

St. Pius X Parish

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Bulletin

July 30, 2017

Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time



June 28, 2017

Dear Friends at St. Pius X Church,

Receive our affections from Piura, Peru. It has already been a month after the floods that we live through the phenomenon "El Nino Costero" and the situation of many families is still complex. Many returned to their villages to rebuild their homes and save what little they had left. We lost human lives, farmland, livestock, goods and now we have only to rebuild, to maintain hope and to work with effort and sacrifice to lift ourselves to rise from this tragedy.

Now it is evident that we live the epidemic of the virus called Dengue, a product of the proliferation of the mosquito because of the rains and stagnant water. Medicine is scarce, and by now we have 3,000 infected Piurans per week. We have people who are dying with the Hemorrhagic Dengue and the hospitals cannot attend so many patients. The Ministry of Health also does not have all the resources to handle so many cases and this despairs the population. We still find families living in tents that demand to relocate to better lands. The Peruvian government is allocating money to start the reconstruction and this is going to take time.

In some schools in the city and in the country, school work has just begun, studying up to Saturdays to meet the total hours of classes requested by the government for primary and secondary students. Our community of the Sisters of Charity in Santa Rosa, Piura, deeply appreciate your economic contribution, your interest, your appreciation and your effort, and the testimony of communion you are expressing when bridging and connecting to transform the lives of many people and families.

It is a year of changes and new challenges. Humanitarian aid continues to come to Pulache. Soon we will be organizing and accompanying families.

Sisters Esterfillia and Deidy offer religion classes in secondary school. Sister Julia has started a service in a school to accompany families in mental health.

With your contribution, we are determining help for victims, either with family products, beds, mattresses, medical attention, construction, etc. It is time to focus on the people who have lost everything.

We pray continually for each of you, and the spirit of charity continues to drive the commitment to continue loving and serving. God bless you all. ~ SCL Sisters Julia, Laura, Esterfillia and Deidy of Santa Rosa, Piura, Peru

Peruvian Missions Update

On April 7, 2017 the United Nations and humanitarian partners in Peru launched an appeal for \$39.2 million to provide urgently needed aid to people affected by flooding in Peru. The funds were used to assist more than 400,000 people battling high waters and landslides from rains that began in early March. Humanitarian aid included shelter, water, sanitation and hygiene, and food.

After hearing of the flood, concerned parishioner, Richard King, spoke with the Sr. Eileen Haines, a Sister of Charity in Kansas. She is very familiar with the work of the SCL's in Peru. Richard, along with several other parishioners from St. Pius, known as the Peru Group, have traveled over the years to visit the SCL Missions. For over 30 years, our parish has tithed monthly to help support their ministry in Peru.

Sr. Eileen informed Richard that Sr. Clorinda, head of the SCL house in Piura had been in chest-deep water as she walked back to the house after visiting the Bishop in a distant city. Only one bridge remained across the Piura River and could be used for foot traffic only. Travel and commerce was significantly affected. Please see the recent letter at left.

Let us lift up in prayer each of the SCL Sisters and all people affected by the flooding in Peru.

Many thanks to Juanita McGregor for translating this letter so we can share it with you.



ST. PIUS X PARISH

Sign up for Children's Sacramental Preparation

Just a reminder that completion of the Sacraments of Initiation for children is a two-year process. Classes are held weekly during the school year and provide a child-friendly opportunity to grow in faith and community. We hope these classes will be a great resource to you as you share Christ's love with your child.

The first year usually coincides with first grade. Please note: The first year of Sacramental Preparation may be completed in **one** of two ways:

- Attendance in the Billings Catholic Schools
- Attendance in a Parish Children's Ministry class

The second year of classes will include sacramental preparation and reception of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and the completion of the Sacraments of Initiation: Confirmation and First Eucharist. This is only offered through the parish and **not** in the Catholic schools.

Registration forms for classes are now available on the tables in the Gathering Area, online through the Children's Ministry webpage, or at the parish office. Classes begin on September 26 or 27. The deadline to register is Friday, August 25. Any questions? Please contact Jessie at 281-8502 or email her at jr@stpiusxblgs.org.

Survey for 16-29-year olds Around the World

The Synod of Bishops will meet in 2018 and focus on youth. An online questionnaire is available for youth in the 16-29-year old age range. Collected data will help the Bishops better understand the lives, attitudes and concerns of surveyed individuals. Find the survey at <https://survey-synod2018.glauco.it/limesurvey/index.php/147718>. Change the language in the upper right to English. Thank you!



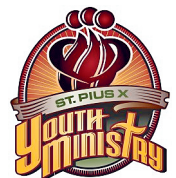
Pictured above: "There was a wedding during Mass on Sunday, July 9!" You may have heard this from fellow parishioners and you would have heard correctly! Fr. Wayne has shared with our community the New Rite for the Order of Marriage. It has many possibilities including to have the wedding in the midst of the Community Sunday Celebration. Thus, on that Sunday, St. Pius X shared in the Sacramental Vows of Derek Hoerner and Morgan Thayer. Morgan is planning to go through the RCIA program and become Catholic. She wanted to be part of the St. Pius community as she begins her journey in marriage. The couple were called forth after the homily by Fr. Wayne. The "regular" wedding vows were stated, rings were blessed and placed on each other's finger "as a sign of love and fidelity." Fr. Wayne voiced the familiar refrain: "We now invite you for the very first time to kiss as husband and wife," as the assembly welcomed them. Many in attendance were touched and impressed by the simple ceremony. The New Rite for the Order of Marriage has found its place in St. Pius!

Take a Hike with Youth Ministry!

A hiking trip is planned for all junior high and high school age youth for Monday, August 7 in Red Lodge. Email Amanda at amichael@stpiusxblgs.org by **August 4** to sign up and get details.

Other Events open to all junior high and high school age youth:

- July 31—Movie Monday, 6:00pm in the Youth Center
- August 1—Bagels & Bibles at Mazevo at 10:00am
- August 3—Worship Night at 8:00pm in the Youth Center
- August 19—Lake Elmo Day, \$10 fee includes Sailing & Lunch



Tumbleweed Appreciative of Donations

"On behalf of Tumbleweed, I would like to thank all of the St. Pius X family for your contributions to the recent toiletry drive. Your help is much appreciated by homeless teens and children who are removed from their homes, often in the middle of the night." by Diane Bertrand

In and Around Our Parish Community

Open House for New Catholic School on Monday!

Please join us on Monday, July 31, from 5:00pm-8:00pm, for an open house celebration of our brand new Saint Francis Catholic School! The evening will be a casual open house for parents, staff, potential new families, community members, Catholic parish members, and neighbors living near the new school. We are so excited to share this amazing space with you and with the Catholic community! School administrators and staff members will be on hand to answer any questions, and everyone is welcome. The address of the new school is 2202 Colton Blvd. Come any time between 5:00pm and 8:00pm and stay as long or as little as you would like. Light refreshments will be served. Please call 252-0997 with any questions or for more information. Thank you!

Twelve Step Program Aids the Divorced

St. Patrick Co-Cathedral will be offering a Twelve Step Program to aid divorced Catholics in their recovery from the challenging terrain of divorce. This program has been authorized and approved by Bishop Michael Warfel and by the Director of the Marriage Tribunal. This is a faith-based program open to all divorced Catholics as well as other denominations. All classes will be held on Thursday evening at St. Patrick's from August 17 to November 16. Class time is 6:30-8:30pm and the fee is \$20. Call B.J. Sletta to register or to find out more at 690-8016 or 656-2720.

Rummage Sale Benefits BCCHS Football Team Travel

What: Billings Central Catholic High School football rummage sale

When: August 19, from 8:00am – 2:00pm.

Where: Billings Central Catholic High School gym

Why: To raise money for travel costs for the football teams.

How to help: Please come buy something at the sale! Also, you may donate items to the sale. To do that, please call Rob Harsha, (406) 690-5578. This will be a large sale, as we have had multiple estates donate items such as jewelry, vintage clothing, furniture, baby items, sporting goods, and electronics.

St. Vincent dePaul Seeks Youth and Adults

Help is needed at the Thrift Store to sort and hang clothes and help in receiving donated items from the dock. High school youth as well as adult men and women are needed. Do you have two or more hours during the summer to help? Call Diann at 248-3307 or 696-1466.

Who We Are

Summer! And with this season comes lots of activities – job changes – special awards...Don't be shy! Share the good news with our parish community by posting the information on the "Who We Are" display found on a kiosk in the Gathering Area. This is a community-building project of the Parish Life Commission. You are welcome to put the news on one of the pre-printed cards

St. Pius X Parish

Who We Are!



(featured here). We'd like to hear the good news in your life. Remember, 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!

Calvary Cemetery News

Prices on plots and columbarium niches in Calvary Cemetery will increase on August 14. Please call Mike Persha, St. Pius X Calvary Cemetery Manager at 690-6689 with any questions.

Volunteer Opportunity

Senior Independence of Montana is seeking Hospice Volunteers to help enrich the quality of life for hospice patients and their families. Reach out by making phone calls, helping with letter writing, clerical duties, dog walking, sharing memories, respite care and more. Education and ongoing support for all volunteers. Call Angela at (406) 655-5825 for more information about these opportunities.

Holy Cross Cemetery News

My name is Angela Norris and I am the new Family Service Advisor at Holy Cross Cemetery. I will be in the office Monday-Friday from 8:00am-5:00pm or on Saturday by appointment. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to give me a call at (406) 839-8389.

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Does your marriage need a tune up? Or even a major overhaul? Sometimes a marriage can run along fine and then things change. Sometimes lines of communication break down and they need repair. Sometimes our focus moves away from our marriage and family and needs a little redirection. Sometimes a fair or average marriage is just not enough. Have you ever thought to yourself, "How can I make my marriage better?" If so, Retrouvaille can help. Retrouvaille is marriage program for couples whose marriage has become off course. It begins with a weekend program that can help get your relationship back on track. It is an effective program that has worked for thousands of couples and it can work for your marriage. For more information about an upcoming Retrouvaille Weekend program for couples, contact registration team: at 1-800-470-2230 or visit our website: www.retrouvailleMT.org or www.HelpOurMarriage.com.

St. Pius X Knights of Columbus Council 9976

Due to the generosity of our parishioners, our Knights of Columbus Council was able to donate a check for \$1,200 to LaVie to help them in their goal to purchase a new 3D Ultrasound machine. Cindy Nordstog from LaVie is pictured below receiving the check from Tom Kelly, Bob Holbrook and Chuck Legerski.

Family Promise host week is coming up August 6-13. Any Knights who can help with setup or take down in the Youth Center after the 9:00am Mass on either of those days would be appreciated.

Join us for Bingo on Friday, August 4 at 7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Bingo is open to the public, bring a friend!



Stewardship Report: July 23, 2017

Envelope Donation	\$16,302.50	Parishioner Envelopes & EFT	264
Loose Checks	\$5,495.00	Annual Parish Budget	\$1,237,278.00
Loose Cash	\$872.00	Contributions needed to-date	\$95,172.00
Electronic Fund Transfer	\$1,384.00	Contributions received to-date	\$80,818.00
Total Collection	\$24,053.50	Budget Income Shortfall	(\$14,354.00)
Weekly Average Needed	\$23,793		

Area Events

Sunday, August 6-11

- 3rd Annual Eucharistic Conference, 5:30pm-9:00pm, St. Anthony Church, Laurel. No registration needed. See schedule at www.saintanthonycatholicchurch.org.

August 6-8

- *Life with Passion* Parish Mission at St. Benedict Church in Roundup. Fr. Cedric Pisegna C.P. will present each evening at 7:00pm. Fr. Cedric hosts a weekly television program on the Trinity Broadcast Network. For more information or to attend, call (406) 323-1019.

Saturday, August 12

- Quality of Life Run to benefit the YWCA at 8:00am. Registration and information at QualityofLifeRun.com or call 530-1334.

Friday-Saturday, October 13-14

- Billings Catholic Radio, KJCR will host the Living Fatima Conference at both St. Thomas Church and the new St. Francis School at 2202 Colton Blvd. EWTN's Fr. Mitch Pacwa, S.J. will be keynote speaker and is joined by Barb Ernster, Communications Director of the World Apostolate of Fatima and editor of Sister Lucia's biography. Purchase tickets online at www.kjcradio.com.

CASA of Yellowstone County needs advocates. Call 259-1233 or visit www.YellowstoneCASA.org. Training in August.

This Week's Meetings on the Campus of St. Pius X

Monday, July 31

- Movie Monday, 6:00pm, Youth Center for all junior and high school age youth

Tuesday, August 1

- Mass, 8:30am, Day Chapel

Wednesday, August 2

- Mass, 8:30am, Day Chapel
- Parish Nurse available to parishioners from 9:30-11:00am at the Parish Center. Come in or call.
- Charismatic Prayer & Praise, 7:00pm, Day Chapel

Thursday, August 3

- Parish Life Commission, 8:00am, Parish Center # 3
- Mass, 8:30am, Day Chapel
- Christian Service Comm., 7:00pm, Parish Center # 3

Friday, August 4

- Mass, 8:30am, Day Chapel
- K. of C. Adult Public Bingo, 7:00pm, Fellowship Hall

Saturday, August 5

- Cum Christo Board, 8:30am, Parish Center # 3

Sat., Aug. 5 & Sun., Aug. 6 in the Gathering Area

- Pak-A-Kid for School and the School Supply Drive
- Food Collection Sunday for Family Service, Inc.
- Living Fatima Conference information

Sunday, August 6

- Set up for Family Promise Host Week, 10:00am, Youth Center
- Family Promise guest families arrive at 5:00pm and stay through the week until Sunday, August 13

Scripture Reflection continued.

the end, or eventually, God will turn this trouble or problem into something good." I have always believed that and have seen it lived out over and over in my life and in the lives of those around me. So, in this case, remember to discern that God is Love, and you are loved by God, and don't be engulfed by the emotion of the moment, whether that be disappointment or outright despair.

And the Gospel also is about discerning the true value of our spiritual reality. Jesus tells us to take notice of the spiritual pearls of wisdom and grace that are all around. Look for them, recognize them and value them. If we make them what we seek in life, we will lack for nothing.

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Scripture Reflection:

Seventeenth
Sunday
of Ordinary
Time

1 Kings 3:5, 7-12
Psalm 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130
Romans 8:28-30
Matthew 13:44-52

By Cindy Murphy McMahon

Today's readings are about discernment. How do we decide what to do when we have choices to make in our daily lives—at work, home and everywhere in-between? We need discernment. We need wisdom to look at our options and come up with the right decision, the decision that is most pleasing to God and most in line with God's purposes.

Solomon is renowned for asking God for the best gift, a gift God was very pleased to give him. Solomon could have asked for anything—God had basically given him a blank check. But he chose to ask for "an understanding heart, to judge your (God's) people and to distinguish right from wrong."

God replies to Solomon, "Because you have asked for this—not for a long life for yourself, nor for riches, nor for the life of your enemies...I do as you requested. I give you a heart so wise and understanding..."

This passage reminds me of 1 John 5:14, "And we have this confidence in him, that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us." While I certainly believe that God gives us many good gifts that we don't even ask for, the thought of taking other Bible quotes at face value that state that God will give us anything we ask for has never set well with me. But I do believe, like Solomon's request and this passage from 1 John, if we ask for something that is perfectly in tune with God's will, we will definitely receive it. How do we discern this Holy Will? The closer we draw to God, the more we will know God's heart and be inclined to ask for the kinds of things Solomon asked for.

The second reading, from Paul to the Romans, contains one of my favorite Bible passages: "Brothers and sisters: We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose." When our children were young, we memorized some Bible quotes as a family and this was one of them, although we used a different translation. I can still remember the quote we used to recite with the kids, "For those who love God, God works all things together for good."

What does this have to do with discernment? This does not so much concern decision-making, but rather discernment about what is going on in your life. It always gave me, and I hope my kids, great comfort, because it is saying, "Don't worry or get agitated when things don't seem to be going well. Just trust that in

Mass Intentions & Readings

Monday, July 31, St. Ignatius of Loyola
Exodus 32:15-24, 30-34, Psalm 106:19-23,
Matthew 13:31-35

Tuesday, August 1, St. Alphonsus Ligouri
Exodus 33:7-11; 34:5-9, 28, Psalm 103:6-13,
Matthew 13:36-43

8:30am Mass: † **Frank & Elinor Misialek**

Wednesday, August 2, St. Eusebius of Vercelli;
St. Peter Julian Eymard
Exodus 34:29-35, Psalm 99:5-7, 9, Matthew 13:44-46

8:30am Mass: **Int. of Christopher Hendersen & Dawnette Osen**

Thursday, August 3
Exodus 40:16-21, 34-38, Psalm 84:3-6, 8, 11,
Matthew 13:47-53

8:30am Mass: † **Vic Frank**

Friday, August 4, St. John Vianney
Leviticus 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34-37, Psalm 81:3-6,
10-11, Matthew 13:54-58

8:30am Mass: † **Elizabeth K. Stricker**

Saturday, August 5, Dedication of the Basilica of
St. Mary Major
Leviticus 25:1, 8-17, Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 7-8,
Matthew 14:1-12

5:00pm Mass: † **George Friesen**

Sunday, August 6 **Transfiguration of the Lord**
Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14, Psalm 97:1-2, 5-6, 9,
2 Peter 1:16-19, Matthew 17:1-9

9:00am Mass: **Int. of St. Pius X Parishioners**

11:00am Mass: **Int. of Caleb Knudsen**

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for the lives of
Ann Canape and
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Please keep their
families in your
prayers.



Ministry Schedule: August 5-6, 2017

Saturday, 5:00 PM

Greeter: Joyce Stoppel, Nancy Wandler

Usher: Roxanne Kuntz, Doug Modrow, Al Reynaud

Lector: Jon Stepanek-1, Karen Melius-2

Sacristan: Tim Morgan

Altar Minister: Richard King, Bea Reynaud

Eucharistic Minister: Gene & Ann Heinz, Ben

Henneberry, Deacon Tom Landry, Connie Marman,

Deacon Mel Melius, Leslie Modrow, David Plourde,

Carol Schaff, Denise Smith, Bonnie Wutzke

Nursery: Jennie Typanski

Sunday, 9:00 AM

Greeter: Donna Berkner, Sandra Chinberg

Usher: Mark Astle, Dan Sloan, Richard Wood

Lector: Bill O'Connor-1, Rodney Hart-2

Sacristan: Jeanne Astle

Altar Minister: Debbie Charles, Vicki Langlinais

Eucharistic Minister: Evelyn Hall, Ardyce Kelly,

Jan Kirk, Steve & Kim Komar, Deacon Tom Landry,

Anne Nichols, Sharon Scharosch, Rae Scheeler, Lani

Wallace, Lorraine Walter

Nursery: Abbey Volf

Sunday, 11:00 AM

Greeter: Joe Larimer, Marge Larimer

Usher: Roland Barnes, Thad McGrail, Michael Riedel

Lector: Brian Taylor-1, Don Judice-2

Sacristan: Gail Mack

Altar Minister: Lynn DeMeyer, Irene Matzen

Eucharistic Minister: Craig & Sheila Barthel, Evan

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Mass Schedules

Weekend

Saturday at 5:00 PM

Sundays at 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM

Weekdays

Tuesday—Friday

Mass at 8:30 AM—Day Chapel

Rosary - 8:00 AM, before daily Mass

Sacraments

Reconciliation: Sat. 3:30-4:30 PM

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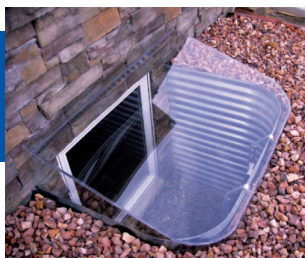


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