St. Pius X Parish

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April 16, 2023

Second Sunday of Easter

Sights of the Easter Vigil

On this most holy night, Lyel and Alyssa were fully initiated into the Catholic Church through the sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist. They are pictured below with their sponsors. Alleluia, Christ is Risen!



You Belong Here!

Welcome! Thank you for choosing to worship with us today. We hope you will find warmth and hospitality here. St. Pius X is a vibrant parish with many ways to be engaged. If you would like more information on registration, activities, or ministries that are offered for people of all ages, please contact the parish office at 406.656.2522. You may also visit our website at stpiusxblgs.org, find us on Facebook at 'St. Pius X,' or on Instagram @stpiusx blgs.

Are you Hospitalized?

If you or someone in your family is hospitalized, please notify the Pastoral Care Office of either hospital and they will ensure Eucharist is brought to the room. Then, upon return home, please contact the parish office at 406.656.2522. We can put you or your loved one on our prayer chain; and, we have prayer shawls available as well. Homebound ministry is available to bring Eucharist until you or your loved one is ready to return to Mass in person. God bless you all.

Graduating Seniors!

Please mark
Sunday, May 7 for
our Baccalaureate Mass at 11:00am
followed by a reception for you, your
family and friends, and our parish
community. Invitations have been
sent. If you have not received one,
please call the parish office at
406.656.2522 so we can correct our
records. We go by birthdates, so we
may either a) not have a birth date
associated with your name or b) we
may have the wrong date. We want
to honor ALL of our graduating seniors on May 7th!

Saints Softball Team!

Softball players wanted to play on the St. Pius X Saints Softball Team! The season begins May 8 and runs through June 26 on Monday evenings. For more information or to sign up to play, please contact Alex at 406.794.1322.



You are invited to
Fr. Martin
Ezeihuaku's
Installation as
Pastor of St. Pius X
by Bishop Michael
Warfel on April 23
at the 11:00am
Mass. Reception to
follow in the
Fellowship Hall.
Come and let us
welcome Fr. Martin!

All Ladies: Spring Fling!

The Council of Catholic Women is hosting their Spring Fling on Monday, April 17 at 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Join them for a salad and bread (roll) pot luck! Dessert will be provided. The entertainment for the evening will be the Golden Dancers. Bring a friend to enjoy a fun filled evening. Not a member of CCW? Please join us anyway!

Pray for Vocations and Religious Life

Join Deacon Tom Landry for an hour of Adoration in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament every third Wednesday of the month in the St. Pius X Day Chapel. Beginning at 7:00pm, the intention will be to pray for a call to vocations and religious life. Please join us in prayer on April 19.

Children's Ministry

Thank you for another wonderful year of growing in faith and love of Christ. Our classes concluded on April 12. A big thank you to all of our catechists: Mary Beth Brotzel (1st year sacramental prep.), Bonnie Boelman (4th/5th grade), Kathy Boileau (4th/5th grade), Ashley Buller (1st year sacramental prep.), Samantha Childree (2nd year sacramental prep.), Andrea Gizicki (preK/Kn), Carolyn Gransberg (2nd year sacramental prep.), Jennifer Mack (4th/5th grade), Rebekah McKenzie (preK/Kn), Marybeth Moses (2nd year sacramental prep.), Reneé O'Dea (1st year sacramental prep.), Jeannie Reed (3nd grade), Jessie Rohrer (2nd year sacramental prep.), Amber Tabbert (2nd year sacramental prep.), Amy Unruh (4th/5th grade), Stacy Wegner (preK/Kn), Lacey Weidman (3nd grade), and Julie Wilson (2nd year sacramental prep.). A thank you as well to our session monitors: Susan Frew and Anne Claus. God bless all our faithful servants!

Second Year Sacramental Families: Don't forget about our mandatory rehearsal on Wednesday, April 26 at 6:30pm in the church. Your candidate will need to attend with a parent and/or sponsor. See you then!

Meet the Staff

Jan Kirk -Accounting, Bookkeeping

Time at St. Pius X? 63 years, I started attending the second half of 7th grade. I've worked at the parish for 6 years.

Primary Responsibilities? I work part time paying bills, preparing payroll, and helping with bookkeeping.



Favorite part of your job? Working with the staff and being in the parish office.

Hobbies? Traveling.

What is an unexpected blessing of working at St. Pius? Getting to know the staff. I feel they have all become my family.

What is the scariest invitation God has extended to you and how did you respond? Karyn asked me to be on the RCIA team. After several requests I said yes. I am still on the team and it is the best YES I have ever said.

DéCÖLÖRÉS!

Fellow 4th Dayers: We are filled with anticipation for the upcoming Cum Christo weekends at Billings Central High School. Stay close to our Lord in the months ahead and be His hands and feet as you reach out to share the amazing gift that you received on your Cum Christo weekend. Christ is Counting on You! The Men's Weekend will be June 8-11 and the Women's Weekend will be June 15-18. Make a friend, be a friend, and bring that friend to Jesus. For more information contact: Lucy Melugin at 406.208.2340 or email *lucile53@gmail.com*. Deadline to apply is May 9. Applications available online at: bigskycumchristo.org/billings-laurel.





Catholic Content on Demand... "Into His Likeness," interested? Go to <u>formed.org</u>, select "Sign Up As A Parishioner," find *St. Pius X* by parish name, address, or zip code and enter your email address. Now you are connected! And it's free!

Below: Bob Holbrook and Phil Zeeck delivered a check in the amount of \$1,500 for the Fr. Steve Tokarski Education Fund. Jessie Rohrer accepted this generous gift provided by the Knights of Columbus Council 9976 of St. Pius X.

Fr. Tokarski Memorial Scholarship Approaches Closing Date

This scholarship is available to children who want to attend St. Francis Catholic School between Kindergarten through grade 8 for the upcoming school year. Scholarship applicants must be registered parishioners of St. Pius X, registered through the Billings Catholic School System and plan to attend St. Francis Catholic School for the 2023-2024 school year. Applications are available at stpiusxblgs.org. The deadline is 4:30pm on Friday, April 21, 2023. Direct questions to Karyn Haider at khaider@stpiusxblgs.org.



In and Around Our Parish Community

Young Adults Sip n Paint Event

Join other young adults for our first Sip n Paint at the Columbia Club on Monday, April 24. Social hour and pizza from 5:00-6:00pm. Painting at 6:00pm. The first drink is free! You do not need to be 21 to attend. Please register no later than April 17 on the website billingscya.com. For questions, contact Sabrina at 406.694.3180. See you there!

Grow in Spirituality through Creighton Online Ministries

Begin the Easter season by boosting your spirituality through audio retreats, especially with Larry Gillick, SJ and Daniel Hendrickson, SJ. Or, reflect on the daily and Sunday readings at Mass and the rich Easter season. The following link provides a wealth of spiritual resources: onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/online.html. Take a few minutes each day to check out these resources! Grow in your relationship with Jesus this during this joyful Easter season!

Virtual Suicide Prevention Workshop

On Thursday, April 20, Question, Persuade, Refer (QPR) Suicide Prevention Training is offered online and for free from 11:30am-1:00pm. Register at this link bit.ly/QPR registration or call Alicia Kuhlman, 406.540.4120 or email gmail.com. This training is a three-step process used to intervene in a mental health emergency. Just like CPR, this 90-minute course equips attendees with the skills to respond to a crisis and get the person referred to help.

St. Pius X Knights of Columbus Council 9976

Brother Knights, our General Meeting is Thursday, April 20 at 7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Our new fiscal year is almost upon us and we will need to nominate officers for the upcoming year which begins on July 1. Please let your voice be heard and join us at this meeting. Arrive by 6:30pm and you can also join us as we pray the Rosary in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

Our annual K. of C. State Convention will be held April 21-23 in Lewistown. Please keep our delegates in your prayers.

Bingo takes place on Friday, April 21. We are still looking for volunteers to join a Bingo Team. Could you volunteer one Friday night a month to become a part of this most important fund raising project? Contact Ron Bough at: 406.894.0792.

Stewardship Report for April 2, 2023

Grand Total of Collection \$26,942.00
Weekly Average Needed \$21,346.00
Annual Parish Budget \$1,100,000.00
Contributions needed to date \$853,840.00
Contributions received to date \$845,327.07
Budget Income Shortfall (\$8,512.93)

Stewardship Report for April 8, 2023

Grand Total of Collection \$30,262.00
Weekly Average Needed \$21,346.00
Annual Parish Budget \$1,100,000.00
Contributions needed to date \$875,186.00
Contributions received to date \$875,589.07
Budget Income Overage \$403,07

Thank you!

Area Events

April 17-22

 Central Christian Church's Spring Book Sale, Monday-Saturday. The Northwest's largest book sale! Location is 1221 16th Street West. Paperback books 50 cents, hardcover a dollar. If you have CDs, DVDs, jigsaw puzzles or old vinyl records you may donate to the sale. They collect year around. If questions, call 406.252.1828.

Thursday, April 20

Join LaVie for a family-friendly FUNdraiser with special guest 321 Improv at 6:30pm at Faith Chapel. Call 406.652.4868 for tickets. 321 Improv creates a unique, interactive comedy experience unlike any you've been part of before. Support LaVie's mission of Offering Hope. Empowering Women.

April 21-23

 Marriage Encounter in Elk Mountain, WY. To register go to their website: wwme.org or call 307.298.0617. Or contact Tom and Mary Frances Burke at tommfburke@gmail.com

St. Thomas Camp for Youth

The following is the 2023 schedule for St. Thomas Camp in Monarch, Montana.

June 18-23: High School Week # 1 June 25-30: High School Week # 2 July 9-14: 5th and 6th grade boys July 16-21: Middle School Week #

July 23-28: 5th and 6th grade girls July 30-August 4: Middle School Week # 2

Visit the diocesan website at diocesegfb.org for more information on summer camp.



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

Sunday, April 16 at church

- Adult Faith Formation discussing the Holy Moments book, 9:45am, Fellowship Hall
- Anointing Mass, 11:00am
- Liturgy of the Word with children, 11:00am

Monday, April 17

- NO daily Mass
- Catholic Daughters, 11:00am, Parish Center # 3
- Spring Fling Pot Luck sponsored by CCW, 6:00pm, Fellowship Hall
- St. Pius X Conference of St. Vincent dePaul, 7:00pm, Parish Center # 3

Tuesday, April 18

- Mass, 8:30am (Live-streamed)
- WoW prayer group, 1:00pm, Parish Center # 3
- Parish Choir, 6:30pm, Sanctuary
- Middle and High School Youth Ministry off campus

Wednesday, April 19

- Mass, 8:30am (Live-streamed)
- Sandwich Ministry, 9:00am, Fellowship Hall
- Cemetery Board, 1:00pm, Parish Center # 3
- Children of Joy and Gladness (charismatic prayer),
 3:00pm, Day Chapel
- Youth Choir, 3:30pm, Sanctuary
- Young Proclaimers, 3:30pm, Music room
- Worship Commission, 6:30pm, Parish Center # 3
- Emmaus Singers, 6:30pm, Sanctuary
- Adoration for vocations to the priesthood and religious life hosted by Deacon Tom Landry, 7:00pm, Day Chapel

Thursday, April 20

- Mass, 8:30am (Live-streamed)
- SEEL Prayer group, 9:15am, Parish Center # 1
- K. of C. Council, 7:00pm, Fellowship Hall. Rosary at 6:30pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Friday, April 21

- Mass, 8:30am (Live-streamed)
- SEEL Challenge group, 10:00am, Parish Center # 1
- K. of C. Adult Public Bingo, 7:00pm, Fellowship Hall

Sunday, April 23 at church

- Installation of Fr. Martin Ezeihuaku as the Pastor of our church at the 11:00am Mass. Reception to follow in the Fellowship Hall
- Liturgy of the Word with Children, 11:00am Mass

Scripture Reflection: Second Sunday

of Easter

Acts 2:42-47 Ps. 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 1 Peter 1:3-9 John 20:19-31

A young, engaged couple sat on the couch in front of me as we chatted about their upcoming marriage. The young lady was struggling to trust her future husband. She told me her father had been unfaithful to her mother. She said of her fiancé, "I want him to prove to me that he won't cheat on me." The young man looked at me helplessly, raised his eyebrows and shrugged his shoulders. What evidence could he possibly give to validate such a proof? Nothing. All he could do was invite her to trust him.

We all are wounded by experiences of imperfect love. We also are tempted to demand from God proof of His fidelity and goodness. We are like St. Thomas the Apostle who, on that second Sunday of Easter, demands proof of the Lord's resurrection. "Unless I see the mark of the nail ... I will not believe." Our science, technology and mathematics can indeed prove a great deal. But there are some things that require trusting another person. We prove promises of love only by trusting.

St. Thomas indeed saw the wounds of Jesus and believed. But there is an even greater blessing for us who simply trust Him — and all the truths the Church proclaims — because of the trustworthiness of the Risen One who speaks. This week let's trust Jesus without seeing him. ~ Father John Muir ©LPi



Eucharistic Revival 2023! Join Dr. Scott Hahn, Archbishop Alexander Sample and musical guest Jaime Thietten on May 5 and 6 at Billings Central Catholic High School as we gather to cultivate Eucharistic amazement! Sponsored by the Diocese of Great Falls-Billings, we'll unite to help restore understanding and devotion to the great mystery of The Most Holy Eucharist. As we deeply reflect on the source and summit of our faith, this promises to be a weekend to remember! Visit diocesegfb.org/revival to learn more.

Flocknote Connects Us!

Please use this QR code to receive communications from our church twice a month. View parish news, sign ups, polls and program offerings, plus more!



Mass Intentions & Readings

Monday, April 17

Acts 4:23-31, Psalm 2:1-9, John 3:1-8

Tuesday, April 18

Acts 4:32-37, Psalm 93:1-2, 5, John 3:7-15

8:30am Mass: † Lorna Casey

Wednesday, April 19

Acts 5:7-26, Psalm 34:2-9, John 3:16-21

8:30am Mass: † Elmer Vorisek

Thursday, April 20

Acts 5:27-33, Psalm 34:2, 9, 17-20, John 3:31-36

8:30am Mass: † Gerald Blonien

Friday, April 21, St.Anselm

Acts 5:34-42, Psalm 27:1, 4, 13-14, John 6:1-15

8:30am Mass: † Janice Smith

Saturday, April 22

Acts 6:1-7, Psalm 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19, John 6:16-21

8:30pm Mass: Int. of St. Pius X Parishioners

Sunday, April 23 Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14, 22-33, Psalm 16:1-2, 5, 7-11, 1 Peter 1:17-

21, Luke 24:13-35

8:30am Mass: † Jeanne Vorisek 11:00am Mass: Int. of Jan Bridger

Make a Plan for the Road Ahead

Everyone is invited to a free presentation and discussion on Advance healthcare directives on Monday, April 17 at 1:30pm at the Billings Public Library Community Room. Montana forms and a notary will be available. Light refreshments will be served. Sponsored by RiverStoneHealth. For questions call 406.651.6500.



Ministry Schedule: April 22-23, 2023

Saturday, 5:00pm Mass

Greeter: Jeanne Moller, Bonnie Wutzke

Usher: Bob Riesinger, Kevin Walter, Nancy Wandler,

Need 1

Lector: Mark Sevier-1, Carol Wilkinson-2

Sacristan: Germaine Riesinger

Altar Minister: Need 1

Eucharistic Minister: Heather Kaiser, Richard King,

Gary & Connie Marman

Cross: Skyler Sanchez, Server: Jennilyn Wilson

Nursery: Kylie Schott

Sunday, 8:30am Mass Greeter: Jan Kirk, Brooke LaRoche

Usher: Steve Komar, Greg Luck, Andy Mikes, Rich-

ard Wood

Lector: Emmett Hauck-1, Tyler Hauck-2

Sacristan: Don Judice Altar Minister: Kim Komar

Eucharistic Minister: Rose Duchesneau, Clarinda

Kremer, Tanja Sloan, Mary Taylor

Cross: Laila Bakkedahl, Server: Keely Bakkedahl

Nursery: Teresa Wehr

Sunday, 11:00am Mass

Greeter: Mike, Kathy, Molly Boileau

Usher: Markus Hulquist, Joe Larimer, David Mork,

Michael Riedel

Lector: Tricia Hansen-1, Patsy Guenthner-2

Sacristan: Janice Krueger **Altar Minister:** Sandi McGovern

Eucharistic Minister: Lynn DeMeyer, Ross Marquis,

Denise Smith, Magdalen Wojtowicz Cross: Casey Rah, Server: Lizzie Rah

Nursery: Judy Lampi

Billings Golden K Kiwanis Annual Pancake Breakfast

Enjoy this delicious breakfast on Saturday, April 29 at the Masonic Center located at 11th and Broadwater. Served from 8:00-11:00am, delight your taste buds with sourdough pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, coffee and juice. An adult meal is \$8.00 and kids age 12 and under eat for \$4.00 per meal. Proceeds used for Kiwanis-sponsored youth activities in the Billings area. Buy tickets at the door or from a Kiwanis member.

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Bulletin notices are due by 4:30pm on Monday. Please email submissions to bulletin@stpiusxblgs.org.

Mass Schedules

Weekend

Saturday at 5:00 PM Sunday at 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

Weekdays Tuesday—Friday

Mass at 8:30 AM—Sanctuary

Rosary - 8:00 AM, before daily Mass

LIVE-Stream

Sunday, 11:00 AM and Daily Masses at 8:30 AM on our website at www.stpiusxblgs.org. Click Live-Stream on the homepage.

Sacraments

Reconciliation: Sat. 3:30-4:30 PM Baptism: Call us for details Marriage: Six-month preparation

required

Anointing of the Sick: Please call to arrange for an individual anointing.

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