# St. Pius X Parish

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May 28, 2023

Pentecost Sunday

### Prayer for the Holy Spirit

Holy Spirit, fan into flame the gifts
I received in my Baptism and Confirmation.
I want to receive the fire of Your love
as Your disciples did at Pentecost.
Come with wonder and awe,
with wisdom, understanding, and counsel,
with courage and faith in You.
Holy Spirit, may my actions witness
to Your presence in my life.

Help me to see the ways my strengths can serve others in their weakness.

In all my interactions, I want to radiate love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

Breathe new life into the world through me.

Amen.

Below: Peter Riedel recently captured this artful photo of our church through the blossoms.



#### You Belong Here

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.

# Food Collection Next Weekend

Our June 3-4 food collection will go to *Family Service*, *Inc.* **All** shelf stable foods are welcome but the following items are needed now:

- Canned vegetables & fruit
- Soup or chili
- Canned beans
- Spaghetti sauce
- Rice or any type of pasta noodles
- Peanut butter

If you prefer to make a donation, checks may be written directly to "Family Service, Inc." and placed in the collection box by the food bin in the Gathering Area of church.

Thank you to everyone who contributes food for the needy in our community. You are participating in a Corporal Work of Mercy!



Register by this **Thursday**, **June 1**<sup>st</sup> for the best week of the summer! Stellar Vacation Bible School will take place June 12-16<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am-12:00pm each day at the St. Francis Early Childhood Education Center. Volunteers are still needed to be crew leaders, assistant crew leaders, and help with registration. Sign up by scanning the QR code and register as a volunteer or participant. Get ready for an out-of-this-world experience learning to Shine Jesus' Light!

#### **Peace Awards**

At the St. Francis Intermediate School Mass, Thursday May 11, two students from each grade (5-8) were given the Peace Award. These awards are by student nomination. Three students from our parish were awarded: first on the left-Emma, fourth from left,-Raymond, and sixth from the left is McCain. God bless all eight of these children for their ac-



tive discipleship among their fellow students. Congratulations!



#### **More Great St. Pius X News!**



### Honor and Remember on May 29

Fr. Martin and the staff wish everyone a blessed and meaningful Memorial Day. The parish office will be closed on Monday to observe the holiday.

# Funeral Lunch Ministry Seeks Volunteers for Salads, Desserts

Summer is coming and the Funeral Lunch Ministry is looking for additional volunteers! This is an excellent ministry for those who:

- don't want to commit to a large-scale project
- prefer to be "behind the scenes"
- travel or spend extended periods away from Billings.

Simply put, you just volunteer to bring a food dish for a funeral if you are available when the request is made. This ministry thrives with many helpers to ensure that the needs of the funeral lunches will be met.

The disciples of St. Pius X provide this hospitality ministry so that our grieving brothers and sisters in Christ can GATHER in our community to encounter Jesus and feel the LOVE of our community for them. If you have questions, call Shannon in the parish office at 406.656.2522.

Volunteers are contacted through Flocknote communications (usually through email, but texts if you prefer) on a rotating basis when funeral lunches are requested by the family according to the expected luncheon size. To allow fairness and respect to all food volunteers, a food rotation has been set up. This spreads out the requests to different individuals, while allowing flexibility depending on

needs. When you receive the Flocknote, just choose what you want to bring and hit the "Sign me up" button when you're done. Reminders are sent when the signup closes.

If you haven't volunteered yet, use the QR code to sign up directly to be a food volunteer.



# Looking for a Way to be a Dynamic Disciple?

There are plenty of ways St. Pius X parishioners can help St. Vincent dePaul. The

contact for Volunteer Programs is Janice Krueger (a parishioner and volunteer!). Please contact her at 406.831.5209 or *janice@svdpmt.org*.

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#### **Early Bulletin Deadline**

If you would like something in the June 11 bulletin, please submit to Shelly by the end of the day on Thursday, June 1. Thank you!

#### **Bringing Home the Word Handouts**

Prior to the pandemic, St. Pius X offered a two-sided handout each week called *Bringing Home the Word*. These sheets enhance reflection on the Sunday readings at Mass and include additional interesting information to help us GROW in relationship to Jesus. Please find these weekly handouts in the upright paper holders found on either side of the entry doors in the Gathering Area.

# Help Us Keep Toddlers Safe at Church

Hearing aid batteries are very dangerous and can be lethal for children who swallow them. Our custodian often finds used hearing aid batteries in pews, in restrooms, and on window ledges. The best way to dispose of them is to throw them in the garbage. Why? Because we want to keep toddlers safe at St. Pius!

#### **Remaining Saints Softball Games**

Please come and cheer for the Saints at Stewart Park! Saints are a team of St. Pius X parishioners who enjoy softball.

May 29 off/make ups

June 5 6:30pm and 7:45pm Field 3

• June 12 9:00pm Field 2

• June 26 6:30pm Field 3



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ebooks, and video-based studies from trusted providers like the Augustine Institute, Ignatius Press, Catholic Answers, the Knights of Columbus, St. Paul Center, Sophia Press and more. Interested? Go to <a href="formed.org">formed.org</a>, 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!

Below: A close up of the blossoming trees! Courtesy of Peter Riedel.



### **In and Around Our Parish Community**

#### LaVie Asks for Your Support for the Baby **Bottle Campaign**

Change for Hope will run from May 14 through June 18. This is one of their largest fundraising events. Proceeds keep LaVie's doors open as they strive to empower individuals to embrace hope by providing loving, compassionate care for early pregnancies. Funds raised during Change For Hope are used to fund the programs offered by LaVie which assist women facing unplanned pregnancies with education, services, and information promoting life-affirming options, along with medical services. Please visit https://secure.fundeasy.com/ministrysync/event/?e=25099 to donate to LaVie and help support this life-saving organization in Billings. If you'd prefer to donate physically, we have LaVie's Change For Hope display in the Gathering Area of church. Please use one of the giving envelopes or QR Code provided on the display. If you're interested in learning more about the services LaVie offers, please visit laviebillings.com.

#### Sarah Invites Kids to St. Thomas Camp

Hello! My name is Sarah Pankratz, a former parishioner of St. Pius X, and I'm the head counselor at St. Thomas Camp in Monarch, Montana this summer. This camp is a chance for young Catholics to gather in community with each other and discover more about their Catholic identity in a beautiful, activity filled, faith-driven environment. Parents can register their kids and find more information at https://www.saintthomascamp.com/. See sidebar for dates.



The University of Providence, Great Falls, is hiring a Director of Campus Minis-

try and a Campus Minister to continue building this essential expression of Catholic identity and mission. If interested in learning more, please see their webpage at uprovidence.edu/employment/open-positions/.

#### Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Consider a private weekend together and receive a new spirit for the life that you have committed to living together. The next weekend is at the Great Northern Hotel in Malta, MT June 9-11. The application fee is \$100. Visit wwme.org or call 307.215.9444 for additional information.

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

Brother Knights, we are back in full swing with our Friday Night Bingo. Please join us on Friday night in the Fellowship Hall at 7:00pm for a night of fun and fellowship. Win up to \$100 on our blackout game at the end of the night. Anyone 18 years old or older can play. Bring along a friend and join in on the fun!

### Stewardship Report for May 21, 2023

\$14,474.00 Grand Total of Collection Weekly Average Needed \$21,346.00 Annual Parish Budget \$1,100,000.00 Contributions needed to date \$1,003,262.00 Contributions received to date \$980,725.07 **Budget Income Shortfall** (\$22,536.93)

Thank you!

#### Area Events

#### Monday, May 29

A Memorial Day Mass will be celebrated at St. Ann's Chapel at 10:30am in Holv Cross Cemetery. Bishop Jeffrey Fleming will be the celebrant with Fr. Leo McDowell concelebrating.

### Retrouvaille for Troubled Marriages

Go to HelpOurMarriage.com and register for the August 4-6 weekend in Great Falls, Montana or call 1.800.470.2230 to find out more

#### St. Thomas Camp for Youth

The following is the 2023 schedule for St. Thomas Camp in Monarch, Montana. All youth in the diocese are welcome!

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. Martin's Homilies

If you would like to read Fr. Martin's homily from the weekend Mass, you will find it posted on our website under the Worship tab and then select 'Homilies'. Fr. Martin's homilies are posted after the weekend they were delivered.



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

#### Sat., May 27 & Sun., May 28 at church

- LaVie 'Change for Hope' fundraiser envelopes & QR code, Gathering Area
- Sunday: Bag Building for SVdP sandwich ministry, 9:30am, Fellowship Hall

#### Monday, May 29

#### **Memorial Day**

- NO daily Mass
- Parish office closed for holiday

#### Tuesday, May 30

- Mass, 8:30am (Live-streamed)
- WoW prayer group, 1:00pm, Parish Center # 3
- Middle and High School Youth Ministry, 6:30pm, Youth Center

#### Wednesday, May 31

- Mass, 8:30am (Live-streamed)
- Children of Joy and Gladness (charismatic prayer),
   3:00pm, Day Chapel

#### Thursday, June 1

- Mass, 8:30am (Live-streamed)
- Christian Service Comm., 6:30pm, Parish Ctr. #3

#### Friday, June 2

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

#### Sat., June 3 & Sun., June 4 in the Gathering Area

- Food Collection for Family Service Inc.
- LaVie 'Change for Hope' fundraiser envelopes & QR code, Gathering Area

# **Scripture Reflection:**Pentecost

Acts 2:1-11 Psalm 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13 John 20:19-23

I hope you'll acknowledge with me a simple fact: it's not normal to have tongues of fire "part and come to rest" on people. It is actually pretty strange. Yet that is precisely what we celebrate in this feast of Pentecost. How can this mean something to us in our daily lives?

Jews had a tradition that heaven is a temple made of bricks of fire. So, through the apostles, the heavenly temple is coming to earth. But this fire looks like tongues, not bricks. That means that heavenly speech will be crucial to building a dwelling place for God on earth among men and women. So, it's no surprise when the apostles begin to speak in a miraculous way that is understood by all language groups. They are speaking of what God has done in and through Jesus: bringing heaven to earth and uniting all peoples to God and to each other.

How often our speech divides: gossip, slander, insults, and so on. How strange and rare it is when people speak in ways that truly unite instead of divide. Imagine how powerful it would be if you and I began to speak at home, at work, and in our community in a way that made people hear heavenly speech. Imagine if you spoke of the mighty deeds of God in a way that everyone could understand. That's precisely what the Holy Spirit descends upon us to do. Ask Him to come as a tongue of fire to you once again, and He will. Then speak! — Father John Muir ©LPi





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#### Spread the Word!

The Catholic Foundation of Eastern Montana is now accepting grant applications for 2023. Any Catholic organization or ministry in our diocese can apply to receive a grant of up to \$5,000. Visit: <a href="mailto:catholicfoundationmt.org/grants-program/">catholicfoundationmt.org/grants-program/</a> to learn more and apply. The application deadline is Saturday, June 3, 2023.

### **Mass Intentions & Readings**

Monday, May 29, The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

Genesis 3:9-15, 20, Psalm 87:1-3, 5-7, John 19:25-34

Tuesday, May 30

Sirach 35:1-12, Psalm 50:5-8, 14, 23, Mark 10:28-31

8:30am Mass: Int. of Ella Stordahl

Wednesday, May 31, The Visitation of the Blessed

Virgin Mary

Zephaniah 3:14-18, Isaiah 12:2-6, Luke 1:39-56

8:30am Mass: † Erick Krueger

Thursday, June 1, St. Justin

Sirach 42:15-25, Psalm 33:2-9, Mark 10:46-52

8:30am Mass: † Genevieve Schwend

**Friday, June 2**, Sts. Marcellinus and Peter Sirach 44:1, 9-13, Psalm 149:1-6, 9, Mark 11:11-26

8:30am Mass: † Robert Kappel

**Saturday, June 3**, St. Charles Lwanga & Companions Sirach 51:12-20, Psalm 19:8-11, Mark 11:27-33 **5:00pm Mass: Int. of St. Pius X Parishioners** 

Sunday, June 4 The Most Holy Trinity

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13:11-13, John 3:16-18

8:30am Mass: † Sharyn Smith and Tammy Goff

11:00am Mass: † Mary Bush

In thanksgiving for the lives of Kay Knudson and Carol Seitz.
Please keep their families in your prayers.

#### Thank You!

"Thank you for your generous donation to Tumbleweed. Your donation helps us continue our work in providing safety, assistance, and hope to the vulnerable and unhoused youth in our community. You are helping to create lasting change!" ~ Georgia Cady, Executive Director of Tumbleweed

# Ministry Schedule: June 3-4, 2023

Saturday, 5:00pm Mass

Greeter: Jackie Fears, Arlene Forney Usher: Mike Persha, Keith Schott, Need 2

Lector: BJ Sletta-1, Richard King-2

Sacristan: Joyce Stoppel Altar Minister: Nancy Wandler

Eucharistic Minister: Fr. Martin, Heather Kaiser,

Jeanne Moller, Mark Sevier

Cross: Skyler Sanchez, Server: Jennilyn Wilson

Nursery: Julie Ann Wilson

Sunday, 8:30am Mass

**Greeter:** Ferd Duchesneau, Sheila McClintock **Usher:** Andy Mikes, Richard Wood, **Need 2 Lector:** Bob Keene-1, Shannon Behounek-2

Sacristan: Need 1

Altar Minister: Rick McCann

Eucharistic Minister: Fr. Martin, Deacon Tom, Lisa

Wood, Ron Yates

Cross: Need 1, Server: Need 1

Nursery: Kelly Keller

Sunday, 11:00am Mass Greeter: Mary Rah, Need 1

Usher: Steve & Nicole Geiger, Bob Riesinger, Need

1

Lector: Andrea Horrell-1, Vicki Marquis-2

**Sacristan:** Germaine Riesinger **Altar Minister:** Lynn DeMeyer

Eucharistic Minister: Fr. Martin, Susan Johnson,

Ross Marguis, Sandi McGovern

Cross: Casey Rah, Server: Lizzie Rah Nursery: 1 Trained Attendant Needed

#### **National Collection for CCC**

Thank you for your generosity toward last week's collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). Your support helps the CCC engage and build community for millions, here in the United States and around the world. Half the money collected remains here in the diocese of Great Falls-Billings to support local efforts. If you missed the collection and would like to contribute, go to usccb.org/ccc. Thank you!

# Bishop's Letter about the Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA)

Please find the ACA Wrap Up Letter from Bishop Warfel on a table in the Gathering Area of church. Thank you to all who supported the appeal this year!

#### **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.

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Bulletin notices are due by 4:30pm on Monday. 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 <a href="https://www.stpiusxblgs.org">www.stpiusxblgs.org</a>. Click Live-Stream on the homepage.

#### **Sacraments**

Reconciliation: Sat. 3:30-4:30 PM Baptism: Call us for details Marriage: Six-month preparation

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