

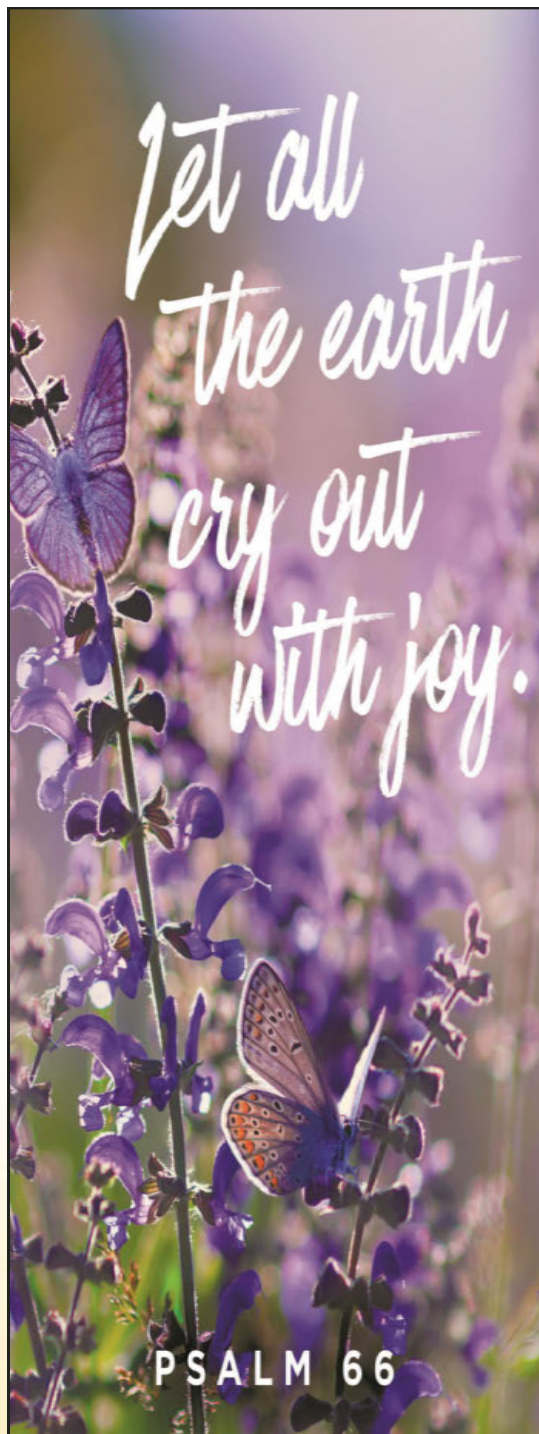
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Bulletin

July 3, 2022

Fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time



Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Shout joyfully to God, all the earth, sing praise to the glory of his name; proclaim his glorious praise. Say to God, "How tremendous are your deeds!"

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

"Let all on earth worship and sing praise to you, sing praise to your name!"

Come and see the works of God, his tremendous deeds among the children of Adam.

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

He changed the sea into dry land; through the river they passed on foot; therefore let us rejoice in him. He rules by his might forever.

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Hear now, all you who fear God, while I declare what he has done for me.

Blessed be God who refused me not my prayer or his kindness!

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Responsorial Psalm for this Sunday: Psalm 66:1-7, 16, 20



ST. PIUS X PARISH

Worship with Us!

Welcome! 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 (406) 656-2522. You may also visit our website at www.stpiusxblgs.org or find us on Facebook at 'St. Pius X.'



Fr. Greg and the staff of St. Pius X wish everyone a safe and enjoyable Independence Day holiday! The parish office will be closed on Monday, July 4.



Above: Renee and Bob O'Dea perform a skit for our recent Vacation Bible School adventure.

We Can Reach Out After Hospitalization

If you or someone in your family is hospitalized, please notify the parish offices, (406) 656-2522, when you return home. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, neither our pastoral team nor our hospital volunteers can visit the hospitals and we cannot get information from them about any Catholics who may be in their facilities. Our parish nurses rely on the reports of our pastoral team and/or volunteers in order to make follow-up calls once a parishioner returns home. This ministry is so important and we as a parish community want to support our members as much as possible after returning home from hospitalization. We can also put you or your loved one on our prayer chain; and, we have prayer shawls available as well. With your help, we can stay connected.

Free Scripture Resource

Your parish is again providing free copies of *The Word Among Us* in the Gathering Area because we exist to help you grow in your relationship with Jesus Christ. This issue is for July/August to help those who travel take reflections and the daily Mass readings on the journey. Please pick up one of these free booklets!

Flood Relief for Montana Communities

All parishes of the Diocese of Eastern Montana have been asked to conduct a special "Yellowstone Valley Flood Victim Appeal." If you have not already done so, please prayerfully consider giving a donation to help those Montanans severely impacted by the recent flooding. Please make your check payable to St. Pius X Catholic Church and mark "Flood Victim Appeal" in the memo line. A distribution committee will apportion the funds to those in need without regard to religious affiliation in Gardner, Livingston, Columbus, Absarokee, Red Lodge, Fromberg, Bridger and beyond.

Everyday Stewardship: Recognize God in your Ordinary Moments

When God Speaks Like a Polish Grandmother

A friend of mine had a Polish grandmother who was famous for giving her children some blunt advice every time they left the house: "Eyes straight ahead. Mind your own business."

Every mother knows her children best, and this mother knew hers liked to argue and sometimes liked to show off. She knew that could lead to trouble. She could not anticipate every scenario they would encounter each time they departed from her. All she could do was distill what she knew about life, safety, and manners into a few simple words, and hand them over to her children like a set of car keys or a hastily scribbled map. In this way, a woman who rarely said "I love you" expressed her devotion. And long after she was dead and buried, her aging sons and daughters repeated these words to themselves, like a child wrapping himself in a warm blanket.

Jesus does much the same for us, in many portions of the Gospels. *"Ask the master to send out laborers for his harvest... Carry no money... Eat what is set before you... Know that the Kingdom of God is at hand... Rejoice because your names are written in Heaven."*

He knows us best — knows our strengths, but even more importantly, he knows our weaknesses. He doesn't always have the space to address each of these explicitly in the pages of Scripture, but what he can do is distill the truth of effective evangelization into a few simple words, and hand them over to us as food for our journey of discipleship. In this way, a God who addresses the entire world and every soul who ever lived also speaks intimately to each one of us.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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Top: Theresa Slyngstad with Iris (in the backpack) help prepare VBS snacks. Right: crew leaders dance with the kids. Below: Can you spot the Rocky Railway train puffing by the aspens on a bright, sunny day?



Flocknote Connects Us!

Please use this QR code to receive communications from your church twice a month. View parish news, signups, polls and program offerings, plus more!



In and Around Our Parish Community

Backpacks Needed for Older Students

If you would like to donate a new backpack for an older student in Middle or High School, please drop them off at the parish office. Our School Supply Drive will begin soon and this year we are short of that particular type. Questions? Call Shelly at (406) 656-2522. Thank you!

Needs at St. Vincent dePaul

Your continued support of St. Vincent dePaul is much appreciated. They are now in need of sandwich making supplies for their food service ministry. This includes peanut butter, jelly, bread, water, etc. Also, the Clothing and Essential program is in need of men's clothing of all sizes. These items may be dropped off at SVDP, 3005 1st Ave South or placed in the [blue collection box](#) in the Gathering Area of St. Pius X. Please call (406) 252-1855 for more information.

Note: *If you signed up via St. Pius X's Flocknote to bring sandwich ingredients to the church, we use those items every Wednesday to create sack lunches. Please place those items in the [blue shopping cart](#) in the Gathering Area. Thank you!*

RCIA: A Blessed Journey of Conversion is Just Around the Corner

Are you, or someone you know ready to go deeper into a personal relationship with Our Lord, Jesus Christ? Take that first step now— inquire and ask questions. Perhaps Jesus wants you to become a disciple in our Roman Catholic tradition. Typical questions include:

- I have a child over the age of seven who has not been baptized; do you provide sacramental instruction?
- I am a young man or woman who feels strongly that the Holy Spirit is calling me to enter the Catholic Church and to live a "new life in Christ." Is it possible for me to receive the church's sacraments of initiation at St. Pius X? What are the first steps?

Please know that our parish community offers opportunities in small-group settings to learn about the Catholic faith. You can become a fully initiated member through the church's sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and First Eucharist. Our Sunday sessions focus on the teachings of Jesus, our Church doctrine, our sacred liturgy, scripture, and tradition.

Keep in mind also that our parish offers separate sessions for children and teenagers.

You are welcome to participate in this journey of learning, faith, and discipleship. Contact staff member, Matt Low, in our parish office. Watch our parish bulletin for future inquiry session notices for those interested. In the meantime, may the Holy Spirit continue to bless you and move you into a fruitful life of love, joy, faith, hope, and peace.

St. Pius X Knights of Columbus Council 9976

Brother Knights, our Council will be setting up our barbeque and cooking burgers and brats for the Family Promise of Yellowstone Valley Golf Tournament this coming Friday, July 8 at Yegen Golf Club. Because we are only tasked with cooking, we don't need a large group of volunteers, but anyone who wants to join in is welcome. If you come, please wear a red Knights shirt if you have one. Also, bring along a folding chair, a hat, and sun screen. It can get pretty warm out there.

Also, in June, July, and August, we have reduced our meetings to just one monthly meeting to be held on the third Thursday of the month. Mark your calendars for Thursday, July 21. Officers will meet at that time, but all Council members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Area Events

Young Adult Catholics Saturday, July 16

- 6:30pm BBQ Potluck and Bonfire. Burgers and hot dogs provided but please bring your own beverages and a side dish or dessert to share. Bring a friend or two! 2730 Blackhills Ln. Billings, MT. For more information or questions, check out the Facebook page @billingscya or call Sabrina at (406) 694-3180. Young adults are 18 + years of age.

Billings Community Saturday, July 23

- The 67th Annual Mexican Fiesta will be held this year at Mary Queen of Peace Parish from 10:00am-3:30pm. Streets 3rd and 2nd Ave. South will be blocked off in front of the church and the old Little Flower School building, as well as 34th Street S. The traditional Mexican dinner of enchiladas, beans, rice and verde will be served. There will be kids' games, craft booths, raffle, a silent auction and food trucks along with live entertainment featuring the Tejano Outlaws. The Tejano Dance will be at the Billings Hotel Convention Center that evening from 8:00pm to 12:00am with tickets of \$15 per person or \$150 for a table of 10. Contact Celest at (406) 294-7605 for tickets or for information on table reservations.



Stewardship Report for June 26, 2022

Needed Weekly:	\$20,770.00
Total Collections:	\$14,046.00
Budget Shortage:	(\$6,724.00)

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

Sat., July 2 & Sun., July 3 at church

- Hospitality Collection for St. Vincent dePaul, Gathering Area

Monday, July 4

- NO Mass
- Parish office closed

Tuesday, July 5

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

Wednesday, July 6

- Sandwich making for SVdP, 9:00am, location to be announced
- Funeral Mass, 11:00am for Irvin Weathermon

Thursday, July 7

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

Friday, July 8

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



Scripture Reflection:

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 66:10-14
Psalm 66:1-7, 16, 20
Galatians 6:14-18
Luke 10:1-12, 17-20

Freedom properly defined is freedom properly understood. The Cambridge Dictionary tells us that it is, "the condition or right of being able or allowed to do, say, think, etc., whatever you want to, without being controlled or limited." That same dictionary defines liberty as, "the freedom to live, work, and travel as you want to." Both definitions sound very similar. Is there a difference between freedom and liberty? Many are accustomed to believing that freedom and liberty are interchangeable and simply involve possessing rights and privileges. For the Christian, however, there is a big difference between the two.

St. John Chrysostom directs that "the only person who is free is the one who lives for Christ." There are many other inspirational people throughout history who see freedom as something far greater than liberty. True and properly understood freedom has little to do with entitlement or self-promotion. For the believer, it is a matter of the heart and soul. Freedom (and liberty, for that matter), seen only in terms of the world, can quickly be taken away. The freedom spoken of by St. John Chrysostom can only be lost by personal choice. When one lives for Christ, they live in pursuit of virtues that enlighten one's soul (faith, hope, and love) and strengthen one's character (justice, fortitude, temperance, and prudence). Rather than having the ability to acquire or do more things, true freedom asks us to be detached. Privileges, rights, and responsibilities are important, but they do not define us.

The world is not always open to listening to the truth. "I am sending you like lambs among wolves," Jesus tells his disciples. The secular definitions of freedom and liberty are very attractive. They promise us a great deal. It is no wonder Jesus asks his disciples to travel with very little. The Gospel is not dependent upon things or anything those with worldly power or investment can say or do. When one chooses to live for Christ, they choose to live with peace. That's what true freedom will give us. If we do not want what Christ offers, we can close the door, and the messenger will walk away. Distracted by the lure of personal liberties, we risk losing our freedom. We will not have anything truly life-giving to share with others.

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The Annual Catholic Appeal

As we continue the Annual Catholic Appeal, thank you for your prayers and your donations. For those of you who have given, your money is already being put to work for our Catholic family in Eastern Montana. The diocese is at 59% of the goal. 17% of the diocese is participating. Please keep the appeal and the work of the Church in your prayers, and if you have not yet given, please prayerfully consider giving a pledge today. Donation envelopes are available on a table in the Gathering Area of church. You may also use this QR code on the left or give online at diocesegfb.org.



National Collection: Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa

Thank you for your generous support of the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa. Your contributions provide pastoral care and support to the people of Africa as they face many challenges that come from poverty and unemployment, inadequate health care, and forced migration. Your donations fund workshops, retreats, catechesis, and other projects that build the faith of African communities. If you missed the collection, it is not too late to give. Visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections.

Mass Intentions & Readings

Monday, July 4, Independence Day
Hosea 2:16-18, 21-22, Ps. 145:2-9, Matthew 9:18-26

Tuesday, July 5, St. Anthony Zaccaria, St. Elizabeth of Portugal
Hosea 8:4-7, 11-13, Psalm 115:3-10, Matthew 9:32-38
8:30am Mass: † Tom Kittson

Wednesday, July 6, St. Maria Goretti
Hosea 10:1-3, 7-8, 12, Psalm 105:2-7, Matthew 10:1-7
11:00am Funeral Mass: † Irvin Weathermon

Thursday, July 7
Hosea 11:1-4, 8-9, Ps. 80:2-3, 15-16, Matthew 10:7-15
8:30am Mass: † Agnes Reichert

Friday, July 8
Hosea 14:2-10, Psalm 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-14, 17, Matthew 10:16-23
8:30am Mass: † John Sengar

Saturday, July 9, St. Augustine Zhao Rong and Companions
Isaiah 6:1-8, Psalm 93:1-2, 5, Matthew 10:24-33
5:00pm Mass: Int. of St. Pius X Parishioners

Sunday, July 10 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Deuteronomy 30:10-14, Psalm 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37, Colossians 1:15-20, Luke 10:25-37
8:30am Mass: † Francis Deis
11:00am Mass: Int. of Jan Bridger

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for the life of
**Irvin
Weathermon.**
Please keep his
family in your
prayers.



Devote an Hour to Jesus

Are you seeking time alone with Jesus? The Adoration Chapel welcomes you! There are several hours available, particularly the "sacrifice hours" of late night or early morning. Come and spend quality time with Jesus in an intimate, secure environment. For more information and to register, please call or text (406) 413-0978 or visit: adorationchapelbillings.org

Ministry Schedule: July 9-10, 2022

Saturday, 5:00pm Mass

Greeter: Betty Warner, Lynne Weber
Usher: Bruce McMorris, Dan Miller, Mike Persha, Bob Reisinger
Lector: Carol Schaff-1, Richard King-2
Sacristan: Linda White
Altar Minister: Nancy Wandler
Eucharistic Minister: Erin Augustine, Karen Hould, Heather Kaiser, Denise Smith
Cross: Audrey Duchesneau, **Server:** Emilia Duchesneau
Nursery: Julie Wilson

Sunday, 8:30am Mass

Greeter: Connie James, Carrie Mikes
Usher: Chuck Legerski, Greg Luck, Tim Morgan, Richard Wood
Lector: Bob Keene-1, Carol Wilkinson-2
Sacristan: Clarinda Kremer
Altar Minister: Kathleen Bernhardt
Eucharistic Minister: Ming & Digna Cabrera, Steve & Kim Komar
Cross: **Need 1**, **Server:** Jacob Schiermeister
Nursery: Pamela Pruitt

Sunday, 11:00am Mass (Live-streamed)

Greeter: Ann Frazer, Janice Krueger
Usher: Roland Barnes, Joe Larimer, Michael Riedel, Penny Sipes
Lector: Vicki Marquis-1, Kyle Melugin-2
Sacristan: David Mork
Altar Minister: Sandi McGovern
Eucharistic Minister: Brittany Blood, Susan Johnson, Ross Marquis, Mary Taylor
Cross: Halle Anderson, **Server:** Evelee Dominguez
Nursery: **1 Trained Attendant Needed**

Shroud of Turin

Billings Catholic Radio is pleased to announce an event centuries in the making, *The Man of the Shroud*, a presentation on the Shroud of Turin. Well known Shroud expert, Jim Bertrand, will bring a replica of the Shroud as well as offer a one-hour presentation in Billings on July 18 at 6:30pm at St. Bernard Catholic Church. Come see for yourself one of the most studied artifacts in the world. To register for this event, visit: billingscatholicradio.com/shroud.

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Bulletin notices are due by 4:30pm on Monday.

Please email bulletin@stpiusxblgs.org or fax to (406) 656-2584.

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
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Sacraments

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