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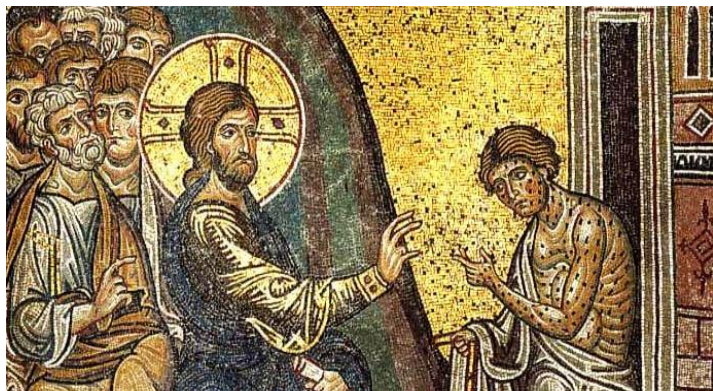
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Mark 1:40-45



A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down begged him and said, "If you wish, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, "I do will it. Be made clean." The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean. Then, warning him sternly, he dismissed him at once. He said to him, "See that you tell no one anything, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses prescribed; that will be proof for them." The man went away and began to publicize the whole matter. He spread the report abroad so that it was impossible for Jesus to enter a town openly. He remained outside in deserted places, and people kept coming to him from everywhere.

**Observances for the Week of  
February 15 – February 21  
6<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time**

**Sunday-**  
**Monday**  
**Tuesday**  
**Wednesday**      **Ash Wednesday**  
**Friday**  
**Saturday**  
**Sunday**      **1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Lent**

**Weekly Mass Readings  
February 14 – February 21**

**Sunday, 2/14** Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45  
**Monday 2/15** Gn 4:1-15, 25/Mk 8:11-13  
**Tuesday 2/16** Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Mk 8:14-21  
**Wednesday 2/17** Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18  
**Thursday 2/18** Dt 30:15-20/Lk 9:22-25  
**Friday 2/19** Is 58:1-9a/Mt 9:14-15  
**Saturday 2/20** Is 58:9b-14/Lk 5:27-32  
**Sunday 2/21** Gn 9:8-15/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15

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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**  
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

February 14, 2021



Mark 1:40-45

Dear St Pius And St Anthony Churches,

Good Question for the Day: What do you think is going on when Jesus performs a miraculous deed for people, and tells them not to say anything about it, but they turn right around and go proclaim it to everyone? What is Jesus' motive in even trying to keep them quiet? But also, what moves them to so openly disobey Him, almost using loudspeakers and billboards to announce His miracles? Reminds me of the old Styx song, Mr Roboto, 'secret, secret, I got a secret'! I say, "Well then keep it, because the more said, the less secret it is!"

Interestingly, this disobedience of people healed by Jesus, makes me think of recent cases of modern saints who were betrayed by 'friends' who publicized the 'personal diaries' and 'private counsel' of the saints after their deaths. A few of these saints, (Mother Teresa and Pope John Paul II) even explicitly requested that their personal notes and memos not be published after their deaths, and guess what? Their secretaries did anyway, and published the diary notes after the saints died. Such a thing happened to the patron saint of parish priests, too, St John Vianney. One time, his housekeeper walked into his prayer room just as he was experiencing a vision of the Blessed Mother (maybe that he was levitating some above the floor, too?) He demanded of her that she never reveal such unique miracles to anyone. Well, how do we know about it? Obviously, she let him down! In defense of the saints' wish for anonymity, we can understand that they did not wish to be tempted with spiritual pride or be thought of as 'especially graced' above anyone else because of divine visions & visitations.

But back to Jesus in the gospel, we know that Jesus could read hearts. So, He knew that the people he cured were going to run and tell everyone what happened with them. Luke 5:22 says that "Jesus knew their thoughts and said to them in reply, "What are you thinking in your hearts?" Matthew 9:44 also says of Jesus that "He knew what they were thinking, and said, "Why do you harbor evil thoughts?" Also, in Luke 7:39-40, Jesus calls out Simon the Pharisee after He hears Simon's inner grumbings! So, Jesus knew people would defy him and go tell the news of their healings, but He kept insisting on them being quiet about his miracles. Why?

I think Jesus desired silence about his miraculous work mostly to avoid being perceived as a carnival 'sideshow'. Luke 23:8 says that King Herod wanted to see Jesus and "had been hoping to see him perform some miracle". And in Luke 4:23 we hear that Jesus' hometown wanted him to perform spectacles for them as they suggest, "Do here in your native place the things that we heard were done in Capernaum." Jesus was always transparent and honest about his teaching, as when we hear Him at His trial say, "I have spoken publicly to the world, always teaching in a synagogue or in the temple area where all the Jews gather, and in secret I have said nothing. Why ask me? Ask those who heard me..." (John 18:20-21). So, when Jesus asks for silence about his miraculous work, He is preventing people from thinking about Him as a 'traveling-show magician' or as a 'salesman with flashy gimmicks'. Perhaps the best solution to this problem of Jesus' wish for silence, comes from His own words when He admits that it is about 'timing'- there is a right time to fully publicize His identity and work of salvation. He tells His Blessed Mother in John 2:4 when He is asked to perform a miracle, "How does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come." Of course, Jesus goes ahead and risks this early miracle, but He does so very discreetly because only Mary and the servers know about it. Also, later on Jesus gives His apostles a better sense of the 'right timing' to come, at the Transfiguration scene in Matthew 17:9 when He says, "Do not tell the vision to anyone until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

To demonstrate how much is spiritually at stake when it comes to seeking selfish glory in 'spectacular displays' or placing faith only in 'miracles' and 'visions', we can remember that one or two of the Devil's temptations to Jesus involved pulling off a miracle for 'show'. Consider the temptations to 'magically' turn stones to bread and to jump off and fly from the Temple Tower (Matt 4:3-7), as occasions to feed pride and boasts. Yet, of course there too, Jesus reaffirms that He came to glorify the Father, not Himself, and to serve others not serve Himself! The time will come later for Him to be glorified! So, for this time being, we wait & pray silently!

## Another Saint in a Time of Plague:

**St Bernadette Soubirous** (born 1-7-1844 died 4-16-1879)

This popular young saint who was graced with the frequent appearances of the Blessed Mother at Lourdes, became a special intercessor for the sick. She herself suffered lifelong breathing problems (asthma & tuberculosis). Lourdes became one of the most visited pilgrimage sites for miraculous healing of diseases. She is a wonderful help to those sick with lung disease & breathing afflictions and a great example of a patron saint for current COVID sufferers.

St Marie Bernadette of Lourdes was the first child born to a poor miller Francois Soubirous and his wife Louise (Casterot) who was a laundress. She was the oldest of nine children. Born on 7 January 1844, she was baptized at the local parish, St. Pierre's, January 9th (which was her parents' wedding anniversary). Her godmother's name was Bernarde (her maternal aunt). Overall, France suffered widespread impoverishment and St Bernadette's family was no different than many families who lived in extreme poverty. St Bernadette was sick most of her childhood. She contracted cholera during a local epidemic and having barely survived it, she suffered severe asthma and breathing problems for the rest of her life. Likely due to her poor health, she developed slowly, and only grew to be about 4 and half foot tall. She was able to attend school as a youth, but her health prevented her from serious study and she could hardly read and write. She and her family spoke the local Pyrenees dialect of Occitan (similar to Catalan). She may have known a few French words. Her family's poverty resulted in them living in a simple one room 'cell'. Her first apparition of the Blessed Virgin happened in 1858. She was only 14.

On February 11, 1858, she was out gathering firewood for her family with her sister Toniette and another friend. They had stepped ahead of her and were crossing the stream when she stooped down to remove her stockings before going through the creek. She heard a rushing sound like wind, but didn't feel anything or see any leaves moving. But in the break of a rocky formation she saw a wild rose moving. Suddenly, a dazzling light shone on her and a white figure appeared. Later, St Bernadette described the figure as a 'small young lady' dressed in white flowing dress, with a blue sash and yellow flowers covering her feet. Her sister and friend claimed to not see anything unusual. St Bernadette continued to tell them about the beautiful maiden. Three Days later (Sunday 14th) after morning mass, St Bernadette returned to the grotto site with some friends, and as she knelt down to pray, the apparition appeared again and she fell into a trance. The graceful woman asked St Bernadette to return to pray there every day for a 'fortnite' (fourteen days). As Bernadette continued to attend the daily prayer sessions with the mysterious woman in white, her parents discouraged her from going and talking about her visions with others. As St Bernadette told people of the 'woman', many thought it sounded like many a statue of the Virgin Mary seen in village parish churches. As yet, the Blessed Mother had not identified herself, though Bernadette repeatedly asked her. Over the course of 18 visions, the Blessed Mother gave repeated messages of the need to pray fervently and offer penance for the salvation of souls. On a couple of visits, the virgin Mary asked Bernadette to dig at the ground near the site and it revealed a miraculous spring. The spring caused the flowing stream nearby, which was previously always muddy, to become and remain sparkling clear. She once asked Bernadette to wash in the spring and drink its water. The Blessed Mother asked that the site have a shrine or chapel be built to help others come often to pray there for God's Mercy. Her village family and even the local clergy were divided over her visionary accounts, some believing and some disbelieving her. A type of confirmation of the visions' authenticity came when St Bernadette continued to ask the holy woman's name, and in the sixteenth apparition Mary finally responded, "I am the Immaculate Conception". Since such a Marian title of Mary had only recently been formally defined (1854), the local pastor and bishop accepted St Bernadette's testimony as valid and inspired (mostly due to her lack of education, catechism or awareness of theological detail being argued at the Vatican and Universities).

Catholic authorities and the hierarchy investigated the messages and apparition claims of St Bernadette and confirmed them as worthy of belief in 1862. Several shrines and churches have been built on the site and many cures and miraculous healings are attributed to prayers and visits to Lourdes. Nearly five million pilgrims visit Lourdes every year. St Bernadette sought to avoid crowds and the popularity of the Lourdes by retreating from society and joining the Sisters of Charity. She was not present at the consecration of the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in 1876. Having joined the Charity Sisters at Nevers in 1866, and due to her own poor health, she worked as she was able in a Hospice attending the needs of the suffering sick at their bedsides. She came down with tuberculosis that eventually made her also bedridden. She prayed the rosary constantly for the sick and offered her sufferings up for peace in the world. She died at only 35 years old on April 16, 1879. She was canonized by Pius XI on 8 December 1933. She is known as one of the 'Incorrupt Saints' whose body by grace has never decayed. Her deep piety and strong humility that led to her retreat into prayer out of public view is a testament to her sanctity.

**St Bernadette of Soubirous, pray for us!**

**Spiritual Tool Time with St. Joseph Lenten Retreat**

Tuesday Evenings 6:30pm - 7:30pm 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!



**Join the Knights of Columbus – No Dues for the First Year!**

If you are interested in serving the community through our Faith in Action Program, or obtaining exclusive access to top-rated insurance protection for your family, then the Knights of Columbus may be the organization for you! Visit [www.KofC.org/JOINUS](http://www.KofC.org/JOINUS) and complete the application form online, or talk to Fr or GK Philip Scheidegger about any questions you may have about the Knights!

**FFY Faith Formation Youth News:**

We will not meet on Ash Wednesday, Feb 17, as we have mass at 6:00 pm that night. Watch the mail for the new Gospel Weeklies Packet and emails!

**Birthdays & Anniversaries:**

**February 15- February 21**

**Happy Birthday:**

**St. Pius X**

February 16 Michelle Harbison

February 16 Glen Willett

February 20 Magnolia Doughty

**St. Anthony of Padua**

February 17 Barbara Diamond

February 18 Robert Tashjian

February 19 Nick Zaim

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

**Bishop Medley Recognizes and Thanks Religious Orders serving in our Diocese**

*Many Congregations celebrate their 'Consecrated Life' on the Feast of Presentation of the Lord (Feb 2). We thank those among us!*

Carmelite Sisters of the Divine Heart of Jesus

Franciscan Sisters of the Immaculate Conception – Scotland and Nigeria

Home Mission Sisters of America – Glenmary

Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus ad-Gentes – Mexico

Passionist Nuns

School Sisters of Notre Dame

Sisters of the Lamb of God

Sisters of St. Francis of Tiffin, Ohio

Ursuline Sisters of Mt. St. Joseph

Congregation of the Fathers of Mercy

Glenmary Home Missioners & Heralds of Good News



**Ash Wednesday Mass Schedule**

St Pius 8:00 am & 6:00 pm

St Anthony 9:00 am

The Vatican and US Bishops have directed that Ashes not be applied to foreheads with a cross this year, but to protect from physical contact and close-up speaking; as people come forward ashes will simply be sprinkled overhead as a sign of humble penance. The Ash or Dust, marks the call for us to return to our humble origins. May God raise us from our death in sin this Lent!

**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.

**St. Pius X**

Mass Intentions February 15-February 21		
Tuesday	6:00 pm	Steve & Patty Johnson
Wednesday	8:00 am	All Parishioners
Wednesday	6:00 pm	Mary Ann Johnson
Thursday	8:00 am	Gene Derry
Friday	8:00 am	Cynthia Becker
Saturday	4:30 pm	Bernard K Fendler
Sunday	10:00 am	Fred Hallerberg

WEEKLY DONATIONS	
Parish Hall Donation (2/7/21)	\$ 168.00
Budget for 2020/2021 Fiscal Year (July 2020-June 2021)	\$ 165,000.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 3,173.08
Weekly Donation (2/7/21)	\$ 6,885.00
Online Giving (2/7/21)	\$ 1,190.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 122,806.20

**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.



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

**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 February 15-February 21		
Wednesday	9:00 am	All Souls in Purgatory
Friday	9:00 am	Deceased Mt St Joseph Ursulines
Sunday	8:00 am	Roscoe & Edith Judd Family

WEEKLY DONATIONS	
Budget 2020/2021 Fiscal Year (July 2020-June 2021)	\$ 60,000.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 1,153.85
Weekly Donation (2/7/2021)	\$ 885.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 39,740.00

**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. Collection container is in back church. Thank you!

**Lenten Meditation from the Desert**

"Fasting, prayer, alms, and every other good Christian deed is good in itself, but the purpose of the Christian life consists not only in the fulfillment of one or another of the good practices. The true purpose of our Christian life is the acquisition of the Holy Spirit of God. But fasting, prayer, alms and every good deed done for the sake of Christ is a means of receiving the Holy Spirit. Take note that only good deeds done for the sake of Christ bear the fruit of the Holy Spirit. Everything else that is not done for the sake of Christ, even if it is good, does not bring us a reward in the life to come, nor does it bring the grace of God in this life. This is why our Lord Jesus Christ said, 'Whoever does not gather with me, scatters' (Matt. 12:30).  
+ St. Seraphim of Sarov

**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:** 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)