

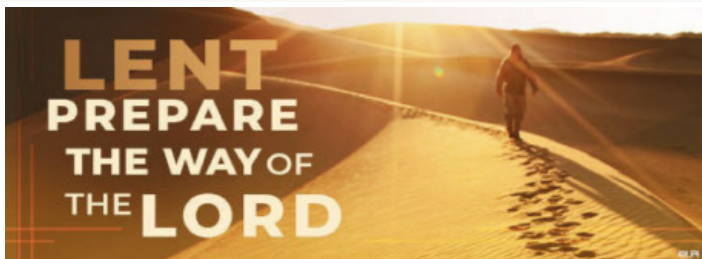
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Bulletin

February 26, 2023

First Sunday of Lent



Pray with the Stations of the Cross on the Fridays of Lent at 6:00pm. After, gather in the Fellowship Hall at 6:30pm for a simple meal of meatless soup and bread served between 6:30-7:30pm. The Education Commission will host on Friday, March 3.



Pictured below are Cub Scouts from Pack 12. On Scout Sunday, February 12, three Webelos Scouts received the Catholic Scouting Award, Parvuli Dei. The awards were presented before the final blessing in a brief ceremony. Pictured here back row, L to R: Mary Landry, Den Leader, Jhet, Elliot and Liam. Middle row: Declan, Grayson, Avery, Levi, Parker and Ryan Colloton, Cub Master. Front row: Andrew McLain, Den Leader, Logan, Landon, Knox, Killian, Sawyer, Isaac and Yaiara.

The purpose of the Parvuli Dei (Children of God) emblem program is to help Cub Scouts explore a wide range of activities in order to discover the presence of God in their daily lives as members of their families and parishes, and also to develop a good, positive self-image through the contributions they can make to their family, pack and community. Congratulations, Scouts!



Encounter Jesus Like Never Before!

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, find us on Facebook at 'St. Pius X,' or on Instagram @stpiusx_blgs.

Free *Holy Moments* Book, One per Family

Join the Education Commission and your parish family on a *Holy Moments* adventure this Lent! *Holy Moments*, written by Matthew Kelly, are simple and practical ways to collaborate with God, moment by moment, for the rest of your life. You can pick up a free copy of the book after Mass this weekend!

Join us for a discussion of the holy moments you encountered throughout Lent on Sunday, April 16 from 9:45-10:45am in the Fellowship Hall. Make this Lent, the most intentional Lent ever!

Children's Ministry

The second year sacramental preparation students have a retreat coming up on Saturday, March 4 from 8:30am-12:00pm. The children need to attend with a parent or sponsor. Hospitality begins at 8:30am in the Fellowship Hall and the retreat kicks off at 9:00am. Please bring a wallet size picture for your child's banner!

Regular Children's Ministry class will resume on February 28 and March 1. See you then!

Mark your calendars for Stellar Vacation Bible School which will take place June 12-16 from 9:00am until 12:00pm. Online registration will begin on April 1. Disciples are needed to "Shine Jesus' Light!" Contact Jessie at 406.281.8502 or jr@stpiusxblgs.org if interested!



Above: Nolan selects a donut at Coffee & Rolls. Look for Coffee & Rolls again on Sunday, March 5!

Easter Flowers for the Church

Donations are being accepted throughout Lent, beginning this weekend, to offset the cost of Easter flowers for our church. You may do this "in honor of" or "in memory of" a loved one. Find the display and donation box on a table near the Day Chapel and note your intentions. Place your donation in the collection box or bring it to the parish office during the week. Thank you for helping to create a beautiful environment for everyone to enjoy during the Easter season.

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Meet the Staff

Jessie Rohrer - Children's Ministry Coordinator



Time at St. Pius X? I

recently had my 12 year work anniversary! I started off helping with youth ministry, took a brief hiatus when my daughter was born to do the administrative assistant job, went back to youth ministry, and now I have been working in Children's Ministry for the past eight years.

Primary Responsibilities? All things children (preschool-5th grade) from weekly faith formation classes to Vacation Bible School and everything in between! This year, I am also teaching my son's sacramental preparation class which has been a blessing and challenge.

Favorite part of your job? I really enjoy seeing the kids have encounters with Jesus whether it is in a prayer experience in class or praising God in song at Vacation Bible School. It has also been a joy and privilege to work with Catechists who are deeply committed disciples answering the call to share the faith with the next generation.

Hobbies? A few hobbies I enjoy are camping, reading, hiking, watching the Packers, and playing board games.

What is an unexpected blessing of working at St. Pius? Friends that have become family on the parish staff and community.

What is the scariest invitation God has extended to you and how did you respond? I would say packing up a U-Haul truck in 2009 to move to Montana in order to be closer to my then-boyfriend and now husband. It was a leap of faith, but I trusted in God and I am so glad I did! We now have three beautiful children and I wouldn't change a thing.

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.

Intentionally Pray

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. See meals hosts below.

- March 3, the Education Commission
- March 10, the Vincentians
- March 17, the Council of Catholic Women (CCW)
- March 24, the Knights of Columbus
- March 31, Children and Youth Ministries

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 Lent with Intent 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 in the Fellowship Hall from 9:45am-10:45am (between Sunday Masses) hosted by Adult Faith Formation.

Intentionally Give Alms

- 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 March 25-26. 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 Donate at the top of our website at stpiusxblds.org, or place your tithe in the collection basket during Mass.

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
- Donate by phone at 1.877.HELP.CRS
- Donate by check: Earthquake Response, PO Box 5200, Harlan, IA 51593-0700

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.

Food Collection Next Weekend

Our March 4-5 food collection will go to *Family Service, Inc.* All shelf stable foods are welcome but these items are needed now:

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

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. Thank you to everyone who contributes food for the needy in our community. You are participating in a Corporal Work of Mercy!

Always Our Children Support Group

Always Our Children is a faith-based support group for parents, family and friends of people who are lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender. The next monthly meeting is Thursday, March 2 at 7:00pm in the St. Pius X Parish Center, room 1. Prayer, sharing and refreshments are part of the evening. For more information, contact Shelly at 406.281.8501.

Fr. Steve Tokarski Memorial Scholarship for Children at St. Francis Catholic School

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. The application deadline is 4:30pm on Friday, April 21, 2023. Please direct any questions to Karyn Haider at khaider@stpiusxblgs.org.

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 19, 2023

Grand Total of Collection	\$15,760.00
Weekly Average Needed	\$21,346.00
Annual Parish Budget	\$1,100,000.00
Contributions needed to date	\$725,764.00
Contributions received to date	\$738,093.07
Budget Income Overage	\$12,329.07

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.

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

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

Monday, February 27

- NO daily Mass

Tuesday, February 28

- Funeral Mass at 11:00am for Rena Koch
- WoW Prayer Group, 1:00pm, Parish Center # 3
- Children's Ministry classes, 6:00pm, Parish Center
- Parish Choir, 6:30pm, Sanctuary
- Middle School Youth Ministry, 6:30pm, Youth Ctr.

Wednesday, March 1

- Mass, 8:30am (Live-streamed)
- Sandwich ministry, 9:00am, Fellowship Hall
- Children of Joy and Gladness (charismatic prayer), 3:00pm, Day Chapel
- Youth Choir, 3:30pm, Sanctuary
- Children's Ministry classes, 4:30pm, Parish Center
- Young Proclaimers, 4:30pm, Sanctuary
- K. of C. sandwich making, 6:00pm, Fellowship Hall
- Emmaus Singers, 6:30pm, Sanctuary
- High School Youth Ministry, 6:30pm, Youth Center
- Elder Council, 7:00pm, Parish Center # 3

Thursday, March 2

- Mass, 8:30am (Live-streamed)
- Christian Service Comm., 6:30pm, Parish Ctr. # 3
- *Always Our Children* support group, 7:00pm, Parish Center # 1

Friday, March 3

- Mass, 8:30am (Live-streamed)
- SEEL Directors, 9:00am, Parish Center # 3
- SEEL Challenge group, 10:00am, Parish Ctr. # 1
- Stations of the Cross, 6:00pm, led by the Education Commission, Sanctuary
- Soup & Bread Supper, 6:30-7:30pm, Fellowship Hall

Saturday, March 4

- Sacramental Retreat, 8:30am, Fellowship Hall

Sat., March 4 & Sun., March 5 at church

- Food Collection for Family Service Inc.
- Memorials for Easter flowers (by Day Chapel)
- Sunday: Coffee & Rolls after Masses
- Sunday: K. of C. Adult Public Bingo, 7:00pm, Fellowship Hall

Scripture Reflection:

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Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7
Psalm 51:3-6, 12-13, 17
Romans 5:12-19
Matthew 4:1-11

The Spirit leads Jesus into the desert to be tempted by the devil, and we hear this: "He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was hungry." Seems like a questionable battle preparation plan. When I fast, I usually feel grouchy at best, and at worst, like I might pass out from longing for a hamburger. Isn't it better to be well-fed and fully hydrated, especially to face spiritual struggles? Why fast?

This might help. The origin of the word "fast" means to "hold firmly." We still use it that way when we say, "I held *fast* to my original decision." We human beings are a bundle of desires which vie for our attention: food, drink, comfort, safety, sex, laughter, beauty, and so on. If we can't manage to have a firm grip on them, in short order they'll have a firm grip on us. By fasting from our lower desires, we learn to firmly grip on to what is greater. Fasting leads to us to a firmer hold on our body and mind.

Jesus fasts for us. He's showing us that his grace can help us regain this firm hold of our lives, which makes it more difficult for the devil to tempt us. But take it one more step. Fasting also teaches us to finally hold fast to Jesus, the Word of God in flesh. "Man does not live by bread alone," he says, "But by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God." Jesus' fasting reveals his fast hold to the Father in everything. May our fasting help us to grasp ourselves more firmly, and then to hold fast to Jesus alone. — *Father John Muir* ©LPI

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.

Marriage Encounter

Now is the time to register for the Marriage Encounter Experience in Elk Mountain, Wyoming. The experience begins at 8:00pm on Friday and ends at 4:00pm on Sunday. All married couples are welcome, whether they have been married 3 or 53 years, Catholics and non-Catholics alike. All can benefit from this private time to reflect on the gift of your marriage. The next Marriage Encounter takes place on April 21-23. Application fee is \$100. To register go to the website: wwme.org or call 307.298.0617. Or contact Tom and Mary Frances Burke at tommfburke@gmail.com.

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Bulletin notices are due by 4:30pm on Monday.
Please email submissions to 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. Click Live-
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Sacraments

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

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