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John 3:14-21



Jesus said to Nicodemus: "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life." For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him will not be condemned, but whoever does not believe has already been condemned, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the verdict, that the light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light, because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed. But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God.

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 14 – March 21**

- Sunday 3/14** 2 Chr 36:14, 19-23/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21
- Monday 3/15** Is 65:17-21/Jn 4:43-54
- Tuesday 3/16** Ez 47:1-9, 12/Jn 5:1-16
- Wednesday 3/17** Is 49:8-15/Jn 5:17-30
- Thursday 3/18** Ex 32:7-14/Jn 5:31-47
- Friday 3/19** 2 Sm 7:4-5a,12-16/Rom 4:13-22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24
- Saturday 3/20** Jer 11:18-20/Jn 7:40-53
- Sunday 3/21** Jer 31:31-34/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33

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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

Dear St Pius And St Anthony Churches, John 3:14-21

'Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in desert' so must the Son of Man be lifted up' (John 3:14) What an enigmatic saying of Jesus! Jesus taught many mysterious and proverbial sayings (not counting all of His teasing parables). To understand these sayings, we have to look closely at them like a precious gems, hold them and turn them in our hands looking at each side and angle of them to appreciate their wisdom. Two other such puzzling proverbs of Jesus are when He says, 'Where the carcass is, the vultures gather!' (Matt 24:28) and 'No sign will be given this generation except the sign of Jonah' (Matt 12:39). They are for another day, as we have our hands full just considering today's gospel-enigma: 'As Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert'. Some people see a connection between the bronze serpent and the golden calf for the Israelites. It stirs up the bad memory for the Israelites. It doesn't just remind them of the 'golden calf statue' disaster, but also the actual sting and burn of snake bites that their ancestors suffered/died from in the desert. When considering the similarity between a bronze serpent and a golden calf, we keep in mind that their constructions are differently purposed and that it does matters who makes each of them. The golden calf was the idea of sinful and impatient Israelites who wanted to make their own religion and have a God-'Spectacle' to worship (never a good idea). But the bronze serpent is God's idea of healing the grumbling Israelites by **having them 'face' their own pain** (embodied in the pain). The Israelites brought the pain of snake bites on themselves, and so God allows them to face and own the 'cause' of their pain. They are healed through such honest admissions. A simpler response to how the calf and serpent are different (how one is a graven image and one not), is Jesus' rule "By their fruits, you will know them" (Matt 7:16). What did the golden calf produce among the people? When Moses and Joshua approached the Sinai base camp of the Israelites, they heard 'battle sounds' (wailing) from those who were worshipping the golden idol (Ex 32:17). But notice the sound is so different with the God designed 'bronze serpent'. When the Israelites approach and look upon it, they are soothingly healed (comforted) (Numbers 21:9). I think Jesus' use of this example of sacred art, blesses the spiritual use of holy images or sculptures (statues/stained glass/paintings) for the cultivation of faith and for the glorification of God. Sacred images draw us closer to God and deepen our prayer with Him (this is why the Catholic Church has always been a dedicated patron of the arts).

BUT, more importantly for our Lenten season, this mysterious saying of Jesus reveals to us that God can use suffering and sacrifice for the delivery of new life. Jesus' celebration of the cross (Lift High the Cross, as we sing!) shows how God can redeem a hurtful instrument by transforming it into a healing remedy. Jesus' embrace of the cross is proof of this redemption. What was a tool of death before Jesus took it up, now through Him, becomes a tool of life! Similar to how God used the sign of the bronze serpent that once bit painfully the Israelites and brought them death, this same serpent sign can be used by God as a source of healing and life. I think Jesus is showing us that evil is overcome by good. He embodies the teaching, that good overcomes evil, and preached it over and over again, as when saying, "Bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you" (Luke 6:28). Jesus is revealing the divine means of transforming evil into good. God can draw so much life and good from out of our bad experiences. Later, Peter writes the same in his letter, "Do not return evil for evil, or insult for insult; but, on the contrary, a blessing, because to this you were called, that you might inherit a blessing" (1 Peter 3: 9). Our Lenten season of purification demonstrates this redemptive process of bad to good, too. In almost a pre-emptive way, we voluntarily take on sacrifice and penance for the purpose of transforming sin to grace, dark to light and death to life. Accepting any penance or sacrificial work, may be for us a temporary pain but it can become an eternal gain. Jesus Himself patiently accepted the effects of our sin, through his suffering and death on the cross, so that we might be healed and truly live. As we draw closer to Him in Lent, we look upon our own suffering and by grace, accept hard or hurtful events so that we can be part of God's redemption of them for good. It is the Divine Love of Jesus that transforms our lowly sins to newer heights of grace and life with Him.

Peace, Fr Brian

Another Saint in Time of Plague:

Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos (Born 1-11-1819 Died 10-4-1867)

Francis Xavier Seelos was born in Füssen in the Kingdom of Bavaria (Germany), to parents Mang Seelos and Franziska Schwarzenbach on January 11, 1819. He was one of 12 children born to them. He was taken to their family's parish church that same day and baptized. His family was very devout and dedicated to keeping the Catholic Faith. Francis was named after the famous Jesuit missionary, St. Francis Xavier. As a little boy, Francis was sick a lot and at times so sick, that his mother thought he may die. She repeatedly told him stories from the 'Lives of the Saints' to encourage him and keep away any fear of death. His mother asked him once what he wanted to do when he grew up, and he would say "I want to be another St Francis!" He went to middle school at the Institute of Saint Stephen in Augsburg. After graduating with honors in 1839, he went on to study philosophy at the University Munich. His heart was pulled to evangelization and mission work and while at university he once read about the need for ministry and spiritual care among German-speaking immigrants in America. At this time, he learned of the Redemptorist religious order. He entered the order and was sent to America for his novitiate and further seminary studies. He arrived in New York on April 20, 1843. After completing his formation, Francis was ordained a priest in the Redemptorist Church of St. James in Baltimore, Maryland on December 22, 1844. After his ordination, he was assigned as an associate priest for nine years in the Parish of St. Philomena in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He served with and under the future St. John Neumann, who was pastor and also the superior of the Redemptorist community. He watched St John Neumann closely and sought to minister with the same pastoral zeal and style of care. Francis was known for his understanding heart, natural kindness and availability to parishioners. He was frequently sought out for his spiritual direction and for confession. Francis' confessional was open to everyone (race & ethnicity), as he could speak German, English and French. His preaching method emphasized biblical themes and he used common examples and daily experiences to share the gospel. While he could relate to all ages, he was especially gifted at communicating the faith to children with their catechism lessons. His smile and kind word to everyone drew universal respect and attraction to him, from everyone. He loved to work in shelters for the street poor.

From 1854-1862, he was successively appointed Pastor of St. Alphonsus Parish in Baltimore; Pastor at Sts. Peter and Paul Church in Cumberland, Maryland, and then Pastor and Prefect of Students at St. Mary's Parish in Annapolis. Through these years, he served busily as pastor but also oversaw seminarians and the formation of students in the Redemptorist Order. Having been mentored by St John Neumann, Francis was also a great mentor to the future missionaries of the Order. His pastoral care was recognized by the church hierarchy and he was once proposed as a candidate for the office of Bishop of Pittsburgh. Yet, his heart and gifts lay in in evangelization more than administration, and he was blessed by Pope Pius IX, to dedicate himself to full-time itinerant preaching of missions from 1863 until 1866. He preached across the country in such states as Connecticut, Illinois, Michigan, Missouri, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and Wisconsin. **Francis gave a two week parish mission at St. Mary of Victories Church in St. Louis, Missouri in 1865, and the church later built a shrine honoring him with a first-class relic of his.** After a brief pastorate at St. Mary's Parish in Detroit, Michigan, in 1866, Francis was assigned as Pastor of St. Mary of the Assumption in New Orleans. He served frequently as a chaplain to the sick especially through a yellow-fever outbreak in New Orleans. Through the epidemic, Francis was tireless about giving the last sacraments to sick patients. Like so many, Francis also fell ill to yellow fever and soon died thereafter on October 4, 1867. He was only 48 years old. Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos is a wonderful example of for our pandemic time. He kept his Christian joy and perseverance all through his life's ministry, yet especially as he served his yellow fever patients, eventually contracting the illness himself. May his prayer and intercession strengthen our front line care givers, and comfort to those suffering from COVID.

Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, pray for us!

Congratulations to Ashley Thurman!

Ashley was confirmed in the Catholic Faith and received the Holy Eucharist for the first time today! Ashley and his wife Pam, are the newest members of St Anthony Parish! We welcome you into the parish and faith and pray with you as we celebrate these first sacraments with you!

FFY Faith Formation Youth News:

We will meet on Wednesday, Mar 17, 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!

Congratulations Maryann Huebschmann!

MaryAnn's artwork is being displayed at PAPA Gallery (Paducah Area Painters Alliance) in their down-town Paducah location (124 Broadway). Drop in to the gallery and view her beautiful exhibit of watercolor paintings! Of course, we see MaryAnn's beautiful painting in the Church sanctuary with her Easter Risen Christ tapestry through the Easter season, but her Paducah exhibit displays even more examples of her work.

Birthdays & Anniversaries:

March 15- March 21

Happy Birthday:

St. Pius X

March 14 Tommy Robertson

March 15 Jacob Wilson

March 16 Jeffery Allen

March 16 Rosemary Hudson

St. Anthony of Padua

No birthdays this week

Happy Anniversary:

St. Pius X

No anniversaries this week

St. Anthony of Padua

Antonio & Estella Molina

Attention: ANY MISSED TAX LETTERS

Sorry! In case you never received in the mail your end of year Contribution Report for tax filing purposes please call the office 270-395-4727 or Fr Brian 270-668-7675 to have yours reprinted and sent to you. They were mailed the second week in January, but may have been caught up in the post-Christmas catchup of mass holiday mailings. I am sorry about any inconvenience, and will re-mail one to you immediately if you need another. Also, please call about any questions or corrections.



Every *Friday* thru Lent

4:00-7:00pm at St. Pius

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Pick up/Carry Out Only



Every Wednesday St Pius 6:30 pm

Every Friday St Anthony 9:30 am

Consider Attending a Daily Mass 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, 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 15-March 21		
Tuesday	6:00 pm	Ann Burgess
Wednesday	8:00 am	Daniel & Nancy Mudd Family
Wednesday	6:00 pm	Chester Rudnicki
Thursday	8:00 am	Forsythe Family
Friday	8:00 am	Ruby White
Saturday	4:30 pm	Gertrude B Cantaron
Sunday	10:00 am	Danissa Mudd

WEEKLY DONATIONS

Parish Hall Donation (3/7/21)	\$ 170.00
Budget for 2020/2021 Fiscal Year (July 2020-June 2021)	\$ 165,000.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 3,173.08
Weekly Donation (3/7/21)	\$ 2,428.00
Online Giving (3/7/21)	\$ 1,190.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 134,379.20

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 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

Finance Council	Harold Dacus, Chair
Art & Decorations	Paula Schmidt
Knights of Columbus	Philip Scheidegger

St. Anthony of Padua

Mass Intentions March 15-March 21		
Wednesday	9:00 am	John Iushewitz & Family
Friday	9:00 am	Bob & Dot Lang
Sunday	8:00 am	Jim & Pearl Muzzy Family

WEEKLY DONATIONS

Budget 2020/2021 Fiscal Year (July 2020-June 2021)	\$ 60,000.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 1,153.85
Weekly Donation (3/7/2021)	\$ 1,715.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 44,285.00

Thank you so much for your faithful generosity! The Parishes and the Church's Mission depends on you!

Consider Attending Daily Mass this Lent!

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 and complete the application form online, or talk to Fr or GK Philip Scheidegger about it.

Spiritual Saying for Lent

Discipline of the Spirit means that you prevent everything from pushing into your soul space, filling up and dominating your time that prevents prayer & reflection. Discipline means that somewhere you're not occupied, and certainly not preoccupied. In the spiritual life, discipline means that you create that space in which something can happen that you hadn't planned or counted on. (Henri Nouwen)

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