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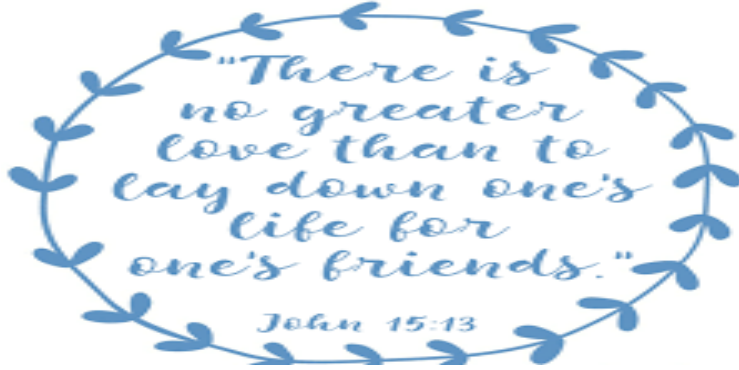
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6th Sunday Easter John 15:9-17



Jesus said to his disciples: "As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. "I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and your joy might be complete. This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I no longer call you slaves, because a slave does not know what his master is doing. I have called you friends, because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father. It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you. This I command you: love one another."

An Easter Poem : 'Easter (II)' by George Herbert

Rise heart, Thou Lord is Risen.....

I got me flowers to straw thy way:
I got me boughs off many a tree:
But thou wast up by break of day,
And brought'st thy sweets along with thee.

The Sun arising in the East,
Though he give light, and th'East perfume;
If they should offer to contest
With thy arising, they presume.

Can there be any day but this,
Though many suns to shine endeavour?
We count three hundred, but we miss:
There is but one, and that one ever.

Weekly Mass Readings April 25 – May 2

Sunday 5/9	Acts 10:25-35, 44-48/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17
Monday 5/10	Acts 16:11-15/Jn 15:26—16:4a
Tuesday 5/11	Acts 16:22-34/Jn 16:5-11
Wednesday 5/12	Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Jn 16:12-15
Thursday 5/13	Acts 18:1-8/Jn 16:16-20
Friday 5/14	Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Jn 15:9-17
Saturday 5/15	Acts 18:23-28/Jn 16:23b-28
Sunday 5/16	Acts 1:1-11/Eph 1:17-23/ Mk 16:15-20

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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

May 9, 2021



Jesus continues to talk today about ‘remaining’ (He with His disciples, and His disciples with Him). Last week we heard Him say that just as a branch has no life apart from the vine, so, also we don’t have any life in us if we are apart from Him. He taught us last week, that we know we are in Him if we keep His word in us (John 15:7 “you remain in me and my words remain in you”). He says basically the same thing again this week yet with extra emphasis when He says that if we ‘keep His commandments, you will remain in my love’ (John 15:10). So, two ways we remain united to Christ is to 1) keep His Word and 2) keep His commands. I understand this to mean that we must be familiar and keep regularly reading His word, praying over his word, enacting His word and sharing His word. Or to put it most simply, we keep saying what He said, and doing what He did.

A wonderful way of ‘Remaining in His Word’ is to practice what is called ‘lectio divina’ or ‘sacred reading’. It involves several steps of a prayerful approach and close attention given to God’s Word. The steps are: 1) reading, 2) reflection 3) response & 4) rest (In Latin, Lectio, Meditatio, Oratio, & Contemplatio). The first step is simply reading each word of the passage slowly to notice each word as well as the basic sense of the sentences. Then, we reread the passage, waiting for a phrase or image from it to stand out or impress itself upon us more than the others. Then, we stop and pray, talking to God about our understanding of the phrase or image and making sure that we give God time to respond, and we listen to what He speaks to us specifically through the phrase or image. Then, the final stage is taken up which is simply ‘resting’ with God’s suggestion to our heart. Here we want to absorb fully what God’s word has brought us. Following this period of deeper prayer, God’s word will become more interior to us. We will have taken it in personally so that we can more authentically embody it and allow its fruit to be born from us. The work, deed or act which results from our prayerful sacred reading, then becomes a ‘sharing of God’s Word’ or ‘sharing the fruits of one’s contemplation’ (whether we ever specifically preach or talk about it again). I think ‘lectio’ is what the Blessed Mother was practicing when the angel Gabriel visited her, which led Mary to say, “I am the servant of the Lord; May it be done to me according to your word” (Luke 1:38). Try some ‘lectio divina’ as a supplement to your regular prayer time. Isaiah 55:11 says that the word of God never returns to Him empty. Or as Hebrews 4:12 says, “the word of God is living and effective...” God always bears fruit!

And remaining with Jesus, gets even better when Jesus invites us to ‘friend’ Him! Two things Jesus does for us, shows that He wishes to be our ‘friend’: 1) He sacrifices Himself for our good (v.13) 2) He opens his heart fully to us, sharing with us the Wisdom of the Father—all He hears from the Father (v.15). Of course, Jesus offers friendship to us, but we have to answer and reciprocate by giving ourselves back to Him. We must speak to Him from our hearts and share our inmost thoughts and intentions. Friendship is mutual when it is equally vulnerable, expressing trust between each other. Friends share freely and generously their most personal words with each other. Friendship requires a lot of listening, and I think that is why Jesus keeps saying, “You are my friends if you do what I command you” (Jn 15:14). What are those commands? 1) Remain in the words I spoke with you (15:7) & secondly, 2) love one another (15:12). And we love as He did by recalling His interactions with others and mirroring them to others. Jesus wants His love to be shared and received by others through our own lives too—by how we interact with others (what we say and what we do for them). In this way, the divine model of friendship (Life in the Trinity) lives in us. This makes perfect sense when we recall that Jesus said in John 14:23, “Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him.” This sacred friendship shared among Christians surely accounts for the rapid spread and growth of the Early Church, as we’ve been hearing about it from Acts of the Apostles. Peace, Fr Brian

Another Saint in Time of Plague: Bl. Peter Norbert Donders (born 10-27-1809 died 1-14-1887)

Peter Donders was born in Tilburg, of the Netherlands on 27 October 1809. He was the first born (of two sons) of Arnold Denis Donders and Petronella van den Brekel. His father was a weaver by trade and his mom a homemaker. A few years later his parents had another son Martin. Peter was very enthusiastic about church-going, learning his prayers and keeping devotions in their nearby parish. He studied his catechism lessons diligently and even offered classes to several other kids in their town (he actually taught them and encouraged their piety in church). Even as a child, Peter felt called to be a priest. His parents wanted him to have a formal education, but after only a couple of years, he had to drop out of post elementary education because of their poverty. He worked with his father. Yet, also took work in local warehouses. At 20 years old, he applied and took work as a servant in a minor seminary institute, the Beekvliet in Sint-MichielsGestel. He listened in on lectures and theology classes to improve himself. His sanctity was recognized by the teachers and priesthood students, but he was not approached about affiliating with the Diocese or becoming a priesthood candidate. In 1831, he sought to join military service but was not accepted. Continuing to work to help his parents and keeping disciplined about his religious devotions, in 1833, he sought admission into the Redemptorist Order. He was denied acceptance, so he applied to both the Jesuits and Franciscans. He was turned down by both of them, too. His faith never wavered and God introduced him to a generous parish benefactor who provided him funds to pursue theological studies at the College of Haaren. In this period of his life, Peter happened to be reading a journal about Church missions and the societies for the propagation of the faith and he wanted to join a mission band. In 1839, his Bishop Jacobus Grooff heard about Peter’s zeal to be a missionary and he accepted him for work in the Dutch occupied Suriname (northern coast of South America). Peter Donders was ordained a priest in June 1841. He went to Paramaribo in late 1842 and began parish ministry and preaching. He eagerly took on extra work serving among the African peoples who often were forced to labor on plantations and treated harshly. He often voiced concern about their unjust treatment and voluntarily worked alongside them to bring attention to their work conditions. It was reported that by 1850, he had baptized over 1,200 Catholics. He broadened his ministry in 1851 to include serving Indians in Saramacca. While with them, an epidemic broke out and he remained faithfully among them and cared for the sick and administered sacramental service to the sick and dying. He tried to teach catechism, but few accepted the faith under him. But he served them all the same seeing Christ in them, even if they didn’t take interest in Christianity.

When Peter heard that clergy and missionaries were scarce in Batavia (they avoided and fled from there), due to the prevalence of lepers there, he volunteered to go live among them. In 1856, he moved to Batavia and lived for almost thirty years tending to as many as 600 lepers at a time. He always sought to build community among the lepers to lessen their feeling of isolation. He loved them all the more as other people tended to avoid them. His call was to show them the love of Christ, and reveal His presence among them. In 1865, the Redemptorist order was assigned to care for the Batavian colony by the Holy See. Feeling drawn again to join the Redemptorist order, he applied again for admission to them. Peter was received at Paramaribo in 1866 by Monsignor Johannes Baptist Swinkels, under temporary vows and then later made his final vows in June 1867. He continued in his ministry among the lepers. He even learned music so that he could play and sing for the suffering children to lift their spirits. He began to suffer worsening health from kidney ailments and at one time was given an assistant to help his movements and work by the Redemptorists. In 1886, his superiors sought to relieve him of work and his heavy pastoral ministry by moving him to Paramaribo. However, sensing that his health was not going to improve, Peter moved back to Batavia to be among his beloved lepers. He died the next January in Batavia. He was buried in Batavia (though later he was moved to be placed in the Diocesan cathedral of St Peter and St Paul in Paramaribo. Blessed Peter had a deep love of the sick and of befriending them in their need and suffering. He served both victims of epidemic, and lepers who suffered from isolation and necessary quarantine.

Blessed Peter Donders, pray for us!

Prayers & Sympathy: Please pray for the eternal rest and peace of John Bardsley (husband of Dolly Bardsley) who passed away last Wednesday. Pray also for God's comfort to strengthen Dolly and the family during this difficult time of loss.

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 meaning with Mass.

New Guidance on Outside Public Gatherings

According to Diocesan and new CDC guideline, an outside gathering of 1,000 or less people is safe, without masks being required if care is taken about closeness-distance. This new rule opens up some possibilities for us gathering outside for some socials in the parish again!

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

Parishioner Robert Burgess is moving this week. We miss him already, yet we pray for his move and transition to go smoothly as he settles in his new home. His new address is:
9317 State Route 121 N, Hickory, KY 42051

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: Joey Elder, 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 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, 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, Joey Elder 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, May 12, 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 the mail for the new Gospel Weeklies Packet and emails!

Birthdays & Anniversaries:

May 10 – May 16

Happy Birthday!

St. Pius X

May 9 Mike Hartley
May 10 Susan Padgett
May 11 Theresa Daugherty
May 11 Landon Shupe
May 12 Danny Padgett
May 14 Cody Shupe
May 15 Gary Traylor

St. Anthony of Padua

May 12 Gail Dailey

Happy Anniversary!

St. Pius X

No anniversaries this week

St. Anthony of Padua

No anniversaries this week

Grace Marriage: Come & See Event

Have you ever wondered what Grace Marriage is all about? Here's your chance to find out! Facilitator couples from current Grace Marriage groups will host a FREE half-day session (for married couples) on Saturday, May 8th from 9am-noon at Brescia University's Duffy Auditorium (9th & Frederica St) in Owensboro. This free session includes three lessons and a participant book for couples to have an in-depth example of what to expect in a full Grace Marriage quarterly session. Space is limited. so RSVP at owensborodiocese.org/grace-marriage.

St. Pius X

**Mass Intentions
May 10 – May 16**

Tuesday	6:00 pm	Louis Haas
Wednesday	8:00 am	Kaye Haas
Wednesday	6:00 pm	Chester Rudnicki
Thursday	7:00 pm	Nancy & Jim Forsythe
Friday	8:00 am	Michael Malzahn
Saturday	4:30 pm	Mary Pearson
Sunday	10:00 am	Dr Sidney Edds

WEEKLY DONATIONS

Parish Hall Donation (5/2/21)	\$ 262.00
Budget for 2020/2021 Fiscal Year (July 2020-June 2021)	\$ 165,000.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 3,173.08
Weekly Donation (5/2/21)	\$ 1,896.00
Online Giving (5/2/21)	\$ 1,095.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 171,899.20

Hope Clinic: On the weekend of May 23, Lisa Holland, director of Hope Clinic will be speaking at mass about Hope's pro-life work and pregnancy support. She will also invite us to join in supporting the Clinic's work with baskets at the door, asking for donations toward their ministry!

Welcome Back Hymnals! We are beginning this weekend to re-introduce some congregational singing (still masked, of course). We will be having sung gathering, communion and dismissal hymns and some of the mass parts. I am so grateful for our faithful musicians who have maintained music in different degrees for our masses and prayer throughout this pandemic time. One more step!

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
May 10 – May 16**

Wednesday	9:00 am	All Creatures of God
Friday	9:00 am	Mike & Hannah Friedman
Sunday	8:00 am	Jim & Pearl Muzzy Family

WEEKLY DONATIONS

Budget 2020/2021 Fiscal Year (July 2020-June 2021)	\$ 60,000.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 1,153.85
Weekly Donation (5/2/2021)	\$ 896.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 53,737.00

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

Priesthood Ordination: The Diocese is to be blessed with another Shepherd-Priest

Deacon Corey Bruns will be ordained to the priesthood by Most Reverend William F. Medley While it is an invitation-only event (COVID), It is livestreamed Saturday 5/22/2021 at 10:00 am CST on ststephencathedral.org/live Knights of Columbus, Council 10988 has been prayerfully and financially supporting seminarians in the Diocese every year with the Diocese, and have been encouraging Deacon Corey along since 2015, praying for his ordination one day! May God bless his Church with good shepherds!

Spring Women's Retreat: Saturday, May 22

"Renewing Our Hearts: Hope & Healing in Julian of Norwich" will be presented at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Hall, 4029 Frederica St., Owensboro. Retreatants will be invited to explore similarities between their own lives and that of Julian's, recognizing that both mirror the life and death of Jesus Christ. This Women's Retreat will take place from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. The program facilitator will be **Sister Cheryl Clemons, OSU**. The \$40 fee includes lunch. For more info, call 270-229-0206 or email retreatcenter@maplemount.org or go online at <https://ursulinesmsj.org/registration-form-for-sponsored-programs/>

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:** 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