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3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Easter Luke 24:35-48



The two disciples recounted what had taken place on the way, and how Jesus was made known to them in the breaking of bread. While they were still speaking about this, he stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." But they were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost. Then he said to them, "Why are you troubled? And why do questions arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me and see, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you can see I have." And as he said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While they were still incredulous for joy and were amazed, he asked them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of baked fish; he took it and ate it in front of them. He said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. "Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things."

**Pope Francis' Easter Message (excerpt)**

The risen Christ is hope for all who continue to suffer from the pandemic, both the sick and those who have lost a loved one. May the Lord give them comfort and sustain the valiant efforts of doctors and nurses. Everyone, especially the most vulnerable among us, requires assistance and has the right to have access to necessary care. This is even more evident in these times when all of us are called to combat the pandemic. Vaccines are an essential tool in this fight. I urge the entire international community, in a spirit of global responsibility, to commit to overcoming delays in the distribution of vaccines and to facilitate their distribution, especially in the poorest countries." (Pope Francis- April 4)

**Weekly Mass Readings**

April 18 – April 25

- Sunday, 4/18 Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/1 Jn 2:1-5a
- Monday 4/19 Acts 6:8-15/Jn 6:22-29
- Tuesday 4/20 Acts 7:51—8:1a/Jn 6:30-35
- Wednesday 4/21 Acts 8:1b-8/Jn 6:35-40
- Thursday 4/22 Acts 8:26-40/Jn 6:44-51
- Friday 4/23 Acts 9:1-20/Jn 6:52-59
- Saturday 4/24 Acts 9:31-42/Jn 6:60-69
- Sunday 4/25 Acts 4:8-12/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18

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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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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



April 18, 2021

Luke 24:13-35

Dear St Anthony & Pius X Church Families,

Here we are at the 3rd Sunday of Easter already! We are reading the conclusion to the story from Luke 24 about the two disciples on the road to Emmaus. They encounter the Living Christ, yet they do not realize it at first. They listen to Jesus speak and reflect upon scripture history and recent events first, and then while they stop to pray in the breaking of the bread, they realize, 'This is Christ risen!' Immediately afterward, they race back to the other disciples to tell them about it. And just as they get into telling the details of their miraculous experience, suddenly Jesus shows again! Jesus appears right there in their midst, validating their story and confirming the reality of His Resurrection to all the disciples gathered there. Some individuals had been bumping into the resurrected Jesus at different times and in different places, but in this episode, the earliest followers are all there together in one place. Luke 24:33 says the whole assembly gathered consisted of "the eleven and those with them..." Like a good team meeting, the gang is all here, and Jesus teaches them a personal bible study of prophecy fulfilled in his life and death (the two disciples got an early preview on the road in Luke 24:27). Teaching the whole group now, Jesus says in Luke 24:44-45 "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures..."We aren't told how long this personal bible study lasted, but if Jesus detailed all of the passages from the Old Testament prophecies and law that referred to Him, it could have been a while. Teaching for long intervals (Preachers perk up!) was not new to Jesus (keep in mind that Jesus had taught crowds 'marathon-style' before as Luke 21:37 says Jesus taught 'all day in temple' and retired at night to Mt of Olives' or Mark 4:2 says He 'taught them at length in parables'-Jesus even refers to 12 hour workdays in John 11:9). Maybe this accounts for why so many of the first speeches of Peter, Stephen and John in the Acts of the Apostles tend to be long sermons too. They followed this model of Jesus. They tended to review Old Testament history, tracing in detail how Jesus fulfilled the pattern-prophecies of the patriarchs about the expected Messiah. Look them up, as Peter's first of many speeches is found in Acts 2:14-39, 3:13-26, or Stephen's is in Acts-7:2-53, or Philip's in Acts 8:30-35, or Paul's in Acts 13:16-41. The Book of Acts is almost filled with early church sermons. They say there are over 26 inspired speeches in Acts of Apostles, eight by Peter, nine by Paul, and a couple by James among others. Yes, that is a lot of holy preaching-but I suggest that such motivating and inspired preaching is what accounts for the divine spread and rapid growth of the Early Church from the first 12 to many thousands within ten years of Jesus' resurrection! Of course, it is the Holy Spirit that Jesus said would 'provide their words' in Luke 12:12 "the Holy Spirit will teach you what you should say..." Interestingly, though, we call the book 'Acts of the Apostles'-not 'speeches of the apostles! But again, the Word is God's!

Speaking of studying the word, someone reminded me once that at this personal bible study that Jesus conducts for His disciples, they had refreshments! They did! They had baked fish (Luke 24:41-42). This person suggested that we should always have fresh doughnuts at our studies. Yes, I like to say that we Catholics always connect food fellowship with our prayer gatherings. There is always food at church meetings, maybe not a lot but something little to share and enjoy. But, in its most sacramental form, that holy food shared turns out to be Jesus Himself, the Holy Eucharist. Luke chapter 24 is a great teaching both to find the form/pattern for our mass but also our Catholic teaching on Christ's real presence in the elements of bread and wine that become His body and blood. The Early Church referred to their sacramental meal as the 'Breaking of the Bread' (this becomes 'Mass'). This phrase 'Breaking Bread' shows up in Luke 24:30, 35, Acts 2:42, 2:46, 20:7, 27:35 and St Paul uses it in 1 Corinthians 10:16 & 11:23-24, not to mention the last supper accounts of Jesus' own words. Our Eucharistic belief and practice is all there from the beginning. I encourage to everyone an Easter season re-reading of the Last supper from the four gospels and the Breaking Bread passages from Acts and St Paul.

We should not be surprised to this connection between the Holy Eucharist and Resurrection, because early in his ministry Jesus had already taught in John 6:51 "I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever." No more death! And what the world calls death, for believing Christians now it only becomes a step into Eternity for Christians-It's Easter forever! 5

Peace, Fr Brian

## Another Saint in Time of Plague: Saint Boisil (aka Boswell) (birth unknown – died July 7, 664)

St Boisil was born in Northumbria (today northeast England, and Scotland) at an unknown date. Unfortunately, there is little to nothing known about St Boisil's early life prior to when he applied for admission as a monk at the famous Lindisfarne Abbey. St Bede who is the greatest English church historian, was born ten years after St Boisil's death and he provides the only near-contemporary source of biographical information about Boisil. St Bede claimed that his information came firsthand from pupils and monks that were taught and supervised by St Boisil. Boisil himself had famous teachers.

While at Lindisfarne Abbey, he was an eager and dutiful novice being trained under the great St Aidan. He lived an austere life and committed wholeheartedly to the regimen of manual work and public prayer as a monk. He used every free moment from the monastery jobs and liturgy routine to study scripture and read manuscripts. Around the late 640's a delegation of monks were sent from Lindisfarne to start a new monastery at Melrose. St Boisil served faithfully at the new foundation under the abbot St Eata. His stewardship skills and respect among the brothers was recognized by Abbot Eata, and he was named Prior of the Abbey. As part of a prior's responsibilities St Boisil had many interactions with area landowners and the public for monastery business. His spiritual gifts were recognized by people outside the monastery. One of these contacts was with a young man searching for more meaning in life. His name was Cuthbert and he sought a divine purpose to commit his life to and he heard of St Boisil's wisdom. St Bede reported that Boisil was known to have 'prophetic gifts' and could give special counsel catered to each person's own aptitude. So, Cuthbert approached the Melrose Abbey to join in 651 (not the more popular and prestigious Lindisfarne). (Soon to be the Saint, Cuthbert will become the greatest student-novice of St Boisil). St Bede tells the story that when Cuthbert arrived to request admission, St Boisil happened to be working the gate as guest master, and he greeted Cuthbert with the unique and prophet acclamation, "Behold the servant of the Lord". They went into the church to pray and talk. St Boisil detected a strong potential within Cuthbert toward holiness, and he presented him to Abbot Eata.

Eata accepted St Cuthbert and assigned him to accompany St Boisil on his excursions into the area countryside to preach missions and evangelize. Cuthbert was diligent as a novice studying under St Boisil and they spent many hours studying scripture and praying over interpretations of the Bible for sermon lessons. They composed many catechetical outlines together and tested each other's spiritual ideas through conversation and prayer. However, in 659, when St Eata left Melrose to open a new monastery foundation, he took Cuthbert with him. St Boisil became abbot of Melrose Abbey. Around this time, the reputation of St Boisil as a healer began to grow. Many villagers brought their sick to have St Boisil pray over them. He would lay hands on them, but he also dispensed holy water for them to daily sprinkle upon themselves that he drew from local springs that were filled with iron salts. Many miraculous cures were attributed to St Boisil's prayers and remedies. Another spiritual gift of Boisil was his prophetic utterances. He often spoke prophecies or intuitions about the times and events. Three years before it struck the area, St Boisil foretold of a great pestilence (epidemic). He warned that many would be purified by it, but that many would lose their lives. He included himself among the many who would die of it. He mentioned to Cuthbert and Eata that they would suffer but survive the plague. Surely enough in 664, a 'yellow plague' struck the country. As St Boisil suffered and was bedridden, his student St Cuthbert came to render him spiritual care and comfort. On St Boisil's last day on earth, Cuthbert read the entire gospel of St John to him as a preparatory prayer for death. During this time, Boisil prophesied that Cuthbert was chosen by God to become a Bishop of the Church and bring about great reforms and conduct a revival of faith within the country. He later became Bishop of Diocese of Lindisfarne. Following his death, several of his monks reported that he appeared to them in visions warning of their slackening faith. It served to stir up their monastic fervor once again. Some records indicate that St Boisil wrote commentaries on scripture or retained his sermons, but none have survived time to be available in any existing manuscripts. Considering St Boisil's own healing gifts and as a helper for miraculous cures, and his own suffering through a plague, he is a wonderful example of patience and serenity in pandemic times. May he be an intercessor for healing to those stricken with COVID and strength to all medical caregivers!

St Boisil, pray for us!

**Birthdays Thank-you:** I want to thank everyone for the wonderful calls, texts, cards and gifts. I turned 52, and loved that someone shared with me, that I am now finally dealing with a full deck of cards (52). I thank God for another year, and in fact for every day! And I thank God for blessing me to be able to serve as priest in our wonderful parishes. And thank you for blessing me by making it such a joy to serve God with you here!

**I got vaccinated: Please take advantage of the opportunities to be vaccinated as soon as possible!**

As soon as the phase opened up available to people 50 years old (Yes, I am over 50 years old!), I called in to get on the list & then went to get it! I want to encourage everyone to receive one as soon as possible. Since last March, we have been praying for an end to this plague, and vaccines to be discovered. They are at hand (or arm!) now. Please schedule and receive your vaccine as soon as you can, as we all want to do our part to get this pandemic behind us!

**FFY Faith Formation Youth News:**

We will meet on Wednesday, April 21, for our *FFY In-Person Session at 6:45pm*. If the Marshall County School System is on virtual learning, we will meet via Zoom. We will discuss our end of school year party!

**Birthdays & Anniversaries:**

**April 19 – April 25**

**Happy Birthday!**

**St. Pius X**

April 19	Debra Boughton
April 21	Brandon Doughty
April 21	Sami Luecke
April 23	Grant Anderson
April 23	John Schuld
April 24	Kurt Schmidt
April 25	Loise Bowling
April 25	Lou Langford

**St. Anthony of Padua**

No birthdays this week

**Happy Anniversary!**

**St. Pius X**

No anniversaries this week

**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](http://gasperriverretreatcenter.org) for more information about camp and to register for camp.

**Also, YOUTH 2000 July 17-28, 2021 COVID-Modified** Retreat is being planned still. Watch for more details. Please let Paula know of your interest.

**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.

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

Please pray for *Anna Grace*, who will be making her First Holy Communion next Saturday evening at 4:30 pm Mass.

**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:** Jim Maziarka, Marilyn Duzmal, Bob Decker, John Bardsley, Kaileigh Row, Lisa Hammond, Eileen Sacks, 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, 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, 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 April 19 – April 25		
Tuesday	6:00 pm	<i>Marilynn Redding</i>
Wednesday	8:00 am	<i>Cynthia Becker</i>
Wednesday	6:00 pm	<i>Audrey Jones</i>
Thursday	8:00 am	<i>Bob Russell</i>
Friday	8:00 am	<i>Sally Anne Klohr</i>
Saturday	4:30 pm	<i>Anna Grace Pearson</i>
Sunday	10:00 am	<i>Recovery of John Bardsley</i>

WEEKLY DONATIONS	
Parish Hall Donation (4/11/21)	\$ 173.00
Budget for 2020/2021 Fiscal Year (July 2020-June 2021)	\$ 165,000.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 3,173.08
Weekly Donation (4/11/21)	\$ 3,569.00
Online Giving (4/11/21)	\$ 1,300.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 156,082.20

**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)

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<b>Pam Hurst</b>	<b>Chair Person</b>
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<b>Dawn Whitt</b>	<b>Spiritual Life</b>
<b>Catherine Broks</b>	<b>FFY</b>

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*Fran Dacus* (618)383-4646

**Other Groups**

<i>Finance Council</i>	<i>Harold Dacus, Chair</i>
<i>Art &amp; Decorations</i>	<i>Paula Schmidt</i>
<i>Knights of Columbus</i>	<i>Philip Scheidegger</i>

**St. Anthony of Padua**

Mass Intentions April 19– April 25		
Wednesday	9:00 am	<i>Return to Good Health for Shane O’Brien</i>
Friday	9:00 am	<i>Dr Sidney Edds</i>
Sunday	8:00 am	<i>Ashley &amp; Pam Thurman</i>

WEEKLY DONATIONS	
Budget 2020/2021 Fiscal Year (July 2020-June 2021)	\$ 60,000.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 1,153.85
Weekly Donation (4/11/2021)	\$ 1,495.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 50,176.00

*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!

**Spiritual Thoughts for Easter Season**

Abba Zeno said, “If a man wants God to hear his prayer quickly, then before he prays for anything else, even his own soul, when he stands and stretches out his hands towards God, he must pray with all his heart for his enemies. Through this action God will hear everything that he asks.”

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<b>Shara Parish</b>	<b>Finance/ Building &amp; Ground</b>
<b>Nick Zaim</b>	<b>Social/Spiritual Concern</b>
<b>Sr. Michael Friedman</b>	<b>Spiritual/Faith Formation</b>

**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.
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- + **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)