St. Pius X Parish

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January 29, 2023



The Lord keeps faith forever, secures justice for the oppressed, gives food to the hungry. The Lord sets captives free.

R. Blessed are the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

The Lord gives sight to the blind; the Lord raises up those who were bowed down. The Lord loves the just; the Lord protects strangers.

R. Blessed are the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

The fatherless and the widow the Lord sustains, but the way of the wicked he thwarts. The Lord shall reign forever; your God, O Zion, through all generations.

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Psalm 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 Psalm for the fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Disciples of Jesus at St. Pius X

Believe Jesus Christ is God and came into the world for the salvation of all.

Grow in personal relationship with Jesus.

Gather in our community to encounter Jesus.

Love unconditionally like Jesus.

Lead others to abundant life in Jesus.





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 <u>stpiusxblgs.org</u>, find us on Facebook at 'St. Pius X,' or on Instagram @stpiusx_blgs.

Food Collection Next Weekend

The Billings Food Bank will receive our food donations from the February 4-5 collection. The items most needed are: canned vegetables and fruit, macaroni and cheese, cereal, tomatoes and sauce, pasta, one-can meals, rice, beans, peanut butter, canned meats, hamburger helper, single serve snacks & zip lock sandwich bags. If you prefer to make a monetary donation, please make your check out to 'Billings Food Bank' and place it in the box next to the food collection bin. Thank you for helping to alleviate hunger in our community!

Thank you for the Abundance of Toiletries!

The St Pius X Conference of St. Vincent dePaul sends gratitude for your donation of travel size hygiene products. They appreciate your generosity! The homeless population continues to increase so hygiene kits are always needed.

Tumbleweed is grateful for your donations of full size products! Period Pals 406 distributes feminine hygiene products to several nonprofit groups that serve women.

Thank you, dynamic disciples, for putting love into action for our at-risk and vulnerable community members! The next toiletry collection will be March 18-19.



Above: Children's Ministry invited all 4th and 5th graders to gather for Drive-in Movie Night at the Youth Center. Check out their creative cars!

Children's Ministry

Coming up, we will have the Rite of Enrollment for the Confirmation Candidates on February 5 at the 11:00am Mass. Later that day, parents and sponsors of the second-year sacramental preparation students will need to attend a mandatory meeting at 3:00pm in the Fellowship Hall.

We will have our annual safe environment training with children during normal class time on February 14 and 15. More information to come on this training!

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 <u>billingscatholicschools.org</u> beginning February 1, 2023. Email *bcs@billingscatholicschools.org* for more information.

January 29-February 4 is Catholic Schools Week! Join us at our allsystem 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!



Why Give to the Annual Catholic Appeal?

The Annual Catholic Appeal is the major source of funding for the diocesan ministries and offices. These ministries help to provide services that no one parish could do on their own. This includes Active and Retired Priest Support, Bishop Support, Seminarian Education

and Support, Safe Environment, Tribunal Office, Lifelong Faith Formation, *The Harvest* magazine, Properties and Facilities, St. Thomas Catholic Camp and more. For a full listing, please visit <u>diocesegfb.org/</u><u>ACA</u>. February 11-12 will be St. Pius' ACA Commitment Weekend.

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Stacy Wegner Assistant to Children's Ministry

Time at St. Pius X? I have been a member of St. Pius for twenty years. I've been working here since July of 2022.

Primary responsibilities? I am the assistant to our amazing director of Children's Ministry! I also run the nursery

and help make sure everyone is current with their Safe Environment training!

Favorite part of your job? My favorite part is the direct interaction with the children and watching them fall in love with Jesus!

Hobbies? I like to read, scrapbook, camp, cheer my children on, and spend as much time as I can with my family.

What is a fun fact about you? My husband and I are a blended family of 8 children and 6 grandchildren thus far.

What advice for the spiritual life have you received that made a difference in your life? My sponsor, who also happens to be my aunt, is a huge influence in my spiritual life. Whenever I go to her she always tells me "Be still and know that I am God!" What a little thing that always gets me back on track!

Grow in Your Faith with FORMED

Symbolon: The Catholic Faith Explained is a systematic presentation of our Catholic faith. It will lead you through the "big picture" of the Catholic faith and our Creed is the guide. *Symbolon* brings together some of the most trusted Catholic teachers in the world to guide you through the breadth and richness of the Catholic faith. View this study on FORMED, Catholic content offered for free online. Interested? Go to <u>formed.org/signup</u> and select St. Pius X by entering name, city and/or zip code. Enter your name and email address. Check that email account for a link to begin using FORMED.

Recycling Reminder

The big blue bin in the parking lot of St. Pius X is for newspaper and aluminum cans only. Please do not put cardboard or plastics in the bin and do not leave anything outside of the bin.



Recyclables other than newspaper and aluminum may be dropped off at Earth First Aid at 458 Charles St. Thank you for recycling!





Photos: CCW's Hua in a Mug project on Jan. 14 resulted in cheery mugs filled with candv and drink packages to donate to LaVie (45 mugs), Angela's Piazza (28 mugs), and Family Promise (17 mugs). Thank you to the parish for all the cup donations! Participants fully enjoyed the project!





In and Around Our Parish Community

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.

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, February 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.

Enrich Your Marriage: Marriage Encounter

This weekend we have an opportunity to focus on the Beatitudes and how we live them in our marriage. You are invited to continue this reflection as you explore the challenges and joys in living your Sacrament of Matrimony which mirrors the intimate love relationship Christ has with His church. The next Marriage Encounter Experience will be Feb. 3-5 in Billings. There will be a spring Experience at the Historic Elk Mountain Hotel April 21-23. For more information or to register, call Dan and Clare at 406.697.3275 or visit the website at <u>wwme.org</u>.

Volunteers Needed for Diaper Bank

Would you be available on a Tuesday from 3:30-5:30pm on a rotating basis? Contact Shay at *intern@familypromiseyv.org* to find out more.

St. Pius X Knights of Columbus Council 9976

Our Council will once again be able to provide Bibles to all the children attending the Rite of Enrollment at the 11:00am Mass on Sunday, February 5. This is due to the generosity of our Brother Knights. If you plan on attending this Mass, please wear your Knights gear to help draw attention to our amazing Council. Also, a big thank you to all who stepped up to donate at our recent K. of C. Blood Drive!

Stewardship Report for January 22, 2023Grand Total of Collection\$17,883.00Weekly Average Needed\$21,346.00Annual Parish Budget\$1,100,000.00Contributions needed to date\$640,380.00Contributions received to date\$637,919.49Budget Income Shortfall(\$2,460.51)

Area Events

Thursday, February 16

Question, Persuade, Refer (QPR) Suicide Prevention Training from 11:30am-1:00pm offered for free virtually. Register at this link

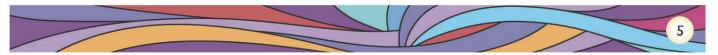
<u>bit.ly/QPR_registration_or call</u> Alicia Kuhlman, 406.540.4120 or email

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.

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.





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

Sunday, January 29 at church

 Bag Building for the SVdP Sandwich ministry, 9:30am, Fellowship Hall

Monday, January 30

NO daily Mass

Tuesday, January 31

- Mass, 8:30am (Live-streamed)
- WoW Prayer Group, 1:00pm, Parish Center # 3
- St. Michael's Circle sandwich making, 1:00pm, Fellowship Hall
- Finance Council, 4:30pm, Parish Center # 3
- Children's Ministry classes, 6:00pm, Parish Center
- Parish Choir, 6:30pm, Sanctuary

Wednesday, February 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
- Emmaus Singers, 6:30pm, Sanctuary
- Elder Council, 7:00pm, Parish Center # 3

Thursday, February 2

- Mass, 8:30am (Live-streamed)
- Christian Service Comm., 6:30pm, Parish Ctr. # 4
- Always Our Children support group, 7:00pm, Parish Center # 1

Friday, February 3

- Mass, 8:30am (Live-streamed)
- SEEL Directors, 9:00am, Parish Center # 3
- SEEL Challenge group, 10:00am, Parish Ctr. #1
- K. of C. Bingo, 7:00pm, Fellowship Hall

Saturday, February 4

- Children's Ministry Catechists, 9:00am, Parish Center # 3
- Sisters of Charity Associates, 9:30am, Fellowship Hall

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

- Food Collection for the Billings Food Bank, Gathering Area
- Sunday: Rite of Enrollment, 11:00am Mass
- Sacramental Preparation Parent Meeting, 3:00pm, Fellowship Hall

Scripture Reflection: Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13 Psalm 146:6-10, 1 Corinthians 1:26-31 Matthew 5:1-12

In my parents' bedroom there were on the wall two photos of my mom and dad from their early adulthoods. The photo of my mother entranced me when I was a boy. I loved looking at it, even though I saw her in daily life. Something about that picture captured her perfectly. It was an image of the joy, wisdom, beauty, and strength that enveloped me from the start of my life. It was an icon of the woman who fed, taught, and encouraged me. I felt a deep pride that I came from such beauty.

The beatitudes of Jesus are a kind of selfportrait. But it is a strange picture. At first, the blessings of being poor, mourning, and hungering and thirsting for righteousness may seem bizarre or, worse, a religious delusion. Who wants to look like *that*? But if we look again, we begin to see the characteristics of Jesus' form. He becomes poor and fills it with his riches for us, he weeps and mourns for us, and fills it with his joy, he hungers and thirsts for us to be righteous, and so satisfies us. And so on. It's the way he appears on the cross.

Perhaps we should put on our bedroom room walls the words of the beatitudes next to a crucifix of the Lord Jesus. Then we can do what the beatitudes are designed for, to gaze at the joy, wisdom, beauty, and strength of the one who is our origin, and who is with us every day. And little by little, we'll start to look like him.

— Father John Muir

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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 <u>carroll.edu/scholarships-aid/</u> <u>scholarships-new-students</u>. Act soon! The deadline is March 15, 2023 for the parish recommendation letter!

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Mass Intentions & Readings

Monday, January 30 Hebrews 11:32-40, Psalm 31:20-24, Mark 5:1-20

Tuesday, January 31, St. John Bosco Hebrews 12:1-4, Psalm 22:26-28, 30-32, Mark 5:21-43 8:30am Mass: † Charles & June Sangwin

Wednesday, February 1 Hebrews 12:4-7, 11-15, Psalm 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18, Mark 6:1-6 8:30am Mass: **† Ed Klessens**

Thursday, February 2, The Presentation of the Lord Malachi 3:1-4, Psalm 24:7-10, Hebrews 2:14-18, Luke 2:22-40 8:30am Mass: † Dorothy Brown

Friday, February 3, St. Blaise, St. Ansgar Hebrews 13:1-8, Psalm 27:1, 3, 5, 8-9, Mark 6:14-29 **8:30am Mass: † Leo Efta**

Saturday, February 4 Hebrews 13:15-17, 20-21, Psalm 23:1-6, Mark 6:30-34 5:00pm Mass: † Ray Olson

Sunday, February 5 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time Isaiah 58:7-10, Psalm 112:4-9, 1 Corinthians 2:1-5, Matthew 5:13-16 8:30am Mass: Int. of St. Pius X Parishioners

11:00am Mass: Int. of Tony & Mary Hecimovic



National Collection for Black and Indian Missions

Next week is the 139th annual Black and Indian Mission collection. Our support of this collection helps build the Church in African American, Native American, and Alaskan Native communities from coast to coast. Schools, parish religious education programs, and diocesan ministries depend on your generosity to help them spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ! Mark the memo line of your check "Black and Indian Missions" or give online at <u>blackandindianmission.org</u>.

Ministry Schedule: February 4-5, 2023

Saturday, 5:00pm Mass

Greeter: Arlene Forney, Brooke LaRoche Usher: Jim Kaiser, Richard King, Keith Schott, Kevin Walter Lector: Dar Aldrich-1, Jim Aldrich-2 Sacristan: Joyce Stoppel Altar Minister: Nancy Wandler Eucharistic Minister: Heather Kaiser, Helene Ranweiler-Waage, Karen Schott, Bonnie Wutzke Cross: Skyler Sanchez, Server: Jennilyn Wilson Nursery: 1 Trained Assistant Needed

Sunday, 8:30am Mass

Greeter: Donna Berkner, Richard Wood Usher: Steve Komar, Chuck Legerski, Greg Luck, Doug Slotsve Lector: Don Judice-1, Bob Keene-2 Sacristan: Bob Holbrook Altar Minister: Kathleen Bernhardt Eucharistic Minister: Clarinda Kremer, Dan & Tanja Sloan, Lisa Wood Cross: Laila Bakkedahl, Server: Keely Bakkedahl Nursery: Kelly Keller

Sunday, 11:00am Mass

Greeter: Joe Larimer, Mary Rah Usher: Roland Barnes, Kyle Brehm, Markus Hulquist, Michael Riedel Lector: Tyler Hauck-1, Emmett Hauck-2 Sacristan: Janice Krueger Altar Minister: Lynn DeMeyer Eucharistic Minister: Tyler Blood, Kathy Boileau, Ross Marquis, David Mork Cross: Evelee Dominguez, Server: Theo Melugin Nursery: Judy Lampi



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 <u>billingscatholicradio.com/</u><u>fundraiser</u>.



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Bulletin notices are due by 4:30pm on Monday. Please email submissions to <u>bulletin@stpiusxblgs.org</u>.

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 <u>www.stpiusxblgs.org</u>. Click Live-Stream on the homepage.

Sacraments

Reconciliation: Sat. 3:30-4:30 PM **Baptism:** Call us for details **Marriage:** Six-month preparation required

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