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***OF COVID-19 PANDEMIC***

***While we miss seeing each other, Let us keep thinking of each other and praying everyday for Everyone's Health and Peace.***

**Please check out New Readings, Prayers/Devotions Inside**  
***I have placed our Parish Directories by the Tabernacles for Personal Prayer and Remembrance of all Members, Families and Friends***  
***Keep Well and Keep the Faith.***

***Prayers, Fr Brian Johnson***

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Days	St. Pius X	St. Anthony
<p><b>No Public Celebration of Masses                      Until Further Notice</b></p> <p>Let us hold one another in prayer especially for the sick,                      healthcare workers and caregivers.                      May God strengthen and protect you.</p>		

Please see calendar inside for Holy Day times & other changes.

Dear Parishioners of St. Pius & St. Anthony,

Peace! I simply wanted to write a little note again this week in the bulletin to encourage us all to **keep our daily prayer routine**, because of Lent and the promise of hope that this season always offers us, but also because of the New (Novel) Lent we have found ourselves in, all being plunged into the COVID Virus Pandemic. Yet Lent every year is our opportunity to go with the Lord **into the solitary desert** for deeper prayer time, the sacrifice of our desires and to grow a greater awareness of other human beings (their needs). So, please continue with your Lenten reading, prayers and any spiritual works/fasting. We can certainly add any of our daily inconveniences as additional service to God offered up for His glory and as help to our neighbor. **What else can we do? Pray and call someone to check on them. Pray with them! Please reach out to someone in the church and check on them. If I or the office can help with some kind of grocery pick-up or drop-off, please call me 270-668-7675 or 395-4727.**

When I read about St Paul's life and ministry, one of the more curious passages for me has always been what I call his 'litany of sufferings' found in 2 Corinthians 11:23. St Paul writes there about his top ten list (actually 18?) of sufferings that he endured in missionary work for the gospel of Jesus Christ. He lists his trials saying he has endured, "*far greater labors, far more imprisonments, far worse beatings, and numerous brushes with death. Five times at the hands of the Jews I received forty lashes minus one. Three times I was beaten with rods, once I was stoned, three times I was shipwrecked, I passed a night and a day on the deep; on frequent journeys, in dangers from rivers, dangers from robbers, dangers from my own race, dangers from Gentiles, dangers in the city, dangers in the wilderness, dangers at sea, dangers among false brothers; in toil and hardship, through many sleepless nights, through hunger and thirst, through frequent fastings, through cold and exposure*". At the end he even throws in a 'blanket statement' like saying, 'and on top of all that, there is the regular daily stress of duties' (verse 28)! Sometimes after listening to Paul 'get the grief off his chest', I imagine his dear contemporary friends like Silas or Barnabas may have said lovingly to him, 'Well, Paul tell us how you really feel-don't hold back'. Of course, they would have said this 'in love' because they also went through so many of these hardships right alongside him (*just sayin...*). *Their added grief* would be the one of patiently listening to him. But my point in bringing this up is that St Paul does not leave us dwelling on his pain and sacrifice. No, he goes on to tell us what gives him strength, and **motivates his hope to keep on going-and it's Jesus**. He says, "I will boast most gladly of my weaknesses, in order **that the power of Christ may dwell with me**. I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and constraints, **all for the sake of Christ**; for when I am weak, then I am strong" (2 Corinthians 12:9-10). Jesus is what keeps St Paul going, and not only going, but going along with unique Christian joy. A saint is someone who can smile under persecution, still find a laugh in a tight spot! St Paul knows that interior joy of Christ deep inside himself when He says in Philippians 3:8-9 "I consider everything as a loss because of the **supreme good** (JOY, see 4:4) of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For His sake I can accept the loss of all things and consider them so much rubbish, that I may gain Christ and be found in him..."

A religious sister (nun) reminded me last week that there are blessings even in this time of inconveniences and adjustments to our regular routines. Even though the duration of this crisis may go longer, she mentioned being out of power for 3-4 weeks back in 2009 with the ice storm. Yes, we are blessed with amenities such as flowing water, heat/air, electricity, internet connections/cable/dish, available foods and gasoline. That ice storm crisis ran into a Lent season, too. Since some people do describe Lent as a period of 'spiritual conditioning' or 'spring training', we have the opportunity in these 'changed' times to step up and put faith into practice. Maybe it is just that we are (*and will continue to*) getting a lot of 'practice'! But, yes, we can still call and connect to others. And we are not alone. Jesus tells us in '**I am with you always**' (Matt28:20) Let's keep praying and reaching out safely to one another.

Peace, Fr. Brian

#### Prayer for the Sick

*Jesus, our Healer, You traveled through towns and villages curing every disease and illness among the people. Come to our aid now in this health crisis so that we may know your healing love. Heal those who are sick: may they regain their health and strength. Heal us from our fear, which prevents us from helping one another. Heal us from our pride, that may keep us from trusting and turning to you.*

*Bless health care professionals with strength and compassion as they selflessly respond to our needs. We make this prayer in your strong and holy name, Jesus, who with the Father and Spirit, live and reign for ever and ever.*  
Amen

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT  
MARCH 29, 2020

ST. PIUS X

<b>MASS INTENTIONS</b> March 30 <sup>th</sup> -April 5 <sup>th</sup>	
Tuesday	Walter Edwards
Wednesday	Paul Reichert
Thursday	John & Sue Mudd
Friday	Elizabeth Solis
Saturday	Keiko Hobbs
Sunday	Earl & Shirley Henderson

All Mass Intentions **must** be turned in to the office 30 days prior to the date you want the Mass celebrated.

<b>WEEKLY DONATIONS</b>	
Parish Hall Donation (03/22/20)	\$ 170.00
Budget for 2019/2020 Fiscal Year (July 2019-June 2020)	\$ 177, 160.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 3, 406.92
Weekly Donation (03/22/20)	\$ 960.00
Online Giving (03/22/20)	\$ 725.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 134, 592.44

 **PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK:** John Bardsley, Bennett Meisenheimer, Peter Bullock, Jim & Rose Drury, Wes Hayes, Maryann Huebschmann, Shirley Mangan, Kenny Matthews, Dora Miller, Miller Meisenheimer, Joann Najgebauer, Elizabeth Nelson, Johnny Poe, Joel Rivera, Sister Rosemary, 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, LaRece Hurst, 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, Derwood & Pat Doyle, Bob & Lois Tashjian, Kim Bruce, Rita Cook, Hannah Padgett, Juliette Kaplanes, Jim Henthorn, Jack Bender, Penny Maupin, Don Kemp, Tom and Sharon Olejnicak, Tim Wilson, Beverly Dukes, Bill Norvell, Kacie Schmidt, JoAnne Carter, Wallace Hunt, Phyllis White, Judy Krouse, Kerry Frazier, Rene Harrington, Joe Cirrito, Lisa Doyle, Phyllis Whit, Lanie Pellegrin, Forrest Michael Teeters, Harry Frizzell, Mike Block and their family and caregivers.

 **FOR OUR MILITARY:** Daniel Burgess, James Griffith, Cory Erickson, Justin Fatum, Jason Huber, James A. Kinsey, Sarah Martindale, Devin McFadden, Ryan M. Fields, Benjamin Patton, Kousuke Sasaki, Noah Willett, Wallv Schmidt, and Luke Jablonski.

**St. Pius X Mission Statement:** *We, the parishioners of St. Pius Tenth Church, gather in the name of the Lord to praise God and His Son, Jesus Christ, through the Holy Spirit, thanking them for the many blessings that they have given to us. We gain strength from the Word of God in order to share and celebrate God's love through the sacraments.*

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA

<b>MASS INTENTIONS</b> March 30 <sup>th</sup> -April 5 <sup>th</sup>	
Wednesday	Sharon Trew
Friday	Willard O'Brien
Sunday	Kathy Lehky

All Mass Intentions **must** be turned in to the office 30 days prior to the date you want the Mass celebrated.

<b>WEEKLY DONATIONS</b>	
Budget 2019/2020 Fiscal Year (July 2019-June 2020)	\$ 72,100.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 1,386.54
Weekly Donation (03/22/20)	\$ 140.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 52, 703.29

 **PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK:** Elena Carey, Donna & Jon Gresham, Bill Rodgers, Sister Rosemary, Tom & Margie Sheppard, Bob & Lois Tashjian, Deanna Hayward, Mr. Driskill, Margeret Adams, Pat Gorbett, Ed Derringe, Charles Paulius, Helen Krivan, Betty Gonzalez, Frances Scott, Alice Blazina and their families and caregivers.

 **FOR OUR MILITARY:** 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. Anthony of Padua Mission Statement:** *We, the Catholics of St. Anthony of Padua Parish of Grand Rivers, are united as a faith-filled community to give home and glory to God, to aid each other, and others, on the journey of salvation and to share the Good News of the Gospel.*

<b>Weekly Mass Readings</b>	
Monday	Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; Jn 8:1-11
Tuesday	Nm 21:4-9; Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday	Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Jn 8:31-42
Thursday	Gn 17:3-9; Jn 8:51-59
Friday	Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42
Saturday	Ez 37:21-28; Jn 11:45-56
Sunday	Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14-27:66

**Sympathy Prayers:** Please pray for the eternal rest and peace of our parishioner Ms Joanne Carter who passed away last Sunday. May God welcome her into His Kingdom of light and peace! May God also give comfort and strength to her friends/family. After a long illness and several moves among hospitals and nursing facilities, Joanne passed on to her eternal home in the Father's House, as Jesus Himself tells us in John 14:2-3, "In my Father's house there are many dwelling places.... And I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am, you also may be." With a private service, she is buried in Kentucky Veterans Cemetery West, Hopkinsville, KY. Our parish community will have a memorial mass for her at a later, safer time. Any memorial expressions of sympathy can be made to: Humane Society of Marshall County, 6301 US-68, Benton, KY 42025 or any Veterans Support Program. May she rest in peace.

**Sympathy:** Please pray the eternal rest of Joel Johnston, (Michael Canon's uncle), who passed away in Owensboro this past week. May his family be comforted in their time of grief.



# FROM THE PASTOR

March 29, 2020  
Fifth Sunday of Lent  
Jn 11:1-45

Dear St. Pius X and St. Anthony Church,

We'd be in good company if we are asking, "Why is this happening?" We hear a version of that question from Mary (vs 32) and Martha (vs 21) today, as they both comment to Jesus that had he been with them Lazarus wouldn't have died. Last week, we heard the disciples ask Jesus about the man born blind, "Why is he blind, maybe some sin of his or his parents?" (John 9:3). We might ask it this way today? **Why does sickness, death or any bad thing happen?** Though this is a complex question, do not despair, because there is an answer! As always, Jesus has a multiple-direction approach (think of all four gospels as the fullest picture or answer to 'Who is Jesus?') So it begins with patience and trust in the Him. We ask Jesus, "Why?", and we have to sit with Him to receive the comforting answer. The comforting answer comes as long as we remain in His Presence. Most simply, Jesus lives out the answer in his every touch of ministry. He says in John 11:4, "This illness is not to end in death, but is for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it." This sickness is not all doom and gloom. John 11:35 describes Jesus weeping with the Mary & Martha, as a good comforter He feels with and alongside His loved ones. This demonstrates what an understanding Savior we have, who knows just how our hearts heave under the sudden pressure of loss. But amazing things are happening if we can see through our tears with Him. Think of Mary Magdalene in the garden grieving after Jesus' death by his tomb, when suddenly she gets a true glimpse through her wet eyes, of Jesus resurrected in front of her (Jn 20:15-16). When we ask Jesus about the 'why of death', it reminds me of when the fearful disciples caught in a sea-storm wake Jesus in the boat asking, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" (Mark 4:38). Of course, Jesus calms the storm (storm of emotions and questions in the disciples' hearts!) Witnessing Jesus' decisive action there, makes me realize that there was never anything to worry about in that storm. As long as Jesus was in the boat, even if the boat sank it would not have been bad, because He is the 'resurrection and life' after all -John 11:25, and even a temporary submerging of the ship may only have been to meet a greater cause of scooping up a catch of fish or to wash some dangerous clutter off the ship deck. We have to remember the awesome God we worship! Though viewing bad experiences from the resurrection perspective is not our first reaction, if we patiently seek Christ, the reborn and new life appears. When Jesus was asked the purpose of the blind man's affliction last week, Jesus did not 'blame the victim'. Jesus said, "Neither he nor his parents sinned; it (this blindness is so that the works of God might be made visible through him" (John 9:3). In this fallen world of ours, things happen. Smudges appear on glass, and things crack with time. Yet, those are not the purpose. In John 1:5, Jesus says "The light shines in darkness, and the darkness does not overcome it." Sufferings, sickness, even sinkings, are bound to happen. Yet the goodness of God is made even more manifest when the grace of God within responds in acts of recovery. The light shines clearer, to demonstrate the transcending glory of God. Jesus commends good and loving responses to tragedy when He teaches in Matthew 5:16 "let your light shine before others that they may see your good work and give glory to the Father". I know I went on longer here than I expected about how Jesus solves the faith-problem of us being weighted down at times with human suffering in this world, so as always He comes to my rescue and summarizes it so well in John 16:33. He says, "I have told you this so that you might have peace in me. In the world you will have trouble, but be strong, I have overcome the world." To prove how timely Jesus' word always is, if we are patient and stay with Him, check out the line that comes right before my last quote. In verse 32 of John 16, right before Jesus tells us to keep courage and count on a little crisis in this world, He says "**the hour is coming and has arrived when each of you will be scattered to his own home.....**" (John 16:32). Isn't that right on time and speaks directly to our grief considering the 'social distancing' and current quarantine? But the greatest good of all and what we should say to ourselves several times every day is His words, "*Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid*" (John 14:27). God is that good to us! To Him be the Glory! Let us keep faith and our prayers united for all!

Peace,  
Fr. Brian

**St. Charles Borromeo (b. 10-2-1538 – d. 11-3-1584)**

**Another Saint in a Time of Crisis**

*Patron Saint of Plague Sufferers,  
Saint of Lawyers, Seminarians & Clergy*

St. Charles, was born in Arona, Italy to a noble, wealthy merchant family in 1538. As young as age 12, he was given an honorary 'title' and charge of a nearby Benedictine Abbey gaining an income. He dedicated all revenue to charity, especially the care of the poor. As a young religious student, Charles studied canon and civil law in Pavia, and in 1559, at the age of 21, became a doctor in "of both set of laws." Several years later, his older brother managing much of the family business, died. Many people advised him to leave the ecclesiastical state, and take up his position as head of the family. But Charles felt God's call to remain in religious life, himself nearing priesthood ordination. He was ordained in 1563, at the age of 25. Shortly afterward, he was consecrated Bishop, and participated in the last days of the convened Council of Trent. He was passionate about the reform of the clergy and the teaching of the Faith (The period of history is known as the Counter-Reformation). A great teacher, he collaborated on the production of the Catechism of the Council of Trent. Enacting the canons & rules of the Council, especially the ones regarding the life of Bishops, he resided among his Diocese and was zealous about being pastorally responsive to the needs within his area. He was only 27 years old when he accepted the Shepherd staff of the Archdiocese of Milan in 1565. His dedication to the people was complete: he made pastoral visitations to all the parishes of the Archdiocese three separate times, and organized the territory into ecclesiastical zones to best serve each area's needs. He founded seminaries for the formation of priests; built churches, schools, colleges, and hospitals; instituted the Congregation of Oblates, composed of secular priests for parish sacramental needs and preaching and donated his own family's wealth to the poor.

St. Charles was dedicated to the reformation of the Church's interior life. Living in a time of great corruption and sinfulness among clergy, he was not afraid to defend the Church's sanctity against the self-interest and greed of the powerful. He was courageous about instituting renewal in ecclesial structures and corrected abuses wherever he found them. He preached that 'reform' begins in the lives of the clergy, as they witnessed to 'sanctity' by their own discipline and practice. He said, 'Souls are won on one's knees.'

**A severe regional plague struck Milan** in the 1570's. The people of Milan could count only on their Archbishop. St Charles did not spare himself: faithful to his familial and episcopal motto Humilitas ("humility"), he visited and comforted the sick during the plague years of 1576 and 1577, spending all his wealth for their care. His presence among the people was constant. He served and prayed with them through the time of care-giving, tending the sick and feeding the poor. He survived the plague, and after his years of teaching and pastoral service, on November 4, 1584, he died at 46 years old. He was beatified in 1602 and eight years later canonized. His relics have been venerated in the crypt of the Cathedral of Milan ever since.

In 2007, Pope Benedict XVI summarized St. Charles Borromeo's life by saying, "his figure stands out in the 16th century as a model of an exemplary Pastor because of his charity, doctrine, apostolic zeal and above all, his prayer. "Souls are won", he said, "on one's knees"...In 1576, when the plague was raging in Milan, he visited, comforted and spent all his money on the sick. His motto consisted in one word: "Humilitas". It was humility that motivated him, like the Lord Jesus, to deny himself in order to make himself the servant of all. (Sunday Angelus, 11- 4-07)

### Litany Prayer of St. Charles Borromeo

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, Pray for us.

Queen of Apostles, Pray for us.

St. Charles, Pray for us.

St. Charles, imitator of Christ, Pray for us.

St. Charles, faithful follower of Christ crucified, Pray for us.

St. Charles, replenished with the spirit of the Apostles, Pray for us.

St. Charles, consumed with zeal for the glory of God, Pray for us.

St. Charles, Shepherd and Guide of the Clergy, Pray for us.

St. Charles, the light and support of the Church, Pray for us.

St. Charles, a model of humility and penance, Pray for us.

St. Charles, most desirous of the salvation of souls, Pray for us.

St. Charles, most zealous, for the instruction of youth, Pray for us.

St. Charles, Patron of the Ursuline Schools and Seminaries, Pray for us.