

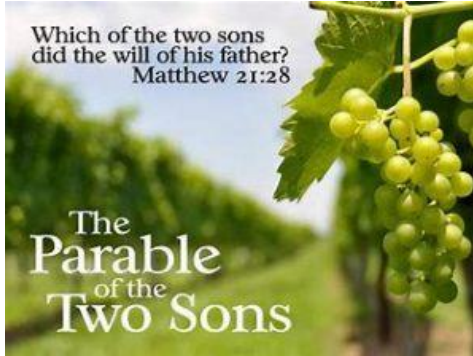


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Which of the two sons
did the will of his father?
Matthew 21:28

**The
Parable
of the
Two Sons**

Mt 21:28-32

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people:

"What is your opinion?

A man had two sons.

He came to the first and said,

'Son, go out and work in the vineyard today.'

He said in reply, 'I will not,'

but afterwards changed his mind and went.

The man came to the other son and gave the same order.

He said in reply, 'Yes, sir, 'but did not go.

Which of the two did his father's will?"

They answered, "The first."

Jesus said to them, "Amen, I say to you,

tax collectors and prostitutes

are entering the kingdom of God before you.

When John came to you in the way of righteousness,

you did not believe him;

but tax collectors and prostitutes did.

Yet even when you saw that,

you did not later change your minds and believe him."

**Observances for the Week of :
September 28-October 4**

- Tuesday**-Feast of Sts. Michael, Gabriel, & Raphael
- Wednesday**- Memorial of St. Jerome
- Thursday**- Memorial of St. Therese of the Child Jesus
- Friday**- Memorial of the Holy Guardian Angel
- Sunday**- Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Weekly Mass Readings
September 28-October 4**

Monday	Jb 1:6-22; Lk 9:46-50
Tuesday	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Jn 1:47-51
Wednesday	Jb 9:1-12, 14-16; Lk 9:57-62
Thursday	Jb 19:21-27; Lk 10:1-12
Friday	Jb 38:1, 12-21, 40:3-5; Mt 18:1-5, 10
Saturday	Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Lk 10:17-24
Sunday	Is 5:1-7; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43

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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**
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

September 27, 2020

Mt 21:28-32

Dear St. Pius X and St Anthony Church,

Matthew 21:28 Jesus starts a parable today saying, “A man had two sons...”. Likely, those first words make our minds jump to the popular ‘Prodigal Son’ parable (Prodigal Brother and Older Brother). But, this is a different parable here in Matthew. That more popular Prodigal Son story is found only in Luke’s gospel (chapter 15). It runs on to a lengthy 22 verses, whereas this ‘Two Sons’ parable of Matthew today is only 4 verses long. A good question to ask is whether they teach a similar lesson. The Prodigal son story explores how we are to live Christ’s love amid the complex history of family dynamics and sibling rivalry. But Matthew’s short parable today is very straightforward. Two sons react to their Father’s command to go work in the vineyard. 1) One son bluntly defies his dad, saying ‘No I won’t’, and the 2) other halfheartedly says ‘Yes, I’m going’. However, they both turn out to do the opposite of what they said. In the end, the initial ‘Yes-Man’ turns out to be a deadbeat slacker, and the initially rebellious son turns out to be the faithful good worker. So, the point of it all? We have to wait and see. Really, one lesson of the parable is the same thing that people mean when they say, “the proof is in the pudding!” We wait until the pudding sets up, and the final proof is in the tasting of it. What counts is what happens in the end—who shows up! I think Jesus taught this summary moral lesson of the parable earlier in the gospel of Matthew when he said, **“By their fruits, you will know them”**(7:16). Jesus consistently calls for integrity in our lives between our words spoken and our actions taken so that our conduct matches what we confess. Just a couple of chapters later in this same gospel, Jesus repeats this lesson again when he calls out the Pharisees & scribes who were accustomed to **talk a good talk**, but not walk a thing. They are only words. In Matt 23:2-3, He says, **“The scribes and the Pharisees have taken their seat on the chair of Moses. Therefore, do and observe all things whatsoever they tell you, but do not follow their example. For they preach but they do not practice.”** Those Pharisees know what to say, like ‘Yes, I will serve’, but they just go on and do whatever they want, disregarding God’s will. So Jesus says, “Okay, do what they say; just don’t do anything they do!” That is a major indictment of the leading teachers of religion in His time.

We can be for sure that Jesus is calling out these religious leaders, because the whole conversation leading to the parable began when Jesus was **confronted by the ‘chief priests and elders of the people’** (Matthew 21:23). They were the authority on religious matters, and claimed the power to teach/lead all the services in the Temple. So, to get back to the parable, we ask ourselves, “Which son did the Will of the Father?” It was **the one who got the work done, regardless of what he said**. The real stinger in this confrontation from Jesus comes when He tells the self-righteous priests and elders, ‘Tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the Kingdom of God before you’ (Matt 21:31). So, the true measure that leads us to the kingdom or not, is **what we practice not what we proclaim**. We may fool people by what we say, but what we do, proves what we profess. Those ‘chief priests and elders’ are not as ‘obedient to God’ as they say they are! Probably none of us are surprised to hear that human leaders tend to be more mouth than movement, when it comes to getting things done. An old popular radio show personality always used to say, “Words mean things” (he has his own fall-from-grace story!) And absolutely, it is true that words do mean things, **but it is actions that prove them!**

I love Matthew’s conversion story and can’t help but think that Jesus’ comment about ‘tax collectors and prostitutes’ entering the kingdom of God ahead of the priests, meant a lot to Matthew’s heart. Recall that the initially rebellious son changes and converts. He realizes his disrespect shown to the Father by defying him. Matthew can say, “Been there; done that”. As a young upstart, Matthew looked to make riches in the tax business doing his own thing, cheating others and ignoring his religious upbringing (defying God). Maybe things changed for him when he realized the hurt he caused people by his greedy extortions. So, he converts and leaves behind his tax collecting trade and follows Jesus (Matthew 9:9). He had initially said ‘No’ to God, but in fact he comes around and ends up serving God more faithfully than the chief priests! Those ‘chief priests and elders’ claimed to say ‘Yes’ to God, but may in fact be denying God as they selfishly doing their own thing. Like the last being first and first being last (Matt 20:16), this parable humbles us all to say less and do more!

Peace and Prayers, Fr. Brian

Another Saint in a Time of Plague: St. Juliana Falconieri, (born 1270 died 6-19-1341)

St. Juliana Falconieri for this week’s saint is a unique selection, because she is the patron saint of people with long-suffering sicknesses. While some people only endure short term mild symptoms of COVID 19, some others are turning out to have longer term recurring symptoms that continue to surface intermittently. St. Juliana was a Servite religious sister dedicated to giving care and staying by those with chronic or recurring illnesses. She never gave up offering care to the sick. Also, since she is a little known saint, who dedicated her life to sick people who otherwise would be overlooked or forgotten due to their chronic pain and suffering, she has much to offer us about keeping aware of those who may be suffering outside of public view.

Juliana was born into the prestigious and wealthy Falconieri family of Florence. She had an uncle, St. Alexis Falconieri, who was as one of the seven founders of the Servite Order. She was so moved by his holiness and his love of serving God, that she decided young to follow his life’s example in a religious order, too. Her father may have opposed this calling of hers, because it was not until her father died (circa 1285 AD) that she entered the Third Order of the Servites. While her mother was still alive, St. Juliana did wear the Servite habit and performed their works of mercy, but she still lived at home and watched over her mother too. When her mother passed in 1305, she and several companions moved into a common house (convent) to live and work together. This was the first community of Servite Sisters, and St. Juliana would be the superior until her own death. The sisters devoted their days to working in hospitals tending to the wounds of the sick, washing their clothes and linens and serving them as they endured their protracted illnesses. The sisters were described by the people as “Mantellate”, because of the different style of their habit. They wore a black gown and a white veil, but the gown only had three quarter or half-length sleeves. People thought the outer layer was only a ‘mantle’ laying over them because the sisters readily jumped into work and wanted their clothing to have no sleeves to constrict their movements.

About her uncle Alexis Falconieri, he along with Amadeus of the Amidei, Hugh dei Lippi Uggucioni, Benedetto dell’ Antella, Gherardino di Sostegno, Buonfiglio dei Monaldi, and Giovanni di Buonagiunta founded the Order of the Servites (I know why they just refer to the whole group together as the Seven Founders!). They all share one feast day of February 17, under the title of ‘The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order’. Her uncle St Alexis was known for his great humility, spending long hours seeking alms to provide medicine and food aid for the sick. Though he was approached many times to be ordained a priest, he always refused and fled from the person requesting him to be ordained. He claimed he was unworthy and that priesthood would keep him from living among the poor. It is easy to understand how he influenced his niece to follow Christ and serve the church’s poor in her consecrated life.

A miracle occurred to her as she was nearing death. Afflicted with stomach pain and non-stop vomiting for several days, she desired to receive Holy Communion and asked her pastor to set a host upon her chest so she could receive him into her heart. He placed a host upon a corporal on her chest and over the next few hours the host disappeared. She passed shortly afterward, and as her body was being washed and prepared for burial, a cross within a circle was found impressed upon her breast over her heart where the host had lain. In holy cards of her image or her statues, often the image of host is seen on the outside of her religious habit over her heart to signify this miraculous Holy Communion. She is certainly a fitting patron saint of the chronically ill, and supports the need to faithfully minister to people even in usual and in novel ways when necessary to comfort and provide them sacraments. St. Juliana Falconieri, pray for us.

Today: Sunday, September 27: Priesthood Sunday

Priesthood Sunday is a special day set aside to honor our priests. It is a day to reflect upon and affirm the role of the priesthood in the life of the Church as a central one. This nationwide event is coordinated and sponsored by the US Council of Serra International.

How do you plan to celebrate your priest this year?

Here are some ideas:

- * Ask your pastor to share his vocation story
- * Pray for deceased priests who have served the parish
- * Pray for young men who are considering the priesthood
- * Offer a "spiritual bouquet" of rosaries or other prayers

The Mount St. Joseph Ursulines would like to say thank you for your support and help during their recent annual raffle. Winners of the raffle prizes are posted on the bulletin boards in each parish. Again, we thank you so much, for your continued faithful support of the sisters and their ministries.

FFY News: There will be an optional in-person meeting for those who are not participating at home on Wednesday evenings after 6 pm Mass. Please watch for weekly emails.!

Dave Ramsey Financial Peace University Classes, coordinated by

Dr. Chip Bohle: "Tell your money where to go instead of wondering where it went! Join my virtual Financial Peace University class and learn to make a budget you'll actually stick to. We meet online, so you won't even have to leave home. Visit this unique registration link for this local class fpu.com/1124405 and sign up to start your 14-day free trial of Financial Peace! Class starts October 7.

Civilize It

What does it mean to love our neighbors in the midst of such a divisive climate? Catholics are called to bring the best of ourselves and our faith to the public square—and yet today, many shy away from such involvement because our national and local conversations are filled with anger and harsh language, often directed at people themselves. As Catholics, we must model a better way. We invite you to model love for neighbor by pledging to Civilize It and committing to civility, clarity, and compassion this election year. Make room in your heart for those with whom you disagree and pledge dignity beyond the debate today at CivilizeIt.org!

Faithful Citizenship & Voter Registration

The Catholic bishops of the United States are pleased to offer once again to the Catholic faithful [Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship](#) (& [en Español](#)), a teaching document on the political responsibility of Catholics. This statement represents guidance for Catholics in the exercise of their rights and duties as participants in our democracy. If you are not registered to vote, please visit the Kentucky Secretary of State's website. It's a quick and easy process that only takes a few minutes to complete. The deadline to sign-up is October 4, 2020.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

September 28-October 4



St. Pius X

September 29-David Carr

September 29-Alice Lucas

September 30-Dot Pair

October 1-Karen Coleman

October 2-Wes Hayes

October 2-Therese Luecke

October 2-Lauren Shea

October 3-Jimmy Hogancamp

October 3-Doreen Richendollar

St. Anthony of Padua

September 28-Renee Ray



St. Pius X

September 28-Ryan & Allison Devine

October 4-Chance & Allison Lucas

St. Anthony of Padua

No Anniversaries this week

Remember in Prayer

St. Pius X: John Bardsley, Kaileigh Row, Bennett Meisenheimer, 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, 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 Derringe, 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, 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 September 28-October 4		
Tuesday	6:00 pm	Danny Brooks Family
Wednesday	8:00 am	Dorothy Dunker
Wednesday	6:00 pm	Rodney & Loretta Wheatley Family
Thursday	8:00 am	Russell Tomlinson
Friday	8:00 am	Joe Cirrito
Saturday	4:30 pm	Carol York
Sunday	10:00 am	Derwood Doyle

WEEKLY DONATIONS

Parish Hall Donation (09/20/20)	\$ 265.00
Budget for 2020/2021 Fiscal Year (July 2020-June 2021)	\$ 165,000.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 3,173.08
Weekly Donation (09/20/20)	\$ 2,022.00
Online Giving (09/20/20)	\$ 710.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 43,725.00

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.

Support Drive Collection for Calvert City Elementary School:

To help add to their pantry supplies for the students in case of a local safety disaster that requires an in-school Shelter-in-Place, we've been asked to help with donations of emergency foodstuffs to help out. We will be purchasing or collecting simple to serve items such as 1) Slim Jims or other beef jerky sticks that can be stored at room temperature 2) small container applesauces (or GOGO squeeze packages that don't require a spoon) 3) Fruit Cups or Puddings (again room temperature stored) 4) Peanut Butter Snacks 5) Boxed Cheerios Cereal (or variety pack individual servings). We are grateful for our community partners from Calvert City area! Thank You for any help!

Parish Council

Pam Hurst	Chair Person
Jeff Outland	Building & Ground
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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 September 28-October 4		
Wednesday	9:00 am	Persecuted Christians
Friday	9:00 am	Charlene Roby
Sunday	8:00 am	Joseph Daniel Adams

WEEKLY DONATIONS

Budget 2020/2021 Fiscal Year (July 2020-June 2021)	\$ 60,000.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 1,153.85
Weekly Donation (09/20/20)	\$ 1,099.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 14,693.00

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 Membership update: New to the Church, or have you a new address, phone number, or email address? Please fill out a Parish membership form or Parish Registration update. Please contact Jamie at the Parish office with any questions. Thank you!

Parish Council

Roy McFadden	Chair Person
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- † **MARRIAGE:** Preparation is needed prior to the wedding. Contact the office or Fr. Brian 6 months prior to date.
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- † **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