

St. Pius X Parish

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Bulletin

August 16, 2020

Twentieth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Scenes from the Sacramental Celebration on August 1, 2020



All photos on the cover and page 3 courtesy of Anna Bishop.



Children's Ministry

Registration has begun for Children's Ministry! Because of the Covid-19 Pandemic, we will format Children's Ministry differently this year. We will offer in-person classes for the second-year sacramental preparation students only. There will also be a virtual option. Everyone else will have an opportunity to participate in a family catechesis model. Parents will attend monthly meetings (in-person or virtual) and teach their children at home. We hope this experience will strengthen the domestic church and keep everyone safe! God bless! For any questions, please contact Jessie at 281-8502 or jr@stpiusxblgs.org. Closing date for registration is Friday, **August 28, 2020**.

Flocknote Funeral Notifications

If you attend daily Mass, at one time or another you may have been surprised to find that when you arrived at church, a funeral Mass was



scheduled for the Mass of the day. To address this, we are building an email & text group to alert parishioners

when a funeral will take the place of daily Mass. Additionally, parishioners may want this notification so they can pray for the deceased and their family.

If you would like to be notified of an upcoming funeral, please create an account on Flocknote or sign in to Flocknote and choose "Funeral Notifications" group. Find the Flocknote logo (Uno the sheep) on the homepage of our parish website, www.stpiusxblgs.org.

School Supplies Due Today

Parishioners made an exceptional effort to fill school backpacks and provide loose school supplies for children associated with Angela's Piazza: Women's Drop In Center and the children of Family Promise families. Over 100 backpacks were filled and will be delivered on Monday, August 17. To all who contributed, thank you for supporting children in our community! Special thanks to Laurie Claxton and her daughter Kim Ferguson, and Kim's daughter, Annika, for tagging all the packs and getting us off to a great start on this project! We are blessed by three generations in this family!



Acolyte at St. Pius X- Who is that?

Answer: You may have seen our parish Director of Liturgy, Nick Coffman, wearing an Alb (white robe) and assisting at Mass, particularly during holy communion. Though the presence of an installed Acolyte might be new to the parish of St. Pius X, this formal ministry is very old in the history of our Catholic Church and much more common in larger communities. Here are some quick facts.



What is an Acolyte? An acolyte is a baptized disciple of Jesus who helps ritual to flow easily, especially at Mass. The word Acolyte means 'server, assistant, helper.' In recent history, acolytes were most commonly installed only on the way to priesthood or the diaconate as a form of incremental training in ministry (both Fr. Greg and Deacon Tom were installed as acolytes on the path to ordination). Because an acolyte is a baptized believer, it is appropriate that he wears an alb (white robe), the sign of his baptism into Christ, when serving during the Mass. Nick was installed by Bishop Warfel to this ministry in December 2013 because of his formation with a Master's degree in Liturgy & Systematic Theology, as well as his practical role in service to communities as a Director of Liturgy.

What is an Acolyte NOT? An acolyte is not a priest or deacon. He does not confer sacraments. He is not ordained (Nick is a layperson), and because of this, he does not wear a symbol of ordination like a stole.

What does the Church say? The general instruction of the Roman Missal indicates in no. 98 that "The acolyte is instituted for service at the altar and to assist the Priest and Deacon. It is his place principally to prepare the altar and the sacred vessels... to distribute the Eucharist to the faithful..." and in no.187 that "The functions that the acolyte may carry out are of various kinds and several may occur at the same moment... If, in fact, only one acolyte is present, he should perform the more important duties while the rest are to be distributed among several ministers." In other words, it is Nick's job to help the liturgy run smoothly so that prayer and worship are easy for all.

What about at St. Pius X? The key place Nick serves our parish family in the role of acolyte is around the Altar, supporting the priest, deacon, and other ministers in their own service to the people of God, the Body of Christ. This is his calling, which he loves. As our parish acolyte, Nick has additional responsibilities during the COVID crisis, to ensure worship is safe and that liturgical ministers are supported in safe ministry practices.

Please contact Nick if you have any questions about the liturgy and worship at St. Pius X, or if you want to get involved. We are all called to help build up the kingdom of God in our own way. What is your calling?

Congratulations to the 40 Candidates who completed the Sacraments of Initiation on Saturday, August 1st with Bishop Warfel presiding.



In and Around Our Parish Community



For Adults & Children

Are you or do you know someone who...has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic? Has a child over the age of seven who has not been baptized? Was baptized in the Catholic faith as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation & Eucharist?

We offer an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. There are separate sessions for children or youth. You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, your insights and your faith story in a warm, accepting setting. To find out more, please contact Bob Fannon at (406) 855-5074.

An Inquiry Session is scheduled for **Sunday, August 16** at 9:00am at the church. Please call Bob if you plan to attend.

Consider a Marriage Encounter

Our world is changing daily but the one constant is your marriage. Keep it strong to help you endure the challenging times with a Worldwide Marriage Encounter experience. Upcoming dates: Virtual experience Sundays 3-6pm and Tuesdays 7-9pm on Sept 27-Oct 13. Or in person in Ucross, WY on Nov. 13-15, 2020. For more information and to apply visit www.wmme.org, or email montana.dooleys@gmail.com. You may also call Dan & Clare Dooley at (406) 697-3275.



Retrouvaille, Lifeline for Troubled Marriages

A virtual, online Retrouvaille program starts Thursday evening, September 17th. The Retrouvaille community of Montana has been invited to join with California's Northern Community in offering this online weekend. The virtual program is Thursday and Friday evenings and a full day on Saturday and Sunday, September 17 – 20, 2020. The weekend will be followed by a series of virtual Post Weekend Sessions. There is a \$100 registration fee and at the end of the weekend you will be asked to contribute a \$250 donation. Please know that no one is turned away because of the inability to pay. For additional information please contact them at (406) 761-4830 or view the details at www.helpourmarriage.org.

Join the Movement...Foster, Adopt, Give, Advocate, Pray

You make the difference. You can help find families for children that are hurting and powerless in their circumstances. Regardless of your income, skill set or life stage, you have been equipped by God to impact the lives of children in foster care. Join ChildBridge in these efforts however God calls you. Call (406) 2-Foster or visit their website at www.childbridgemontana.org.

Area Events

Saturday, August 22

- Bishop Michael Warfel's celebration of his 40th Anniversary as a Priest, 6:00pm, Holy Spirit Catholic Church, Great Falls, MT. "Our Catholic Faith" worship service with Catholic recording artist Donna Cori. Experience a dynamic performer, spiritually uplifting music, Scripture, stories and prayer. Free but reservations required by calling (406) 727-6683 or emailing bishop@diocesegfb.org. This event will also be LIVE Streamed at that time at <https://www.facebook.com/holyspiritgf>.

Friday, September 25-27

- Renewal Weekend for 4th Dayers. Join the Cum Christo Renewal at St. Bernard Catholic Church. Expect inspiring talks, meditations, spiritual direction, music and time for personal reflection. This shortened version is co-ed and participants sleep at home. Applications are available at <http://www.bigskycumchristo.org/Billings.htm> or contact one of the following: Mary Strauss at 208-7881, birdmids@aol.com or Lucy Melugin at 208-2340, lucile53@gmail.com.

Needs of St. Vincent dePaul

Travel size shampoo & conditioner, soap, lotion and shaving items. Feminine hygiene products, sunscreen, foot powder and deodorant. Neosporin ointment and band aids are also needed. Please only new or unopened items. Drop your donations off at St. Vincent dePaul, 3005 1st Ave. South.

Stewardship Report: August 9, 2020

Envelope Donation	\$11,768.00	Parishioner Envelopes & EFT	180
Loose Checks	\$2,530.00	Annual Parish Budget	\$1,080,000.00
Loose Cash	\$102.00	Contributions needed to-date	\$124,620.00
Electronic Fund Transfer	\$7,388.00	Contributions received to-date	\$124,353.55
Total Collection	\$21,788.00	Budget Income (Shortfall)	(\$266.45)
Weekly Average Needed	\$20,770.00		

Everyday Stewardship: Recognize God in your Ordinary Moments

The Challenge of Stewardship

Every day we are called by Christ to respond in some way. The more practice we have at giving of ourselves freely and living in His presence, the easier it is to discern that call. Once we hear the call, the choice is ours: will we respond with yes or no? We could say that we are not required to say yes because God has given us free will. However, our response speaks much to where we are in our maturity of faith. When we were children, the word “no” used to be one of our favorites. If we continue to say that as we get older, well, that says something about where we are in our walk with the Lord. If we truly are disciples of Jesus Christ and are serious about growing in our faith, we will say “yes.” We are not required to say yes, but we say yes because that is who we have become.

This is the challenge of a stewardship way of life. Have we matured enough to say yes when God calls, regardless of how much our answer may cost us? What matters more to us: what it will cost us or our relationship with Jesus? Some days we will easily be able to say yes. The grace and love he gives us will be plenty to see us through whatever situation in which we find ourselves. However, we are imperfect beings and there will be days when we are more into ourselves than him. It is on those days that we find ourselves at a true crossroads of a challenge. The choice is always ours. Hopefully, our faith will be strong enough. His call is never for his own sake. He calls us because the world he created and the Church he instituted need us. They wait just as he does for our response.

– Tracy Earl Welliver

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Wild Goose ~ Virtual Holy Spirit Faith Study

All St. Pius X parishioners are invited to join this special virtual faith sharing study. You may join this 14-week study at any time! How do you sign-up? Refer to the Flocknote instructions on **page 2**. Make sure to join the group “Wild Goose ~ Holy Spirit Study”. Weekly messages and opportunities to engage will come directly to your email. Need more information? Contact Nick at ncoffman@stpiusxbgls.org or call 281-8507. Engage and grow in this virtual retreat experience!

Scripture Reflection: Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 56:1, 6-7
Psalm 67:2-3, 5-6, 8
Romans 11:13-15, 29-32
Matthew 15:21-28

We are hardwired for wholeness and crave it. When something is broken, we want it fixed. If a part of our body is not working properly, we want it healed. How often do we find ourselves saying, “I’m tired of struggling with this cold, I can’t wait for my surgery to heal, or I want my treatments to make me better.” Wholeness and healing restore our relationships and make us free to love as we desire. We know very well how our limitations, imperfections, and brokenness really limit us. They can easily prevent us from being and doing what we want to do.

Our physical and emotional wounds and maladies are easier to identify. If my back hurts, I feel it and know what part of my body needs attention. If I am feeling intense anger, I can identify the emotion and take necessary steps to uncover its cause. Being persistent often brings greater and quicker results. But will pursuing and even achieving our physical and emotional healings really be enough? We forget that there is a deeper healing that we seek and desperately need. As we look around at humanity, there are some physical and emotional wounds and scars that cannot be made whole. They are limitations that must remain and, for one reason or another, cannot be rectified. Does this mean that the wholeness and healing that my being longs for is not possible for me? Must I settle with less than what God promises?

The answer is no. Ultimately, there is a desire that goes deeper than the physical and emotional. It is a desire that resides in our soul. What we really seek and thirst for is healing and wholeness for our soul. Inner strength, conviction, focus, grounding, love, hope, faith, courage, determination, peace, and connectedness are all words that center us on eternity. They direct us to a presence we discover in our core, which is none other than the presence of God. In God, we are healed. When we are persistent in reaching out to and establishing our relationship with God, real healing and wholeness begin to happen.

There are some limitations and some of our brokenness with which we may simply have to live. This does not mean that we have to abandon our journey to wholeness and healing. If we have done our inner soul work, we have worked toward and acquired what and who we ultimately need and desire.

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Mass Intentions & Readings

Monday, August 17

Ezekiel 24:15-23, Deuteronomy 32:18-21, Matthew 19:16-22

Tuesday, August 18

Ezekiel 28:1-10, Deuteronomy 32:26-28, 30, 35-36, Matthew 19:23-30

8:30am Mass: † Lil Palmersheim

Wednesday, August 19, St. John Eudes

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

8:30am Mass: † John Sengar

Thursday, August 20, St. Bernard

Ezekiel 36:23-28, Psalm 51:12-15, 18-19, Matthew 22:1-14

8:30am Mass: † Frank Blank

Friday, August 21, St. Pius X

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

8:30am Mass: † Delbert Elliott

Saturday, August 22, Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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

5:00pm Mass: Int. of St. Pius X Parishioners

Sunday, August 23 21st Sunday of Ordinary Time

Isaiah 22:19-23, Psalm 138:1-3, 6, 8, Romans 11:33-36, Matthew 16:13-20

10:00am Mass: † Dan Griffin

In thanksgiving
for the lives of
Donna Hein,
Leona Roll, and
Joshua Jackson.
Please keep their
families in your
prayers.



Catholic Homeschoolers Playgroup

This Catholic group provides homeschooling families (parents and children of all ages) to discover play through activities and moral support. You may join them on their Facebook group: Catholic Homeschoolers Playgroup (Billings, Laurel, and surrounding areas) or call/text Katrina Niehenke at (406) 930-1017 for more information.

Ministry Schedule: August 22-23, 2020

Saturday, 5:00 PM

Greeter: Sharon Gray, Lorna Kappel

Usher: Jim Kaiser, Richard King, Amanda Michael, Doug Modrow

Sanitizers: Karen Hould, Lynne Weber, Ann Deegan, Phil Zeeck

Lector: Carol Schaff-1, Connie Marman-2

Sacristan: Tim Morgan

Altar Minister: Craig Barthel

Eucharistic Minister: Lori Kostelecky, Deacon Tom Landry

Sunday, 10:00 AM

Greeter: Fawn Gongre, Markus Hulquist

Usher: Katharine McArty, Andy Mikes, Dan Miller, Dan Sloan

Lector: Annette Behm-1, Vicki Marquis-2

Sacristan: Donna Dierenfield

Altar Minister: Magdalen Wojtowicz

Eucharistic Minister: Patty Hennessy, Deacon Tom Landry

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following are instructions to access each option: **For I**

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Our Website: Log-on to www.stpiusxblgs.org. On the home page on the top left column under our logo you will see "Online Giving". Click that and follow the prompts.

Text-to-Give phone number: 1-406-351-7444.

If you no longer wish to receive contribution envelopes by mail, please call the parish office so we can stop them.

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Please email bulletin@stpiusxblgs.org 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
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Sacraments

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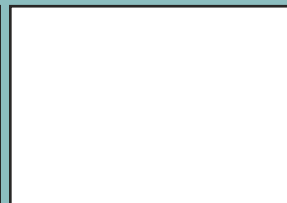
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