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Mark 9:2-10



Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them. Then Elijah appeared to them along with Moses, and they were conversing with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here! Let us make three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He hardly knew what to say, they were so terrified. Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; from the cloud came a voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone with them. As they were coming down from the mountain, he charged them not to relate what they had seen to anyone, except when the Son of Man had risen from the dead. So, they kept the matter to themselves, questioning what rising from the dead meant.

**Observances for the Week of
February 28 – March 7**

Sunday- 2nd Sunday Lent
Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday Saint Katharine Drexel, Virgin
Thursday Saint Casimir
Friday
Saturday
Sunday 3rd Sunday Lent

**Weekly Mass Readings
February 28 – March 7**

Sunday, 2/28 Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10
Monday 3/1 Dn 9:4b-10/Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday 3/2 Is 1:10, 16-20/Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday 3/3 Jer 18:18-20/Mt 20:17-28
Thursday 3/4 Jer 17:5-10/Lk 16:19-31
Friday 3/5 Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday 3/6 Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Sunday 3/7 Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25

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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 February 28, 2021



Dear St Pius And St Anthony Churches,

Transfiguration! Jesus gives Peter, James and John a little glimpse forward of what is to come later with his Resurrection. Was it a surprise to them? Since they all fall to the ground terrified, it seems to be a total surprise. Yet by this point in their work with Jesus, they would have seen some pretty extraordinary things happen through His hands. Imagine how many healings they witnessed Jesus perform. And how much wisdom they heard Jesus preach. And how often they witnessed Jesus' lack of fear when confronting authorities or how they watched Him contentedly accept the hurtful rejection by His hometown. Not to mention all their daily grace-filled interactions with Him. It completely surprises me that they are caught so off-guard when Jesus reveals His divinity on the mountainside. Maybe it was more just the sudden 'all-out' sensory shock of hearing voices, seeing lights, the earth shaking and clouds moving and the added personalities crowding in. (Maybe Moses and Elijah were scarier to them than all the rest of the experience?) But taken all together, we find the apostles disoriented (vs 9:6 says 'terrified') and saying things that don't make any sense. Peter wants to build a tent for Elijah who spectacularly ascended to heaven in a fiery chariot? Or a tent for Moses who is the 'Original Mountain Man'? What use do they have for 'tents'? So, what was Peter thinking? I think the point is that he wasn't thinking. He was trying to take it all in and process what this revelation with Moses and Elijah means. The reading says 'they were conversing'. Do you wonder what they were talking about? A 'true summit' in more ways than one. Yet, the thundering voice of the Father puts to rest any speculation about the conversation between Moses and Elijah. The Father announces the meaning: "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him" (vs 9:7). I like to point out how this repeats the statement we heard from the voice of the Father back at Jesus' baptism. But this time there is an additional detail. Back at His baptism we heard, "You are my beloved Son; with whom I am well pleased"(Mk 1:11). Now though, the Father has added, "Listen to Him." I take that to mean that up to now, the apostles might not have been listening very closely to Jesus. It has to be said. They have had eight chapters (this is Mk 9:1-8) to process better the identity and mission of Jesus, but I'm not sure they were passing the 'hearing test'. So the Transfiguration is a more dramatic, clearer demonstration of Jesus' identity to them with the added emphasis to listen to Him. The Father is the first to say, "Can you hear me now?" Speaking of having to repeat oneself, Jesus Himself will teach his apostles three times over about what kind of Messiah He is: specifically, that He must suffer and be rejected to save us. His disciples seem at times to 'try to misunderstand Him' (Mark 8:30-33, 9:30-32, 10:30-35). Yet, each time Jesus patiently re-teaches and works again to help them understand His identity and mission. Such mistakes of the apostles regarding Jesus' identity should humble us, and teach us to be always on guard against presumptively over familiarizing ourselves to Jesus and His Ways. The classic warning of God to His people teaching us to remain humble in regard to claiming we have figured God out, comes from Isaiah 55:8 where God tells us "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways—" "Okay! It is right when we want to claim in detail what God is up to, that it happens, "Surprise". Scripture is full of examples of people who presumed to tell God how to be God, and were surprised by God's intervening revelation. As I have been working on the Lenten St Joseph Retreat Classes, I've come to appreciate more deeply St Joseph's openness to listening and discerning what God may ultimately be working on through his and the blessed Mother's life when they discover Mary is with child (not his!). Matthew 1:19-20 says, "Joseph her husband, since he was a righteous man, and unwilling to expose her to shame, decided to divorce her quietly. Such was his intention when, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream....." One skeptical view of Joseph's thinking here is that he was 'insulted by her pregnancy not involving him' and he was departing in the most compassionate way possible for her. But more likely, St Joseph sensed the 'holiness' of the events with Mary (he knew Mary well enough to know her purity and piety), and he was humbly bowing out since he felt he was not worthy to assume such a lofty role. This puts St Joseph in the good company of the many prophets who protested God's call for their service as they first confess their 'unworthiness'. Think of Moses (He said 'I'm not a good speaker'-Exodus 4:10), or Jeremiah (He said, 'I am too young'-Jeremiah 1:6, or Isaiah (He said, 'I am unclean-unfit' Isaiah 6:5). St Peter gave a version of this humble response to God's plan too when he was surprised by Jesus' divine catch of fish (Luke 5:8). My point is that St Joseph does protest, but just like scripture tells us that he was 'righteous', he also always remained open to God's further guidance giving him further directions. He didn't presume to know God's will better than God Himself! Easily enough we can be tempted to feel that we know better than God, what His will is for us! So, we listen in prayer to God all the more to know His will. Peace, Fr Brian

Another Saint in Time of Plague

St. Pacificus of San Severino, OFM (born 3-1-1653 died 9-24-1721)

Saint Pacificus is known as the patron saint of those suffering from chronic pain. He suffered especially in his last 29 years of life frequent health hardships to include his joints hurting to the point of becoming lame and nearly immobile, blindness and even deafness. Currently many doctors are studying the chronic and lingering effects of COVID on certain patients, and diagnosing them with 'Long-Haul' Syndrome as they continue suffering debilitating effects upon their body even 6 months to a year after infection. Especially for such long-suffering COVID patients, St Pacificus is great saint to pray with for relief and peace incoming to terms with the chronic pain.

Saint Pacificus was born into a distinguished family in the Italian city of San Severino. His parents were Antonio M. Divini and Mariangela Bruni He was focused and overly serious as a child, with a deep piety and attraction to works of sacrifice for other people. He frequently even offered penance for the sins of others as a mere youth. He wished to prepare and receive Holy Communion at a very early age. His parents died when he was only three or four years old. He was in for a very tumultuous time moving between homes of relatives until he was taken in by a wealthy uncle for good. This uncle was very strict and punishing, and the uncle's house servants often mistreated the child. Any of their mistakes were blamed on St Pacificus and he was always disciplined for them. Pacificus learned to patiently and silently endure the unjust treatment, rather than try to explain himself. He offered it up for the salvation of souls. God purified Pacificus in virtue through these experiences. He imagined himself walking to Calvary with Christ being subjected to taunts and physical pains on the way. Several servants experienced conversion through the child's holiness. Once, when a maid dropped and broke open a barrel of wine causing it to spill its contents all over the cellar floor, she told his uncle that Pacificus was running and pulled it over. As his uncle marched him down the stairs to clean it up and discipline him, the maid watched and as they opened the cellar door, everything was immaculate and all in its place undisturbed. Pacificus knelt calmly and offered prayer, and through his angelic face she experienced a vision of Christ. She marveled at the miracle and confessed to the uncle her malign offense against Pacificus. She testified to his remarkable patience and serene trust in God's justice.

When he was seventeen years old (1670), Pacific entered the Order of Friars Minor at Forano. He felt drawn to the poverty and simplicity of the Franciscans and their zeal for preaching and missions. He was ordained a priest in 1678, and in 1680 he began to teach philosophy to the young members of the order for three years. He longed to enter the missionary circuit and was assigned to do apostolic work among the shepherds and farmers (teaching and evangelizing them) in the surrounding villages of the Apennines. He was well-received and spent much time visiting in their homes and working with them in the fields as he explained the faith and prayed with them. However, during his pastoral work in these years, his health began to fail severely. Often unable to move without excruciating pain, he had to stop his pastoral visits and missionary preaching. His lameness extended to his also becoming blind and deaf over the next few years. He suffered through his chronic disabilities with grace over the next twenty years or more. Not being hardly mobile at all, he cultivated a stronger contemplative life and was often sought out for wisdom and counsel by the other friars or townspeople. His patience in pain and his peace about accepting all trials and sufferings as the will of God for him impressed everyone he encountered. Though remaining crippled and in pain himself, he healed several people who visited him seeking relief from their diseases. He cherished the opportunity to celebrate mass, even in his limited capacity, and was often the recipient of consolations and ecstasies (visions of the saints or visited by divine light). Sometimes during these episodes of grace, people witnessed a glowing radiance upon his face like that of Moses when he talked with God at Sinai (Exodus 34:29-35). On September 24, 1721, he summoned a brother friar to bring him Communion and after having received Christ in the Eucharist, and offering his thanksgiving, he folded his arms upon his chest and died. His cause for beatification was begun in 1740 and he was at last canonized in May of 1839. Very few parishes are named after him. There is only one in all of North America under his patronage and it is a chapel in Humphrey, New York. Yet again for all those suffering from COVID long haul syndrome with its chronic symptoms, St Pacificus is a great helper.

St Pacificus, pray for us!

Spiritual Tool Time with St. Joseph Lenten Retreat

Tuesday Evenings 6:30 pm 7:30 In person Church or Zoom
Fr Brian will lead us through some weekly reflections on St Joseph, patron saint of families, fathers and the Church. Be introduced to some Spiritual Tools to use this Lent to shape up or craft your Soul!

FFY Faith Formation Youth News:

We will meet on Wednesday, Mar 3, 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!

Thank You Sr Michael Marie Friedman!

As Sr Michael Marie Friedman, OSU, returns to Mount St Joseph Motherhouse, we want to thank her for the years of service and sacrifice that she has offered our community. We miss you already, and thank God and you, for your faithful & prayerful presence among us. You have taught us through your witness to consecrated life as an Ursuline and shared your deep love of Jesus and His Church with us! Thank You!

Her new address is: Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph
8001 Cummings Road Maple Mount, Kentucky 42356

Birthdays & Anniversaries:

March 1- March 7

Happy Birthday:

St. Pius X

March 3 Cheryl Hebner

March 3 Joel Rivera

St. Anthony of Padua

March 4 Debbie Owens

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 for more information about camp and to register for camp.

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. Bless health care professionals with strength & compassion as they selflessly respond to our needs. We ask this through Christ Our Divine Physician and Merciful Lord. Amen



Every Wednesday St Pius 6:30 pm
Every Friday St Anthony 9:30 am



Every *Friday* thru Lent **4:00-7:00pm** at St. Pius **Call Order 395-5747**
Pick up/Carry Out Only

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, 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 March 1-March 8		
Tuesday	6:00 pm	<i>Marieta Rendon</i>
Wednesday	8:00 am	<i>Sally Anne Klohr</i>
Wednesday	6:00 pm	<i>Fr Delma Clemons</i>
Thursday	8:00 am	<i>Sr Teresa Riley</i>
Friday	8:00 am	<i>Sr Anne Michelle Mudd</i>
Saturday	4:30 pm	<i>John Bardsley</i>
Sunday	10:00 am	<i>Harold Darst</i>

WEEKLY DONATIONS

Parish Hall Donation (2/21/21)	\$ 110.00
Budget for 2020/2021 Fiscal Year (July 2020-June 2021)	\$ 165,000.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 3,173.08
Weekly Donation (2/21/21)	\$ 2,321.00
Online Giving (2/21/21)	\$ 945.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 127,712.20

Blessed be God. Divine Praises (EP)
 Blessed be His Holy Name.
 Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true Man.
 Blessed be the Name of Jesus.
 Blessed be His Most Sacred Heart.
 Blessed be His Most Precious Blood.
 Blessed be Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.
 Blessed be the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete.
 Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary most Holy.
 Blessed be her Holy and Immaculate Conception.
 Blessed be her Glorious Assumption.
 Blessed be the name of Mary, Virgin and Mother.
 Blessed be St. Joseph, her most chaste spouse.
 Blessed be God in His Angels and in His Saints. Amen

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 March 1-March 8		
Wednesday	9:00 am	<i>Murphy Family</i>
Friday	9:00 am	<i>Return to Good Health of Shane O'Brien</i>
Sunday	8:00 am	<i>Elsie 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 (2/21/2021)	\$ 545.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 41,100.00

Thank you so much for your faithful generosity!

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, cans fruits, & cans vegetables. Collection container in back church. Thank you!

Spiritual Saying from a Desert Father

“...Jesus asked them: Whom do men say that the Son of man is? They answered Him, “Some say Elijah; some others, Jeremiah, or one of the prophets.” And so Jesus led them up onto a high mountain, and showed that He was not Elijah, but the God of Elijah; that neither was He Jeremiah, but He had sanctified Jeremiah in his mother’s womb; that neither was He one of our of the prophets, but the Lord of the prophets, and he had that had sent them all.” St. Ephraim

There is something here greater than Solomon or the Temple!

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