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Mark 1:29-39



On leaving the synagogue, Jesus entered the house of Simon and Andrew with James and John. Simon's mother-in-law lay sick with a fever. They immediately told him about her. He approached, grasped her hand, and helped her up. Then the fever left her and she waited on them. When it was evening, after sunset they brought to him all who were ill or possessed by demons. The whole town was gathered at the door. He cured many who were sick with various diseases and he drove out many demons not permitting them to speak because they knew him. Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed. Simon and those who were with him pursued him and on finding him said, "Everyone is looking for you." He told them, "Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come." So he went into their synagogues, preaching and driving out demons throughout the whole of Galilee.

Observances for the Week of
February 7 – February 14

Sunday- 5th Sunday Ordinary Time
Monday- Saint Jerome Emiliani; Saint Josephine Bakhita
Tuesday
Wednesday- Saint Scholastica, Virgin
Thursday- Our Lady of Lourdes
Friday
Saturday
Sunday- 6th Sunday Ordinary Time

Weekly Mass Readings
February 7 – February 14

Sunday, 2/7 Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39
Monday 2/8 Gn 1:1-19/Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday 2/9 Gn 1:20—2:4a/Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday 2/10 Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Mk 7:14-23
Thursday 2/11 Gn 2:18-25/Mk 7:24-30
Friday 2/12 Gn 3:1-8/Mk 7:31-37
Saturday 2/13 Gn 3:9-24/Mk 8:1-10
Sunday 2/14 Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45

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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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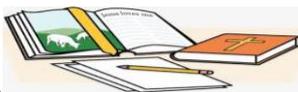
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FROM THE PASTOR

A Message From Fr. Brian Johnson



February 7, 2021

Mark 1:29-39

Dear St Pius And St Anthony Churches,

The Fantastic Four of James, John, Andrew and Simon Peter become five today as they intervene to have Simon's mother in law healed by Jesus. She joins them too, after Jesus heals her, she shows her gratitude by serving Jesus! She does what she can, to show how thankful she is to Jesus. What an example of discipleship! Maybe due to her older age or slower mobility, she may not be able to hit the roads with the apostles on missionary pursuits. But like the domestic Martha (Luke 10:40-41), she does what she can to serve Jesus. Simon's mother-in-law may make the best 'fish pancakes' in the world, so she whips up some to feed Jesus after a long day of teaching & healing the crowds. She is such an awesome example of how we all should respond to receiving Jesus' grace. Jesus blesses us with healing, so we should bless others (pass it forward) by using whatever gift we have been given. She does what she can to reciprocate the goodness of Jesus. Romans 12:6 says that "we have different gifts according to the grace given to us, let us exercise them." After considering all that God has done for us, may we imitate Simon's mother-in-law's gratitude and generosity by caring more for others.

Yet, the giving didn't begin with Simon's mother-in-law. Notice that the reading says in Mark 1:30 that as the apostles learned of Simon's mother in law being sick, "They immediately told Jesus about her". I call that intercessory prayer! The apostles gave her their concern and time to offer help and involve/introduce Jesus to her. When we bring other people to Jesus or bring Jesus to other people, that is intercessory love and concern. We may underestimate how important even simple concern for others is, when we pray for them. It is tempting to downplay the value of praying for others, but such concern for others as naming them in our prayer is so important: for them and for us. To help another person, our first step has to be 'praying for them' by carrying our concern for them to Jesus, placing it before Him. What this does is deepen our love toward them but also deepen our trusting relationship to God and ensure that whatever our response is, it will more likely accord with God's will for them, too. We don't want to rashly react and end up opposing God's providence already responding to their need. Notice that with the apostles, before they offered Simon's mother-in-law a cold pack for her fever, or wet towel for her head, or a cool breeze fan, they first told Jesus about it (talked with Jesus-prayer). I like how we see this great example of intercessory prayer in this first chapter of Mark's gospel. First things first! I got the message. We have to start with Jesus, Before solving a problem, talk to Jesus, Before jumping into action, talk to Jesus. The last thing I want to do is initiate a plan and then discover it is opposed to God's response! I serve better when I have already prayed over with Jesus what I should do for Him (again, it is for Him right? So I better start with Him!). Especially when it involves others, we should intercede for them, yes, by naming them and bringing them to God in our heart. God will direct us to His action for them! Another great bible passage that shows such intercessory prayer for another person, is the story of the four friends (Mark 2:2-4) that carry their paralyzed buddy to Jesus. If we can't physically carry a person to Jesus, then we can still bring them to him/her spiritually in our prayer. Many scripture passages support our work of 'interceding' in prayer for each other. 1 Peter 5:7 says, "Cast all your worries upon him because he cares for you." Philippians 4:6 "Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God." (Also Ephesians 6:18 "be watchful with all perseverance and supplication for all the holy ones" & 1 Timothy 2:1 "I ask that supplications, prayers, petitions, and thanksgivings be offered for everyone.") My favorite call to intercessory prayer comes from Jesus Himself when he basically says, 'Bring me your prayer worries', in Matthew 11:28 "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest." So, our very prayer & concern for others IS our response of gratitude to Jesus for all that He has done for us. Check into prayer with Jesus first!

Oh, and don't forget the follow-up to intercession. Sometimes when we consider the abundant needs and many concerns our world puts in front of us each day, we may feel overwhelmed. So after some time 'interceding and lifting our hearts' concerns to God in prayer, we should also spend equal or more amount of time simply sitting in silence with God. We see the rest of this story in today's gospel when in Mark 1:35 Jesus "Rising very early before dawn, left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed." Jesus was embodying for His disciples this pattern of prayer (intercession-silence with God-then back to action). Jesus was gaining the Father's View of all these daily issues. When we are in the middle of it, we only see the things closing in around us. But when we step back alone with God we can see the fuller horizon (& longer view) of God's perspective!

Peace. Fr Brian

Another Saint in Time of Plague:

St Theobald of Provins (born 1033 – died 6-30-1066)

St Theobald is both a hermit-saint and a saint who suffered from a disease that caused a chronic hacking cough. Many miracle cures are related to him, which makes him a great patron saint for COVID patients due to his lung problems and his familiarity with holy solitude. May he strengthen COVID sufferers and by the grace of God be a vessel of healing recovery to many.

St Theobald was born into French nobility. His father was Arnoul, the Count of Champagne. His father groomed him to be a soldier/knight in his armed corps. However, Theobald was named after his uncle who was a revered saint, Theobald of Vienne. From a very young age, Theobald desired to be a recluse and devote himself to prayer and penance. His father opposed his religious service and pressured him to undertake diplomatic studies (rhetoric & logic) and military training. But, Theobald read everything he could find about the lives of hermits in Catholic history. He studied the lives and teaching of John the Baptist, Anthony the Abbot, Paul the Hermit, Arsenius and Macarius. He visited and sought counsel from a French hermit named Burchard who lived on an island in the River Seine.

In his late teens, war broke between his cousin Odo II, Count of Blois, and Conrad the Salic over a land and title of the crown in Burgundy. Theobald refused to be drawn into the armed conflict and shed blood and left Provins. He traveled around France seeking a suitable place to establish a prayer hermitage. He found an area around Pettingen in the Diocese of Trier that appealed to him. He lived a solitary existence for a while devoted to a daily routine of prayer and work. But rather than settle into a permanent hermitage for life in Trier, he began a series of religious pilgrimages to holy sites. He found a kindred soul in a friend named Walter. Together they made a pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela, in Northwestern Spain along the Camino de Santiago finding pilgrim company along the way that fed their religious fervor. Afterward, they returned into the territory of Trier and set up an area of interlinked hermitages. Later they both undertook another pilgrimage to Rome. Traveling back toward Trier they felt called to visit Palestine. However as they traveled through Venice on their way, Walter's health began to fail suddenly. It prevented them from traveling so they both settled in a solitary place in Salanigo, near Vicenza. Within two years, Walter died.

Theobald retreated further and further within his own eremitic enclosure and prayer/work schedule, to seek God. However, the more he withdrew, the more disciples approached him for wise counsel and other hermits sought to live/settle in nearby hermitages. Witnessing Theobald's pastoral care of the other hermits, the Bishop of Vicenza ordained him to the priesthood that he could administer the sacraments to the others. His mother, Gisela, had always sought him out, asking all pilgrims and missionaries if they had ran across his path anywhere. She eventually found him and moved nearby Vicenza and began a religious life/habit of her own.

Around 1065, he developed an illness that caused a frequent dry cough, and his body became covered with blotches and ulcers. He never recovered from this disease. He had frequent coughing fits that kept him from walking or speaking. Shortly before his death he joined up with a group of hermits who had gathered in the area under the guidance of the founder of the Camaldolese, St. Romuald (founder of Order in 1012 who wanted to introduce in the Western Church the eremitical life led Eastern monks and the Desert Fathers-Communities of Hermits). Theobald made solemn profession as a Camaldolese Hermit-Monk just before he died in Sossano on June 30 (his feast day) 1066 AD. Theobald was canonized in 1073 by Pope Alexander II. His popularity spread rapidly due to many healing miracles among pilgrims who traveled to the site of his relics at the Cluniac Priory at Auxerre. St Theobald is known as a patron saint of those suffering from fevers and chronic coughing, or epidemics. Interestingly, he is also the patron saint within Italy of charcoal burners and belt/shoemakers (leather-tanners occupational hazard). Since COVID ravages the lungs of many of its sufferers, St Theobald is a wonderful resource of intercessory prayer during this pandemic.

St Theobald, pray for us.

P.S. There are two Camaldolese monasteries in California at Big Sur (Immaculate Heart Hermitage) and Berkley (Incarnation Monastery). Also, one can be found (Holy Family Hermitage) in Bloomingsale OH (near Stubenville). They are basically communities of hermits.

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!

Youth Ministry Group Prayer Meeting *Sunday Feb 7*: We
will meet again for our prayer time at 8:00pm. Please bring your
prayer intentions for the week. A new year & new blessings! The
Zoom Meeting link will be forwarded to you.



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.

Summer staff applications are on our website. If you are
or know a college aged young adult please apply or
encourage them to apply for the chance to allow God to use
them to make a difference in the life of a child! It's the
greatest job in the world!

Sympathy and Condolences: Please remember
in prayer the eternal rest & peace of Kenneth
Gipson (father of Sherry Ferm). Please keep
Sherry and all of the family in your prayers, too,
that God may comfort them.

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, Kim Bruce, 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.

Jamie Zaim: *Appreciation for Years of Service:*

We thank Jamie for her work as bookkeeper and
bulletin editor these past years in our parishes. She
has taken a new job position in her field of social
service & counseling. We pray that God's blessing
be upon her as she moves into her new job & takes
up her new line of work. Many Thanks to you Jamie!

Birthdays & Anniversaries:

February 8- February 14

Happy Birthday:

St. Pius X

February 8 Kristen Anderson

February 8 Melinda Fatum

February 8 Amanda Scheidegger

February 9 Pam Hurst

February 14 Clem Hinkebein

February 14 Jerolyn Vickers

St. Anthony of Padua

February 12 Lois Tashjian

Happy Anniversary:

St. Pius X

February 13 Joel & Lora Rivera

St. Anthony of Padua

No anniversaries this week

FFY Faith Formation Youth News: We will meet
on Wednesday, Feb 10, 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!

St. Pius X

Mass Intentions February 8-February 14		
Tuesday	6:00 pm	<i>Sr Teresa Riley</i>
Wednesday	8:00 am	<i>John F. Koenig</i>
Wednesday	6:00 pm	<i>Sally Anne Klohr</i>
Thursday	8:00 am	<i>Irene Rudnicki</i>
Friday	8:00 am	<i>Olive Fischer</i>
Saturday	4:30 pm	<i>Mary Ellen Mayhew</i>
Sunday	10:00 am	<i>Bill Fielder</i>

WEEKLY DONATIONS	
Parish Hall Donation (1/31/21)	\$ 445.00
Budget for 2020/2021 Fiscal Year (July 2020-June 2021)	\$ 165,000.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 3,173.08
Weekly Donation (1/31/21)	\$ 2,761.00
Online Giving (1/31/21)	\$ 975.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 114,731.20

Online Giving: To sign up, visit our website at 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.

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. Heal us from our pride, that may keep us from trusting & turning to you. Bless health care professionals with strength & compassion as they selflessly respond to our needs. We ask this through Christ Our Divine Physician & Lord

Parish Council

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| Pam Hurst | Chair Person |
| Jeff Outland | Building & Ground |
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| Robert Weekes | Finance |
| Dawn Whitt | Spiritual Life |
| Catherine Brooks | FFY |

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Fran Dacus (618)383-4646

Other Groups

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| <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 February 8-February 14		
Wednesday	9:00 am	<i>Successful surgery of George Wilts</i>
Friday	9:00 am	<i>Jim Maraska & Family</i>
Sunday	8:00 am	<i>Otila Bacher</i>

WEEKLY DONATIONS	
Budget 2020/2021 Fiscal Year (July 2020-June 2021)	\$ 60,000.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 1,153.85
Weekly Donation (1/31/2021)	\$ 1,570.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 38,855.00

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!

Would the Real St Valentine please stand up?

Three different St. Valentines are mentioned in early church records, all sharing Feb. 14 for a feast day. Unfortunately, the historical record is sparse. The first St. Valentine was a priest and physician in Rome. He along with St. Marius and his family comforted the martyrs during the persecution of Emperor Claudius II, the Goth. Eventually, St. Valentine was also arrested, condemned to death for his faith, beaten with clubs, and finally beheaded on Feb. 14, AD 270. He was buried on the Flaminian Way. Later, Pope Julius I (333-356) built a basilica at the site which preserved St. Valentine's tomb. Archeological digs in the 1500s and 1800s have found evidence of the tomb of St. Valentine.

A second St. Valentine was the Bishop of Interamna (now Terni, 60 miles from Rome). Under the orders of Prefect Placidius, he too was arrested, scourged, and decapitated, again suffering persecution during the time of Emperor Claudius II.

And a third St. Valentine suffered martyrdom in Africa with several companions. However, nothing further is known about this saint. In all, these men, each named St. Valentine, showed heroic love for the Lord and His Church. Yet, they all gave their lives for others! TrueLove!

Parish Council

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| 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