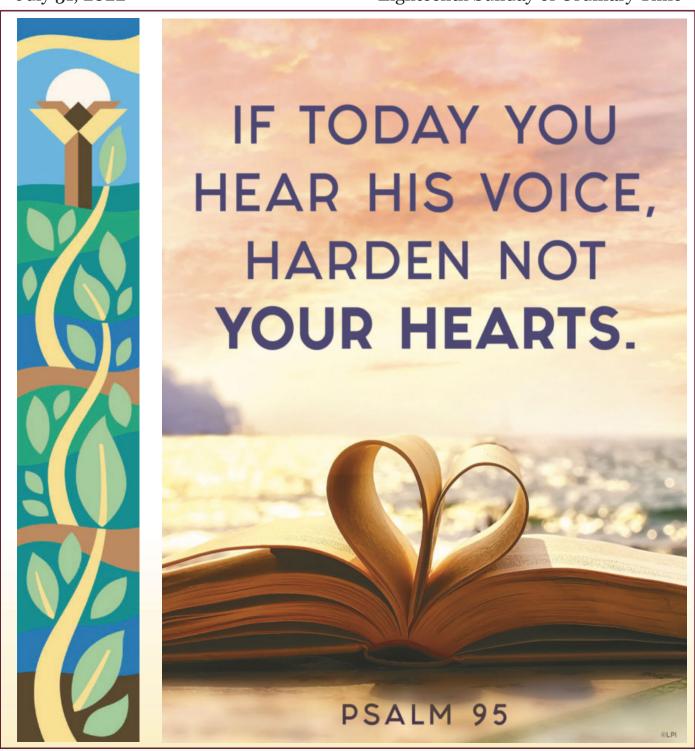
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July 31, 2022

Eighteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time



A Community of Generosity, a Family Rooted in Faith

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 stpiusxblgs.org or find us on Facebook at 'St. Pius X.'

Food Collection Next Weekend

The Billings Food Bank will receive our food donations from the August 6-7 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!

Parish Blood Drive Thursday, August 4th

Are you ready to become a hero? Are you willing to take an hour or less out of your day to save a life, or three? St. Pius X Church and the Knights of Columbus are hosting a parish blood drive on Thursday, August 4 from 12:00-4:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. Sign up online at kofc9976.org. If you have any questions, please contact Bob Holbrook at unclebug111@gmail.com or call 406.671.5694. Set aside any fears and help our community with lifesaving blood!



Above: A certificate of appreciation awarded to St. Pius X by St. Vincent dePaul. Our support is made possible through your donation in the weekly collection at Mass. A letter follows.

"I cannot begin to thank you enough for your generosity to St. Vincent dePaul this year. Because of you, the poorest of the poor have a place to go to receive three daily meals, clothing, and to engage in programs to help them get off the streets and out of poverty. From my entire team, thank you!

Please accept this certificate of appreciation from our Board of Directors, our staff, and myself for your incredible generosity! Donors like you are making an immediate impact on the lives of the most vulnerable members in our community. Truly, you are giving hope to those on the margins of society!" ~ Jeanine Holt-Seavy, Executive Director

You are Welcome to Attend: Upcoming RCIA Inquirers' Session

An **RCIA Inquirers' Session is set for Sunday, August 7** in the parish's Fellowship Hall immediately following the 8:30am Mass. RCIA means *Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults*.

On Sunday, August 7, a member of the RCIA team will be available to talk about what is on your mind and in your heart. This is the perfect time to ask questions and to share faith with Christian disciples of Jesus Christ. As we often say, the RCIA is a process.

Is the RCIA something you are ready for now? Is God becoming more active in your life? Come—step in, learn, meet other seekers, and find out more! The RCIA process gets fully underway this fall and the ritual initiation stages continue into next year (2023) and culminate with the Easter Season. Similar to last year, the RCIA sessions will meet on most Sunday mornings. Please note that the process for *Christian Initiation of Children (CIC)* will meet on Sunday afternoons.

See you at our next inquiry session...May Our Lord Jesus Christ continue to walk with you in your faith journey. ~ Matt Low, Director of Christian Initiation



The Pak-A-Kid for School Project Begins Now!

The Pak-A-Kid for School project provides a filled backpack for students associated with Angela's Piazza: Women's Drop-In Center, Family Promise of Yellowstone Valley and students in our own parish whose families have limited income.

How the backpack project works: Simply pick up a backpack after Mass this weekend and purchase items from the school supply list tucked in the main pocket. Put the supplies in the backpack and return it to the shopping cart in the Gathering Area of church or to the parish office (open M-F from 8:30am-4:30pm between now and Sunday, August 14.

Or if you don't take a backpack: You may also donate school supplies for general purposes (see suggestion list at right). These items will be used to create last minute backpacks or will be donated to various Title 1 schools and/or helping agencies in our community. Drop your supplies off in the shopping cart at church or bring to the parish office between now and Sunday, August 14.

Thank you for supporting education and youth in our community! This project is sponsored by the St. Pius X Christian Service Commission.

Opportunity to Serve: Would you like to help sort or deliver the backpacks and general school supplies? Call Shelly at 406.281.8501 to find out how you can help. This is a family friendly (and fun) activity!

Suggestions for General School Supplies

(Choose one or more.)

- Disinfecting wipes
- Facial tissues
- Headphones
- Ear buds
- Dry Erase Markers (wide width)
- Protractor
- Three ring binders (1, 2 or 3 inch binder)
- Single subject spiral notebooks, college or wide rule
- Pencils with erasers
- Folders with pockets
- Large pencil pouch
- Wide or college rule loose-leaf paper
- Backpacks for all ages
- Rulers
- Quart or gallon size zip baggies
- Scissors, blunt point or regular
- Scientific calculator
- Glue sticks
- Ball point pens in black, red or blue
- Colored pencils
- Highlighter pens
- Washable type wide or thin markers
- Gift card for gym shoes
- Crayons, 24-pack
- Watercolor paint set

Please return all items to the shopping cart in the Gathering Area of church by Sunday, August 14.

Is St. Pius Still Hosting Family Promise Guests?

There are two answers to this question, no and yes! February of 2020 was the last time St. Pius X was able to host Family Promise guests in our attractive Youth Center.

Fast forward to today. First United Methodist Church (FUMC) located at 2800 4th Ave. North is ready to open as the new static site for up to four Family Promise families. Families will not move to a another church each week but will stay at this site until they secure housing, all the while taking advantage of the educational and case management opportunities Family Promise provides. The site at First United Methodist will open on July 31 and St. Pius X is scheduled to host the week of September 11-17. The experience will be different hosting at a site not in our backyard but the need to shelter families is greater than ever and those families need our support.

During St. Pius' host week at FUMC, we will need dinner hosts and overnight hosts. The guest families will stay at this site is from 6:30pm-6:00am. Meals will be taken to First United Methodist between 6:00 and 6:30pm. Dinner hosts will stay one hour and leave at 7:30pm and overnight hosts will arrive at 7:30pm and leave at 6:00am.

We need some dynamic disciples interested in providing an evening meal and those exceptional disciples who don't mind spending the night away from their own comfortable bed to help support a family working hard to overcome homelessness. I invite you to consider helping with this very meaningful ministry. Please call Shelly at 406.281.8501 or email sg@stpiusxblgs.org to find out how you can help in September.



In and Around Our Parish Community

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!



Your Help is Essential to Rebuild Outreach Ministry

One of the many hardships over the past couple years has been the inability of churches to take Eucharist to the homebound or to our brothers and sisters who live in senior living facilities. As Covid numbers have lowered, the Bishop has lifted the restrictions for homebound ministry. While there are ongoing precautions, we are answering Jesus' call, "Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me." (Matthew 25: 40) We are seeking disciples for Homebound & Senior Living Facility Eucharistic Ministry. Training will be provided. We will learn and grow together! If you are interested in taking Eucharist to those who are homebound or to one of the senior living facilities to which our parish is assigned, please call the office at 406. 656.2522. Your contact information will be given to Janice Krueger, whose heart feels compelled to help rebuild this ministry, and she will contact you. Your prayerful consideration is joined by the prayers of us all!

Urgent Needs at St. Vincent dePaul

There is an urgent need for personal hygiene products such as deodorant, toothbrushes, soap, shampoo, and wipes. The sock inventory for children, women, and men needs to be replenished. You can support the sandwich making ministry at St. Vincent dePaul by donating peanut butter, jelly, bread, and water. All is appreciated. Thank you for supporting the Clothing and Essential program, especially for men. If you can help, these items can be dropped off at SVdP located at 3005 1st Ave. S., or call Callie at 406.831.5227 or Camron at 406.831.5223 for more information. At St. Pius X, items for direct donation to St. Vincent dePaul may be placed in the blue cardboard box in the Gathering Area of church. The box is emptied weekly.

Thanks from KJCR Radio

Billings Catholic Radio wishes to thank the parish community for their support of the Man of the Shroud event on July 18. Over 250 attendees enjoyed time to visit with friends, hear a world class presentation on the antiquity of the Shroud of Turin and see an exact replica of the Shroud. The success of our event was due to your support and attendance. Thank you! ~ Board, Staff & Volunteers of Billings Catholic Radio

St. Pius X Knights of Columbus Council 9976

This week we have our St. Pius Knights of Columbus Blood Drive. It will be held this Thursday, August 4th in the Fellowship Hall. The hours are from 12:00pm to 4:30pm. There are still appointments available. You can either log on to: <u>Vitalant.org</u> or go to our Council website at: <u>kofc9976.org</u> and scroll to the bottom of the home page. Or, you can just call Bob Holbrook at 406.671.5694 and he can get you scheduled. One donation can save up to three lives! Please consider donating.

Area Events

Saturday, August 13

 Rummage Sale to support Central Rams football from 7:00am-2:00pm in the front of St. Francis school located at 2202 Colton Blvd.

Thursday, August 18

Question, Persuade, Refer (QPR) Suicide Prevention Training from 11:30am-1:00pm offered for free virtually at this link bit.ly/QPR registration. Or call Alicia Kuhlman at 406.540.4120 or ght.alicia1@gmail.com for more information. This training is a three step process used to intervene in a mental health emergency. Just like CPR, this 90 minute course equips attendees to have the skills to respond to a crisis and get the person referred to help.

Group Centering Prayer

St. Patrick Co-Cathedral invites anyone interested in Centering Prayer to meet on Saturday mornings at 9:00am. Please wear a mask if planning to attend. For more information, contact Ann at 406.860.3754.

Calling All Crafters!

The Council of Catholic Women at St. Bernard Catholic Church will hold its 40th annual Craft Fair on Saturday, November 5th. This is a popular and much anticipated event with great attendance! Contact Coreen Glen at 406.248.6535 to reserve craft table space.

Thank you!

Stewardship Report for July 24, 2022

Needed Weekly: \$21,346.00 Total Collections: \$16,659.43 Budget Shortage: (\$4,686.57)

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

Sat., July 30 & Sun., July 31 in the Gathering Area

- Sign up for Parish Blood Drive taking place on August 4 from 12:00-4:30pm.
- Handing out empty school backpacks with school supply list included for parishioners to fill for students in need.
- Sunday: Bag Building for St. Vincent dePaul sandwich ministry, 9:30am, Fellowship Hall.

Monday, August 1

- NO Mass
- Education Commission, 6:00pm, Parish Center # 3

Tuesday, August 2

Mass, 8:30am (Live-streamed)

Wednesday, August 3

- Mass, 8:30am (Live-streamed)
- Sandwich making, 9:00am, Fellowship Hall
- Children of Joy and Gladness, 3:00pm, Day Chapel

Thursday, August 4

- Mass, 8:30am (Live-streamed)
- Parish Blood Drive, noon-4:30pm, Fellowship Hall
- Christian Service Comm., 6:30pm, Parish Center # 3

Friday, August 5

Mass, 8:30am (Live-streamed)

Sat., Aug. 6 & Sun., Aug.7 in the Gathering Area

- Collecting school supplies and filled backpacks
- Food collection for Billings Food Bank
- Sunday: RCIA Inquiry, 9:30am, Fellowship Hall



CASA Expresses Thanks

"Thank you for your support of CASA of Yellowstone County! Your donation supports volunteer Court Appointed Special Advocates who work for the best interests of children in foster care. As challenging as foster care can

be, having a volunteer Court Appointed Special Advocate truly makes a lasting impact for children and families." ~ Drew MacLeod, Executive Director

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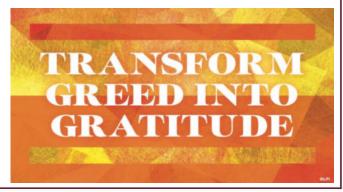
Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 2:21-23 Psalm 90:3-6, 12-14, 17 Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11 Luke 12:13-21

What makes us feel secure? Many people look to tangible forms of security that will safeguard their livelihood and prepare for their future. We tend to associate security with things: the accumulation of goods and possessions, retirement funds, savings accounts, and substantial incomes. While acquiring these promises a life with less anxiety and worry, we actually find ourselves more preoccupied and consumed with their growth and preservation. We worry more! We can easily become quasi-hoarders, consumed with obtaining more tangible crutches. Our minds and hearts are always restless, and we never seem to be at peace.

Why do we so easily give our self-worth, value, and sense of security over to things? God certainly does not deny us the pursuit of a productive and enjoyable life but where do we draw the line? A sense of well-being and happiness can easily get deferred to sometime "in the future" while we continue to wrestle with the toils of today. There is no guarantee that there will be an earthly tomorrow and all of the frenzy we bring to securing our state in life will be for naught. When we are called from this world, will we even know where to begin to look for the tranquility and repose our souls so desperately need?

We cannot be hoarders, pursuers of vanity, or greedy. They just don't work as they are too dependent on things that can fall apart. Rather than always feeling the need for more, we need to learn how to be grateful for what we have. By learning to look inward we can learn how to live lives of faithful service to others. "Happiness can only be achieved by looking inward and learning to enjoy whatever life has, and this requires transforming greed into gratitude (St. John Chrysostom)." We all need to be good stewards of what has been entrusted to our care. Grateful hearts recognize the true source of what we have and realize that our true treasure lies not in what matters to us but to God.



Mass Intentions & Readings

Monday, August 1, St. Alphonsus Liguori Jeremiah 28:1-17, Psalm 119:29, 43, 79-80, 95, 102, Matthew 14:13-21

Tuesday, August 2, St. Eusebius of Vercelli, St. Peter Julian Eymard

Jeremiah 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22, Psalm 102:16-21, 29, 22-23, Matthew 14:22-36

8:30am Mass: † Elsie Felgehauer

Wednesday, August 3

Jeremiah 31:1-7, Jeremiah 31:10-13, Mt. 15:21-28

8:30am Mass: † Donna Hein

Thursday, August 4, St. John Vianney Jeremiah 31:31-34, Psalm 51:12-15, 18-19, Matthew 16:13-23

8:30am Mass: † Omer Sauvageau

Friday, August 5, The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major

Nahum 2:1, 3;3:1-3, 6-7, Deuteronomy 32:35-36, 39,

41, Matthew 16:24-28

8:30am Mass: † John Sengar

Saturday, August 6, Transfiguration of the Lord Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14, Psalm 97:1-2, 5-6, 9, 2 Peter 1:16 -19, Luke 9:28-36

5:00pm Mass: † Richard Stein

Sunday, August 7Wisdom 18:6-9, Psalm 33:1, 12, 18-22, Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19, Luke 12:32-48

8:30am Mass: † Tiz Duffner

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

Ministry Schedule: August 6-7, 2022

Saturday, 5:00pm Mass

Greeter: Ryan & Maggie Thomson

Usher: Kyle Brehm, Jim Kaiser, Dan Miller, Mike

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Lector: Dar Aldrich-1, Jim Aldrich-2

Sacristan: Bonnie Wutzke Altar Minister: Heather Kaiser

Eucharistic Minister: Rita Brehm, Larry & Mary

Karls, Deacon Tom Landry

Cross: Ethan Miller, Server: Evan Miller

Nursery: Ashley Niemi

Sunday, 8:30am Mass

Greeter: Donna Berkner, Connie James

Usher: Chuck Legerski, Doug Slotsve, Herb Tate,

Need 1

Lector: Jennifer Mack-1, Rodney Hart-2

Sacristan: Linda White Altar Minister: Need 1

Eucharistic Minister: Ashley Buller, Deacon Tom

Landry, Mary Taylor, Lorraine Walter

Cross: Olivia Buller, Server: Audrey Duchesneau

Nursery: 1 Trained Attendant Needed

Sunday, 11:00am Mass (Live-streamed)
Greeter: Joe Larimer, Germaine Riesinger
Usher: Steve & Nicole Geiger, Markus Hulquist,

Michael Riedel

Lector: Vicki Marquis-1, Rosalie Foster-2

Sacristan: Janice Krueger

Altar Minister: Magdalen Wojtowicz

Eucharistic Minister: Tyler Blood, Susan Johnson,

Deacon Tom Landry, Mary Rah

Cross: Fiona Gallinger, Server: Theo Melugin

Nursery: Stephanie Mehling

The Holy Eucharist and the Domestic Church

As part of the National Eucharistic Revival, the Diocesan Committee on Discipleship has invited John and Claire Grabowski to the Diocese of Great Falls-Billings. Married for 36 years, John and Claire have 5 children and 6 grandchildren. Together they are the authors of the commentary on the anniversary edition of Familiaris Consortio, One Body: A Program of Marriage Formation for the New Evangelization, and Raising Catholic Kids for their Vocations. They have spoken together to groups of laity, priests, and bishops across the United States and abroad and they are regular guests on Dr. Greg and Lisa Popcak's "More to Life" show on EWTN radio.

John and Claire will speak about how devotion to the Holy Eucharist enriches and enlivens a healthy Domestic Church.

Please plan to join the Grabowski's at one of these free events.

Thursday, August 18

7:00PM

Poor Clares' Monastery



Sunday, August 21

6:30PM

Saint Patrick Co-Cathedral

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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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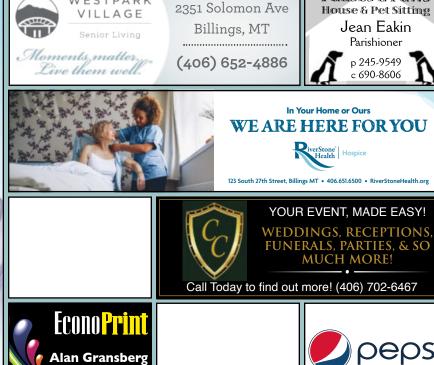
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