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June 4, 2023

The Most Holy Trinity

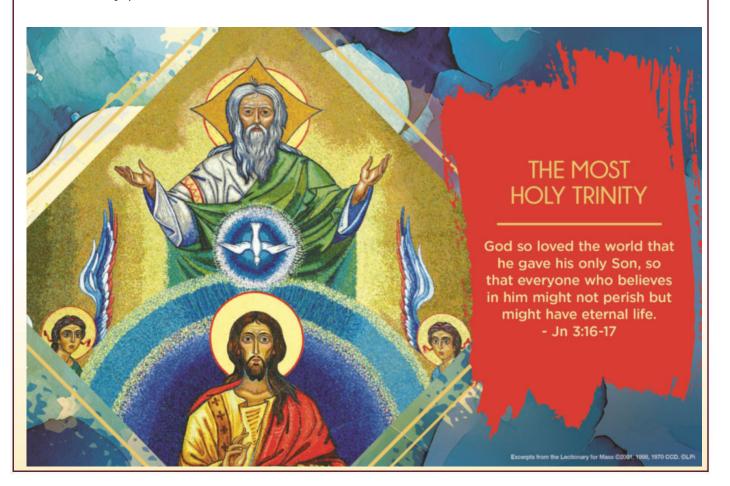
Prayer for Summertime

Loving God, Creator of all times and places, we thank you for the gift of summertime, the days of light, warmth and leisure.

Thank you for the beauty that surrounds us everywhere we look: the multi-colored flowers, the deep blue of the sky, the tranquil surface of lakes, the laughter of children at play, people strolling in parks, families gathered around picnic tables and more time to spend with family and friends.

As we open our eyes and ears to the landscape of nature and people, open our hearts to receive all as gift. Give us that insight to see you as the Divine Artist. Help us to realize and appreciate that you are laboring to keep all in existence. Warm our souls with the awareness of your presence.

Let all the gifts we enjoy this summer deepen our awareness of your love so that we may share this with others and enjoy a summertime of re-creation. Amen.



Searching for Something More?

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

On June 10-11, 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 also be shared with St. Vincent DePaul. SVdP creates hygiene kits and distributes them to those in need on a regular basis. Please, only new or unopened items.

- Travel or regular size toothpaste, lotion, shampoo, conditioner
- Deodorant, combs, brushes, toothbrushes, razors, acne med-
- Feminine products
- Aloe vera
- Sunscreen
- Foot powder

Bringing Eucharist and Prayer

Is a loved one homebound and would like Eucharist? Please leave a message for Janice at the parish office, 406.656.2522, if you or someone in your family is homebound or enters a care facility. Due to confidentiality and security laws at care facilities, we may not know if the resident wants to have visitors from the parish unless we are notified. Disciples for Homebound Ministry are trained and prepared to visit with communion and prayers.



Above: A screen shot of a live-stream Mass.

Do you enjoy technology? Would you like to use those gifts to serve our church? Our live-stream ministry needs more operators! As our Coadjutor Bishop Jeff Fleming likes to say, "Live-streaming is the new window to our church." Your help in bringing weekend or daily Masses to the homebound or enabling family and friends who are not able to be here in person to partake in funerals and weddings is a true gift to our community. Please contact Kathy in the parish offices to learn how you can help, 406.656.2522.

VBS Station and Crew Leaders

Our first opportunity for a VBS staff training (station leaders and crew leaders) is TODAY (Sunday, June 4th) from 1:00-3:00pm in the school. The second opportunity is June 6th from 6:00-8:00pm. Stellar VBS is days away from launching on June 12-16! Please keep the participants and volunteers in your prayers. Mark your calendars to attend our closing program on June 16th at 11:00am in the church. Thank you to everyone who donated Stellar supplies to make our week a success! Your generosity is a tremendous blessing.

Funeral Lunch Ministry Seeks Volunteers for Salads, Desserts

The Funeral Lunch Ministry is looking for additional volunteers. With summer on the way, having more people available to bring food is helpful so that needs are met despite the fact some may be away on vacation. If you are willing to help by bringing a salad or dessert for a funeral lunch, please call Shannon in the parish office at 406.656.2522 or use this QR code to sign up directly to be a food volunteer. Thank you for sharing in this ministry to grieving families so they can feel the LOVE of community for them.





Are you looking for a fun volunteer opportunity this summer?

VOLUNTEER AT READING ROCKS!







The Education Foundation for Billings Public Schools is looking for enthusiastic volunteers to read with children in Central Park, Castle Rock Park, Pioneer Park, Terry Park, Hawthorne Park, South Park, or Orchard Elementary this summer at *Reading Rocks*. This program is offered four days a week in conjunction with SD2's free lunch program.

Join us every day or once a week!

- · Dates: June 12 to July 20
- Time: 12 noon to 1 pm, Monday through Thursday, 5-6 pm Thursday evening program
- Multiple convenient locations
- Volunteer as little as 1 hour per week or up to 4 hours

To volunteer or learn more, visit www.efbps.org or call 281-5150.



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Role of Catholics in Society



Question: We live in a country that upholds the separation of Church and state. What is the role of Catholics in society?

Answer: The role of the Church in the world has taken different forms over time, but the theme is the same. Be disciples in it! As the lay faithful — that is, not vowed priest or religious — we are called to live and love in the circumstances of our daily lives. St. John Paul II wrote a document about the laity. In it he wrote, "In their situation in the world God manifests His plan and communicates to them their particular vocation of seeking the Kingdom of God by engaging in temporal affairs and by ordering them according to the plan of God" (On the Lay Members of Christ's Faithful, 15).

God wants us in the hospitals, the board rooms, the law offices, the food pantries, and the little league games! We are to engage in the affairs of the world. But when we're there, we should live the plan of God. We need to respect those around us, engage in just business and legal practices, and love our children. We should care for the earth, use our money wisely, and get to know our neighbors. We must advocate for social policies that respect human dignity and human freedom. No matter our state in life, we are invited to build the kingdom of God!

Bringing Home the WordHandouts

Prior to the pandemic, St. Pius X offered a two-sided handout each week called *Bringing Home the Word*. These sheets enhance reflection on the Sunday readings at Mass and include additional interesting information to help us GROW in relationship to Jesus. Please find these weekly handouts in the upright paper holders found on either side of the entry doors in the Gathering Area.

Remaining Saints Softball Games

Please come and cheer for the Saints at Stewart Park! Saints are a team of St. Pius X parishioners who enjoy softball.

June 5 6:30pm and 7:45pm Field 3

June 12 9:00pm Field 2

• June 26 6:30pm Field 3

Early Bulletin Deadline

If you would like something in the June 11 bulletin, please submit to Shelly by the end of the day on Thursday, June 1. Thank you!

Needed: Canned Baked Beans

Our funeral ministry is in need of canned baked beans, any brand, for funeral luncheons. Please drop them off at the parish office so they don't get mixed in with the monthly food collections. Thanks!

In and Around Our Parish Community

Homilies on Website

If you would like to read Fr. Martin's or Deacon Tom's homily from a weekend Mass, you will find it posted on our website's homepage under the Worship tab and then click on "Homilies." These homilies are posted after the weekend they were delivered. We will archive for one month.

Sarah Invites Kids to St. Thomas Camp

Hello! My name is Sarah Pankratz, a former parishioner of St. Pius X, and I'm the head counselor at St. Thomas Camp in Monarch, Montana this summer. This camp is a chance for young Catholics to gather in community with each other and discover more about their Catholic identity in a beautiful, activity-filled, faith-driven environment. Parents can register their kids and find more information at saintthomascamp.com/. See sidebar for dates.

LaVie Asks for Your Support for the Baby Bottle Campaign

Change for Hope will run from May 14 through June 18. This is one of their largest fundraising events. Proceeds keep LaVie's doors open as they strive to empower individuals to embrace hope by providing loving, compassionate care for early pregnancies. Funds raised during Change For Hope are used to fund the programs offered by LaVie which assist women facing unplanned pregnancies with education, services, and information promoting life-affirming options, along with medical services. Please visit https://secure.fundeasy.com/ministrysync/event/?e=25099 to donate to LaVie and help support this life-saving organization in Billings. If you'd prefer to donate physically, we have LaVie's Change For Hope display in the Gathering Area of church. Please use one of the giving envelopes or QR Code provided on the display. If you're interested in learning more about the services LaVie offers, please visit laviebillings.com.

Rediscover Your Marriage

Retrouvaille simply means "rediscovery." The program offers the chance to rediscover yourself, your spouse, and a loving relationship in your marriage. Retrouvaille is not a spiritual retreat, not a sensitivity group, not a seminar, not a social gathering. Retrouvaille is for any couple who would like to rediscover their marriage and improve communication. The next program begins August 4, 2023. For more information about an Retrouvaille Weekend program for couples, contact registration

upcoming Retrouvaille Weekend program for couples, contact registration team: at 1.800.470.2230 or visit HelpOurMarriage.com. This is not counseling or group therapy. All contacts and names held in strictest confidence.

St. Pius X Knights of Columbus Council 9976

Brother Knights, we are back in full swing with our Friday Night Bingo. Please join us on Friday night in the Fellowship Hall at 7:00pm for a night of fun and fellowship. Win up to \$100 on our blackout game at the end of the night. Anyone 18 years old or older can play. Bring along a friend and join in on the fun!

The Stewardship Report for May 28, 2023 was unavailable at time of print.

Area Events

St. Thomas Camp for Youth

The following is the 2023 schedule for St. Thomas Camp in Monarch, Montana. All youth in the diocese are welcome!

June 18-23: High School Week # 1
June 25-30: High School Week # 2
July 9-14: 5th and 6th grade boys
July 16-21: Middle School Week # 1
July 23-28: 5th and 6th grade girls
July 30-August 4: Middle School
Week # 2

Visit the diocesan website at <u>diocesegfb.org</u> for more information on summer camp.

Campus Ministry Positions Open

The University of Providence, Great Falls, is hiring a Director of Campus Ministry and a Campus Minister to continue building this essential expression of Catholic identity and mission. If interested in learning more, please see their webpage at uprovidence.edu/employment/open-positions/.



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

Sat., June 3 & Sun., June 4 in the Gathering Area

- Food Collection for Family Service Inc.
- LaVie 'Change for Hope' fundraiser envelopes & QR code, Gathering Area

Monday, June 5

NO daily Mass

Tuesday, June 6

Mass, 8:30am (Live-streamed)

Wednesday, June 7

- Mass, 8:30am (Live-streamed)
- Sandwich ministry, 9:00am, Fellowship Hall
- Children of Joy and Gladness (charismatic prayer),
 3:00pm, Day Chapel
- Elder Council, 7:00pm, Parish Center # 4

Thursday, June 8

- Mass, 8:30am (Live-streamed)
- K. of C. Officers, 7:00pm, Fellowship Hall

Friday, June 9

- Mass, 8:30am (Live-streamed)
- K. of C. Adult Public Bingo, 7:00pm, Fellowship Hall

Sat., June 10 & Sun., June 11 in the Gathering Area

- Toiletry Collection
- LaVie 'Change for Hope' fundraiser envelopes & QR code, Gathering Area

Billings Catholic Young Adults invite you to

Praise and Worship Night



St. Patrick Co-Cathedral Tuesday, June 13 7:00pm-8:00pm

Join us for an evening of Adoration and music with Fr. John Pankratz. All are invited. Questions? Call or text Sabrina 406-694-3180.

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Scripture Reflection: Most Holy Trinity

Exodus 34:4-6, 8-9 Daniel 3:52-55 2 Corinthians 13:11-13 John 3:16-18

In my experience, one of the peculiarities of being a man is the somewhat unlikely ability to look into the mirror, no matter how out of shape he may be, and declare with full confidence: "Looking good, buddy!" Ask a man. He'll probably confirm it.

Therein lies a mystery. You might think I refer to man's ability to deceive himself or his propensity toward vainglory. But in this case, I refer to the mystery of a healthy and proper sense of self-love. We human beings (both men and women) have the utterly weird ability to look at ourselves as if we were another. Then we tend to love this "other." Then, somehow, that love becomes a bond between the two. We are three and yet one.

This Sunday is Trinity Sunday. We ponder anew that God in His unity is a play of multiplicity: Lover, Beloved, and shared Love. Or, as we also proclaim, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. If we allow it, this mystery heals our temptation toward self-hatred and destruction. We all know how awful it is to look into the mirror and not know the person we see, or, equally bad, to know and hate who we see. Jesus, the Son of God, draws us into the dynamics of authentic self-knowledge and self-love. Perhaps we could ask the Holy Trinity this Sunday to teach us to truly look at ourselves and to properly love who we see looking back. — Father John Muir ©LPi

Live the Liturgy...On this Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, we are reminded to encourage one another, to show affection and support. Can we do it? Can we do it in our daily interactions, in our families? Can we even do it on social media?



Grow in Spirituality through Creighton Online Ministries

Begin this summer season by boosting or refreshing your spirituality through audio retreats, especially with Larry Gillick, SJ and Daniel Hendrickson, SJ. Or, reflect on the daily and Sunday readings at Mass and the season of Ordinary Time. The following link provides a wealth of spiritual resources: onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/online.html. Take a few minutes each day to check out these resources! Grow in your relationship with Jesus this summer!

Mass Intentions & Readings

Monday, June 5, St. Boniface Tobit 1:3; 2:1-8, Psalm 112:1-6, Mark 12:1-12

Tuesday, June 6, St. Norbert

Tobit 2:9-14, Psalm 112:1-2, 7-9, Mark 12:13-17 8:30am Mass: † Adam & Dorothy Prega

Wednesday, June 7

Tobit 3:1-11, 16-17, Psalm 25:2-9, Mark 12:18-27

8:30am Mass: † Frank Bush, Sr.

Thursday, June 8

Tobit 6:10-11, 7:1, 9-17; 8:4-9, Ps. 128:1-5, Mark 12:28

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8:30am Mass: † Julia & Louis Fish

Friday, June 9, St. Ephrem

Tobit 11:5-17, Psalm 146:1-2, 6-10, Mark 12:35-37

8:30am Mass: † Joan Adrian

Saturday, June 10

Tobit 12:1, 5-15, 20, Tobit 13:2, 6-8, Mark 12:38-44

5:00pm Mass: † Tricia Raatz Booker

Sunday, June 11, The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14-16, Psalm 147:12-15, 19-20,

1 Corinthians 10:16-17, John 6:51-58

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

11:00am Mass: Int. of the Wald siblings

In thanksgiving for the life of **Bob Wanner**. Please keep his family in your prayers.

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Ministry Schedule: June 10-11, 2023

Saturday, 5:00pm Mass

Greeter: Ryan & Maggie Thomson

Usher: Jim Kaiser, Richard King, Dan Miller, Mike

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Lector: Bob Reid-1, Renee O'Dea-2 Sacristan: Germaine Riesinger Altar Minister: Nancy Wandler

Eucharistic Minister: Clare Dooley, Fr. Martin,

Heather Kaiser, Tyler Wiltgen

Cross: Need 1, Server: Halle Anderson

Nursery: Celeste Appel

Sunday, 8:30am Mass Greeter: Shannon Behounek, Richard Wood Usher: Steve Komar, Greg Luck, Doug Slotsve, 1

Needed

Lector: Alan Gransberg-1, Need 1- (second reading)

Sacristan: Clarinda Kremer Altar Minister: Don Judice

Eucharistic Minister: Ming & Digna Cabrera, Fr.

Martin, Deacon Tom

Cross: Laila Bakkedahl, Server: Keely Bakkedahl

Nursery: Pamela Pruitt

Sunday, 11:00am Mass

Greeter: Marge Larimer, Magdalen Wojtowicz

Usher: Roland Barnes, Markus Hulquist, Joe Larimer,

Michael Riedel

Lector: Bree Peterson-1, Patsy Guenthner-2

Sacristan: Janice Krueger Altar Minister: Lynn DeMeyer

Eucharistic Minister: Kathy Boileau, Fr. Martin, San-

di McGovern, Mary Rah

Cross: Jacob Schiermeister, Server: Molly Boileau

Nursery: 1 Trained Attendant Needed

Another Note of Gratitude

"Dear Fr. Martin and the St. Pius X Community, I would like to personally thank you for your amazing support of St. Vincent dePaul. Your Ash Wednesday special collection was so heartwarming. Because of you, we are helping our vulnerable friends in need. Blessings and warm regards." ~ Jeanine Holt-Seavy, St. Vincent dePaul Executive Director



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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.

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