

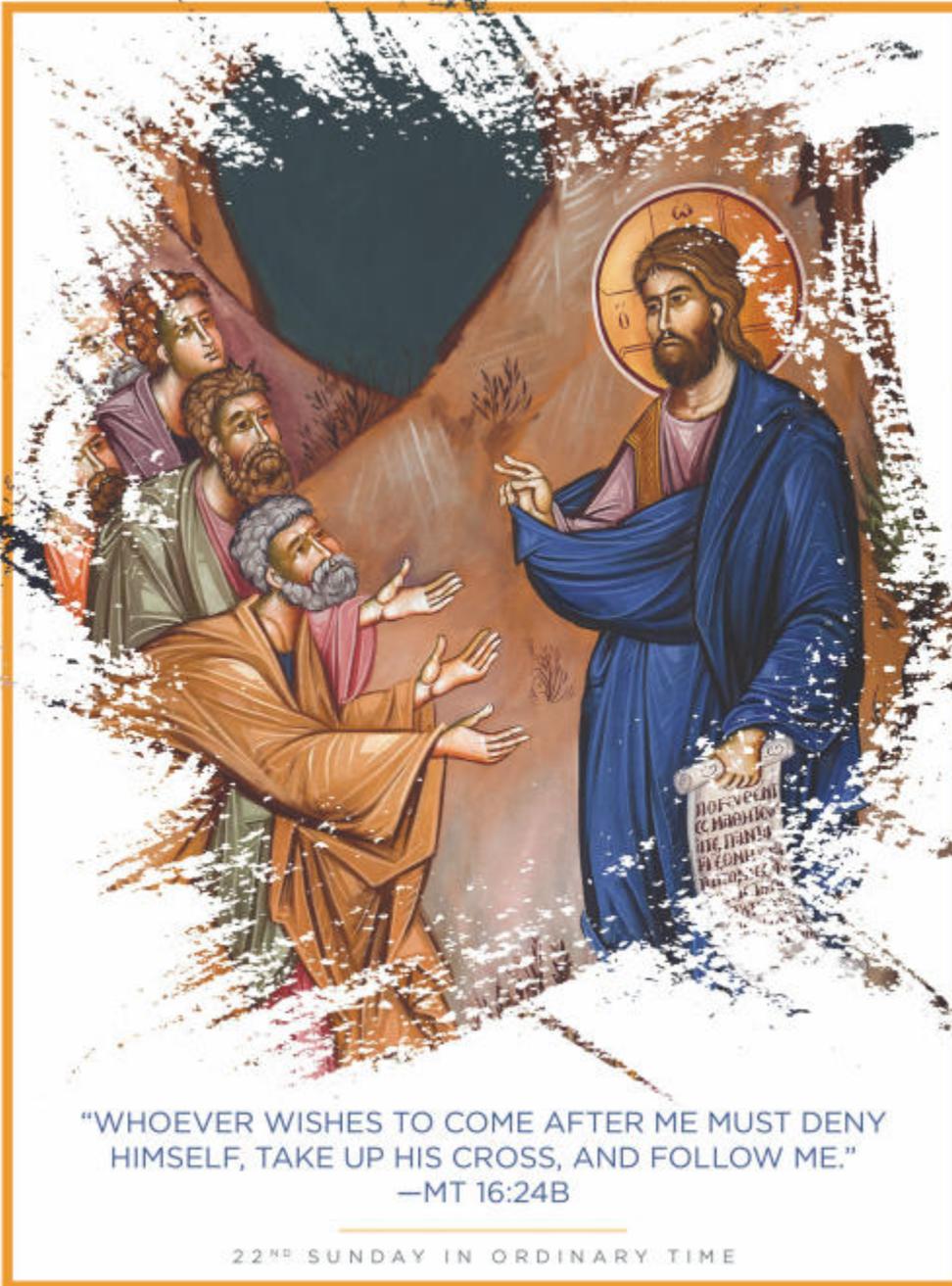
# St. Pius X Parish

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# Bulletin

August 30, 2020

Twenty-second Sunday of Ordinary Time



"WHOEVER WISHES TO COME AFTER ME MUST DENY HIMSELF, TAKE UP HIS CROSS, AND FOLLOW ME."  
—MT 16:24B

22<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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**Final registration date extended to September 11 for Children's Ministry in-person and online classes. See page 2 for details.**



ST. PIUS X PARISH

## Children's Ministry - Final Registration Date Extended

The registration deadline has been extended to **Friday, September 11<sup>th</sup>**. Registration forms can be found online, at the parish office, and in the Gathering Area of the church. Because of the Covid-19 Pandemic, we will format Children's Ministry classes differently this year. We will offer in-person classes for the second-year sacramental preparation class on Tuesday (4:30pm-5:30pm), Wednesday (4:30pm-5:30pm, 6:00pm-7:00pm). 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 pray 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](mailto:jr@stpiusxblgs.org).

## Food Collection Next Weekend

Our September 5-6 food collection will go to *Family Service, Inc.* **All** shelf stable foods are welcome but the following items are needed now:

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

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.

The demand for food at Family Service, Inc. has increased exponentially during this pandemic. Please be generous in your donation so they can be generous to serve those in need. Thank you to everyone who contributes food on the first Sunday of the month.



Above: Venieta Cox and Shelly Greenfield finish the final sorting of school supplies donated to Senior High, Riverside Middle School and Washington, Orchard, Ponderosa, Newman and McKinley Elementary schools. Each school expressed gratitude for the needed supplies!

## Correction from Last Week's Bulletin

Parishioner Peter Riedel created a 15 minute video of the Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Chapel ground breaking ceremony with additional photos and commentary. You may watch it on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rpZSbhCK-FI> or use the QR code provided here. We apologize that the link was not correct in last week's bulletin.



## Blood Drive September 15

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, September 15 from 2:15 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. Set aside any fears and help us help our community!

## Hospitality Ushers and Sanitizers Needed

Jesus Christ went to the people in need in the Gospel, and served them with love and compassion. Could you follow His lead here at St. Pius? We rely on having 4 active and helpful ushers at each Mass to:

- 1) help people find seats at a safe social distance
- 2) direct communion
- 3) direct the dismissal at the end of the liturgy so that during each time of movement, all are safe and can worship in peace.

Ushers are needed at all weekend liturgies. Likewise, we have a handful of persons who are willing to help with the sanitizing of the church, but would welcome more volunteers to lighten the load, especially following the 5:00pm Mass on Saturdays. This is a time of extraordinary need, and if you feel called to help your parish family in this way and are comfortable doing so, please contact Nick Coffman in the parish office, 281-8507 (direct) or [ncoffman@stpiusxblgs.org](mailto:ncoffman@stpiusxblgs.org), who will train you and provide all the support you need to continue Jesus' ministry of hospitality. Thank you and God bless you! ~ Nick

## Welcome Matt Low – Director of Christian Initiation

Amid all the things swirling in our world, a new face appears with a passion “to meet people where they are...” Matt Low is our new Director of Christian Initiation. This full-time position had been essentially split into two positions the past few years since Cheri Smithlin held it. Putting our program for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults and adaptation for children as well as marriage preparation and baptismal preparation all under one coordinated effort brings the attention and dedication warranted to these all-important sacraments. We are very happy to introduce you to Matt.

Matt and his wife Jacqueline came to St. Pius following Matt’s eight-year tenure at *Mary Queen of Peace* where he was the Business Manager. He began at MQP as the Parish Life Coordinator during the clustering of three parishes: Holy Rosary, Little Flower, and Our Lady of Guadalupe. Jacqueline, by the way, is the small-business owner of the *Claddagh Irish Dance Academy* and brings her life-long love of Irish dance to our community.

Matt’s move to Montana came following the completion of his thesis for his PhD in Theology from St. Patrick’s College in Maynooth, Ireland. He came from the Emerald Isle to the Big Sky Country, and he loves it here!

When asked what he’d like us to know about him, he replied: “That I’m welcoming; I’m open; I’ve learned to meet people where they are. This understanding, I suppose, is a heart-knowledge from years of ministerial experience, but it’s truly important. Today everyone (coming into the church) has a different story, a different need; it’s a more diverse group than ever before. The idea that ‘one-size can fit all’ is not necessarily true. Converts come to us today with assorted expectations, different backgrounds, world views, and personal experiences.”

His move from the more managerial, business aspect of a parish into pastoral ministry repeatedly reminds him that “God has a plan! Life is about surrendering, being a servant to God. This move has opened up doors for me, deepening my faith. RCIA, parish life, worship—all of these aspects are interconnected. They are all branches of the vine and I need to nourish them in order to see a blossoming. If we approach church ministry strictly as a business, we risk losing those essential ingredients of parish life.”

Matt anticipates working with parishioners and newcomers to the Catholic faith, walking with them as their faith deepens. He eagerly awaits the evangelizing and faith-sharing components of this parish position.

As with all things, the current pandemic offers challenges in his ministerial duties. “Faith sharing and personal relationships are paramount. Although wearing masks and sitting six-feet apart are hard for me, communicating showing understanding, compassion, and listening skills increase the likelihood that I will successfully walk a person through our Christian initiation process. There



seems to be real ironies and contradictions because of the COVID. We must strive, though, in these times to be creative and resourceful and follow that idea of meeting people where they are.”

We look forward to sharing this journey with Matt. We are grateful that he and Jacqueline now make their home with St. Pius and that we go forth sharing together our love of God and our Catholic faith. When the two left MQP they were thanked with this prayer and we will welcome them here with the same: *May the wind always be at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face; the rains fall soft upon your fields and may God hold you in the palm of His Hands.*

- By Kathy McCleary

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## In and Around Our Parish Community

### St. Vincent dePaul Looks Ahead to Winter

St. Vincent DePaul is requesting St. Pius X's help and assistance in gathering sleeping bags, blankets and pillows for the coming winter. This may sound like an unreasonable request with our current hot weather, but the coming cold and snow is inevitable. There will be an increased need for these items from previous years due to the pandemic. Please consider donating any useful items you may find in your house or garage that can be used to fulfill this need. St. Vincent dePaul will provide a permanent donation container for our church by September 12, 2020. Please bring items on or after that date. SVDP thanks all for their consideration and invaluable support.



### Training Offered for Advocates

Did you know there are **750** children in foster care in Yellowstone County? For these children who have experienced abuse or neglect, you could be their voice by becoming a volunteer Court Appointed Special Advocate. **The next round of CASA training begins in September.** Please give CASA of Yellowstone County a call at (406) 259-1233 or visit [yellowstonecasa.org](http://yellowstonecasa.org) to learn more about how you can make a difference in the life of a child in need.

### Retrouvaille, Lifeline for Troubled Marriages

The Virtual, Online Retrouvaille marriage program will start Thursday evening, September 17. The weekend portion will take place Thursday evening, Friday evening, Saturday day and Sunday. The weekend will be followed by a series of virtual Post Weekend Sessions.

This is a marriage help program located in about 150 cities in more than 25 countries around the world. It has provided the tools to help 10's of 1000's of marriages and families over the last 40+ years. Some couples come to the weekend at the early signs of difficulty. Others consider the program their last resort and come during times of deep misery. Either way, this program will work for you if you commit to work the program. Please contact (406) 761-4830 for information or register at [www.helpourmarriage.org](http://www.helpourmarriage.org).



### Keep Your Marriage Strong!

School clothes and supplies – checked. Hunting supplies – checked. Keep my spouse happy – checked with a Worldwide Marriage Encounter experience. Upcoming dates: Virtual experience

Sundays 3:00-6:00pm and Tuesdays 7:00-9:00pm Sept 27-Oct 13, or in-person in Ucross, WY Nov. 13-15, 2020. For more information and to apply visit [www.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org), or call or email [montana.dooleys@gmail.com](mailto:montana.dooleys@gmail.com), Dan & Clare Dooley (406) 697-3275.

### 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](http://www.stpiusxblgs.org).



### 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 above. 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@stpiusxblgs.org](mailto:ncoffman@stpiusxblgs.org) or call 281-8507. Engage and grow in this virtual retreat experience!



## Stewardship Report: August 23, 2020

Envelope Donation	\$6,906.00	Parishioner Envelopes & EFT	139
Loose Checks	\$3,120.00	<b>Annual Parish Budget</b>	<b>\$1,080,000.00</b>
Loose Cash	\$220.00	Contributions needed to-date	\$166,160.00
Electronic Fund Transfer	\$7,385.00	Contributions received to-date	\$154,906.55
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>\$17,631.00</b>	Budget Income (Shortfall)	(\$11,253.45)
Weekly Average Needed	\$20,770.00		

## Everyday Stewardship: Recognize God in your Ordinary Moments

### The Vision of Stewardship

I love the original movie *Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory*. All the way through while I watch the film I still laugh and feel like a child. It is only the last line with which I have an issue. Wonka by now has chosen Charlie to succeed him as head of the chocolate factory. They board an elevator that proceeds to crash through the roof and begins to fly. Wonka then asks Charlie if he ever heard of what happened to the boy who got everything he ever wanted. After Charlie says no, Wonka explains, "He lived happily ever after." As I get older, I can say I have met several people who got all or most of all they have ever wanted, but unlike Charlie, it did not lead to endless bliss. In fact, as a Christian I know that that statement of Wonka's is a lie. The secret to living happily ever after lies in not getting all you ever wanted, but instead in giving all you ever wanted away.

A person can't have any sense of that reality until they begin to see his or her life transformed by Jesus. When we have accepted the challenge placed before us and made a choice to live a certain way daily, we can find ourselves transformed. Following Jesus is not easy, but it is the only true way to find authentic joy. When we have emptied ourselves and allowed him to fill the open spaces in us, we become different. We are transformed and, if enough of us in a parish community experience the same journey, our parish is transformed as well. Then we begin to transform the world around us. Don't be fooled: A flying elevator is cool, but it pales in comparison to what can happen when we find a new life in Jesus Christ.

– Tracy Earl Welliver

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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 Matt Low at 281-8506.

## Scripture Reflection: Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 20:7-9  
Psalm 63:2-6, 8-9  
Romans 12:1-2  
Matthew 16:21-27

Secular pursuits only bring a temporary amount of satisfaction and fulfillment. As much as we may think that achieving worldly success, economic security, personal well-being, and self-fulfillment are worthy goals to obtain, they all are dependent on external variables and can lead to emptiness. We are trained to be very pragmatic and productive. Unless we are able to check off all of the boxes or comply with specific measurable requirements, our value and worth becomes questionable. Corporations, educational institutions, systems, structures, and secular ideology rarely consider deeper, more spiritual, and human contributions a person can and needs to make.

To the secular mind, the wisdom and ideals of the Gospel are making less and less sense. Consider for a moment this question: "What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?" While Jesus is asking this very challenging question to people who are considering his message, many in our world are in a quite different place. Whether we realize it, many folks are asking a much different question. Why would you not want to gain the whole world and secure your life? If you look at where a lot of folks are investing their time, energy, and resources, it becomes obvious where current priorities rest.

Modern day comforts and possibilities are backing us out of our relationship with God. The fire burning in every human heart is trying to find its satisfaction in the things that humans have created and not God. Being altruistic and offering compassion for those most in need becomes a political responsibility or responsible gesture. We realize that our hearts need to be centered on something and someone who calls us out of ourselves, but we struggle and battle with naming the source of that call. God places the desire to seek, find, and love Him in the core of every soul. We are not abandoned and left to fend for ourselves. But we can easily get confused. We know that when we extend ourselves to another self-sacrificially, we are doing what is just and right. We know that we can work through suffering and loss and come out better and more whole on the other side.

Our minds need to be renewed so that they can begin to understand that there is much more to who we are, and that faith plays a pivotal role in achieving our true and everlasting goals. It is when we see that it is only faith that can bring us to this heightened awareness of ourselves and God that it will begin to make sense. Then, we can put things in proper perspective and consider being a disciple. ©LPi

## Mass Intentions & Readings

### Monday, August 31

1 Corinthians 2:1-5, Psalm 119:97-102, Luke 4:16-30

### Tuesday, September 1

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

**8:30am Mass: Int. of Grace Reif**

### Wednesday, September 2

1 Corinthians 3:1-9, Ps. 33:12-15, 20-21, Luke 4:38-44

**8:30am Mass: † Barbara Voeller**

### Thursday, September 3, St. Gregory the Great

1 Corinthians 3:18-23, Psalm 24:1-6, Luke 5:1-11

**8:30am Mass: † Julie Prill**

### Friday, September 4

1 Corinthians 4:1-5, Psalm 37:3-6, 27-28, 39-40, Luke 5:33-39

**8:30am Mass: † Dan Griffin**

### Saturday, September 5, St. Teresa of Calcutta

1 Corinthians 4:6-15, Psalm 145:17-21, Luke 6:1-5

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

### Sunday, Sept. 6 23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

Ezekiel 33:7-9, Psalm 95:1-2, 6-9, Romans 13:8-10, Matthew 18:15-20

**10:00am Mass: † George & Marian Prill**

In thanksgiving  
for the lives of  
**Tom Breshears and  
Gene Heinz.**  
Please keep their  
families in your  
prayers.



## National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children – Sept. 12

Join pro-life Americans throughout the country in remembering the lives of the more than 60 million innocent victims of legal abortion in the U.S. Please join the outdoor memorial service on Saturday, Sept. 12 at 10:00am at the Memorial to the Unborn at St. Pius X Church. Gather outside the main church doors and process to the memorial site in the adjoining cemetery. Sponsored by Yellowstone Valley Christians for Life, [YellowstoneValleyCFL@gmail.com](mailto:YellowstoneValleyCFL@gmail.com).

## Ministry Schedule: September 5-6, 2020

### Saturday, 5:00 PM

**Greeter:** Erik & Erin Beiergrohslein

**Usher:** Jim Kaiser, Richard King, Doug Modrow, Nancy Wandler

**Sanitizers:** Bob & Mary Brown, Annette Coffman, Janice Krueger

**Lector:** Bob Reid-1, Heather Kaiser-2

**Sacristan:** Tim Morgan

**Altar Minister:** Andy Mikes

**Eucharistic Minister:** Deacon Tom Landry

### Sunday, 10:00 AM

**Greeter:** Fawn Gongre, Magdalen Wojtowicz

**Usher:** Tyler Blood, Tom Judice, Tim Trimble, Richard Wood

**Lector:** Shannon Behounek-1, Brian Taylor-2

**Sacristan:** David Mork

**Altar Minister:** Steve Komar

**Eucharistic Minister:** Deacon Tom Landry

## Special National Collection

The national collection for the Catholic University of America not only supports students but also helps the University serve dioceses and parishes through innovative research initiatives and training programs, such as The Catholic Project-an initiative that aims to heal the breach of trust many have experienced in the Church. Students are enrolled from all 50 states and almost 100 countries in 12 schools. Envelopes are provided in the Gathering Area of church for this collection.

## Online Giving via I Phone, Android or Website



The following are instructions to access each option: **For I Phone:** Start at the APP STORE, ConnectNow Giving, St (no period after St) Pius X Parish (not Church), 59102, Click on Give Now.

**For Android:** Start with PLAY STORE, ConnectNow Giving, St (no period after St) Pius X Parish (not Church), 59102.

**Our Website:** Log-on to [www.stpiusxblgs.org](http://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.

*Thank you to all parishioners who are sending their tithe to St. Pius X by mail or signed up for Electronic Fund Transfer! You are appreciated!*

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Please email [bulletin@stpiusxblgs.org](mailto: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  
at 8:30 AM on our website at  
[www.stpiusxblgs.org](http://www.stpiusxblgs.org). Link is located  
on the homepage.

### Sacraments

**Reconciliation:** Sat. 3:30-4:30 PM  
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**Baptism:** Call us for details

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