

# St. Pius X Parish

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# Bulletin

April 25, 2021

Fourth Sunday of Easter



# LIFE



“I will lay down my life  
for the sheep.”

JOHN 10:15

## Welcome to St. Pius X

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 656-2522. You may also visit our website at [www.stpiusxblds.org](http://www.stpiusxblds.org) or find us on Facebook at 'St. Pius X'.

## Billings Food Bank Food Collection Next Weekend

The Billings Food Bank will receive our food donations from the May 1-2 collection. The items most needed are: canned vegetables and fruit, macaroni and cheese, cereal, tomatoes and sauce, pasta, one-can meals, rice, beans, peanut butter, canned meats, hamburger helper, single serve snacks & zip lock sandwich bags. If you prefer to make a monetary donation, please make your check out to 'Billings Food Bank' and place it in the box next to the food collection bin. Thank you for helping to alleviate hunger in our community!

## Parish Blood Drive May 11 in Memory of Bev Borer

Are you ready to become a hero? Are you willing to take an hour or less out of your day to save a life, or three? St Pius X Church and the Knights of Columbus are hosting a parish blood drive on **Tuesday, May 11 from 1:15 to 5:30pm in the Fellowship Hall.** The practice of social distancing and masks will be utilized. Sign-up online at [www.kofc9976.org](http://www.kofc9976.org). If you have any questions, please contact Bob Holbrook at [unclebug111@gmail.com](mailto:unclebug111@gmail.com) or call (406) 671-5694. Help us honor the memory of Bev Borer with our donations of life giving blood!



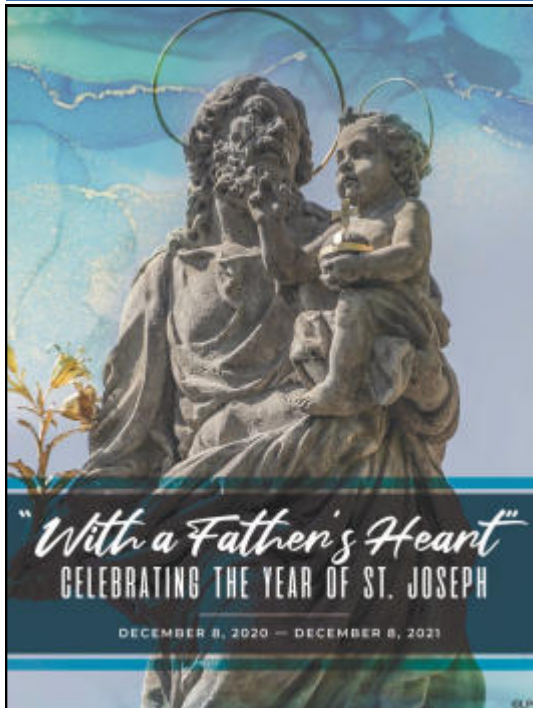
The St. Pius X Pastoral Council is a visionary group of a dozen parishioners whose primary responsibility is to guide and determine the direction of our parish. These volunteer ministers, together with Father Greg, provide leadership and formulate policies, which define and direct our church community.

Each member of the Parish Council is asked to also serve on one of the four parish commissions: Christian Service Commission, Education Commission, Parish Life Commission, or Worship Commission; a representative is also sought for Finance Council.

Pastoral Council meets once a month on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday at 7:00pm and members are asked to serve a three-year commitment. Our parish seeks individuals willing to serve in this special ministry of leadership as our parish welcomes the still unknown but gradual recovery from the pandemic. We will need true disciples of Christ helping us in these uncharted waters.

If you feel called to serve and want to learn more, please pick up a packet of information at the Parish Center (our office is open M-F from 8:30am – 4:30pm) or find the information at <https://www.stpiusxblds.org/about/councils-and-commissions/> and click on "Pastoral Council Information Packet" found at the top of the page. On Saturday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, Pentecost weekend, six names will be drawn from the hat as we trust the Holy Spirit will guide us in the selection of those needed to serve. After reading the material, if you want your name placed in this hat, please send an email to [frgreg@stpiusxblds.org](mailto:frgreg@stpiusxblds.org) and tell him of your interest.

If you have questions, please leave a message for either Fr. Greg or Craig Rider, the current Chair of Pastoral Council, at the parish office, 656-2522.



## Year of St. Joseph

Our Diocese is celebrating the Year of St. Joseph. During this year we are encouraged to perform corporal and spiritual works of mercy, to pray as a family, to entrust our daily work to St. Joseph and ask him to intercede for those who are unemployed, and to foster our relationship with St. Joseph through meditation on his life and full commitment to God's will.

The feast of St. Joseph the Worker on May 1st.



## Children Celebrate Sacraments

Congratulations to the 32 Candidates who completed the Sacraments of Initiation on Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm with Bishop Michael Warfel! It was a beautiful day of commitment, celebration, and sacramental grace. Continue to pray for the newly initiated members as they grow in their faith.

**It's Time to Play Ball with the Saints!...** The St. Pius X "Saints" softball team is looking for co-ed Players! Softball season runs from May 17th through June 28th, with a 3-day tournament on July 5, 6, 7. Games are on Monday nights at Stewart Park. Interested? Please contact Alex at (406) 794-1322.

## Custom Easter Candle

Our Director of Liturgy, Nick Coffman, embellished the plain white Easter candle this year. This reduced the cost of the candle but also allowed Nick to share his artistic gifts with us. He was able to personalize our Easter candle with St. Pius X architectural influences. If you are attending Mass in person, walk up to the candle and check out the beautiful artwork with your own eyes! Thank you, Nick, for sharing your gifts with our community! Easter candle pictured below.

## St. Pius X Knights of Columbus Council 9976

For the St. Pius X Council 9976 Knights of Columbus, like most, this past year has been a real challenge. Thanks to Br. Knight, Justin Blackman and his computer talents on the council's web page, the council meetings have been virtual on ZOOM. Thanks, Br. Justin. The Knight of the Month for April 2021 is PGK Bob Holbrook for his work on the blood drives. The Family of the Month for April 2021 is Deacon Tom & Mary Landry for their work at the parish during the Easter season.

This year's K. of C. State convention will be a one day only virtual convention on May 1, 2021 due to the ongoing pandemic. Delegates are being appointed.

Chairman, PGK Bob Holbrook reported that the recent blood drive was another success. He wishes to thank all the volunteers that helped. The next blood drive is scheduled for May 11 and will be in honor of long time drive chair, Bev Borer.

The council has purchased crosses for the current RCIA class. However, there has been a delay in shipment and the crosses will be presented at a later date.

Thank you to council members and volunteers who prepared 150 sack lunches and an additional 50 peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for St. Vincent dePaul on April 7<sup>th</sup>. The council is considering adding grilled hamburgers and hot dogs to the sandwiches in May.

St. Pius X Children's Ministry has asked the Knights to bring out the grill for burgers and hot dogs for three Family Fun Nights this summer on June 16, July 14 and August 4, all Wednesday evenings. If you can help, contact event chairman GK Phil Zeeck at 671-5533 or [plzeeck@msn.com](mailto:plzeeck@msn.com) before Tuesday, June 15<sup>th</sup>.

Members are still needed for assisting at the Fellowship Hall door during Saturday confessions. Contact GK Phil Zeeck at 671-5533 or [plzeeck@msn.com](mailto:plzeeck@msn.com) if you can help.

So far this Columbian year, July to June, St. Pius X Council 9976 has contributed \$10,627.00 to various local organizations, such as:

- **Coats for Kids**
- **La Vie**
- **Family Service, Inc.**
- **St. Vincent dePaul**
- **Father Steve Tokarski Catholic School Scholarship Fund**
- **Seminarians.**

The council thanks all of our volunteers, donors and Christmas tree and wreath customers who made all of this possible!

If you are a Catholic man, over 18 years of age and would like to join this outstanding group of men in your parish, serving our families, church and community, contact FVSM Ken Kingman at 256-4975 or [kenkingman@hotmail.com](mailto:kenkingman@hotmail.com);

Members of the council toured Family Service, Inc. on Monday, April 12. The council made a contribution to Family Services at that time. The Thursday, April 15<sup>th</sup> council general meeting was held in the Fellowship Hall. Masks were still in use and ZOOM was available for others. *Submitted by Harold Kelso.*



## Prayer for Vocations on World Day of Prayer for Vocations, April 25

Lord of the Harvest,

Bless young people with the gift of courage to respond to your call. Open their hearts to great ideals, to great things.

Inspire all of your disciples to mutual love and giving—for vocations blossom in the good soil of faithful people.

Instill those in religious life, parish ministries, and families with the confidence and grace to invite others to embrace the bold and noble path of a life consecrated to you.

Unite us to Jesus through prayer and Sacrament, so that we may cooperate with you in building your reign of mercy and truth, of justice and peace.

Amen.

## In and Around Our Parish Community

### Jail Ministry with Deacon Tom Landry

Deacon Tom is looking for men who would be willing to accompany him during Jail Ministry at the Yellowstone County Detention Center on Sunday afternoons from 3:30-4:30pm. The facility requires an application process and orientation. Give this some thought and prayer. If you are interested, please call Deacon Tom at (406) 860-7842.

### You are Needed at St. Pius X!

**Live-stream operator:** If you like technology, this is for you! A live-stream crew member arrives at least 15 minutes before Mass. They operate the live-stream computer and cameras in a designated alcove area in the church during Mass. With the use of three cameras, joy stick control and OBS broadcast software, the operator produces the live streaming of Mass. Volunteers for this position rotate Sundays and/or daily Mass. Training provided. Call Kathy at 656-2522 to view the equipment and find out more!

### Billings Catholic Young Adults: Men and Women in their 20's & 30's:

The citywide Billings Catholic Young Adults events and opportunities slowed down this past year, as everyone waited for the pandemic to run its course. Now as vaccinations increase and restrictions are being lifted, the ability to gather together in service is opening as well. There is a great opportunity to again make sandwiches and help with meals for those in need in our community.

**When:** Thursday, April 29th 5:00-7:00pm

**Where:** The Salvation Army, 2100 6th Ave N

You can park in the Salvation Army parking lot and follow the alley to the door propped open. The Salvation Army provides all the materials; YAs simply make sandwiches and prepare meals. Come when you can. Even 20 minutes of your time would make a huge impact. This is a great way to get to know one another better while also making a difference.

### Young Adults Save the Date!

We are excited to announce that our first Theology on Tap in over a year is finally happening! Bishop Michael Warfel will be presenting on what it takes to become a saint!

**When:** Thursday, May 27th, 2021—doors open at 6:00pm (if you'd like to come eat, drink and socialize beforehand, no host), speaker from 6:30-7:30pm, stay as long as you'd like.

**Where:** CJ's Garage, 2455 Central Ave.

Bring a friend, tell a fellow parishioner. Help us build our Catholic community across the city!

### Care & Share Annual Appeal

The annual Care and Share Campaign offers you the opportunity to support your brothers and sisters in faith throughout the Diocese of Great Falls-Billings. No gift is too large or too small. Especially now as many are struggling to do the work of the Lord! If you have not already made an offering, please kindly consider a contribution today. Care and Share packets may be found on a table in the Gathering Area of church. Thank you to all who have already contributed!

## Area Events

### Saturday, May 8

- "Afternoon Tea" hosted by Mary Queen of Peace Parish. Tickets are \$7.00 for an adult and \$5.00 for children 5-years and younger and available by calling (406) 294-7605 or (406) 850-3642. The Tea begins at 1:30pm and is by reservation only.

## Raffle Tickets

Get your diocesan raffle tickets **soon** for the summer prize packages of a camper trailer, utility vehicle or half beef with Traeger grill. Tickets are available at the parish office for \$20 each. The drawing is **May 15**.

## Keep In Touch with Flocknote

Watch Flocknote for upcoming details on two new opportunities for the parish! We are starting a weekly "Sandwich Ministry" for St. Vincent dePaul and offering a new educational series focused on Catholic Social Teaching with ZOOM discussion! Keep watch on Flocknote for the launch of these new events!

How do you sign-up for text messages and emails (such as the above notices) on your phone from the parish? It's easy! Just text SPXBLG to 84576 and you will receive our Flocknotes. We create these about twice a month or as needed to keep you informed about important events happening in the parish. Please join and be connected and informed about your parish!

## COVID-19 Vaccinations

Free, fast, safe COVID-19 vaccinations are now available to all Yellowstone County residents age 16 and older. Schedule your appointment today online at [mtreadyclinic.org](http://mtreadyclinic.org). Or call (406) 651-6596 if you are unable to sign-up online.

The Stewardship Report for April 18, 2021 was unavailable at the time of print.

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

### Saturday, April 24 at church

- Reconciliation, 3:30pm, Fellowship Hall
- Mass, 5:00pm

### Sunday, April 25 at church

- Mass, 10:00am (Live-streamed)

### Monday, April 26

- NO Mass

### Tuesday, April 27

- Mass, 8:30am, (Live-streamed)

### Wednesday, April 28

- Mass, 8:30am (Live-streamed)
- Cemetery Board, 1:00pm, Parish Center # 4

### Thursday, April 29

- Mass, 8:30am (Live-streamed)

### Friday, April 30

- Mass, 8:30am (Live-streamed)

### Saturday, May 1 at church

- Reconciliation, 3:30pm, Fellowship Hall
- Mass, 5:00pm
- Food Collection for Billings Food Bank

### Sunday, May 2 at church

- Mass, 10:00am (Live-streamed)
- Food Collection for Billings Food Bank



### MAYFAIR 2021 ONLINE

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### ELEVATE OUR SCHOOLS!

The Mayfair 2021 Special Project includes three phases at Billings Central Catholic High School – handicap accessibility with the addition of an elevator, safety for staff and students with lighting for the parking lot, and beautification with the removal of the old Sacred Heart building. Donate now to ELEVATE our schools!

<https://www.billingscatholicsschoolsfoundation.org/mayfair/>

### BCS FOUNDATION MAYFAIR 2021 RAFFLE!

Raffle tickets will be sold through April 28, and the winners will be announced during the Mayfair Virtual Event on May 1 at 7:00pm! Purchase raffle tickets now to win one of these exciting prizes!

- \$2000 Tuition Credit for the 2021-2022 School Year for 5-Day Pre-K students OR any student grades K-12!

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## Scripture Reflection:

### Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:8-12

Psalm 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29

1 John 3:1-2

John 10:11-18

Any builder worth his or her salt knows the value and importance of a cornerstone. Properly laying and securing this primary unit determines how the rest of the project unfolds and its success. Cornerstones are necessary elements not only of buildings but of lives as well. Many human beings conduct the business of their lives paying little attention to a grounding reference or starting point. Hence, what unfolds is a tapestry of relativism, with few anchors or guideposts and many impulsive choices. Some consider love to be their cornerstone. While this may sound attractive and useful, the pursuit of love without a simultaneous pursuit of its source can be shallow and self-focused. Just because a person chooses to do no harm and love others does not mean that they are living in truth and properly anchored to the real cornerstone.

Jesus is the true and authentic cornerstone and shepherd. It is only in following the Risen One as the way, the truth, and the life that we can move from being well grounded ethical people to properly focused moral ones. Proper conduct, a true sense of justice, wisdom, virtue, moral principles, faith, hope, and love will be difficult to find unless we listen to the right Voice. It is when we learn to listen to the voice of God that we begin our journey on the road to salvation. It is only the Good Shepherd, the authentic and solid cornerstone, who can guide us through life's questions and challenges and bring us to the safe and proper pasture.

A person's life only has meaning when the cornerstone is properly selected and set. Understanding themselves only as random acts of creation, existing without intent or purpose, will color their choices and influence their decisions. The foundation of their lives will be simply a matter of preference and choice, leaving benchmarks of growth and higher ideals optional to pursue. Whereas people who believe that they are fashioned and loved into existence by a God who purposely made them, have this incredible unconditional relationship at their source which has tremendous significance. Their allegiance is not to themselves but to their Creator. Life, then, is an adventure in search of this Creator God and a journey of self-discovery that seeks to unite their will to His. There is a cost. We have to give up our life in order to gain our life. As ironic as that sounds, it is true. It is only when we finally figure this out that the true cornerstone of our lives will be properly laid and we can, with God's help, get about the business of properly constructing a temple that endures.

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## Mass Intentions & Readings

### Monday, April 26

Acts 11:1-18, Psalm 42:2-3;43:3-4, John 10:1-10  
**NO Mass**

### Tuesday, April 27

Acts 11:19-26, Psalm 87:1-7, John 10:22-30  
**8:30am Mass: † Tim Allen**

### Wednesday, April 28, St. Peter Chanel, St. Louis Grignon de Montfort

Acts 12:24-13:5, Psalm 67:2-3, 5-6, 8, John 12:44-50  
**8:30am Mass: † TJ Miller**

### Thursday, April 29, St. Catherine of Siena

Acts 13:13-25, Ps. 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27, John 13:16-20  
**8:30am Mass: † Julie Prill**

### Friday, April 30, St. Pius V

Acts 13:26-33, Psalm 2:6-11, John 14:1-6  
**8:30am Mass: † Father Charlie Gorman**

### Saturday, May 1, St. Joseph the Worker

Acts 13:44-52, Psalm 98:1-4, John 14:7-14  
**5:00pm Mass: Int. of St. Pius X Parishioners**

### Sunday, May 2

### Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:26-31, Psalm 22:26-28, 30-32, 1 John 3:18-24, John 15:1-8

**10:00am Mass: † Luke & Monte Bruski**

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- A Golf Trip for 2 to Scottsdale, Arizona! Raffle tickets are \$25 each or 5 tickets for \$100. For more information or to purchase raffle tickets go to <https://BCSFMayfair2021.givesmart.com>

### MAYFAIR 2021 VIRTUAL EVENT, SATURDAY,

**May 1, 7:00pm...**Get a group together to celebrate Billings Catholic Schools during the Mayfair 2021 Virtual Event! Join in as we ELEVATE Billings Catholic Schools by celebrating our BCS successes, showcase the Mayfair 2021 special project, and honor and remember a great legacy. The BCS Foundation is selling charcuterie boards from City Vineyard to enjoy while watching the Mayfair 2021 Virtual Event on Saturday, May 1, at 7:00pm. Charcuterie Boards include two bottles of wine created for 2-4 people or 6-10 people. <https://www.billingscatholicsschoolsfoundation.org/mayfair/> If you have any questions or need more information, email [nburke@billingscatholicsschools.org](mailto:nburke@billingscatholicsschools.org), or call (406) 252-0252. Thank you for your support!

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## Ministry Schedule: May 1-2, 2021

### Saturday, 5:00 PM

**Greeter:** Arlene Forney, Fawn Gongre

**Usher:** Kyle Brehm, Bob Holbrook, Katharine McArdy, Kevin Walter

**Sanitizers:** Dan & Clare Dooley, Marlyn & Patti Stein

**Lector:** Carol Schaff-1, Virginia Smith-2

**Sacristan:** Bonnie Wutzke

**Altar Minister:** Clare Dooley

**Eucharistic Minister:** Deacon Tom Landry

### Sunday, 10:00 AM (Live-streamed)

**Greeter:** Ann Frazer, Lani Wallace

**Usher:** Roland Barnes, Steve & Nicole Geiger, Paul Rausch

**Lector:** Tim Guenther-1, Patsy Guenther-2

**Sacristan:** Clarinda Kremer

**Altar Minister:** Irene Matzen

**Eucharistic Minister:** David Mork

## Join People Healing People at St. Vincent Healthcare

If you have a heart for helping patients, visitors, and staff, St. Vincent Healthcare has a place for you! This volunteer opportunity is for just 4-hours a week! They're looking for "people" people who are quick to smile and like to visit, help others and have fun. Training and benefits are provided. Volunteer opportunities are available in Guest Services-Main Lobby and their Gift Shops. Please call 237-3376 or visit their website at [www.svh-mt.org](http://www.svh-mt.org). Bless you for your consideration.

## Ozanam Sunday Recognized at St. Vincent dePaul

In the United States, the last Sunday in April is known as Ozanam Sunday. It recalls the birthday of Blessed Frédéric Ozanam, the founder, who was born on April 23, 1813 in Milan, Italy. Frédéric and six of his companions founded the Society of St. Vincent de Paul on April 23, 1833. He was beatified by Pope John Paul II in 1997. The Society's patron, St. Vincent de Paul, was born on April 24, 1581. He was canonized by Pope Leo XIII in 1737 and named the patron saint of all works of charity. Please say a prayer for all the friends, workers, donors, and volunteers who make up the Society in Yellowstone County.

## St. Thomas Summer Camp in

**2021** The Diocese will host the St. Thomas Summer Camp in Monarch, MT this summer. Campers range in age from grade 5 to High School on separate weeks. Find out which week is offered for your child and more information at [www.diocesegfb.org](http://www.diocesegfb.org).

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Parish Center Hours: 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday  
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## Mass Schedules

### Weekend

Saturday at 5:00 PM  
Sunday at 10:00 AM

### Weekdays

#### **Tuesday—Friday**

Mass at 8:30 AM—Sanctuary  
Rosary - 8:00 AM, before daily Mass

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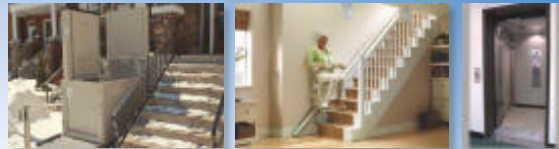
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