

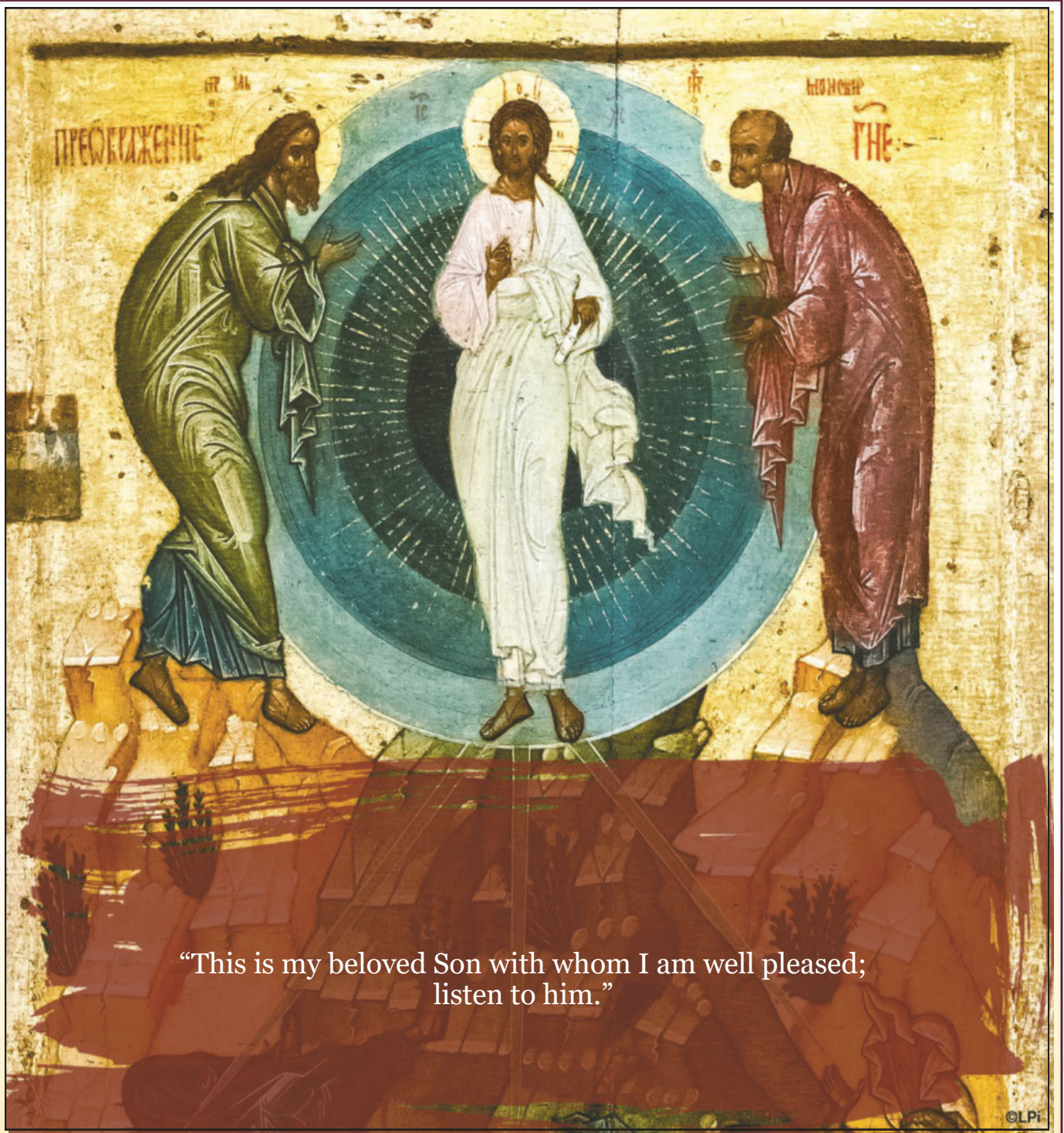
# St. Pius X Parish

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# Bulletin

March 5, 2023

Second Sunday of Lent



“This is my beloved Son with whom I am well pleased;  
listen to him.”



## We Saved a Seat for You Here at St. Pius X!

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

## Blood Drive Tuesday, March 21

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 Tuesday, March 21 from 12:30-5:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. Sign up in the Gathering Area of church next weekend or sign up online at [kofc9976.org](http://kofc9976.org). If you have any questions, please contact Bob Holbrook at [unclebug111@gmail.com](mailto:unclebug111@gmail.com) or call 406.671.5694. Set aside any fears and help us help our community!

## 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.



Shannon makes the traditional Sign of the Cross on Ray's forehead during Ash Wednesday Mass. Lent has begun!

## Welcomed through Baptism on February 19

Congratulations to these infants who were welcomed into the Catholic faith through the waters of Baptism:

- ◇ Theodore Walter Prega, child of Aleksandra Prega
- ◇ Oliver Yeager Beringer, child of Christian and Teddi Beringer

## Lenten Communal Penance Services

- March 8, Mary Queen of Peace, 11:00am
- March 14, St. Bernard Parish, 7:00pm
- 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.

**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.

# Meet the Staff

## Shannon Behounek - Administrative Assistant

**Time at St. Pius X?** I've been a parishioner here for 22 years. I joined the staff over a year ago.

### Primary Responsibilities?

The primary focus of this position is to be a welcoming presence to those who interact in and with the office and to help others develop the five characteristics of dynamic discipleship. But really, I'm a bit of a Jill of all Trades. I schedule all facilities; provide administrative support to staff and groups; proofread the bulletin; maintain electronic and physical parish records, office supplies, and our computer server (backups and server updates); send out prayer chain requests and updates; and work with various parish groups to facilitate their ministries.

**Favorite part of your job?** Getting to know so many more parishioners and working with the awesome St. Pius staff and volunteers.

**Hobbies?** I enjoy spending time with family, reading, genealogy, quilting, and attending the theater.

**What is an unexpected blessing of working at St. Pius?** The opportunity to share in the prayer life of others on a deeper level has really surprised (and fulfilled) me. I have especially enjoyed sending out the prayer chain requests and updates; it has given me the opportunity to create short prayers for each request.

**What is a fun fact about you?** I am an avid Montana Grizzlies fan. So much so for football, that I will root for any NFL team who has a former Griz player on the roster.

**What advice for the spiritual life have you received that made a difference in your life?** "Let go and let God" is a more peaceful existence than me trying to make things work the way I think they should. When I surrender to God's will, there's a level of peace because of the trust I have in him and his path. I have to remember that I don't know how all the threads of my life weave together until I see God's finished product once I move on to his heavenly kingdom.



## Intentionally Serve Others...

### Diaper Bank Volunteers

Volunteers are needed every Tuesday for the Diaper Bank at the Family Promise Day Center to assist anyone who is in need of diapers. Recipients fill out a simple questionnaire to see if there are any other ways that Family Promise can assist them and to help identify families that may be at risk and may want to join the *Wrap Around and Break the Cycle of Poverty* program at Family Promise. The Diaper Bank is each Tuesday from 3:30-5:30pm. Could you come and work alongside them to hand out diapers? Thank you for your support! Contact Shay at [intern@familypromiseyv.org](mailto:intern@familypromiseyv.org). Link: [volunteersignup.org/EW3PE](http://volunteersignup.org/EW3PE).

### Spend Time with a Child

Youth Dynamics, a family-based mental health agency, is looking for adults that are interested in spending four or more hours a week working and engaging in activities one-on-one with a child; helping them to learn better social and relationship skills. If you have time, are willing to help a child, and could use the extra income, please contact Misty Blakeman, the Family Support Assistant Manager, at Youth Dynamics. She can be reached at 406.247.4963.

### Donate Furniture and House Goods

Do you have furniture or household goods that need a new home? Consider donating to Gratitude in Action, (G.I.A.), located at 10 South 30th Street. Funds from this thrift store support sober living homes in Billings for men, women, and women and children. G.I.A will also pick up items. Call them at 406.696.8704.

### Family Promise Request

Do you have an extra washer and dryer needing a new home? Call Family Promise at 406.294.7432. A family who worked hard to secure housing for herself and her four children need a set.



### Angela's Piazza: Women's Drop In Center Expresses Gratitude

Excerpted from their January 2023 newsletter: "The holiday season at Angela's Piazza is truly like a Spiritual Hub meets Santa's Workshop meets Grandma's Kitchen. Wow! Words cannot fully express how much love abounds here when the Spirit of Christmas sets in.

St. Pius X parishioners supplied 250 gifts to 24 of our families, in addition to a bountiful coffer to help the families pay some bills. (Have you ever seen 250 gifts compiled into one room? Astounding!)

St. Pius X women blessed us with LOTS of hand-tied fleece blankets to share with our families, who were positively thrilled to receive them! (The gift of a handmade blanket in native American tradition is the same as showing one's respect, admiration, and honor for the person receiving it.) We are so grateful to all of you who helped make the Christmas season so bright!"





## 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 Vincentians will host on Friday, March 10.

### Grow as a Disciple with the METONIA Series Next Sunday

The March 12 episode titled *This Teaching is Hard* delves into Jesus' efforts to challenge us in our worldly thinking. We learn that as we go deeper in our conversion process we welcome God's actual grace to transform us, softening our hearts through his teachings. Join us on Sunday, March 12 at 9:45am (between Sunday Masses) in the Fellowship Hall for this inspiring video and insightful table discussion.



### "Into His Likeness"

Offered on this free streaming service, Edward Sri reminds us of two basic truths: (A) The truth of our human condition: we are full of many weaknesses, wounds, and sins. And (B) The truth of our high calling—we are called to be perfected in God's love and transformed in Christ. Living as a disciple is all about the process of getting from A to B. Go to [formed.org/signup](https://formed.org/signup) and select St. Pius X by entering name, city and/or zip code. Enter your name and email address. Check that email account for a link to begin using FORMED.

### Celebrate St. Patrick's Day at Mary Queen of Peace

Join them on Saturday, March 11 from noon-6:00pm for a dinner of corn beef or pasties & gravy, coleslaw, and dessert for \$15.00 per person. Cooks will be Bill Kennedy (the Irishman), Jake Romero, and Jim Ronquillo. All proceeds to benefit the Building Fund for their new church on South 27<sup>th</sup> Street. Be sure to participate in the Cake Walk & Silent Auction, too, all at Mary Queen of Peace, 120 South 34<sup>th</sup> Street, Parish Center.

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

Brother Knights, the Officers meeting will be held this Thursday, March 9 at 7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Next week we have our General Council meeting on Thursday, March 16 in the Fellowship Hall at 7:00pm. The rosary will be recited at 6:30pm prior to the meeting in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

Please remember that Deacon Tom will be leading a Holy Hour of Adoration on Wednesday, March 15 at 7:00pm to pray for more vocations to the priesthood and religious life. This will be presented throughout the year on the third Wednesday of each month in the Day Chapel. Please consider attending and bringing your family.

### Stewardship Report for February 26, 2023

Grand Total of Collection	\$11,102.00
Weekly Average Needed	\$21,346.00
Annual Parish Budget	\$1,100,000.00
Contributions needed to date	\$747,110.00
Contributions received to date	\$749,195.07
Budget Income Overage	\$2,085.07

**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](https://helenacwc.com).

### May 5 & 6

- Eucharistic Revival 2023, "Cultivating Eucharistic Amazement" at Billings Central Catholic High School with special guests Dr. Scott Hahn, Archbishop Alexander Sample and musical guest Jaime Thietten. Everyone needs healing, yet many of us are separated from the very source of our strength — the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. Join the Diocese of Great Falls-Billings in the movement to restore understanding and devotion to this great mystery – The Most Holy Eucharist. Explore what the Eucharist means in each of our lives, how this Sacrament is meant to be adored, how we cultivate Eucharistic amazement in our lives and how we, as the Body of Christ, become Eucharistic people. Visit [diocesegfb.org/revival](https://diocesegfb.org/revival) to learn more or register. Seating is limited.

### Carroll College Scholarship

A \$1,000 scholarship funded by Carroll College in memory of the deceased priests of the Dioceses of Helena and Great Falls-Billings is available to students from St. Pius X who will enter Carroll College for the first time in the fall of 2023. Applicants are instructed to reach out to our parish and request a recommendation letter which will be mailed to Carroll College's Financial Aid Office. The students fill out the scholarship online at [carroll.edu/scholarships-aid/scholarships-new-students](https://carroll.edu/scholarships-aid/scholarships-new-students). Act soon! The deadline is March 15, 2023 for the parish recommendation letter!

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

### Sat., March 4 & Sun., March 5 at church

- Food Collection for Family Service Inc.
- Memorials for Easter flowers (by Day Chapel)
- Sunday: Coffee & Rolls after Masses
- Sunday: Children's Liturgy at the 11:00am Mass
- Sunday: K. of C. Adult Public Bingo, 7:00pm, Fellowship Hall

### Monday, March 6

- NO daily Mass
- SEEL Discernment group, 11:00am, Parish Ctr. # 3

### Tuesday, March 7

- Mass, 8:30am (Live-streamed)
- WoW Prayer Group, 1:00pm, Parish Center # 3
- Children's Ministry classes, 6:00pm, Parish Center
- Parish Choir, 6:30pm, Sanctuary
- Middle School Youth Ministry, 6:30pm, Youth Ctr.

### Wednesday, March 8

- Mass, 8:30am (Live-streamed)
- Children of Joy and Gladness (charismatic prayer), 3:00pm, Day Chapel
- Youth Choir, 3:30pm, Sanctuary
- Parish Life Commission, 4:00pm, Parish Center # 1
- Children's Ministry classes, 4:30pm, Parish Center
- Young Proclaimers, 4:30pm, Sanctuary
- Children's Ministry Catechist Social, 5:30pm, Fellowship Hall
- Emmaus Singers, 6:30pm, Sanctuary
- High School Youth Ministry, 6:30pm, Youth Center
- Worship Commission, 6:30pm, Parish Center # 4

### Thursday, March 9

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

### Friday, March 10

- Mass, 8:30am (Live-streamed)
- SEEL Challenge group, 10:00am, Parish Ctr. # 1
- Bible Study, 1:00pm, Parish Center # 3
- Stations of the Cross, 6:00pm, led by the Vincenzians, Sanctuary
- Soup & Bread Supper, 6:30pm, Fellowship Hall

### Sat., March 11 & Sun., March 12 at church

- Sign up for Parish Blood Drive, Gathering Area
- Memorials for Easter flowers (by Day Chapel)
- Sunday: METANOIA, 9:45am, Fellowship Hall
- Sunday: Children's Liturgy at the 11:00am Mass
- Sunday: K. of C. Adult Public Bingo, 7:00pm, Fellowship Hall

## Scripture Reflection: Second Sunday of Lent

Genesis 12:1-4  
Psalm 33:4-5, 18-20, 22,  
2 Timothy 1:8-10  
Matthew 17:1-9

As a kid I remember looking at my sister and thinking, "No man is ever going to marry her. She is way too...my *sister!*" I couldn't see her as anything except my goofy, emotional, cooties-laden sister. Years later, on her wedding day, I remember seeing how her husband looked at her, he was totally in love with her, his watery eyes full of overwhelmed joy, drinking in her beauty and grace. He was the one who actually saw her. Blinded by familiarity, I had not been able to see her until now. She was glorious. I finally saw how beautiful my sister really was.

Jesus is transfigured before Peter, James, and John. His face shone like the sun and his clothes dazzle with heavenly light. If it's a miracle, it is so related to the apostles' perception of the glory of Jesus. The physical spectacle reveals how the Father perceives the Son, so to speak: **"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well-pleased; listen to him."** The Son is *always* bathed in the Father's love. It's only just now that they finally perceive it.

Who could possibly give his or her heart totally to Jesus? If we perceive him to be just another teacher, symbol, or moral example, we can't. But if the Holy Spirit gives us eyes to see that he is the Beloved Son of God, who makes our humanity not just pleasing to God but filled with glory ... then who can resist him? Perhaps only the lovers are the ones who properly see. — *Father John Muir* ©LPi

Intentionally pray in the quiet church Monday—Friday from 8:30am-4:30pm. Bring your own refection or book from home. Come pray before the tabernacle in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

## 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).

## Mass Intentions & Readings

### Monday, March 6

Daniel 9:4-10, Psalm 79:8-9, 11, 13, Luke 6:36-38

**Tuesday, March 7**, Sts. Perpetua and Felicity  
Isaiah 1:10, 16-20, Psalm 50:8-9, 16-17, 21, 23, Matthew 23:1-12

**8:30am Mass:** † Agnes Reichert

**Wednesday, March 8**, St. John of God  
Jeremiah 18:18-20, Psalm 31:5-6, 14-16, Matthew 20:17-28

**8:30am Mass:** † David Larimer

**Thursday, March 9**, St. Frances of Rome  
Jeremiah 17:5-10, Psalm 1:1-4, 6, Luke 16:19-31

**8:30am Mass:** † Charles & June Sangwin

### Friday, March 10

Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13, 17-28, Psalm 105:16-21, Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46

**8:30am Mass:** † Lorraine Tarmann

### Saturday, March 11

Micah 7:14-15, 18-20, Psalm 103:1-4, 9-12, Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

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

### Sunday, March 12

### 3rd Sunday of Lent

Exodus 17:3-7, Psalm 95:1-2, 6-9, Romans 5:1-2, 5-8, John 4:5-42

**8:30am Mass:** † Kay Zabrocki

**11:00am Mass:** † Larry Dauenhauer

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## Ministry Schedule: March 11-12, 2023

### Saturday, 5:00pm Mass

**Greeter:** Arlene Forney, Bonnie Wutzke

**Usher:** Jim Kaiser, Dan Miller, Mike Persha, Nancy Wandler

**Lector:** Michelle Bertelson-1, BJ Sletta-2

**Sacristan:** Joyce Stoppel

**Altar Minister:** Richard King

**Eucharistic Minister:** Erin Augustine, Rita Brehm, Jeanne Moller, Mark Sevier

**Cross:** Grady Martin, **Server:** Jennilyn Wilson

**Nursery:** Karian West

### Sunday, 8:30am Mass

**Greeter:** Richard & Lisa Wood

**Usher:** Steve Komar, Andy Mikes, Dan Sloan, Doug Slotsve

**Lector:** Carol Schaff-1, Tanja Sloan-2

**Sacristan:** Bob Holbrook

**Altar Minister:** Don Judice

**Eucharistic Minister:** Rick & Sharon McCann, Christy Rider, Mary Taylor

**Cross:** Victoria Willis, **Server:** Skyler Sanchez

**Nursery:** Pamela Pruitt

### Sunday, 11:00am Mass

**Greeter:** Marge Larimer, Magdalen Wojtowicz

**Usher:** Roland Barnes, Markus Hulquist, David Mork, Michael Riedel

**Lector:** Tim Guenther-1, Patsy Guenther-2

**Sacristan:** Janice Krueger

**Altar Minister:** Lynn DeMeyer

**Eucharistic Minister:** Kathy Boileau, Susan Johnson, Ross Marquis, Denise Smith

**Cross:** Jacob Schiermeister, **Server:** Theo Melugin

## We Are an Offering

### Ministry Spotlight: The Harvest Magazine

Every other month 14,000 households across Eastern Montana receive a copy of *The Harvest* magazine, at no cost to them. *The Harvest* is one of the primary communication tools used by the Diocese of Great Falls-Billings to ensure that all of our Catholic families are able to stay up to date on what is happening around the diocese. The magazine includes a regular column from Bishop Warfel on a current topic of interest, and now will also include articles from Bishop Fleming. Additionally, *The Harvest*, shares news, announcements, celebrations, education, and recognition about our diocese and the good work that we do. It is an opportunity to highlight local parishes, while also sharing about the work of the ministries of the Diocese of Great Falls-Billings. As an added bonus, *The Harvest* is our way to ensure that every registered Catholic household has a connection and contact with the diocese at least six times each year. We could not provide this without your gifts to the ACA.





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Please email submissions to [bulletin@stpiusxblgs.org](mailto: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](http://www.stpiusxblgs.org). Click Live-  
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### Sacraments

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

**Baptism:** Call us for details

**Marriage:** Six-month preparation  
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