father's heart") is released on the 150th anniversary of the proclamation of Saint Joseph as patron of the Universal Church. For the full text of the letter, please visit website: http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_letters/documents/papa-francesco-lettera-ap-20201208-patris-corde.html

Parish Council

Pam Hurst	Chair Person
Jeff Outland	Building & Ground
Larry Krouse	Secretary
Robert Weekes	Finance
Dawn Whitt	Spiritual Life
Catherine Brooks	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 April 12– April 18		
Wednesday	9:00 am	<i>Roscoe & Edith Judd Family</i>
Friday	9:00 am	<i>Return to Good Health of Jerry Wommack</i>
Sunday	8:00 am	<i>Mary Rose Limb</i>

WEEKLY DONATIONS

Budget 2020/2021 Fiscal Year (July 2020-June 2021)	\$ 60,000.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 1,153.85
Weekly Donation (4/4/2021-Easter Day)	\$ 930.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 48,681.00
Special Easter Church Coll. (NC)	\$ 175.00

Thank you so much for your faithful generosity! The Parishes and the Church's Mission depends on you!

Livingston County Helping Hands



FOOD PANTRY

Non perishable items needed: paper towels, toilet paper, laundry detergent, shampoo (adult & baby), bath soap, diapers, baby wipes, feminine hygiene products, dish soap, coffee, tea, mac and cheese, sugar, flour, cereal, peanut butter, jelly, tuna, salmon, canned fruits, canned vegetables

There is a collection container at the back of the church for your donated items. Thank you for your generosity!

Spiritual Thoughts for Easter Season

"As the soul makes progress, and by a greater and more perfect concentration comes to appreciate what the knowledge of truth is, the more it approaches this vision, and so much the more does it see that the divine nature is invisible. It thus leaves all surface appearances, not only those that can be grasped by the senses but also those that the mind itself seems to see, and it keeps on going deeper until by the operation of the spirit it penetrates the invisible and incomprehensible, and it is there that it sees God. The true vision and the true knowledge of what we seek consists precisely in not seeing, in an awareness that our goal transcends all knowledge and is everywhere cut off from us by God's divine incomprehensibility. St Gregory of Nyssa (Mystical Writings)

Parish Council

Roy McFadden	Chair Person
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Debbie Owens	Secretary/Family Life
Shara Parish	Finance/ Building & Ground
Nick Zaim	Social/Spiritual Concern

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 the office by 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday. Email: stpiusx@stpiusx.us