

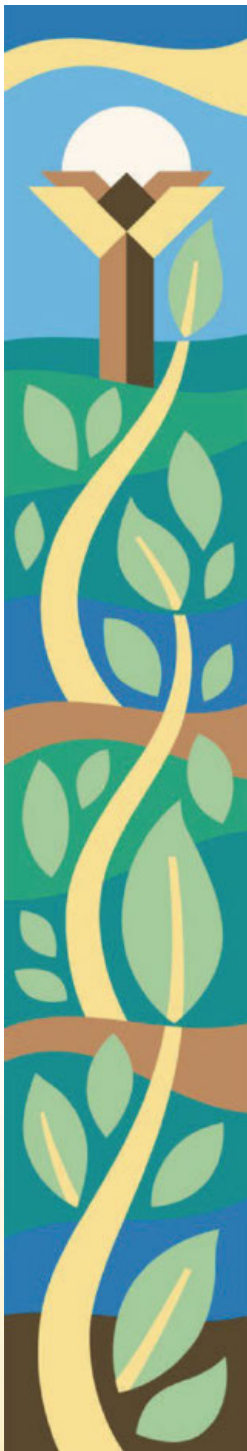
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# Bulletin

August 7, 2022

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



# EXPECT



“For at an hour you  
do not expect, the Son  
of Man will come.”

LUKE 12:40

## A Vibrant Faith Community Waits for You!

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](http://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 [www.stpiusxblgs.org/ministries/childrens-ministries/registration/](http://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](mailto:jr@stpiusxblgs.org).

## Bringing Eucharist and Prayer

Is a loved one homebound and would like Eucharist? Please leave a message for Janice at the parish office, 406.656.2522, if you or someone in your family is homebound or enters a care facility. Due to confidentiality and security laws at care facilities, we may not know if the resident wants to have visitors from the parish unless we are notified. Disciples for Homebound Ministry are training and preparing to visit with communion and prayers in the very near future.



Above: Special thanks to Kim and Annika Ferguson and Laurie Claxton for selecting and tagging school backpacks for the Pak-A-Kid project which began last weekend. Approximately 100 empty backpacks were picked up by parishioners leaving Mass and will be filled and returned by **Sunday, August 14** for an early school start on Monday, August 22. Thank you, dynamic disciples, for your care and generosity in supporting education for low-income students associated with Angela's Piazza: Women's Drop In Center, Family Promise of Yellowstone Valley and parish children in need. Your efforts are appreciated!

## Today: RCIA Inquirers' Session

An **RCIA Inquirers' Session is set for Sunday, August 7** in the parish's Fellowship Hall immediately following the 8:30am Mass. RCIA means *Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults*.

On Sunday, August 7, a member of the RCIA team will be available to talk about what is on your mind and in your heart. This is the perfect time to ask questions and to share faith with Christian disciples of Jesus Christ. As we often say, the RCIA is a process.

Is the RCIA something you are ready for now? Is God becoming more active in your life? Come—step in, learn, meet other seekers, and find out more! The RCIA process gets fully underway this fall and the ritual initiation stages continue into next year (2023) and culminate with the Easter Season. Similar to last year, the RCIA sessions will meet on most Sunday mornings. Please note that the process for *Christian Initiation of Children (CIC)* will meet on Sunday afternoons.

See you at our next inquiry session...May Our Lord Jesus Christ continue to walk with you in your faith journey. ~ Matt Low, Director of Christian Initiation

**Please Return filled backpacks and school supplies by Sunday, August 14.** You may bring them to the parish office during the week M-F from 8:30am-4:30pm or bring to Mass with you and we will collect them! Thank you!

## THE SOLUTION

### PEOPLE SAY YES TO FOSTERING

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## Everyday Stewardship: Recognize God in your Ordinary Moments

### Caught in the Rising Action

Think of some of your favorite iconic movies. I'm not talking about the feel-good comedies or the offbeat coming-of-age flicks. I'm talking about the movies that you found had a profound impact on you or made you go "Hmmm."

I'm willing to bet that the plot of this film features some tough moments and difficult scenarios. However happy the ending, at some point, the situation for the protagonist might look awfully hopeless. The script speaks some truth to you about what it is to be human in difficult circumstances. What it means to persevere.

We're attracted to the tension that exists when the hero is besieged. We're captivated by the decisions he makes in the darkest hour of the night when it seems like the dawn will never come. Why? Because we know that feeling so well. This is the essence of our human life on earth: waiting, hoping, doubting — and enduring.

We know the ending to our story, but we don't know when it's coming. We live our whole lives in the rising action of the narrative. Sure, it gets old. Tiresome, even dull. We may start to despair that the climactic scene is coming at all.

But faith is the realization of things hoped for, and evidence of things not seen. We feel it watching a great movie, because we recognize it intuitively: it is faith which earns the happy ending. No one is drawn to the story when the hero gives up or gets tired of waiting for the payoff. Everyday stewardship is the collection of choices we make while we're waiting, because we are called to action, not idleness, even in our perpetual state of expectation. — *Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS* ©LPi

## Funeral Lunch Ministry

The disciples of St. Pius X provide this hospitality ministry so that our grieving brothers and sisters in Christ can GATHER in our community to encounter Jesus and feel the LOVE of our community for them.

If you are interested in occasionally helping with this ministry by providing a salad or dessert or by helping in the kitchen on the day of the luncheon, please use the QR codes below to sign up directly. If you want to be placed on a call list (you don't use either email or a cell phone), please call Shannon in the parish office at 406.656.2522.



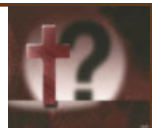
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Thank you for being not only an ambassador for Jesus, but for being an ambassador for St. Pius X. It is because of volunteers like you serving in ministries that help others that we are such a vibrant parish!

**Question:** Why do the Gospels differ in their details? I was surprised to learn that not all of the Gospels tell the same stories, for example, the Nativity. Doesn't this take away from their credibility?



**Answer:** Take any event that happens, from family trips to national politics and ask two or three different people to explain what happened. You will get a different version of the same story. People tend to tell the story from their perspective, and past experience shades what we recall and how we recall it. Our choice of words and what details we leave in or out is also influenced by the audience who is listening to our tales.

The Gospel writers are no different. Each one tells the story of Jesus from their own perspective. Versions differ in some details, not because one is true and the other is not, but because each Gospel writer, or Evangelist, has a different theological point to communicate as well as a different audience for whom he is writing. He picks and chooses the details of his Gospel based on what message he is preaching, what his audience may already know, and what message they need to hear. The various details of the Gospels point more to their authenticity as a record of the church's experience and understanding of Jesus. In a good study Bible, the background notes for each Gospel contain a lot of information that helps us better understand each Evangelist and his message. ©LPi

## In and Around Our Parish Community

### 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!



### Marriage Troubles?

If your marriage has become troubled and stressed, unloving or uncaring; if you have grown cold and distant; even if you are divorced or separated, or are thinking about it, Retrouvaille can help. It has helped thousands of couples! The next program is October 28-30, 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](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com). This is not counseling or group therapy. All contacts and names are held in strictest confidence.

### Your Help is Essential to Rebuild Outreach Ministry

One of the many hardships over the past couple years has been the inability of churches to take Eucharist to the homebound or to our brothers and sisters who live in senior living facilities. As Covid numbers have lowered, the Bishop has lifted the restrictions for homebound ministry. While there are ongoing precautions, we are answering Jesus' call, "*Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.*" (Matthew 25:40) We are seeking disciples for Homebound & Senior Living Facility Eucharistic Ministry. Training will be provided. We will learn and grow together! If you are interested in taking Eucharist to those who are homebound or to one of the senior living facilities to which our parish is assigned, please call the office at 406.656.2522. Your contact information will be given to Janice Krueger, whose heart feels compelled to help rebuild this ministry, and she will contact you. Your prayerful consideration is joined by the prayers of us all!

### Needs at St. Vincent dePaul

There is an urgent need for personal hygiene products such as deodorant, toothbrushes, soap, shampoo, and wipes. The sock inventory for children, women, and men needs to be replenished. Thank you for supporting the Clothing and Essential program, especially for men. If you can help, these items can be dropped off at SVdP located at 3005 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. S., or call Callie at 406.831.5227 or Camron at 406.831.5223 for more information. At St. Pius X, items for direct donation to St. Vincent dePaul may be placed in the blue cardboard box in the Gathering Area of church. The box is emptied weekly.

### St. Pius X Knights of Columbus Council 9976

Thank you for all those who participated in our August Blood Drive. Your commitment to saving lives is amazing.

Just a reminder to anyone who signed up to help at the Wendy's Golf Tournament, the event is this Monday August 8 at the Yellowstone Country Club.

Finally, our August KC Council Meeting will be Thursday, August 18 at 7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall.

## Area Events

### Saturday, August 13

- Rummage Sale to support Central Rams football from 7:00am-2:00pm in the front of St. Francis school located at 2202 Colton Blvd.

### 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](http://bit.ly/QPR_registration). Or call Alicia Kuhlman at 406.540.4120 or [ght.alicia1@gmail.com](mailto: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.

### Calling All Crafters!

The Council of Catholic Women at St. Bernard Catholic Church will hold its 40th annual Craft Fair on Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup>. This is a popular and much anticipated event with great attendance! Contact Coreen Glen at 406.248.6535 to reserve craft table space.

## Thank you!

### Stewardship Report for July 31, 2022

Needed Weekly:	\$21,346.00
Total Collections:	\$16,874.00
Budget Shortage:	(\$4,472.00)

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

### Sat., Aug. 6 & Sun., Aug. 7 in the Gathering Area

- Collecting school supplies and filled backpacks. All due back by August 14.
- Food collection for Billings Food Bank
- Sunday: RCIA Inquiry, 9:30am, Fellowship Hall

### Monday, August 8

- NO Mass

### Tuesday, August 9

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

### Wednesday, August 10

- Mass, 8:30am (Live-streamed)
- Children of Joy and Gladness, 3:00pm, Day Chapel
- Worship Commission, 6:30pm, Parish Center # 3

### Thursday, August 11

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

### Friday, August 12

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

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

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

## Family Service Expresses Gratitude to St. Pius Parishioners

"Dear St. Pius Parishioners, It looks like summer is finally making its way to Billings. Good weather doesn't eliminate the worry about living paycheck to paycheck for many families in our community. Something as simple as an unexpected doctor visit, car repairs, or even the current rise in prices in grocery stores and at the gas pump can bring instability to the lives of people who were at least getting by. With your help, Family Service works to provide stability to our community members in the form of healthy food, emergency rent and utility assistance, and a low-cost thrift store. Over the past few months, we've seen a notable increase in the number of households requesting assistance, with no decrease anticipated in the foreseeable future. In fact, as children begin their summer vacation, we expect that number to rise substantially. Currently, we serve over one hundred households daily on-site. Your help allows us to ensure that no family goes hungry." Stacy Brown, Executive Director

*Donations such as this are only possible because of your tithe to the weekly collection at Mass. The Christian Service Commission of our parish oversees all parish tithing. Family Service Inc. is one of the four local non-profits who receive monthly donations. Thank you!*

## Scripture Reflection: Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wisdom 18:6-9  
Psalm 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22  
Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19  
Luke 12:32-48

St. Thomas Aquinas reminds us that, "Three things are necessary for the salvation of man: to know what he ought to believe, to know what he ought to desire, and to know what he ought to do." Everyone is called to work toward their salvation, which is ultimately union with God. Those who take this call seriously must embark upon a journey inward to the deepest recesses of their soul. In the adventure and wonder of that journey, we work out the details of our union with our Beloved. We cling to what we need to believe, remain firm in what we truly desire, and are guided by what we know we have to do. Once we know that our goal is to be one with our Creator, life becomes an exciting expedition to pursue that end. We make necessary preparations, follow the map, and remain on course.

Whenever we really want something, we put our entire selves into achieving it. Being fully invested in our labor, we willingly work extra hours, devote an abundance of energy and effort, and remain vigilant for beneficial opportunities that may come our way. We certainly do not passively sit by doing nothing! Such an attitude leads to laziness and the accomplishment of little. Worse yet, some look to others to do the work for them, hoping to reap the benefits of another's efforts. Conscientiousness and diligence are the only means to success.

For the one who eagerly awaits the day when they can be fully with God, life becomes a joyous adventure indeed! Alert, ready, focused, convicted, and willing to be a servant they constantly watch and prepare themselves for meeting the Lord. Loving the journey and being in love with their Creator, their lives become joyful witnesses of love and service. They are secure in their hope, confident in their faith, and perfect in their love. Never looking for recognition or gratitude, they stand as gentle inspirations of what the Holy Spirit can do in the hearts of those who believe. Because we do not know what tomorrow will bring, we stand ready to be used as God wills and run eagerly toward Him when He comes. How much do we desire to experience the joy of salvation? ©LPI

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## Mass Intentions & Readings

**Monday, August 8, St. Dominic**  
Ezekiel 1:2-5, 24-28, Psalm 148:1-2, 11-14, Matthew 17:22-27

**Tuesday, August 9, St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross**  
Ezekiel 2:8-3:4, Psalm 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131, Matthew 18:1-5, 10, 12-14  
**8:30am Mass: † Bob Berkner**

**Wednesday, August 10, St. Lawrence**  
2 Corinthians 9:6-10, Ps. 112:1-2, 5-9, John 12:24-26  
**8:30am Mass: Int. of Jan Bridger**

**Thursday, August 11, St. Clare**  
Ezekiel 12:1-12, Psalm 78:56-59, 61-62, Matthew 18:21-19:1  
**8:30am Mass: † Francis Deis**

**Friday, August 12, St. Jane Frances de Chantal**  
Ezekiel 16:1-15, 60, 63, Isaiah 12:2-6, Matthew 19:3-12  
**8:30am Mass: † Barbara Voeller**

**Saturday, August 13, Sts. Pontian and Hippolytus**  
Ezekiel 18:1-10, 13, 30-32, Psalm 51:12-15, 18-19, Matthew 19:13-15  
**5:00pm Mass: Int. of St. Pius X Parishioners**

**Sunday, August 14 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10, Psalm 40:2-4, 18, Hebrews 12:1-4, Luke 12:49-53  
**8:30am Mass: Int. of Linda Morgan**  
**11:00am Mass: † Amelia Schmalz**

In thanksgiving  
for the lives of  
**Fred Reichert and  
Magdalena Heupel.**  
Please keep these  
families in your  
prayers.



## Ministry Schedule: August 13-14, 2022

### Saturday, 5:00pm Mass

**Greeter:** Betty Warner, Lynne Weber  
**Usher:** Bruce McMorris, Bob Riesinger, Nancy Wandler, Phil Zeeck

**Lector:** Michelle Bertelson-1, Carol Schaff-2

**Sacristan:** **Need 1**

**Altar Minister:** Richard King

**Eucharistic Minister:** Erin Augustine, Deacon Tom Landry, Tricia McMorris, Mark Sevier

**Cross:** Anna Lusin, **Server:** Josie Lusin

**Nursery:** Karian West

### Sunday, 8:30am Mass

**Greeter:** Sheila McClintock, Carrie Mikes

**Usher:** Ming & Digna Cabrera, Steve Komar, Richard Wood

**Lector:** Kim Komar-1, Bob Keene-2

**Sacristan:** Clarinda Kremer

**Altar Minister:** Andy Mikes

**Eucharistic Minister:** Don Judice, Rick McCann, Christy Rider, Lorraine Walter

**Cross:** Cyann Crabtree, **Server:** Victoria Willis

**Nursery:** Kelly Keller

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

**Greeter:** Lynn DeMeyer, Magdalen Wojtowicz

**Usher:** Kyle Brehm, Joe Larimer, Penny Sipes, Herb Tate

**Lector:** Kyle Melugin-1, Tricia Hansen-2

**Sacristan:** David Mork

**Altar Minister:** Sandi McGovern

**Eucharistic Minister:** Brittany Blood, Tyler Blood, Janice Krueger, Mary Rah

**Cross:** Casey Rah, **Server:** Lizzie Rah

**Nursery:** Judy Lampi

## 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

Saint Patrick  
Co-Cathedral

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Parish Center Hours: 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday  
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Please email submissions to [bulletin@stpiusxblgs.org](mailto: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  
[www.stpiusxblgs.org](http://www.stpiusxblgs.org). Click Live-  
Stream on the homepage.

### Sacraments

**Reconciliation:** Sat. 3:30-4:30 PM

**Baptism:** Call us for details

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