St. Pius X Parish

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April 4, 2021



The Resurrection of the Lord

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his mercy endures forever. Let the house of Israel say "His mercy endures forever."

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

The right hand of the Lord has struck with power; the right hand of the Lord is exalted. I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord.

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. By the Lord has this been done; it is wonderful in our eyes.

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23



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 <u>www.stpiusxblgs.org</u> 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!

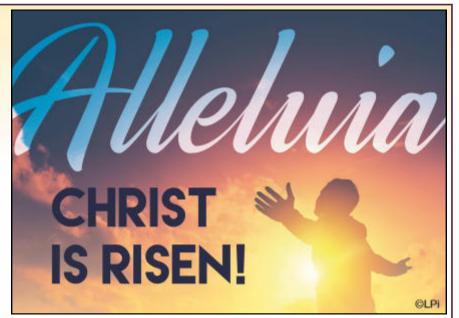
Happy Easter!

Fr. Greg and the parish staff wish everyone a Happy Easter! Alleluia! May your experience of the Easter season be uplifting and inspiriting, drawing all closer to God in Jesus.

The parish office will be closed Monday, April 5. The office will be open the following day and daily Mass will resume.

Lenten Alms Cups Done Differently

The Council of Catholic Women (CCW) asks parishioners to total their loose change collected during the Lenten season and send a check for their almsgiving to **St. Pius X CCW**, 717 18th St. West, Billings, MT 59102. Or drop it by the parish office soon after Easter. Please note that this annual fund raiser allows CCW to donate to "Water for Life", the Madonna Plan and locally, to LaVie. CCW thanks all for helping make this Lent one of prayerful giving to these worthwhile projects.



Children's Ministry

Second-year sacramental preparation students: Our last class is this Wednesday, April 7th. Upcoming events: Mandatory rehearsal on Wednesday, April 21st at 6:30pm in the church. The Candidates need to attend with a parent and/or sponsor.

Gospel Weekly Families: We will not have a parent meeting on Monday, April 5th.

VBS Update: After much discernment and guidance from Fr. Greg, the parish leadership has decided that the most responsible decision for the parish community is not to hold Vacation Bible School this year. The decision was based on the availability of vaccines, new variants of the virus, and our community's first responsibility to promote safety. I know this news is disappointing and I join you in wanting life to return back to "normal," but I would feel awful if one person got sick because of this difficult-to-manage format. In lieu of VBS, we are planning monthly outdoor Summer Family Fun Nights to support families in faith. Details to come! Thank you for your support and prayers. ~ *Jessie Rohrer, Children's Ministry Coordinator*

Have You Been Hospitalized?

If you or someone in your family is hospitalized, please notify the parish office, 656-2522, when you return home. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, neither our pastoral team nor our hospital volunteers can visit the hospitals and we cannot get information from them about any Catholics who may be in their facilities. Our parish nurses rely on the reports of our pastoral team and/or volunteers in order to make follow-up calls once a parishioner returns home. This ministry is so important and we as a parish community want to support our members as much as possible after returning home from hospitalization. We can also put you or your loved one on our prayer chain; and, we have prayer shawls available as well. God bless you all.

Did you know... A large part of our parish community worships with us through live-stream online ministry. Even better, our parish is attractive to people well beyond our membership. In January, our viewing audience spanned 4 countries internationally and 30 states in the U.S. We have viewers joining us for worship in the United Kingdom, Georgia, USA, and of course, Montana, just to name a few! Alleluia!

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The St. Pius X Pastoral (Parish) 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 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. In addition, there are up to four Ex Officio members (non-voting) who represent, Council of Catholic Women, Knights of Columbus, and Young Adults. Currently the Ex Officio position for Billings Catholic Schools is vacant. Pastoral Council meets once a month on the 3rd Wednesday at 7:00pm via ZOOM or in-person and members are asked to serve a three-year commitment.

Currently there are six seats open. Five of these members served an additional year, at the request of Fr. Greg, to provide consistency during the pandemic. A special thank you to these individuals who served above and beyond their initial commitment: Craig Rider, Chair, Dave Rigg, Secretary, Diane Bertrand, Nicole Geiger and Don James. Patsy Guenthner's term ends this June, we thank her as well for her service. To all our Pastoral Council members thank you for your leadership ministry especially in such a year of unknowns!

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 from 8:30am – 4:30pm M-F) or find the information at https:// www.stpiusxblgs.org/about/councils-and-commissions/ and click on "Pastoral Council Information Packet" found at the top of the page. After reading the material, if you want to put your name in the hat, please send an email to Fr. Greg Staudinger at frgreg@stpiusxblgs.org and tell him of your interest.

On Saturday, May 22nd, Pentecost Weekend, six names will be drawn from the hat as we trust the Holy Spirit will guide in the selection of those who wish to serve.

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

Thank you!

Thank you very much to everyone who donated to the Easter flower fund in honor of a living or 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.



Online Giving at Easter or Anytime

By giving online you help keep our parish vibrant and thriving even during the present challenges. Visit https:// giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/ stpiusx, or go to our website www.stpiusxblgs.org and click on the "donate" button at the top. You may also Text-to-Give to make a donation to St. Pius X at any time. Simply text 1- (406)-351-7444. Thank you! We appreciate your support!





In and Around Our Parish Community

You are Needed at St. Pius X!

Each week we will focus on one liturgical ministry with which we need your support. Nick Coffman, our parish Director of Liturgy, has revised all of our parish liturgical ministries to comply with CDC guide-lines for health and safety during this time of the pandemic. He is also creating a digital formation series to train new and continuing liturgical ministers to minimize in-person contact. In line with the parish's needs and goals, the 11:00am Mass is due to return in the future. However, this Mass was especially challenged by a lack of liturgical ministers even before the pandemic. Your help is especially needed for the <u>11:00am</u> <u>Mass</u> time. However, your support at any service is welcome and much appreciated!

Lector – The Word of God is a living revelation that changes our hearts every time it is proclaimed well for us to hear at worship. Do you have an appreciation for sacred scripture, participate in a bible study, read the readings before Mass, or pray regularly about the implications of God's Word in your life? If so, your heart is in the right place to proclaim the Word to our community.

Diocesan Fundraising Raffle! Drawing May 15

Support the ministries and mission of the Diocese of Great Falls-Billings by entering to win the *Grand prize* of a 2021 Keystone HideOut 24BHSWE camper or \$15,000 cash; winner's choice.

Second prize: 2021 Honda Pioneer 1000-5 Deluxe Utility Vehicle. *Third prize:* (two awarded) Montana Ultimate Barbeque packages of a Traeger Pro Series 34 Pellet Grill, Yeti Cooler and BBQ Supplies & Assessment of the process of the process of the part of the part of the process of the part of the part

Accessories. Also included, a processed half-beef from Bishop Warfel's herd of cattle.

Tickets are available for \$20 each at the St. Pius X parish office. Proceeds support Catholic parishes, schools and youth ministries throughout the diocese. Winners responsible for taxes. For all rules and information go to <u>diocesegfb.org</u> or call (406) 727-6683.

Foreign Exchange Students Seek Housing for 2021-22 School Year

The Pan Atlantic Foundation is a not for profit organization that specializes in creating high-quality high school exchange programs for non-US citizens in the United States. They are now seeking volunteer host families to host exchange students for the 2021-2022 school year. Students originate from Denmark, Spain, Italy, Germany and Mexico.

Host families influence a young adult's life, change worldviews and make dreams come true. When a host family is so willing to give, they have just as many rewarding and enriching experiences as the student. Host families provide: open communication, encouragement, patience and sound advice. A separate bed. Three daily meals. Local transportation. And treatment as a member of the family.

Students have their own accident and health insurance and bring their own spending money. For more information, visit <u>http://</u><u>www.iwanttohost.org</u>, email or call Shannon Passon at <u>shannonlpasson@gmail.com</u> or call (406) 390-6432.

Area Events

Friday, April 16 & Sat., April 17

Helena Catholic Women's Conference at the Helena Civic Center featuring Sister Beata Victoria, Kimberly Zember and Nicole Rodriguez addressing the theme of "The Feminine Genius in Relationships." Event includes the women's conference, adoration, confessions, vendors & fellowship. Tickets and more information at www.Helenacwc.com.

Fr. Steve Memorial Scholarship for Parish Children Attending St. Francis

The Fr. Steve Tokarski Memorial Scholarship was created in the fall of 2011 following the death on October 4, 2011 of Fr. Steve, former pastor of this parish. Funds donated in his name are in an endowment from which monies are used to support St. Pius X children who want to attend St. Francis Catholic School.

Scholarship applicants must be parishioners of St. Pius X Parish and registered through the Billings Catholic School System to attend St. Francis Catholic School for the 2021 -22 school year. Applications may be picked up at the parish office or printed from the parish website: <u>www.stpiusxblgs.org/fr-steve-</u> <u>tokarski-scholarship-info</u>. Applications due to the parish office by 4:30pm, **April 16, 2021**.

> We cannot give up in the face of evil. God is Love and he has defeated evil through Christ's death and resurrection.

> > Pope Francis

The Stewardship Report for March 28, 2021 was unavailable at the time of print.



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

Saturday, April 3

Easter Vigil

- Easter Vigil, 8:00pm, (Live-streamed)
- First weekend of the month food collection

Sunday, April 4

Resurrection of the Lord

- Masses at 8:30am (Live-streamed) & 11:00am
- First weekend of the month food collection

Monday, April 5

- NO Mass
- Parish office closed

Tuesday, April 6

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

Wednesday, April 7

- Mass, 8:30am (Live-streamed)
- Children's ministry classes meet

Thursday, April 8

Mass, 8:30am (Live-streamed)

Friday, April 9

Mass, 8:30am (Live-streamed)

Saturday, April 10

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

Sunday, April 11

Mass, 10:00am

Care & Share Annual Appeal

Thank you to all who have responded so generously to the annual Care and Share Campaign. The success of this campaign depends on the faithful, steadfast and devoted members of our faith family both here in our parish and throughout the Diocese. Your support is greatly appreciated, for it is through your sacrifice and deep convictions that we may grow as a faith community and will continue Christ's work here in our parish and in the Diocese of Great Falls-Billings. Care and Share packets may be found on a table in the Gathering Area of church.

St. Thomas Summer Camp in 2021

The Diocese plans to host the St. Thomas Summer Camp in Monarch, MT this summer. The following dates are planned:

- June 20-25 or June 27-July 2, High School
- July 11-16, 5th and 6th grade boys
- July 28-23 or August 1-6, Middle School
- July 25-30, 5th and 6th grade girls
- ⇒ Find more information at <u>www.diocesegfb.org</u>.

Scripture Reflection: Resurrection of the Lord Acts 10:34, 37-43 Psalm 118:1-2, 16-1 Corinthians 5:6-8

Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 1 Corinthians 5:6-8 John 20:1-9

Who are you? This question was most assuredly asked of Jesus on the day of resurrection and it is a question asked of each of us. Our identities can be described in so many ways. We can start with our gifts and our talents, expertise and unique personalities. We can describe things we like and things we prefer to set aside. As descriptive and captivating as these can be, none come close to our essence, our real and true self. While accurate in their own right, the self who lives and interacts with the world is the self we want others to see, the one we project. But there is much more to us just as there is much more to Jesus.

Jesus could describe himself based on all of the same criteria we use for ourselves. After all, Jesus is totally human. With all that people witnessed and all that Jesus knew about his physical human self, his divinity also shined forth. There was so much more to know about him. Whereas once Jesus was transfigured on top of a mountain before his disciples' eyes, so today he is transfigured before our eyes as he reveals his resurrected self as the Christ. Alleluia, Christ is risen! His glorified presence stands before us showing us that we are all much more than we see ourselves to be and show to others. We have a depth, purpose, and essence that go way beyond the superficial treasures of our existence to the very core of who we are.

Within each one of us is a spark of Divine Love where creature and Creator meet, and we are known uniquely by the name God whispers to us. It is not the earthly name that was given to us but the one that flows from Divine Power and claims us as one who is special and chosen in God's eyes. This is the self that will rise one day with the eternal Christ of God and live eternally as God provides. This is the self that when free from all superficial constraints layered upon it in this life can discover and know freedom in a way never possible before. This is love lifting us up and transforming us into who we really are, not who we want or need ourselves to be. Who are you? A special, unique child of God who has been fashioned in God's image, sustained by the power of God's love and kept eternally with the Blessed Trinity in heaven. Get to know this deeper, truer self as it is who you really are. ©LPi





Mass Intentions & Readings

Monday, April 5 Acts 2:14, 22-33, Ps. 16:1-2, 5, 7-11, Matthew 28:8-15 **NO Mass**

Tuesday, April 6 Acts 2;36-41, Psalm 33:4-5, 18-20, 22, John 20:11-18 8:30am Mass: † Hodi Ikeda

Wednesday, April 7 Acts 3:1-10, Psalm 105:1-4, 6-9, Luke 24:13-35 8:30am Mass: † John Zeeck

Thursday, April 8 Acts 3:11-26, Psalm 8:2, 5-9, Luke 24:35-48 8:30am Mass: † Renee Kramer

Friday, April 9 Acts 4:1-12, Psalm 118:1-2, 4, 22-27, John 21:1-14 8:30am Mass: † Dima McClintock

Saturday, April 10 Acts 4:13-21, Psalm 118:1, 14-21, Mark 16:9-15 5:00pm Mass: Int. of Jan Bridger

Sunday, April 11 Second Sunday of Easter Acts 4:32-35, Psalm 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24, 1 John 5:1-6, John 20:19-31

10:00am Mass: Int. of St. Pius X Parishioners

Songbird Community Garden

Songbird Community Garden received a grant to sponsor low income individuals and families looking to grow their own vegetables for the 2021 season. The plot, a few basic tools, plants, and seeds will be provided by the grant. If you are a new gardener, you will be paired with a mentor gardener. The plot sizes vary from 10' x 10' to 20' x 20'. Songbird is located at the corner of Songbird Drive and Golden Hollow. Call Cynthia at (406) 208-6422 for more information. All interested gardeners may email songbirdgarden59101@gmail.com and check them out at the Songbird Community Garden Facebook page. The 2020 Victory Garden donated hundreds of pounds of produce to local food pantries.

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Ministry Schedule: April 10-11, 2021

Saturday, 5:00 PM

Greeter: Lynn DeMeyer, Joyce Stoppel Usher: Dan Dooley, Jim Kaiser, Bob Riesinger, Nancy Wandler Sanitizers: Dan & Clare Dooley, Judith Lampi, Jerome Ries Lector: Dar Aldrich-1, Jim Aldrich-2 Sacristan: Bonnie Wutzke Altar Minister: Heather Kaiser Eucharistic Minister: Deacon Tom Landry

Sunday, 10:00 AM (Live-streamed)

Greeter: Carrie Mikes, Lisa Wood Usher: Don Judice, Steve Komar, Greg Luck, Richard Wood Lector: Kim Komar-1, Bob Keene-2 Sacristan: Gail Mack Altar Minister: Andy Mikes Eucharistic Minister: Deacon Tom Landry

Position Opening

The Catholic Foundation of Eastern Montana is currently accepting applications for the full-time position of Communications and Development Specialist. This new staff member will focus on increasing awareness, knowledge, and support of the Catholic Foundation of Eastern Montana. For a complete job description, please visit www.catholicfoundationmt.org.



will take place Thursday

and Friday evenings, and a full day on Saturday and Sunday. The weekend will be followed by a series of virtual Post Weekend Sessions. Here are quotes from couples who have attended: "It's anonymous and discreet." "I felt connected to the participants and presenters despite not being in the same physical space." Very relaxing as you are in your own home, and do not have to travel." "Always being the pennypincher that I am, the cost is significantly less than attending at a large hotel. Something to be said for the comfy chairs at home" Please contact (406) 761-4830 for information or register at www.helpourmarriage.org.

From St. Vincent dePaul...Many of the people that come to Saint Vincent de Paul are seeking rental assistance to avoid eviction. Since July, SVdP has prevented 118 evictions. This is all thanks to the generosity of our donors, many whom come from our Catholic parishes. Due to COVID 19 there are many people struggling to survive and facing eviction. As a result, we expect the need for rental assistance to greatly increase. We thank you for your continued support of our ministry and ask you to prayerfully consider continuing to help us during these challenging times. Thank you for your kind consideration of our mission at St. Vincent dePaul.



Parish Staff

Parish Center Hours: 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday 406.656.2522 •www.stpiusxblgs.org•www.facebook.com/stpiusbillings

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Bulletin notices are due by 4:30pm on Monday. Please email <u>bulletin@stpiusxblgs.org</u> or fax to 656-2584.

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

LIVE Stream

Sunday, 10:00 AM and Daily Masses at 8:30 AM on our website at <u>www.stpiusxblgs.org</u>. Click Live-Stream on the homepage.

Sacraments

Reconciliation: Sat. 3:30-4:30 PM with social distancing 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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