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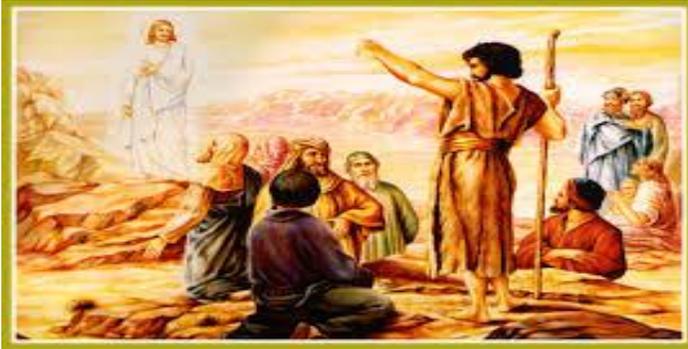
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John 1:35-42



John was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, "Behold, the Lamb of God." The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus. Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" — which translated means Teacher — "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come, and you will see." So they went and saw where Jesus was staying, and they stayed with him that day. It was about four in the afternoon. Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, was one of the two who heard John and followed Jesus. He first found his own brother Simon and told him, "We have found the Messiah" — which is translated Christ — Then he brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon the son of John; you will be called Cephas" — which is translated Peter.

**Observances for the Week of
January 17-January 24**

Sunday-Solemnity- *The Baptism of the Lord*
Thursday 21 – Saint Agnes, Virgin/Martyr
**Friday 22- Day of Prayer for the Legal
Protection of Unborn Children**
**Saturday 23-Saint Vincent, Deacon and Martyr
& Saint Marianne Cope, Virgin**
Sunday 24 Sunday 2nd Ordinary Time (St Francis DeSales)

**Weekly Mass Readings
January 17--January 24**

Sunday, 1/17 1 Sam 3:3-10, 19, 1 Cor 6:13-20, Jn 1: 35-42
Monday 1/18 Hebrews 5:1-10/Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday 1/19 Hebrews 6:10-20/Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday 1/20 Hebrews 7:1-3, 15-17/Mk 3:1-6
Thursday 1/21 Hebrews 7:25—8:6/Mk 3:7-12
Friday 1/22 Hebrews 8:6-13/Mk 3:13-19
Saturday 1/23 Hebrews 9:2-3, 11-14/Mk 3:20-21
Sunday 1/24 Jonah 3:1-5, 10/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20

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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

January 17, 2020

John 1:35-42

Dear St Pius And St Anthony Churches,

Wait, John had disciples? Yes. Today we hear about 'followers' of John the Baptizer! I remember when that first struck me: that John was so popular among the people that he had his own disciples. I had always thought of John as that eccentric 'lonely' voice out in the wilderness alone (who else would go there?) I imagined living like a hermit in the desert, offering retreats and counsel to people seeking personal reform and a quiet place for spiritual revival as they prepared to meet the coming Messiah. John himself suggests he is a 'solitary figure' when he says he is "the voice of ONE in the wilderness crying out 'Make straight the Way of the Lord'". And, interestingly, all four gospels have these words of Isaiah 40:3 on John's lips (Jn 1:23, Mt 3:3, Mk 1:2, Lk 3:4). But as we hear about John's devoted disciples (two of them in John 1:35), I also notice that they are already living by Jesus' mission command to be sent out (2x2) in pairs (Mark 6:7). Again, here is not a solitary one, but at least two disciples engaged in ministry together. But, John still cuts an image of a stand-alone messenger, intensely focused on the one task of announcing preparations for the Messiah's imminent return. Like a solo Paul Revere, John is moving around in the desert warning everyone that he meets, to change their lives and get ready to recognize & embrace the Messiah when he comes! More disciples of John are mentioned in Matthew 11:2, when he sends them to Jesus to help move them over to becoming solely disciples of Jesus (breaking any misguided loyalty to John himself). John is transferring them to Jesus' company permanently (Luke 7:18-19 says "John called two of his disciples and sent them to the Lord to ask, "Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?") Certainly, John's disciples loved him deeply, and we see their affection by how tenderly they cared for his body after his execution in Matthew 14:12 (& Mark 6:29) "His disciples came and took away the corpse and buried him; and they went and told Jesus." They were devoted to John, but notice that John's disciples faithfully report John's death to Jesus. They will then remain with Jesus full-time. I suggest that John's popularity among the people for his baptizing and preaching, demonstrates the people's hunger for redemption. Matthew 14:5 testifies to this love of many for John when it says, "Herod wanted to kill him, but he feared the people, for they regarded John as a prophet." Mark's gospel even adds that Herod himself was personally touched by John's pure devotion and authentic religion, when Mark says, "Herod feared John, knowing him to be a righteous and holy man, and kept him in custody" (Mark 6:20). John's great popularity makes his humility all the more significant. John ranks only just behind the Blessed Mother and St Joseph, as being the most humble servants of God. John's comments about his role and work are always meek and lowly appraisals of himself as 'nothing' alongside Jesus. John says of himself in Mark 1:7 "I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the straps of his (Jesus') sandals." About Jesus, in relation to himself, John says "the one who is coming after me is mightier than I" (Matthew 3:11) and that he only baptized with simple water while Jesus would "baptize you with the holy Spirit and fire" (Luke 3:16). John sums up his servant role toward Jesus, by saying, "I must decrease and He must increase" (John 3:30). John wanted no misunderstanding; 'Jesus is the One to follow, and He alone is to be revered as Messiah.' John models this pure discipleship for us, as a servant who realizes that while God may use him for great things, it is still God that is doing the great work (John is only instrument!) I heard someone says once that a good disciple knows that he/she is only a tool in the carpenter's hand, not the carpenter. Jesus is that Carpenter- and we only the tool in His hand! That is humble! But, of course, Jesus lived such humility Himself in relation to the Father and embodied this service every minute of his ministry. To encourage His apostles, Jesus gave His own example in Mark 10:45 "The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve and give His life as ransom for many." That is who we are called to follow!

Peace, Fr Brian

January 22--Roe v Wade Anniversary- Day of Prayer & Fasting

Pray for an end to abortion! Pick up a KC Prayer Card and offer the prayers daily. Also, Check out the **Knights of Columbus Pro-Life Display** of Crosses in the front yard by the Memorial for the Unborn.

Another Saint in Time of Plague: St Gianna Beretta Molla

(Born 10-4-1922 Died 4-28-1962)

St Gianna Beretta Molla is a timely saint for us to consider right now. She is a patron saint of doctors and health care workers, so during this pandemic she is a great source of prayer and intercession as we manage these COVID days. Yet, also, this month being pro-life month (January 22 being a day of prayer for an end to abortion), St Gianna is also the patron saint of expectant mothers! So, this is a good time to familiarize ourselves with her life, death and holiness of this modern saint.

St. Gianna was born in Magenta (Milan), Italy as the tenth of thirteen children to Alberto and Maria Beretta. She was raised in a devout and strong Catholic Family. She was very pious as a child and a serious student in her schooling. Yet, she also enjoyed being outdoors and was considered athletic. She loved to ski and go mountain climbing with the other kids and friends. She made her sacraments and was active in youth programs and activities in the family's parish church. She drew strength and felt moved by reading about the lives of saints who witnessed to apostolic faith in their lay occupations. She knew that in whatever life's work God called her, she would live her Catholic Faith devoutly. She volunteered in catholic social work and service to the needy poor throughout her secondary school and university educations. Her studious discipline and strong faith rewarded her in 1949, when she earned two degrees in Medicine and Surgery from the University of Pavia. Dedicated to serving others and living out her faith, she practiced her healing art by opening a medical clinic in Mesero (close to Magenta) in 1950. She returned to the University of Milan to further her medical career and she specialized in Pediatric medicine in 1952. She focused her medical practice on mothers, infants, children and the poor. During her family practice, she also volunteered with St Vincent DePaul charity work, and was regular about working to mentor young people in Catholic Action programs (A social-gospel movement implementing Catholic principles in society). She saw her medical practice as a 'mission' that God gave her to fulfill, as her part to serve in building up the Kingdom of God on earth. While busy with her professional and personal goals, she also felt that God called her to a holy family life, marrying a fellow catholic and raising a family of their own.

She married Pietro Molla on September 24, 1955, in the Basilica of St. Martin in Magenta. Eager to become Catholic parents and raise a family, Pietro and Gianna had three children with three years. In November 1956, she gave birth to Pierluigi, in December 1957 to Maria and in July 1959 she birthed Laura. After her first three children, she suffered two miscarriages. However, as a young mother she balanced with grace her medical career, her family duties and caring for her three children. In July 1961, she became pregnant with her fourth child. Toward the end of her second month of pregnancy, she felt an unusual pain in her abdomen. She had developed a fibroma growth on her uterus. While the tumor was benign, its size threatened her health and the normal development of the child within her. Her won doctors advised her of three possible options. She could have a 1) complete hysterectomy to save her life yet lose her child and any future childbearing, 2) have a simple abortion and try having future children or 3) remove only the fibroid and continue the pregnancy to term yet at the risk of mother's or child's health from surgical complications. She knew her faith precluded the first two suggestions, so she prayed for God's healing and opted for surgery to remove the growth and give more space for the developing child in her womb. She had told her family and her surgeons, "If you must decide between me and the child, do not hesitate: choose the child - I insist on it. Save him first. I trust in God." Both mother and child survived the surgery and Gianna completed the term of pregnancy and gave birth to Gianna Emanuela on April 21, 1962. However, mother Gianna suffered severe hemorrhages through the (C-section) childbirth and following it. Her condition worsened over the night and next day. She developed sepsis and died on April 28. She was invoking her Savior Jesus and expressing her love of Him as she died, and entrusted her husband, family and patients to His care if His will was for her to pass on. She was buried in the cemetery of Mesero. Within 11 years, Pope Paul VI beatified her as a sacrificial mother giving her life for her child. She was canonized a saint on April 24, 1994 by St John Paul II during the international Year of the Family. St Gianna is a great example of sacrificial love for others and a devout servant dedicated to alleviating the suffering of others, as a mother and physician.

St Gianna Molla, Pray for us!

Sympathy Prayers: Please pray for the eternal rest of *Mable Ann Lynn Burgess* (wife of Robert Burgess) and *Deanna Hayward* (daughter of Dan & Gail Dailey) who passed away this week. Please keep the families in your prayers that God may comfort them.

FFY Faith Formation Youth News:
We've started back live in person Sessions Wednesday at 6:45pm. If the Marshall County School System is on virtual learning, we will meet via Zoom. Watch the mail for the new Gospel Weeklies Packet and emails!

Rosary for Protection of Unborn on Anniversary of Roe v Wade

Almighty God, Our Father, You have given us life and intended us to have it forever, grant us Your blessings. Enlighten our minds to an awareness and to a renewed conviction that all human life is sacred because it is created in Your image and likeness. Help us to teach by word and the example of our lives that life occupies the first place, that human life is precious because it is the gift of God whose love is infinite. Give us the strength to defend human life against every influence or action that threatens or weakens it, as well as the strength to make every life more human in all its aspects.

Give us the grace . . .

- When the sacredness of life before birth is attacked, to stand up and proclaim that no one has the authority to destroy unborn life.
- When a child is described as a burden or is looked upon only as a means to satisfy an emotional need, to stand up and insist that every child is a unique and unrepeatable gift of God, a gift of God with a right to a loving and united family.
- When the institution of marriage is abandoned to human selfishness or reduced to a temporary conditional arrangement that can easily be terminated, to stand up and affirm the indissolubility of the marriage bond.
- When the value of the family is threatened because of social and economic pressure, to stand up and reaffirm that the family is necessary not only for the private good of every person, but also for the common good of every society.
- When freedom is used to dominate the weak, to squander natural resources and energy, to deny basic necessities to people, to stand up and reaffirm the demands of justice and charity.

Almighty Father, give us courage to proclaim the supreme dignity of all human life and demand that society itself give its protection. We ask this in Your name, through the redemptive act of Your Son and in the Holy Spirit. Amen.

(Adapted from Pope John Paul II's Homily, National Mall, October 7, 1979.)

Birthdays & Anniversaries:

January 17-January 24

Happy Birthday:

St. Pius X

January 18 Marty Tyskling

January 18 Jean Waniel

January 19 Lora Ann Rivera

January 20 Pax Canon

January 22 Charles Haley

January 22 Cole Scheidegger

St. Anthony of Padua

January 19 Ginny Reed

January 24 Paul Quayle

Happy Anniversary:

St. Pius X

January 17 Clem & Brenda Hinkebein

St. Anthony of Padua

No anniversaries this week

Gasper River Summer Camp Registration is open for this coming summer! Space is limited, please register soon. Scholarships are available. Please contact Paula Schmidt for the scholarship application information. Visit gasperriverretreatcenter.org for more information about camp and to register for camp.

2021 Year Honoring St. Joseph

On the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, Pope Francis has released an Apostolic Letter about Saint Joseph and has declared a "Year of St. Joseph" which will be observed from December 8, 2020 to December 8, 2021. The letter, *Patris corde* ("a Father's heart") is released on the 150th anniversary of the proclamation of Saint Joseph as patron of the Universal Church. For the full text of the letter, please visit http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_letters/documents/papa-francesco-lettera-ap_20201208_patris-corde.html

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, 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, 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, David Kroll, Cameron Brewer, Stefanie Wilkerson-Barragin, Hugo Santos, Sharon Gibbons, Lori Blades, Wayne Viniard, Braydn Barnett, and their families and caregivers

St. Anthony of Padua: Elena Carey, Donna & Jon Gresham, 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 January 18 -January 24		
Tuesday	6:00 pm	<i>Stacey Newby</i>
Wednesday	8:00 am	<i>Kaye Haas</i>
Wednesday	6:00 pm	<i>Mary Willet</i>
Thursday	8:00 am	<i>C.R. Fischer</i>
Friday	8:00 am	<i>Buffington Family</i>
Saturday	4:30 pm	<i>Elizabeth Solis</i>
Sunday	10:00 am	<i>Lydia Hollerburg</i>

WEEKLY DONATIONS	
Parish Hall Donation (1/10/21)	\$ 769.00
Budget for 2020/2021 Fiscal Year (July 2020-June 2021)	\$ 165,000.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 3,173.08
Weekly Donation (1/10/21)	\$ 4,337.00
Online Giving (1/10/21)	\$ 1,225.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 104,075.20

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 any assistance, please call the parish office.

Prayer for the Sick: Jesus, our Healer, You traveled through towns and villages curing every disease and illness among the people. Come & aid us now in this health crisis so we may know your healing presence. Heal those who are sick. Heal us all from our fear, which prevents us from helping one another. Heal us from our pride, that may keep us from trusting & turning to you. Bless health care professionals with strength & compassion as they selflessly respond to our needs. We ask this through Christ Our Divine Physician & Lord

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. Anthony of Padua

Mass Intentions January 18 -January 24		
Wednesday	9:00 am	<i>Anton Bacher</i>
Friday	9:00 am	<i>All Creatures of God</i>
Sunday	8:00 am	<i>Murphy Family</i>

WEEKLY DONATIONS	
Budget 2020/2021 Fiscal Year (July 2020-June 2021)	\$ 60,000.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 1,153.85
Weekly Donation (1/10/2021)	\$ 970.00
Livingston Christmas for Kids Total	\$ 895.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 35,241.00

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!

Some Thoughts on Forgiveness and Judgement

“There is a spiritual law: If you forgive, it means that God has forgiven you; but if you do not forgive your brother, it means that your sin remains with you.” (St. Silouan of Athos, Writings, VII.9)

“He who seeks the forgiveness of his sins loves humility. But he who judges another strengthens his own evil deeds against himself.” (St. Mark the Ascetic, Homilies, 1.126)

“A discerning person, when he eats grapes, takes only the ripe ones and leaves the sour. Thus also the discerning mind carefully marks the virtues which he sees in any person. A mindless man seeks out the vices and failings ... Even if you see someone sin with your own eyes, do not judge; for often even your eyes are deceived. (St. John of the Ladder, Ladder, 10.16-17)

Parish Council

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Debbie Owens	Secretary/Family Life
Shara Parish	Finance
	Building & Ground –Indoor
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:** 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 the office by 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday. Email: stpiusx@stpiusx.us