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Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 26, 2020



The kingdom of heaven is like
treasure hidden in a field. When a
man found it, he hid it again, and
then in his joy went and sold all he
had and bought that field.

Mt 13:44-52

**Observances for the Week of :
July 27-August 2**

Wednesday-Memorial of St. Martha
Friday-Memorial of St. Ignatius of Loyola
Saturday-Memorial of St. Alphonsus of Liguori
Sunday -Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Weekly Mass Readings
July 27-August 2**

Monday Jer 13:1-11; Mt 13:31-35
Tuesday Jer 14:17-22; Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday Jer 15:10, 16-21; Jn 11:19-27
Thursday Jer 18:1-6; Mt 13:47-53
Friday Jer 26:1-9; Mt 13:54-58
Saturday Jer 26:11-16, 24; Mt 14:1-12
Sunday Is 55:1-3; Rom 8:35, 37-39; Mt 14:13-21

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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

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*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**
Saturday- 6:00 pm
Sunday- 8:00 am

† **Daily Mass**
Wednesday-9:00 am
Friday-9:00 am

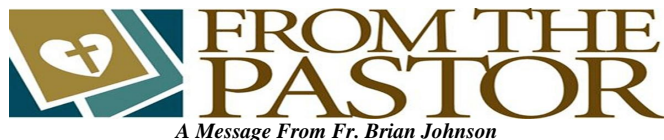
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9:00 am*

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July 26,2020 Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mt 13:44-52

Dear St. Pius X and St. Anthony Church,

Pickers! I've never met that team of Pickers from the popular TV show, but they seem to have the interesting job of sorting out treasure from trash. Their fun work sounds like our third parable today that describes the kingdom of God like a huge net scooping up all kinds of fish that then have to be sorted out, the good from the bad. Those sorting angels are described like quality control workers along an assembly line examining and pulling out inferior product as the line advances (or not). Jesus uses this parable and two others, to *describe the Kingdom of God*. All three parables seem to highlight the ability to discern good from bad. The main actors in the parables all make determinations of value as to what is worth keeping above all else and what is tossed away. They hang on to what is useful, 1)the treasure, 2)the pearl and 3)the best fish. They let go of the rest. I am struck by the parables all being about common everyday activities like fishing, shopping in a market and tilling some land. These are all normal, daily activities we engage in ourselves. But doesn't it happen, that every so often in our typical routines, we come across wonderful discoveries. Surprised by grace! Just pulling my keys out of the drawer in the morning, and my eye catches an old watch I thought I'd lost long ago (had it been there all along?) Or like going to the same old store and one day discovering a rarity on the shelf. This discovery calls for a re-orientation of priorities around the new find. Jesus is saying that for us to discover God's Kingdom, it takes an *'attentive heart'* focused on spotting grace. And then finding it, we must capitalize on it, buying all in, reorienting ourselves and letting go the rest!

A primary point I see in these parables is the call for us to cultivate 'discerning hearts'. Jesus' closing comment proves it so. Notice that He asks the apostles, "Do you understand all these things?" (Matthew 13:51) He is conducting an on the spot quiz testing their level of insight and focus. And to clinch it, Jesus goes on to say, "Every scribe who has been instructed in the kingdom of heaven is like the head of a household who brings from his storeroom both the new and the old" (Matthew 13:52). The good scribe determines what to keep and what to discard, like processing grain to keep the kernel and cast out the hull. Whoever is going to write about the kingdom of God, must exercise discernment, knowing what is valuable in both the old and the new. What to hold on to and what to let go. I love Jesus' emphasis here again on the everyday skill set required to get things done domestically (storeroom). He describes a type of house manager who regularly inventories stock to know what can be used from the old and the new goods. An interesting note here, many scholars see this as a self-editorial comment by Matthew the writer (good scribe). He is the one evangelist that quotes the Old Testament the greatest number of times of all the gospel writers. I've always thought that is why Matthew's gospel is the first in the New Testament, because it is the perfect 'hinge' bringing together the old & the new. But it takes understanding and interpretive ability to see how the old and new fit together, and I love how our first reading today introduces this divine understanding!

What is most valuable and to be kept? Riches, fame, power? No. How about Wisdom & Understanding? Yes. But the catch is, that it takes wisdom to know this. God offers Solomon anything, and Solomon asks for 'an understanding heart to distinguish good from evil' (1 Kings 3:9). Solomon's pearl of great price, buried treasure and great haul of fish is God's wisdom. A classic example of Solomon's wisdom in action is the case he judged to determine the true birth mother in a maternity suit. Solomon's heart knew the true mother would not wish any harm to the child, so he crudely decreed that the child be split in half to settle the fight (1 Kings 3:16-28) Of course, the true mother sacrificed and forfeited her claim; and Solomon ruled that the child be given to her. Further, Solomon's reputation for wisdom was recognized everywhere, earning him once a curious visit from the Queen of Sheba so that she could take counsel from him (1 Kings 10:1-13). Yet, wisdom also means that we know and accept our limitations. Wisdom includes being humbly aware of what we do not know. We all have blind spots due to personal pride or self-promotion. Sadly, Solomon came up short over time in applying his wisdom to his own living. Solomon, though wise in governing the land, court and others, he failed to check his pride and he succumbed to idolatry and corrupt alliances with foreign powers (many wives). 1 Kings 11:4 details his 'divided heart' and how he turned away from the God. Rising in fame and power, he began to claim God's gifts as his own accomplishment. effort. He fell predictably. As Jesus will say in Matthew 23:12, "Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted."

Peace, Fr. Brian

Another Saint in a Time of Plague: St. Kateri Tekakwitha
(born 1656? –died April 17, 1680)

Kateri is the first Native American to be canonized as a saint by the Catholic Church. She was born in the Mohawk village of Ossernenon, in western New York State. Her mother was an Algonquin, who was captured by the Mohawk tribe and made to be the Chief's wife. Kateri was born to them around 1656. When she was four, Tekakwitha lost her parents and little brother in a smallpox epidemic. She was afflicted with smallpox, too, but survived with disfiguring scar marks and *partial blindness*. Her Mohawk name Tekakwitha means 'She who bumps into things'. She was adopted by an uncle, who succeeded her father as chief of the tribe. Her scars led her to be singled out and humiliated by others in the tribe. She always wore a blanket around her neck and chest, that she would lift like a scarf or veil to hide her face around others. Kateri was faithful about attending to her duties, and was known as a diligent and serious worker in the village. She practiced the traditional skills of making clothes and belts from animal skins, and weaving mats, baskets and boxes from grass reeds. She also planted and harvested crops, and shared in the village's food and meal preparation.

The Mohawks had periodic skirmishes with the Mohican tribes in addition to various invasions by French forces. As part of treaty with the French, Jesuit missionaries were allowed to live among the Mohawks and teach the Christian faith. Around 1667, when Tekakwitha was 11 years old, she met the Jesuit missionaries Jacques Frémin, Jacques Bruyas, and Jean Pierron. She would grow close to Fr Pierron, helping him and looking up to him as a spiritual teacher. Her uncle opposed any contact between Kateri and the missionaries because he did not want her to convert to. One of his older daughters had already left the village and tribe to work in Catholic missions across the St Lawrence River in Canada. Kateri was pressured to marry another tribal leader. She adamantly refused. Her adoptive parents punished her by giving her more work in the village. She persisted in her refusal to marry, and her parents finally accepted her state. In 1669, when the Mohicans made a three day attack and siege on Kateri's Mohawk village, the braves held off the attack and fought fiercely to repel the Mohicans. Many Mohawks were injured in the battle. Kateri joined up with several other girls and Fr Jean Pierron to tend to the wounded and bury the dead. They also later sought clemency from the Mohawk clan leaders for captured Mohicans. Around this time, Kateri began to seek solitary time in the woods to mediate and pray.

When she was 18, Kateri converted to Catholicism. After injuring her foot that prevented her work in the field, she began to study the Catholic Faith and took catechism instructions under the Jesuit Jacques de Lamberville. She was baptized on Easter Sunday, April 18, 1676, taking the baptismal name "Catherine" after St. Catherine of Siena. She took a vow of chastity and pledged to live an ascetical life for Christ alone. Her adoptive parents and many villagers disapproved of her conversion and ostracized her. She traveled to a native Christian community of Kahnawake, south of Montreal. She was very devout and practiced many physical mortifications as penance. She was known to put thorns on her sleeping mat, and fasted frequently. When not fasting, she would taint her food with ashes to diminish its flavor. She sought to discipline her body and imitate the austere life of Christ. Having health problems already, her severe mortifications did not help. Only five years after her conversion and baptism, she became deathly ill and passed away at the young age 24, on April 17, 1680. She was canonized a saint by Pope Benedict XVI on Oct. 21, 2012. A miracle reported at the time of her death was that upon passing, her face gained rich color and the scar lines and pockmarks filled in and disappeared. A smile of peace came upon her lips. ***Why is she a good saint for a time of plague?*** Because she lived through a time of plague, losing her brother and parents to it, and she herself afflicted but surviving. Because she continued to live with the scars of the smallpox wounds, she can identify with the sick and suffering. St. Kateri Tekakwitha, pray for us!

COVID PARISH UPDATE: Dear Parishioners and Friends, I simply wanted to write a special thanks to everyone who has been able to continue to support the parishes with monthly or weekly tithes and contributions. I know that the interruption in work and school schedules has upset everyone's home budgets too. What makes things more uncertain is that no one knows how long the Pandemic will continue. *Again, I am so grateful for parishioners and friends who have faithfully continued to be able to contribute to the parishes. Every gift helps, and I know every gift amounts to a sacrifice.* Our church business year runs July 1 to June 30, so we have begun a new financial year. We did slip through the close of last year's budget, almost making our budget's projections. But we had a previous good three quarters in the year to carry us across the line. So as we look at finalizing this coming year's budget, we will be making necessary adjustments and responsible reductions in various budget categories. Some adjustments will be our shifts in moving expenses from 'in-person' social occasions and public gathering type of costs (FFY & socials with material costs and facilities costs) to more 'online outreach resources' and virtual technology costs. To help meet last year's budget and make it through the end of year, I especially worked to limit parish expenses and find new volunteer resources. I will continue to do this, but more trimming is needed to prepare for what we are facing. I'm aware and think of every home that faces similar type adjustments. We pray for the best, but go ahead and prepare for leaner times. Let us continue to practice our faith (home prayer, or Live Stream or at church for those who can). Let us also keep hope in God's providence through these times. We pray first of all for the sick and those suffering physically from COVID. But we also pray for their families and caregivers to be strengthened to cope and manage through this social crisis. Included in these prayers are prayers of strength for all families that are facing financial difficulties or adjustments in living arrangements because of COVID frontline work or its furloughing due to shutdowns. And again, I pray in thanksgiving for those who have been able to continue offering support to the parishes. Please continue remembering the church and supporting your parish as best as you are able. Peace and Prayers, Fr. Brian Johnson

Daily Mass and Weekend Mass Participation: Capacity is allowed now up to 50%, with face covering/masks required and 6 ft distance between people/non-family units. *Of course, the Sunday Obligation to attend is still relaxed.* So the Live Stream Mass and Personal At Home Prayer is the first & safest option. Again, Face coverings and distancing are required, and we maintain the regular sanitizing of surfaces

Daily Mass Schedule.

Tuesday -6:00 pm(St. Pius X)
 Wednesday -8:00am (St. Pius X), 9:00 am(St. Anthony) and Wednesday 6:00 pm again (St. Pius X)
 Thursday- 8:00 am(St. Pius X)
 Friday- 8:00 am (St. Pius X) and 9:00 am (St. Anthony)
 Saturday- 4:30 pm (St. Pius X) and 6:00 pm (St. Anthony)
 Sunday 8:00 am (St. Anthony) and 10:00 am (St. Pius X)

We are still Live Streaming Facebook for anyone at home. We pray with you and remember our homebound members at each mass. Sunday Morning 10:00 am and Wednesday evening at 6:00 pm.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Week of July 27-August 2



St. Pius X

July 29-Brandon Fatum
 July 30-Cade Varel
 August 01-Kyle Varel
 August 02-Brenda Hinkebein

St. Anthony of Padua

July 29-Nancy Rodgers



St. Pius X

July 30-Cody & Mary Shupe
 August 01-David & Judy Krouse

St. Anthony of Padua

Aug 01-Dan & Cindy O'Brien

Remember in Prayer

St. Pius X: John Bardsley, Kaileigh Row, Bennett Meisenheimer, Peter Bullock, Jim & Rose Drury, Wes Hayes, 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 Longsworth, 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, Phyllis Whit, Lanie Pellegrin, Forrest Michael Teeters, Mike Block, Jerry Isaacs, David Kroll, Cameron Brewer and their families and caregivers

St. Anthony of Padua: Elena Carey, Donna & Jon Gresham, Bill Rodgers, Sister Rosemary, Tom & Margie Sheppard, Bob & Lois Tashjian, Deanna Hayward, Mr. Driskill, Margaret Adams, Pat Gorbett, Ed Derringer, Charles Paulius, Helen Krivan 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 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
July 27-August 2**

Tuesday	6:00 pm	<i>Crispin Rendon</i>
Wednesday	8:00 am	<i>Loretta Rodney Wheatley Family</i>
Wednesday	6:00 pm	<i>Lucilia Rendon</i>
Thursday	8:00 am	<i>Alieda & Alphonse Francois</i>
Friday	8:00 am	<i>Mr. & Mrs. Al Kauzlarich</i>
Saturday	4:30 pm	<i>David Mudd</i>
Sunday	10:00 am	<i>James T. Richardson</i>

WEEKLY DONATIONS

Total for Fiscal Year 2019-2020	\$ 179,287.27
Parish Hall Donation (07/19/20)	\$ 949.00
Budget for 2020/2021 Fiscal Year (July 2020-June 2021)	\$ TBA
Donation Need Each Week	\$ TBA
Weekly Donation (07/19/20)	\$ 1,862.00
Online Giving (07/19/20)	\$ 810.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 10,036.00

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.

Confirmation: Retreat is scheduled for Sunday, August 23 at 11:00 am-3:00 pm at St. Pius X. Sponsors and Students should attend. **Confirmation** has been rescheduled to Saturday, August 29 at 10:00 am.

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

<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. Pius X Mission Statement: *We, the parishioners of St. Pius Tenth Church, gather in the name of the Lord to praise God and His Son, Jesus Christ, through the Holy Spirit, thanking them for the many blessings that they have given to us. We gain strength from the Word of God in order to share and celebrate God's love through the sacraments.*

St. Anthony of Padua

**Mass Intentions
July 27-August 2**

Wednesday	9:00 am	<i>Carol York</i>
Friday	9:00 am	<i>Richard Friedman</i>
Saturday	6:00 pm	<i>Carol York</i>
Sunday	8:00 am	<i>Ginny & David Reed Family</i>

WEEKLY DONATIONS

Total for Fiscal Year 2019-2020	\$ 69,204.29
Budget 2020/2021 Fiscal Year (July 2020-June 2021)	\$ TBA
Donation Need Each Week	\$ TBA
Weekly Donation (07/19/20)	\$ 956.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 3,567.00

*Livingston County Helping Hands
Food Pantry Needs:*

paper towels, toilet paper, laundry detergent, shampoo, bath soap, diapers, feminine hygiene products, dish washing liquid, coffee, tea, macaroni and cheese, sugar, flour, cereal (all kinds), peanut butter, jelly, tuna, salmon, other canned meats, canned fruits, and canned vegetables

There is a donation basket at the back of the Church for your non-perishable items.

Parish Council

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

Bereavement Committee

*Helen Krivan (270) 559-7586
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St. Anthony of Padua Mission Statement: *We, the Catholics of St. Anthony of Padua Parish of Grand Rivers, are united as a faith-filled community to give honor and glory to God, to aid each other, and others, on the journey of salvation and to share the Good News of the Gospel.*

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