

# St. Pius X Parish

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# Bulletin

February 19, 2023

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Make this an Intentional Lent

### Intentionally Pray

Ash Wednesday, February 22, marks the beginning of the season of Lent. Gather on that day for Masses at 8:30am (live-streamed and archived for viewing throughout the day) or 7:00pm. For those unable to attend the Mass, packets of blessed ashes will be available for drive-by in front of the church from 11:30am to 1:00pm on Ash Wednesday.

Grow in a personal relationship with Jesus by attending daily Mass Tuesday-Friday at 8:30am. Daily Masses are also live-streamed and archived for viewing later.

Pray in the quiet church Monday—Friday from 8:30am-4:30pm. Stations of the Cross booklets are available. Come pray before the tabernacle in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

Pray with the Stations of the Cross on the Fridays of Lent at 6:00pm. Gather in the Fellowship Hall at 6:30pm for a simple meal of meatless soup and bread served between 6:30-7:30pm. On Good Friday, April 7, Deacon Tom Landry will lead the Stations of the Cross at 3:00pm in the outdoor Father Tokarski Memorial Garden.

Pray with the Lenten reflection booklets available in the Gathering Area of church. Booklets are available for children, the family, and adults.

Sign up for the 'St. Pius X Lenten Challenge' group on Flocknote which delivers a challenge to your email that encourages you to grow as a disciple of Jesus.

View and reflect on the METANOIA series offered March 12 and 19 in the Fellowship Hall from 9:45am-10:45am (between Sunday Masses) hosted by Adult Faith Formation.

Holy Week & the Sacred Pascal Triduum:

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion, April 1 at 5:00pm, April 2 at 8:30am & 11:00am

Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper, April 6 at 7:00pm.

Good Friday Liturgy of the Lord's Passion, April 7 at 7:00pm.

Easter Vigil after sunset on Saturday, April 8 at 8:30pm.

Easter Sunday Masses, April 9 at 8:30am and 11:00am.

See page 3 for more opportunities to grow during Lent.



## We've Saved A Seat for You Here!

Welcome! Thank you for choosing to worship with us today. We hope you will find warmth and hospitality here. St. Pius X is a vibrant parish with many ways to be engaged. If you would like more information on registration, 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), find us on Facebook at 'St. Pius X,' or on Instagram @stpiusx\_blgs.

## Ash Wednesday February 22

Our Ash Wednesday Masses will be at 8:30am (live-streamed) and 7:00pm. From 11:30am-1:00pm there will be a drive-by option in front of the church. Stop by for a small packet of ashes to take home for a family or friends ritual.

## Children's Ministry

There will be no classes next week (Feb 21/22) so that families can attend the Ash Wednesday Mass. Second-year sacramental families: we have the sacramental retreat coming up on March 4 from 8:30-12:00pm. The candidates will attend with a parent or sponsor. Please bring a wallet-size photo of the candidate for this event.

## Attention Ladies of the Parish!

All ladies of the parish are invited to a fun filled evening! Our Council of Catholic Women (CCW) is hosting a potluck dinner and Bunco on Monday, February 20 at 5:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your favorite dish and a friend, and join in the fun! Never played Bunco? Do not worry! We will provide instructions. Plan to join us for a lovely evening of food, fun and lots of laughter!

Catholic Relief Services is working to relieve suffering in Turkey and Syria. Here are ways you can assist them.

- Donate online at [crs.org/earthquake-response](http://crs.org/earthquake-response)
- Donate by phone at 1.877.HELP.CRS
- Donate by check: Earthquake Response, PO Box 5200, Harlan, IA 51593-0700



Mass attendees last weekend received a sweet chocolate Valentine Kiss with a scripture passage which said, "We love because He first loved us." 1 John 4:19. The Parish Life Commission wanted all parishioners to taste and see a reminder of God's love. We hope you enjoyed this Valentine treat!



## Why Pack Up the Children's Instruments During Lent?

Every year during Lent, Catholics put away the *Alleluia* so we can hunger for it at Easter. The word *Alleluia* means 'God be Praise'd'. During the Lenten season, instead of singing *Alleluia*, we will sing 'Praise and honor to You O Lord.' Then, on Easter Sunday, we will joyfully sing *Alleluia*!

This weekend, in addition to the *Alleluia*, we will be packing up our children's instruments safely in a box with the *Alleluia*. But don't worry, both the *Alleluia* and our instruments will reappear for our joyful celebration on Easter Sunday!

Let us pray together for the victims and all suffering from the earthquakes that devastated Turkey and Syria.

# Meet the Staff

## Shelly Greenfield

### Time at St. Pius X?

I've worked for Fr. Jerry Connolly, Fr. Steve Tokarski, Fr. Wayne Pittard and now, Fr. Greg Staudinger. I was hired twice and have worked here 29 years. Currently, I work part-time.



### Primary Responsibilities?

I back up the front desk, create the weekly bulletin, and am the staff liaison to the Christian Service Commission overseeing parish tithing, St. Vincent de-Paul sandwich ministry, Family Promise host week, Christmas Angels, Pak-A-Kid for school, monthly collections for food, hospitality items or toiletries and I live-stream daily Mass on a rotating basis.

**Favorite part of your job?** Working with St. Pius' amazing volunteers & staff.

**Hobbies?** I enjoy reading, spirituality, being in nature, and riding my Harley Davidson motorcycle on the backroads of Montana.

**What is an unexpected blessing of working at St. Pius?** Witnessing the generosity of St. Pius X parishioners is inspiring. Building friendships over time with many parishioners past and present richly blesses my life!

**What is a fun fact about you?** I grew up just a few blocks from St. Pius so this has been my church home my entire life.

**What advice for the spiritual life have you received that made a difference in your life?** A value I've adopted from spiritual reading is, "Gratitude is the motive for right living." Also, pray daily in whichever way is meaningful to you. Be open to transformation and seek God in all the seasons of your life. Look for ways to collaborate with God to make life better for all.

## Fr. Steve Tokarski Memorial Scholarship

The Father Steve Memorial Scholarship is available to children who want to attend St. Francis Catholic School anytime between Kindergarten through grade 8 for the upcoming school year. It honors a former pastor of our parish. Scholarship applicants must be registered parishioners of St. Pius X, registered through the Billings Catholic School System and plan to attend St. Francis Catholic School for the 2023-2024 school year. High school students are not eligible for this scholarship. Applications are available at the parish office or on our website at [stpiusxblgs.org](http://stpiusxblgs.org). The application deadline is 4:30pm on Friday, April 21, 2023. Please direct any questions to Karyn Haider at [khaider@stpiusxblgs.org](mailto:khaider@stpiusxblgs.org).

## Intentionally Fast

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics.

The Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence.

- Fasting is for those age 18-59. Eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals together that are not equal to a full meal. We do this to join in solidarity with those suffering throughout our world.
- Abstinence is for those age 14 and older. Avoid meat (beast or fowl) or rich food on Fridays. This practice is an invitation to grow in discipleship by deepening our personal awareness of dependence on God.
- What in my life gets in the way of my relationship with Jesus? Can I plan to fast from this thing/activity and replace it with prayer or good deeds?

## Intentionally Give Alms

- Ash Wednesday's monetary collection will support St. Vincent dePaul.
- Contribute to monthly collections at the church in support of Family Service Inc. on March 4 & 5. Or contribute hospitality items for St. Vincent dePaul on April 1 & 2. Watch the bulletin one week prior for specific needs.
- Serve the poorest of the poor in our world through the Council of Catholic Women's Lenten Cup project. Collect coins during Lent and return them to the church on Palm Sunday. Proceeds support one local and two international humanitarian aid projects.

Supporting St. Pius X Church:

- Tithe to St. Pius X. If you do not contribute or are ready to deepen your commitment, consider what a difference you can make with a recurring gift in support of our church ministries. Give Karyn a call to set up an Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT), click on the Finance tab on our website at [stpiusxblgs.org](http://stpiusxblgs.org), or place your tithe in the collection basket during Mass.

## Intentionally Seek Reconciliation

### Lenten Communal Penance Services

- March 8, Mary Queen of Peace, 11:00am
- March 14, St. Bernard Parish, 7:00pm
- March 23, St. Thomas the Apostle, 7:00pm, (West-side service)
- March 28, St. Patrick Co-Cathedral, 7:00pm

### Individual Confession

- Saturdays from 3:30-4:30pm, in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel at St. Pius X Church. No confessions on Saturday, April 8 due to the Easter Vigil.

## In and Around Our Parish Community

### K. of C. Free Throw Contest for Youth

The Knights of Columbus would like all boys and girls ages 9-14 to participate in the annual Free Throw Contest. By shooting free throws, you can receive a number of prizes. It will be held at Billings Central Catholic High School Gym on Sunday, February 26 at 12:30pm. Register at 12:30pm and the shooting will start at 1:00pm. There is no fee. For more information, contact Andy Mikes at 406.672.1483 or email him at [andymariann@outlook.com](mailto:andymariann@outlook.com) (email corrected from last week's bulletin).

### LaVie Offers a Post Abortion Support Group

LaVie offers a safe space to all who have experienced an abortion. This group is offered on Wednesdays from 6:00-7:00pm at their office at 2321 Broadwater Ave. Call 406.652.4868 for more information.

### Why Spend Time with a Child?

Youth Dynamics, a family-based mental health agency, is looking for adults that are interested in spending four or more hours a week working and engaging in activities one-on-one with a child; helping them to learn better social and relationship skills. If you have time, are willing to help a child, and could use the extra income, please contact Misty Blakeman, the Family Support Assistant Manager, at Youth Dynamics. She can be reached at 406.247.4963.

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**Ministry Spotlight: Properties & Facilities**

One of the ministries of the Diocese of Great Falls-Billings is our "Properties and Facilities Management." Jerry Horton, Property Manager, covers the 94,000 square miles throughout the year to provide assistance with issues from construction, repairs and maintenance of our parishes and schools to deeds, contracts and permits. He is able to provide assistance beginning with planning, guiding through the process and completion and will even help to navigate the insurance processes. Over the last 6 months he has helped with boiler issues, frozen pipes, tornado damage, roof damage, new construction, construction planning, etc. He does all of this at NO COST to the parish or school. The Diocese wants to ensure that we are providing support for the maintenance and stewardship of our churches, schools and facilities. Your gifts to the Annual Catholic Appeal help to ensure that we are able to provide this service on an ongoing basis.

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

Brother Knights, as we enter Lent, please remember that our weekly Bingo moves to Sunday evenings at 7:00pm. If you're not currently helping with this fundraiser, please consider joining a Bingo team.

### Stewardship Report for February 12, 2023

Grand Total of Collection	\$19,305.00
Weekly Average Needed	\$21,346.00
Annual Parish Budget	\$1,100,000.00
Contributions needed to date	\$704,418.00
Contributions received to date	\$722,333.07
Budget Income Overage	\$17,915.07

**Thank you!**

## Area Events

### Saturday, April 15

- Helena Catholic Women's Conference "Come To Me" at the Helena Civic Center. Hear Sister Deirdre Byrne, Danielle Bean and Gia Chacón on the topic of Courageous Women. Register at [helenacwc.com](http://helenacwc.com).

### May 5 & 6

- Eucharistic Revival 2023, "Cultivating Eucharistic Amazement" at Billings Central Catholic High School with special guests Dr. Scott Hahn, Archbishop Alexander Sample and musical guest Jaime Thietten. Everyone needs healing, yet many of us are separated from the very source of our strength — the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. Join the Diocese of Great Falls-Billings in the movement to restore understanding and devotion to this great mystery — The Most Holy Eucharist. Explore what the Eucharist means in each of our lives, how this Sacrament is meant to be adored, how we cultivate Eucharistic amazement in our lives and how we, as the Body of Christ, become Eucharistic people. Visit [diocesegfb.org/revival](http://diocesegfb.org/revival) to learn more or register. Seating is limited.

### Carroll College Scholarship

A \$1,000 scholarship funded by Carroll College in memory of the deceased priests of the Dioceses of Helena and Great Falls-Billings is available to students from St. Pius X who will enter Carroll College for the first time in the fall of 2023. Applicants are instructed to reach out to our parish and request a recommendation letter which will be mailed to Carroll College's Financial Aid Office. The students fill out the scholarship online at [carroll.edu/scholarships-aid/scholarships-new-students](http://carroll.edu/scholarships-aid/scholarships-new-students). Act soon! The deadline is March 15, 2023 for the parish recommendation letter!

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

### Sat., Feb. 18 & Sun., Feb. 19 at church

- Collecting blessed palms, Gathering Area
- Sunday: Adult Faith Formation series, *METANOIA*, 9:45am, Fellowship Hall

### Monday, February 20

- NO daily Mass
- SEEL Discernment group, 11:00am, Parish Ctr. # 3
- Potluck and Bunco party hosted by CCW, 5:30pm, Fellowship Hall
- St. Pius X Conference of St. Vincent dePaul, 7:00pm, Parish Center # 3

### Tuesday, February 21

- Funeral Mass for John Deibele, 11:00am
- St. Michael's Circle sandwich making, 1:00pm, Fellowship Hall
- WoW Prayer Group, 1:00pm, Parish Center # 3
- NO Children's Ministry classes
- Parish Choir, 6:30pm, Sanctuary
- Middle and High School Mardi Gras party, 6:30pm, Youth Center

### Wednesday, February 22 **Ash Wednesday**

- Masses, 8:30am (Live-streamed) and 7:00pm
- Drive-by at church to pick up ashes for a ritual at home between 11:30am-1:00pm
- Children of Joy and Gladness (charismatic prayer), 3:00pm, Day Chapel
- NO Children's Ministry classes
- Middle and High School Youth Ministry, 6:30pm, Youth Center, then Ash Wednesday Mass as a group

### Thursday, February 23

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

### Friday, February 24

- Mass, 8:30am (Live-streamed)
- SEEL Challenge group, 10:00am, Parish Ctr. # 4
- St. Michael's Circle, 11:45, Parish Center # 3
- Stations of the Cross, 6:00pm, Sanctuary
- Soup & Bread Supper, 6:30pm, Fellowship Hall

### Sat., Feb. 25 & Sun., Feb. 26 at church

- Memorials for Easter flowers, table by Day Chapel
- Sunday: Bag Building for SVdP Sandwich ministry, 9:30am, Fellowship Hall
- Sunday: K. of C. adult public Bingo, 7:00pm, Fellowship Hall

**Liturgy of the Word with Children**

at 11:00am Sunday Masses

## Scripture Reflection:

Seventh  
Sunday  
of Ordinary  
Time

Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18  
Psalm 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13  
1 Corinthians 3:16-23  
Matthew 5:38-48

Of all the things Jesus says which seem totally bat-crazy, this one might take the cake: **"But I say to you, love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you."** An enemy is someone who desires the destruction of you, your projects, or those you care about. To love and pray for them is to want their health, strength, and flourishing. But if they thrive, they are more likely to hurt you and others. So, aren't you indirectly willing your own destruction, or that of your friends? If you doubt that this problem is embedded in this teaching, when was the last time you actually prayed honestly for the people you really hate?

How can we solve this riddle so we might actually live this command? Recall that enemy-love is the surest sign that you love someone with God's love, and not with indirect egotism. After all, if my love for my enemy ends up hurting me or my loved ones, it can't be for me. Enemy-love costs more because there are no tit-for-tats. No reciprocity — just love poured out, and often pain in return. That's why it is so precious and rare. "What is unusual about that?" asks the Lord about love for our friends. Jesus wants us to experience the unusual love which only comes from him.

When Jesus was being killed on the cross, he was loving his executioners. In fact, he was holding them in being as they nailed him to the cross. He loved those who were spiritually piercing his Mother's heart, *while they were doing it*. And when he rose from the dead, he showed us that this kind of love is always worth it. It's stronger than death. Real love is unusual. — *Father John Muir* ©LPi

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## Mass Intentions & Readings

### Monday, February 20

Sirach 1:1-10, Psalm 93:1-2, 5, Mark 9:14-29

### Tuesday, February 21, St. Peter Damian

Sirach 2:1-11, Psalm 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40, Mark 9:30-37

**11:00am Funeral Mass: † John Deibele**

### Wednesday, February 22

Joel 2:12-18, Psalm 51:3-6, 12-14, 17, 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2, Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

**8:30am Mass: † Erick Krueger**

**7:00pm Mass: † John Sengar**

### Ash Wednesday

### Thursday, February 23, St. Polycarp

Deuteronomy 30:15-20, Psalm 1:1-4, 6, Luke 9:22-25

**8:30am Mass: † Joel Thomas**

### Friday, February 24

Isaiah 58:1-9, Psalm 51:3-6, 18-19, Matthew 9:14-15

**8:30am Mass: † Charles & June Sangwin**

### Saturday, February 25

Isaiah 58:9-14, Psalm 86:1-6, Luke 5:27-32

**5:00pm Mass: † John Monteleone**

### Sunday, February 26

### 1st Sunday of Lent

Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7, Psalm 51:3-6, 12-14, 17, Romans 5:12-19, Matthew 4:1-11

**8:30am Mass: † Wendy Bruski**

**11:00am Mass: Int. of St. Pius X Parishioners**

In thanksgiving  
for the lives of  
**Patricia Franks and  
John Haydu.**  
Please keep their  
families in your  
prayers.



## Ministry Schedule: February 22, 2023

### Ash Wednesday, 8:30am Mass

**Greeter:** Donna Berkner, Mary Rah

**Usher:** Greg Luck, Keith Schott

**Lector:** Richard King-1, Richard King-2

**Sacristan:** Jan Kirk

**Altar Minister:** Jan Kirk

**Eucharistic Minister:** Mary Rah, Mary Taylor, Fr. John Houlihan

**Server:** Bob Holbrook

### Ash Wednesday, 7:00pm Mass

**Greeter:** Betty Warner, Jeanne Moller

**Usher:** Ming Cabrera, Steve Komar, **Need 2**

**Lector:** Gary Marman-1, Connie Marman-2

**Sacristan:** Joyce Stoppel

**Altar Minister:** Lynn DeMeyer

**Eucharistic Minister:** Kathleen Bernhardt, Kim Komar, Jeanne Moller, Judy Lampi

**Cross:** Olivia Buller, **Server:** Landon Boelman

## February 25-26, 2023

### Saturday, 5:00pm Mass

**Greeter:** Jackie Fears, Betty Warner

**Usher:** Jim Kaiser, Dan Miller, Keith Schott, Kevin Walter

**Lector:** Jon Stepanek-1, Tyler Wiltgen-2

**Sacristan:** Tim Morgan

**Altar Minister:** Clare Dooley

**Eucharistic Minister:** Erin Augustine, Mary Karls, Helene Ranweiler-Waage, Karen Schott

**Cross:** **Need 1**, **Server:** Halle Anderson

**Nursery:** Julie Wilson

### Sunday, 8:30am Mass

**Greeter:** Loretta Frank, Lisa Wood

**Usher:** Chuck Legerski, Greg Luck, Dan Sloan, Doug Slotsve

**Lector:** Kelsey Komar-1, Rosalie Foster-2

**Sacristan:** Don Judice

**Altar Minister:** Steve Komar

**Eucharistic Minister:** Ashley Buller, Rick & Sharon McCann, Christy Rider

**Cross:** Victoria Willis, **Server:** Laila Bakkedahl

**Nursery:** Kelly Keller

### Sunday, 11:00am Mass

**Greeter:** Markus Hulquist, Joe Larimer

**Usher:** Roland Barnes, Kyle Brehm, Michael Riedel, **Need 1**

**Lector:** Carol Wilkinson-1, Vicki Marquis-2

**Sacristan:** David Mork

**Altar Minister:** Magdalen Wojtowicz

**Eucharistic Minister:** Brittany Blood, Deacon Tom Landry, Ross Marquis, Mary Taylor

**Cross:** Cooper Papez, **Server:** Evelee Dominguez

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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](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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