St. Pius X Parish

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August 28, 2022

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

RESURRECTION

"For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

LUKE 14:14

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You Belong Here!

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.'

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 <u>www.stpiusxblgs.org/ministries/</u> <u>childrens-ministries/registration/.</u> 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 <u>ir@stpiusxblgs.org</u>.

Food Collection Next Weekend

Our September 3-4 food collection will go to Family Service. We suggest:

- Canned vegetables & fruit
- Soup or chili
- Canned beans
- Spaghetti sauce
- Rice or any type of pasta
- Peanut butter

If you prefer to make a donation, checks may be written directly to "Family Service, Inc." and placed in the collection box by the food bin in the Gathering Area of church.

Thank you! By feeding the hungry, you are participating in a Corporal Work of Mercy!



Left: Betty Warner sorts school supplies and fills some last minute school backpacks for kids. Others who shared the fun activity of sorting were Gail Kleman, Mary Stordahl and Shannon Behounek. Jan Bridger purchased a few specialty items we needed and Carolyn Gransberg and Susan Cranston used their retired teacher knowledge to fill boxes of loose school supplies for eight schools with low-income students.

Thank you to everyone who made this project possible! Over 100 backpacks were provided for children associated with Angela's Piazza: Women's Drop In Center, Family Promise, and our parish. Thank you to the St. Pius X Christian Service Commission who shepherded this project from beginning to end. Dynamic disciples believe in education!

Do you sing? Play an Instrument? The St Pius Music Ministry Needs You!

The St. Pius X Music Ministry is looking for musically gifted disciples to join our ministry. St. Pius is blessed to have both an adult and youth choir in addition to five ensembles. All groups are looking for additional vocalists and instrumentalists. Our choirs rehearse weekly throughout the school year (see schedule below). Our ensembles set their own rehearsal schedules, but generally meet in the evening at least once a month. If you love to sing, or play an instrument and would like to share those talents to help lead our assembly in song, we would love to find the best fit for you.

- Parish Choir will meet in the sanctuary on Tuesdays from 6:30 8:00pm beginning September 13th. No audition required!
- Young Proclaimers, our Jr. High/High School ensemble, will meet in the sanctuary on Wednesdays from 4:30 – 5:30pm beginning September 14th.
- Youth Choir will meet in the sanctuary on Wednesdays from 3:30 4:30pm beginning September 28th. Students in grades Kindergarten-8 are invited to join. (Parents, especially of younger members, are always welcome to attend the rehearsals.)

Please contact Joan at 406.281.8509 or by email joan@stpiusxblgs.org for more information.

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Welcome Back Weekend Sept. 17 ~ 18, 2022

So many changes the past few years...change is hard...yet our faith in Jesus Christ gave us hope! Let us rejoice that as Disciples we can once again gather together in a celebration of life! Welcome Back Weekend is...well...BACK! Summer memories are firmly settled in our minds, school has started, the leaves are changing, committees and meetings and all of fall is starting!

Moreover, this weekend will kick off the 25th anniversary of our church building! Mark your calendars for the Rededication Mass to be held 11am, Sunday, October 23 with Bishop Michael W. Warfel and Coadjutor Bishop Jeffrey M. Fleming. *"Come Home to St. Pius X,"* that has a nice ring to it! See you this fall!



The WBW Parish Picnic Saturday night, 9/17, at 5:30pm (for those of you who go to 5pm Mass join us right after)

- Our Knights of Columbus will be grilling burgers and hot dogs, CCW bringing desserts.
- Games for the kids
- Please bring your own lawn chair or blanket (tables limited.)

Please RSVP (a head count will sure help). Starting next weekend you will find a large glass container on the center table in the Gathering Area. Please take a colored stone from the smaller bowl and place one-per-person in the large container if you plan on joining us for the picnic. We will collect RSVPs through September 11th.

Coffee & Rolls Sunday, September 18 following both the 8:30am and 11am Masses.

Join us for delicious donuts and bagels, hot coffee and fellowship!



Parishioners are encouraged to wear your favorite team colors (any sport - any favorite hobby) to all Welcome Back Weekend Masses.



In and Around Our Parish Community

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.

Grief Support Groups

- Tuesdays (weekly) from 1:00-2:00pm at St. Bernard Parish, 226 Wicks Lane. Walk-ins are welcome
- BraveHearts Children/Family Support Group is an 8-week program offered 2 to 3 times per year. Call 406.651.6453 to register.
- Friday Grief Support Group (weekly) from 1:00-2:00pm at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 119 N. 33rd Street. Parking available in the lot east of the building. Walk-ins welcome.
- "Living With Loss" (Saturdays) is a 6-week educational program offered 2 to 3 times per year. Call 406.651.6453 for information.

National Day of Remembrance

On Saturday, September 10, pro-life Americans throughout the country will gather at memorial sites dedicated to all the innocent unborn victims of abortion. Join us for the 10th Annual National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children in Billings. An outdoor prayer service will be held to honor the lives of the 63 million children who have been killed by legal abortion in the U.S. since 1973, and to remind our society of the humanity of unborn children. The memorial service is Saturday, September 10 at noon at the Memorial for the Unborn at Holy Cross Cemetery, 1601 Mullowney Lane. For more information, contact Amy Seymour at 406.855.3737 or YellowstoneValleyCFL@gmail.com.

St. Patrick Offers Parish Mission—All Invited

"The Holy Eucharist: Shadows and Fulfillment" will be offered at St. Patrick Co-Cathedral Sunday—Thursday, October 2-6 from 7:00-8:00pm. Each evening presentations will be offered on the Most Holy Eucharist:

- The Passover Sacrifice, the Holy Eucharist as Sacrifice
- The Manna, the Holy Eucharist as Communion with God .
- The Bread of the Presence, the Holy Eucharist as Real Presence
- The Eucharist as Sacrifice, Renewal of the Covenant & Foretaste of Heaven.

Preached by Fr. Ben Cameron, C.P.M. of Fathers of Mercy. All are invited to attend these mission presentations.

St. Pius X Knights of Columbus Council 9976

Brother Knights, a Flocknote was sent asking you to consider helping us get Bingo back on track. If you didn't receive that note, but are willing to join a Bingo team, please give me a call at 406.671.5694.

On Thursday, September 8 we will have our last combined meeting of the summer. Our Officers/General Council meeting will be held in the Fellowship Hall. The meeting begins at 7:00pm but we gather a bit early to pray the Rosary. Join us in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel at 6:30pm.

On Wednesday, September 14 we will gather for our Sack Lunch project for our homeless brothers and sisters who are helped by St Vincent DePaul. ~ Bob Holbrook

Area Events

Friday, October 7

Dueling Pianos, a benefit supporting Montana children and families hosted by Catholic Social Services of Montana. Come to the Big Horn Resort with honored guests Bishop Michael Warfel and Bishop Jeffrey Fleming for a show by Fun Pianos, a silent auction, dancing, singing, food, and a lot of fun! For more information, visit cssmt.org/news-events/. Tickets are \$30 for children, \$40 for adults. Group discounts are available!

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 14, 2022

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Needed Weekly:	
Total Collections:	
Budget Overage:	

\$21.346.00 \$23,312.00 \$1,966.00



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

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

Monday, August 29

NO Mass

Tuesday, August 30

- Mass, 8:30am (Live-streamed)
- Finance Council, 4:30pm, Parish Center # 3

Wednesday, August 31

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

Thursday, September 1

- Mass, 8:30am (Live-streamed)
- Christian Service Comm., 6:30pm, Parish Ctr. # 3
- Always Our Children support group, 7:00pm, Parish Center # 1

Friday, September 2

Mass, 8:30am (Live-streamed)

Sat., Sept. 3 & Sun., Sept. 4 in the Gathering Area

• Food collection for Family Service Inc.

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. Our catechists help instruct and spiritually develop catechumens, neophytes, and those seeking the sacraments of initiation within the Roman Catholic faith.

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.

Scripture Reflection:

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

People who are concerned with their own advancement and agenda have little room for anyone else. With an almost addictive pursuit of esteem and acknowledgment from others, they become little more than entitled embodiments of the vice of pride. Public humiliation or embarrassment can hit them hard. While avoiding humiliation and embarrassment may be advantageous to obtaining worldly success, they are much less desirable motivations for entering the Kingdom of God. Avoiding embarrassment is a selfserving motivation. Pride and all of its manifestations have no place on God's agenda, neither do worldly success and fulfillment. In fact, we have been clearly told that if we love our lives, we will lose them. Therefore, if you really want to find your true station in life, learn to give yourself away.

While this may sound foolish to secular ears, it actually makes perfect sense. God, who is love, makes each of us in His image. Love, and therefore God, is in our DNA. That being the case, love is never love if it is kept to oneself or hoarded. Love needs to be shared and given away. Therefore, it is the only proper motivation for entering the Kingdom of God. The door to happiness is only opened when we realize that all we are and all we have is due only to God's grace. Without God we are nothing.

Love is the remedy for pride and protects us from ourselves. God asks us to be humble. Only when we are free from the traps of pride and arrogance that we can begin to follow the path to true humility. Only one who is humble can rightly love and be of service to God. "God makes use only of the humble as his instruments (Jean-Pierre de Caussade)." The humble one does not need others to give them worth and value. Their self-esteem comes from the much more secure foundation of God. Only those who are entirely free can give themselves freely to others. Love must always be our motivation for doing all things. Be content that God has invited you to the banquet of life. Concern yourself with accepting the invitation, and don't worry about where you will sit.





Mass Intentions & Readings

Monday, August 29, The Passion of St. John the Baptist

1 Corinthians 2:1-5, Psalm 119:97-102, Mark 6:17-29

Tuesday, August 30 1 Corinthians 2:10-16, Psalm 145:8-14, Luke 4:31-37

8:30am Mass: † George & Maurine Berkner

Wednesday, August 31 1 Corinthians 3:1-9, Ps. 33:12-15, 20-21, Luke 4:38-44 8:30am Mass: **† Renee Kramer**

Thursday, September 1 1 Corinthians 3:18-23, Psalm 24:1-6, Luke 5:1-11 8:30am Mass: † Marion Fonner

Friday, September 2 1 Corinthians 4:1-5, Psalm 37:3-6, 27-28, 39-40, Luke 5:33-39 8:30am Mass: † David Lawrence Mondragon

Saturday, September 3, St. Gregory the Great 1 Corinthians 4:6-15, Psalm 145:17-21, Luke 6:1-5 5:00pm Mass: Int. of St. Pius X Parishioners

 Sunday, Sept. 4
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 Wisdom 9:13-18, Psalm 90:3-6, 12-14, 17, Philemon
 9-10,12-17, Luke 14:25-33

 8:30am Mass: † Patrick McCarthy
 11:00am Mass: † Marion Prill



Rediscover Your Marriage

The next Retrouvaille 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 <u>www.HelpOurMarriage.com</u>.

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Ministry Schedule: September 3-4, 2022

Saturday, 5:00pm Mass

Greeter: Steve Lattimer, Bonnie Wutzke Usher: Bruce McMorris, Dan Miller, Need 2 Lector: Mark Sevier-1, Connie Marman-2 Sacristan: Need 1 Altar Minister: Richard King Eucharistic Minister: Heather Kaiser, Deacon Tom Landry, Gary Marman, Denise Smith Cross: Emilia Duchesneau, Server: Audrey Duchesneau

Nursery: Malaree Wiltgen

Sunday, 8:30am Mass

Greeter: Donna Berkner, Connie James Usher: Bob Holbrook, Greg Luck, Need 2 Lector: Kim Komar-1, Shannon Behounek-2 Sacristan: Don Judice Altar Minister: Andy Mikes Eucharistic Minister: Clarinda Kremer, Deacon Tom Landry, Rick McCann, Ron Yates Cross: Victoria Willis, Server: Need 1 Nursery: Karian West

Sunday, 11:00am Mass

Greeter: Ann Frazer, Marge Larimer Usher: Roland Barnes, Tyler Blood, Need 2 Lector: Vicki Marquis-1, Rosalie Foster-2 Sacristan: David Mork Altar Minister: Lynn DeMeyer Eucharistic Minister: Deacon Tom Landry, Sandi McGovern, Mary Taylor, Need 1 Cross: Need 1, Server: Landon Boelman Nursery: Judy Lampi

National Collection Next Weekend

Catholic University of America is a national research university with over 5,700 undergraduate and graduate students in more than 250 academic programs in the heart of Washington, D.C. By giving to this collection, you are supporting future Catholic leaders, both religious and lay, who are being formed by an exceptional, faith-rooted education and the university's various research and training initiatives that support dioceses and parishes in responding to the most pressing needs of their faithful. The Catholic Project, an initiative that aims to heal the breach of trust many have experienced as a result of the crisis in the Church, a master's program in Ecclesial Administration and Management, and a credentialing program that prepares recent graduates to serve as campus ministers are a few examples how the University is serving the Church and nation. Pease use the envelopes provided in the Gathering Area or visit: futurecatholicleaders.igivecatholictogether.org



Parish Staff

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Bulletin notices are due by 4:30pm on Monday. Please email submissions to <u>bulletin@stpiusxblgs.org</u>.

Mass Schedules

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