St. Pius X Parish

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August 8, 2021

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



"I will bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall be ever in my mouth.

Let my soul glory in the Lord;

the lowly will hear me and be glad.

R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Glorify the Lord with me, let us together extol his name.

I sought the Lord, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears.

R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Look to him that you may be radiant with joy, and your faces may not blush with shame. When the afflicted man called out, the Lord heard, and from all his distress he saved him.

R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him and delivers them.

Taste and see how good the Lord is; blessed the man who takes refuge in him.

R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord." Psalm 34:2-9





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 656-2522. You may also visit our website at <u>www.stpiusxblgs.org</u> or find us on Facebook at 'St. Pius X.'

Pak-A-Kid for School is Underway!

Thank you to everyone who so generously took a school backpack to fill for a student in need or donated loose school supplies! Please return all filled backpacks and supplies by next weekend, Sunday, August 15 to the church. The Christian Service Commission looks forward to distributing the backpacks in time for school! Many students in Title 1 schools will benefit from the loose supplies!

Encounter Jesus in Children's Ministry!

Registration is now open for this fall's Children's Ministry classes! We will offer in-person class on Wednesdays from 4:30-5:30pm and Sundays from 9:45-10:45am. You may register online through this link: https://www.stpiusxblgs.org/ ministries/childrens-ministries/ or pick up a registration form in the church gathering area or parish office. Volunteers are needed for class, Children's Liturgy and more! Why volunteer with Children's Ministry? Because the future of the Church depends on your time and talent to form young disciples. The registration deadline is Wednesday, September 3rd and classes begin on September 26 or 29th. Contact Jessie at 281-8502 or ir@stpiusxblgs.org if interested in helping grow this important ministry.



Above: Three generations of disciples (Claxton & Ferguson families) prepare 105 backpacks with student codes and supply lists for the Pak-A-Kid project! Annika (left) used her expertise to match colorful packs for the appropriate gender and grade level. Thank you!

Celebrate God with Your Voice!

After an 18 month hiatus, we are excited to announce that rehearsals for our Parish and Youth choirs will resume this fall! Parish Choir will meet in the sanctuary on Tuesdays from



7-8:30pm beginning September 7th. No audition required!

Youth Choir will meet in the sanctuary on Wednesdays from 3:30 – 4:30pm beginning September 29th. Students in grades 1-8 are invited to join. Please contact Joan at (406) 281-8509 or by email at joan@stpiusxblgs.org for more information.

Brown Bag Lunch Ministry Flourishes!

Thank you for supplying all the lunch donations for our Sandwich Ministry! Our cupboards remain full, thanks to you! Watch our Flocknotes to find out what items are needed or to volunteer to create sandwiches at the church or at home or to help deliver lunches to St. Vincent dePaul. While reading our latest Flocknote, simply click on the "Sandwich Ministry" button to view what is needed! If you do not receive our twice monthly Flocknotes, text SPXBLG to 84576 or simply call the parish office and Rita can sign you up to receive these emails. Call Shelly at the parish office if you have specific questions about this essential ministry. Disciples, thank you for feeding the hungry!

Do we have your correct information at St. Pius X?

If you are registered at St. Pius X, do we have your correct phone number? If you have dropped your landline or changed to a different phone number, please call Rita at the parish office, 656-2522, or email updated information to <u>rb@stpiusxblgs.org</u>. The Parish Office staff continues to work on keeping the St. Pius registry of parishioners accurate. Also, please let us know if you have not been receiving our Flocknote emails. We may not have your email on file, and we occasionally send out important information about opportunities to server and activities. Thank you for helping us keep up–to-date!

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Disciples of Jesus at St. Pius X BELIEVE

In a previous article, we wrote about **Why** being a dynamic disciple of Jesus Christ is the greatest aspiration on earth. There are many great answers as to why, not the least of which is this: **Being a dynamic disciple is** what Jesus wants for you and me, to experience abundant life and to be part of the Kingdom of love and mercy. Wow, what a powerful invitation to the fullness of life!

You may ask yourself, "what does a dynamic disciple look like," or "how can I become a dynamic disciple in my way?" Thankfully the Church has centuries of models of such disciples (Saints) and, in our time, has extensively researched what five qualities all dynamic disciples share. First of all, dynamic disciples of Jesus **BELIEVE** that Jesus is God and has come to save all people.

Belief may sound simple but genuine belief in God is a daily endeavor, constantly changing (dynamic!) and growing as we go through life. "Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!" Mark 9:24. For a believer, it is not enough to accept that Jesus is a great teacher or that God is real but has little involvement in my life. Belief is not just a set of principles or rational arguments but a commitment at the depths of the heart to accept, love, and be in a personal relationship with God. Jesus himself told us this! Though He taught us many things about living a holy life, Jesus never claimed His teachings, patterns, and principles would save us. Only Jesus, personally, is the source of the fullness of life, for He said to us, "I AM the way, the truth, and the life" John 14:6. Not 'my ways,' or 'my teaching,' or even 'my church,' are the way... but only Jesus Himself, personally.

So what does it look like to BELIEVE in Jesus? The wisdom of the Church gives us many incredible insights: belief means being in a personal relationship with God, like Mary, who conversed with the angel and accepted God's way to save the world in Christ. Belief means living in friendship with Jesus so intentionally that all fears and struggles fall into place behind Christ, like St. Stephen the Martyr. He accepted death rather than deny his relationship with Jesus. Belief means spending time with Jesus each day in prayer and seeking him out in others. St. Teresa of Calcutta said it so well: "I see Jesus in every human being. I say to myself, this is hungry Jesus, I must feed him. This is sick Jesus. This one has leprosy or gangrene; I must wash him and tend to him. I serve because I love Jesus."

Belief means letting our faith pour through and color all of our life's experiences (not just at Church on the weekend) because it is who we are, with what, and with whom we are constantly concerned. No idea can affect our lives as powerfully as a relationship can, especially a relationship with Jesus!

To put it practically, disciples who BELIEVE in Jesus seek Him daily and have a personal relationship with Him that gives us abundant life. A great example in our community comes from our parish Knights of Columbus, who recently put on a BBQ at St. Vincent dePaul for our sisters and brothers experiencing hunger and homelessness. Our Knights stood out in the 100 degree-plus weather over a large, open-flame grill to provide substantial, delicious food for hours on a Saturday. It was not enough for these community members to stand by or keep God at arms-length: they had to act as Jesus would because they BELIEVE in Him in a personal way. Our parishioners' belief transformed their lives and subsequently blessed the lives of friends in our community who were hungry.

When was the last time you sat quietly and spoke directly with Jesus about what is going on in your own life? Have you ever envisioned Him right before you, ready to listen, encourage, and bring you healing? I encourage you to converse with Him each day with the same confidence you have when speaking to an old friend or beloved family member-Jesus wants you to know Him in an intimate and personal way because He is the way, the truth, and the life. By drawing close to Jesus, our hearts are changed, not because of persuasive ideas or teaching, but because we are in a relationship with him, a connection that animates and inspires us to strive each day to live as dynamic disciples. ~ Nick Coffman, Director of Liturgy, St. Pius X

Spiritual Exercises in Everyday Life

The Spiritual Exercises in Everyday Life (SEEL) is a nine month retreat experience from September to May that invites you to develop a commitment to daily prayer. You will meet with a spiritual director weekly for an hour and come together with other retreatants once a month for a presentation on the material being covered. Do you have an openness to spiritual growth and personal transformation? Ask for an application from Deb LeVeaux at <u>leveaux@bresnan.net</u> or call at 652-4143. Application dead-line is August 25, 2021.

RCIA: A Journey of Conversion for Adults and Children

Are you or someone you know ready to have a deeper, intimate, more personal relationship with the Divine Presence—Our Lord Jesus Christ? Taking that first step inquiring and asking questions—can sometimes be the hardest leap of faith for a person interested in becoming a disciple of Jesus in our Roman Catholic tradition. We completely understand. Typical questions 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 the sacraments of initiation at St. Pius X?

Please know that our parish community offers opportunities in small group settings to learn about the Catholic faith and in becoming fully initiated members through the church's sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and First Eucharist. Our sessions focus on the teachings of Jesus, Church doctrine and its sacred Liturgy, Scripture, and Tradition. Note also that our parish offers separate sessions for children and teenagers.

You are welcome to participate in this journey of learning, faith, and discipleship. Please contact, Matt Low, at the parish office and tell him how God is working in your life. Also, in the next month, our parish will host an *Inquiry Session* in the Church for those interested. Stay tuned for more details... In the meantime, may the Holy Spirit continue to bless you and your family with an abundance of love, joy, peace, and patience. Amen.



In and Around Our Parish Community

Theology on Tap for Young Adults

Matt Brower will be presenting on Faithful Catholic Engagement with Politics for Theology on Tap on Thursday, August 12th at CJ's Garage, 2455 Central Ave. Doors open at 6:00pm (if you'd like to come eat, drink and socialize beforehand, no host). Speaker from 6:30-7:30pm, stay as long as you'd like. Bring a friend, tell a fellow parishioner. Help us build our Catholic community across the city!

Are You Registered At St. Pius X?

If you regularly attend Mass at St. Pius X Parish, why not have your name added to our parish records? Adult members of your family who are no longer living at home and are self-sufficient may register separately. If you will be moving or are no longer attending Mass, please call to update your information. To register for the first time or to update your records, please contact Rita at the Parish office, 656-2522. You can also register on our website: <u>www.stpiusxblgs.org</u>.

You Belong Here

We need your help, St. Pius X community, for our liturgical ministry! Your support at any Mass is welcome and much appreciated!

Lector – The Word of God is a living revelation that changes our hearts every time it is proclaimed well for us to hear at worship. Do you have an appreciation for sacred scripture, participate in a bible study, read the readings before Mass, or pray regularly about the implications of God's Word in your life? If so, your heart is in the right place to proclaim the Word to our community. Contact Nick at <u>ncoffman@stpiusxblgs.org</u> or call him directly at 281-8507.

St. Pius X Knights of Columbus Council 9976

Brother Knights, if you signed up to help at the Wendy's Golf Tournament, this is a reminder that the tournament is on Monday, August 9. For your comfort and safety during these hot days, please bring a lawn chair and plenty of water.

Our Officers meeting is coming up on Thursday, August 12 at 7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. All members are welcome to attend.

On Friday, August 13 we will be providing our barbecue grill and some Knights to cook for the Family Promise of Yellowstone Valley Golf Tournament. Watch your email for a Flocknote with details and the ability to sign up to volunteer.

Our General meeting is next week on Thursday, August 19 in the Fellowship Hall. Rosary at 6:30pm and meeting at 7:00pm.



Make a donation to our parish via this QR code for Venmo or PayPal. Access is also available on our website. Look for these icons at the top of the homepage at <u>www.stpiusxblgs.org</u>. Thank you for your support!

Stewardship Report: August 1, 2021

Envelope Donation Loose Checks Loose Cash Electronic Fund Transfer **Total Collection** \$8,373.00 \$2,640.00 \$1,022.00 \$3,734.12 **\$15,769.12**

Weekly Average Needed Number of Contributors **Annual Parish Budget** Contributions needed to-date Contributions received to-date Budget Income (Shortfall)

Area Events.

Friday, August 13

Are you a golfer? Grab your clubs, grab your friends and join the Billings Catholic Schools Foundation for the 2021 Ram Scramble Golf Tournament at Pryor Creek Golf Course with a 1:00pm shotgun start. Registration includes 18 holes, green fees, golf cart and BBQ dinner. Contact Nikki Burke at the BCS Foundation for more information: nburke@billingscatholicschools .org or visit www.billingscatholicschoolsfou ndation.org for the form and

ndation.org for the form and more details. Proceeds to benefit the Billings Catholic Schools. See you on the course!

Saturday, August 14

 Rummage Sale to benefit Billings Central Catholic High School's football team. Find the sale in the St. Francis K-8 school gym from 7:00am-4:00pm.

Sunday, September 12

Save the date for the BCS and BCS Foundation Running On Faith 3K Footrace, Carnival and All-School RamFamily Picnic! These events will take place incorporating Rose Park and the Saint Francis Catholic K-8 campus. Race registration will begin at 11:00am with the race starting at 1:00pm. Awards, carnival and picnic will follow the race at approximately 2:00pm. Visit billingscatholicschools.org or email bcs@billingscatholicschools.or g for more information.

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

Sat., Aug. 7 & Sun., Aug. 8 in the Gathering Area

 Collecting Pak-A-Kid for School backpacks and loose school supplies

Monday, August 9

NO Mass

Tuesday, August 10

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

Wednesday, August 11

- Mass, 8:30am, (Live-streamed)
- Worship Commission, 6:30pm, Day Chapel

Thursday, August 12

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

Friday, August 13

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

Sat., Aug. 14 & Sun., Aug. 15 in the Gathering Area

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Gather and Paint!

Saint Vincent dePaul is seeking volunteers to paint interior spaces in our facility. This will give our friends a clean and welcoming environment to gather, receive essential items, and meet with one of our case managers. This would provide an exceptional opportunity for a youth group, or any group to serve the needy in our community. All materials will be furnished by SVdP. Thank you for considering this opportunity to serve. If you are interested please contact Callie at: <u>callie@svdpmt.org</u> or (406) 831-5221.

There's Help for That

Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. It is designed to provide the tools to help get your marriage back on track, the opportunity to rediscover each other, and examine your lives together in a new and positive way. This program has helped 1000's of couples. For more information about the September 16-19 virtual, online weekend program for couples, contact registration team: at (406) 761-4830 or visit the website: <u>www.HelpOurMarriage.org</u>.

Free Covid-19 Support

Everyone is impacted by the effects of COVID-19. If you are experiencing emotions such as anxiety, depression, stress, sadness, or fear, you are not alone. Call (877) 503-0833 or visit <u>montanacrisisrecovery.com</u> for confidential emotional support.

Scripture Reflection:

Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

1 Kings 19:4-8 Psalm 34:2-9 Ephesians 4:30-5:2 John 6:41-51

The lens through which we view life makes a difference. It also determines who we choose to learn from and what we allow to shape our thoughts and feelings. For many, life is simply what it appears to be, a given that either through evolution or some other means just came to be. There is no apparent rhyme or reason to things and things can be dissected and understood only in terms of what they empirically present. To the person using this lens, a tree is a tree and a flower is a flower. Their composition and existence can be understood only to the extent that current human knowledge allows. Through this lens, what gives life purpose and meaning? This lens has an essentially unknown beginning and definite end. Once those are accepted, the middle becomes some kind of pursuit of happiness, with values and principles being things that are self-created and found acceptable.

But there is a Divine lens that also exists and deserves mention. It is found when one stumbles upon faith and begins to see things differently. This lens is of God and reveals a Divine Energy and Life that flows through and in all things. Faith then shows us that all that lives come from this one Source of Love. This is the only true lens that can give human beings the purpose and meaning they desperately need. From this perspective, all of life is much more than what is immediately apparent! It now tells and reveals a story about God's generous, creative, and unconditional love! The unfolding of the human story is the unfolding of God's story. What meaning our lives have when they are viewed as a part of God's love affair with humanity! We are indeed special.

The lens of our faith asks us to learn from Jesus Christ. Jesus, as the real Bread of Life, shows us our eternal destiny and completes and frames our lives. It is only in allowing ourselves to be taught by Jesus, that faith, hope, and love take on much greater importance. All the relationships in our lives are now structured and ordered using God's primary commandment of love. Jesus, then, is not just some man who lived at some point in history. Jesus is the incarnate Son of God who shows us the way, the truth, and the life. Using this lens changes things up a great deal. Looking at the creation that surrounds you and the special unique people you love, what is God trying to teach you about His love for you and the eternal life He wants you to have?

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Mass Intentions & Readings

Monday, August 9, St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross Deuteronomy 10:12-22, Psalm 147:12-15, 19-20, Matthew 17:22-27 NO Mass

Tuesday, August 10, St. Lawrence 2 Corinthians 9:6-10, Ps. 112:1-2, 5-9, John 12:24-26 8:30am Mass: † Erick Krueger

Wednesday, August 11, St. Clare Deuteronomy 34:1-12, Psalm 66:1-3, 5, 8, 16-17, Matthew 18:15-20 8:30am Mass: **†** Renee Kramer

Thursday, August 12, St. Jane Frances de Chantal Joshua 3:7-10, 11, 13-17, Psalm 114:1-6, Matthew 18:21-19:1 8:30am Mass: Int. of Jan Bridger

Friday, August 13, Sts. Pontian and Hippolytus Joshua 24:1-13, Psalm 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22, 24, Matthew 19:3-12 8:30am Mass: † Colleen McCoulah

Saturday, August 14, St. Maximilian Kolbe Joshua 24:14-29, Psalm 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 11, Matthew 19:13-15

5:00pm Mass: † Elayne Sauvageau Cummings

Sunday, 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 8:30am Mass: Int. of St. Pius X Parishioners 11:00am Mass: † David Larimer



Billings Catholic Schools is Hiring

 Saint Francis Catholic Early Childhood Education is looking for 2 FT Childcare Providers, 1-2 PT Childcar

Ministry Schedule: August 14-15, 2021

Saturday, 5:00 PM Greeter: Elizabeth Warner, Lynne Weber Usher: Jim Kaiser, Richard King, Nancy Wandler, 1 Needed

Lector: Dar Aldrich-1, Jim Aldrich-2 Sacristan: Tim Morgan Altar Minister: Heather Kaiser Eucharistic Minister: Frances Bopp, Janice Krueger, Deacon Tom Landry, Mark Sevier Cross: Anna Lusin Altar Server: Josie Lusin Nursery: Kylie Schott

Sunday, 8:30 AM Greeter: Loretta Frank, Carrie Mikes Usher: Don Judice, Chuck Legerski, Herb Tate, Sam Wood Lector: Shannon Behounek-1, Rosalie Foster-2 Sacristan: Jan Kirk Altar Minister: Steve & Kim Komar Eucharistic Minister: Deacon Tom Landry, Andy Mikes, Richard Wood, Phil Zeeck Cross Bearer: Needed Altar Server: Victoria Willis Nursery: Roxanne Kuntz

Sunday, 11:00 AM (Live-streamed)

Greeter: Lynn DeMeyer, Ann Frazer Usher: Kyle Brehm, Steve Geiger, Markus Hulquist, Joe Larimer Lector: Tim Guenthner-1, Tricia Hansen-2 Sacristan: David Mork Altar Minister: Magdalen Wojtowicz Eucharistic Minister: Brittany Blood, Tyler Blood, Deacon Tom Landry, Sandi McGovern Cross Bearer: Needed Altar Server: Ave Romee Nursery: Karian West

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Saint Francis Catholic K8 is hiring for an Elementary Music or K-12 Music or Elementary Curriculum position, a SAINTS Before and After Care Program Director and SAINTS Before and After Care Program Providers

- Billings Central Catholic High School is looking for FT Secondary Math/Science or PT Secondary Math and a FT Evening Custodian
- BCS is hiring a Scrip Program Manager

Please visit <u>billingscatholicschools.org/about-bcs/employment-opportunities</u>/ or email <u>bcs@billingscatholicschools.org</u>.



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Bulletin notices are due by 4:30pm on Monday. Please email <u>bulletin@stpiusxblgs.org</u> or fax to 656-2584.

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

Anointing of the Sick: Please call to arrange for an individual anointing.

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