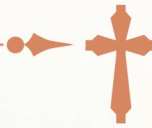




St. Pius Tenth Catholic Church

The Church community of St. Pius Tenth hears the call to a deep, personal relationship with God in Jesus Christ. We commit ourselves to living and sharing our Catholic faith guided by the Holy Spirit and expressed in love.

BELIEVE



“Do you believe in
the Son of Man?”

JOHN 9:35B

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Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 22, 2020

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MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday: 5:00 PM
Sunday: 8:00 AM and 11:00 AM
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 8:00 AM
Wednesday: 6:00 PM
Holy Day Vigil: 6:00 PM
Holy Day: 8:00 AM and 6:00 PM
Confession: Saturdays at 12-1:00 PM
Adoration: First Friday of the month 9 AM—8 PM
Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 9 AM—4 PM
Friday 9 AM—1 PM
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WORSHIP and PRAYER

Everyday Stewardship: Gracious

Encountering truly gracious and hospitable people while we are away is so important. These people are not family, but they sure can provide for us a glimpse of home. They can be waiters at a restaurant, desk hosts at a hotel, or even Uber drivers. They enrich our lives if for only a moment, yet that moment can make all the difference.

When disciples of Jesus Christ act in a gracious manner to all those they meet, they provide a glimpse of home. This home is not in a house in a particular location, but it is a home prepared for all of us for eternity. No matter how comfortable we may be in our earthly homes, it truly pales in comparison to eternity with God. In that heavenly home, there is no darkness, only light. There are no tears, only joy. There is no hate, only love.

We are ambassadors for heaven by how we offer ourselves to others. Our stewardship of hospitality allows others to see a glimpse of what God promises to us. Unless we truly step up and act in a gracious manner, will those we encounter ever know the Truth? I hate it when I am on the road and fail to meet people full of joy and welcome. At least I can look forward to coming home. What do those along the way look forward to in the next life that you can't show them a glimpse of in this one?

Readings for the week of March 22, 2020

Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b [2a]/Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46: 2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11 [8a and 9a]/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [4a]/Jn 5:31-47

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23 [19a]/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12 [2a]/Jn 7:40-53

Next Sunday: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [7]/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-

St. Vincent DePaul:

Volunteers are available on Tuesday and Thursday mornings 9-11:00 AM.

Question of the Week Source Of light

Reading I 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a (Samuel anoints David)

Reading I Ephesians 5:8-14 (duty to live in the light)

Gospel John 9:1-41 (the man born blind)

Key Passage: For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as Children of light—for the fruits of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. (Ephesians 5:8-9)

Adult: What are you doing in your life right now to move towards light rather than darkness?

Child: How can you let the light of your faith in Jesus shine for others to see?

Pray for the Sick: Lois Davis, Axel Fleischmann, Larry Harralson, Jeanetta Mayfield, Theresa Murphy, Corky and Elaine Norcia, JR Payne, Robert Shrewsbury, Simone family, Julie S., Ron Tucker, Carrie Weaver.

Please call the office to add names.

Carmel Home: Eugene Head, Audline Johnson, Margaret and Randal Richeson

Hillcrest: Kathleen Clark

Owensboro Center: Cecilia Aud, Peggy Livers

Fern Terra: Nettie Noel

Heritage: Ed Howard

Pray for the Homebound: Arch Bamberger, Tamara Burns, Richard Crowe, Wilford Crowe, Betty Greenwell, Donald & Sylvia Hamilton, Gerald Haynes, Sharon Merkley, Janet Rehauer, Nathan Rumage, Margaret VanBussum, John Williams

Please Pray for Our Military

Stuart Castlen: Navy, Fort Meade, Maryland

LTJG Patrick Clouse: Navy; Norfolk, VA

Sgt. Jeffery Cooper: Iraq

Kaleb Hedden: Iraq

CPT. Ben Hedges: US Army, Ft. Knox, KY

Sgt. Brandon Johnson: National Guard: Iraq

LTC. Jason Jones: US Army-Deputy Director NATO Italy

Brian A. McDaniel: Marine Corp

Tony Pace: National Guard

MSgt. Kevin Payne: Dyess, AFB Abilene, Texas

Joshua Jones: Army National Guard Greenville, KY

Nathan Jones: Army National Guard Greenville, KY

Cory Vance: US Marines

Scott Wallace: National Guard

Prayer Chain Requests:

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270-929-4914

Michelle Jones: nanarunner15@gmail.com



Weekly Mass Count

Saturday	5 PM	130
Sunday	8 AM	167
Sunday	11 AM	116

Masses Intentions for March 23-29, 2020

8 am—Mon.—Bobby Barnett †
8 am—Tues.—Larry Gillims †
6 pm—Wed.—Anna Castlen †
8 am—Thurs.—Bill Froelich †
8 am—Fri.—Justin Head †
5 pm—Sat.—Hugh and Therese Higdon †
8 am—Sun.—J.C. Mayfield †
11am—Sun.—Our Parish Family

Calendar for the week of March 22, 2020

Sunday: 4th Sunday of Lent
Monday: St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop
Tuesday: Lent
Wednesday: The Annunciation of the Lord
Thursday: Lent
Friday: Lent
Saturday: Lent
Next Sunday: 5th Sunday of Lent

Beverly Aud wants to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, and food brought to our house and Father Tom for the many in home visits.

Perform one of the Corporal Works of Mercy



during Lent to give drink to the thirsty. Take home an empty “Hope” water bottle in the vestibule, fill with loose change or currency and return it before Holy Week. Donations provide filtering systems for cleaning drinking water where there is none. “I thirst”. (John 19:28)

The Word Among Us: Monday, March 9th.

Give and gifts will be given to you; a good measure; packed together, shaken down and overflowing. (Luke 6:38) Give: Jesus call us to give generously. When we forgive, we are giving mercy, Give forgiveness and understanding to someone today. Let your heavenly Father fill you with his gifts in return.

THANK YOU to all parish members for your prayers, generosity and turning in your pledge cards! *If you have not turned in a pledge card, please turn them in as soon as possible so we can meet our goal!* If you cannot contribute financially, we ask that you please still return your pledge card and pray for the parish renovation.



We will be having **free taxes filed** on Saturdays from 9-1 from now thru Palm Sunday weekend. However, we ask that the taxes be dropped off in an envelope and then picked up later. We are Vita Volunteers trained under IRS auspices. If anyone has any question, call Pat Storm at 270 685-1805.

Pray for the repose of the soul of parishioner, **Robert Gelhausen**. May he rest in peace.

With the latest information from the CDC, Bishop Medley has suspended the public celebration of Mass effective immediately and to continue at least through Palm Sunday, April 5, 2020. Before Holy Week a decision will be made regarding future weeks based upon available information at that time. Cancellations include: Vespers, Stations of the Cross, Lenten book studies, Penance service (March 26), Grace Marriage (March 21), Families in Faith. If you or a family member need the Anointing of the Sick in an extreme situation, please contact. Fr. Tom. Let us pray!

Most of us have family, friends or neighbors who are likely struggling under our current circumstances as we work our way through the coronavirus. Be proactive! Reach out to them. Pick up food, toiletries, and prescriptions and deliver them to them; get them to medical appointments and the like. If they are shut-ins, keep in touch with them, especially if they are in nursing homes. Be positive with each person, especially those who are fearful. In short communicate hope through your actions -- let them know we are in this together and we will persevere through this testing.

If you identify a need you cannot handle, please advise us soonest of the details so we can pursue additional help. Also, if you are available to help others in these or other ways, advise us so we can pass the word to others. Deacon Nick

Communal Penance Services

All communal penance services are suspended through Palm Sunday, April 5th. The sacrament of Reconciliation will be available on an individual basis on Saturdays 12-1:00 PM with safety and social distancing. Confession also available by appointment.

EASTER EGG HUNT - CANCELLED

ST. PIUS X YOUTH NEWS

Matthew Knight, Youth Minister
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Middle and High School Youth

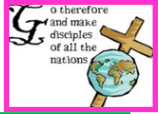
THIS SUNDAY, March 22nd – Online Praise and Worship from 6:00pm-7:00pm

We are in a time like no other. There is a lot of anxiety, fear, chaos, and confusion going on with the news of the Corona Virus. Francis and I are going to try out an online praise and worship time to help us think a little more on the bright side. This will be an Instagram Live event on Matt's account @matt_Knightt. Hope you have an opportunity to join us from 6:00pm – 7:00pm.

Due to the recent announcement from our Bishop we will be suspended all in-person Youth Meetings until further notice. Please pay attention to the Bulletin, Facebook, Instagram, or Remind to continue to get information. This is not a decision that we make lightly. Know that everyone is in our parish staff's prayers and we hope to be working on virtual ways in which we can minister to you all.



Families in Faith



*Called to be Missionary Disciples
'We walk with Jesus together.'
Families in Faith*

LENT – EXAMINE YOUR CONSCIENCE



"**Scrutinies**" help all of us to review our lives along with those seeking to follow Jesus with us this Lent and Easter. CONSCIENCE is a human faculty that is formed according to our Faith. We receive the Holy Spirit to guide our lives to live, choose, think, speak, and act like Jesus. We are blessed with opportunities to receive God's forgiveness in the SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION.

SACRED TRIDUUM – APRIL 9-11

COME HOME FOR EASTER

If you or a family member have not been to Church for a while and want to talk with someone about the possibility of returning, we invite you as you read this to pick up the phone and come visit Fr. Tom, our Pastor, or Sr. Suzanne, Director of Faith Formation at **270-684-4745 or 270-993-2557**.

OUR CALL TO COMMUNITY

We have others to walk with us, to help us stay on the journey to God. In trying and uncertain times such as these, we remain as one, brothers and sisters to one another. How might I/we pray the "Our Father" differently these next weeks? Who on our Parish prayer line or sick and shut-in lists can you and your family reach out to by phone, mail, or cards of encouragement and support?



THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW (Year A)

Then Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see might see, and those who do see might become blind.""

John 9:39



Music Ministry

fzelinka@stpiustenthparish.org

Do not forget prayer during these challenging times. When we see the world around us so profoundly disrupted as it has been this past week, the most natural and immediate reaction is fear. This fear is natural and maybe not entirely a bad thing, but we must not let fear overcome love. Although God does not will evil in the world, there are always opportunities in evil times for love and virtue to flower. If we pray the Holy Spirit will show us the opportunities that surround us to love one another. This love wells up first by our willingness to praise God in the midst of the storm. The praise of God changes things. Most often it changes our hearts and our outlooks. It takes our focus off of ourselves and puts it on God and God puts our focus back on others. As odd as it may seem, take some time to sing this week. Sing the praises of God with whatever song comes to into your heart; and then look for that opportunity to love someone, comfort someone, pray with someone, and serve someone. You will soon find that fear replaced with the peace that surpasses all of our human understanding.

Tuesday night Choir practices are **cancelled** until further notice.

Lenten Book Study on Facebook Live!

Join the Young Adult Ministry for a Facebook Live Lenten Book Study with Fr. Will Thompson and Neena Gaynor. The book is, "No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion," by Dr. Edward Sri.

Simply visit the [Diocese of Owensboro Young Adult Ministry Facebook page](#) Monday nights at 7:30 PM beginning on February 24, 2020. Expect live commentary and discussion.

Vocations: Save the following date:

- April 4, 2020 – Diaconate Ordination of Corey D. Bruns (**family only**)

It WILL be live-streamed from the Cathedral on the diocesan website: www.rcdok.org so you can tune in and pray with and for Corey and all of our seminarians and deacons.

St. Pius X Daycare

Director: Brook Mattingly

(bmattingly@stpiustenthparish.org)

Assistant Director: Jen Howard

(jhoward@stpiustenthparish.org)

Kentucky Governor Andy Beshear has instructed all childcare centers in the state to close by the end of business on Fri., March 20th. Therefore, St. Pius X Daycare will close as instructed by the governor until further notice. Our staff will work on Mon., March 23rd to deep clean the facility as an extra measure to ensure the health and safety of our children, parents, and staff when we are able to return. Three's & Preschool teachers prepared and sent homework for the next few weeks home with the children as a way to continue their education at this time. As our country faces many struggles over the next few weeks we will keep you all in our prayers, and we ask you to do the same. God Bless!



Grace Marriage at St. Pius X

Saturdays from 9-3 pm **March 21 Postponed**
May 16, September 19, November 21 are still scheduled and a final date will be added later.

Summer camp registration is now open for Gasper River Catholic Youth Camp & Retreat Center. The registration process for summer camp has been updated and improved. All forms are now completed [online](#), so no more printing and mailing forms. Camp descriptions and promo videos for each camp can be found on the site as well. Please visit <http://www.gasperriverretreatcenter.org/> to get your child registered today.

Vocations: Save the following date:

- May 23, 2020 – Priestly Ordination of Deacon Stephen Van Lal Than

STEWARDSHIP and SERVICE



March

Altar Linens : Marion Bates

Fr.'s Vestments: Carol Payne, Joyce Payne

Altar Server Albs: Colleen Bachmeier

God's Housekeepers: March 23-28

Al and Jane Johnson

Libby and Tom Johnson

Debby and Larry Murphy

Mary Jo Westerfield

Valerie Thomas

David Goetz

For online giving or from your electronic device:

Web address is: <http://bit.ly/StpxOboro>

or QR code



	Week of	Year 2019/20
<i>(fiscal year begins in July)</i>	3/15/2020	To Date
Regular Collections	10,803.06	507,452.49
Children	2.50	
Budgeted	13,900.00	514,300.0000
Over/ (Short) TOTAL	(3,096.94)	(6847.51)
Renovation Goal	1,500,000.00	
Pledges Received	1,290,071.37	
Money Received	479,728.51	

Pastor's Homily: Fourth Sunday of Lent

The Coronavirus outbreak and suspension of Mass provides each of us an opportunity to hunger for the Lord in other ways. This gives us time to reflect on the intense hunger Jesus felt in the desert and to be fed on his Word, "One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God." (Matthew 4:4)

The Gospel for the Fourth Sunday of Lent provides additional food for thought upon the power of the Word to sustain us in these uncertain times. It is a story very familiar to us about darkness and light. John's Gospel of the man born blind is more than a story about physical sight. It is about our need for God to open our eyes and allow the light of faith to guide us.

We see parallels between the darkness the blind man experienced and the current darkness in these troubled times. It may feel like "the blind leading the blind." We cannot see the end in sight for this terrible disease to vanish. Each day seems to bring more restrictions and sacrifices.

We recognize the loss of control and "feeling our way" around in the dark created by the disease. Some too may been caught "blind-sided" by just how rapidly this disease has changed the routines and life-styles we had become so accustomed to.

Jesus opens the eyes of the man born blind by making a paste of clay and saliva and rubbing it into the man's eyes. "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and now I can see." (John 9:15) How we wish for this medicinal vaccine to be found and cure the Coronavirus and all those who suffer from it. We need to pray for this and lift up the sick and suffering as well as the countless health care professionals who are on the "front lines" in this battle for life and victory.

"While I am in the world, I am the light of the world". (John 9:5). We turn inward to the Light of Christ to guide us through this dark time. Like the man born blind who used to sit and beg we ourselves become "beggars" before God pleading desperately for our prayers to be answered.

The healed blind man only gradually comes to recognize that it was Jesus who gave him sight. That tells us that a Christian grows in faith over time. Faith comes in stages and grows brighter as we come to know Christ. This particular stage of the Coronavirus asks that we grow "new eyes" to see the Lord reaching out to heal us and care for our needs.

We can respond with faith as did the man healed of his blindness, "I do believe, Lord." (John 9:38). Although he then worshiped Jesus to show his belief, we cannot gather to worship at the Eucharist. We can still worship from a distance by offering our sacrifices and crosses to the Lord in a spiritual communion. In this way we can draw the strength we need to move forward. St. Pius Tenth, pray for us. Fr. Tom Buckman

SACRAMENTS AND EVENTS

Follow these tips from the World Health Organization to keep yourself safe and help contain the spread of the virus.

1. Wash your hands with soap and water for 20 seconds.
2. Avoid touching your face, eyes, mouth, and nose.
3. Avoid contact with people who are vulnerable; and if you can't, wear a mask.
4. Cover your cough with the bend of your elbow.
5. Disinfect surfaces you regularly use.
6. If you feel unwell, stay at home and call your healthcare provider.
7. Only share information from trusted sources.

The Diocese of Owensboro's **Clean Heart Initiative** asks for your prayers. The mission of this initiative is to help educate and make resources and information available to parents and to those wanting freedom from pornography addiction. We ask you to offer Holy Hours of adoration, Masses, rosaries, sacrifices, and other prayers for the efforts and fruitfulness of this initiative. Please visit cleanheartinitiative.org for more information, or contact Danny May in the Office of Marriage and Family Life at 270-683-1545, ext. 336 or cleanheart@pastoral.org.

Matthew 9 Mission

A response to Christ's call to pray for vocations. Please sign up in the vestibule on the monthly calendar. More than one person may pray on a particular day and you may choose more than one day a month to pray. This would be a wonderful Lenten prayer time. If you have any questions, please contact the parish office or the vocations office.

Safe Environment:

To report suspected abuse, call the Kentucky Child Protection Hot Line: 1-877-597-2331 (Toll Free) or contact your local Commonwealth Attorney to report abuse to the diocese, current or past, by anyone acting in the name of the Church, call Louanne Payne, Pastoral Assistance coordinator (English) at 270-852-8380, or Nuria Elizondo, Pastoral Assistance coordinator (Spanish) at 270-880-8360. You may also visit the Office of Safe Environment (owensborodiocese.org/safe) for more information.

WELCOME AND SACRAMENTS:

Membership In Parish

We extend a hearty welcome to all new families or persons in our parish. We want everyone to be part of our faith community and an active member of our vibrant parish life. Please register in the Parish Office.

Marriage

Call the Parish Office at least six months before the proposed date.

Communion to Shut-Ins

Any home-bound parishioner wishing to receive Communion is asked to call the Parish Office.

Baptismal Preparation

The Baptism Formation "Belonging" will be held on the first Tuesday of each month from 6:00-8:00 pm. Parents and Grandparents may attend this 2 hour session before or after the birth of the child. Please call the Office to schedule your session.

RCIA and RCIC

Those aged 7+ or interested in learning more about the Catholic faith please call the Parish Office. Classes are Thursday evening at 6-7:30.

Anointing of the Sick

Anointing of the sick is celebrated twice a year and on First Fridays. Anyone wishing to receive the Sacrament at another time is asked to call the Parish Office.

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