

St. Pius X Parish

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Bulletin

May 30, 2021

The Most Holy Trinity

New Mass Times & Nursery Open!

As we return to three Masses on the weekend, please note that Saturday Mass time stays at 5:00pm but

Sunday Masses are now at 8:30am and 11:00am. The Nursery is now available at all three Mass times! See you at church!

Memorial Day

Fr. Greg and staff wish you a safe and blessed Memorial Day weekend. The parish office will be closed on Monday, May 31 to observe the holiday.

Pictured bottom right: Fr. Greg's brother, Corky, and his wife Deanna, stopped in to congratulate Fr. Greg last Sunday.



Thanks from Fr. Greg

Thank you to everyone who made my 40th anniversary of Ordination a special occasion. Thank you for coming to celebrate with me! I appreciate all the cards, gifts, blessings and cupcakes!

Vaccine Clinic Next Saturday

Riverstone Health is offering a free vaccine clinic on June 6 from 9:30am-11:00am in the St. Pius X Fellowship Hall. Two options will be available Pfizer-BioNTech (now available for those 12 years old and up) and the Johnson & Johnson vaccine (one dose only). Please sign up in the Gathering Area of church or call the parish office in advance so we can plan the correct number of nurses.



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'.

Note: Live-stream at 11:00am Mass

Next weekend our Sunday Mass times will change to 8:30am and 11:00am. We will Live-stream the 11:00am Mass. An archived copy will be available on the parish website, www.stpiusxblgs.org, at any time after that during the day or week. Simply go to the homepage and click on the 'Live-stream' bar on the right side, then scroll down until you see the video screen. You may choose the Mass you wish to watch.

Food Collection Next Weekend

Our June 5-6 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, 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!



Make a donation to our parish via this QR code for Venmo or PayPal. Access is also available on our website homepage.



Children lined up last Sunday at the end of Mass ready to bring in Fr. Greg's gifts of four new chasubles, one for each liturgical season.

Children's Liturgy of the Word Begins Again

Children's Liturgy of the Word will begin again on June 13th at the 11:00am Mass! Children will be dismissed after the opening prayer for prayer and discussion on the readings in an age appropriate way. Contact Jessie at jr@stpiusxblgs.org if you are interested in sharing your gifts in this very important ministry.

Prayer for the 2021 Graduates

"Dear God, we pray that you would give our children wisdom and direction in making decisions, and in each new situation and journey you have for them now.



Teach them to listen closely to your voice, that they would have a heart to obey your Word and have a desire to make the right choices.

We pray that these we love so much would walk faithfully and diligently in all your ways. We ask that you would make their footsteps firm, that your Word would be a constant lamp for their feet and a light to their path. May they sense the freshness of your Spirit over their lives in amazing ways, and may they be strengthened, instilled with hope, for the new roads you have in store.

We ask for your wisdom and clear direction over their lives, that you would give them understanding beyond their years. We ask for you to open doors that need to be opened and close every one that should be shut tight. Allow every gift and treasure you have placed inside their lives to grow, develop, and flourish to bring you glory. Amen."

Family Promise Host Week, June 20-26

St. Pius' host week begins soon but at a static site, First United Methodist Church downtown at 2800 4th Ave. N. St. Pius will provide groceries and volunteers for our June 20-26 host week. We are looking for volunteers who are interested in providing an evening meal (5:30-6:30pm), being an evening host (6:30-8:30pm) or being an overnight host (8:30pm-6:00am). We will also need help with set up and laundering of bedding. Please contact Shelly at 281-8501 for more information on how you can help hardworking families overcome homelessness.

Young Disciples Gather to Celebrate Pentecost!

On Wednesday, May 19th, families who participated in the family catechesis program were invited to a Closing Program at the Church. The night focused on growing young disciples by learning about the Holy Spirit. Thank you to the following catechists who led and supported the families throughout the year: Roxanne Kuntz (preschool), Jeana Wulf (Kindergarten), Rebekah McKenzie (1st grade), Julie Wilson (1st grade), Lorraine Gallinger (3rd grade), and Jessica Sebastian (4th and 5th grade).



Kids and parents playing games in the youth center.



Learning about the fruits of the Holy Spirit and Pentecost in the opening prayer service.



Creating wind socks as a reminder that the Holy Spirit is symbolized by wind.



Enjoying pizza, cake, and fellowship!



In and Around Our Parish Community

Nursery Attendants Needed!

One of the most important ways we show support to young people in our community of disciples is to provide a nursery for children 6 months through 5 years during Mass. A critical part of seeing the return of the 11:00am Mass includes providing the nursery to support our young families in growing as disciples of Jesus! Why do we have a nursery for young families? Because parents need our help to freely experience the nourishing love of Jesus at Mass so they can disciple their children throughout the week! We need your help with volunteers for this ministry. Please contact Teresa at children@stpiusxbgls.org if you would like to learn about volunteering in this invaluable ministry.



You are Gifted, You are Called

We are seeking parishioners wishing to be proclaimers of the Risen Christ to newcomers in our faith community. As we move further along into the 2021-2022 RCIA (*Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults*) liturgical calendar year, we are now accepting your questions about joining our RCIA team. This RCIA church ministry primarily consists of two areas: Team faith formation leaders and team sponsors for our candidates/ catechumens. Personal encounters with Jesus and a deepening relationship with Him—we know—are elemental to growing in our Christian faith. You are a disciple of Jesus Christ. If you feel a deepening intimacy with God; if you feel the Holy Spirit moving within your being, please let us know. Feel free to contact Matt Low at the parish office, 656-2522. You just might be the guide who shines the transformative "Light of Christ" into another's life. May the *Love of Christ* continue to work within You.

Celebrating Babies Two Ways!

Change For Hope – LaVie's Virtual Baby Bottle Campaign will run from May 9th through June 20th. LaVie is asking for your help. Visit <http://www.fundeasy.com/m/5138658/> and donate to LaVie and help St. Pius X meet the goal of \$3,000. Let's help fill LaVie's virtual baby bottle! If you're interested in learning more about the services LaVie offers, please visit www.laviebillings.com.

Diaper and Baby Items Collection - 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 size 1-3 month 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 and support new parents who may be struggling. Diapers will be collected to fill the Family Promise Mobile Diaper Bank. All baby items will go to LaVie for their layette sets. Please drop off items in the blue shopping cart in the Gathering Area of church. Thank you for your support!

Stewardship Report: May 23, 2021

Envelope Donation	\$5,550.00	Parishioner Envelopes & EFT	135
Loose Checks	\$4,880.00	Annual Parish Budget	\$1,080,000.00
Loose Cash	\$141.00	Contributions needed to-date	\$976,190.00
Electronic Fund Transfer	\$7,053.00	Contributions received to-date	\$945,909.48
Total Collection	\$17,624.00	Budget Income (Shortfall)	(\$30,280.52)
Weekly Average Needed	\$20,770.00		

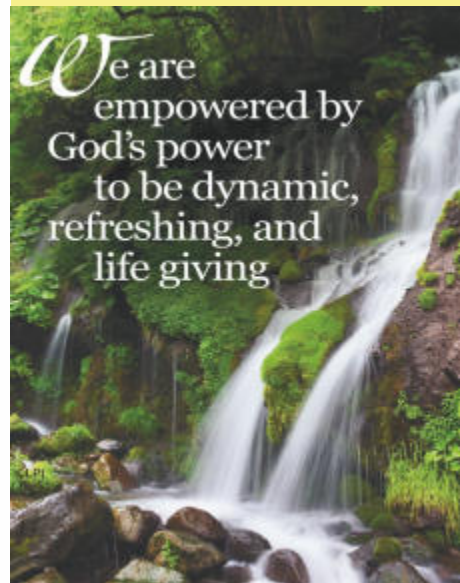
Area Events.

Wednesday, June 3

- Catholic Social Teaching 101 study group Zoom at 1:00pm with Shelly Greenfield or at 7:00pm with Mike Paquette. Sign up for this excellent study on Flocknote by texting SPXBLG to 84576. Watch the 3-5 minute video prior to the Zoom meeting and continue the discussion! Find out how we are called to be disciples in today's culture through the principles of Catholic Social Teaching! Call Shelly at 281-8501 if you have questions.

St. Thomas Summer Camp in 2021

The Diocese will host the St. Thomas Summer Camp in Monarch, MT this summer. Campers range in age from grade 5 to High School on separate weeks. Find out which week is offered for your child and more information at www.diocesegfb.org.



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

Saturday, May 29 at church

- Reconciliation, 3:30pm, Fellowship Hall
- Mass, 5:00pm
- Collecting Brown Bag Lunch supplies, Diapers or Baby items, shopping carts in the Gathering Area

Sunday, May 30 at church

- Mass, 10:00am (Live-streamed)
- Collecting Brown Bag Lunch supplies, Diapers or Baby items, shopping carts in the Gathering Area

Monday, May 31

Memorial Day

- NO Mass
- Parish Office Closed

Tuesday, June 1

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

Wednesday, June 2

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

Thursday, June 3

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

Friday, June 4

- 11:00am, Funeral Mass for Amy Hart

Saturday, June 5 at church

- Reconciliation, 3:30pm, Fellowship Hall
- Mass, 5:00pm
- Collecting Brown Bag Lunch supplies, Diapers or Baby items, shopping carts in the Gathering Area
- Food Collection for Family Service, Inc.

Sunday, June 6 at church

- Masses, 8:30am (Live-streamed) & 11:00am
- Collecting Brown Bag Lunch supplies, Diapers or Baby items, shopping carts in the Gathering Area
- Food Collection for Family Service, Inc.

Scripture Reflection: Most Holy Trinity

Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40
Psalm 33:4-6, 9, 18-20, 22
Romans 8:14-17
Matthew 28:16-20

Let God be who God is. This is often one of the hardest things to do. Rather than allowing the mystery of being created in the image and likeness of God unfold and take root in our lives, we change the dynamic. We want to be the creators who want to make God into the image and likeness we need God to be. We have a hard-enough time letting the people in our lives be who they are. We struggle even more so with God. It is almost as if we want God to be our imaginary friend who is not only with us whenever we need but becomes the Being we need God to be. Who is it that we want God to be today? A protector, disciplinarian, champion for justice, healer, advocate for our cause, grantor of prayers, guardian of my life, or the avenger? Our prayers tell an interesting story. When you pray, what does God look like?

Recently, a young woman who was feeling invisible, overlooked, ignored, and misunderstood by her husband struggled to make her feelings known and get his attention. Finally, she screamed, "Listen to me!" Thus, birth was given to a renewed and healthier relationship. We spend so much time storming heaven with our agenda and trying to make God into a "god" of our desires that we do not hear God saying, "Listen to me!" God is desperately trying to get our attention. God is saying, I am here among you as not one but three, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Many people seldom notice God's presence because they are so caught up with other spiritual cares and concerns. And, when the "god" they fashion and create doesn't produce as they desire, they shake the dust from their feet and move on. "I tried," they exclaim, "but God didn't listen."

Healthy relationships aren't built on making someone be who we need them to be. Healthy relationships are built on encounters of persons and the development of an appreciation of someone solely for who they are. Deeper relationships can even be found with two people marveling at each other and almost experiencing a childlike joy and giddiness when they see the other coming. Do you ever have these feelings about God? Believe it or not, God does for you! There is a joyful laughter that gives rise to and connects all three members of the Holy Trinity. It is this laughter, flowing from the very depths of the Godhead that not only keeps the Trinity in joyful unity but spills over into the creation of all beings and things. It is an expression of Divine Delight! Have you ever taken time away from your agenda to experience the Divine Joyfulness of God?

We can reach a connection of Presence wherein
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Mass Intentions & Readings

Monday, May 31, Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Zephaniah 3:14-18, Isaiah 12:2-6, Luke 1:39-56
NO Mass

Tuesday, June 1, St. Justin
Tobit 2:9-14, Psalm 112:1-2, 7-9, Mark 12:13-17
8:30am Mass: † Lou Adler

Wednesday, June 2, Sts. Marcellinus and Peter
Tobit 3:1-11, 16-17, Psalm 25:2-9, Mark 12:18-27
8:30am Mass: † John Thomas

Thursday, June 3, St. Charles Lwanga & Companions
Tobit 6:10-11; 7:1, 9-17; 8:4-9, Psalm 128:1-5, Mark
12:28-34
8:30am Mass: † Erick Krueger

Friday, June 4
Tobit 11:5-17, Psalm 146:1-2, 6-10, Mark 12:35-37
11:00am Funeral Mass: † Amy Hart

Saturday, June 5, St. Boniface
Tobit 12:1, 5-15, 20, Tobit 13:2, 6-8, Mark 12:38-44
5:00pm Mass: Int. of St. Pius X Parishioners

Sunday, June 6, The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ
Exodus 24:3-8, Psalm 116:12-13, 15-18, Hebrews 9:11-15, Mark 14:12-16, 22-26
8:30am Mass: † Kay Keller
11:00am Mass: † Marie Clare Golden

Scripture Reflection continued...

even the smallest of creatures suddenly radiate the fullness of God: the wonderful creation of their being, the innocence and playfulness of their movements, and the sustaining life breath that flows through their veins. The same God who created the heavens and the earth is the same God who wants you to call him 'Dad' and the same God who preserves your life and has all things in His care.

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touch the entire faith community of the Church of Eastern Montana. Your support is received with great gratitude, and conviction that we are growing as a family of faith, sharing in toils and happiness together, and being molded into the image of God. Please make a contribution today. Envelopes are available for this campaign in the Gathering Area of church. Thank you to all who have already contributed.

Ministry Schedule: June 5-6, 2021

Saturday, 5:00 PM

Greeter: Jeanne Moller, Bonnie Wutzke

Usher: Dan Dooley, Bob Holbrook, Dan Miller, Keith Schott

Lector: Bree Peterson-1, Eileen Hendershot-2

Sacristan: Joyce Stoppel

Altar Minister: Clare Dooley

Eucharistic Minister: Deacon Tom Landry, David Plourde, Denise Smith, Tyler Wiltgen

Altar Server: Luella Langlinais-Cross, Michael Roper
-Altar

Sunday, 8:30 AM

Greeter: Shannon Behounek, Lisa Wood

Usher: Steve Komar, Chuck Legerski, Greg Luck, Andy Mikes

Lector: John Pankratz-1, Kim Komar-2

Sacristan: Gail Mack

Altar Minister: Don Judice

Eucharistic Minister: Rick & Sharon McCann, Lin Roscoe, Ron Yates

Cross Bearer: Luke Pankratz-Cross, Logan Miller-Altar

Sunday, 11:00 AM (Live-streamed)

Greeter: Markus Hulquist, Joe Larimer

Usher: Roland Barnes, Kyle Brehm, David Mork, Michael Riedel

Lector: Paul Rausch-1, Andrea Horrell-2

Sacristan: Clarinda Kremer

Altar Minister: Lynn DeMeyer

Eucharistic Minister: Brittany Blood, Rosita Furigay-O'Donnell, Ross Marquis, Mary Taylor

Cross Bearer: Camryn Clark-Cross, Quinn Clark-Altar

Men's and Women's Clothing Needed

Although St. Vincent de Paul no longer has a Thrift Store, the Clothing and Essential Program is in need of men's and women's clothing. Shoes, blankets, and personal hygiene items are always in demand no matter what the season. If you have any donations, please bring them to the St. Pius X drop off box in the Gathering Area of church or drop them off at St. Vincent dePaul located at 3005 1st Ave. You may call SVdP for a pick up, too at 252-1855.

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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-
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Sacraments

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

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Prayer to St. Theresa
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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