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The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ the Son of God.
As it is written in Isaiah the prophet: *Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way. A voice of one crying out in the desert: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths."* John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. People of the whole Judean countryside and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins. John was clothed in camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist. He fed on locusts and wild honey. And this is what he proclaimed: "One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

**Observances for the Week of
December 7-13**

Monday- *Memorial of S. Ambrose*
Tuesday- *Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*
Saturday- *Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe*
Sunday- *Third Sunday of Advent*

**Weekly Mass Readings
December 7-13**

Monday Is 35:1-10; Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday Gn 3:9-15, 20; Eph1:3-6, 11-12;
Lk 1:26-38
Wednesday Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30
Thursday Is 41:13-20; Mt 11:11-15
Friday Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19
Saturday Zec 2:14-17; Lk 1:26-38
Sunday Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; 1 Thes 5:16-24;
Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

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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
December 6, 2020 Mk 1:1-8



Second Sunday of Advent

Dear St. Pius X and St. Anthony Church,

For that first Advent right before Jesus appeared, John the Baptist heads to the desert. I guess John is like a lot of sportsmen today who take to the woods at this time of year, too! A guy told me, 'Father, you may not see me much in November, this is my season'. He meant, that between setting up his tree stand, scouting for potential 'twelve pointers' and just enjoying the landscape of cold sunrises and the crunch of leaves underfoot, this season was his favorite time of year to recharge his batteries outdoors & appreciate the wonder of the woods. Maybe, John the Baptist's return to the wilderness was a similar type retreat. John was focused in the hunt for the true eternal food, not just any deer, but the True Lamb of Life that **voluntarily** feeds us (John 1:29, 36). So, I think of Advent as John the Baptist's season! (*By the way, the patron saint of deer hunters is St Hubert, and one crucial moment in his conversion to Christ happened when he was hunting once and came upon a grand stag, who had Christ on a cross in his mighty antlers! St Hubert, pray for us!*)

But what does John the Baptist do? What does he show us? He goes to the desert, but why to the desert? Couldn't he reach more people by preaching his message from a busy street corner, instead of '**crying out in the wilderness**' Mk 1:3? In other words, was his location in the desert significant? Yes, in fact, everything about John carries heavy symbolic weight: **1) location 2) his clothes, 3) his diet, and 4) his name!** Again, everything about John is significant. So, yes, his location is part of his message (the medium is the message). Every Hebrew person at the time would automatically think of the *desert and water baptism* (esp. at Jordan River) as reminiscent of Moses and the Red Sea Miracle (Exodus 14). St Paul even refers in 1 Corinthians 10:2 mysteriously to a 'baptism of Moses'? But new births/beginnings at the Jordan, are seen in the lives of Joshua, David, Elijah & Elisha too. For example, Joshua 1:2 has God telling him, "You and the whole people with you, prepare to cross the Jordan to the land that I will give the Israelites." David is warned by God to avoid death at Absalom's hands by crossing the Jordan River at night in 2 Samuel 17:15-22. And before the Elijah ascends to heaven and Elisha takes up new ministry, Elijah strikes the water with his cloak parting them and they together cross the Jordan in 2 Kings 2:1-2, 5-15. So John's location means the new beginning and birth of a new mission for God's People. Also, **2) About John's clothes**, they were trademark signs of the old great prophet Elijah. In 2 Kings 1:8 we hear that King Ahaziah recognized the identity of Elijah by just the physical description of the rumored wonderworker. Messengers told the king the met a wild man that 'wore a hairy garment with a leather belt around his waist.' To which the King exclaimed immediately, "It is Elijah the Tishbite!" Also, **3) About John's diet of locusts and wild honey**, he lived on what the land provided just as Moses did in the desert on quail and manna. But note that the honey is wild, with no modern additives or impurities and that locusts are known to 'clear the land' by their ravishing consumption of plants (leaves and seeds). So John returns to a simpler living and clears the way for the new to enter in (Messiah). And even, **4) John's name** marks a new beginning. Remember that there was a feud over what John would be named. His father was 'Zechariah' and so everyone expected that his son would be named some version of that (of course, I would favor, "John's son" but that would just be me!). It was also expected that John continue in his father's occupation with the Levitical priesthood which his dad's name reflected. BUT, NO, God has something else in mind all together, and John's work was not going to be done in the Temple like his dad's, but in the Desert preparing for and introducing the NEW TEMPLE to come which is JESUS (Luke 1:57-66).

Even the Old Testament scripture quotes that John proclaims are significant! John found his authority and his mission from the ancient prophets of Isaiah and Malachi. John's favorite saying that he was "one crying out in the wilderness, 'Prepare the Way of the Lord'" (Isaiah 40:3-5, Malachi 3:1). Both of these old prophets' books are filled with expectation of the new kingdom to come with the Messiah's appearance. So, John is a great Advent figure to help us prepare for a new age coming and to welcome this new Messiah's Kingdom!

Peace, Fr. Brian

Another Saint in Time of Plague:

St. Genevieve
(born 420?- died 512 AD)

St. Genevieve was born in Nanterre to hard working peasant parents, Severus & Geronica. Once when the popular Bishop Germanus (who had renounced a powerful and prestigious government career to serve the Church & protect the poor) was on his way to Britain, he stopped in Nanterre to preach in the local church. St. Genevieve heard his preaching and was inspired to dedicate herself to religious life. She began to live an exemplary life of simplicity, devout prayer and charitable work for the poor. She was known for strict penances and physical mortifications (she abstained from meat and fasted five days a week). Shortly after her parents passed away, she moved to Paris to live with her godmother Lutetia. If she was not found in the church deep in prayer, she was always walking among the street poor, tending to their needs or helping them round up food to eat. Rarely was she be convinced to moderate her extreme physical penances by her spiritual directors, but near the end of her life, her superiors ordered her under obedience to soften her sacrifices for her own health. She drew jealous opposition and judgmental criticism from some priests due to her athletic and bold acts of penance. She called for constant prayer and heroic sacrifice on behalf of the church and the poor. Bishop Germanus of Paris often defended her against detractors. She often told of visions of angels and visitations to her by saints during her prayer trances. To help find St Genevieve an office of leadership within the church, he appointed her to organize the order of consecrated virgins within the Paris Diocese. She led them like a 'mother superior' of a religious order, teaching them and setting an example for their holiness.

Widely esteemed as a holy woman, she often intervened in city affairs to keep peace and mediate disputes. In 451, as the warrior Huns under Attila, were about to attack Paris, Genevieve and an archdeacon of Germanus called a 'novena' and nonstop public prayer demonstration in the city to calm the citizens and beg God's intervention. Miraculously, the leadership and intercession of St. Genevieve caused Attila's army to turn aside from Paris and seek to overtake Orleans. Later, in a dispute between Paris and King Childeric I in 464, St. Genevieve's mediation and plea to the King, convinced him to make peace and release his Parisian prisoners of war. Her talks with King Childeric built a relationship of trust and respect between them. He admired her bravery in defying his siege and blockade of the city, as she broke the line to travel to Troyes to buy grain and returned with it again through the line to feed the city's poor and sick. Persuaded by her goodness and holy work, King Childeric wished to reward her and so he built a grand church over the tomb of St Denis, the first bishop of Paris. St. Genevieve had a deep veneration toward St Denis. King Clovis had built a beautiful abbey for St Genevieve and her fellow sister virgins to live in and after she died, she was buried there in Paris. Often she is depicted in holy cards or icons holding a candle, as her witness to the fact that even one small light in darkness can overcome danger and bring peace. She is associated with pandemics and plagues because in 1129, during an 'ergot poisoning' epidemic affecting the whole city of Paris, her holy relics were carried through the city in a prayer procession and miraculous relief came the next day to all the sick. Every year following this miraculous cure, an annual parade of St. Genevieve's relics was repeated to commemorate her holy intercession. St. Genevieve, pray for us!

Espanol Eschucha de Zoom: 1) Reflexiones compartidas del Evangelio del Domingo (Zoom) Shared Reflections in Spanish on the Sunday's Gospel (Zoom): Sábados/Saturday's 11:00am 2) Grupo de Oración de Hombres/Men's Spanish Prayer Group (Christ Renews his Parish): Domingos/Sunday's 8:00am 3) Grupo de Oración de Mujeres/Women's Spanish Prayer Group (Christ Renews his Parish): Lunes/Monday's 6:00pm Para el enlace de Zoom: Diocese Of Owensboro--Dcn. Chris Gutiérrez (270) 880-8018

Sympathy Prayers: Please pray for the eternal rest of the soul of Erin M. Domian, Dan Quayle's fiancé, who passed away suddenly last Sunday. Please keep Dan, Paul, Diane, and all the family in your prayers that God may console them.

Watch for our wonderful Advent Traditions:

1) Advent Wreath-Filled with symbolism, the wreath helps us keep time marked as we await the Coming Savior. The evergreens signify continuous life (our ever-living God). The green sprigs, like laurel wreaths, represent Christ's 'victory' over death and sin. The circle shape, having no beginning nor end, represents the eternity of God, who was, is and will be always. The four candles, represent the four weeks or generations of waiting from Adam until the birth of our Savior. The three purple represent the royalty of Christ, Lord of all History, and the rose candle signifies the flesh and suffering of our Eternal King for us!

2) Jesse Tree: Named after Jesse who was the Father of King David. One prophecy in the book of Isaiah, says, "A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit" (Isa 11:1) A branch is a sign of new life and new beginnings on a tree. Jesus is this anticipated new branch on the family tree of Jesse/David. Originally Jesse trees were a pictorial demonstration of salvation history told in images like stained glass windows functioned before there was widespread literacy. Today, Jesse Trees are used as an Advent Calendar, introducing another special scripture personality once a day until Christmas. This family tree of Jesus has ornament symbols for His ancestors such as an apple for Adam, ladder for Jacob, staff for Moses, Star for David, a scallop shell for John the Baptist and a lily for Mary.

FFY News: Our FFY in-person sessions have moved online. On Wednesday at 6:45pm we will gather via Zoom to hear and learn from Fr. Brian. A recording of the meeting will be sent to all our FFY families. Also, FFY families, be on the look-out for your Advent Paper Chain projects. They will be mailed to you with instructions.

Youth Ministry (8th grade - High School Students) We will meet at 8:00pm via Zoom on Sunday evenings for prayer. An email will be sent to you with the link. On Sunday, Dec. 6, we will also discuss Advent & Christmas community projects. See you on screen!

#Dadvent2020: Dadvent is a virtual gathering of husbands and fathers from across the Diocese who will gather online through Zoom video conferencing each Sunday night of Advent to reflect on the Sunday readings and share in a time of fellowship together. Please visit our website for all the details and a registration link:

<https://owensborodiocese.org/dadvent-2020/>

Birthdays & Anniversaries:

December 7-13

Happy Birthday:

St. Pius X

December 7-Allison Devine

December 7-Stephen Helpingstine

December 9-Justin Gentry

December 11-Charles Doughty

December 11-Kathleen Smith

December 12-Colton Hobbs

December 12-Eva Matthews

December 12-Pamela Randol

December 13-Justin Fatum

St. Anthony of Padua

No Birthdays this week

Happy Anniversary:

St. Pius X

December 10-Joseph & Alice Morris

December 11-Dwayne & Melinda Fatum

St. Anthony of Padua

No Anniversaries this week

**HOLY DAY:
SOLEMNITY OF THE
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF
THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

Tuesday, December 8

Mass Times:

St. Anthony 9:00 am

St. Pius X 6:00 pm



Remember in Prayer

St. Pius X: John Bardsley, Kaileigh Row, Bennett Meisenheimer, Neil Trammell, 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, Wayne Viniard, Braydn Barnett, Ligia Seyller, Ann Burgess and their families and caregivers

St. Anthony of Padua: Elena Carey, Donna & Jon Gresham, Bill Rodgers, Tom & Margie Sheppard, Bob & Lois Tashjian, Deanna Hayward, 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
December 7-13**

Tuesday	6:00 pm	Loretta Hawrylak
Wednesday	8:00 am	Pat Doyle
Wednesday	6:00 pm	Edward Warmowski
Thursday	8:00 am	Manuel Lazatin
Friday	8:00 am	Christamae Reichert
Saturday	4:30 pm	Emma Head
Sunday	10:00 am	Paul Darst Sr.

WEEKLY DONATIONS

Parish Hall Donation (11/29/20)	819.00
Budget for 2020/2021 Fiscal Year (July 2020-June 2021)	\$ 165,000.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 3,173.08
Weekly Donation (11/29/20)	\$ 2,744.00
Online Giving (11/29/20)	\$ 785.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 76,854.00

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.

St. Pius X Jesse Tree: The Jesse Tree is up and ornaments representing our Salvation History are being hung every weekend before Mass. Before Mass begins, we learn about the people from our family tree from the beginning of time through Jesus' birth. If you are unable to attend weekend Mass, join us via Facebook Live at 10:00am on Sunday to hear about our Salvation History through the Jesse Tree presentation.

2020 Angel Tree:

WOW! Our parish is amazing! Thank you for the generous response to our Angel Tree. We have bought clothes for 50 children. With the donations, we were able to give the Calvert-Sharpe Family Resource Center additional clothes to help even more children this year. Thank you so much!!

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

Finance Council	Harold Dacus, Chair
Art & Decorations	Paula Schmidt
Knights of Columbus	Philip Scheidegger

St. Anthony of Padua

**Mass Intentions
December 7-13**

Wednesday	9:00 am	John Iushewitz & Family
Friday	9:00 am	Edwina & Frank Neel
Sunday	8:00 am	Mary Alma Toon

WEEKLY DONATIONS

Budget 2020/2021 Fiscal Year (July 2020-June 2021)	\$ 60,000.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 1,153.85
Weekly Donation (11/29/20)	\$ 505.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 27,346.00

Livingston County Helping Hands

Thanksgiving & Christmas Food Basket Collection: Food donations for the Thanksgiving and Christmas Baskets are being collected. Non perishable items needed: corn, green beans, chicken broth, tomato sauce, cranberry sauce, tomatoes, chili beans, pinto beans, mixed vegetables, evaporated milk, sweet potatoes, spaghetti sauce, tuna, Hamburger Helper, Tuna Helper, Spaghetti noodles, great northern beans, sugar, flour, Kool Aid, pancake mix, macaroni and cheese, kids cereal, crackers, cake mix, frosting, tea. There is a collection container at the back of the church for your non-perishable items. Thank you for your generosity!

2020 Angel Tree: Beginning December 13, 2020, we will be collecting monetary donations for *Livingston County Family First* again this year for their *Christmas for Kids* program. Collection envelopes will be available on the Angel Tree, which will be displayed, Sunday, December 13. Thank you for your generosity.

Parish Council

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

Bereavement Committee

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