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January 8, 2023

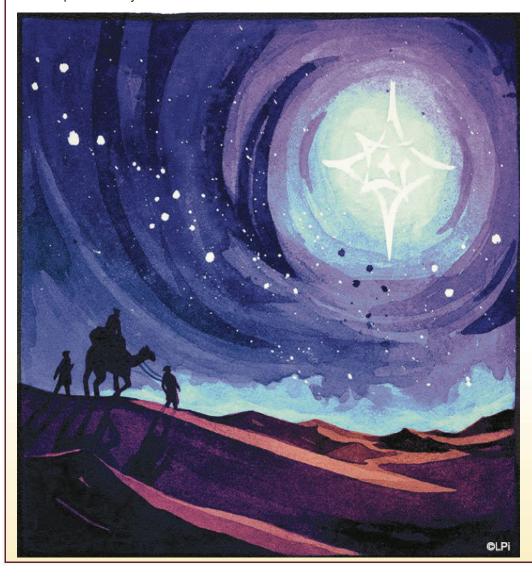
The Epiphany of the Lord

Celebrate the Feast of Epiphany with Us!

We would like you and your family to join us to celebrate Epiphany! Please join us in the Fellowship Hall today, Sunday, January 8th, immediately after the 8:30am Mass.

With the Christmas season still upon us, we want everyone to know that moment, the same joy the magi experienced when they came into sight of the infant Jesus. Imagine their euphoric joy! How majestic God's glorified presence really is!

This becomes for us now an opportunity, a chance to enjoy—one more time—a festive atmosphere together. Hospitality will include traditional, homemade baked goods to sample. We hope to see you there, fellow disciple! This is a family friendly event sponsored by St. Pius X Adult Faith Formation.



Youth Ministry Launch Party!

Games & Dinner!

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

Grades 9-12 on Wednesday, January 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



Life with Christ is a Wonderful Adventure at St. Pius X Parish!

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.

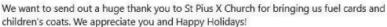
Toiletry Collection to Benefit Those in Need Next Weekend

On January 14-15, St. Pius X will be collecting hygiene items for Tumbleweed to distribute to homeless students and children who abruptly arrive in foster care without any personal possessions. The toiletry drive will be shared with St. Vincent DePaul and Period Pals 406 as well. SVDP creates hygiene kits and distributes them to those in need on a regular basis. Period Pals 406 collects feminine hygiene products which are then distributed for free through several non-profits in town. Items needed are listed here. Please, only new or unopened items.

- Travel or regular size toothpaste, lotion, shampoo, conditioner
- Deodorant, combs, brushes, toothbrushes, razors, acne medication
- Feminine hygiene products, all types. For sanitary reasons we cannot collect or utilize items which are not individually wrapped within the original, unopened package.
- Socks for teens, women & men
- Foot powder
- Underwear of all sizes















Free Upright Baldwin Piano Needs Home

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.

METANOIA is Back!

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. St. Pius X Adult Faith Formation is once again presenting to all parishioners a powerfully rich, spiritually stimulating video series titled, METANOIA on Sunday morning, January 15 & 22 from 9:45-10:45am in the Fellowship Hall. What actually does the word, metanoia mean? It's a Greek word that describes a person's religious conversion. In this continuous, change-of-heart process a person desires and often undergoes a deeper, more profound relationship with Our Lord. Jesus Christ.

Please come and learn more about your own metanoia experiences. Our fifth episode (Jan. 15th) 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. Our sixth video presentation (Jan. 22nd) 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. Please place this event on your calendar! Please contact Matt at *mlow@stpiusxblgs.org*, or call 406.281.8506 with any questions. Peace in Jesus. ~ Matt Low

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!

Community Discipleship Event: Hug in a Mug

Join other women in the parish by assembling mugs with tea/coffee and treats to go to less fortunate women in the community. These special mugs convey to these women that we are thinking and praying for them. We'll see you Saturday, January 14 from 9:00-noon in the St. Pius X Fellowship Hall. Enjoy coffee, rolls, and fellowship with us! Sponsored by the Council of Catholic Women (CCW).

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. We will serve light refreshments. 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. St. Vincent dePaul will be giving a short presentation. We promise it will be fun, informative, and productive. For more information, please contact Peg Smith at 406.672.3006.

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. Here at St. Pius X we are renewing our support by having Conference meetings to pray together and learn more about serving the SVdP Charity Office here in Billings. Please come to our January meeting to learn more about our ministry. We invite you to 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.

Nurses Serving Their Parish

There is a great opportunity to be a parish nurse and to give back to your parish with your nursing skills. Online classes are starting in January of 2023. If you are interested, check out the link below through Pacific Lutheran University (PLU), Center for Continued Nursing Learning. Foundations of Faith Community Nursing is taught by Bill Lonneman and offers 36.5 contact hours. Fees are \$550 for contact hours and \$250 for a Health Ministry Certificate. Live online class dates are January 21, February 25, March 25, 2023.

For additional information visit <u>plu.edu/ccnl/current-offerings</u> or email <u>ccnl@plu.edu</u>. Contact Sarah Lane to ask questions and/or apply for a possible scholarship at *director@healthministriesnetwork.net*. If you have any questions and want to talk with some local parish nurses who have taken the online course, feel free to call Jane Hamilton at 406.671.7764 or Cheryl Fletcher at 406.855.4547.



Left: It was chilly on December 17 when Christian Service Commission members and their families helped move over 250 Christmas gifts to Angela's Piazza: Women's Drop In Center. Pictured are Kris Gagnon and Gail Kleman, Dave Rigg, Christy Rider, Erin Buyske and sons Henry and Harrison, Renee' O'Dea and Stephen Lattimer. Richard King, Shelly Greenfield, Nancy Rigg, Brittanie, Penny and Graham Paquette, Jim Mack, Venieta and Dave Cox and Kim Komar helped with the sorting process. Photo courtesy of Renee' O'Dea

In and Around Our Parish Community

Experience a Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Are you tired of making New Year's resolutions that fade into the sunset? Consider a resolution this year to do something positive for your marriage – one thing – a weekend alone together, a private and prayerful experience with your spouse. You need only show up Friday night and WWME takes care of everything else. Upcoming WWME weekends are February 3-5 in Billings, MT, and April 21-23 at the historic Elk Mountain Hotel in Elk Mountain, Wyoming. For more information or to register, call Dan and Clare at 406.697.3275 or visit the website: wwwme.org. There is a \$100 application fee for the weekend.

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.

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 22nd

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.

Stewardship Report for December 18, 2022

Grand Total of Collection	\$16,380.00
Weekly Average Needed	\$21,346.00
Annual Parish Budget	\$1,100,000.00
Contributions needed to date	\$533,650.00
Contributions received to date	\$504,409.49
Budget Income (Shortfall)	(\$29,240.51)

Stewardship Report for December 25, 2022

Grand Total of Collection	\$56,417.00
Weekly Average Needed	\$21,346.00
Annual Parish Budget	\$1,100,000.00
Contributions needed to date	\$554,996.00
Contributions received to date	\$560,826.49
Budget Income Overage	\$5,830,49

Thank you!

Billings

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.

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

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

Sunday, January 8

 Epiphany Fest, 9:30-10:45am (between Sunday Masses, hosted by Adult Faith Formation), Fellowship Hall. This event is family friendly.

Monday, January 9

- NO daily Mass
- SEEL Discernment group, 11:00am, Parish Ctr. #3
- CCW Board, 1:00pm, Parish Center # 1

Tuesday, January 10

- Mass, 8:30am (Live-streamed)
- SEEL Book Study, 11:30am, Parish Center # 3
- WoW Prayer Group, 1:00pm, Parish Center # 3
- · Children's Ministry classes, 6:00pm, Parish Center
- Parish Choir, 6:30pm, Sanctuary

Wednesday, January 11

- 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
- Worship Commission, 6:30pm, Parish Center # 3
- Emmaus Singers, 6:30pm, Sanctuary
- Elder Council, 7:00pm, Parish Center # 1

Thursday, January 12

- Parish Life Commission, 8:00am, Parish Center # 3
- Mass, 8:30am (Live-streamed)

Friday, January 13

- Mass, 8:30am (Live-streamed)
- SEEL Challenge group, 10:00am, Parish Center # 4

Saturday, January 14

- Winter Warm Up hosted by CCW, 9:00am, Fellowship Hall
- Catholic Daughters State Board, 9:00am, Parish Center # 3

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

- Toiletry Collection for SVdP, Tumbleweed, & Period Pals 406
- Sunday: METANOIA series, 9:45-10:45am, Fellowship Hall

Liturgy of the Word with Children

at 11:00am Mass

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Scripture Reflection:

The Epiphany of the Lord

Isaiah 60:1-6 Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13 Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6 Matthew 2:1-12

A friend of mine is a young priest who teaches high school physics at a Catholic boys' prep school. Like many today, the boys often think science and religion are enemies. So, he delights in their raised eyebrows when he reminds them his first full-time job as a priest was to be an astrophysicist. He cataloged the size, shape, and matter of distant stars. He tells them, "Science gave me more love for God, not less."

The Magi were something like scientist-astronomers. Like today's scientists, they employed disciplined methods of discovering dependable patterns in the world. Their rigorous commitment to the truth led them to the joy of discovering Jesus. Their love for knowledge leads them to worship the Source of all knowledge. Luke says of them, "They were overjoyed at seeing the star."

We may see the universe as cold and empty and feel sad. But why should we do that? The Magi, like my priest-friend, show us there is another way to experience the world. We use our intelligence to discover the beautiful patterns in the world — in mathematics, physics, astronomy, biology, neuroscience, and so on — and allow this to lead us to greater love for God. So, my fellow Magi: the world needs us to be overjoyed at finding God in science and, finally and fully, in Jesus. — Father John Muir ©LPi



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Mass Intentions & Readings

Monday, January 9, The Baptism of the Lord Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7, Ps. 29:1-4, 9-10, Matthew 3:13-17

Tuesday, January 10

Hebrews 2:5-12, Psalm 8:2, 5-9, Mark 1:21-28

8:30am Mass: Int. of Jan Bridger

Wednesday, January 11

Hebrews 2:14-18, Psalm 105:1-4, 6-9, Mark 1:29-39

8:30am Mass: † Jerry Ferrell

Thursday, January 12

Hebrews 3:7-14, Psalm 95:6-11, Mark 1:40-45

8:30am Mass: † Lucille Kindelman

Friday, January 13, St. Hilary

Hebrews 4:1-5, 11, Psalm 78:3-4, 6-8, Mark 2:1-12

8:30am Mass: † Barbara Voeller

Saturday, January 14

Hebrews 4:12-16, Psalm 19:8-10, 15, Mark 2:13-17

5:00pm Mass: † Judith Ann Koppelman

Sunday, January 15 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Isaiah 49:3, 5-6, Psalm 40:2, 4, 7-10, 1 Corinthians 1:1-

3, John 1:29-34

8:30am Mass: Int. of St. Pius X Parishioners

11:00am Mass: † Tiz Duffner

In thanksgiving for the lives of Clarlee Pierson and Emeritus Pope Benedict XVI.

Please keep their families in your prayers.

Ministry Schedule: January 14-15, 2023

Saturday, 5:00pm Mass

Greeter: Joyce Stoppel, Nancy Wandler

Usher: Jim Kaiser, Richard King, Keith Schott, Kevin

Walter

Lector: Mike Persha-1, Bob Holbrook-2

Sacristan: Tim Morgan Altar Minister: Phil Zeeck

Eucharistic Minister: Clare Dooley, Karen Hould,

Karen Schott, Nancy Wandler

Cross: Cooper Papez, Server: Halle Anderson

Nursery: Malaree Wiltgen

Sunday, 8:30am Mass

Greeter: Richard & Lisa Wood

Usher: Don Judice, Chuck Legerski, Greg Luck,

Doug Slotsve

Lector: Kim Komar-1, Tanja Sloan-2

Sacristan: Jan Kirk

Altar Minister: Steve Komar

Eucharistic Minister: Andy Mikes, Christy Rider,

Lisa Wood, Ron Yates

Cross: Olivia Buller, Server: Victoria Willis

Nursery: Kelly Keller

Sunday, 11:00am Mass

Greeter: Markus Hulquist, Joe Larimer

Usher: Roland Barnes, Kyle Brehm, David Mork,

Michael Riedel

Lector: Michelle Bertelson-1, Carol Wilkinson-2

Sacristan: Janice Krueger Altar Minister: Sandi McGovern

Eucharistic Minister: Tyler Blood, Ross Marquis,

Mary Rah, Magdalen Wojtowicz

Cross: Evelee Dominguez, Server: Molly Boileau

Nursery: Stephanie Mehling

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Thank You Notes...

Dear St. Pius X Parish,

Thank you so much for your donation of 50 ten-ride bus passes. These passes are of extreme importance to our youth so they can get to work and much needed services. ~ Georgia Cady, Tumbleweed Executive Director

Dear Parishioners,

Thank you for your monthly donation of \$250 to the Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth. Your gift is used to support the Peruvian missions. We are most grateful for your generous and kind spirit. May our Novena of Masses for St. Pius X Parish on December 16-24, 2022 bring you peace and joy. ~ Sister Eileen Haynes, SCL, Community Director

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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

<u>Weekdays</u>

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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