

St. Pius X Parish

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Bulletin

January 15, 2023

Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

Looking Back Over 2022...

Prayer ~

God of our coming and going, God of our past, our present, and our future. We have met, we have celebrated, we have remembered.

We have visioned, shared hopes, and dreamed dreams, and now we go out into the world in which we do most of our living and our ministering.

As we go out, remind us that we do not go alone.

As we go out, remind us that we go with a mission.

As we go out, fill us with love, hope, and peace to share in the world.

May our lives and our ministry be signs of your love and promises and possibility for the world.
Amen



Clockwise: Retirement party for Mary Carol Rachac, Julie Wilson's class, Bishop Jeff Fleming at our 25th Anniversary of the church building and Easter Vigil.



Our Door is Open, Our Table is Set! There is a Place 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, find us on Facebook at 'St. Pius X,' or on Instagram @stpiusx_blgs.

Youth Ministry Launch Party!

Games & Dinner!

Grades 6-8 on Tuesday, Jan. 17 from 7:00-8:00pm

Grades 9-12 on Wednesday, Jan. 18 from 7:00-8:00pm

St. Pius X Youth Center

Parents, if you would like to sign up to help with food, please contact Olivia at 406.281.8508 or email her at

olivia@stpiusxblgs.org

Help with Plant Care

Do you have a love of plants? Are you available once a week? The plants in our sanctuary and Blessed Sacrament Chapel could use your care. Please contact Mary Stordahl at the parish office for what this service involves. She can be reached at 406.281.8507 or marys@stpiusxblgs.org. Thank you!

Children's Ministry

Our 4th and 5th graders will have a "drive-in" movie night on Saturday, January 21 from 6:00-8:30pm in the St. Pius X Youth Center. If you are going to the 5:00pm Mass, come after Mass! We will be creating our cardboard "cars" in class. Come for pizza and a movie! Friends are welcome to attend.

Blood is Vitaly Needed in our Community

Dear St. Pius X Parishioners,

As many of you are aware, our parish holds a Blood Drive on a regular basis. Due to some unforeseen circumstances, we have had to cancel some of those drives recently. I am excited to announce that we are back on track and all of our 2023 Blood Drives have been scheduled. I am also happy to say that we were able to get back to holding these drives on Tuesday afternoons. In order to help you plan for the future, I want to let you know those dates. While the hours may vary slightly, the dates themselves have been confirmed. They are: January 24, March 21, May 16, July 11, September 5, and November 7. I have been notified by Vitalant of the desperate need for blood. Due to a wide range of medical issues, we have lost several faithful donors. I am asking you to give prayerful thought and consider donating blood to help your community.

The next Parish Blood Drive is Tuesday, January 24 from 12:30-5:30pm. There are over two dozen open appointments. One pint of blood can potentially save up to three lives. Will you be a silent hero? Contact me (Bob Holbrook) by phone or text at 406.671.5694 to get signed up. Thank you! ~ Bob

METANOIA Series Continues Today

The Wild Goose Ministry series keeps moving onward! Fr. Dave Pivonka, TOR is our host as we venture deeper into our faith and into our relationship with Jesus. Please join us from 9:45-10:45am in the Fellowship Hall and learn more about your own metanoia experiences. The fifth episode on January 15 is titled, *Jesus Prays*, and the film explores just how essential prayer is in our Christian faith and how our daily prayer life must imitate Jesus' ministry and way. The sixth video presentation (Jan. 22) titled, *Hunger and Thirst*, examines how only God can fill our human hearts.

During our time together we will enjoy table fellowship, informative discussions, and some worthwhile faith-sharing. ~ Matt Low



Entertainment during the 25th Anniversary of the church building festivities.

News from Peru

Hermanas de la Caridad de Leavenworth

PARROQUIA DE SAN FERNANDO - CHALACO



Chalaco, diciembre 2022

Estimadas hermanas y hermanos

Chalaco, December 2022

A holiday greeting from our community in the providence of Chalaco. To share: the Sisters of Charity went with us to the town of Dios and affirmed our service as we have done for 50 years in this beloved district of Chalaco. Chalaco is a farm village in the Piura Mountains 2,500 meters above sea level in the providence of Morropón and has 44 communities.

For the last few years, as a congregation, we accompany families and youth to church for pastoral education.

On behalf of the community we thank you especially for your generous support and for your prayers for our service and above all, to continue our work as an expression of the loving presence of God.

With grateful and continued prayers,

Sisters Clorinda and Lourdes

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Las hermanas Clorinda y Lourdes



This monthly donation, sent to the Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth Missions in Peru, is possible because of your donation to the weekly collection at Mass. The Christian Service Commission of our parish oversees all parish tithing. Thank you!

In and Around Our Parish Community

Why Serve Through a St. Vincent dePaul Conference?

St. Vincent dePaul wrote a rule for the gathering of men and women to provide spiritual support to those who volunteer with the poor and marginalized. Please come to our January meeting to learn more about this ministry. Join us on Monday, January 16 at 7:00pm at the St. Pius X Parish Center. Questions? Please contact Deacon Tom or Mary Landry at acnerds@bresnan.net.

Enrich Your Marriage: Marriage Encounter

Perhaps you are being called in 2023 to enrich your marriage relationship. Did you make a resolution to be more open, honest, kind, or spend more quality time with your family? The Marriage Encounter Experience is an opportunity to focus on priorities, and private time to discuss issues that can come between couples. There is a \$100 application fee and an opportunity to make a donation at the end of the Experience. The next Marriage Encounter Experience will be February 3-5 in Billings. For more information or to register, call Dan and Clare: 406.697.3275 or visit the website: wwme.org.

St. Pius X Knights of Columbus Council 9976

Brother Knights, thank you to all who responded quickly and generously to the Dues Letter that was recently sent to you. There has been a delay in getting out membership cards because of a back order at Supreme. I will mail your new cards soon. For our Honorary Life members, I have your envelopes all ready to go and will mail your cards also as soon as I receive them from Supreme. If you haven't yet mailed your dues, I ask that you take the opportunity to do so soon. You will be helping save the Council extra time and money as I am required to send out second notices next week.

We are planning to start weekly Bingo and are in need of volunteers to help. If you are interested in helping, email Ron Bough at boughr@charter.net. This can be a fun evening of fellowship with your Brother Knights. Wives are invited and encouraged to attend. You can get some basic training by coming to our next Bingo night on Friday, January 20. We begin setup at 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Our next Blood Drive is Tuesday, January 24 in the Fellowship Hall from 12:30-5:30pm. Call Bob Holbrook at 406.671.5694 to make an appointment.

Stewardship Report for December 31, 2022

Grand Total of Collection	\$20,250.00
Weekly Average Needed	\$21,346.00
Annual Parish Budget	\$1,100,000.00
Contributions needed to date	\$576,342.00
Contributions received to date	\$581,076.49
Budget Income Overage	\$4,734.49

Stewardship Report for January 8, 2023

Grand Total of Collection	\$24,372.00
Weekly Average Needed	\$21,346.00
Annual Parish Budget	\$1,100,000.00
Contributions needed to date	\$597,688.00
Contributions received to date	\$605,448.49
Budget Income Overage	\$7,760.49

Thank you!

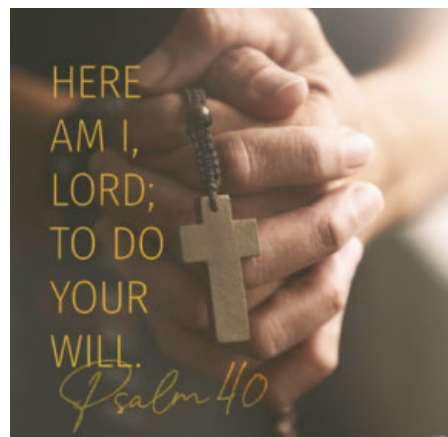
Area Events

Thursday, January 19

- Question, Persuade, Refer (QPR) Suicide Prevention Training from 11:30am-1:00pm offered for free virtually. Find out how to participate by calling Alicia Kuhlman, 406.540.4120 or ght.alicia1@gmail.com. This training is a three-step process used to intervene in a mental health emergency. Just like CPR, this 90-minute course equips attendees with the skills to respond to a crisis and get the person referred to help.

Saturday, January 21

- Grab a partner and meet Knights of Columbus Council #1259 at noon at the Columbia Club for the Lazy Bum Triathlon. All ages are welcome to compete or spectate. Test your skills as you compete against other teams in cornhole, cribbage and mini golf. All proceeds will benefit Kicks For Kids 406 charity, a non-profit focused on providing children in need with new shoes. Reserve your team's spot by calling the Columbia Club at 406.702.6467. Cost is \$50 per team. Questions? Call Roger at 701.590.9020.



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

Sat., Jan. 14 & Sun., Jan. 15 at church

- Toiletry Collection for SVdP, Tumbleweed, & Period Pals 406
- Make an appointment for the Parish Blood Drive on Tuesday, January 24
- Sunday: METANOIA series, 9:45-10:45am, Fellowship Hall

Monday, January 16

- NO daily Mass
- Parish Nurses, 1:30pm, Parish Center # 3
- St. Vincent dePaul Conference, 7:00pm, Parish Center # 3

Tuesday, January 17

- Mass, 8:30am (Live-streamed)
- WoW Prayer Group, 1:00pm, Parish Center # 3
- Children's Ministry classes, 6:00pm, Parish Center
- Parish Choir, 6:30pm, Sanctuary
- Middle School Youth Group Launch Party, 7:00pm, Youth Center (grades 6-8)

Wednesday, January 18

- 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
- Emmaus Singers, 6:30pm, Sanctuary
- High School Youth Ministry Launch Party, 7:00pm, Youth Center (grades 9-12)
- Adoration for Vocations to the Priesthood, 7:00pm, Day Chapel with Deacon Tom Landry

Thursday, January 19

- Mass, 8:30am (Live-streamed)
- SEEL Prayer group, 9:15am, Parish Center # 1

Friday, January 20

- Mass, 8:30am (Live-streamed)
- SEEL Challenge group, 10:00am, Parish Center # 4
- K. of C. Bingo, 7:00pm, Fellowship Hall

Sat., Jan. 21 & Sun., Jan. 22 at church

- Make an appointment for the Parish Blood Drive on Tuesday, January 24
- Sunday: METANOIA series, 9:45-10:45am, Fellowship Hall
- Sunday: Children's Liturgy, 11:00am Mass

Scripture Reflection: Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

Isaiah 49:3, 5-6
Psalm 40:2, 4, 7-10
1 Corinthians 1:1-3
John 1:29-34

When I was a kid, I remember the priest at Mass announcing, "The Lamb of God!" Frankly, it struck me as nonsense. I thought: Why in the world does God have a lamb? And where is this lamb?

John the Baptist sees Jesus coming toward him and announces, "Behold the lamb of God." His Jewish listeners knew what he meant. God's lamb is the thing that is sacrificed at the Jewish Passover and consumed by the participants. For almost a thousand years, lambs were ritually slaughtered and eaten in Jerusalem at Passover. The lamb meant sacrifice, freedom from sin, and communion with God. The Baptist is saying in effect, "This man will be ritually sacrificed and consumed so that God's people may be free from sin and united to God."

It's crucial to relate to Jesus as a friend, brother, teacher, and Lord of our lives. But we should also learn to interact with Him as our lamb of God. That means we intentionally place on him our sin, our sadness, and our hope, and offer him to God. Then we consume him to make us free. This is what we do at every Mass. That's why he is the Lamb of God.

Father John Muir

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Pray for Vocations and Religious Life

Join Deacon Tom Landry for an hour of Adoration in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament every third Wednesday of the month in the St. Pius X Day Chapel. Beginning at 7:00pm, the intention will be to pray for a call to vocations and religious life.

Free Upright Baldwin Piano

St. Pius X has an upright Baldwin piano to give away for free to a new home. It's in very good condition. Please contact Joan at 406.656.2522 for more information or to view the piano.

Inviting Women to Find Out More About Catholic Daughters

All women, from all parishes of all ages are invited! Catholic Daughters will hold their first monthly meeting for the New Year on Saturday, January 21, at St. Thomas Parish from 10:30-noon. Maybe you've thought about joining us in the past, but just can't make those afternoon meetings. Well, here's your opportunity to join us on a Saturday and learn what we're all about and what upcoming service projects we are involved in. We promise it will be fun, informative, and productive. For more information, please contact Peg Smith at 406.672.3006.

Mass Intentions & Readings

Monday, January 16

Hebrews 5:1-10, Psalm 110:1-4, Mark 2:18-22

Tuesday, January 17, St. Anthony

Hebrews 6:10-20, Ps. 111:1-2, 4-5, 9-10, Mark 2:23-28

8:30am Mass: † John Sengar

Wednesday, January 18

Hebrews 7:1-3, 15-17, Psalm 110:1-4, Mark 3:1-6

8:30am Mass: † Wayne Ettleman

Thursday, January 19

Hebrews 7:25-8:6, Psalm 40:7-10, 17, Mark 3:7-12

8:30am Mass: † Edward A. Farrington

Friday, January 20, St. Fabian, St. Sebastian

Hebrews 8:6-13, Psalm 85:8, 10-14, Mark 3:13-19

8:30am Mass: † Erick Krueger

Saturday, January 21, St. Agnes

Hebrews 9:2-3, 11-14, Psalm 47:2-3, 6-9, Mark 3:20-21

5:00pm Mass: † John Monteleone

Sunday, January 22 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 8:23-9:3, Psalm 27:1, 4, 13-14, 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17, Matthew 4:12-23

8:30am Mass: † Joanne Hamwey

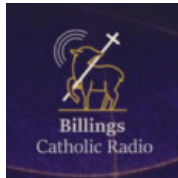
11:00am Mass: Int. St. Pius X Parishioners

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Miracles: God's Light in the Darkness of Unbelief. Reserve a table today! Billings Catholic Radio's annual fundraising banquet is Thursday, March 16.

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Saturday, 5:00pm Mass

Greeter: Joyce Stoppel, Nancy Wandler

Usher: Bob Holbrook, Jim Kaiser, Bruce McMorris, Keith Schott

Lector: Tyler Wiltgen-1, Richard King-2

Sacristan: Bonnie Wutzke

Altar Minister: Heather Kaiser

Eucharistic Minister: Judy Lampi, Kathleen Olsen, Mark Sevier, Nancy Wandler

Cross: Anna Lusin, **Server:** Josie Lusin

Nursery: Karian West

Sunday, 8:30am Mass

Greeter: Shannon Behounek, Brooke LaRoche

Usher: Steve Komar, Chuck Legerski, Andy Mikes, Richard Wood

Lector: Don Judice-1, Alan Gransberg-2

Sacristan: Phil Zeeck

Altar Minister: Rick McCann

Eucharistic Minister: Kathleen Bernhardt, Jan Kirk, Clarinda Kremer, Laura Prill

Cross: Grady Martin, **Server:** Link Famighetti

Nursery: Teresa Wehr

Sunday, 11:00am Mass

Greeter: Janice Krueger, Magdalen Wojtowicz

Usher: Kyle Brehm, Steve & Nicole Geiger, Joe Larimer

Lector: Tricia Hansen-1, Renee' O'Dea-2

Sacristan: David Mork

Altar Minister: Lynn DeMeyer

Eucharistic Minister: Craig & Sheila Barthel, Kathy Boileau, Deacon Tom Landry

Cross: Skyler Sanchez, **Server:** Casey Rah

Nursery: Brittany Linford

Billings March for Life



Join Bishop Michael Warfel and the Billings pro-life community for the 16th annual Billings March for Life and stand up for the sanctity of all human life!

Date: Sunday, January 22

Time: 2:00-3:30pm

Place: Gather at St. Patrick Co-Cathedral (215 N. 31st) for the opening, then walk solemnly and silently four blocks to the Yellowstone County Courthouse lawn (217 N. 27th) for a short program. Signs will be provided for you to carry.

Join in and bring others! It takes all of us, courageously standing up for those who have no voice of their own, to change hearts and reverse this culture of death. For more information, call Amy Seymour at 406.855.3737. Sponsored by Yellowstone Valley Christians for Life.

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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-
Stream on the homepage.

Sacraments

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

Baptism: Call us for details

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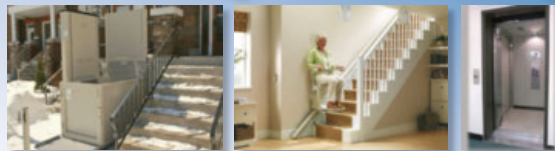


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