

St. Pius X Parish

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Bulletin

May 2, 2021

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Sacramental Celebration!

Congratulations to these children who celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist last weekend!

*Francesca Anderson
Drew Bertelson
Molly Boileau*

*Andrew Bowles
Tychus Childree
Mae Corson
Emilia Duchesneau
Lincoln Fairbanks
Jovie Farrell
Payton Fox
Giselle Gonzales
Blake Harrison
Hannah Hogan*

*Kyle Jenks
Jace Kloeckner
Charlotte Kutzler
Joselyn Lusin
Ellasyn Meyer
Marilyn Model
Jocely Mooer
Parker Paquette
Bryson Peterson
Quigley Prill*

*Tatum Sanchez
Anisten Sanders
Beckham Seitz
Andrew Smith
Sloane Tabbert
Anna Thompson
Nolan Topel
Wyatt West
John Wilkins*



Welcome to St. Pius X

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 656-2522. You may also visit our website at www.stpiusxblgs.org or find us on Facebook at 'St. Pius X'.

Have You Been Hospitalized?

If you or someone in your family is hospitalized, please notify the parish offices, 656-2522, when you return home. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, neither our pastoral team nor our hospital volunteers can visit the hospitals and we cannot get information from them about any Catholics who may be in their facilities. Our parish nurses relied on the reports of our pastoral team and/or volunteers in order to make follow-up calls once a parishioner returned home. We can also put you or your loved one on our prayer chain; and, we have prayer shawls available as well. Together in faith we can maneuver the uncharted paths of this pandemic. God bless!

Catholic Social Teaching 101

The Christian Service (CS) Commission invites you to join other parishioners virtually by engaging in "Catholic Social Teaching 101". A video presenting one of the seven principals of Catholic Social Teaching will be offered via a link on Flocknote each week. Watch the video when you like and participate in a ZOOM discussion either on Wednesday afternoons at 1:00pm hosted by Shelly Greenfield or at 7:00pm on Wednesday evenings hosted by Mike Paquette. We will launch our first ZOOM discussions on May 5th. Please join us!

Spread it Around!

The St. Pius X Christian Service (CS) Commission is responding to a call from St. Vincent dePaul to provide 50 sack lunches for friends each Wednesday of the month. Why would we be excited about this? In Catholic Social Teaching, feeding the hungry is the number one Corporal Work of Mercy, of course! CS commission member, Erin Buyske began thinking about how to spread this around so we could sustain this Brown Bag Lunch ministry. Here are some options for all to be involved. Through a link on Sign-up Genius, (see below) families or individuals can make 50 peanut butter and jelly sandwiches in the comfort of their home or gather in the Fellowship Hall of church two times per month and create sandwiches with others. There are options for families to load lunch bags each month (all items except the sandwich) or purchase and donate lunch ingredients. There is also an option for delivering the lunches to St. Vincent dePaul on Wednesdays. Look for a Flocknote for the link on Sign-Up Genius and start spreading the love around! <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080C48A4A62CA3FC1-svdp>



Penny Paquette places Pinwheels for Prevention for all to see. Thank you!

Ongoing Collection for "Brown Bag Lunch"

All are invited to donate the following items to help sustain the "Brown Bag Lunch" Ministry here at St. Pius X for St. Vincent dePaul. Drop off your donations in the blue shopping carts in the Gathering Area of church. Carts will be out each weekend. We will need: Peanut Butter, Jam or Jelly, Sandwich Bags, Brown lunch bags, Snack chips (family size bags are fine or individual), Granola Bars, Fruit cups or Fruit snacks, 16 oz bottles of water and bread previously not frozen.

Parish Blood Drive Honors Bev Borer

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, May 11 from 1:15 to 5:30pm in the Fellowship Hall**. The practice of social distancing and masks will be utilized. Sign-up online at www.kofc9976.org. If you have any questions, please contact Bob Holbrook at unclebug111@gmail.com or call (406) 671-5694. Help us honor the memory of Bev Borer, longtime Blood Drive organizer, with our donations of life giving blood!



God's Grace is Abundant!

Congratulations to the 32 Candidates who completed the Sacraments of Initiation on Saturday, April 24, 2021 with Bishop Michael Warfel.



In and Around Our Parish Community

Young Adults, Men and Women in their 20's and 30's, You Are Invited!

We are excited to announce that our first Theology on Tap in over a year is finally happening! Bishop Michael Warfel will be presenting on what it takes to become a saint!



When: Thursday, May 27th, 2021—doors open at 6:00pm (if you'd like to come eat, drink and socialize beforehand, no host), speaker from 6:30-7:30pm, stay as long as you'd like.

Where: CJ's Garage, 2455 Central Ave. Bring a friend, tell a fellow parishioner. Help us build our Catholic community across the city!

Want to stay up to date on all things Billings Catholic Young Adults? Follow us on Facebook or Instagram @billingscya, or visit our website billingscya.com.

Jail Ministry with Deacon Tom Landry

Deacon Tom is looking for men who would be willing to accompany him during Jail Ministry at the Yellowstone County Detention Center on Sunday afternoons from 3:30-4:30pm. The facility requires an application process and orientation. Give this some thought and prayer. If you are interested, please call Deacon Tom at (406) 860-7842.

Celebrate Babies!

Between Mother's Day (May 9) and Father's Day (June 20), St. Pius will collect donations of any size diapers or wipes and new baby items such as teething toys, rattles, toys, stuffed animals, hygiene safety kits, bath hygiene products, baby bath towels, gender neutral blankets, swaddles, and 1-3 size pajamas. Why are we doing this? Because diapers, wipes and baby items are essential for baby's health and development. This is a great way to respect the life of our youngest members of society. Diapers will be collected to fill the Family Promise Mobile Diaper Bank. All baby items will go to LaVie for their layette sets. Thank you for your support!

St. Pius X Knights of Columbus Council 9976

Our Knights of Columbus Council has attempted to stay active through this pandemic. Some examples include our successful Blood Drive in March. We delivered over 150 sack lunches to Saint Vincent de Paul just two weeks ago. Several Knights joined in to help with set up, tear down, and judging at a Bocce Ball tournament for a group of Special Olympic athletes recently. We have another Blood Drive coming up on Tuesday, May 11th where we will honor Bev Borer for her years of service. Lots of appointments are still available. You can schedule an appointment online on our Council website at: www.kofc9976.org. Any Catholic adult 18 years or older can also check the website to see how simple it is to join the Knights on that same site. Come join us in service to our Parish and to our world.

Area Events

Saturday, May 8

- "Afternoon Tea" hosted by Mary Queen of Peace Parish. Tickets are \$7.00 for an adult and \$5.00 for children 5-years and younger and available by calling (406) 294-7605 or (406) 850-3642. The Tea begins at 1:30pm and is by reservation only.

**Raffle Tickets:
Final day to purchase
tickets at
St. Pius is
May 10**



Get your diocesan raffle tickets **soon** for the summer prize packages of a camper trailer, utility vehicle or half beef with Traeger grill. Tickets are available at the parish office for \$20 each. The drawing is **May 15**.

You are Needed at St. Pius X!

Live-stream operator: If you like technology, this is for you! A live-stream crew member arrives at least 15 minutes before Mass. They operate the live-stream computer and cameras in a designated alcove area in the church during Mass. With the use of three cameras, joy stick control and OBS broadcast software, the operator produces the live streaming of Mass. Volunteers for this position rotate Sundays and/or daily Mass and special liturgies. Training provided. Please call Kathy at 656-2522 to view the equipment and find out more!

Stewardship Report: April 25, 2021

Envelope Donation	\$4,468.00	Parishioner Envelopes & EFT	124
Loose Checks	\$3,468.66	Annual Parish Budget	\$1,080,000.00
Loose Cash	\$149.00	Contributions needed to-date	\$893,110.00
Electronic Fund Transfer	\$7,529.00	Contributions received to-date	\$871,844.48
Total Collection	\$15,614.66	Budget Income (Shortfall)	(\$21,265.52)
Weekly Average Needed	\$20,770.00		

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

Saturday, May 1 at church

- Reconciliation, 3:30pm, Fellowship Hall
- Mass, 5:00pm
- Food Collection for Billings Food Bank, in food bin
- Lunch supplies collected for "Brown Bag Lunch" Ministry for St. Vincent dePaul, shopping cart

Sunday, May 2 at church

- Mass, 10:00am (Live-streamed)
- Food Collection for Billings Food Bank, in food bin
- Lunch supplies collected for "Brown Bag Lunch" Ministry for St. Vincent dePaul, shopping cart
- Brown Bag Lunch building, 9:00am, Fellowship Hall

Monday, May 3

- NO Mass

Tuesday, May 4

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

Wednesday, May 5

- Mass, 8:30am (Live-streamed)
- Sandwich making for St. Vincent dePaul, 9:00am, Fellowship Hall kitchen

Thursday, May 6 National Day of Prayer

- Mass, 8:30am (Live-streamed)
- Christian Service Commission, 6:30pm, via ZOOM

Friday, May 7

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

Saturday, May 8 at church

- Reconciliation, 3:30pm, Fellowship Hall
- Mass, 5:00pm
- Lunch supplies collected for "Brown Bag Lunch" Ministry for St. Vincent dePaul, shopping cart

Sunday, May 9 at church

- Mass, 10:00am (Live-streamed)
- Lunch supplies collected for "Brown Bag Lunch" Ministry for St. Vincent dePaul, shopping cart

KJCR Going LIVE May 11-14 from their studio on Grand Avenue!

Join Billings Catholic Radio for our first on-air *Celebration Pledge Drive*. This is the major fundraiser for 2021 and marks a decade of Catholic radio! Tune-in to hear Bishop, local priests, and guests from St. Pius X - Craig Barthel and Shaun Harrington.

The station is 100% listener and community supported which means we need you! Show your continued support by listening and calling in your pledge to (406) 294-5250. Donate online at www.kjcradio.com or by mail to Billings Catholic Radio, P.O. Box 21523, Billings, MT 59104.

Scripture Reflection: Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:26-31
Psalm 22:26-28, 30-32
1 John 3:18-24
John 15:1-8

"Spiraling out of control," is a phrase that can easily describe the current display of human existence. In addition to the violence, unrest, uneasiness and turmoil that are common elements of our daily news, other essential pieces are misplaced or missing. Many lack an objective center around which to order and structure their lives or a clear set of definable goals or mores to act as guideposts and life directives. It appears that "feelings" have become a "new god" and traditional structures and ideals set aside. It is almost as if history only shows that we got this whole thing wrong and many are determined to finally set things right. The real truth, however, is that while wrongs and errors are certainly a part of our often-checked past, it is hardly the case that all was wrong. It is not our task to rewrite the history of our lives, but to learn from mistakes that were made, and preserve the perennial wisdom at the root of our successes. Learning is an essential part of being human.

The question becomes, however, from whom do we learn? Some have such a hard time placing God in that position, but that is precisely where God needs to be. God is the Master Teacher from whom all of humanity learns and gets its cues. It is in and through this relationship with the Gardener of Life that we are fashioned and pruned into the people we are intended to be and can be. It is only in God that we are able to find our best selves. Sadly, many think that religion too, as well as history in general, has also gotten all this wrong. Yet, our resurrection faith tells us differently. We are reminded, today especially, that we are meant to remain in Christ as Christ remains in us. We are also reminded that Jesus, the Incarnate God, is the vine upon which we grow, the branches that flow from the source of God's life.

Giving up our will to God's can be a painful endeavor. It is not easy to set our own desires and wants aside and allow God to step in and direct and guide our growth. But this is the only way to prevent deadly weeds from overtaking us and bringing us to a place of self-destruction. God's commandments are the very guideposts and benchmarks we need, yet many seek to remove them from all public view because they appear to limit self-expression and suppress. They are the only way we can find freedom, however. And, until we learn this fundamental lesson, we will continue to spiral out of control, never really knowing who we are, what our potential can be or how life really can be lived. We will not know peace.

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Mass Intentions & Readings

Monday, May 3, Sts. Philip and James
1 Corinthians 15:1-8, Psalm 19:2-5, John 14:6-14
NO Mass

Tuesday, May 4
Acts 14:19-28, Psalm 145:10-13, 21, John 14:27-31
8:30am Mass: Int. of Mike & Bonnie Thomas

Wednesday, May 5
Acts 15:1-6, Psalm 122:1-5, John 15:1-8
8:30am Mass: † Donna Hein

Thursday, May 6
Acts 15:7-21, Psalm 96:1-3, 10, John 15:9-11
8:30am Mass: † Roy Hardt

Friday, May 7
Acts 15:22-31, Psalm 57:8-10, 12, John 15:12-17
8:30am Mass: † Gene Heinz

Saturday, May 8
Acts 16:1-10, Psalm 100:1-3, 5, John 15:18-21
5:00pm Mass: † Lorena Stein, Helen Stein

Sunday, May 9 **Sixth Sunday of Easter**
Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48, Psalm 98:1-4, 1 John 4:7-10, John 15:9-17
10:00am Mass: Int. of St. Pius X Parishioners

Care & Share Annual Appeal

Contributions to Care and Share exclusively and solely support the ministries and services provided by the Diocese of Great Falls-Billings. Please make a donation today. Envelopes may be found on a table in the Gathering Area of church. Thank you!



The St. Pius X Pastoral Council is a visionary group of a dozen parishioners whose primary responsibility is to guide and determine the direction of our parish. These volunteer ministers, together with Father Greg, provide leadership and formulate policies, which define and direct our church community.

Each member of the Parish Council is asked to also serve on one of the four parish commissions: Christian Service Commission, Education Commission, Parish Life Commission, or Worship Commission; a representative is also sought for Finance Council.

Pastoral Council meets once a month on the 3rd Wednesday at 7:00pm and members are asked to serve a three-year commitment. Our parish seeks individuals willing to serve in this special ministry of leadership as our parish welcomes the still unknown but gradual recovery from the pandemic. We will need true disciples of Christ helping us in these uncharted waters.

If you feel called to serve and want to learn more, please pick up a packet of information at the Parish Center (our office is open M-F from 8:30am – 4:30pm) or find the information at <https://www.stpiusxblogs.org/about/councils-and-commissions/> and click on "Pastoral Council Information Packet" found at the top of the page. On Saturday, May 22nd, Pentecost weekend, six names will be drawn from the hat as we trust the Holy Spirit will guide us in the selection of those needed to serve. After reading the material, if you want your name placed in this hat, please send an email to frgreg@stpiusxblogs.org and tell him of your interest.

If you have questions, please leave a message for either Fr. Greg or Craig Rider, the current Chair of Pastoral Council, at the parish office, 656-2522.

Ministry Schedule: May 8-9, 2021

Saturday, 5:00 PM

Greeter: Jackie Fears, Joyce Stoppel

Usher: Jim Kaiser, Richard King, Nancy Wandler,
1 Volunteer Needed

Sanitizers: Mary Brown, Jackie Fears, Keith & Karen Schott

Lector: Bob Holbrook-1, Bob Reid-2

Sacristan: Bonnie Wutzke

Altar Minister: Lynn DeMeyer

Eucharistic Minister: Deacon Tom Landry

Sunday, 10:00 AM (Live-streamed)

Greeter: Connie James, Carrie Mikes

Usher: Steve Komar, Greg Luck, Andy Mikes, Tim Morgan

Lector: Shannon Behounek-1, Rod Hart-2

Sacristan: Jan Kirk

Altar Minister: Lynn DeMeyer

Eucharistic Minister: Deacon Tom Landry

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

Mass Schedules

Weekend

Saturday at 5:00 PM
Sunday at 10:00 AM

Weekdays

Tuesday—Friday

Mass at 8:30 AM—Sanctuary
Rosary - 8:00 AM, before daily Mass

LIVE Stream

Sunday, 10:00 AM and Daily Masses
at 8:30 AM on our website at
www.stpiusxblgs.org. Click Live-
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Sacraments

Reconciliation: Sat. 3:30-4:30 PM
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O Lord, who hast said: "Unless you become as little children, you shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven," grant us, we beseech Thee, so to walk in the footsteps of thy blessed Virgin Theresa with a humble and single heart, that we may attain to everlasting rewards: who livest and reignest world without end. Amen.

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