Religious Education Registration

St. Pius X Parish
2026-2027 School Year
Grades Preschool 4yrs - 5th Grade
Location: Our classes will be held in the basement of the Parish Center

Contact: Children's Ministry Office, 281-8502 or email andreav@stpiusxblgs.org

Classes Begin: September 23
Registration Deadline: September 12, 2026

Parishioners Cost:
1 child: $30, 2 children: $50, 3 or more children: $60
Second-year sacramental preparation additional fee: $20/child
Scholarships available upon request
Non-Parishioners Cost:
1 child: $35, 2 children: $55, 3 or more children: $65

☐ **Check here if you paid online via Parish Soft. Choose "Children's Ministry Registration" fund.**

How to Register:

- Complete and sign this registration form.
- Indicate where you will volunteer (see Parent Involvement Form)
- Either drop off or mail the registration form to:

St. Pius X Parish; Attn: Children's Ministry; 717 18th St. W; Billings, MT, 59102

Family Information:

Family Last Name: _____

Father's Name: _____ Mother's Name:_____

Address: _____ Zip Code:_____

_____Check here if this is a new address

If there are two households, please fill in the other parent's mailing address below:

Name: _____

Address:_____ City/State:_____

Zip:_____

Please indicate if both households are to receive mailings: Yes_____ No_____

Phone Numbers & Email Addresses:

Mother's Cell:_____ Mother's Work: _____

Mother's Email Address: _____

Father's Cell:_____ Father's Work: _____

Father's Email Address: _____

Family Email Address: _____

Emergency Contact: (if we are unable to notify parents or guardians)

Name _____Relationship _____

Phone _____ Alternate Phone _____

Student Information

Child #1

Name:_____ Date of Birth:_____ Grade:_____

School:_____ Gender:_____

Sacraments: **Baptized Catholic:** Yes No **Confirmation**: Yes No **First Eucharist**: Yes No

Allergies/Medical:_____

My Child has special sensory or behavioral concerns:_____

Class Preference: Wednesday 4:30 PM-5:30 PM _____ or 6 PM to 7 PM or _____

Child #2

Name:_____ Date of Birth:_____ Grade:_____

School:_____ Gender:_____

Sacraments: **Baptized Catholic:** Yes No **Confirmation**: Yes No **First Eucharist**: Yes No

Allergies/Medical:_____

My Child has special sensory or behavioral concerns:_____

Class Preference: Wednesday 4:30 PM-5:30 PM _____ or 6 PM to 7 PM or _____

Child #3

Name:_____ Date of Birth:_____ Grade:_____

School:_____ Gender:_____

Sacraments: **Baptized Catholic:** Yes No **Confirmation**: Yes No **First Eucharist**: Yes No

Allergies/Medical:_____

My Child has special sensory or behavioral concerns:_____

Class Preference: Wednesday 4:30 PM-5:30 PM _____ or 6 PM to 7 PM or _____

Additional Youth Involvement Oppurtunities

My child is interested in joining the Youth Choir from 3:30-4:30 pm on Wednesdays. Y or N

My child is interested in Altar Serving (3-5 graders who have completed all Sacraments). Y or N

Second Year Sacramental Preparation Only

It is a diocesan requirement that Sacramental Preparation for Reconciliation, Confirmation, and First Eucharist be a two-year process. The first year of preparation typically starts in 1st grade and may be completed either by attending a **Catholic school** or by regularly participating in **Children's ministry classes.**

a.***2nd Year Sacramental Preparation only*** If you are registering your child for their 2nd year of Sacramental Preparation, please indicate where he/she completed their first year of Sacramental Preparation_____.

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Are you a registered member of St. Pius X parish? Yes_____ No_____

a. If no, would you like information mailed home to register? Yes____ No____

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Indemnity Agreement

As parent and/or legal guardian, I remain legally responsible for any personal actions taken by the above-named minor(s). I agree on behalf of myself, my child(ren) named herein, or heirs, successors, and assigns, to hold harmless and defend St. Pius X, its officers, directors, employees and agents, and the Dioceses of Great Falls-Billings, its employees and agents, chaperons, or representatives associated with Children's Ministry, from any claim arising from or in connection with my child(ren) attending Children's Ministry or in connection with any illness or injury (including death) or cost of medical treatment in connection therewith, and I agree to compensate St. Pius X, its officers, directors and agents, and the Diocese of Great Falls-Billings, its employees and agents and chaperones, or representatives associated with Children's Ministry for reasonable attorney's fees and expenses which may incur in any action brought against them as a result of such injury or damage, unless such claim arises from the negligence of St. Pius X or the Diocese of Great Falls-Billings.

Parent's Signature: _____

Date:_____

A Note to Parents....

Thank you for entrusting us with your child's faith formation. We are truly blessed to serve our parish's young people and nurture their spiritual growth.

Did you know that research has found that it takes It takes **five caring adults** to help **one child** build a lifelong foundation of faith? Unfortunately, parish-wide volunteer participation has decreased, and we can no longer rely on the same small group of parishioners to shoulder the entire burden. **Your involvement is vital to the success of these programs.**

Parental involvement in their children's extracurricular activities is not a new expectation. School programs, sports teams, and community organizations, such as the Scouts, require parents to volunteer in areas like coaching, fundraising, and chaperoning. Similarly, our religious education program relies on parents to contribute their time and energy, thereby ensuring a meaningful experience for all students.

To ensure we can continue offering these valuable programs, we ask each family to contribute their time each month. This participation can take many forms, such as assisting the Catechist once a month, staffing events or retreats, helping with setup and cleanup of events, or being an on-call substitute catechist for a month.

We understand that you may feel uncertain about volunteering, especially if you worry that you don't know enough about the faith to contribute in a teaching capacity. Please know you don't have to be an expert. There are many ways to get involved, including behind-the-scenes roles that don't require teaching.

As the Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us, parents are the first and most important teachers of the faith to their children. Your example and involvement are crucial in helping your child grow closer to God and understand the richness of our Catholic faith.

Studies have shown that children who see their parents actively participating in parish life are more likely to value their faith and gain a deeper understanding of its importance. By contributing your time and talents, you are not only helping sustain our programs but modeling a life of faith and service that will inspire your child for years.

We thank you for your dynamic discipleship with our parish's youth.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY PARENT INVOLVEMENT FORM

Since many hands make light work, volunteer in one or more of the following areas.

*All volunteers working with children unsupervised are required to be trained on creating a safe environment through the "Safe and Sacred" online training (www.diocesegfb.org).

____ Yes, I have completed the Safe and Sacred online training. ____No, I have not.

Children's Ministry Class *: Wednesdays 4:30-5:30 PM or 6-7 PM
__ I would like to be a Catechist (lead teacher) (Provided Teacher's Manual and training)
__ I would like to be a classroom assistant (teacher's aide)
__ I would like to come sit in class once per month as class parent
__ I would like to be a substitute teacher (cover a chosen month of the year)
__ I would like to be a hall monitor (supervise common areas during class times).

Children's Liturgy of the Word*: Sundays during alternating 9am & 11 AM Mass
__ I would like to be on a Children's Liturgy Team once per month

Nursery*: Sundays during any Mass once per month (ministry in high need)
__ I would like to be a nursery attendant

Trunk or Treat (10/25)
__ I will decorate my trunk and hand out candy.
__ I will donate candy.
__ I will help with setup and/or clean-up
__ I will help with food prep and distribution.

Advent Family Fun (1st week December TBD):
__ I will bring food to share (TBD).
__ I will help with setup
__ I will help during the event (supervising children/crafts/service project)
__ I will help with clean-up (25 minutes after event ends).

Stations of the Cross & Soup (During Lent):
__ I will bring a crock-pot of soup.
__ I will help serve soups to parishioners
__ I will bring two loaves of bread or two dozen rolls.
__ I will help with setup (5:00PM).
__ I will help with clean-up, dish washing, etc. (~7:00 PM).

Sacramental Retreat (March):
__ I will help set up the retreat (8:00 AM).
__ I will help clean up after the retreat (1:00 PM).
__ I will help run an educational station at the retreat*.

Confirmation and First Communion Reception (After Easter):
__I will help with setup and decorating.
__I will help with clean-up.

VBS Planning, Prop Making, and Appropriations (Late January - May)
__I will help with VBS Planning, prop making, finding volunteers, or donation procurement.

Media Release Agreement for Minors

In conjunction with your child/children's participation in an event sponsored by or associated with the Diocese of Great Falls-Billings, your child/children's image, speech, and individual and/or group projects may be published. Publication may include, but not be limited to, print and/or digital still pictures, video recording, audio recording, or digital or print versions of projects or contributions.

If used, such publication would be associated with the purposes of the Catholic faith and:

- The Diocese of Great Falls-Billings
- The Bishop of Great Falls-Billings and his offices, ministries, or initiatives
- A Diocesan Parish, School, Retreat, and/or Event

Your signature below is not required for your child/children to participate in events/activities/projects of the Diocese of Great Falls-Billings. Declining to sign may impact or restrict the nature of participation depending on event plans regarding photos, recording, and publication. Please contact the person responsible for planning the event for event details.

I understand that media representations of my child/children (e.g. still photos, videos, audio recordings) and/or projects created by my child/children may be published by St. Pius X related to the ministries, programs and initiatives of the parish.

Event/Program: My child/children will attend St. Pius X Faith Formation
Event Date: 2026-2027

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Signature

☐ **I decline photo permission**