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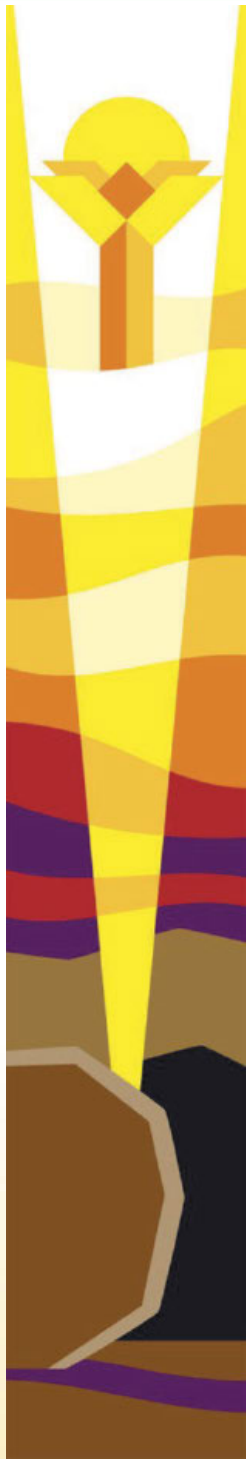
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Bulletin

May 15, 2022

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Confirmation and First Eucharist Celebration on May 7th



You Belong Here!

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

Thank You!

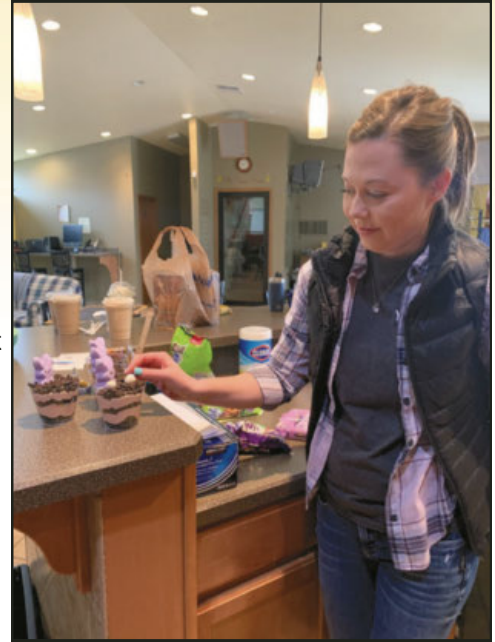
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~ Georgia Cady LAC, Executive Director.

Donations such as this are only possible because of your donations to the weekly collection at Mass. The Christian Service Commission of our parish oversees all tithing. Four local non-profits that serve the poor and vulnerable receive monthly donations. Other non-profits receive our donations upon request.

Meet Jess, Our Youth Minister!

Youth ministry accompanies the journey of our Junior High through High School students as they encounter and follow Jesus! That is our hope. That is our belief. And the disciple who welcomed this ministry as her own vocation and journey is Jess Sipes. It wasn't the path Jess thought she'd be on a few years ago. She had attended catholic schools in Billings until 3rd grade. Faith was always in her path, in her heart, but in 2013 her faithful grandmother Penny Sipes, a very active disciple here at St. Pius, with whom she often attended Mass, encouraged Jess to complete her sacraments and be confirmed in the Church. Penny offered to be her sponsor and Jess entered the Rite of Christian Initiation process as a candidate. Little did she know the powerful journey that awaited her.

In addition to her learning more about the Catholic faith, her relationship with Jesus increased and that gave her a foundation that she needed when tragedy struck and her younger sister, Sam, a high school student in Great Falls, died. The RCIA community wrapped themselves around her. Karyn Haider, then the RCIA director here at Pius, went to Great Falls for the funeral. At our recent Parish Catalyst session, Jess shared with her group that this act of kindness and faith on the part of Karyn impacted her deeply and still does to this day. Jess, Penny and Karyn's friendship continued in the years since Jess' full initiation into the church. *Continued on lower left column, page 6.*



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JOIN US FOR YOUTH GROUP

Dinner, bible study, worship, games and more!

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TUESDAY AT 6PM (JUNIOR HIGH)
WEDNESDAY AT 6PM (HIGH SCHOOL)

Youth Ministry this Week

Tuesday: "Rise up! Fun with Balloons"

Wednesday: "The Ascension, Continuing the Good News!"

Contact our Youth Minister, Jess Sipes for any questions at jsipes@stpiusxblgs.org or call her at (406) 281-8508.

Believe, Grow, Gather, Love, Lead!

Sign up now! Vacation Bible School
Registration ends June 1st.

Save the Date!



Rocky Railway Vacation Bible School

June 12-16, 2022 St. Pius X Campus



Register: <https://vbspro.events/p/stpiusx22>

At One with Us at the Table of Plenty

Congratulations to the following children who received the sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist on May 7th with Bishop Michael Warfel, Fr. Greg Staudinger, and assisted by Deacon Tom Landry.

Brody Ailes

Ayva Appel

Gavin Augustine

Lochlan Bakkedahl

Landon Boelman

Elizabeth Davis

Evan Dunn

Jersey Flores

Carley French

Olivia Frew

Jocelyn Gould

Gideon McKenzie

Theodore Melugin

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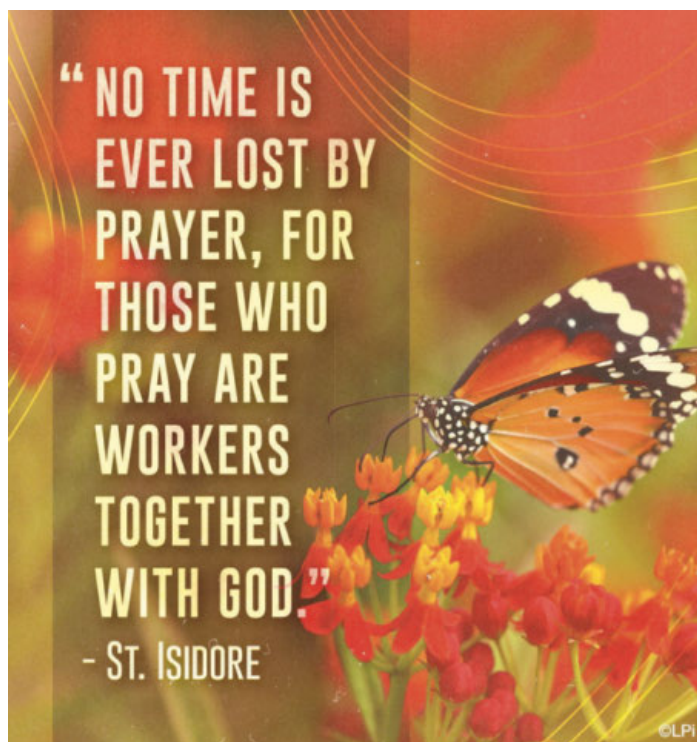
Sara Van Nice

Oliver Warner

Jennilyn Wilson

Camden Wulf

Gabriel Zieske



In and Around Our Parish Community



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LaVie's 'Change for Hope' Baby Bottle Campaign

Change For Hope – LaVie's Baby Bottle Campaign runs from May 8th through June 19th. LaVie has hosted a Baby Bottle Campaign for years but this year it will be supporting their Capital Campaign – Building Hope For Life! LaVie strives to empower individuals to embrace hope by providing loving, compassionate care for early pregnancies. Funds raised during *Change For Hope* will be used to help fund the expansion of their new building in order to continue improving the programs LaVie offers which assist women facing unplanned pregnancies with education, services, and information promoting life-affirming options, along with medical services.

We are asking for your help, visit <https://page.fundeasy.com/5567732> and donate to LaVie and help us meet the goal set for St. Pius of \$3,000. Let's help fill LaVie's virtual baby bottle! If you'd prefer to donate physically, please mail a check to LaVie, P.O. Box 80146, Billings, MT 59108 or see the display in the Gathering Area of church.

Ken Burns Documentary on Suicide at ABT

Suicide is the second leading cause of death in persons between 10 and 34 years of age in the United States. You are invited to attend a Ken Burns documentary titled *Hiding in Plain Sight*. The documentary features 20 first person accounts including two Billings youth and their families. The premiere of this four hour, two-part PBS documentary will be held in Billings on Monday, June 27 and Tuesday, June 28 at the Alberta Bair Theater from 7:00 – 9:00pm each evening. More information is available at this site:

<https://wellbeings.org/films/hiding-in-plain-sight-our-mental-health-crisis/>

There is no charge for tickets but there is a need to confirm attendance. If you are interested in attending, call Barbara at (406) 656-9017. Please leave a message with your name and the number of seats you would like. Or, you may use this ABT sight to get free tickets: <https://www.albertabairtheater.org/shows/hiding-in-plain-sight-youth-mental-illness/>. Don't miss this excellent Ken Burns documentary.

Spread the Word!

The Catholic Foundation of Eastern Montana is now accepting grant applications for 2022. Any Catholic organization or ministry in our diocese can apply to receive a grant of up to \$5,000.

Visit <https://www.catholicfoundationmt.org/grants-program/> to learn more and apply. The application deadline is Friday, June 10, 2022.

St. Pius X Knights of Columbus Council 9976

The Mysteries of the Rosary presented by Deacon Lee Pico will be presented at St. Patrick on May 18th, 7:00pm. Our general meeting is on May 19 and we will be nominating officers for the next Columbian year. Our next blood drive is on Wednesday, June 8, so mark your calendars and save the date!

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Area Events

Wednesday, May 18

- Mysteries of the Rosary in the Bible from 7:00-8:30pm at St. Patrick Co-Cathedral. This program is prepared and presented by Deacon Lee Pico, who is the Knights of Columbus State Faith Program Director, a Fourth Degree Knight and a District Deputy. Deacon Lee uses great works of Christian art and the Old and New Testaments to explain in detail the mysteries of the Rosary. The presentation has explanations of Jesus and Mary in the New Testament and how they are anticipated in the Old Testament as well as discussions of the religious symbolism found in the great works of Christian art. Questions? Call (406) 259-3389.

Saturday, May 28

- Volunteers needed at Holy Cross Cemetery to place flags on Veteran's graves. Call Angela at (406) 839-8387 to help.

Monday, May 30

- On Memorial Day there will be a Mass at St. Ann's Chapel on the Holy Cross Cemetery grounds. Mass will start at 10:00am. Fr. Leo McDowell will preside.

Wednesday, June 22

- Bishop Elect Jeffery Fleming's Ordination at 2:00pm at Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Great Falls, Montana.

Stewardship Report for May 8, 2022

Needed Weekly:	\$20,770.00
Total Collections:	\$19,407.00
Budget Shortage:	(\$1,363.00)

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

Sunday, May 15 at church

- RCIA, 9:45am, Parish Center # 3
- Baccalaureate Mass, 11:00am & reception following in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome!

Monday, May 16

- NO Mass
- Bible Study, 8:30am, Parish Center # 3

Tuesday, May 17

- Mass, 8:30am (Live-streamed)
- Book Study, 1:00pm, Parish Center # 3
- Finance Council, 4:30pm, Parish Center # 3
- Junior High Youth Ministry, 6:00pm, Youth Center
- Men's Ensemble, 6:00pm, Sanctuary
- Parish Choir, 6:30pm, Sanctuary

Wednesday, May 18

- Mass, 8:30am (Live-streamed)
- Sandwich Ministry, 9:00am, Fellowship Hall
- High School Youth Ministry, 6:00pm, Youth Center
- Emmaus Singers, 6:30pm, Sanctuary

Thursday, May 19

- Mass, 8:30am (Live-streamed)
- K. of C. Officers & Council, 6:30pm, Fellowship Hall

Friday, May 20

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

Sunday, May 22 at church

- RCIA, 9:45am, Parish Center # 3
- Liturgy of the Word with children, 11:00am Mass

Summer Camp for Catholic Youth

St. Thomas Summer Camp is located in Monarch, MT. Register online today for "Come, Follow Me" at saintthomascamp.com.

Camp Weeks

- June 19-24...High School, week 1
- June 26-July 1...High School, week 2
- July 10-15...5th and 6th grade boys
- July 17-22...Middle School week 1
- July 24-29...5th and 6th grade girls
- July 31-August 5...Middle School week 2

Relics of St. Bernadette Soubirous

These precious relics will be in Great Falls beginning June 22-24 at our Lady of Lourdes Parish. For more information, call (406) 452-6464 or find the itinerary on a kiosk in the St. Pius X Church Gathering Area.

Scripture Reflection: Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 14:21-27
Psalm 145:8-13
Revelation 21:1-5
John 13:31-33, 34-35

"It is necessary for us to undergo many hardships to enter the Kingdom of God." Many folks really work very hard to circumvent difficult situations. We prefer the easier way around something, rather than risk inconvenience, hurt or prolonged suffering. It's no wonder euthanasia is rapidly becoming acceptable around the world. Through purely human eyes, there is no issue bypassing the inevitable, taking control and bringing things more swiftly to a place of peace. If this is the way God sees things, then why does Jesus make such a big deal helping us understand the experience of suffering and embrace it? God's wisdom clearly takes us in another direction.

Imagine if we were able to eradicate ALL hardship and suffering. Where would we be? As we look at our own journeys, many of our solid more growth producing life lessons have been born of suffering, disappointment, inconvenience, darkness, and despair. There is something sacred about all of these experiences as God uses them to create something new. Envisioning a life without hardship and suffering brings us to a vision where everything is flat-lined and dull. As much as hardship and suffering are difficult crosses to bear, not taking them up runs the risk of us becoming shallow, empty, and lifeless. Helen Keller remarks that, "a happy life consists not in the absence but in the mastery of hardships." What an incredibly wise insight! Many really successful people and saints were brought to their station in life because they suffered. Suffering teaches us about what's important and propels us to search the depths of our souls for resources and strength we never would have known before.

This is especially true when we love as Jesus asks us to love. Love, perhaps above any other experience, can cause us great hardship, pain, and suffering especially when it's authentic and unconditional. While it can thrust us into an incredible experience of God and life on one hand, it can bruise and wound us deeply on the other. Mastering the art of love is the secret to living life well, walking in the presence of God and investing in the joy of the Gospel. Love and suffering walk hand in hand. Compromising one will compromise the other. Maybe that's why Jesus spent so much time convincing us to accept both.

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Liturgy of the Word with Children

Sunday, May 22 at 11:00am

Mass Intentions & Readings

Monday, May 16

Acts 14:5-18, Psalm 115:1-4, 15-16, John 14:21-26

Tuesday, May 17

Acts 14:19-28, Psalm 145:10-13, 21, John 14:27-31

8:30am Mass: † **Father Paul Reichling**

Wednesday, May 18, St. John I

Acts 15:1-6, Psalm 122:1-5, John 15:1-8

8:30am Mass: † **Karen Melius**

Thursday, May 19

Acts 15:7-21, Psalm 96:1-3, 10, John 15:9-11

8:30am Mass: † **Erick Krueger**

Friday, May 20, St. Bernadine of Siena

Acts 15:22-31, Psalm 57:8-10, 12, John 15:12-17

8:30am Mass: Int. of **Father Greg Staudinger's 41st Anniversary of Ordination**

Saturday, May 21, St. Christopher Magallanes & Companions

Acts 16:1-10, Psalm 100:1-3, 5, John 15:18-21

5:00pm Mass: † **Renea Sperle**

Sunday, May 22

Sixth Sunday of Easter


Acts 15:1-2, 22-29, Psalm 67:2-3, 5-6, 8, Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23, John 14:23-29

8:30am Mass: † **Caroline Hoffert**

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

Meet the Youth Minister, continued...

Karyn knew Jess had a deep love for youth since Jess raised her four younger siblings and remained involved with their and their peers' activities through the years. When the position of Youth Minister opened at St. Pius, Karyn urged Jess to apply.

In February of this year, Jess began her tenure as Youth Minister after spending a couple of months shadowing Amanda Michaels, who completed her Masters in Occupational Therapy through University of Mary and accepted a position at Wild Roots Therapy. Amanda accompanied her to Jess' first official youth ministry outing at "Get Air Billings" but in the fun of it all, Jess jumped on a trampoline to play "Tag" and in the process fell and severely injured her ankle. Jess said it's "a funny story now...at the time, not so much" as she shared her inauguration into her new position. We are happy to say that while there is residual healing left, the boot is gone and Jess didn't let this deter her enthusiasm for engaging with the youth of St. Pius! Jess has two primary goals for the youth of our parish: to help them encounter Jesus and to enjoy life while doing so. As Jess shared, "It's finding the balance: how to encourage them to have fun while also walking with them as they learn, share, and often struggle with the faith we share as Catholic Christians. I want them to be kids and to also be proud of this faith we share." 

Ministry Schedule: May 21-22, 2022

Saturday, 5:00pm Mass

Greeter: Betty Warner, Lynne Weber

Usher: Dan Dooley, Richard King, Bob Riesinger, Keith Schott

Lector: Gary Marman-1, Connie Marman-2

Sacristan: Tim Morgan

Altar Minister: Nancy Wandler

Eucharistic Minister: Erin Augustine, Helene Ranweiler-Waage, Germaine Riesinger, Karen Schott

Cross: **Need, Server: Need**

Nursery: Celeste Appel

Sunday, 8:30am Mass

Greeter: Connie James, Janice Krueger

Usher: Don Judice, Greg Luck, Doug Slotsve, Richard Wood

Lector: Bob Keene-1, John Koppelman-2

Sacristan: Linda White

Altar Minister: Kathleen Bernhardt

Eucharistic Minister: Jan Kirk, Kim Komar, Janice Krueger, Rae Scheeler

Cross: Jacob Schiermeister, **Server:** Marilyn McKenzie

Nursery: Teresa Wehr

Sunday, 11:00am Mass (Live-streamed)

Greeter: Marge Larimer, Magdalen Wojtowicz

Usher: Steve & Nicole Geiger, Markus Hulquist, Penny Sipes

Lector: Vicki Marquis-1, Carol Wilkinson-2

Sacristan: David Mork

Altar Minister: Sandi McGovern

Eucharistic Minister: Brittany Blood, Lynn DeMeyer, Ross Marquis, Mary Taylor

Cross: Fiona Gallinger, **Server:** Cyann Crabtree

Nursery: **1 Trained Attendant Needed**

Already Jess has made a mark. She conducted the first ever, in memory here at St. Pius, Easter Egg Hunt that was very popular and she hopes it's a new tradition. She hosted a Cinco de Mayo party where the t-shirts she created enabled youth to become human pinatas. Planning is underway for the end-of-school year party, and she's looking forward to taking youth to the National Catholic Youth Conference.

This weekend St. Pius celebrates the graduating seniors in our community at the 11:00am Baccalaureate Mass. Jess will be there praying for them and greeting them before and after the reception. In four more years, those graduating will be "her kids."

Help us welcome Jess to our parish staff and help her reach her goals: tell a friend about our youth ministry, encourage your children and grandchildren to come to the Tuesday (Junior High) and Wednesday (High School) night gatherings. As disciples of Jesus, let us work the mission field right here in our midst.

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Please email bulletin@stpiusxblgs.org or fax to (406) 656-2584.

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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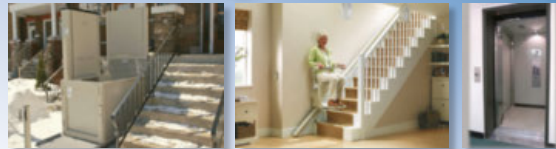


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