St. Pius X Parish

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April 17, 2022

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad! Alleluia! Alleluia!





Together, Let's Grow as Disciples!

Welcome! If you are from out of town and are joining us for worship or are new to our parish, we hope that you will find warmth and hospitality here! St. Pius X is a vibrant parish with many ways to be engaged. Thank you for choosing to worship with us today! If you would like more information on registration or 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 www.stpiusxblgs.org or find us on Facebook at 'St. Pius X.'

We Give Thanks

We give thanks to all those at our liturgies who preside at our prayer, welcome God's people, proclaim God's Word, lead and inspire us in song, serve the altar as acolytes, prepare our liturgies and worship space, live-stream our Masses and minister the Holy Eucharist to us. We are thankful for all who pray and celebrate with us this day!

Ladies: High Tea is Back!

Court St. Cecelia's Catholic Daughters is hosting their annual High Tea at St. Pius X, in the Fellowship hall on Tuesday, April 19 starting at 12:00pm. This is your chance to show off your Easter dresses (remember that), hat and gloves. This is always a fun gathering! The Catholic Daughters welcome all guests to join them!

Let's Call Each Other By Name!

This Easter season is a great time to welcome one another by name and since we all can use some help in remembering names, we once again share "Name Tag Weekend!" Introduced in January of 2020, we brought it back last fall during Advent. This is a wonderful way to meet one another and to journey together in dynamic discipleship as we get to know one another's names as we gather to celebrate the Eucharist.

As you enter the church's Gathering Area next weekend, prior to each Mass, you will find name tags and pens on card tables. We ask that you write your name on a tag and put it on so that during





Congratulations Newly Initiated! Encounter Jesus Like Never Before!

This Easter season, please keep the following people in your prayers as they experience a time of Mystagogia after being fully initiated into our Catholic faith through the initiation sacraments. They participated in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) and the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults adapted for children. Let us welcome them to our parish community: Darrah, Link, Jake, Emily, Jonah, Kris, Gradey, Collin, Grace, Jordyn and Jaxon.

Graduating Seniors!

Invitations for our Baccalaureate Mass at St. Pius X at 11:00am on Sunday, May 15 have been mailed. Be sure to join the reception after in the Fellowship Hall!

Please mail your reply card back to the parish office by May 2. If you did not receive one, please call the parish office at (406) 656-2522 so we can correct our records. We go by birthdates and/or

class year, so we may either have a birth date or class year incorrectly associated with your name. We want to honor ALL of our graduating seniors from all schools at Baccalaureate on May 15!

St. Michael's Circle Welcomes Parish Women

St. Michael's Circle will meet in the parish center on Friday, April 22 at 12:00pm. Hope to see you there! Guests are always welcome and we love new members!

Children's Ministry...Our last class will be April 24 and 27. Second-year sacramental preparation families: see you at the mandatory rehearsal of the sacramental celebration on Wednesday, May 4 at 6:30pm in the Sanctuary.

Easter Flower Memorials

Thank you for donating to the Easter flower fund in memory of a deceased loved one. Our church looks beautiful! Remembering all those we honor connects us as a community, supporting one another in joy and sorrow. Please see the names listed below of the loved ones being honored.

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Play Ball for St. Pius X!

The St. Pius X Softball Team, *The Saints*, is looking for players! The season starts May 16 and runs on Monday nights through June 27 with a tournament on July 5-7. Interested players, please contact Alex at (406) 794-1322. We would like to have enough players for two teams and we are nearly there! Come join the fun!

Fr. Steve Tokarski Memorial Scholarship Approaches Application Closing Date

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 2022-2023 school year. High school students are not eligible for this scholarship. Applications are available at the parish office or on our website at www.stpiusxblgs.org/fr-steve-tokarski/. The application deadline is 4:30pm on Friday, April 22, 2022. Direct any questions to Karyn Haider at khaider@stpiusxblgs.org.

Everyday Stewardship:

Recognize God in your Ordinary Moments

Leave It in the Tomb

Today, on the most important day of the liturgical year, the Apostle Paul is calling us out.

"I see you hiding in that tomb," he says. "I see you baking with that old, stale yeast, thinking no one will notice."

He says it a little more elegantly, I'll grant you. But the message is this: If you want to be raised with Christ, you'd better be ready to step out of the shadows. Seek what is above — not what is on earth.

I can feel myself responding almost reflexively, "Great idea, Paul — but I'm pretty comfy here." Because sometimes, it's just easier to stay in the tomb. It's easier to crouch in the shadows and look outward at everyone else, thinking of the changes they could make or the sins they could overcome.

Today we are called to embrace newness. New hearts, new lives, new futures, new chances. If there's anything keeping you from that, you need to leave it in the tomb. It's a little scary, sure — maybe Jesus thought so before he stepped into the light of that first Easter morning. But no loaf of bread worth eating was ever baked using stale yeast that wouldn't rise. No new life worth having was ever lived through the broken sins of vesterday. No Easter morning ever dawned without the tomb sitting empty.

Step into the light. He is waiting for you.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

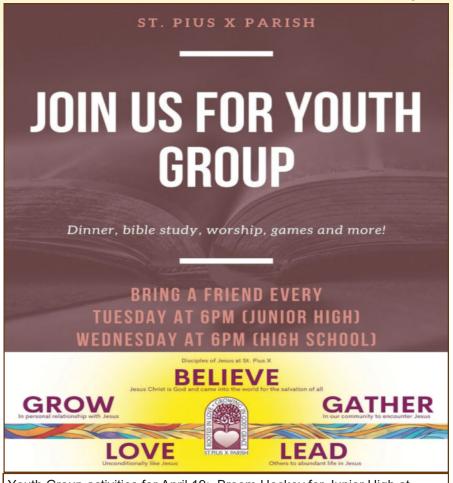
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QR Code for Vacation Bible School.

Climb aboard for the best week of the summer! Registration is now open for Rocky Railway Vacation Bible School which will take place June 12-16! **At Rocky Railway VBS**, kids discover Jesus' power can pull them through life's ups and downs. Kids will meet new friends, try amazing experiments, play creative games, and enjoy super fun snacks! For all the details, check out the website at: https://vbspro.events/p/stpiusx22 and register as a volunteer or participant by June 1. We can't wait to see you there!

In and Around Our Parish Community



Youth Group activities for April 19: Broom Hockey for Junior High at 7:00pm this week only.

Youth Group activities for April 20: Broom Hockey for High School, 7:00pm this week only.

Contact Jess Sipes for details at jsipes@stpiusxblgs.org

St. Pius X Knights of Columbus Council 9976

Our recent parish blood drive exceeded our goal! The goal Vitalant set for us was 28 donors and 31 units of blood. Because of our amazing parish community, we ended with 31 donors and 32 units of blood collected. Thank you to everyone who stepped up to save a life through a donation of precious, life-giving blood!

Stewardship Report for

April 3, 2022

Collections Needed to Date: \$830,800.00
Collections Received: \$830,581.68
Budget Shortage (\$218.32)
Registered Parish Families 1,745

Please note: On average we have only 351 contributing parish families.

Area Events

Saturday, April 23

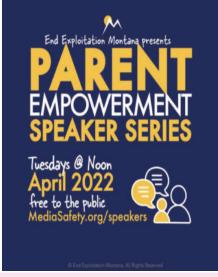
 Billings Vicariate Council of Catholic Women Annual Spring Conference from 8:30am-1:30pm at St. Bernard Catholic Church. Cost is \$10 per person and includes lunch.

Saturday, April 30

P.E.A.K.S. Style Show &
 Dessert, "Run for the Roses"
 Event begins at 1:00pm, doors
 open at 12:15pm at St. Bernard
 Church, 226 Wicks Lane. Tick ets are \$25 reserved seating
 only. For tickets call Rose at
 (406) 697-1098 or Nedra at
 (406) 252-8884. Proceeds
 help cancer patients in treatment.

Thursday, May 5

 National Day of Prayer from 12:00pm-1:00pm on the Courthouse lawn. Afternoon event from 1:00-5:00pm at Billings House of Prayer, 2700 2nd Ave. N. Evening event from 7:00-8:30pm at Parkhill Assembly of God, 17th and Parkhill. If you have questions or would like to help facilitate the National Day of Prayer, please contact Penny Hudson at (406) 545-9057.



The Stewardship Report for April 10, 2022 was unavailable at time of print.

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

Sunday, April 17 Resurrection of the Lord

- Easter Sunday Mass, 8:30am
- Easter Sunday Mass, 11:00am (Live-streamed)

Monday, April 18

- NO Mass
- Parish office closed

Tuesday, April 19

- Mass, 8:30am (Live-streamed)
- Catholic Daughters High Tea, noon, Fellowship Hall
- Book Study, 1:00pm, Parish Center # 3
- Finance Council, 4:30pm, Parish Center # 3
- Junior High Youth Ministry, 6:00pm, Youth Center

Wednesday, April 20

- Mass, 8:30am (Live-streamed)
- Sandwich Ministry, 9:00am, Fellowship Hall
- NO Children's Ministry classes
- Junior High Ensemble, 4:30pm, Sanctuary
- High School Youth Ministry, 6:00pm, Youth Center
- Emmaus Singers, 6:30pm, Sanctuary
- Pastoral Council, 7:00pm, Parish Center # 3

Thursday, April 21

Mass, 8:30am (Live-streamed)

Friday, April 22

- Mass, 8:30am (Live-streamed)
- St. Michael's Circle, noon, Parish Center # 3

Sat., April 23 & Sun. April 24 at church

- Name Tag Weekend at all Masses
- Sunday: Bag Building for SVdP sack lunches,
 9:30am, Fellowship Hall
- Sunday: Children's Ministry classes
- Sunday: RCIA, 9:45am, Parish Center # 3

Liturgy of the Word with Children

April 24 at 11:00am

Don't forget to purchase your Raffle Tickets!



Scripture Reflection:

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Acts 10:34, 37-43 Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 Colossians 3:1-4 John 20:1-9

There are many stones in our paths that keep us from truly living and being free. Some of these boulders have been there for a very long time. They have been there so long that they have even settled into the soil of our lives with other weeds, vines, and compacted soil keeping them firmly in place. We find them hard to move and trying to do so can be exhausting. What are these suffocating albatrosses that keep us so tethered and immobile? They are many things.

They are past childhood wounds and hurts that stem from disappointment, rejection, or abuse. People may have told us we were unwanted, that the world is frightening, that there are only some acceptable feelings you can have and others you cannot. We may have tried to love someone or struggled to figure out how and were met with rejection. Maybe we trusted someone completely and were betrayed. We come to life collecting barnacles that begin to attach to other barnacles and before you know it, we have a mass of solid matter blocking our vision and keeping us from moving. We live in fear. We are afraid of losing what we have, afraid that the future will be empty, afraid that we won't succeed and even more afraid that we will not be loved. There is so much fear. Didn't Jesus tell us not to worry and to not be afraid? Either we believe in the message of Easter, or we don't!

Go confidently into the night. Walking with God you will find the light and strength you need. Often without even knowing, God will move those boulders and stumbling blocks that bind us and, with putting one foot in front of the other and looking forward, we will move. The resurrection of Christ is really all about receiving the gifts of trust and faith and doing new things. The rocks that bind us keep us spinning the same wheels and doing the same things. When was the last time you threw caution to the wind and actually did something totally out of character and different? This is where we find God, in the spontaneous, the adventurous, the fun, and the creative choices we make! God is not boring and stuck. God is exciting and engaging. Jesus Christ is risen from the dead! Find a way to trust that this is true and live. **©LPi**

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Mass Intentions & Readings

Monday, April 18

Acts 2:14, 22-23, Ps. 16:1-2, 5, 7-11, Matthew 28:8-15

Tuesday, April 19

Acts 2:36-41, Psalm 33:4-5, 18-20, 22, John 20:11-18

8:30am Mass: † Clemma Stone

Wednesday, April 20

Acts 3:1-10, Psalm 105:1-4, 6-9, Luke 24:13-35

8:30am Mass: † Audrey Hines

Thursday, April 21

Acts 3:11-26, Psalm 8:2, 5-9, Luke 24:35-48

8:30am Mass: † David Larimer

Friday, April 22

Acts 4:1-12, Psalm 118:1-2, 4, 22-27, John 21:1-14

8:30am Mass: Int. of Fr. John Houlihan

Saturday, April 23

Acts 4:13-21, Psalm 118:1, 14-21, Mark 16:9-15

5:00pm Mass: Int. of Bitsy Merchant

Sunday, April 24 Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 5;12-16, Psalm 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24, Revelation

1:9-11, 12-13, 17-19, John 20:19-31

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

11:00am Mass: † Amelia Schmalz

Scholarship for Graduating Girl

The five vicariates of the Great Falls-Billings Diocesan Council of Catholic Women are awarding one \$500 scholarship to a high school graduating girl. Applications are available by contacting St. Pius X parish office or by contacting Toni Ziegler at (406) 654-1187. Last day to apply is May 15, 2022.

Ministry Schedule: April 23-24

Saturday, 5:00pm Mass

Greeter: Jackie Fears, Arlene Forney

Usher: Dan Dooley, Bruce McMorris, Dan Miller, Bob

Riesinger

Lector: Dar Aldrich-1, Jim Aldrich-2

Sacristan: Denise Smith Altar Minister: Richard King

Eucharistic Minister: Gary & Connie Marman, Tricia

McMorris, Jeanne Moller

Cross: Halle Anderson, Server: Cyann Crabtree

Nursery: Malaree Wiltgen

Sunday, 8:30am Mass

Greeter: Donna Berkner, Lani Wallace

Usher: Chuck Legerski, Greg Luck, Tim Morgan,

Doug Slotsve

Lector: Bob Keene-1, Tanja Sloan-2

Sacristan: Clarinda Kremer Altar Minister: Don Judice

Eucharistic Minister: Ashley Buller, Steve & Kim

Komar, Mary Taylor

Cross: Olivia Buller, Server: Marilyn McKenzie

Nursery: Pamela Pruitt

Sunday, 11:00am Mass (Live-streamed)

Greeter: Ann Frazer, Marge Larimer

Usher: Joe Larimer, David Mork, Michael Riedel,

Penny Sipes

Lector: Emmett Hauck-1, Tyler Hauck-2

Sacristan: Nick Coffman
Altar Minister: Sandi McGovern

Eucharistic Minister: Rita Brehm, Janice Krueger,

Mary Rah, Germaine Riesinger

Cross: Evelee Dominguez, Server: Lizzie Rah

Nursery: Judy Lampi



The Annual Catholic Appeal campaign is in progress! No gift is too large or too small. If you have not already made an offering, please consider contributing today. Envelopes are available in the gathering area of church.



Con Spirito in Concert

Sunday, May 1, 2022 2:00 P.M. St. Pius X Catholic Church 18th and Broadwater

> Carolyn Peters, Piano Trevor Krieger, Fiddle Kristen Olszowka, Oboe Joan Fritz, Narration Free Admission

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Mass Schedules

Weekend

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

<u>Weekdays</u>

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

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