

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 22, 2020



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- † **MARRIAGE:** Preparation is needed prior to the wedding. Contact the office or Fr. Brian 6 months prior to date.
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- † **HOSPITAL:** Please notify the office or Fr. Brian if you or someone whom you know is in the hospital.
- † **CONFESSION:** Tuesday from 5:30-6:00 p.m. or Saturday from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. at St. Pius X or by appointment.
- † **ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** Is offered to anyone physically or emotionally ill, infirmed, or prior to surgery. Contact Fr. Brian at (270) 668-7675 (Medical or Emergency)
- † **St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry:** 2nd & 4th Wednesdays of each month during office hours (9 am-2 pm). Call the St. Pius X office at (270) 395-4727 for help.
- † **Bulletin information:** Must be submitted to Jamie by 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday. Email: stpiusx@stpiusx.us

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OFFICE HOURS

Wednesday	9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
Thursday	9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.



Days	St. Pius X	St. Anthony
<p>No Public Celebration of Masses Until Further Notice</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.

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Letter from Bishop Medley about the Suspension of Mass:

My dear People of God,

As the world stands in a time of trial and confusion, it is important that we, as people of faith, remind ourselves that we are never beyond God's reach. Even as we speak of a need to isolate ourselves from public gatherings and even neighbors, we remain assured that God is close at hand.

In Psalm 46 we pray, "Be still and know that I am God, exalted among the nations, exalted over the earth."

With the latest information from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and after consultation with other Kentucky bishops and our pastors, I am calling for the suspension of the public celebration of the Holy Eucharist (the Mass) effective immediately and to continue at least through Palm Sunday, April 5, 2020. Before Holy Week we will make a determination regarding future weeks based upon the information that will then be available.

Regarding gatherings other than Mass, I urge pastors to follow the CDC directives that people not participate in gatherings of more than 50 people. We must apply these rigorous safeguards to other parish events, such as fish fries, education/formation events, and parish meetings. I know some parishes have already made plans to convert their fish fries to take-out service only.

The diocese will be distributing materials to assist individuals and families in prayer that can be shared in the home. Likewise we are exploring options for parishes to live-stream the celebration of the Mass. As more questions are answered we will give directives on the appropriateness of having churches open for private prayer and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

I know that our priests, deacons and lay Extraordinary Ministers of the Holy Eucharist want to generously make themselves available to bring Holy Communion to people. At the same time we must be cautious that we are not carrying the infection from house to house. Certainly if you or a family member desires the Anointing of the Sick in an extreme situation, every effort will be made to accommodate you in a hospital, nursing home, or in your home.

In this time of trial and anxiety, I urge everyone who is able to be particularly mindful of your neighbor, especially the vulnerable who should refrain from leaving home. Can you go to the store for them? Call and check on them, give them human contact if only by phone.

With schools closed and likely daycare centers closing, many parents are finding themselves in a bind regarding childcare. Can you lend a hand and a heart?

While it is a tremendous sacrifice for Catholics not to come to Mass, to the table of the Lord, it is imperative that we embrace this challenge for the common good of all. My prayer is that this unforeseen abstinence from the Eucharist will strengthen our hunger for God.

The Holy Eucharist is at the heart of who we are as Catholics. It is the source and the summit of our lives. I could never have imagined a day where as a bishop and pastor I would ask people not to attend Mass. But this is the sacrifice to which we are called. We are never beyond the reach of God. And that reach can be multiplied by our acts of charity and concern for our neighbors.

Let us hold one another in prayer and pray especially for the sick, healthcare workers, and caregivers. God bless you.

Most Reverend William F. Medley
Bishop, Diocese of Owensboro

Letter from Fr Brian:

Dear Parishioners of St Pius & St Anthony,

Who would have thought that back on February 26, Ash Wednesday, we would have been entering such a desert with Jesus and the Coronavirus, drawing us into such new ways of fasting and being alone with God? **AGAIN, currently there are no public masses being offered.** Before I continue to raise some new spiritual questions for our Lenten devotion and meditation, I want to offer a challenge:

- 1) *We should spend as much time in prayer as we do listening to the non-stop news shows or spreading our own stories on social media. YES, stay informed, but beware of becoming glued to screens waiting for news conferences **that often are not on time.** You control your prayer time!*
- 2) Please keep to a steady routine of different 'safe-space-or sheltered-in-place' activities. Again, schedule your own daily briefing to receive the latest health tips and safety information, but also keep to a regular time of prayer and reflection.
- 3) Maintain your own schedule. Worry and anxiety grow from a sense of helplessness, but we have control of our new routines. At home, in studio or however you may end up being self-quarantined, keep to regular routine. Schedule your morning prayer, make a list of each day's 'to-do' tasks, keep regular phone/text contact with family/friends & through it all, PRAY!
- 4) *If I haven't said it already, please keep time to offer regular prayer, scripture reading (especially psalms and the gospels) and daily fresh spiritual devotions/meditations. Check our webpage and Facebook page.*

Above all, the world and people of faith have been here before. Our strength and peace is from Jesus. As we heard on the 4th Sunday of Lent about the interior strength and refreshment that Jesus alone gives us, Jesus says 'whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life' (John 4:14). He also says in John 4:37-38 "Let anyone who thirsts come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, shall have 'Rivers of living water will flow from within him'. Jesus is our interior fountain of strength and peace. Keep with Him.

Please continue to stay in touch with your parish community. I want to thank Paula Schmidt for her insightful preparations putting together lesson plan packets and keeping our FFY students/parents informed about home resources (thru email, text or US Postal Service). Please call her or me at any of *our numbers if you would like some more material/references/help for home study and home prayer.*

We have no public office hours. We will remotely be doing office business. My contact info is cell #270-668-7675 or email: brian.johnson@pastoral.org ; St. Pius office # is 270-395-4727 and St. Anthony office 270-508-2428; Paula may be contacted at 270-556-7008 email: crecalvertcity@gmail.com

What is going to be new?

- 1) We are going to regularly refresh our web page with new information and announcements. I plan a regular post or blog entry for spiritual reflection and prayer enrichment.
- 2) A weekly bulletin will be posted each week with fresh material, news and prayer lists.
- 3) I thank Nancy Glover for managing the St Pius Facebook page (like it and visit it for extras)
- 4) On the Facebook page, we will be holding prayers such as last Wednesday night's Rosary offered by Paula and my offer of Stations of the Cross. Privately taped new masses & prayer devotions (Rosary & Stations of Cross) **will be regularly posted to our Facebook page and website.** Please refer to any catholic webpages, EWTN, USCCB.

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ST. PIUS X

MASS INTENTIONS March 23rd -29th	
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Lucille Tarr</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Margarita Badillo</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>William Word</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Tom & Nancy Forsythe</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>Eli Bavillo</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>Betty Lou Derry</i>
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Tricia McGowen Family</i>

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

WEEKLY DONATIONS	
Parish Hall Donation (03/15/20)	\$ 427.00
Budget for 2019/2020 Fiscal Year (July 2019-June 2020)	\$ 177, 160.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 3, 406.92
Weekly Donation (03/15/20)	\$ 1, 546.00
Online Giving (03/15/20)	\$ 580.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 132, 907.44

Parish Hall Fundraiser Raffle: CHANCE TO WIN 7 DAY BEACHFRONT VACATION! \$10.00 a chance or five for \$40.00. Only 500 Raffle Tickets are being sold! 7 Day Beachfront Condominium on Dauphin Island, Alabama (*Dates are subject to availability) Drawing on April 25th, the winner will be called. Call the Parish office for Information.

Sympathy Prayers: Please pray for the eternal rest of Bill White (father of Michelle Harbison) who passed away last week. May God comfort and strengthen his family in their time of grief.

 **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 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, Wally 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

MASS INTENTIONS March 23rd -29th	
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>William & Palma McFadden</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>Purity of Youth</i>
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>John & Helen Tobin</i>

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WEEKLY DONATIONS	
Budget 2019/2020 fiscal year (July 2019-June 2020)	\$ 72,100.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 1,386.54
Weekly Donation (03/15/20)	\$ 605.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 52, 563.29

Livingston County Helping Hands

 **Food Pantry Needs**

paper towels, toilet paper, laundry detergent, shampoo, bath soap, diapers, feminine hygiene products, dish washing liquid, coffee, tea, macaroni and cheese, sugar, flour, cereal (all kinds), peanut butter, jelly, tuna, salmon, other canned meats, canned fruits, and canned vegetables

There is a donation basket at the back of the Church for your non-perishable items.

 **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.

March 22, 2020
Fourth Sunday of Lent
Jn 9:1-41

Dear St. Pius X and St. Anthony Church,

Friends, at this time in our world, prayer is our strength and prayer is our health. What a Lent! Humbly, let us pray, turning all the more to God for opened eyes, and opened hearts.

Let us pray.

“O Lord, you listen to the needs of the poor; you incline your ear to them and strengthen their hearts.” (Psalm 10: 17)

“I can’t see it! Oh, there it is!” When I was a kid sometimes we got copies of the children’s learning magazine called ‘Highlights’. What I loved most about it was the pages of games and puzzles. One of the favorite puzzle activities was the ‘Find an Item’ searching for the hidden objects disguised in the picture (find the shovel, the binoculars or the coffee cup). I hear that there are all kinds of video games like Jewel Quest, Lost Mysteries, & Treasure Island that carry the same challenge of finding hidden things in a normal picture. The Holy Scriptures of God’s Word also presents such a challenge to us! Jesus’ parables, like the ones about the hidden treasure (Matthew 13:44) and the pearl of great price (Matt 13:45-46), teach that we must search to find the Kingdom of God. We have to look closely. God gives us signs in His Word (the Bible) if we seek them. Also, have you ever looked at those foreground-background-type pictures that require you to focus upon a certain color or shape and then a new design appears there right in front of your eyes! A few famous ones are picture of two human faces looking at each other that can appear from the right side and left side of a big goblet-cup! Or the beautiful butterfly that has disguised two people talking to each other designed on its wings! Well, the more we read and know the Word of God, we also find God busy at work in there leading us by speaking to us or revealing new ways to us. For example, finding the Old Testament fulfilled in the New, or the New Testament disguised in prophecies within the Old, can happen if we search for them. God’s meaning is there for us. We only have to look closely. God’s plan and direction are discoverable if we see through the lens of Jesus, and listen closely for His voice. In John 5:39, Jesus said to the doubting crowd, “You *search the scriptures*, because you think you have eternal life through them; *even they testify on my behalf.*” So our eyes need opening to see God’s guiding hand, whether we are physically blind or not. We are all blind and have vision problems seeing our lives and the world as God sees us.

The blind man is blind and knows it. He is honest and humble about his limitations. Of course, the Pharisees are not: they can’t see their blindness! In John 9:40, they protest, ‘We are not blind’. Yet, Jesus says to them in 9:41 “If you were blind, you would have no sin; but you say, ‘We see,’ and so your sin remains.” So their pride and privilege blind them from recognizing God in front of them. But the blind man, as humble and lowly as he is, he turns out to be a great disciple of God. This healing happens in John’s gospel, but over in Matthew gospel, Jesus teaches that “Blessed are the pure of heart, for they will see God” (5:8). And the blind man wonderfully exemplifies this purity of heart-humility, when twice he honestly admits his ignorance about the world, medicine, or how things work. Twice, the blind man is asked to theorize or proclaim his wonder-cure and he just humbly says, “I don’t know HOW, but I do know WHO did it: Jesus!” In verse 10 and 15, he was interrogated by the Pharisees, and he just replies “*All I know is that Jesus is my Healer!*” As the Pharisees come at him a third time to drag him into political controversy over Jesus, he just says “If Jesus is a sinner, I do not know. One thing I do know is that I was blind and now I see” (Jn9:25). That simple, lowly statement reminds me of the old cartoon character Popeye, “I am what I am” and “that’s all, folks”. *The blind man is saying, “I am no medical specialist, expert witness or religious saint-I just know I was blind and Jesus let me see!”* Jesus is His Savior! His humble position reflects Psalm 111:10 “The beginning of wisdom is fear of the Lord” (also in Proverbs 9:10). The blind man exemplifies the prayer of the Psalmist in 34:7 “This poor one cried out and the LORD heard, and from all his distress God saved him.” *Certainly, God hears the lowly prayer of the faithful* (James 5:16).

Peace and Prayers,
Fr. Brian

Weekly Mass Readings



Monday	Is 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday	Ez 47:1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday	Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
Thursday	Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47
Friday	Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday	Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-53
Sunday	Ez 37:12-14; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45

Spend Time with a Saint: St. Teresa of Avila

St. Teresa of Avila, (b. March 28, 1515-d. October 4, 1582), also called Saint Teresa of Jesus, was a prominent 16th century Spanish Roman Catholic saint. She was a reformer of the Carmelite Order and a major figure of the Counter-Reformation, a period of Catholic revival initiated in response to the Protestant Reformation during the mid-16th century. She was also a mystic and an author and is considered to be the patron saint of Headache sufferers and Spanish Catholic Writers. Born into a religious household, she was raised by devout Christian parents. From a young age she was fascinated by the lives of saints and ran away from home at the age of seven to seek martyrdom among the Moors. She was eventually brought back home but nonetheless continued on her quest for spiritual knowledge. The untimely death of her mother when Teresa was just a teenager intensified her devotion towards God and religion as she instinctively turned to the Virgin Mary for comfort. She later entered a Carmelite Monastery of the Incarnation in Ávila and became a nun. She laid the foundation for the Catholic mendicant order, the Discalced Carmelites, or Barefoot Carmelites, along with another Spanish saint, Saint John of the Cross. She was canonized years after her death and more recently, named a Doctor of the Church.

St. Teresa was a woman who lived 1) for God and 2) lived for others. For God, she was a woman of prayer, discipline, and compassion. Her heart belonged to God. Her continual conversion was an arduous lifelong struggle, involving ongoing purification and suffering. She was misunderstood, misjudged, and opposed in her efforts at reform. Yet she struggled on, courageous and faithful; she struggled with her own mediocrity, her illness, her opposition. And in the midst of all this she clung to God in life and in prayer. Her writings on prayer and contemplation are drawn from her experience: powerful, practical, and graceful. She was such a prayerful woman. And her faith in Christ led her to lead a life ‘for others’. Though a contemplative, she spent much of her time and energy seeking to reform herself and her religious order of the Carmelites, to lead them back to the full observance of the primitive Rule. She founded over a half-dozen new monasteries. She traveled, wrote, fought—always to renew, to reform. In her self, in her prayer, in her life, in her efforts to reform, in all the people she touched, she was a woman for others, a woman who inspired and gave life.

She wrote a splendid introspective autobiography, and two great spiritual growth works titled, ‘The Way of Perfection’ and ‘The Interior Castle’. They can be found free at <https://www.ewtn.com/catholicism/library/interior-castle-12568> or <https://www.ccel.org/ccel/teresa/castle2.html>

Pope Benedict XVI expressed his admiration for her, saying, “*Dear brothers and sisters, St. Teresa of Jesus is a true teacher of Christian life for the faithful of every time. In our society, which all too often lacks spiritual values, St. Teresa teaches us to be unflagging witnesses of God, of his presence and of his action. She teaches us truly to feel this thirst for God that exists in the depths of our hearts, this desire to see God, to seek God, to be in conversation with him and to be his friends. This is the friendship we all need that we must seek anew, day after day. May the example of this Saint, profoundly contemplative and effectively active, spur us too every day to dedicate the right time to prayer, to this openness to God, to this journey, in order to seek God, to see him, to discover his friendship and so to find true life; indeed many of us should truly say with her: “I am not alive, I am not truly alive if I do not live the essence of my life-that is Christ”.* (Gen Audience 2-2-2011)

A Book-Mark was found in her prayer book after her death, with a simple powerful prayer about God’s Peace.

**Let nothing disturb you
Let nothing disturb you
Let nothing frighten you
All things are passing
God never changes
Patience obtains all things
Who possesses God lacks nothing
God alone suffices. (St. Teresa Avila)**