St. Pius X Parish

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January 22, 2023

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



A Joyous Epiphany Fest!



A Community of Generosity, A Family Rooted in Faith

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.

Thanks from Fr. Greg

I would like to thank all the families who gave me cookies and goodies during the Christmas Holiday. They were very good and I even put some in the freezer for later. Thanks again!

St. Michael's Circle

The Christmas party for St. Michael's Circle will be held at the home of Gale Kreitzberg, 2454 Southridge Dr. on January 27 beginning at 12:00pm. Please bring an appetizer (dessert will be provided) and a gift for the gift exchange. Come join us for food, games, and much laughter! Guests are always welcome. Call Marge at 406.656.6457 if you plan to attend.



Blood is Vitally Needed in our Community

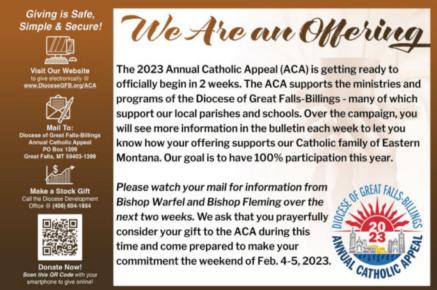
Dear St. Pius X Parishioners.

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*

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.



The Souper Bowl Fundraiser is Back!

Angela's Piazza: Women's Drop-In Center is hosting its 18th annual Souper Bowl Fundraiser on Friday, February 10. Serving times will be 11:00am-1:30pm and 4:00-6:30pm. With a \$30/person entry, you will be treated to a bowl of hot, delicious soup made by a local restaurant, as well as the opportunity to select a unique piece of art (bowl, plate, mug, etc.) crafted by a local potter or wood turner to take home. Dine in a relaxing atmosphere and enjoy good food and good company. Gift certificates are available, as well as take-out. This event takes place at American Lutheran Church, 5 Lewis Avenue, which features plenty of parking and spacious seating. All proceeds from this event will benefit programs at Angela's Piazza. We are a welcoming, accepting place where women come to learn to live safer, better lives free from addictions and violence by discovering self-confidence, courage and hope through domestic violence programs and programs that encourage spiritual and emotional healing. Please contact Amy Aguirre at 406.255.0611 Monday-Friday from 9:00am-5:00pm if you have any questions about Angela's Piazza or this popular event.

Meet the Staff

Olivia Hanser Youth Ministry

Time at St. Pius X? December 2022 to May 2023.

Primary Responsibilities? To coordinate youth group events for middle school and high school students throughout the spring semester.

Favorite part of your job? Building friendships with our youth parishioners.



6th-12th graders have the coolest excitement about life, and they're full of curiosity. So, creating an environment where students can express themselves, raise questions, dive deep into discussions, and be completely set apart from societal norms is really unique and fun.

Hobbies? I'm a self-proclaimed "fair-weather out-doorsman." Although, even that title feels a little too generous. As long as the sun is shining, I am outside! I like to hike, bike, go for walks, fly fish, and paddleboard. My family cabin on Canyon Ferry Lake plays a huge part in my outdoor activity. Much of my summer is spent doing water sports. Namely, I wake surf, slalom ski, and cruise around on the jet ski. During the winter, I like to work out, write, and listen to podcasts/music.

What is an unexpected blessing of working at St. Pius? Working at St. Pius, in and of itself, is an unexpected blessing. The opportunity fell into my lap, and it just makes sense. Trusting the Lord's call to evangelization, I quit my job with an insurance tech start-up company and moved back to Billings at Thanksgiving. I'll be a FOCUS missionary starting this summer, so doing St. Pius youth ministry is relevant in preparing for mission work! Additionally, witnessing the individual and collective selflessness of this staff is inspiring. It encourages me to be more self-giving, too.

What is a fun fact about you? I am the oldest sibling. My sister is 22 years-old and our brother is 19 years-old. I'm 24.

METANOIA Series Continues Today

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 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 faithsharing. \sim *Matt Low*

Thank You for Celebrating the Feast of Epiphany with Us!

Blessings to all who gathered to celebrate "The Twelve Days of Christmas" on the morning of Sunday, January 8 in our parish's Fellowship Hall. We'd be remiss if blessings were not also extended to all our kitchen helpers and dough rollers who put in extra hours to bake tasty goodies for everyone to enjoy. Please know, culinarians, that you lengthened our Christmas season a bit by providing us with festive fellowship and a better appreciation for everything sweet! The King's cakes, banana cakes, buckeyes, bundt cakes, brownies, cupcakes, fruit cakes, gluten-free cakes, pastries, and warm cinnamon rolls made us beg the question: Why can't every day be Christmas? See you next year at our Feast of the Epiphany! "So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God." 1 Cor 10:31 ~ Matt Low







In and Around Our Parish Community

Billings March for Life Today

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

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Billings

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. For more information, call Amy Seymour at 406.855.3737. Sponsored by Yellowstone Valley Christians for Life.

Spend Time with a Child or Foster 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.

In addition, Youth Dynamics is also looking for Therapeutic Foster Care parents throughout the state and especially in our community. Children need a home and family in order to live, grow and flourish. Are you willing to be that home? To find out more, call Colette Lemburg at 406.247.4954.

Enrich Your Marriage: Marriage Encounter

Have you noticed the disciples were often called in pairs to share the good news? There is power in numbers, even pairs. There is a similar power in the Sacrament of Marriage. It has been said that opposites attract or joke that your spouse is your 'better half.' It is no joke we are stronger as a couple when we recognize and celebrate the gifts of our spouse and work together to create change in our families and our world. Come to the next Marriage Encounter Experience in Billings, Feb 3-5 and celebrate the power that is your Sacrament. For more information or to register call Dan and Clare at 406.697.3275 or visit the website: wwme.org

St. Pius X Knights of Columbus Council 9976

Brother Knights, our Knights of Columbus Blood Drive is this Tuesday, January 24. The schedule is full but you can always try a walk-in donation. The drive goes from 12:30pm to 5:15pm. Thank you to all who have signed up!

Wednesday evening, January 25 we will gather in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00pm to make sack lunches for our homeless brothers and sisters served by St Vincent DePaul. This is a fun event and family members are encouraged to attend.

Stewardship Report for January 15, 2023

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Grand Total of Collection \$14,588.00 Weekly Average Needed \$21,346.00 Annual Parish Budget \$1,100,000.00 Contributions needed to date \$619,034.00 Contributions received to date \$620,036.49

Budget Income Overage

Thank you!

Volunteer Opportunity

Volunteers needed every Tuesday for the Diaper Bank at the Family Promise Day Center to assist anyone who is in need of diapers. Recipients fill out a simple questionnaire to see if there are any other ways that Family Promise can assist them and to help identify families that may be at risk and may want to join the Wrap Around and Break the Cycle of Poverty program at Family Promise.

The Diaper Bank is each Tuesday from 3:30-5:30pm. Could you come and work alongside us to hand out diapers? Thank you for your support! Contact Shay at intern@familypromiseyv.org. Link: volunteersignup.org/EW3PE

Thank You Notes:

Billings Senior High -Dear St. Pius X Church,

On behalf of the Billings Senior High School's Holiday Gift Card Drive Committee, we would like to thank you for your gracious support. Your donation of \$800 will help over 300 Senior High students

in need to enjoy a brighter holiday

We may never know how these gifts of kindness will affect our disadvantaged teens. However, showing these high school students that someone truly cares can make a life-changing impact on their future. ~ Gift Card Committee

Tumbleweed -

To our Friends at St. Pius X.

Thank you so much for your generous donation. It is because of people like you that we can continue to care for the vulnerable youth of our area. We are deeply grateful for your partnership and wish you a very blessed holiday season.

~ Anne Chapman, Board Member

Donations such as these are only possible because of your donations to the weekly collection at Mass. The Christian Service Commission of our parish oversees all tithing to local non-profits that serve the at-risk and vulnerable population in our community.

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

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

Monday, January 23

- NO daily Mass
- SEEL Discernment, 11:00am, Parish Center # 3

Tuesday, January 24

- Mass, 8:30am (Live-streamed)
- Parish Blood Drive, 12:30-5:30pm, Fellowship Hall
- WoW Prayer Group, 1:00pm, Parish Center # 3
- Finance Council, 4:30pm, Parish Center # 3
- Children's Ministry classes, 6:00pm, Parish Center
- Call Olivia for Middle School Youth Ministry options, 406.281.8508

Wednesday, January 25

- Mass, 8:30am (Live-streamed)
- 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
- Call Olivia for High School Youth Ministry options, 406.281.8508

Thursday, January 26

Mass, 8:30am (Live-streamed)

Friday, January 27

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

Sunday, January 29 at church

- Bag Building for the SVdP Sandwich ministry, 9:30am, Fellowship Hall
- Children's Liturgy, 11:00am Mass

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Scripture Reflection:

Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

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

When I was a young seminarian, I asked a wise old priest how to pray better. He said simply, "Don't lie when you pray." He helped me to see how much energy I waste in trying to appear acceptable to God when I pray. For me, prayer was showing off for God and hiding what was ugly.

It's stunning that the Gospel of Matthew tells us of Jesus, "He left Nazareth and went to live in Capernaum by the sea, in the region of Zebulon and Naphtali..." This isn't just the Lord's relocation up north. It's his moving into places of shame and defeat. This region was where the enemy invasion of Israel began centuries before. Jesus left the comfortable confines of Nazareth and sought out a place of darkness, not to bring shame, but to announce the dawning of his light.

When we pray, we usually prefer Jesus to stay put in our little Nazareths — where we feel comfortable, successful, and in control. But he moves. He re-locates into the Zebulons and Naphtalis of our shame, embarrassment, fear, and sense of being defeated. The question for us is: will we allow him to take up residence in *those* places in our prayer time? Will we talk to him honestly about our places of darkness? If we do, we're no longer lying when we pray.

- Father John Muir

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Billings Catholic Schools

Registration for the 2023-24 school year at Billings Catholic Schools opens on Wednesday, February 1. Several grade levels will have limited enrollment this year, so families are encouraged to apply early. The application for grades K-12 will be available on the home page of the BCS website billingscatholicschools.org beginning February 1, 2023. Email bcs@billingscatholicschools.org for more information.

January 29-February 4 is Catholic Schools Week! Join us at our all-system Catholic Schools Week Mass on Thursday, February 2, at 9:00am in the Ralph Nelles Center at Billings Central Catholic High School. All are welcome!

Nominations are open for the 2023 Billings Catholic Schools Awards of Excellence. To submit a nomination, submit the form on the BCS website home page at BILLINGSCATHOLICSCHOOLS.ORG by Monday, January 23, 2023. Awards will be presented following our all-system Catholic Schools Week Mass on Thursday, February 2, at 9:00am in the Ralph Nelles Center at Billings Central Catholic High School.

Mass Intentions & Readings

Monday, January 23, Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children Hebrews 9:15, 24-28, Psalm 98:1-6, Mark 3:22-30

Tuesday, January 24, St. Francis de Sales Hebrews 10:1-10, Ps. 40:2, 4, 7-8, 10-11, Mark 3:31-35

8:30am Mass: † Amelia Schmalz

Wednesday, January 25, the Conversion of St. Paul Acts 22:3-16, Psalm 117:1-2, Mark 16:15-18 8:30am Mass: Int. of Pat Hennessy

Thursday, January 26, Sts. Timothy and Titus 2 Timothy 1:1-8, Psalm 96:1-3, 7-8, 10, Mark 4:21-25 8:30am Mass: † Lucille Cleary

Friday, January 27, St. Angela Merici Hebrews 10:32-39, Psalm 37:3-6, 23-24, 39-40, Mark

8:30am Mass: † John Holbrook

Saturday, January 28, St. Thomas Aquinas Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19, Luke 1:69-75, Mark 4:35-41 5:00pm Mass: Int. of St. Pius X Parishioners

Sunday, January 29 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13, Psalm 146:6-10, 1 Corinthians 1:26-31, Matthew 5:1-12

8:30am Mass: † Evelyn Straight 11:00am Mass: † Karen Melius

KJCR Catholic Radio Annual Fundraiser

Miracles: God's Light in the Darkness of Unbelief. Reserve a table today! Billings Catholic Radio's annual fundraising banquet is Thursday, March 16. This annual banquet is a marvelous evening to gather in support of Billings Catholic Radio. Enjoy popular Catholic apologist Karlo Broussard, one of the most dynamic and gifted Catholic speakers heard today, communicating with precision of thought, a genuine love for God, and an enthusiasm that inspires.

For a successful fundraising banquet, KJCR needs table hosts! Please let them know if they can count on you to host a table this year. Call 406.294.5250 or visit billingscatholicradio.com/fundraiser.

Winter Gear Needed

Please continue to fill the blue box in the church Gathering Area with any gently used winter apparel such as coats, gloves, hats, or scarves for men, women and children. Socks and underwear for men, women and children are needed, too. These items are given free of charge to those who need them. Thank you to all who love unconditionally like Jesus.

Ministry Schedule: January 28-29, 2023

Saturday, 5:00pm Mass

Greeter: Jackie Fears, Jeanne Moller

Usher: Dan Dooley, Richard King, Dan Miller, Need 1

Lector: Mark Sevier-1, Carol Schaff-2

Sacristan: Bonnie Wutzke **Altar Minister:** Clare Dooley

Eucharistic Minister: Mary Karls, Gary & Connie

Marman, Tyler Wiltgen

Cross: Need 1, Server: Jennilyn Wilson

Nursery: Julie Wilson

Sunday, 8:30am Mass

Greeter: Connie James, Tim Morgan

Usher: Greg Luck, Andy Mikes, Dan Sloan, Doug

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Lector: Phil Zeeck-1, Jennifer Mack-2

Sacristan: Don Judice
Altar Minister: Kim Komar

Eucharistic Minister: Jan Kirk, Rick & Sharon

McCann, Mary Taylor

Cross: Jacob Schiermeister, Server: Victoria Willis

Nursery: Pamela Pruitt

Sunday, 11:00am Mass

Greeter: Lynn DeMeyer, Janice Krueger

Usher: Roland Barnes, Tyler Blood, Markus Hulquist,

Michael Riedel

Lector: Need 1 –1, Vicki Marquis-2

Sacristan: David Mork

Altar Minister: Magdalen Wojtowicz

Eucharistic Minister: Brittany Blood, Lynn DeMeyer,

Janice Krueger, Jessie Rohrer

Cross: Evelee Dominguez, Server: Marilyn McKen-

zie

Nursery: Stephanie Mehling

Save the Date!

Experience the Eucharistic Revival 2023, "Cultivating Eucharistic Amazement." Gather on May 5 & 6 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.

Parish Staff

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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 Marriage: Six-month preparation

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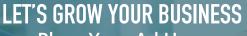
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