

# St. Pius X Parish

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# Bulletin

March 19, 2023

Fourth Sunday of Lent

## Sacramental Retreat on March 4, 2023



These lovely banners will hang in the church during the first two weeks of the Easter season until the Sacramental celebration for children on Saturday, April 29 at 1:00pm with Bishop Jeff Fleming. Please keep the 36 candidates in your prayers as they complete their classes.



## Welcome Home!

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](http://stpiusxblgs.org), find us on Facebook at 'St. Pius X,' or on Instagram @stpiusx\_blgs.

## Children's Ministry

We are back in class this week! Children and Youth Ministry will be hosting Stations of the Cross and Soup on Friday, March 31. We are still in need of soup and bread along with readers. Sign up through Flocknote or by contacting Jessie at 406.281.8502 or [jr@stpiusxblgs.org](mailto:jr@stpiusxblgs.org).

## Saints Softball Team!

Softball players wanted to play on the St. Pius X Saints Softball Team! The season begins May 8 and runs through June 26 on Monday evenings. For more information or to sign up to play, please contact Alex at 406.794.1322.

## St. Michael's Circle

St. Michael's Circle will meet on Friday, March 24 at 12:00pm in the St. Pius Parish Center. A light lunch will be served. Guests and new members are always welcome! Come see what we are all about!

## Lenten Communal Penance Services

- March 23, St. Thomas the Apostle, 7:00pm, (West-side service)
- March 28, St. Patrick Co-Cathedral, 7:00pm

## Individual Confession

- Saturdays from 3:30-4:30pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel at St. Pius X Church. No confessions on Saturday, April 8 due to the Easter Vigil.

## Confessions of a Grumpy Woman Before Coffee & Rolls

Right: Ava shows off a scrumptious donut tray. The following article was submitted by staff member Kathy McCleary.

"I admit it, having to be ready for church by 7:30am in order to pick up the donuts at Town & Country for Coffee & Rolls on a cold Sunday morning brought out the grumpy in me. I asked God to help me find joy in the process. After all, I love my parish. I believe in hos-

pitality. And then God began to shower me with the awareness of gratitude! The woman at the bakery was so welcoming and thanked St. Pius profusely for our business. As I parked in front of the church to get the cart, I was greeted warmly by our Hospitality Ministers, Janice and Ferd, "Good morning, Kathy!" I barely got inside the Gathering Area when Ron Yates greeted me with "we're ready to help!" and his daughter Ava brought out the cart and they hauled in the boxes of donuts.

Inside the Fellowship Hall the kitchen was humming with activity as fresh coffee and the setup for the morning was made ready, thanks to Kim & Steve Komar who arrived early and then were joined by the Yates family. Once the donuts arrived, Amy Yates joined in on preparing the trays and it was obvious both families had everything prepared, including signage for the special gluten-free treats Joan Whelan had prepared! After 8:30am Mass, the Yates family along with Rose & Ferd Duchesneau greeted, served, cleaned up and prepared coffee & trays for the 11:00am Mass.

After that Mass, Steve & Nicole Geiger repeated the hospitality and then stayed until all was cleaned and put away. We closed the doors shortly after 1:00pm. As I drove home, I thanked God for opening my heart to the joy in it all, and I felt tremendous gratitude for these families, who by the way repeated what they had done for the February 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Coffee & Rolls (along with Leslie Modrow, Jon Stepanek, and Jeanne Moller.) These leaders say "yes" whenever a Flocknote seeking volunteers is sent, and do so with the love of Jesus in their hearts. Coffee & Rolls doesn't just happen...and the next time I need to leave home on an early Sunday morning, I trust God will help me feel joy in it all!"



# Meet the Staff

## Mike Persha - Cemetery Manager

**Time at St. Pius X?**  
I've worked at St. Pius X for 17 years.

**Primary Responsibilities?** I am in charge of the upkeep of the cemetery (which I do with other volunteers), selling cemetery plots, and preparation for burials.



**Favorite part of your job?** I really enjoy working with people as they choose a final resting place and with the volunteers who take care of the campus grounds.

**Hobbies?** My hobbies include attending sporting events and working with dogs.

**What is an unexpected blessing of working at St. Pius?** It's a blessing to help console people in a time of sorrow.

**What is a fun fact about you?** I coached women's collegiate basketball 40 years ago and it was one of the most rewarding things I've done. Even after all this time, I remain friends with many of them.

## Are you Hospitalized?

If you or someone in your family is hospitalized, please notify the Pastoral Care Office of either hospital and they will ensure Eucharist is brought to the room. Then, upon return home, please contact the parish office at 406.656.2522. We can put you or your loved one on our prayer chain; and, we have prayer shawls available as well. Homebound ministry is available to bring Eucharist until you or your loved one are ready to return to Mass in person. God bless you all.

## Easter Flowers for the Church

Donations are being accepted throughout Lent to offset the cost of Easter flowers for our church. You may do this "in honor of" or "in memory of" a loved one. Find the display and donation box on a table near the Day Chapel and note your intentions. Place your donation in the collection box on the table or bring it to the parish office during the week. Thank you for helping to create a beautiful environment for everyone to enjoy during the Easter season.

## Early Bulletin Deadlines

LPI requires early print deadlines for these bulletins:

- April 2 (Palm Sunday) bulletin articles must be submitted by the end of the day on March 23
- April 9 (Easter Sunday) bulletin articles must be submitted by the end of the day on March 30. Thank you for your cooperation!

## This Lent, Intentionally Give Alms

- Serve the poorest of the poor in our world through the Council of Catholic Women's Lenten Cup project. Collect coins during Lent and **return them to the church on March 25-26**. Proceeds support one local and two international humanitarian aid projects.
- Tithe to St. Pius X. If you do not contribute or are ready to deepen your commitment, consider what a difference you can make with a recurring gift in support of our church ministries. Give Karyn a call to set up an Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT), click on Donate at the top of our website at [stpiusxblgs.org](http://stpiusxblgs.org), or place your tithe in the collection basket during Mass.
- Contribute to monthly collections at the church in support of St. Vincent dePaul on April 1-2. Watch the bulletin one week prior for specific needs.

## Fr. Steve Tokarski Memorial Scholarship for Children at St. Francis Catholic School

The Father Steve Memorial Scholarship is available to children who want to attend St. Francis Catholic School anytime between Kindergarten through grade 8 for the upcoming school year. It honors a former pastor of our parish. Scholarship applicants must be registered parishioners of St. Pius X, registered through the Billings Catholic School System and plan to attend St. Francis Catholic School for the 2023-2024 school year. High school students are not eligible for this scholarship. Applications are available at the parish office or on our website at [stpiusxblgs.org](http://stpiusxblgs.org). The application deadline is 4:30pm on Friday, April 21, 2023. Please direct any questions to Karyn Haider at [khaider@stpiusxblgs.org](mailto:khaider@stpiusxblgs.org).

## Requesting New School Board Members

Billings Catholic Schools is looking for new school board members. If you are interested in becoming a part of the BCS School Board, please visit <https://billingscatholicschools.org/about-bcs/school-governance/school-board/bcs-school-board-application/> for more information and to submit an application. Applications are due by Friday, March 31. Email BCS President Andrew McDonald at [amcdonald@billingscatholicschools.org](mailto:amcdonald@billingscatholicschools.org) for more information.

## Longest Married Couple

Each World Wide Marriage Encounter sponsors a contest to locate the longest married couple in the state and in the nation. Last year, WWME honored Orvel and Virginia Sherrill at Green Tree Assisted Living and Memory Care in Sand Springs, Oklahoma who had been married for 80 years. At the ceremony recognizing them, Orvel said, "It doesn't hurt to say I love you quite often. When you've been married 80 years, that's a lot of I love yous. I'm 98, and she's 96. We've been blessed in our life beyond words." Bishop Warfel would like to submit the name of the couple in our diocese who has been married the longest. Send to [sg@stpiusxblgs.org](mailto:sg@stpiusxblgs.org) by June 1st.

## In and Around Our Parish Community

### Stations of the Cross and Soup

Pray with the Stations of the Cross on the Fridays of Lent at 6:00pm. After, gather in the Fellowship Hall at 6:30pm for a simple meal of meatless soup and bread served between 6:30-7:30pm. The Knights of Columbus will host on Friday, March 24.

#### Ministry Spotlight: St. Thomas Camp

St. Thomas Camp is both a physical location and an experience that is located just outside of Monarch, MT.

As a physical location, St. Thomas Camp sits in the Lewis & Clark National Forest 45 miles southeast of Great Falls. The camp is used not only for our own summer camps but can (and is) also be rented and used for other retreats, reunions, and events.

As a summer camp, each summer approximately 150 children and teens attend a weeklong camp experience. The goal is to help children and teens feel the love of Christ, experience an adventure in the outdoors, and be challenged to become the saint God wants them to be. It is a way that our youth in the Diocese of Great Falls-Billings can celebrate being Catholic together while participating in sacramental encounters, deep discipleship, camp adventures, and field trips.



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### St. Pius X Knights of Columbus Council 9976

Brother Knights, this Friday is our Council's turn to host Stations and Soup. This year we are presenting the Stations of the Cross at 6:00pm followed by a soup and bread supper served around 6:30pm. Please watch for a Flocknote with your opportunity to sign up to bring a meatless soup and/or bread.

Looking ahead, we are gathering again on Wednesday, March 29 in the Fellowship Hall to make sack lunches for our homeless brothers and sisters who are served by St. Vincent DePaul. Sandwich makers are asked to arrive by 6:00pm and the rest of the crew should arrive about 6:20pm. Sign up to help when you receive the Flocknote email.

Our Council has awarded the Knight of the Month honor to Fr. Greg Staudinger for his continued support of our St. Pius X Council as well as his lifetime of dedication to the priesthood.

The Family of the month is awarded to Vern and Shelly Greenfield. Vern dedicated years helping Shelly with Family Promise of Yellowstone Valley. Shelly works tirelessly for the benefit of our parish. She puts together this amazing bulletin each week. Her assistance with our Live streaming Mass is invaluable, and she is an unequaled resource to the parish for her knowledge of where to find assistance for those in need. We are fortunate to have these two amazing disciples in our midst.

### Stewardship Report for March 12, 2023

Grand Total of Collection	\$22,183.00
Weekly Average Needed	\$21,346.00
Annual Parish Budget	\$1,100,000.00
Contributions needed to date	\$789,802.00
Contributions received to date	\$791,008.07
Budget Income Overage	\$1,206.07

**Thank you!**

## Area Events

### Saturday, April 15

- Helena Catholic Women's Conference "Come To Me" at the Helena Civic Center. Hear Sister Deirdre Byrne, Danielle Bean and Gia Chacón on the topic of Courageous Women. Register at [helenacwc.com](http://helenacwc.com).

### Thursday, April 20

- Join LaVie for a family-friendly FUNdraiser with special guest 321 Improv at 6:30pm at Faith Chapel. Call 406.652.4868 for tickets. 321 Improv creates a unique, interactive comedy experience unlike any you've been part of before. Support LaVie's mission of *Offering Hope. Empowering Women.*

### April 21-23

- Marriage Encounter in Elk Mountain, WY. To register go to their website: [wwme.org](http://wwme.org) or call 307.298.0617. Or contact Tom and Mary Frances Burke at [tommfburke@gmail.com](mailto:tommfburke@gmail.com)

## LaVie Offers a Post Abortion Support Group

LaVie offers a safe space to all who have experienced an abortion. This group is offered on Wednesdays from 6:00-7:00pm at their office at 2321 Broadwater Ave. Call 406.652.4868 for more information.

## Virtual Suicide Prevention Workshop

On Thursday, April 20, Question, Persuade, Refer (QPR) Suicide Prevention Training is offered online and for free from 11:30am-1:00pm. Register at this link [bit.ly/QPR\\_registration](https://bit.ly/QPR_registration) or call Alicia Kuhlman, 406.540.4120 or email [ght.alicia1@gmail.com](mailto: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.

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

### Sat., March 18 & Sun., March 19 at church

- Toiletry Collection, Gathering Area
- Memorials for Easter flowers (by Day Chapel)
- Sunday: METANOIA series *Do You Love Me*
- Sunday: Children's Liturgy at 11:00am Mass
- Sunday: K. of C. Adult Public Bingo, 7:00pm, Fellowship Hall

### Monday, March 20

- NO daily Mass
- SEEL Discernment group, 11:00am, Parish Ctr. # 3
- SVdP Conference, 7:00pm, Parish Center # 3

### Tuesday, March 21

- Mass, 8:30am (Live-streamed)
- WoW prayer group, 1:00pm, Parish Center # 3
- Finance Council, 4:30pm, Parish Center # 3
- Children's Ministry classes, 6:00pm, Parish Center
- Parish Choir, 6:30pm, Sanctuary
- Middle School and High School Youth Ministry, 6:30pm, Youth Center

### Wednesday, March 22

- Mass, 8:30am (Live-streamed)
- Children of Joy and Gladness (charismatic prayer), 3:00pm, Day Chapel
- Youth Choir, 3:30pm, Sanctuary
- Young Proclaimers, 3:30pm, Music room
- Children's Ministry classes, 4:30pm, Parish Center
- Emmaus Singers, 6:30pm, Sanctuary

### Thursday, March 23

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

### Friday, March 24

- Mass, 8:30am (Live-streamed)
- SEEL Challenge group, 10:00am, Parish Ctr. # 4
- St. Michael's Circle, 11:45am, Parish Center # 3
- Bible Study, 1:00pm, Parish Center # 1
- Stations of the Cross, 6:00pm, led by K.C.s, church
- Soup & Bread Supper, 6:30pm, Fellowship Hall

### Sat., Mar. 25 & Sun., Mar. 26 at church

- Collection of CCW's Lenten Alms cups
- Memorials for Easter flowers (by Day Chapel)
- Sunday: Bag Building for sandwich ministry, 9:30am, Fellowship Hall
- Sunday: Children's Liturgy, 11:00am Mass
- Sunday: K. of C. Adult Public Bingo, 7:00pm, Fellowship Hall



## Scripture Reflection: Third Sunday of Lent

1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13  
Psalm 23:1-6  
Ephesians 5:8-14  
John 9:1-41

God asks a rhetorical and slightly sarcastic question to Samuel, the prophet: "How long will you grieve for Saul, whom I have rejected as king of Israel?" Like us, Samuel is depressed that the old king failed. It's painful to admit that the old regime is done. But God won't let us wallow in our pity-party forever. "I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem," announces the Lord, "for I have chosen my king from among his sons." Samuel finally goes and anoints the young David as the new king. And his kingdom is glorious; it's the golden age of Israel's earthly history.

How discouraging to see that my own selfish ego is no longer in charge! How long will I grieve that money, power, pleasure, and reputation have been rejected as the ruler of my life? How wonderful that God has a new future in store for you and me. He is sending us to Bethlehem to anoint the new David as our king. His kingdom won't fail us. He'll slay our goliaths, unite our dispersed energies, and build a Temple where God himself will dwell.

So how long will you grieve? How long?

~ Father John Muir

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## Holy Week & the Sacred Pascal Triduum:

- Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion, April 1 at 5:00pm, April 2 at 8:30am & 11:00am
- Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper, April 6 at 7:00pm.
- Good Friday Liturgy of the Lord's Passion, April 7 at 7:00pm. Deacon Tom Landry will lead the Stations of the Cross at 3:00pm in the outdoor Father Tokarski Memorial Garden.
- Easter Vigil on Saturday, April 8 at 8:30pm.
- Easter Sunday Masses, April 9 at 8:30am and 11:00am.

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## Mass Intentions & Readings

**Monday, March 20**, St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
2 Samuel 7:4-5, 12-14, 16, Psalm 89:2-5, 27, 29,  
Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22, Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24

**Tuesday, March 21**  
Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12, Psalm 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9, John 5:1-16  
**8:30am Mass:** † Dick Ross

**Wednesday, March 22**  
Isaiah 49:8-15, Ps.145:8-9, 13-14, 17-18, John 5:17-30  
**8:30am Mass:** † Erick Krueger

**Thursday, March 23**, St. Turibius of Mogrovejo  
Exodus 32:7-14, Psalm 106:19-23, John 5:31-47  
**8:30am Mass:** † John Sengar

**Friday, March 24**  
Wisdom 2:1, 12-22, Psalm 34:17-21, 23, John 7:1-2,  
10, 25-30  
**8:30am Mass:** † Charles & June Sangwin

**Saturday, March 25**, The Annunciation of the Lord  
Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10, Psalm 40:7-11, Hebrews 10:4-10,  
Luke 1:26-38  
**5:00pm Mass:** † John Monteleone

**Sunday, March 26** **5th Sunday of Lent**  
Ezekiel 37:12-14, Psalm 130:1-8, Romans 8:8-11, John  
11:1-45  
**8:30am Mass:** Int. of Ann  
**11:00am Mass:** Int. of St. Pius X Parishioners

In thanksgiving  
for the lives of  
**Barbara McGregor**  
and **Nicole Leikam-**  
**Morton.**  
Please keep their  
families in your  
prayers.



## Les & Bev Heins Funeral

Funeral services for Les & Bev Heins will take place on Saturday, March 25 at 10:00am at Smith West Funeral Chapel, 304 34th St. West. Bev died on November 21, 2022 and Les died January 11, 2023.

## Ministry Schedule: March 25-26, 2023

### Saturday, 5:00pm Mass

**Greeter:** Jeanne Moller, Betty Warner  
**Usher:** Jim Kaiser, Richard King, Dan Miller, Kevin Walter

**Lector:** Jon Stepanek-1, Mike Persha-2

**Sacristan:** Bob Holbrook

**Altar Minister:** Nancy Wandler

**Eucharistic Minister:** Erin Augustine, Clare Dooley, Helene Ranweiler-Waage, Bonnie Wutzke

**Cross:** Anna Lusin, **Server:** Josie Lusin

**Nursery:** Julie Wilson

### Sunday, 8:30am Mass

**Greeter:** Connie James, Jan Kirk

**Usher:** Dan Sloan, Doug Slotsve, Richard Wood,

**Need 1**

**Lector:** Bob Keene-1, Rod Hart-2

**Sacristan:** **Need 1**

**Altar Minister:** Rick McCann

**Eucharistic Minister:** Steve & Kim Komar, Clarinda Kremer, Andy Mikes

**Cross:** Victoria Willis, **Server:** Keely Bakkedahl

**Nursery:** Teresa Wehr

### Sunday, 11:00am Mass

**Greeter:** Lynn DeMeyer, Marge Larimer

**Usher:** Roland Barnes, Kyle Brehm, Joe Larimer, Michael Riedel

**Lector:** Andrea Horrell-1, Kelsey Komar-2

**Sacristan:** David Mork

**Altar Minister:** Magdalen Wojtowicz

**Eucharistic Minister:** Brittany Blood, Kathy Boileau, Janice Krueger, Sandi McGovern

**Cross:** Casey Rah, **Server:** Lizzie Rah

**Nursery:** Stephanie Mehling



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**Catholic Young Adults:** Thursday, March 23: Salvation Army Meal Prep...prepare meals for the less fortunate at Salvation Army 5:00pm-7:00pm. Young Adults will prepare the food. This is a great way to get to know one another better while also making a difference! Visit [facebook.com/billingscya](https://facebook.com/billingscya) to find out more.

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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](http://www.stpiusxblgs.org). Click Live-  
Stream on the homepage.

### Sacraments

**Reconciliation:** Sat. 3:30-4:30 PM

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