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Bulletin

March 26, 2023

Fifth Sunday of Lent

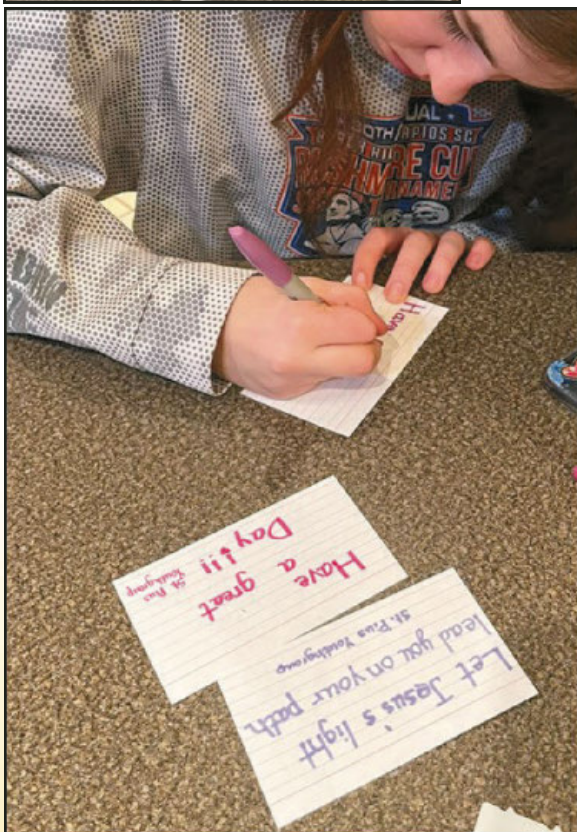


Youth Ministry

Under the guidance of Olivia Hanser, our Youth Minister, several youth created sack lunches and encouraging notes for the people served at St. Vincent dePaul. On Friday, March 31, Children and Youth ministry students will be hosting Stations of the Cross at 6:00pm in the church.

Middle School and High School Youth Ministry meets on Tuesday evenings at 6:30pm at the Youth Center. Please contact Olivia if you have any questions regarding Youth Ministry!

Olivia may be reached at 406.281.8508 (land line)
or olivia@stpiusxbllgs.org



Worship with Us!

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.

Lenten Communal Penance Service

- March 28, St. Patrick Co-Cathedral, 7:00pm

Individual Confession

- Saturday 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.



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. An opportunity to participate in the foot washing is extended to all.
- Good Friday Liturgy of the Lord's Passion, April 7 at 7:00pm. Also, 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.



Altar servers have the best smiles! Thank you for sharing yours, Victoria!

Children's Ministry

Children and Youth Ministry will be hosting Stations of the Cross and Soup on Friday, March 31 starting at 6:00pm. Check out the Flock-note Sign-up for ways to help. Classes continue this week (March 28/29). We will not have class during Holy Week (April 4/5) so that families can attend the Triduum services. Our last class will be April 11/12.

Second-year sacramental preparation classes, we have a mandatory rehearsal on Wednesday, April 26 at 6:30pm in the church. See you then!

'First Sunday of the Month' Collection: Hospitality Items for St. Vincent dePaul

Next weekend we will have a collection of hospitality items for St. Vincent dePaul. These items are needed regularly:

- ♦ Laundry soap (any type)
- ♦ Coffee (Regular)
- ♦ Sugar
- ♦ Non-dairy creamer
- ♦ Napkins
- ♦ 8 oz. coffee cups
- ♦ Disposable soup bowls and plates (small & dinner size)
- ♦ Disposable eating utensils
- ♦ Condiment packets such as salt, pepper, ketchup, and mustard
- ♦ Healthy snacks in individual packages such as breakfast bars, nuts, dried fruit, etc.
- ♦ **NEW:** Peanut butter & jelly or jam
- ♦ **NEW:** Feminine hygiene products of all types for Period Pals 406 excluding 'super size'. Unopened boxes please.
- ♦ **NEW:** Socks and underwear for both men and women, backpacks and men's casual wear.

Please bring your donations April 1-2 and place them in the food bin in the Gathering Area. Or, if you prefer to make a monetary donation, please make your check to St. Vincent DePaul and place in the small collection box next to the food bin. Thank you for your generous support of monthly collections!

Meet the Staff

Deacon Tom Landry

Time at St. Pius X?

25 years as a parishioner, 8 years serving as Deacon.

Primary Responsibilities?

Deacon, part-time janitor, St. Vincent dePaul Spiritual Advisor.

Favorite part of your job?

My favorite part of my vocation is being with families during funerals.

At the end of our time on earth the question of "Where is God?" always come to our minds. This is true of people that may not have practiced our Catholic faith for many years, as well as the devout. I love to celebrate a life and not have a death define it. Grief is good. It shows how much that person has been loved. My vocation is to be with people during this process.

Hobbies? Playing with grandkids and riding my Goldwing. My newest hobby is powered paragliding.

What is an unexpected blessing of working at St. Pius? Sharing in Parish life of many families.

What is a fun fact about you? I have been blessed to have received all seven Sacraments. God blessed me with a wonderful wife, children, and grandchildren. My life is just like riding a Goldwing. It is the ups and downs, turns and curves that make a fun ride!

What advice for the spiritual life have you received that made a difference in your life? Father Jay Peterson told me during formation that they are not creating theologians, they are creating Deacons. A Deacon is a servant and I take that to heart. I want to be remembered in the image of Jesus on Holy Thursday kneeling before the disciples.



Early Bulletin Deadline

LPi requires early print deadlines for this bulletin: April 9 (Easter Sunday) bulletin articles must be submitted by the end of the day on March 30. Thank you for your cooperation!



Catholic Content on Demand

Interested? Go to formed.org, select "Sign Up As A Parishioner," find *St. Pius X* by parish name, address, or zip code and enter your email address. Now you are connected! And it's free!

Chrism Mass

All are invited to the Chrism Mass on Thursday, March 30 at 6:00pm at St. Patrick Co-Cathedral. The holy oils used for the sacraments are blessed each year at this liturgy.

Holy Thursday's Collection

The collection on April 6 will be donated to Tumbleweed for the purpose of much needed bus passes for unhoused youth so they can access school and work.

St. Thomas Camp for Youth

The following is the 2023 schedule for St. Thomas Camp in Monarch, Montana.

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 diocesegfb.org for more information on summer camp.

Fr. Steve Tokarski Memorial Scholarship for Catholic School Youth

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 stpiusxbgls.org. The application deadline is 4:30pm on Friday, April 21, 2023. Please direct any questions to Karyn Haider at khaider@stpiusxbgls.org.

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!

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.



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.

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. Children and Youth ministries will host on Friday, March 31.

Parish Nurse News: What Would You Do?

You're visiting your 70-year-old mother and she seems very confused and disoriented. She claims that the retirement home moved her to another apartment and she doesn't know why. You've heard about this behavior change from a caregiver's class that you took last month. You remember that when you notice a sudden change in behavior in an older adult, it should be investigated. It can be a sign of a urinary tract infection which if left untreated can lead to kidney failure and a life-threatening infection in the blood.

Urinary tract infections are common in older persons. To not have to go to the bathroom as often because of mobility issues or fear of falling or because of stress incontinence, they limit their fluid intake. Limiting fluid intake gives bacteria a warm, dark place to grow in the bladder. As bacteria increase, they release toxins that affect the brain causing confusion. In addition, an infection can affect the rest of the body causing dizziness, frequent falling, fatigue, agitation, or a decreased appetite. Luckily for your mom, her primary health care provider ordered a urine analysis, found a urinary tract infection, prescribed antibiotics and she returned to her normal self.

If you suspect that a family member has a potential urinary tract infection, contact their primary health care provider, go to a walk-in clinic, or if after hours consider going to an emergency room.

St. Pius X Knights of Columbus Council 9976

Brother Knights, this is Bob Holbrook, the Financial Secretary of the St. Pius X Knights of Columbus Council 9976. We will be gathering in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday evening, March 29 to prepare sack lunches for our brothers and sisters who are served by St. Vincent dePaul. I sent out a Flocknote email with a sign up sheet for anyone interested in helping out. The folks who will help make sandwiches arrive at 6:00pm and those who help bag the sandwiches and assemble the sack lunches can arrive at 6:30pm. If you did not receive a Flocknote email about this event, then I don't have a correct email address for you. Please contact me with updated information. Email me at: unclebug111@1791.com

Also, a reminder that even though we offer Bingo on Sunday evenings during Lent, we won't be playing bingo on Palm Sunday or Easter Sunday. The next time we will be playing bingo again in the Fellowship Hall will be Friday evening, April 14 at 7:00pm. We are still in need of help with our bingo teams. If you're interested in helping out with bingo, email me at the same address as above and I will forward your information to Ron Bough, one of our Bingo Chairman.

Stewardship Report for March 19, 2023

Grand Total of Collection	\$17,138.00
Weekly Average Needed	\$21,346.00
Annual Parish Budget	\$1,100,000.00
Contributions needed to date	\$811,148.00
Contributions received to date	\$808,146.07
Budget Income Shortfall	(\$3,001.93)

Thank you!

Area Events

Good Friday, April 7

- 7th annual Good Friday Cross Walk sponsored by Yellowstone Valley Christians for Life. This is a pro-life meditation on the Passion of Christ. Meet at 12:30pm in the St. Pius X parking lot (new location this year.) Walk behind a wooden cross, stopping 14 times along the way, reading, praying, and meditating each time on a Gospel passage from the Passion narratives. Questions? Call Amy at 406.855.3737.

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.

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: www.me.org or call 307.298.0617. Or contact Tom and Mary Frances Burke at tommfburke@gmail.com

DéCÔLÖRÉS! Fellow 4th Dayers... we are filled with anticipation to have our upcoming weekends at Billings Central High School. The next set of weekends: **Men's Weekend, June 8-11** and the **Women's Weekend, June 15-18**. For more information contact: Lucy at 406.208.2340 or email to lucile53@gmail.com. Application available at: bigskycumchristo.org/billings-laurel

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

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

Monday, March 27

- NO daily Mass
- SEEL Discernment group, 11:00am, Parish Ctr. # 3
- Parish Nurse meeting, 1:30pm, Parish Center # 3

Tuesday, March 28

- Mass, 8:30am (Live-streamed)
- St. Michael's Circle sandwich making, 1:00pm, Fellowship Hall
- WoW prayer group, 1:00pm, 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 29

- 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
- K. of C. sandwich ministry, 6:00pm, Fellowship Hall
- Emmaus Singers, 6:30pm, Sanctuary
- Council of Elders, 7:00pm, Parish Center # 4

Thursday, March 30

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

Friday, March 31

- Mass, 8:30am (Live-streamed)
- SEEL Challenge group, 10:00am, Parish Ctr. # 4
- Bible Study, 1:00pm, Parish Center # 1
- Stations of the Cross, 6:00pm, led by Children/Youth ministries, church
- Soup & Bread Supper, 6:30pm, Fellowship Hall

Saturday, April 1

- Children's Ministry Catechists, 9:00am, Parish Ctr.

Sat., April 1 & Sun., April 2 at church **Palm Sunday**

- Collection of hospitality items for St. Vincent dePaul. See page 2 for specific needs.

Scripture Reflection: Fifth Sunday of Lent

Ezekiel 37:12-14
Psalm 130:1-8
Romans 8:8-11
John 11:1-45

Of all Jesus' miracles, the most unsettling might be when he made a dead person alive. We know of three times when he did so: a girl, a young man, and Lazarus. The miracle teaches us he has the power of life and death. He anticipates his resurrection. Sin hurts us. Some sin kills us, spiritually. The three miracles reveal to us that no matter our circumstances, Jesus can give life to us.

The three miracles are instructive of the three ways we feel dead. The little dead girl symbolizes sin before it has time to mature. She's in bed and, once alive, gets right back to her life. The young man is lying in his casket in a funeral procession. This is sin allowed to fester, to grow and become somewhat normalized. Once raised, he has a short walk back home. Lazarus, a full-grown dead man, lies wrapped in burial bands in the tomb. Once he is raised, much needs to be done. He'll need to remove those bands, find new clothes, and travel all the way back home. That is sin allowed to go all the way, unchecked for months or years. It's the most spectacular of the three and reveals Jesus' glory more than the others.

What hope that should give us, for us and those whom we love! Jesus knows our sin hurts us and can even kill us spiritually. No matter the extent of the damage, he is always ready for the miracle of making the dead fully alive. ~ *Father John Muir* ©LPi

Board Members Needed

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 amcdonald@billingscatholicschools.org, BCS President Andrew McDonald, 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@stpiusxbgls.org by June 1st.

Mass Intentions & Readings

Monday, March 27

Daniel 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62, Psalm 23:1-6, John 8:1-11

Tuesday, March 28

Numbers 21:4-9, Psalm 102:2-3, 16-21, John 8:21-30
8:30am Mass: † James Hoffman

Wednesday, March 29

Daniel 3:14-20, 91-92, 95, Daniel 3:52-56, John 8:31-42

8:30am Mass: † Lewison & Zabrocki families

Thursday, March 30

Genesis 17:3-9, Psalm 105:4-9, John 8:51-59

8:30am Mass: † Ray Hardt

Friday, March 31

Jeremiah 20:10-13, Psalm 18:2-7, John 10:31-42

8:30am Mass: Int. of Pat Hardt

Saturday, April 1

Ezekiel 37:21-28, Jeremiah 31:10-13, John 11:45-56

5:00pm Mass: Int. of St. Pius X Parishioners

Sunday, April 2

Matthew 21:1-11, Isaiah 50:4-7, Psalm 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24, Philippians 2:6-11, Matthew 26:14-27:66

8:30am Mass: † Ida & Edwin Lewison

11:00am Mass: † Francis Deis

Palm Sunday

Catholic Young Adults

We will help at the Knights of Columbus Fish Fry on Friday, March 31. The event runs from 5:30-7:00pm. Volunteers get a free meal and drink! Come for all or whatever time you can give. Serving together is a fun way to meet others in the group! Visit facebook.com/billingscya to find out more.

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Ministry Schedule: April 1-2, 2023

Saturday, 5:00pm Mass

Greeter: Steve Lattimer, Lynne Weber

Usher: Bob Holbrook, Bruce McMorris, Keith Schott, Kevin Walter

Lector: Lynne Gillig-1, Tyler Wiltgen-2

Sacristan: Bonnie Wutzke

Altar Minister: Richard King

Eucharistic Minister: Karen Hould, Mary Karls, Tricia McMorris, Karen Schott

Cross: Grady Martin, **Server:** Emma Rohrer

Nursery: Celeste Appel

Sunday, 8:30am Mass

Greeter: Sheila McClintock, Carrie Mikes

Usher: Andy Mikes, Dan Sloan, Doug Slotsve, **Need 1**

Lector: Alan Gransberg-1, Meghan Lehman-2

Sacristan: Phil Zeeck

Altar Minister: Steve Komar

Eucharistic Minister: Ashley Buller, Jan Kirk, Laura Prill, Ron Yates

Cross: Olivia Buller, **Server:** Keely Bakkedahl

Nursery: Pamela Pruitt

Sunday, 11:00am Mass

Greeter: Ann Frazer, Mary Rah

Usher: Kyle Brehm, Markus Hulquist, Joe Larimer, David Mork

Lector: Kyle Melugin-1, Patsy Guenther-2

Sacristan: Janice Krueger

Altar Minister: Sandi McGovern

Eucharistic Minister: Kathy Boileau, Rita Brehm, Lynn DeMeyer, Ross Marquis

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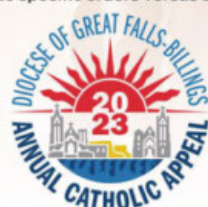
Ministry Spotlight: Foreign Priests

We have 50 churches and 50 missions in the Diocese of Great Falls-Billings, and we need a priest presence at each of these locations. While some of our priests have a dedicated parish, some of our priests cover a "cluster" of churches and may be responsible from anywhere from two to five parishes in surrounding towns.

While our goal will always be to have local men discern the vocation of priesthood, we know that we cannot currently depend on that to ensure that we have enough priests to serve our over 14,000+ Catholic households in Eastern Montana. This means we need support from priests who are from other countries and/or belong to specific orders versus being a diocesan priest. Without these priests - we would

not be able to celebrate Mass every week at each of our locations. Some of our parishes are already experiencing these scheduling issues.

Your support to the ACA assists the Diocese in helping our foreign priests with immigration services, support in transitioning to the United States and Montana, and other support as needed, so they are able to serve our communities.



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Please email submissions to bulletin@stpiusxblgs.org.

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

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