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**Ascension Sunday Mark 16:15-20**



Jesus said to his disciples: "Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved; whoever does not believe will be condemned. These signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will drive out demons, they will speak new languages. They will pick up serpents with their hands, and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not harm them. They will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover." So then the Lord Jesus, after he spoke to them, was taken up into heaven and took his seat at the right hand of God. But they went forth and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the word through accompanying signs.

**Easter Poem : 'East Coker' of Four Quartets TS Eliot**

Home is where one starts from. As we grow older  
The world becomes stranger, the pattern more complicated  
Of dead and living. Not the intense moment Isolated,  
with no before and after, But a lifetime burning in every moment  
And not the lifetime of one man only  
But of old stones that cannot be deciphered.  
There is a time for the evening under starlight,  
A time for the evening under lamplight  
(The evening with the photograph album).  
Love is most nearly itself When here and now cease to matter.  
Old men ought to be explorers  
Here and there does not matter  
We must be still and still moving  
Into another intensity  
For a further union, a deeper communion  
Through the dark cold and empty desolation,  
The wave cry, the wind cry, the vast waters  
Of the petrel and the porpoise. In my end is my beginning.

**Weekly Mass Readings**

**May 16-May 23**

Sunday 5/16	Acts 1:1-11/Eph 1:17-23/ Mk 16:15-20
Monday 5/17	Acts 19:1-8/Jn 16:29-33
Tuesday 5/18	Acts 20:17-27/Jn 17:1-11a
Wednesday 5/19	Acts 20:28-38/Jn 17:11b-19
Thursday 5/20	Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Jn 17:20-26
Friday 5/21	Acts 25:13b-21/Jn 21:15-19
Saturday 5/22	Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Jn 21:20-25

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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**  
1<sup>st</sup> 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



Dear St Pius And St Anthony Churches, May 16, 2021

Happy Ascension Sunday! I am sure it is evident that with Sunday Mass I always focus on the gospel when reviewing the Sunday readings. Why? The red letters of Jesus-I say 'Red Letters' of Jesus because it used to be popular to print bibles with the actual words from Jesus' lips being printed in red for special focus (so called Red Letter bibles). The Red ink does draw our eyes to them better. I liken such a red hotline to the old Red Bat-Phone that directly connected Police Commissioner Gordon to Batman-A Dedicated & Direct Line!) So, I always start any meditation by actually reading the words of the gospel, those 'very words of Jesus'. Now, I must also state that "Yes, every bit of holy scripture is the inspired and inerrant Word of God". God speaks directly Himself, yet He also speaks equally through His chosen messengers -mouthpieces. But, I always begin any commentary by hearing from Jesus Himself in the gospels. I let Jesus' own words be the lens through which I interpret all the rest of God's communication to us through His inspired authors-prophets. So, for this Sunday of Christ's Ascension we hear the fullest story of the Ascension uniquely from the first reading which is not a gospel but the Acts of the Apostles. Mark's gospel does mention the Ascension, but gives only the scantiest detail that after blessing the disciples for mission, that "then the Lord Jesus was taken up into heaven and took his seat at the right hand of God" (Mark 16:19). Mark only gives a bare bones description like a 'Just the facts, mam' version of the story. Simply, Mark says, "Jesus gathered & commissioned His disciples to go out ministering in His Name. Then He rose away to the Father's heavenly right hand!" However, Luke in Acts of the Apostles helps us see a fuller picture of the natural questions and reactions of the disciples to one more "out of this world' experience with Jesus. As if they haven't learned not to ask such questions trying to predict the future, the apostles ask Jesus one more time, 'Jesus what is next?'

Of course, Jesus says, "It is not for you to know the times or seasons that the Father has established.." Acts 1:7. This is not new. Several times Jesus had indicated to the apostles that Faith operated on a 'need to know' basis when it came to the Father's will. Once asked about the end of the world, Jesus said ""But of that day and hour no one knows" (Matt 24"36, Mk 13:32), and when Peter asked about the personal destiny of the Beloved Disciple, Jesus said "What concern is it of yours? Follow me" (John 21:22). Jesus did not wish us to be swept away with too lofty a matters or to meddle in others' business when He emphasized in Luke 21:14-15 about having to give testimony of oneself, saying, "you are not to prepare your defense beforehand, for I myself shall give you a wisdom.....". This is the gift of the Spirit that Jesus spoke about at the Last Supper who will come to us 'as needed' and "lead us into all truth" (John 16:13).

So, what were the apostles to do after Jesus ascended? He advised them to return to Jerusalem and remain 'waiting for the 'Spirit-the promise of the Father' (Acts 1:4). What do they do? I believe they were faithful to Jesus' command that he once gave in the Garden of Gethsemane "Remain here and keep watch." Mark 14:34) They didn't listen to Jesus back then (remember they all fell asleep), but they do this time and they basically conduct the first novena (nine days of dedicated prayer for a single purpose- to receive the Holy Spirit). How or what did they pray? I think during their nine day retreat together, they all did what the two disciples did on the road to Emmaus, "conversing (debating among themselves) about all the things that had occurred" (Luke 24:14). They shared with each other about their mutual experiences with Jesus and prayed for the openness to continue on enacting His mission. And the Holy Spirit appears and motivates them to do just that! But that will be next week's Feast of Pentecost! What can we do? Follow their example and spend the next nine days (okay, seven now!) offering a Novena to the Holy Spirit. We want to receive the Spirit fresh and so with our seven days we can spend a little time each day praying for one of the Spirit's gifts (One-a-Day Wisdom, Knowledge, Understanding, Counsel, Piety, Fortitude and Fear of the Lord!). We can 'Remain, watch and pray' until the Holy Spirit comes! Peace, Fr Brian

## Another Saint in Time of Plague: Blessed Jan Beyzym (born 5-15- 1850 died 10-2- 1912)

Jan (John) Beyzym was born within the Russian Empire, at Beyzmy Wielkie, what is now called Ukraine, on May 15, 1850. He was the first child of five to be born to his parents Jan and Olga. In 1863, there was a political uprising and his father fought alongside others against Russian tyranny. His father was tried in absentia by the government when the uprising was put down and fled, causing the family to separate. The family also lost its home, so Jan Jr, and his siblings moved with their mother to Kiev. He studied in Kiev finishing secondary school and entering university from 1864-1871. After completing his education, he pursued religious studies applying for candidacy to diocesan priesthood. After much discernment, he opted for the Jesuits and joined their novitiate in 1872. During his two year novitiate period, an epidemic of cholera broke out in Stara Wies and he convinced his superior to allow him to serve the sick languishing in the streets. He felt fully alive serving the sick poor. Following the epidemic, he finished his Jesuit formation and was ordained a priest July 26, 1881 in Krakow by Bishop Albin Dunajewski. During his first years as a Jesuit, BI Jan served in education teaching the young students French and Russian languages in Jesuit Colleges at Tarnopol and Chyrów. He taught for 17 years and oversaw the school infirmary. However, he felt a pull in his heart to serve God in the missions, specifically among those most sick and despairing of health. Jan volunteered to his superiors that he wanted to serve leper missions. An opportunity arose when he was asked to move to Madagascar and help the ignored colonies of lepers there. At 48 years old, (1898), he was eager to go serve the lepers.

Jan went to Madagascar to a sanitarium near Antananarivo, where 150 lepers lived almost in complete abandonment in the desert avoided by everyone. The lepers were barely alive, using crumbling shacks as homes with no floors, furniture or windows. They had received no treatment or medicine, and almost no interaction with anyone (too weak to even walk around). They often died of hunger rather than their disease. In 1899, he wrote back to his Jesuit province that he often cried at night for his patients' misery and helplessness, but he threw himself even more into caring for the lepers. He wanted lepers to know their God-given dignity and God's love for them.

He wrote to everyone he knew and all possible benefactors to help in any way with donations or supplies to build better accommodations for the lepers. He discovered that with better nutrition and hygiene, the rate of death and serious weakness was dramatically lower. He especially worked among the young to ensure their proper diets and enough vitamins for their strength. He increased their daily caloric intake and improved the whole morale of the community by the children's activity and involvement around the village. Within just a few years, Jan decreased the average number of burials in the leper colony from 5-7 a week to only five a year.

Blessed Jan was guided daily by Jesus' command, 'What you do for the least of my brothers or sisters, you do for me.' His ministry did not come easy, and he suffered often in his time with the lepers. He often fainted at the strong stench of decaying flesh on his patients. He wrote to friends to send flowers or flower seeds, the more fragrant the better, to help cover the odor of the leper camps.

He always wanted to build a leper hospital and God opened a door for his efforts in 1902 when he moved to Marana near Fianarantsoa, due to its location near a fresh water supply and better landscape for agriculture. To build such a hospital in so poor a country was a miraculous undertaking that required his tireless efforts asking for donations. He placed the project under the protection of Our Lady of Czestochowa, and began soliciting funds from Catholic missionary organizations and in Catholic magazines in Poland. The hospital opened Aug. 16, 1916, staffed by Sisters of St. Joseph of Cluny. Many leper friends from back at Ambahivuraka surprised Blessed Jan when they arrived walking to the new hospital from 180 miles away to express their love of their pastor.. Blessed Jan died at Marana on Oct. 2, 1912. Blessed Jan was an inspirational and dear soul to Pope John Paul II during his papacy. He is a great intercessor for the lonely sick, and a source of comfort for those suffering COVID out of view and feeling alone.

Blessed Jan Beyzym, pray for us!

**Congratulations High School Graduate Catie Weekes!**

We congratulate and offer a special blessing for Catie Weekes today on Graduate Sunday! Also, she is the recipient of this year's Servant Leadership in Ministry Award from Bishop Medley. It is a recognition of young people that are active in parish life, serving the community.

**Every Wednesday Bible Study**  
at 10:00 am St Anthony Church



Come study the Sunday Mass readings with a group as a wonderful preparation to find even more grace in Sunday Celebrations.

**Welcome Lisa Holland of Hope Clinic!**

Next weekend, Ms Lisa Holland, will be with us to speak about Hope Clinic's pro-life ministry. Hope Clinic's work includes lots of pregnancy services to assist women and families struggling with unexpected pregnancies or difficult situations. There will be baskets by the church doors for us to contribute to Hope Clinic's work. Please be generous if you are able to help Hope Clinic!

**Parishioner Robert Burgess** moved last week. We miss him already, yet we pray for his move and transition to go smoothly as he settles in his new home. His new address is:  
9317 State Route 121 N, Hickory, KY 42051

**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>).

**FFY Faith Formation Youth News:**

**End of School Year FFY Social!**

Saturday, May 22, after the 4:30pm Mass. We will have an outdoor picnic! Watch for emails and flyers.

**Birthdays & Anniversaries:**

**May 17 – May 23**

**Happy Birthday!**

**St. Pius X**

May 17	Midge Oswald
May 19	Nikki Doughty
May 20	Mara Lucas
May 21	Chris Allen
May 22	Patty Robertson
May 23	Bette Zilligen

**St. Anthony of Padua**

May 21 Antonio Molina

**Happy Anniversary!**

**St. Pius X**

May 19	Wes & Jeanette Hayes
May 22	Philip & Amanda Scheidegger
May 22	Marcus & Teresa Newman

**St. Anthony of Padua**

May 21 Nick & Jamie Zaim

***Consider Coming out to Daily Mass!***

**St Anthony Church Mary Crowning:** Thank you Mike Drury (Dan O'Brien-Steve Wilkes) for planting the new Hydrangeas Bushes, also Margie Sheppard for the Gladiolas & Plants for the Blessed Mother, and Cindy O'Brien for the beautiful Fresh Flower Crowns! What a nice & beautiful garden and crowning (Kelley Noonan)!

**Remember in Prayer**

**St. Pius X:** Joey Elder, Kaileigh Row, Jim Maziarka, Marilyn Duzmal, Henry Feezor, Lisa Hammond, 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 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, 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, Bob Decker, 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.

**St. Pius X**

Mass Intentions May 17 – May 23		
Tuesday	6:00 pm	John & Sue Mudd
Wednesday	8:00 am	John Bardsley
Wednesday	6:00 pm	Irene Rudnicki
Thursday	8:00 am	Cynthia Becker
Friday	8:00 am	Sr Anne Michelle Mudd
Saturday	4:30 pm	John Bardsley
Sunday	10:00 am	Fr Lucian Hayden

**WEEKLY DONATIONS**

Parish Hall Donation (5/9/21)	\$ 225.00
Budget for 2020/2021 Fiscal Year (July 2020-June 2021)	\$ 165,000.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 3,173.08
Weekly Donation (5/9/21)	\$ 2,557.00
Online Giving (5/9/21)	\$ 1,245.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 175,701.20

**Prayers & Sympathy:** Please pray for the eternal rest and peace of Iva Mae Court, mother of Janet Colgan, who passed away and was buried this past week at St Henry, Aurora. Please keep Janet and all the family in your prayers that God may comfort them in this difficult time.

**Welcome Back Hymns!** Last weekend, we started to re-introduce some congregational singing (still masked, of course). We will sing gathering, communion and dismissal hymns and some of the mass parts. I am so grateful for our faithful musicians who have maintained music in different degrees for our masses and prayer throughout this pandemic time. One more step!

**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

**Other Groups**

Finance Council	Harold Dacus, Chair
Art & Decorations	Paula Schmidt
Knights of Columbus	Michael Canon

**St. Anthony of Padua**

Mass Intentions May 17 – May 23		
Wednesday	9:00 am	Sally Anne Klohr
Friday	9:00 am	Vince Friedman
Sunday	8:00 am	David Lee

**WEEKLY DONATIONS**

Budget 2020/2021 Fiscal Year (July 2020-June 2021)	\$ 60,000.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 1,153.85
Weekly Donation (5/9/2021)	\$ 771.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 54,508.00

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

**Priesthood Ordination: The Diocese is to be blessed with another Shepherd-Priest**

Deacon Corey Bruns will be ordained to the priesthood by Most Reverend William F. Medley. While it is an invitation-only event (COVID), it is livestreamed Saturday 5/22/2021 at 10:00 am CST on [ststephencathedral.org/live](http://ststephencathedral.org/live). Knights of Columbus, Council 10988 has been prayerfully and financially supporting seminarians in the Diocese every year with the Diocese, and have been encouraging Deacon Corey along since 2015, praying for his ordination one day! May God bless his Church with good shepherds!

**Spring Women's Retreat: Saturday, May 22**

"Renewing Our Hearts: Hope & Healing in Julian of Norwich" will be presented at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Hall, 4029 Frederica St., Owensboro. Retreatants will be invited to explore similarities between their own lives and that of Julian's, recognizing that both mirror the life and death of Jesus Christ. This Women's Retreat will take place from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. The program facilitator will be *Sister Cheryl Clemons, OSU*. The \$40 fee includes lunch. For more info, call 270-229-0206 or email [retreatcenter@maplemount.org](mailto:retreatcenter@maplemount.org) or go online at <https://ursulinesmsj.org/registration-form-for-sponsored-programs/>

**Parish Council**

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

*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:** 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:stpiusx@stpiusx.us)