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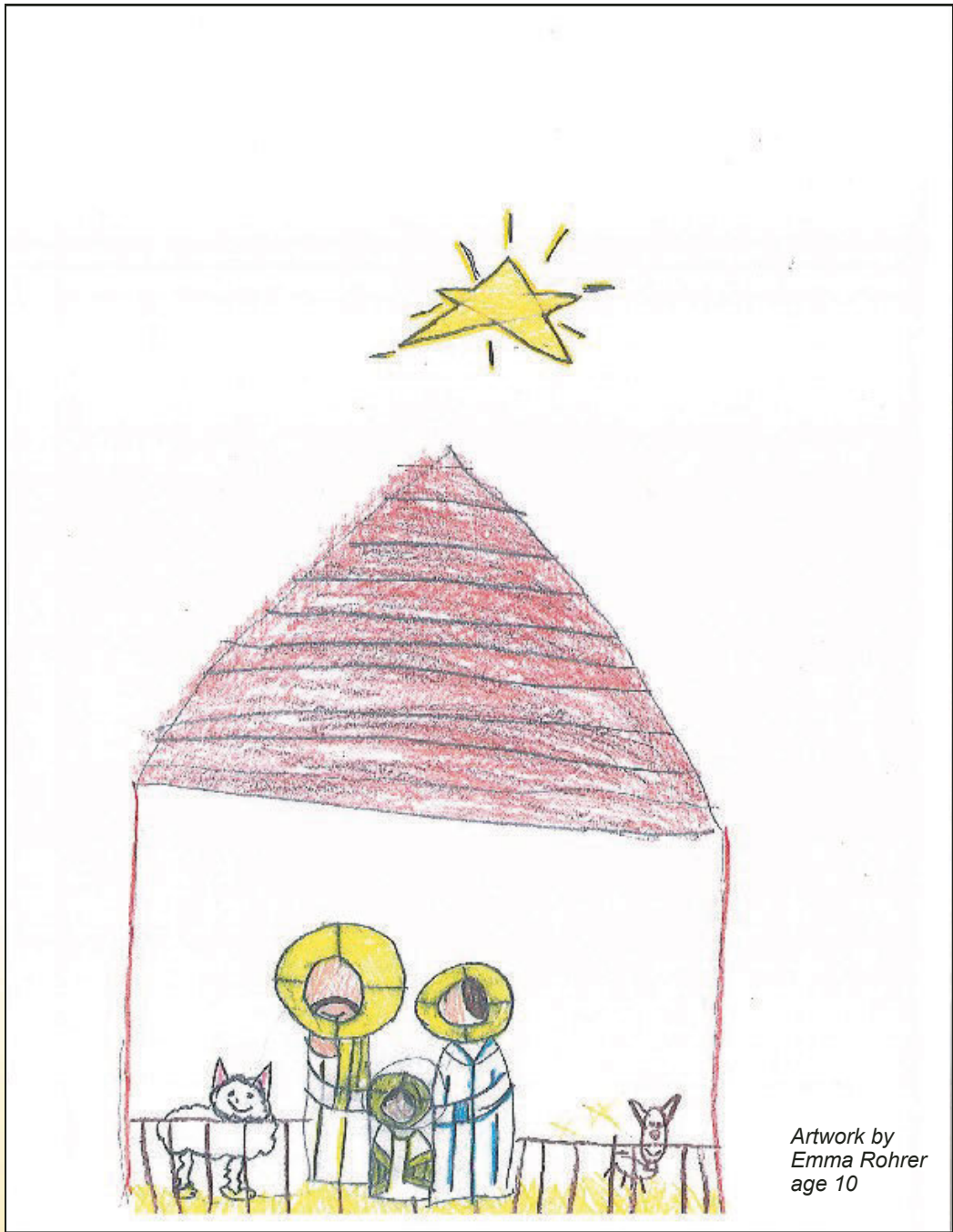
Bulletin

December 26, 2021 & January 2, 2022

Holy Family and Epiphany of the Lord



A Savior is Born!



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Encounter Jesus Like Never Before!

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 www.stpiusxbgls.org or find us on Facebook at 'St. Pius X.'

We Give Thanks

We give thanks to all those at our liturgies who preside at our prayer, welcome God's people, proclaim God's Word, lead and inspire us in song, serve the altar as acolytes, prepare our liturgies and worship space, live-stream our Masses and minister the Holy Eucharist to us. We are thankful for all who pray and celebrate with us this day!

Parish Office

The parish office will be closed December 27-31 for renovations. Fr. Greg and the staff wish everyone a Blessed and Happy New Year!!

Jan. 1-2 Hospitality Collection

On January 1-2 will collect hospitality items for St. Vincent dePaul. These items are needed regularly: Laundry soap (any type), Coffee (Regular), Sugar, Non-dairy creamer, Napkins, 8 oz. coffee cups, Disposable soup bowls, Disposable eating utensils, Disposable plates (small & dinner size), Healthy snacks in individual packages such as breakfast bars, nuts, dried fruit, **NEW:** Feminine hygiene products for menstrual cycle, **NEW:** Socks and underwear for both men and women, backpacks and men's casual wear. Thank you and Happy New Year from St. Vincent dePaul!

Poinsettia Donations (as of 12/15/2021) In Memory of:

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In Honor of:

The Boyett and Duffner families

Stella Lee's Parents



We Can Reach Out After Hospitalization

If you or someone in your family is hospitalized, please notify the parish offices, 656-2522, when you return home. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, neither our pastoral team nor our hospital volunteers can visit the hospitals and we cannot get information from them about any Catholics who may be in their facilities. Our parish nurses now rely on family reports to make follow-up calls once a parishioner returns home. This ministry is so important and we as a parish community want to support our members as much as possible after returning home from hospitalization. We can also put you or your loved one on our prayer chain; and, we have prayer shawls available as well. Together in faith we can maneuver the uncharted paths of this pandemic. God bless you all.

Children's Ministry

Thank you to everyone who volunteered or attended our Advent Family Fun event. See photos on page 3. It was a joy to be together and celebrate the season. Children's Ministry classes will resume on **January 2nd or January 5th**. Wishing you a very Merry Christmas!

Thank You to Family Promise Meal Hosts

Thank you to all the wonderful volunteers who provided delicious meals for our Family Promise family at the Day Center December 12-18, 2021. Your support encourages this family to break down the barriers to homelessness and experience 2022 with new found hope!

'Hug in a Mug' Event January 21, 2022

All women of the parish are invited to save the date for this event! at 9:30am in the church Fellowship Hall. Fill mugs with goodies and inspirations! Bring new (or gently used) mugs to the parish office.



12/12/2021 16:38



Happy New Year!



12/12/2021 16:28



12/12/2021 16:42

Advent Family Fun on December 12th hosted by Children's Ministry. Thank you for attending this joy-filled event!



In and Around Our Parish Community

It's Not Too Late!

Take advantage of tax savings through a gift to St. Pius X's endowments at the Catholic Foundation of Eastern Montana.

Consider a year-end gift to the Catholic Foundation of Eastern Montana to receive the Montana Endowment Tax Credit. This amazing opportunity is available to Montana taxpayers who make a planned gift to a permanent endowment. You could receive a tax credit equal to 40% of the charitable value of your gift!

Please reach out to Judy Held, Foundation President, to learn more and ensure you receive this impressive benefit for supporting St. Pius X Parish! Call (406) 315-1765 or email judy@catholicfoundationmt.org.

Marriage Encounter Experience

We rediscover Jesus every year at Christmas and recognize the great gift He has given us. Why not share a weekend with your spouse and show them what a great gift they are to you? These weekends are a powerful time for you to focus on one another, reconnect and grow closer. Upcoming 2022 dates: Billings, MT Feb. 4-6, Gillette, WY Feb. 18-21, Elk Mountain, WY April 22-23, or visit the website at wwme.org for additional dates. For more information and to apply, visit www.wwme.org, email montana.dooleys@gmail.com, or call Dan & Clare Dooley (406) 697-3275.

Rediscover Your Marriage

Retrouvaille simply means "rediscovery". The program offers the chance to rediscover yourself, your spouse, and a loving relationship in your marriage. Retrouvaille is not a spiritual retreat, not a sensitivity group, not a seminar, not a social gathering. Retrouvaille is a program for married couples that feel bored, disillusioned, frustrated, or angry in their marriage. Most don't know how to change the situation or even communicate the conflicts with their spouse. The next program begins February 25, 2022 at the Ursuline Centre in Great Falls, MT. Contact the registration team: at (800) 470-2230 or visit www.HelpOurMarriage.com.

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This time of year is always a good time to take stock of our blessings. While we could look with disappointment at this extended season of Covid and the many activities we have missed out on, I think it's more important to count the gifts of God's grace. Our Parish family stepped up again to support us in our Christmas Tree Sales and we sold out in record time. We purchased 6 cases of Coats for Kids and then got an unexpected gift of several adult coats from our State Knights of Columbus Office. We also thought we would suffer a significant downturn of blood donors due to the pandemic. But once again, our parishioners stepped up to the challenge. We met or exceeded every one of our blood drives throughout all of 2021. So, from every one of our Knights to all our St. Pius X Family, Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!



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 www.stpiusxblgs.org. Thank you for your support!



Raffle Supports Ministries of Our Diocese

Tickets are available until May 20, 2022 for the Diocesan Raffle Fundraiser for \$20 each at the St. Pius X parish office. Get your tickets soon to be eligible for the two remaining early bird cash drawings! Amazing variety of exciting prizes!

Flocknote

Please use this QR code to receive parish communications twice a month. Stay connected!



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The Stewardship Report for December 19, 2021 was unavailable at time of print.

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

Sunday, December 26

- Masses at 8:30am and 11:00am
- NO RCIA
- NO Children's Ministry classes

Monday, December 27—Sunday, January 2, 2022

- NO daily Mass Dec. 27-31
- Parish Office closed, until January 3rd

Sat., January 1 & Sun., January 2, 2022

- Hospitality Collection for St. Vincent dePaul
- Saturday: Reconciliation, 3:30pm
- Saturday: Mass, 5:00pm
- Sunday: Masses, 8:30am & 11:00am
- Sunday: Children's Ministry classes

Monday, January 3

- Parish office open
- NO Mass
- Bible Study, 8:30am, Fellowship Hall
- Education Commission, 6:00pm, Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, January 4

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

Wednesday, January 5

- Mass, 8:30am, (Live-streamed)
- Sandwich Ministry, 9:00am, Fellowship Hall
- Children's Ministry classes

Thursday, January 6

- Mass, 8:30am, (Live-streamed)
- Christian Service Comm, 6:30pm, Fellowship Hall
- K. of C. 4th Degree, 7:00pm, Fellowship Hall

Friday, January 7

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

Sunday, January 9 at church

- Children's Ministry classes
- RCIA
- Liturgy of the Word with children, 11:00am

In thanksgiving
for the life of
Eriven Roll.
Please keep his
family in your
prayers.



Scripture Reflection:

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28
Psalm 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10
1 John 3:1-2, 21-24
Luke 2:41-52

Families can be very difficult things to negotiate. This is true not only of our families of origin, the current family of which we are a part, the family of our Church, our society, and our global family as well. Everything human can be found in family stories. Those stories speak of wonderful life-giving successes as well as painful spirit-robbing abuses. Our greatest joys and our greatest wounds are usually connected with the experience of family. Our needs, experiences, and unresolved baggage often color what we bring to our familiar relationships. They contribute to our level of defensiveness, how guarded and protected we become, and what prejudices we believe.

In order to break the cycle of dysfunction we have to remember that it is not only by human effort that we negotiate the difficult and challenging events of our lives. There is a Divine Effort at work as well. For sure, the human effort can create quite a mess and easily destroy lives. This is true of any family with which we are associated. Today's Feast of the Holy Family serves to help us understand that there is a Divine Story being told as well. It is a story of perseverance in the face of hardship, determination in the face of despair, healing when we see nothing but wounds, and light where there is darkness.

Do we believe that God is always working, guiding, restoring, and leading? Unless we do, we will never be free from the imperfections and wounds that bind us and never be able to understand what it really means to forgive. Pope Francis tells us that the "light which comes from the Holy Family encourages us to offer human warmth to other families." While this is most certainly true, we can only really begin to do this when we realize that we are still works in progress, not anchored to the wounds and sins of our past, and still a leading star in God's continually unfolding story of love. The Holy Family persevered and radiated warmth because they knew they were not alone. We can too. ©LPi



Mass Intentions & Readings

Monday, December 27, St. John

1 John 1:1-4, Psalm 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12, John 20:1-8

Tuesday, December 28, The Holy Innocents

1 John 1:5-2:2, Psalm 124:2-5, 7-8, Matthew 2:13-18

Wednesday, December 29, Thomas Becket

1 John 2:3-11, Psalm 96:1-3, 5-6, Luke 2:22-35

Thursday, December 30

1 John 2:12-17, Psalm 96:7-10, Luke 2: 36-40

Friday, December 31, St. Sylvester I

1 John 2:18-21, Psalm 96:1-2, 11-13, John 1:1-18

Saturday, January 1, Mary, the Mother of God

Numbers 6:22-27, Psalm 67:2-3, 5-6, 8, Galatians 4:4-7, Luke 2:16-21

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

Sunday, January 2, Epiphany of the Lord

Isaiah 60:1-6, Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13, Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6, Matthew 2:1-12

8:30am Mass: † William James

11:00am Mass: † Roger Bernhardt

Monday, January 3, The Most Holy Name of Jesus

1 John 3:22-4:6, Psalm 2:7-8, 10-12, Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday, January 4, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

1 John 4:7-10, Psalm 72:1-4, 7-8, Mark 6:34-44

8:30am Mass: † Amelia Schmalz

Wednesday, January 5, St. John Neumann

1 John 4:11-18, Psalm 72:1-2, 10, 12-13, Mark 6:45-52

8:30am Mass: † Rosemary Ertle

Thursday, January 6, St. André Bessette

1 John 4:19-5:4, Psalm 72:1-2, 14-15, 17, Luke 4:14-22

8:30am Mass: † Donna Catalla

Friday, January 7, St. Raymond of Penyafort

1 John 5:5-13, Psalm 147:12-15, 19-20, Luke 5:12-16

8:30am Mass: † Fred Stolz

Saturday, January 8

1 John 5:14-21, Psalm 149:1-6, 9, John 3:22-30

5:00pm Mass: † Alvina Herauf

Sunday, January 9, Baptism of the Lord

Is 42:1-4, 6-7, Psalm 29:1-4, 9-10, Acts 10:34-38, Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

8:30am Mass: Int. of St. Pius X Parishioners

11:00am Mass: † Erick Krueger

Liturgy of the Word with Children

January 9, 2022 at 11:00am

Ministry Schedule:

January 1-2, 2022

Saturday, 5:00 PM Mass

Greeter: Steve Lattimer, Bonnie Wutzke

Usher: Kyle Brehm, Paul Rausch, Keith Schott, K. Walter

Lector: Tyler Wiltgen-1, Richard King-2

Sacristan: Linda White

Altar Minister: Heather Kaiser

Eucharistic Minister: Larry & Mary Karls, Deacon Tom

Landry, Vicki Langlinais

Cross: Howie Martin, **Server:** Grady Martin

Nursery: Jessie Rohrer

Sunday, 8:30 AM Mass

Greeter: Loretta Frank, Richard Wood

Usher: Steve Komar, C. Legerski, Greg Luck, Tim Morgan

Lector: Kim Komar-1, Andrea Horrell-2

Sacristan: **Need 1**

Altar Minister: Don Judice

Eucharistic Minister: Deacon Tom Landry, Andy Mikes,

Laura Prill, Lorraine Walter

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

Nursery: Teresa Wehr

Sunday, 11:00 AM Mass (Live-streamed)

Greeter: Fawn Gongre, Janice Krueger

Usher: Tyler Blood, Steve & Nicole Geiger, Penny Sipes

Lector: Kyle Melugin-1, Annette Behm-2

Sacristan: David Mork

Altar Minister: Sandi McGovern

Eucharistic Minister: Brittany Blood, Deacon Tom Landry, Mary Rah, Jessica Rohrer

Cross: Emma Rohrer, **Server:** Lizzie Rah

Nursery: Karian West

January 8-9, 2022

Saturday, 5:00 PM Mass

Greeter: Jeanne Moller, Bonnie Wutzke

Usher: Kyle Brehm, Dan Miller, Kevin Walter, Phil Zeeck

Lector: Michelle Bertelson-1, Bob Reid-2

Sacristan: Denise Smith

Altar Minister: Nancy Wandler

Eucharistic Minister: Karen Hould, Deacon Tom Landry, Gary & Connie Marman

Cross: Ethan Miller, **Server:** Evan Miller

Nursery: Malaree Wiltgen

Sunday, 8:30 AM Mass

Greeter: Donna Berkner, **Need 1**

Usher: Digna Cabrera, Greg Luck, Herb Tate, **Need 1**

Lector: John Koppelman-1, Alan Gransberg-2

Sacristan: Don Judice

Altar Minister: Andy Mikes

Eucharistic Minister: Dan & Tanja Sloan, L.Wood, R. Yates

Cross: Howie Martin, **Server:** Grady Martin

Nursery: **1 Trained Attendant Needed**

Sunday, 11:00 AM Mass (Live-streamed)

Greeter: Ann Frazer, Joe Larimer

Usher: R. Barnes, Tyler Blood, Michael Riedel, Penny Sipes

Lector: Bree Patterson-1, Rosalie Foster-2

Sacristan: David Mork

Altar Minister: Lynn DeMeyer

Eucharistic Minister: Janice Krueger, Mary Rah, Mary Taylor, Magdalen Wojtowicz

Cross: Casey Rah, **Server:** Cooper Papez

Nursery: Judy Lampi

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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. Click Live-
Stream on the homepage.

Sacraments

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

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Prayer to St. Theresa
O Lord, who hast said: "Unless you become as little children, you shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven," grant us, we beseech Thee, so to walk in the footsteps of thy blessed Virgin Theresa with a humble and single heart, that we may attain to everlasting rewards: who livest and reignest world without end. Amen.

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