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Bulletin

January 10, 2021

The Baptism of the Lord



BAPTIZED



“I have baptized you with
water; he will baptize you
with the Holy Spirit.”

MARK 1:8

Welcome to St. Pius X

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

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Blood Drive Tuesday, January 12

Are you ready to become a hero? Are you willing to take an hour or less out of your day to save a life, or three? St Pius X Church and the Knights of Columbus are hosting a parish blood drive on Tuesday, January 12 from 2:15 to 5:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. The practice of social distancing and masks will be utilized. Sign-up online at www.kofc9976.org. If you have any questions, please contact Bob Holbrook at unclebug111@gmail.com or call (406) 671-5694. Set aside any fears and help us help our community!

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Thank you to everyone who donated in honor of a loved one. The stunning Poinsettias added to a lovely environment for Christmas!



Above: Thank you to the Churchwell and Sanchez families for sharing their Nativity Scenes through social media with Children's Ministry!

Children's Ministry Information

Gospel weekly families: packet pick-up for the next 8 weeks has begun! Stop by the parish office for your materials. We will have another virtual parent meeting on Monday, January 11th at 6:30pm. Please check your email for Zoom information.

Second year sacramental preparation families: Classes continue this week on January 13th! Our next virtual parent meeting will be Sunday, January 31st at 3:00pm. The Rite of Enrollment that was scheduled for January 24th has been moved to Saturday, February 13th at 10:00am in the Sanctuary. This ritual will be for the Candidate along with their parent and/or sponsor.

Keep coming, Lord Jesus. Having awaited your coming, we beg you to keep coming to set us free - freer to receive your love, freer to forgive, and freer to love even more self-less-ly. Thank you, Lord. Amen.

Everyday Stewardship: Recognize God in your Ordinary Moments

When God Whispers

“You don’t need to shout. My hearing works just fine.” Are you a parent that has used that one on your kids? I’m not sure at what age they realize that the volume of their voice doesn’t correlate to the likelihood of receiving a favorable reply — it might be sometime in the teenage years, when the talking slows down altogether.

But I’ve got to admit, it would be nice if God always gave us a loud and dramatic sign when He wanted something — the booming voice and the torn-open heavens (“This is my beloved Son!”) really get the message across. Sometimes I find myself envious of the Apostles, who were able to witness such things in person.

The fact of the matter is, in the year 2021, God is more likely to speak in a whisper than in a shout. The prophet Isaiah forewarns that Christ himself will not be a noisemaker — for all his preaching, he will not cry out or shout to bring forth justice to the nations. His way is altogether different than that.

We are not the Apostles, and we do not have the privilege of seeing the Holy Spirit descend on Christ like a dove. But here’s the good news: God doesn’t need to shout. Our spiritual hearing works just fine. We just have to be listening.

Let’s wake up each morning ready to hear God’s whispers throughout the day. Let’s make a conscious effort to invite those whispers into our hearts, where they can become a catalyst for grace in this world.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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Above: Special thanks to the Scarborough family for sharing their Nativity scene!

Are Catholics allowed to donate their organs?



Answer: Yes, Catholics are allowed to donate their organs. In fact, the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* praises this practice when it notes that, “Organ donation after death is a noble and meritorious act and is to be encouraged as an expression of generous solidarity” (no. 2296).

The Church has a series of guidelines for health care providers called The Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Services. This document helps us see organ donation as an act of charity, but it also reminds us that we have to be sure that donations of organs by living donors do not “sacrifice or seriously impair any essential bodily function and the anticipated benefit to the recipient is proportionate to the harm to the donor” (no. 30); trained medical professionals can help to make this assessment. In the case of organ donation at the end of life, we must be sure of the intentions of the donor or of their proxy are always respected, and that the dignity of the human body is always respected.

In the end, we can look to Pope Saint John Paul II and his encyclical *Evangelium Vitae*, where he noted that organ donation is a beautiful act of expressing the culture of life, when “performed in an ethically acceptable manner, with a view to offering a chance of health or even of life itself to the sick who sometimes have no other hope” (no. 86).

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Marriage Enrichments

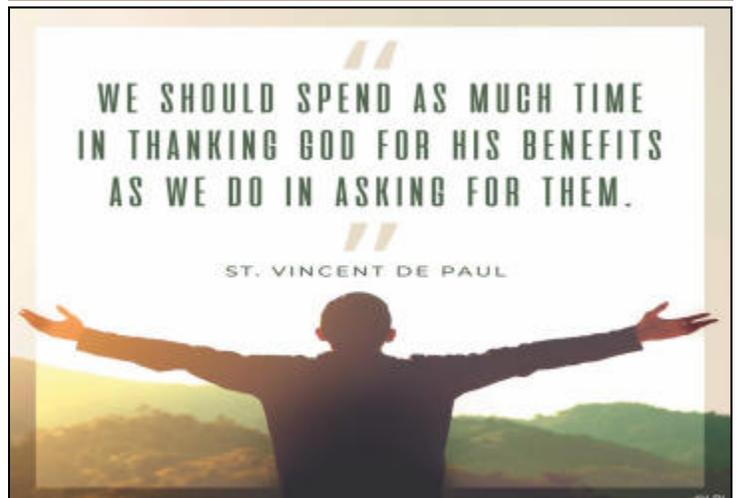
The next Marriage Encounter Enrichment session is titled “Living the Real Meaning of Your Marriage” on January 16 at 1:00pm. Registration is free but limited. To register email



Steve.Heidi.Prentup@wwme.org. Give your marriage some special attention in the New Year!

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In and Around Our Parish Community

St. Vincent dePaul Seeks Winter Clothing

St. Vincent de Paul is once again asking for our help for the Clothing Essential Program. Although we have had a mild winter, they are still in need of sleeping bags, blankets, men's jeans size 42 and 44 all lengths, ladies pants sizes 12 and 14, winter boots, tennis shoes, and heavy winter coats. You can drop them off at St. Vincent de Paul or bring them to church and place them in the blue box in the Gathering Area. The items will be picked up by SVdP. Thank you for your consideration, and your invaluable support of their program. Continued Blessings to all of you throughout the New Year!



Join Bishop Michael Warfel and the Billings pro-life community for the 14th annual Billings March for Life and stand up for the sanctity of all human life!

Date: Sunday, January 24

Time: 2-3:30pm

Place: Yellowstone County Courthouse

Note: They are unable to gather inside of St. Patrick church this year. However, the march will still go for a few blocks. Those who have difficulty walking are welcome to stay at the courthouse. Join them and bring others. For more information, call Amy Seymour at 855-3737, President, Yellowstone Valley Christians for Life.

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How do I sign-up for text messages and emails on my phone from my parish? It's easy! Just text SPXBLG to 84576 and you will receive our Flocknotes. We create these once or twice a month to keep you informed about important events like the recent switch to two Masses on the weekend. You may also join different groups that fit your interests. Please join and be connected and informed about our parish!

Don't Forget the Diocesan Fundraising Raffle!

Support the ministries and mission of the diocese of Great Falls-Billings by entering to win amazing recreational themed prizes such as a camper trailer, utility vehicle or Traeger with BBQ accessories. Each month there will be a \$500 cash drawing, too. Pick up \$20 tickets at the St. Pius X parish office. Prize drawing to be held May 15, 2021.

Retrouvaille in a Virtual Format: A Lifeline for Married Couples

A virtual, online Retrouvaille marriage help program starts on Thursday, January 14. The Retrouvaille community of Montana has been invited to join with California's northern community in offering this online weekend. It takes place Thursday and Friday evening and a full day on Saturday and Sunday, **January 14-17, 2021**. The weekend will be followed by a series of virtual Post Weekend Sessions. There is a \$500 registration fee per couple. However, no one is turned away because of inability to pay. For more information contact (406) 761-4830 or visit www.helpourmarriage.org.



Stewardship Report: December 31 through January 3, 2021

Envelope Donation	\$11,711.00	Parishioner Envelopes & EFT	190
Loose Checks	\$4,135.00	Annual Parish Budget	\$1,080,000.00
Loose Cash	\$76.00	Contributions needed to-date	\$560,790.00
Electronic Fund Transfer	\$11,846.00	Contributions received to-date	\$555,863.87
Total Collection	\$27,768.00	Budget Income (Shortfall)	(\$4,926.13) Thank You!
Weekly Average Needed	\$20,770.00		

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

Sat., Jan. 9 & Sun., Jan. 10 at church

- Saturday: Reconciliation, 3:30pm, Fellowship Hall
- Saturday: Mass, 5:00pm
- Sunday Mass: 10:00am (Live-streamed)

Monday, January 11

- NO Mass

Tuesday, January 12

- Mass, 8:30am, (Live-streamed)
- Parish Blood Drive, 2:15-5:30pm, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, January 13

- Mass, 8:30am, (Live-streamed).
- Children's Ministry classes

Thursday, January 14

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

Friday, January 15

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

Sat., Jan. 16 & Sun., Jan. 17 at church

- Saturday: Reconciliation, 3:30pm, Fellowship Hall
- Saturday: Mass, 5:00pm
- Sunday Mass: 10:00am (Live-streamed)

Thank you from Angela's Piazza

"The dust is beginning to settle after the hustle and bustle that comes with Christmas activities at Angela's Piazza: Women's Drop In Center. Even in the midst of a pandemic, we have been working hard to ensure our families have all they need to make their homes cozy and their tables bountiful.

Your generous monthly contribution to support our programs is a testament to your commitment to the gospel message to care for our sisters and brothers, as well as Pope Francis' call to be among the poor. We realize that donations in our churches since the pandemic struck have markedly decreased across the board. Knowing this, your sharing of your resources is deeply appreciated.

Your donation helps us ensure our mission is fulfilled in helping women learn to live safer, better lives free from addictions and violence. Our programs help them discover self-confidence, courage and hope. Thank you for being an integral part of this ministry. Blessings in the New Year!" ~ Amy Aguirre, Assistant Director



Scripture Reflection: Baptism of the Lord

Isaiah 55:1-11
Psalm 29:1-4,9-10
1 John 5:1-9
Mark 1:7-11

We need history. We need it in order to understand ourselves, personally and collectively. The pieces of our histories may not have always been the most positive, honest, exemplary, dignified, proud and best moments of our lives, but they are ours. We have to acknowledge, remember, accept, and often heal them. We cannot forget them or pretend that they never existed. As horrible as the atrocities of events like Auschwitz, brutal injustices committed throughout the human journey, or personal painful experiences in our own stories, we need to remember. These times when humanity in general or people in particular have lost their way are times that need to be reconciled and redeemed.

If we lose the memories, we will make the same mistakes again. The human soul needs a strong sense of affirmation, direction, and clear purpose. Without these essentials, we will easily run amuck and repeat the sins of our past. God's voice throughout history has spoken precisely about this! We are reminded through the voices and example of many prophets and witnesses not to make the same mistakes again, come back to center, discover the purpose given to us by God, maintain a sense of proper direction, seek healing for wounds and be reconciled to our Creator.

Baptism is so incredibly important for the salvation of humankind, not only eternally but here and now. Our existence depends upon it. It gives us the affirmation we need from God by gifting us with the same intimate relationship Jesus had with the Father. We are blessed with the direction and clear purpose we need in order to be productive stewards and faithful Christians. Baptism calls us to remember, accept, and deal with the sins and inequities of our past regardless of how hurtful and serious. We consciously choose to turn away from them and put on the new life of Christ. To do this well, we must look hard and long at our sins and failings, listen to what they are saying and learn from them. If we ignore the past, collectively or personally, or pretend that it never happened, we will never grow. We will surely die.

People need to hear the message, lived and spoken, delivered by the baptized members of the Body of Christ. It is an essential message of hope that is layered with visions of justice, peace, reconciliation, redemption, blessing, and healing. It is a message that helps us remember what has gone before, the graces and the sins, and bring ourselves by God's help where we need to be. We are called to do much more than sit home behind our closed doors. We have a message to deliver. Are we ready to do so? ©LPi

Mass Intentions & Readings

Monday, January 11

Hebrews 1:1-6, Psalm 97:1, 2, 6-7, 9, Mark 1:14-20
NO Mass

Tuesday, January 12

Hebrews 2:5-12, Psalm 8:2, 5-9, Mark 1:21-28
8:30am Mass: Int. of Jan Bridger

Wednesday, January 13, St. Hilary

Hebrews 2:14-18, Psalm 105:1-4, 6-9, Mark 1:29-39
8:30am Mass: † Angeline Gilles

Thursday, January 14

Hebrews 3:7-14, Psalm 95:6-11, Mark 1:40-45
8:30am Mass: † John Zeeck

Friday, January 15

Hebrews 4:1-5, 11, Psalm 78:3-4, 6-8, Mark 2:1-12
8:30am Mass: † Donna Hein

Saturday, January 16

Hebrews 4:12-16, Psalm 19:8-10, 15, Mark 2:13-17
5:00pm Mass: Int. of Annette Coffman

Sunday, January 17, Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Samuel 3:3-10, 19, Psalm 40:2, 4, 7-10, 1 Corinthians
 6:13-15, 17-20, John 1:35-42

10:00am Mass: Int. of St. Pius X Parishioners

Prayer During the Pandemic

O Lord, hear my prayer, and let my cry come to you.
 O Lord, hear my prayer for those most at risk.

For those whose age and medical condition make them more vulnerable.

For those who are without a home, who live on our streets, who rely on social services to meet their daily needs.

For those whose jobs are at risk.

For the migrants and refugees around the world who are already fleeing for their safety.

O Lord, hear my prayer, and let my cry come to you.

O Lord, hear my prayer for those on the frontlines of response.

For the nurses, doctors, and medical professionals who show up everyday with energy, compassion, and resilience for the work of care ahead of them.

For the grocery store workers and truck drivers keeping shelves stocked.

For home care providers and stay-at-home parents.

For mail carriers and package deliverers.

O Lord, hear my prayer, and let my cry come to you.

O Lord, hear my prayer for leaders making difficult and important decisions. (Continued on right)

Ministry Schedule: January 16-17, 2021

Saturday, January 16, 5:00 PM

Greeter: Jackie Fears, Arlene Forney

Usher: Jim Kaiser, Richard King, Katharine McArty, Nancy Wandler

Sanitizers: Jackie Fears, Jerome Ries, Lynne Weber, Phil Zeeck

Lector: Bob Reid-1, Michelle Bertelson-2

Sacristan: Bonnie Wutzke

Altar Minister: Heather Kaiser

Eucharistic Minister: Deacon Tom Landry

Sunday, January 17, 10:00 AM

Greeter: Lynn DeMeyer, Janice Krueger

Usher: Roland Barnes, Tyler Blood, Markus Hulquist, Joe Larimer

Lector: Tim Guenther-1, Patsy Guenther-2

Sacristan: Donna Dierenfield

Altar Minister: Irene Matzen

Eucharistic Minister: Brittany Blood

(Prayer continued)

For leaders of countries, states, and cities.

For leaders of faith communities and places of worship.

For leaders of schools, daycares, and social services.

For leaders of businesses, small and large.

For leaders of hospitals, nursing homes, and clinics.

O Lord, hear my prayer, and let my cry come to you.

O Lord, hear my prayer for those who suffer.

For those who are sick, for those who face death because of this virus.

For those who suffer loneliness, depression, anxiety, and isolation.

For those who have lost their jobs.

For all of us, because in one way or another, we are all suffering right now.

O Lord, hear my prayer, and let my cry come to you.

O Lord, hear my prayer for all those who have died from this virus.

For their loved ones who mourn their death.

O Lord, hear my prayer, and let my cry come to you.

O Lord, hear my prayer for the end of this global pandemic.

O Lord, hear my prayer for relief, healing, hope, and protection.

O Lord, hear my prayer, and let my cry come to you.
 Amen.

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Mass Schedules

Weekend

Saturday at 5:00 PM
Sunday at 10:00 AM

Weekdays

Tuesday—Friday

Mass at 8:30 AM—Sanctuary
Rosary - 8:00 AM, before daily Mass

LIVE Stream

Sunday, 10:00 AM and Daily Masses
at 8:30 AM on our website at
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Sacraments

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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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