

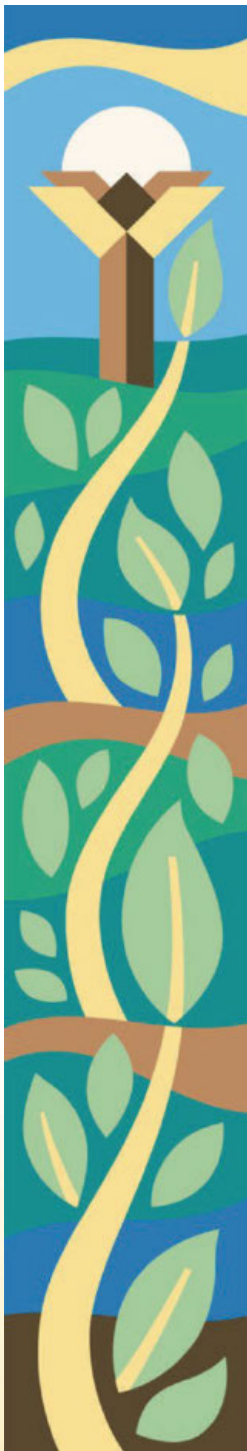
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Bulletin

August 14 & 21, 2022

Twentieth and Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time



BAPTISM



“There is a baptism with
which I must be baptized, and
how great is my anguish until
it is accomplished!”

LUKE 12:50

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LAST



“Some are last who will
be first, and some are
first who will be last.”

LUKE 13:30

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Worship With Us!

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 stpiusxblgs.org or find us on Facebook at 'St. Pius X.'

Please Return Filled Backpacks & School Supplies by Aug. 14

The Christian Service Commission will deliver the backpacks to students on Monday, August 15, just in time for the first day of school the following Monday. Thank you for helping students have a bright start!

Register Now for Children's Ministry Classes

Children's Ministry registration forms are now available in the Gathering Area or online through the Children's Ministry webpage www.stpiusxblgs.org/ministries/childrens-ministries/registration/. Weekly classes will be offered on Tuesday evening from 6:00-7:00pm or Wednesday afternoon from 4:30-5:30pm. Volunteers are needed to be catechists, assistant catechists, session monitors and more! Contact Jessie if interested or for more information at 406.281.8502 or email jr@stpiusxblgs.org.



RCIA: Looking to Serve as a Catechist or a Sponsor?

Are you—or someone you know—interested in being a **catechist**, or a **RCIA sponsor**? Catechists and sponsors are integral participants in our parish's efforts to initiate children, teens, and adults into the faith. Let's start first with what catechists do. Our catechists help instruct and spiritually develop catechumens, neophytes, and those seeking the sacraments of initiation within the Roman Catholic faith.

The catechist supports the formation process of children and teens by assisting candidates and catechumens on their spiritual journey. Often, catechists share their own lived experiences with those individuals interested in entry into the Catholic faith. Here at St. Pius X Parish our ministry team can make the catechist's call to serve both rewarding and successful.

Sponsors also play a meaningful role. Often, they find themselves being important foundational supporters of religious instruction by assisting persons going through the religious stages of formation. Sponsors bring to the process informed and prayerful lifestyles, positive attitudes, and good listening skills.

As we know, everyone is welcome to become a disciple of Jesus. We are all here on a spiritual journey—learning more, offering sacrificial love, and striving always to encounter the Risen Jesus. Please feel free to contact Matt Low at 406.281.8506 to discuss whether it fits for you to serve in this ministry with your unique gifts and talents.

RCIA: Welcome to a New Life in Jesus Christ

You are welcome to become a disciple of Jesus. Be our guest at our RCIA Inquiry Sessions this month: Join us on **Sunday, August 21st** immediately after the 11:00am Mass in the Fellowship Hall. If that date doesn't work, we will be here to meet you on Saturday evening, **August 27th** after the 5:00pm Mass.

Are you ready to have a deeper, more personal relationship with Our Lord Jesus Christ?

Take the first step! Inquire and ask questions. Sometimes that first step can be difficult and sometimes it can be natural and seamless. Just know, though, becoming a disciple of Jesus ensures that you will never walk alone.

Your questions may include: I have a child over the age of seven who has not been baptized. Do you provide sacramental instruction? I am a middle-aged man who feels strongly that the Holy Spirit is calling me to enter the Catholic Church and to live a "new life in Christ." Is it possible for me to receive all three sacraments of initiation at St. Pius X Church?

Our sessions focus on the teachings of Jesus Christ, church doctrine, sacred liturgy, scripture, and tradition. Note also that our parish offers separate sessions for children and teenagers.

Please contact Matt Low in our parish office and tell him how God is working at this moment in your life. Further, keep watch, because our parish will offer more opportunities for you to enter the church and be a disciple of Christ. We pray that the Holy Spirit leads you to Jesus and to a greater love of others. Amen.



Family Promise Host Week

First United Methodist Church (FUMC) located at 2800 4th Ave. North is open as the new static site for up to four Family Promise families. Families will not move to another church each week but will stay at this site until they secure housing, all the while taking advantage of the educational and case management opportunities Family Promise provides. St. Pius X is scheduled to host the week of September 11-17. The experience will be different hosting at a site not in our backyard but the need to shelter families is greater than ever and those families need our support.

During St. Pius' host week at FUMC, we will need dinner hosts and overnight hosts. The guest families will stay at this site from 6:30pm-6:00am. Meals will be taken to First United Methodist at 6:30pm. Dinner hosts will stay one hour and leave at 7:30pm and overnight hosts will arrive at 7:30pm and leave at 6:00am.

We want to keep our 18-year commitment to Family Promise so we need some dynamic disciples interested in providing an evening meal and those exceptional disciples who don't mind spending the night away from their own comfortable bed to help support a family working hard to overcome homelessness. I invite you to consider helping with this very meaningful ministry. Please call Shelly at 406.281.8501 or email sg@stpiousblgs.org to find out how you can come alongside a family breaking down barriers to homelessness.

LaVie Appreciates Donation from St. Pius X

"We sincerely thank you for participating in LaVie's Change for Hope, 2022 Baby Bottle Campaign.

This year's campaign will help fund LaVie's building project capital campaign. LaVie purchased a building in 2021 at 2501 4th Ave. North and is making remodeling and expansion plans to permanently house the two clinics. We hope to be operating out of this new location no later than the fall of 2023.

I am pleased to report that \$45,121 was raised during this year's campaign and St. Pius X contributed \$3,245.66.

I am profoundly honored and grateful that you chose to champion LaVie. Now more than ever, we need support from our local churches to help find real solutions that will empower women to pursue their dreams, career, education, or relationship goals, and still be a mom. As a life-affirming resource for women and men facing an unplanned pregnancy, LaVie sees firsthand how real, tangible support doesn't just help women and men choose life for their unborn babies, but viable resources also help their families thrive. Thank you for standing with us."

~ Cindy Nordstog, CEO



Seeking Hospice Volunteers

RiverStone Health Hospice is looking for caring individuals to help

support patients and families living with terminal illness. Many patient and non-patient opportunities are available. The next volunteer training is scheduled for October 13 and 14 at RiverStone Health, and potential candidates must go through an application process prior to the training. Please call 406.247.3313 for more information or to register for their upcoming volunteer training.

Mass Intentions & Readings

Monday, August 15, The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Revelation 11:19, 12:1-6, 10, Psalm 45:10-12, 16, 1 Corinthians 15:20-27, Luke 1:39-56

Tuesday, August 16, St. Stephen of Hungary
Ezekiel 28:1-10, Deuteronomy 32:26-28, 30, 35-36, Matthew 19:23-30

11:00am Funeral Mass: † Fred Reichert

Wednesday, August 17

Ezekiel 34:1-11, Psalm 23:1-6, Matthew 20:1-16

8:30am Mass: † Teddi Lynn Grace

Thursday, August 18

Ezekiel 36:23-28, Ps. 51:12-15, 18-19, Mt. 22:1-14

8:30am Mass: Int. of Terry Powers

Friday, August 19, St. John Eudes

Ezekiel 37:1-14, Psalm 107:2-9, Matthew 22:34-40

8:30am Mass: † Clemma Stone

Saturday, August 20, St. Bernard

Ezekiel 43:1-7, Psalm 85:9-14, Matthew 23:1-12

5:00pm Mass: † Bob Weber

Sunday, August 21 21th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 66:18-21, Psalm 117:1-2, Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13, Luke 13:22-30

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

11:00am Mass: † Erick Krueger

Monday, August 22, The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

2 Thes. 1:1-5, 11-12, Psalm 96:1-5, Matthew 23:13-22

Tuesday, August 23, St. Rose of Lima

2 Thes. 2:1-3, 14-17, Ps. 96:10-13, Matthew 23:23-26

8:30am Mass: † Doris Bender

Wednesday, August 24, St. Bartholomew

Rev. 21:9-14, Ps. 145:10-13, 17-18, John 1:45-51

8:30am Mass: † Linda Halvorson

Thursday, August 25, St. Louis, St. Joseph Calasanz

1 Corinthians 1:1-9, Psalm 145:2-7, Matthew 24:42-51

8:30am Mass: † Tom Kittson

Friday, August 26

1 Corinthians 1:17-25, Psalm 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11, Matthew 15:1-13

8:30am Mass: † David Larimer

Saturday, August 27, St. Monica

1 Cor. 1:26-31, Ps. 33:12-13, 18-21, Matthew 25:14-30

5:00pm Mass: † Tricia Booker

Sunday, August 28 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29, Psalm 68:4-7, 10-11, Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24, Luke 14:1, 7-14

8:30am Mass: † Tim Allen

11:00am Mass: Int. of St. Pius X Parishioners

Liturgy of the Word with Children

Sunday, August 21 at 11:00am

In and Around Our Parish Community

Silent Auction Items Needed

St. Vincent dePaul is in the process of planning their Silent Auction on September 24-30. They are looking for items and baskets that groups or people would be willing to donate. This could possibly be a piece of art, tickets to an event, baskets with an array of themes, or a unique experience. If you have any donations, questions, or ideas call Cameron at 406.281.5221 or Callie at 406.281.5223. Thank you for your assistance.

Stress in Your Marriage?

Retrouvaille is a program for married couples that feel bored, disillusioned, frustrated, or angry in their marriage. Most don't know how to change the situation or even communicate the conflicts with their spouse. Retrouvaille is NOT just for couples whose marriage is on the verge of divorce or considered irrevocably broken; it is for any couple who would like to rediscover their marriage and improve communication. The next program begins October 28, 2022 at the Ursuline Centre in Great Falls, Montana. For more information about a Retrouvaille Weekend program for couples, contact the registration team at 1.800.470.2230 or visit www.HelpOurMarriage.com.

St. Pius X Knights of Columbus Council 9976

We will be gathering in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, August 17 to once again make sack lunches for our homeless brothers and sisters who are served by SVDP. Our sandwich making crew can arrive at 6:00pm. The rest of the crew can arrive at 6:15 pm.

Our Knights of Columbus Council Meeting will be held the next evening on Thursday, August 18. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 7:00pm. In October we will return to having our Officer's Meetings on the second Thursday and our Council Meetings on the third Thursday of the month.

On Saturday, August 27 we will meet at St. Vincent DePaul to barbecue for our homeless brothers and sisters. Food will be served starting at 10:00am, so anyone wanting to help should arrive by about 8:30am.

Question: How can I practice gratitude in my everyday life?

Answer: God has given each of us many blessings. Fostering an "attitude of gratitude" might be easier than you think. Simple, concrete practices can help us to be more thankful more often. Incorporate it into your dinner with your spouse, or as you tuck the kids into bed at night. *"What are three things you're thankful for today?"* Make a habit of writing one note a week to someone special in your life, thanking them for how they've impacted you. This is also a good practice in the workplace. Consider opening your weekly meetings with a quick round of gratitude sharing. *"I'm grateful John helped me with that last-minute change to my presentation last week. I wouldn't have finished it in time for the meeting without him."*

Another way is to designate a few minutes to thank God. This could be the first bit of your daily prayer time or after you receive communion on Sundays. You can also integrate it into your daily routine. How about while brushing your teeth? There's probably nothing so important it can't wait two minutes. Brush your teeth, quiet your mind, and thank God from your heart for His blessings throughout the day. Get creative! Any moment is an opportunity to praise and thank God. ©LPi



Area Events

Thursday, August 18

- Question, Persuade, Refer (QPR) Suicide Prevention Training from 11:30am-1:00pm offered for free virtually at this link bit.ly/QPR_registration. Or call Alicia Kuhlman at 406.540.4120 or ght.alicia1@gmail.com for more information. 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.

Group Centering Prayer

St. Patrick Co-Cathedral invites anyone interested in Centering Prayer to meet on Saturday mornings at 9:00am. Please wear a mask if planning to attend. For more information, contact Ann at 406.860.3754.

Recycling Reminder

The big blue bin in the parking lot of St. Pius X is for newspaper and aluminum cans only. Please do not put cardboard or plastics in the bin and do not leave anything outside of the bin. Recyclables other than newspaper and aluminum may be dropped off at Earth First Aid at 458 Charles St. Thank you!



Thank you!

Stewardship Report for August 7, 2022

Needed Weekly:	\$21,346.00
Total Collections:	\$19,429.00
Budget Shortage:	(\$1,917.00)

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

Sat., Aug. 13 & Sun., Aug. 14 in the Gathering Area

- **Final days** for collecting filled school backpacks and school supplies. Place in shopping carts.

Monday, August 15

- Delivery of filled backpacks and school supplies to students and schools, 9:00am

Tuesday, August 16

- Funeral Mass for Fred Reichert, 11:00am. Luncheon following in the Fellowship Hall.
- CCW Board, 1:00pm, Parish Center # 4

Wednesday, August 17

- Mass, 8:30am (Live-streamed)
- Sandwich Ministry, 9:00am, Fellowship Hall
- Children of Joy and Gladness, 3:00pm, Day Chapel
- K. of C. Sandwich making, 6:00pm, Fellowship Hall

Thursday, August 18

- Mass, 8:30am (Live-streamed)
- K. of C. Council, 7:00pm, Fellowship Hall

Friday, August 19

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

Saturday, August 20

- Catholic Daughters Board, 9:15am, Parish Center # 3

Sunday, August 21

- RCIA Inquiry, 12:15pm, Fellowship Hall

Monday, August 22

- Funeral service for Lorraine Tarmann, 10:30am. Luncheon at the Elks Club.

Tuesday, August 23

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

Wednesday, August 24

- Mass, 8:30am (Live-streamed)
- Children of Joy and Gladness, 3:00pm, Day Chapel

Thursday, August 25

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

Friday, August 26

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

Sat., Aug. 27 & Sun., Aug. 28 at church

- Saturday: RCIA Inquiry, 6:15pm, Fellowship Hall
- Sunday: Bag building for sandwich ministry, 9:30am, Fellowship Hall
- Register and volunteer for Children's Ministry classes, Gathering Area

Scripture Reflection: Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10
Psalm 40:2, 3, 4, 18
Hebrews 12:1-4
Luke 12:49-53

An inward transformation occurs in a person who decides to follow Jesus Christ. Things change. They see the world differently, understand their journey more deeply and profoundly, have their sights fixed on eternity and union with God and hold themselves to higher standards and virtues. It requires a conscious choice to be a Christian, and this choice must be renewed at least daily. While the basic premise of Jesus' message may appear heartwarming and straightforward: love of God, neighbor, and self, the implications of doing so are challenging. The true disciple is called to live radically, and often finds themselves at odds with the world or even with those in their own homes.

Holding ourselves to higher standards comes with a price. We have to leave other things behind. It is difficult to be people of faith, hope, and love in a world often fixated with its own fulfillment and self-absorption. Justice, temperance, prudence, and fortitude require sacrifice if they are to be lived with integrity. God's ways are not ours. This becomes crystal clear to those who have enough courage to stand against the tide. Putting love into action requires that we challenge accepted modes of doing business and fight complacency. This is what makes the saints stand out as witnesses. They are simply sinners, just like us, who persevere.

People do not want to be told that they're sailing their ships in the wrong direction. Clinging to their insistence and need to be correct, they can become defensive when challenged. This can happen even with those closest to us. As much as the Gospel calls us to unity, it also can easily create division. When we love seriously, we encounter more than feelings of warmth and acceptance. "What does love look like? It has the hands to help others. It has the feet to hasten to the poor and needy. It has eyes to see misery and want. It has the ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of men. That is what love looks like (St. Augustine)." Love also has the courage and honesty to tell people what they may not want to hear but need to, and model, without wavering, a life of humble, loving, and faithful service. Don't lose heart! There are many examples of faith before us and around us. If Jesus endured the voices of opposition, so too can we. There is no need to apologize for speaking the truth.
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Ministry Schedule: August 20-21, 2022

Saturday, 5:00pm Mass

Greeter: Arlene Forney, Betty Warner

Usher: Jim Kaiser, Richard King, Dan Miller, Keith Schott

Lector: Lynne Gillig-1, Bob Reid-2

Sacristan: Bonnie Wutzke

Altar Minister: Clare Dooley

Eucharistic Minister: Karen Hould, Deacon Tom Landry, Vicki Langlinais, Denise Smith

Cross: Emilia Duchesneau, **Server:** Audrey Duchesneau

Nursery: Celeste Appel

Sunday, 8:30am Mass

Greeter: Shannon Behounek, Joan Keefer

Usher: Steve Komar, Andy Mikes, Doug Slotsve,

Need 1

Lector: Lynne Gillig-1, Bob Reid-2

Sacristan: Bonnie Wutzke

Altar Minister: Clare Dooley

Eucharistic Minister: Karen Hould, Deacon Tom Landry, Vicki Langlinais, Denise Smith

Cross: Laila Bakkedahl, **Server:** Keely Bakkedahl

Nursery: Pamela Pruitt

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

Greeter: Ann Frazer, Marge Larimer

Usher: Roland Barnes, Tyler Blood, Rosita Furigay-O'Donnell, **Need 1**

Lector: Carol Wilkinson-1, Eileen Hendershot-2

Sacristan: David Mork

Altar Minister: Lynn DeMeyer

Eucharistic Minister: Susan Johnson, Deacon Tom Landry, Jessie Rohrer, Mary Taylor

Cross: Evelee Dominguez, **Server:** Marilyn McKenzie

Nursery: Brittney Linford

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Ministry Schedule: August 27-28, 2022

Saturday, 5:00pm Mass

Greeter: Erik & Erin Beiergrohlein

Usher: Jim Kaiser, Bob Riesinger, Kevin Walter, Phil Zeek

Lector: Jon Stepanek-1, Bree Peterson-2

Sacristan: Joyce Stoppel

Altar Minister: Nancy Wandler

Eucharistic Minister: Clare Dooley, Jeanne Moller, Germaine Riesinger, Tyler Wiltgen

Cross: Cooper Papez, **Server:** Skyler Sanchez

Nursery: Julie Wilson

Sunday, 8:30am Mass

Greeter: Loretta Frank, Donna Meyers

Usher: Steve Komar, Doug Slotsve, Richard Wood,

Need 1

Lector: Kelsey Komar-1, John Koppelman-2

Sacristan: Jan Kirk

Altar Minister: Kim Komar

Eucharistic Minister: Ashley Buller, Christy Rider, Lorraine Walter, Lisa Wood

Cross: Howie Martin, **Server:** Grady Martin

Nursery: **1 Trained Attendant Needed**

Sunday, 11:00am Mass

Greeter: Mike, Kathy, Molly Boileau

Usher: Kyle Brehm, Markus Hulquist, Joe Larimer, Michael Riedel

Lector: Tim Guenther-1, Patsy Guenther-2

Sacristan: Janice Krueger

Altar Minister: Magdalen Wojtowicz

Eucharistic Minister: Brittany Blood, Rita Brehm, Deacon Tom Landry, Ross Marquis

Cross: Evelee Dominguez, **Altar:** Jacob Schiermeister

Nursery: Teresa Wehr

The Holy Eucharist and the Domestic Church

As part of the National Eucharistic Revival, the Diocesan Committee on Discipleship has invited John and Claire Grabowski to the Diocese of Great Falls-Billings. Married for 36 years, John and Claire have 5 children and 6 grandchildren. Together they are the authors of the commentary on the anniversary edition of *Familiaris Consortio*, *One Body: A Program of Marriage Formation for the New Evangelization*, and *Raising Catholic Kids for their Vocations*. They have spoken together to groups of laity, priests, and bishops across the United States and abroad and they are regular guests on Dr. Greg and Lisa Popcak's 'More to Life' show on EWTN radio. John and Claire will speak about how devotion to the Holy Eucharist enriches and enlivens a healthy Domestic Church. Please plan to join the Grabowski's at one of these free events.

**Thursday,
August 18**

7:00PM

Poor Clares'
Monastery



**Sunday,
August 21**

6:30PM

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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
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Sacraments

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