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When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. Assembling all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, He inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it has been written through the prophet: *And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel.*" Then Herod called the magi secretly and ascertained from them the time of the star's appearance. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search diligently for the child. When you have found him, bring me word, that I too may go and do him homage." After their audience with the king they set out. And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way.

**Observances for the Week of  
December 28-January 3**

**Monday-St Elizabeth Ann Seton**

**Tuesday – St John Neumann, Bishop**

**Sunday-Solemnity –The Baptism of the Lord**

**Weekly Mass Readings  
January 3-January 10**

**Sunday, 1/3 Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12**

**Monday, 1/4 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25**

**Tuesday, 1/5 1 Jn 4:7-10/Mk 6:34-44**

**Wednesday, 1/6 1 Jn 4:11-18/Mk 6:45-52**

**Thursday, 1/7 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Lk 4:14-22a**

**Friday, 1/8 1 Jn 5:5-13/Lk 5:12-16**

**Saturday, 1/9 1 Jn 5:14-21/Jn 3:22-30**

**Sunday, 1/10 Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Acts 10:34-38/Mk 1:7-11**

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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*

January 3, 2020

Matthew 2:1-12

Dear St Pius And St Anthony Churches,

Happy Epiphany! The ‘wise men’ or ‘starwatchers’ from the east arrive in Jerusalem seeking the new born king. The sudden appearance of a massive light (a star) in the sky, is what led them to the birth place of the Jesus! Their distant travel from the Far East signifies the universal nature of Jesus’ mission. He came for all people. Jesus did not come only for a particular country or a particular ethnic clan of people. No, Jesus came to be Savior for everyone, if He is accepted. And these foreign pilgrims accept and recognize Christ as their Lord, too. And they are not just spiritual tourists, curious about joining the next fashion or trying to win favor with a rising political figure. No, they came to worship and adore Jesus religiously as their Messiah. They even bring sacrificial gifts to present Him as a sign of their commitment. I find the wise men to be great examples of humility and openness to God. They ask questions and seek signs. Not being knowledgeable about Hebrew prophecy, they stop and ask for specifics in Jerusalem (Matt 2:2). They look up, and follow the light (Matt 2:9), open to hear other voices and discern dreams (Matt 2:12). They are humble seekers and know that the universe is alive by the active and creative direction of God’s hand. As Psalm 19:2-3 says, “The heavens declare the glory of God; the firmament proclaims the works of his hands. Day unto day pours forth speech; night unto night whispers knowledge.” Romans 1:20 tells us how we may see God’s direction in nature, when it says “Ever since the creation of the world, God’s invisible attributes of eternal power and divinity have been able to be understood and perceived in what he has made.” Jesus Himself will later say in Matthew 6:26-30 that we can see God’s design and care in nature by reflecting upon the splendor of flowers and the feeding and flight of birds. So the wise men teach me the importance of being observant and watching for God’s signs, all the time. They could have ignored the new light. Or felt discouraged by such a long shot possibility of actually locating the base or source of the new star. But they had faith and humility that moved them to search out what God was up to with these new sights. Yes, just like the old 1970’s rock song said, “signs, signs everywhere a sign”. I simply add, “signs from God”.

It didn’t get much news attention, but did you hear about the catastrophic collapse back last month of the iconic ‘radio telescope’ in Arecibo, Puerto Rico? The telescope had a massive ‘eye’ lens (weighing 900 tons) suspended by cables over the huge ‘receiving bowl’ dish. It had survived many hurricanes and earthquakes, but through the slow suffering of time’s wear and one more hurricane last August, its cables failed. Engineers had been strategizing about its decommissioning and salvage, but it completely collapsed and crashed to earth itself on December 1, 2020 (Ironically, a drone happened to be in the air to see & record its fall!) The primary work of the telescope was to track asteroids that could enter the orbit-path of earth. The telescope had made an appearance itself in the 1995 James Bond movie “Goldeneye”. My point in all of this, is that we may need new eyes on the sky now. But, the wise men in Jesus’ time were those eyes to notice and inquire about the novel stellar sight in the sky marking Jesus’ birth. I love how they didn’t just note the new star, they went further to pursue its meaning. They are ‘sc-eye-in-tists, right? The wise men show the perfect disposition of a disciple that ‘asks, seeks, & knocks’ (Matthew 7:7). Humbled by discovering something unseen before, they sought to search out an answer and its meaning. I’ve heard that the most exciting words to hear in a scientist’s laboratory is, “Hmm, I didn’t expect that!” It signals something novel or unexpected that begs for more research. So, the wise men saw a new light and pursued its explanation. Studying their field deeply, they discovered their God. They traveled to study a remarkable new star in the sky, and they discovered the maker of all suns (Genesis 1:3). Most remarkable of all, this mighty God chose to be humbly born into creation alongside us, Christ the light of the world (John 8:12).

Peace, Fr. Brian

**THANK YOU:** I am overwhelmed with everyone’s kindness. Everyone has been so generous to share with me delicious Christmas Candies, and their favorite holiday creations and baked goods! Thank you for sharing something of your home with me! I love a little sweet something with a fresh brewed coffee! It is a moment of peace and blessing, and I thank God and you for sharing it with me!

**Another Saint in Time of Plague:**

**Josemaría Escrivá de Balaguer y Albás**

(Born 1-9-1902 Died 6-26-1975)

Josemaría Escrivá de Balaguer y Albás, the founder of the religious order, *Opus Dei*, can be seen as a patron-saint helper of those suffering from COVID due to his own suffering all his life from Type 1 Diabetes, among other chronic ailments. Since diabetes is one of several risk factors for worsening complications of COVID, St Josemaría Escrivá is a great modern saint to seek prayer from to avoid COVID or to live through it with only minor symptoms.

St Josemaría was born on January 9, 1902 to parents José Escrivá y Corzán and María de los Dolores Albás y Blanc in in Aragón, Spain. He was one of six children. His father was a cloth merchant and part owner of a textile company. When he was only two, Josemaría was stricken with fever and epileptic-type seizures. Doctors surrendered any hope of curing him, and after intense prayer by his parents and family, Josemaría miraculously rallied back to health. After recovering, his parents took him to the shrine of Our Lady of Torreciudad to dedicate him to her in thanksgiving. Between 1910-1913, three of his sisters died suddenly. Unfortunately, in 1915, his father’s textile company went bankrupt, and the family had to relocate to the city of Logrono. His father found work as a clerk in a clothing store. As a little boy, Josemaría was very devout and felt called to serve God in some ‘dedicated’ way. He had a conversion moment one day when he met a Carmelite monk walking by him in the street. The monk was sacrificially walking barefoot in the snow. Stepping into the footprints in the snow, Josemaría felt the call to begin practicing strict penances and mortifications. His father blessed his religious efforts. Josemaría began studying for the priesthood in 1920 at the seminary of San Carlos in Saragossa. He was ordained deacon at 22 (1924), the same year his father died. Josemaría worked to support his mother, brother and sister. He was ordained a priest the following year. He had been studying for a Civil Law Degree at the University of Saragossa. He served a short while in a rural parish, before working as a chaplain at the Foundation of the Sick.

In October 1928, St Josemaría had a vision of God telling him to start ‘Opus Dei’, as a spiritual association of men in all occupations or crafts, aspiring to holiness (not just religious orders). Opus Dei is known for its ‘universal call to holiness’. Its mission is to foster sanctification for everyone regardless of work or job duties. Any occupation can serve to ‘glorify God’. Josemaría later broadens the membership of Opus Dei to women, married couples and religious, for all people can serve God and dedicate their work to God for his glory and their sanctification. Opus Dei focuses on formation of spiritual disciples in universities, unions, business and trade fellowships. In 1931 he was appointed chaplain of St Elizabeth foundation, serving the sick. In 1933, he started the first apostolic work of Opus Dei, which was a spiritual formation group at the DYA (Derecho y Arquitectura) Academy. This became a student residence house following a religious rule. In 1936, as the Spanish Civil war heated up, he moved to Barcelona and began missions there. By 1938, he was back in Burgos taking up pastoral and education work, reconnecting with Opus Dei contacts at multiple universities. He wrote the spiritual books “The Way” and “The Rosary” in 1939. In 1943 he founded the Priestly Society of the Holy Cross to supply his formation houses at universities with priests-directors. His preaching, retreats and writings circulated widely. Opus Dei groups spread to many other European, South American and North American countries. In 1955 he earned a doctorate in sacred theology at Lateran University, and served in Curia as consultor for Seminaries and Canon Law. The Order continued to grow rapidly and in 1970, St Josemaría began construction of the shrine of Torreciudad (Our Lady of Angels), honoring the Virgin Mary for his childhood miracle. He died a month before its formal dedication in July 1975 (He died June 26, 1975). The shrine remains the spiritual center of Opus Dei, and the most popular destination for opus Dei pilgrimages. Members of Opus Dei numbered some 60,000 in 80 countries, the year he died. He founded many colleges and universities all over the world, such as Pontifical University of the Holy Cross, University of Navarre and the University of Peru. Despite his frequent health problems and the recurrence of complications (Diabetes), he steadfastly maintained penitential practices and apostolic work among the poor and the sick. He was familiar with obstacles to gospel work due to government instability, health problems and societal dislocation (economic and moral). As a modern saint, St Josemaría is an example of keeping focused on Christ in whatever work/occupation we engage in and not be deterred by interruptions. Often sick himself, he served the sick, and despite opposition he persisted in evangelizing any and everywhere. A few of his sayings include: “Bring light to everything”, “Add a supernatural motive to your ordinary work, and God sanctifies it” and “Action is worthless without prayer, and prayer is worth more with sacrifice.” St Josemaría Escrivá, pray for us!

**All You Holy Men and Women, Pray for US!**

## JANUARY 3, 2021 † FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

**Holy Family Consecration:** Thank you, *Knights of Columbus* for sponsoring a special prayer/consecration blessing at the weekend masses. We ask the Holy family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph to bless all families with the homely graces of peace, unity and solidarity in our families. Pick up one of the prayer cards as we dedicate our families to be more Christ-like and Holy in living together our Faith all year long!



### **FFY News:**

The next Gospel Weeklies Unit will be mailed out to FFY families soon. For our FFY in-person sessions, we hope to gather in-person on January 6. If not, we will meet via Zoom.

### **Birthdays & Anniversaries:**

**January 3-January 10**

#### **Happy Birthday:**

##### **St. Pius X**

January 07 Matthew Brown

January 07 Chance Lucas

January 08 Donna Carr

##### **St. Anthony of Padua**

**No Birthdays this week**

#### **Happy Anniversary:**

##### **St. Pius X**

January 05 Willard & Kathy Doughty

##### **St. Anthony of Padua**

January 11 Merlin & Renee Ray



### **Christmas Memorial Flowers**

For:

Requested by:

Arthur & Regina Wilhelm

Willard F. Doughty

Catherine Doughty

Members of the Tarr Family

Members of the Dacus Family

Members of the Dossett Family

Members of the Doughty Family

Members of the Derry Family

Bernard K Fendler (Son)

Charles Fischer

Monroe Adrian

Members Forsythe & Buffington Families

Members of the Huebschmann Family

Kathy Doughty

Harold & Fran Dacus

Barbara Doughty

Rich & Betty Derry

Mr & Mrs B.J Fendler

Diane Fischer

Darin & Lisa Adrian

Tom & Nancy Forsythe

Maryann Huebschmann

#### **Prayer for the Sick**

**Jesus, our Healer, You traveled through towns and villages curing every disease and illness among the people. Come to our aid now in this health crisis so that we may know your healing love. Heal those who are sick: may they regain their health and strength. Heal us from our fear, which prevents us from helping one another. Heal us from our pride, that may keep us from trusting and turning to you. Bless health care professionals with strength and compassion as they selflessly respond to our needs. We make this prayer in your strong and holy name, Jesus, who with the Father and Spirit, live and reign forever and ever. Amen**

The Hispanic Ministry is leading prayer groups and reflections available to all via video conference. Please see the list below and contact Dcn. Chris Gutiérrez to receive link: (270) 880-8018 cell

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

**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, Eileen Sacks, Rose Grossius, 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, Rick 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 Kaplans, Jack Bender, Penny Maupin, Don Kemp, 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, 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.

**JANUARY 3, 2021 † FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

**St. Pius X**

Mass Intentions January 4 -January 10		
Tuesday	6:00 pm	<i>Paul Reichert</i>
Wednesday	8:00 am	<i>Onotre Lazatin, Jr</i>
Wednesday	6:00 pm	<i>Jeanne Grant</i>
Thursday	8:00 am	<i>Cynthia Becker</i>
Friday	8:00 am	<i>William Derry</i>
Saturday	4:30 pm	<i>Beatrice Forsythe</i>
Sunday	10:00 am	<i>Francis Darst</i>

WEEKLY DONATIONS	
Parish Hall Donation (12/27/20)	\$ 253.00
Budget for 2020/2021 Fiscal Year (July 2020-June 2021)	\$ 165,000.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 3,173.08
Weekly Donation (12/27/20)	\$ 2,361.00
Christmas Collection (Online & Mass)	\$ 1,485.00
Online Giving (12/27/20)	\$ 1,010.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 95,480.00

**Online Giving:** To sign up, visit our website at [www.stpiusx.us](http://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.

**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	<i>Harold Dacus, Chair</i>
Art & Decorations	<i>Paula Schmidt</i>
Knights of Columbus	<i>Philip Scheidegger</i>

**St. Anthony of Padua**

Mass Intentions January 4 -January 10		
Wednesday	9:00 am	<i>Clarence Quayle</i>
Friday	9:00 am	<i>Dick Gorbett</i>
Sunday	8:00 am	<i>Msgr George Hancock &amp; Freddie Hancock</i>

WEEKLY DONATIONS	
Budget 2020/2021 Fiscal Year (July 2020-June 2021)	\$ 60,000.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 1,153.85
Weekly Donation (12/27/20)	\$ 1,075.00
Christmas Collection	\$ 1,740.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 32,811.00

**Livingston County Helping Hands**

**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!

**Many Thanks to the Special Musicians this**

Christmas at both parishes! Beautiful music was provided by Wayne, Georgia Bradshaw, & Ashley Thurman at St Anthony, And Danny, Adam & Elizabeth Padgett, Bob & Marty Darst, & Amanda Darst, Rich Derry, Rose Drury & Dolly Bardsley at St Pius. Thank you for the Christmas Melodies!

**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:** 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)