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4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Easter John 10:11-18



Jesus said: "I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. A hired man, who is not a shepherd and whose sheep are not his own sees a wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away, and the wolf catches and scatters them. This is because he works for pay and has no concern for the sheep. I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. These also I must lead, and they will hear my voice, and there will be one flock, one shepherd. This is why the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down on my own. I have power to lay it down, and power to take it up again. This command I have received from my Father."

**Easter Table Prayer by Edward Hays**

Creator God and Lord of Life, You who call forth from the darkness of death all those who love You, we rejoice, on this Easter Sunday, in the resurrection from the dead of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Visit our home and this table with Your bright blessing of peace and life. We pause in the midst of this prayer to remember all the holy dead of our family who live now in You and who await the final and glorious resurrection of the dead. *(Pause for silent reflection to remember the deceased)*

May they and we, because of our faith in You, our God, taste in the victory of life over death. May the Risen Christ, our Lord and Savior, be our guest as we celebrate His resurrection with this Easter Sunday dinner. Bless those whose work to prepare this meal has truly been a work of prayer, and bless all of us who shall share it with Easter love and joy.

May You, then, bless this table and this food, and each of us in Your holy name. Amen.

**Weekly Mass Readings      April 25 – May 2**

<b>Sunday, 4/25</b>	<b>Acts 4:8-12/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18</b>
<b>Monday 4/26</b>	<b>Acts 11:1-18/Jn 10:1-10</b>
<b>Tuesday 4/27</b>	<b>Acts 11:19-26/Jn 10:22-30</b>
<b>Wednesday 4/28</b>	<b>Acts 12:24—13:5a/Jn 12:44-50</b>
<b>Thursday 4/2</b>	<b>Acts 13:13-25/Jn 13:16-20</b>
<b>Friday 4/30</b>	<b>Acts 13:26-33/Jn 14:1-6</b>
<b>Saturday 5/1</b>	<b>Acts 13:44-52/Jn 14:7-14</b>
<b>Sunday 5/2</b>	<b>Acts 9:26-31/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8</b>

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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*

Dear St Pius And St Anthony Churches, April 25, 2021

Happy Good Shepherd Sunday! Jesus says, “A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep” (John 10:11). So, good shepherding means the willingness to sacrifice oneself for other people who are in one’s care (a shepherd for his sheep-Jesus for us-or parents who sacrifice for their children). I think Jesus is also telling us that He perfectly identifies with His sheep. His sheep are His life and He gives His all to them (Even though His divinity holds its transcendence, His personal humanity identifies completely with His sheep). Again, Jesus unites His life to His sheep. This is what we mean when someone has a real passion about something, like a mission, a craft or a sport and they spend so much time and lots of resources on it, we say that ‘that is their life’! For Jesus, our Good Shepherd, His sheep are His life. In today’s gospel (John 10), Jesus teaches us how He is the Good Shepherd. He loves His sheep so much that He becomes a lamb Himself, identifying with us and walking by our side as no ‘hired hand’ can ever do. A hired hand only has a job, and will abandon the sheep as soon as something better comes along. The hired hand will leave the sheep whenever he tires of the work, because he is in it only selfishly. Jesus keeps His ‘shepherd teaching’ positive, and speaks mostly only about what good work looks like for a shepherd. But, if we look to the prophet Ezekiel in the Old Testament, we see that Ezekiel was not shy about shaming ‘bad shepherds’. He reports that bad shepherds ‘fleeced their flocks’, by pointing out that bad shepherds take and take and take. Bad shepherds never give to their sheep. “You consumed milk, wore wool, and slaughtered fatlings, but the flock you did not pasture” (Ezekiel 34:3) But, Jesus is so different and better of a Shepherd, because He gives and gives and gives to the end. He has thrown in His lot with us-to remain by us and in us all the time, or ‘to the end’ as John 13:1 says. He is in it for His sheep, always giving—even His own life for them. Good Shepherd Sunday is great day to reflect upon the sacrament of the Holy Eucharist because it is the pre-eminent revelation of how much Jesus loves and cares for His sheep. Four times, in verses 11, 15, 17, 18, Jesus speaks of being strong enough ‘to lay down His life’ and take it up again. We want a strong and faithful shepherd. One who knows where to pasture us and where to find the best of water for us. He scans the horizon and sees any danger coming so that He can better protect His sheep. I hear Jesus say that He is always with His Sheep with His eyes peeled on them, watching over them and knowing each of them closely. He observes them with love to see if any of the sheep are not walking right (feet injured, infected, etc) or if they appear weak or sick. Jesus knows the fragility of His sheep, and He quickly goes to them and tends to their needs. We, His sheep rely on the Shepherd completely for our life. I like to say that a sheep away from the Shepherd is soon a dead sheep. The very sheep’s life means keeping so close to the Shepherd’s side. Everything we sheep have, has come to us because of a shepherd’s care. The shepherd’s close identification with His sheep is reflected in Jesus’ statement that ‘I know mine and they know me (so close that He feels with us: if we hurt, He hurts). In verses 3 & 4 Jesus says twice that his sheep know his voice and he calls them by name. Again, He is so closely identified with them, that His voice is like their own heartbeat. If they hear Him, they are in rhythm, and as soon as they stop or can’t hear Him, then trouble is ahead. I love how Jesus is splendid about drawing pictures of His love and care for us. His picture-image of a shepherd and sheep as a model of how He tends to us is a vivid and relatable icon of God for us! Our complete sharing with Jesus (communion with Him-Him knowing us and our knowing Him) comes from our reception of Him in this holy sacrament. He feeds us with His own Body and Blood. After receiving Him, He can say about our relationship that ‘you are flesh and blood to me now’. That is complete union between shepherd and sheep. He says in John 10:14, “I know mine and mine know me.” That is close and personal of Jesus!

## Another Saint in Time of Plague: St Juan Grande Roman, OH (Born 3-6-1546 Died 6-3-1600)

St Juan Grande Roman was born in Carmona, Spain, to parents, Cristobal Grande and Isabel Roman. They were devout about practicing their faith and dutifully had Juan Grande baptized by the parish priest, Andrés Muñoz. They saw to it that he was taught catechism in his youth and at age 7 he became a junior in the choir and sang the musical settings at Mass. He stayed in the choir until he was 12 years old. Tragedy struck when he was 11, when his father died at his work. Juan Grande completed his education at 15 years old and took on the trade of a weaver and cloth-maker in Seville. Two years later, he went back to his hometown and opened a business selling cloth and linen. He was successful and his products and skills were in demand among the village and beyond. Something in his work led him to experience a profound conversion and he sold off his trade tools and inventory and gave away all of the proceeds, and sought to live a solitary life of prayer at the Hermitage of St Olalla at Marcena (not far from Carmona). He felt he needed the solitude to discern what God wanted him to do with his life. After a year as a hermit, he threw away his remaining wardrobe and put on a sack-cloth habit. At this time he changed his name from Juan Grande to Juan Grande Pecador (John the Great to John the Great Sinner). Only 19 years old, he moved to Jerez, Cadiz, to start new. He looked for every opportunity to serve anyone who needed help. He walked among the poor and showed them how to find food or care. He visited prisoners, bringing them meals and hope by talking with them about God. He spent time with the incurably sick and those abandoned by families because of severe illnesses. He frequently attended a Franciscan parish and had a Franciscan spiritual director. He was admired for his generosity.

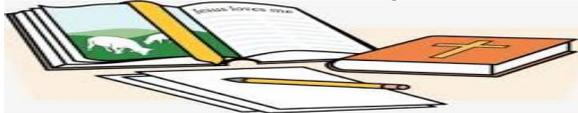
In January 1574, a plague epidemic broke out in Jerez, and he addressed a petition to the Cathedral Chapter urging them to assist the many sick people who had been cast out on to the streets. He organized a group to help tend to victims, and due to their success, he even opened a hospital with the help of a wealthy patron. He named it ‘Our Lady of Candlemas’, in devotion to the Blessed Mother. Around this time, he became familiar with the late St John of God, and found they shared a deep love of caring for the sick. He visited a religious house St John started in Granada, and he affiliated with the Order of Hospitaller, living under their religious rule and way of life. Other young men joined the Hospitallers due to his holiness and simplicity. St John the Sinner’s management skills and pastoral efficiency were noticed by the Archbishop of Seville, Cardinal Rodrigo de Castro, organizing and reforming the Archdiocese’s hospitals and medical missions. This created tension and opposition from powerful civic leaders that sought to sideline St John Pecador out of self-interest and envy. He remained focus on his mission and gave himself even more to loving and caring for the sick, the imprisoned and the poor. He even expanded his range of care to include ministry to orphans, street prostitutes and traumatized and injured soldiers. Overall, he embodied the works of mercy.

At age 54, after another plague raged through Jerez and St Juan Pecador was on the front line in the streets bringing patients into his hospital, yet also traveling to homes to minister to the dying. He worked himself nearly to exhaustion, when he also came down infected with the plague. He died soon afterward on June 3, 1600 after praying the Stations of the Cross and readying himself for death. He was canonized by Pope John Paul II on 2nd June 1996. He is a patron saint of medical workers, and those involved in health care missions and pastoral visitors to the sick. Yet, for suffering victims of COVID or any plague, he is also a patron of fellow sufferers.

*St John the Sinner, help of the sick and those nursing them,  
pray for us!*

**Sympathy and Prayers:** Please pray for the eternal rest of Kenneth Edward White (*brother of Marty Darst*), Elizabeth Nelson (*mother of Pam Hurst*) and Paul Kowalczyk (*father of Patty Robertson*) who passed away last week. Please keep their families in your prayers too. May God comfort them each day as they grieve their loved ones' passing.

### Every Wednesday Bible Study at 10:00 am St Anthony Church



Come study the Sunday Mass readings with a group as a wonderful preparation to find even more grace in Sunday Celebrations.

### Message from Bishop Medley on Pandemic Guidelines

"I know you are tired, but I ask for your continued patience. I know you are aching for all of those things from which you have had to fast for over a year now. I share in your fatigue. I long for the day when everyone can return to the full celebration of the Eucharist when we can fill our churches with song and praise the Lord with our voices. However, we have not yet arrived at that moment. For now, we must continue to do what is necessary to protect the common good."

#### We must still follow these guidelines:

- 1) **Masks required** inside the building for mass and meetings.
- 2) 6 foot **physical distancing** between families, groups
- 3) Limited capacity & no physical contact/communion on tongue

### Our Easter Sacraments continue with the First Holy Communion of *Anna Grace Pearson*

Congratulations to *Anna Grace*, who took her second step of faith with Christ making her First Holy Communion today.

**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, Jim Maziarka, Marilyn Duzmal, Lisa Hammond, Rose Grossius, Bennett Meisenheimer, Neil Trammell, 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 Brooks, 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, Rita Cook, Hannah Padgett, Juliette Kaplanes, Jack Bender, Penny Maupin, Don Kemp, Sharon Olejnicak, Tim Wilson, Beverly Dukes, Bill Norvell, Wallace Hunt, Phyllis White, Judy Krouse, Kerry Frazier, Rene Harrington, Joe Cirrito, Lisa Doyle, Forrest Michael Teeters, David Kroll, Cameron Brewer, Stefanie Wilkerson-Barragan, Hugo Santos, Sharon Gibbons, Lori Blades, Wayne Viniard, Braydn Barnett, and their families and caregivers

**St. Anthony of Padua:** Elena Carey, Donna & Jon Gresham, Bob Decker, 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.

#### FFY Faith Formation Youth News:

We will meet on Wednesday, April 28, for our *FFY In-Person Session at 6:45pm*. If the Marshall County School System is on virtual learning, we will meet via Zoom. Watch for emails about our end of school year celebration!

#### Birthdays & Anniversaries:

April 26 – May 2

#### Happy Birthday!

##### St. Pius X

April 25	Loise Bowling
April 25	Lou Langford
April 26	Stacey Newby
April 29	Jeretta Cash
April 30	Megan Duzmal

##### St. Anthony of Padua

No birthdays this week

#### Happy Anniversary!

##### St. Pius X

April 27 Charlie & Mary Jane Haley

##### St. Anthony of Padua

April 27 Bob & Lois Tashjian

#### Bridge Builders – Easter Series @ Your Home!

Apr 22 @ 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm

If you are active in a multicultural parish, we invite you to journey with us during Easter 2021 to explore how we can build bridges to integrate our parishes more fully. We will study two books together to work on better bridging skills within our communities. Patti Gutiérrez, host of the Gente Puente Café and Podcast, will guide the discussions. Registration per individual: \$10 Follow the text of "Best Practices for Shared Parishes: So That They All May Be One" For more info contact Deacon Chris Gutiérrez at [chris.gutierrez@pastoral.org](mailto:chris.gutierrez@pastoral.org) or (270) 880-8018.

**St. Pius X**

Mass Intentions  
April 26 – May 2

Tuesday	6:00 pm	Bria Buffington
Wednesday	8:00 am	David Mudd
Wednesday	6:00 pm	Deceased Members of Hagan Family
Thursday	7:00 pm	Louis Haas
Friday	8:00 am	Michael Alexander
Saturday	4:30 pm	Recovery of John Bardsley
Sunday	10:00 am	Pauline Henning

WEEKLY DONATIONS

Parish Hall Donation (4/18/21)	\$ 868.00
Budget for 2020/2021 Fiscal Year (July 2020-June 2021)	\$ 165,000.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 3,173.08
Weekly Donation (4/18/21)	\$ 4,653.00
Online Giving (4/18/21)	\$ 935.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 161,670.20

**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 any assistance, please call the parish office.

**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 website: [http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost\\_letters/documents/papa-francesco-lettera-ap-20201208-patris-corde.html](http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_letters/documents/papa-francesco-lettera-ap-20201208-patris-corde.html)

**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	Harold Dacus, Chair
Art & Decorations	Paula Schmidt
Knights of Columbus	Philip Scheidegger

**St. Anthony of Padua**

Mass Intentions  
April 26– May 2

Wednesday	9:00 am	Thomas Sutterer
Friday	9:00 am	Myrna Clark
Sunday	8:00 am	LeRoy Martin

WEEKLY DONATIONS

Budget 2020/2021 Fiscal Year (July 2020-June 2021)	\$ 60,000.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 1,153.85
Weekly Donation (4/18/2021)	\$ 1,367.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 51,543.00

*Thank you so much for your faithful generosity! The Parishes and the Church’s Mission depends on you!*

**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!

**Easter Suggestions from KY Poet Wendell Berry**

Practice Resurrection .....

So, friends, every day do something that won’t compute. Love the Lord. Love the world. Work for nothing. Take all that you have and be poor. Love someone who does not deserve it..... Ask the questions that have no answers. Invest in the millennium. Plant Sequoias. Say that your main crop is the forest that you did not plant, that you will not live to harvest. Say that the leaves are harvested when they have rotted into the mold. Call that profit. Prophesy such returns. Put faith in the two inches of humus that will build under the trees every thousand years ..... (again) **Practice Resurrection** (1973)

**Parish Council**

Roy McFadden	Chair Person
Mike Drury	Vice Chair/Building & Ground
Debbie Owens	Secretary/Family Life
Shara Parish	Finance/ Building & Ground
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:** 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)