

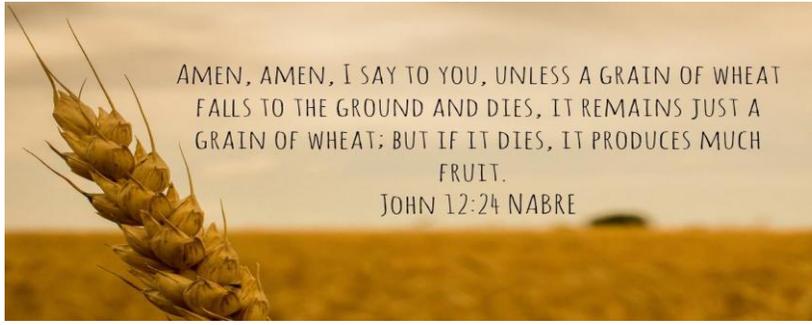


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AMEN, AMEN, I SAY TO YOU, UNLESS A GRAIN OF WHEAT FALLS TO THE GROUND AND DIES, IT REMAINS JUST A GRAIN OF WHEAT; BUT IF IT DIES, IT PRODUCES MUCH FRUIT.  
JOHN 12:24 NABRE

Some Greeks who had come to worship at the Passover Feast came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we would like to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit. Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me. "I am troubled now. Yet what should I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it and will glorify it again. The crowd there heard it and said it was thunder; but others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered and said, "This voice did not come for my sake but for yours. Now is the time of judgment on this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself." He said this indicating the kind of death he would die. John 12:20-33

**Lenten Prayer for Strength to Accept Sacrifice**

Lord Jesus, by Your Passion and Resurrection You brought life to the world. But the glory of the Resurrection came only after the sufferings of the Passion. Stretched out on the Cross, deprived of all earthly possessions and human aid, You cried out to Your Father that the end had come. You had accomplished the work given You, and You committed into His hands, as a perfect gift, the little life that remained to You.  
Lord, teach me to accept all afflictions after the example You have given. Let me place my death in Yours and my weakness in Your abandonment, Take hold of me with Your love, that same charity that knew no limits, and let me offer myself to the Father with You so that I may rise with You to eternal life.

Weekly Mass Readings March 21 – March 28	
Sunday, 3/21	Jer 31:31-34/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33
Monday 3/22	Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62/Jn 8:1-11
Tuesday 3/23	Nm 21:4-9/Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday 3/24	Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Jn 8:31-42
Thursday 3/25	Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38
Friday 3/26	Jer 20:10-13/Jn 10:31-42
Saturday 3/27	Ez 37:21-28/Jn 11:45-56
Sunday 3/28	Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1—15:47

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† **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

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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**  
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



March 21, 2021

John 12:20-33

Dear St Pius And St Anthony Churches,

Philip is the 'go-to' apostle. He seems to be the guy in the group able to 'get things done'. Philip loves to network people or always knows who to call to make things happen. Today we hear John 12:21-22 "Some Greeks came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we would like to see Jesus." So, Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus." These Greek worshippers in Jerusalem were curious to meet Jesus, so they go to Philip and ask him to set up an introduction to Jesus. They must have known that 'if anyone can pull this off- it is going to be Philip-talk to him'. Like an apostolic version of 'Linked In', Philip makes the connections and gets the right people together. For example, back in the first chapter of John's gospel we heard that it is Philip who introduces Nathanael to Jesus. In John 1:45-46 it says that after Philip encountered Jesus, then "Philip found Nathanael and told him, "We have found the one..... Come and see". I love how Jesus Himself seems to have confidence in Philip's 'rolodex' connections and contacts because it is Philip that Jesus Himself turns to, before His miraculous feeding of the 5,000 in John 6. It says there, that "When Jesus raised his eyes and saw that a large crowd was coming to him, he said to Philip, "Where can we buy enough food for them to eat?" (John 6:5). Jesus must have known Philip had plenty of business contacts and knew the local market. **So, Philip is a 'useful' guy to know in business.**

But Jesus takes this opportunity of His increasing popularity in Jerusalem to remind the apostles of His mission. He came not to be 'served' but to 'serve and give my life for the ransom of many' (Mark 10:45). His mission is not one of personal celebrity but of the salvation of others. Jesus came to give life (John 10:10 "I came that they may have life and life abundantly") and grow life within others. Jesus teaches the apostles how service gives life and sacrifices build in us. He basically reveals how life multiplies itself. We might call it the '**law of the single grain of wheat**'. This mention of a 'single grain of wheat' is only found in John's gospel. Though, all the synoptic gospels do include a version of it in their '**law of the mustard seed**' (Mk 4:30-32, Mt 13:31-32; Lk 13:18-19, yet the mustard seed law is not found in John!) In John 12:24, Jesus says, "unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit. Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life." There are two parts to this law 1) the prolific multiplication that sacrificial death produces, and 2) the destructive loss of what we try to dominate. First let's take a moment to consider the immense abundance of seed production in natural growth. One seed of grain placed in the ground can produce how many seeds in the flower or fruit head? Amazingly, from one single grain of corn, even if it only produced one ear on the stalk, it could produce 800 seeds (I hear that on average there are about 16 rows of kernels on a cob all the way around it and about 50 kernels a row!) 800 from 1! What an abundant future-seed multiplication in nearly all plants- think of wheat or sunflower heads! But it takes that first seed's willingness to let go and be planted to bring about such life-fruit later! Jesus is revealing God's design to produce 'forward-moving life' from the willing sacrifice of life that precedes it. If the grain of corn only wished to save its own husk, then that is it. It ends with one sterile piece. But, if it lets go its pride and personal glory and allows itself to be buried, then look at the huge growth and return that is activated!

So Jesus hints that personal immortality in Him is similar. One enters eternal life by sacrificing oneself. Selflessly loving, placing oneself in service of others, or giving oneself to others is what ensures one's remaining alive. This is in the hymn-lyrics of the "**Peace Prayer of St Francis**", that sings, "it is in dying that we are born to eternal life!" We must trust God and let go, to receive his Life. Peace, Fr Brian

## Another Saint in Time of Plague: Saint Walpurga (born 710 – died 2-25-779)

St Walpurga had two brothers who contracted the Black Death while on pilgrimage in Rome, yet miraculously survived and continued to serve the church in missions and parish work. St Walpurga and the whole convent of Wimborne Abbey prayed for their recovery. By the grace of God, they were healed of the deadly plague. She is a great saint in our Pandemic time, to offer us the support of prayer and the example of persevering and serving God even amidst dangers and risks of illness (our front-line workers in medical & chaplain care).

St Walpurga was born in 710 AD in the county of Devon, England, into a local aristocratic family. She was the daughter of Saint Richard the Pilgrim of Saint Wuna of Wessex. Her father St Richard was a lesser-regional king to the West Saxons. The whole family was popularly devout and strongly supported the church, its parishes, monasteries and convents. She had two brothers, St Willibald and St Winibald. When she was only 11 years old, her father Richard set out on much desired sacred pilgrimage to Rome with both of his sons. He enrolled St Walpurga under the educational authority and care of the abbess of the double monastery at Wimborne Abbey in Dorset. It is not known whether he intended her to be raised as a professed nun or whether she was given to the convent only for her educational training. Within a year, her father died at Lucca on his pilgrimage way to Rome. Her brothers arranged for his requiem mass and following his burial in the Basilica of San Frediano (Lucca), they completed the pilgrimage to Rome, conceived under his inspiration. While in Rome, they fell ill to the local plague ravaging the area. They both recovered, yet the younger Winibald, was slow to regain his previous stamina, and so he remained in Rome to study, while the older Willibald initiated a further pilgrimage to the Holy Land. His travels continued another seven years to religious sites, until he returned to Italy and became a monk at Monte Cassino. After Winibald fully recovered and finished his Roman studies (in 730), he returned to England and gathered several family members to move back to Rome and start a new monastery there.

Through these years of her brothers' travels St Walpurga, lived among the nuns at Wimborne who gave her an outstanding education. The nuns were excellent copyists and illuminators of manuscripts. They taught St Walpurga their art and trade. She became a nun, offering her religious vows at Wimborne and she would be a member of the community for 26 years. She also became expertly skilled at ornamental embroidery and rare needlework that used gold and silver threads in rich velvet and linens (even using pearls and jewels in designs).

In 737, an uncle of St Walpurga, Saint Boniface, was in Rome and recruited his nephews to assist him in his religious work in German missions. Winibald arrived in Thuringia in November 740, and after being ordained a priest, was placed in charge of several churches. Willibald, was also ordained by St Boniface and in July 741, he began missionary work in the area of Eichstätt. St Walpurga joined up with her brothers, travelling with them to the areas around what is now called Wurttemberg to help in St Boniface's evangelization plan among the pagan Germans. Because of her manuscript and scribal skills, while there she composed evangelization materials. She also wrote a biography (vita) of St Willibald and a travelogue, in Latin, of his pilgrimages around Palestine. Her writing skill and these works led to her being called the first female author of England & Germany.

She became a nun at the double monastery/convent of Heidenheim and Hahnenkamm, which was founded by her brother St Willibald. Willibald was abbot of Hahnenkamm, and Winibald had governance responsibilities over the convent of Heidenheim St Walpurga succeeded them both by design upon their deaths in 751 (Willibald) and 760 (Winibald).

She died on February 25, 779 and was buried at Heidenheim. Her remains were later transferred to Eichstatt, Germany upon her canonization on May 1, 870 which was kept ever afterward as her feast day. This associated her with the folk celebrations of May Day, and thanksgiving for planting and growth of crops (she is often portrayed with corn ears/stalks or sheaves of wheat. Also this accounts for her connection of her to St Walpurgis night (the eve of May Day) with its celebratory fires and dances. She herself is associated with miraculous cures and healings, because of a discovery of an oily substance that seeped out from the burial stone of her reliquary at Eichstatt. It became a pilgrimage site for those seeking cures from disease and illness. A local connection to her, is the St. Walpurg Monastery in Covington, Kentucky established in 1859, which expanded into the Villa Madonna Academy and Thomas More University. **St Walpurga, 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 24, 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!

**Prayers & Sympathy:** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Anthony Kent (cousin of Charles 'Doc' Paulius) who passed away February 28, in Oswego, IL. May God comfort and strengthen his family in their time of grief.

**John Paul II Catholic School** Union County, Fundraiser Annual Auction and Cash Palooza: An Online Auction  
Now, Anytime, come and bid on cool stuff through March 27. Cash-Palooza Dates: Now through March 31, closing at 6 pm. Drawing will take place at 7:45 pm at the Knights Durbin Council #1004 location. [www.bidpal.net/jpiiiauction](http://www.bidpal.net/jpiiiauction)

**Birthdays & Anniversaries:**

**March 21- March 28**

**Happy Birthday:**

**St. Pius X**

- March 22 Marilyn Wysock
- March 23 Katie Hurst
- March 26 Jim Williams
- March 27 Aiden Blazina
- March 27 Paula Humphreys
- March 27 Dorothy Schmidt

**St. Anthony of Padua**

- March 26 Dan O'Brien
- March 26 Dot Lang

**Happy Anniversary:**

**St. Pius X**

Thomas & Nancy Forsythe March 26

**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.



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



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**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, 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 March 22-March 28		
Tuesday	6:00 pm	Steve & Patty Johnson
Wednesday	8:00 am	Norberto Lastimoso
Wednesday	6:00 pm	Catherine Mudd
Thursday	8:00 am	Cynthia Becker
Friday	8:00 am	Thomas & Nancy Forsythe
Saturday	4:30 pm	Bernard K. Fendler
Sunday	10:00 am	Lloyd White

**WEEKLY DONATIONS**

Parish Hall Donation (3/14/21)	\$ 168.00
Budget for 2020/2021 Fiscal Year (July 2020-June 2021)	\$ 165,000.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 3,173.08
Weekly Donation (3/14/21)	\$ 3,244.00
Online Giving (3/14/21)	\$ 815.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 138,471.20

Divine Praises

Blessed be God.  
 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 Consoler.  
 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

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Finance Council	Harold Dacus, Chair
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**St. Anthony of Padua**

Mass Intentions March 22-March 28		
Wednesday	9:00 am	Ella Mae Lee
Friday	9:00 am	Sally Anne Klohr
Sunday	8:00 am	Thomas Sutterer

**WEEKLY DONATIONS**

Budget 2020/2021 Fiscal Year (July 2020-June 2021)	\$ 60,000.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 1,153.85
Weekly Donation (3/14/2021)	\$ 1697.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 45,982.00

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**Consider Attending Daily Mass this Lent!**

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**Spiritual Saying for Lent**

If Christ Jesus dwells in a man as his friend and noble leader, that man can endure all things, for Christ helps and strengthens us. He never abandons us. He is a true friend. And I clearly see that if we expect to receive an abundance of his graces, God desires that these graces must come to us from the hands of Christ, through his most sacred humanity, in which God takes delight. I have definitely seen that we must enter by this gate if we wish his Sovereign Majesty to reveal to us great and hidden mysteries. A person should desire no other path, even if he is at the summit of contemplation; on this road he walks safely. All blessings come to us through Him (Human & Divine). *St Teresa Avila*

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