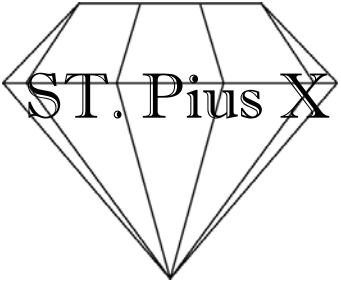


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# PRISM

*A newsletter for the Members of the  
St. Pius X Catholic Community*

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## From the Pastor's Desk

Super Bowl Sunday started with a bang this year! When I arrived at church about 8:00 AM on Sunday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, I knew trouble was brewing. There was a fire engine in front of church. It was soon joined by two more engines. Fortunately fire was averted, but we did have damage to our heating and electrical systems which required us to cancel Masses for the day. I'm sure that was a first in the history of the parish.

Our problems stemmed from a blown fuse on a Northwestern Energy power pole on 16<sup>th</sup> Street West and Lewis Avenue. Through a sequence of events exceeding my electrical knowledge, which is limited to light switches, we experienced a partial power failure here in church. This restricted the full power flow required by the large blowers that circulate heat and air in our church, which in turn burned out a motor about the size of the stove in your kitchen. The end result was no power or heat in church. Not only were Sunday Masses cancelled, but we were also faced with the challenge of celebrating a funeral the following day for our parishioner Patti Witke without heat.

This series of events provides me with the opportunity to publicly thank a number of people who came to our rescue. First of course is the Fire Department, which arrived in minutes, quickly diagnosed the problems and set about protecting the church from fire and smoke damage. The firemen were exceptionally professional and courteous.

Thanks are also due to Tom & Mary Landry, the first people on the scene Sunday, who notified the Fire Department, and then directed traffic and put out signs. In addition to the Landrys I also want to thank the many parishioners who joined their effort of meeting arriving cars at multiple entrances to the parking lot in order to pass out bulletins and answer as best possible the countless "what happened?" questions.

We owe a huge "Thank You!" as well to our parish manager Bob Bender, our parish custodian Bill Walker, and our parishioner Jeff Steiner, who is an electrician who never fails to assist us when we have problems. Bob, Bill and Jeff spent most of Super Bowl Sunday here at church restoring our electrical service, hauling in fans to circulate air in church, and getting enough of the heating system operative to enable us to have Patti's funeral service on Monday. They also spent the better part of the following week ordering parts, working with technicians and monitoring our system until everything was repaired.

Last but not least, thank you for patience in a trying time, and for the multiple ways you found to drop off your Sunday offerings. In spite of the fact that we had only one Mass for the weekend, the total collection came close to a normal weekend because so many people dropped off or mailed in their offerings or "doubled up" the following week.

Is this a great parish or what?

*Fr. Steve*

## Welcome...

to these new members of the St. Pius X Parish family.

|  |   |   |
|--|---|---|
| Allen, David & Starr Collins   | Hurd, Ann   | Selzler, Stephanie  |
| Buyske, Joey   | Kondash, Robert & Carol                               | Sherburn, James & Patricia                                  |
| Carpenter, Patrick & Deanna<br>Carrie                                  | Lanier, Katherine Rooks<br>Korin                      | Smith, Denise<br>Perry<br>Alena<br>Charlie                  |
| Charles, David & Debbie<br>Matthew<br>Rachael                          | Leader, Amy   | Steussie, Mike & Kaylie<br>Payton                           |
| Cohn, Mark & Kathleen<br>Kaitlin Mainey<br>Chris Mainey<br>Kellie Cohn | Linhart, Quincy                                       | Sylvester, Kevin  |
| Dutton, Ernie & Leanne<br>Cody   | Makelky, Rusty  | Terpstra, Bryce & Vicki-Lynn<br>Tacke                       |
| Gallegos, Hector & Maria<br>Nicolas<br>Matias                          | Moltzan, Jamie  | Turner, CJ & Adriana<br>Zuzanna Slobodova<br>Martin Sloboda |
| Garaas, Jeff & Amanda<br>Caden<br>Ethan                                | Neff, Brian & Amity<br>Abby<br>Riley<br>Bria<br>North | Wandler, Jack & Nancy                                       |
| Gorman, Erin & Casey Sterrett  | Robinson, Jeramie & Megan                             | Wood, Nick  |
| Hawsey, Lyle & Vicki<br>Brennan<br>Rachel                              | Russell, Gregg & Darla<br>Peri                        | Zuech, Gina   |
|  | Schell, Misti<br>Olivia<br>Ivy                        |   |
|  | Schuster, Scott & Heidi<br>Sierra<br>Mikala           |   |



**Mark Your Calendar**

Feb 27—Mar 7..... Host week for families in Interfaith Hospitality Network  
 Mar 3..... 2nd Grade, Parent/Child Session, 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall  
 Mar 6..... 2nd Grade, Rite of Enrollment during 9:00 a.m. Mass  
 Mar 6, 7, 8 & 9..... No Christian Formation Classes  
 Apr 17..... Knights of Columbus Council 9976 Annual Tootsie Roll Giveaway Drive  
 Apr 25, 26 & 27 ..... Last day of class for Christian Formation  
 May 8..... Mothers Day  
 May 22..... Rehearsal for Confirmation/First Eucharist immediately following 11:00 a.m. Mass  
 May 22—28..... Host week for families in Interfaith Hospitality Network  
 May 26..... Confirmation/First Eucharist Celebration 7:00 p.m.

**“Who We Are” Cards**

Please take time to check out the “Who We Are” display found on a kiosk in the Gathering Area. This is a community-building project of the Parish Life Commission. We’d like to hear the good news in your life. Perhaps a child won an award at school or you started a new business. You may post a copy of an announcement from your professional trade journal or local media. Perhaps a parishioner was featured in a TV story and you might want to post a link to that story. There are many untold stories in our parish that show the great community of faith that we share. Help us make this a place where we can truly learn more about who we are!



**Interim High School Youth Minister**

I am passionate about my faith and with God’s help I will be able to help others along this journey. I look forward to meeting you soon!

Hello! My name is Jessie Rohrer and it is truly a blessing to be able to help out with youth group this year! A little bit about me, I grew up in Wisconsin and was very active in my church throughout high school and college. I moved to Montana in 2009 because I married my husband, Zac, who is a native Montanan. I became a member of St. Pius X shortly after the move and have really enjoyed being involved with the Young Adults group. I love being here and enjoy everything Montana has to offer.



Jessie Rohrer  
Interim High School Youth Minister

**City of Billings Lenten Penance Service Schedule**  
 Holy Rosary ..... March 23 at 11:00 a.m.  
 St. Bernard’s ..... April 5 at 7:00 p.m.  
 St. Thomas ..... April 12 at 7:00 p.m.  
 St. Patrick’s ..... April 14 at 7:00 p.m.

**St. Pius X Lenten Schedule**  
 Ash Wednesday ..... March 9 at 8:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.  
 Soup & Bread ..... All Fridays of Lent at 6:00 p.m.  
 Stations of the Cross ..... All Fridays of Lent at 7:00 p.m.

**St. Pius X Triduum Liturgical Schedule**  
 Holy Thursday ..... April 21 at 7:00 p.m.  
 Good Friday ..... April 22 at 7:00 p.m.  
 Holy Saturday ..... Easter Vigil at 8:30 p.m.  
 Easter Sunday ..... 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.



### Interim Junior High Youth Minister

Hello to you all! My name is Quincy Linhart and I am a freshman here at MSU-Billings. I am very excited to be teaching the junior high youth group this year! Here is a quick little dip into my life; I was born and raised in central Montana on a farm and ranch. I graduated from Hobson School with a class of 11, and we were the largest in our school. I was very active in high school from singing in the church choir, playing basketball any chance I got, playing in the band, and being VERY involved in Business Professionals of America and FFA. I also attended youth group all my life and continue to be in youth group here at college. I will be taking a trip to Mexico with the Billings Catholic Campus Ministry this spring. I am SUPER EXCITED! I love to learn more about God's never ending love for us and all the wonderful things that he has given us. I hope to pass on my passion and love for God to all that are on this journey with me. I can't wait to meet you all soon!

(Above) Quincy Linhart  
Interim Junior High Youth Minister

(Below) Quincy discusses a Jeopardy-like question on the Ten Commandments during a recent Jr. High Youth Group gathering.



### Why is Easter so late this year?

Easter is a moveable feast. The First Council of Nicaea (325) established the date of Easter as the first Sunday after the full moon (the Paschal Full Moon) following the northern hemisphere's vernal equinox. Ecclesiastically, the equinox is reckoned to be on March 21 (even though the equinox occurs, astronomically speaking, on March 20 in most years), and the "Full Moon" is not necessarily the astronomically correct date. The date of Easter therefore varies between March 22 and April 25. Easter this year falls on Sunday April 24<sup>th</sup>.

Please mark your calendar for these Billings Catholic Schools events - Check out the website for tickets or further details: [www.billingscatholicschools.org](http://www.billingscatholicschools.org)



- DISCOVERY NIGHT will be held on Tuesday, March 8, 2011, from 5-8pm in the Ralph Nelles Center at BCCHS. If you or anyone you know would like information about BCS or an invitation to Discovery Night call 252-0997 or email [marketing@billingscatholicschools.org](mailto:marketing@billingscatholicschools.org).
- *Late Night Catechism* will be held on March 24 at 7:00 in the MSU-Billings Petro Theatre. This event is sponsored by the Mary Alice Fortin Foundation for Youth Enrichment and Cladis Investment Advisory, LLC. Call 252-0252 for tickets or choose the Late Night link at our website. All proceeds benefit the Billings Catholic Schools Foundation.
- Saint Francis Primary Kindergarten Roundup will be held on Friday, March 25, with both morning and afternoon sessions available. Call 259-6421 or email [sfp@billingscatholicschools.org](mailto:sfp@billingscatholicschools.org) for more information and session times or to have an invitation mailed.



- The BCCHS Spring Musical, *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, will be held at the Babcock Theater on March 31 - April 2. For information call 245-6651. Tickets will be available March 14.
- Mayfair 2011 will be held on Friday and Saturday nights, May 6 and 7, at the Holiday Inn Trade Center. For more information on event times and tickets, volunteering, or making a donation, call 252-0252.

***We abstain from eating meat on Fridays during Lent – does that mean I can't use beef broth in my cooking?***

Abstinence—In the United States, this penitential practice consists of refraining from the consumption of meat. The Latin Church's requirement of abstinence binds Catholics after they have celebrated their fourteenth birthday, and it is practiced on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and the Fridays during Lent.

Abstinence forbids the use of meat, but not of eggs, milk products or condiments made of animal fat.

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- According to Fr. John Huels in "The Pastoral Companion" (Franciscan Herald Press), abstinence does not include meat juices and liquid food made from meat. Thus, such foods as chicken broth, consommé, soups cooked or flavored with meat, meat gravies or sauces, as well as seasonings or condiments made from animal fat are not forbidden. So it is permissible to use margarine and lard. Even bacon drippings which contain little bits of meat may be poured over lettuce as seasoning.

***What can we learn by fasting during Lent?***

By fasting we sense a deeper hunger and thirst for God. In a paradoxical way, we feast through fasting—we feast on the spiritual values that lead to works of charity and service. Did not the prophet Isaiah proclaim that such works characterize the fasting that God desires?

This . . . is the fasting that I wish:  
releasing those bound unjustly,  
untying the thongs of the yoke;  
Setting free the oppressed,  
breaking every yoke;  
Sharing your bread with the hungry,  
sheltering the oppressed and the homeless;  
Clothing the naked when you see them,  
and not turning your back on your own. (Is 58:6-7)

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**What is RCIA?**

*By Bob Fannon*

The Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA) is a process designed to educate and guide those who are interested in joining our church. It culminates at the Easter vigil service with the candidates (those previously baptized), and catechumens (those not baptized) receiving the remaining sacraments of initiation (Baptism-Confirmation-Eucharist).

The process is based on the process of initiation that earlier Christians followed. The group attends Mass together and is led out for study, based on the Sunday readings, directly after the Homily. Then the group meets with their sponsors and team members for a planned educational session, which allows time for reflection, questions and answers. The whole process is designed for active participation at all times.

When a person enters the process, he or she has a personal sponsor who walks the journey of discovery with them. Sponsoring someone can be a very rewarding journey of education and personal growth, as the group explores many different aspects of our faith.

The team at St. Pius X is led by Karyn Haider, who directs and guides the process for our parish. Most of the team members have been, at one time, either sponsors, candidates, or both. It is often the yearning for a deeper level of understanding that inspires the sponsors to return to the process as a team member. And it is the desire to share the faith that often inspires a sponsor to return with another candidate or catechumen.

From personal experience, both as a sponsor, and now as a team member, I can say that the rewards of watching the participants grow stronger in their life long faith journey is a real blessing and inspiration to me.

## The Hop

On January 8 the St. Pius X Young Adults hosted “The Hop” a dance featuring music from the 50’s and 60’s for the adults in the parish. St. Francis Intermediate’s gymnasium was transformed into a 1950’s Soda Shop where parishioners enjoyed root beer floats, hot dogs and danced on a balloon infested floor amid white t-shirts with rolled up sleeves, Poodle Skirts and jean jackets. Smiles sparkled when revelers crawled into the “convertible” and dance contests brought down the house. Plans are already underway for The Hop 2012...you won’t want to miss it! For more photos please check out the Young Adult page at [www.stpiusxblgs.org](http://www.stpiusxblgs.org).  
*(Convertible shots courtesy of Clayton Kuntz)*

St.Pius X  
*ya*  
young adults



Photos-Top: St. Pius X Young Adults . Bottom Left: Lani & Keith Wallace, Bottom Right: Fr. Steve Tokarski



Photos-Top: Dancers at The Hop.  
Center: Soda Jerks Kent Ickes and Erin Augustine.  
Bottom: Setting up for The Hop

