# St. Pius X Parish

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# November 14, 2021

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

# WORD

"Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away."

MARK 13:31



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# Welcome Home!

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

# **Blood Drive Nov. 23**

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, November 23 from 12:15 to 5:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. The practice of social distancing and masks will be utilized. Signup online at www.kofc9976.org. If you have any questions, please contact Bob Holbrook at unclebug111@gmail.com or call (406) 671-5694. Set aside any fears and help save a life!

# Toiletry Collection Benefits Many

Next weekend, St. Pius X will be collecting hygiene items for Tumbleweed, St. Vincent dePaul and Period Pals (*new, see page 4*). Items collected will be used to create hygiene kits and will be available to at risk youth and low income or homeless adults and families. Items needed are listed below. *Please, only new or unopened items.* 

- Travel or regular size toothpaste, lotion, shampoo, conditioner
- Deodorant, combs, brushes, toothbrushes, razors, acne medication
- Feminine hygiene products of all types
- Socks for teens, women & men
- Foot powder



Above: Three Veterans greet each other last weekend. Each weekend Mass included a prayer of blessing for all of our veterans.

# This Week's Focus is: Love



This weekend we begin Week 4 of

our **Five Weeks of Thanksgiving** celebration and we embrace the characteristic of discipleship, **LOVE**. We learn to love unconditionally like Jesus! We think and pray about how we love and ask Jesus to teach us daily.

As we ponder unconditional love in our lives, we give thanks for those in our community at large and in our St. Pius family who are Healthcare Workers, Active Military & Veterans, Fire Fighters, First Responders, Educators, Caregivers, Service Industry workers, Food Industry Workers and others who have given of their lives in heroic ways this past 18+ months.

Today as you leave Mass, we ask that you take a parish calendar with you. In the weeks and months ahead, think of the many ways we can practice unconditional love.

We just have one week left in our **Five Weeks of Thanksgiving**. We prayerfully hope you are feeling the love of Jesus growing in your hearts!

## **Children's Christmas Choir**

The St. Pius X Youth Choir invites all students pre-school through 8<sup>th</sup> grade to join the Christmas Youth Choir. Rehearsals are on these Wednesdays in December: 12/1, 12/8, 12/15 & 12/22 from 5:30 - 6:30pm in the church. The Christmas Youth Choir will sing at the 4:30pm Mass on Christmas Eve. We will be adding new songs this year, so students should plan to attend all four rehearsals.

# **Children's Ministry**

Thank you to everyone who decorated a trunk, donated candy, served food, or attended our first annual trunk or treat event. The candy was abundant along with the smiles on the kids' faces. Thank you for your support and dedication to our youngest disciples. God bless!

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# At a Glance...

**Christmas Angel** gift requests will be available for selection next weekend before and after Masses in the Fellowship Hall. The return date for wrapped gifts is December 12.

### **Thanksgiving Mass**

will be Wednesday, November 24 at 7:00pm in the church. There will be no morning Mass that day or on the mornings of November 25-26. Happy Thanksgiving!

### The Catholic Campaign for Human Development National Collection will take

place next weekend. More than thirty-eight million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face as they work to bring permanent and positive change to their communities. Pick up a flyer in the Gathering Area of church or learn more at <u>www.usccb.org/cchd</u>.

### 2022 At Home with the Word Books Available

This reflection book is designed to help you prepare and reflect on the Sunday and Holy Day scriptures proclaimed at Mass. It begins with the first Sunday of Advent on November 28, 2021. Books are available for \$9.00 at the parish office.

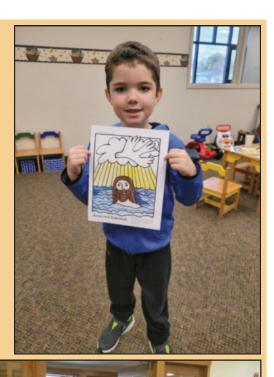
### Raffle Supports Ministries of Our Diocese

Tickets are available until May 20, 2022 for the Diocesan Raffle Fundraiser for \$20 each at the St. Pius X parish office. Get your tickets soon to be eligible for the three early bird cash drawings! Amazing variety of exciting prizes!

### Telling Our Story as we Gather ...

Clockwise from top: Marge Larimer returns freshly laundered vestments, Harrison colored a picture in the Nursery, Mary Brown helps parishioners with nametags, we bless our Veterans for their service to our country at all Masses.







# **In and Around Our Parish Community**

# Four Parishioners Launch 'Period Pals'

Period Pals is a new non-profit service which distributes feminine hygiene products to women who are below the poverty line or homeless in Billings, Montana. It is inspired by the Alliance for Period Supplies founded by U by Kotex, a manufacturer of such products. The Alliance encourages communities to sponsor product drives in an effort to end "period poverty." Working with over 100 period supply banks, it provides more than 420K worry-free cycles across our nation annually.

Before Period Pals was started, no such program existed in Montana. Research by U by Kotex in 2018 found that one out of every six women in Montana between the ages of 14 and 44 lives below the poverty line, making access to feminine products a struggle. They find themselves using other items such as socks and toilet tissue or steal hygiene products from their friends. Just as unfortunate, school-age girls are often absent from school and activities. Women miss work monthly which causes the loss of their jobs, perpetuating their poverty, which in turn increases their inability to buy period protection. And neither SNAP (food stamps) nor WIC (Women, Infants and Children program) allows purchase of these basic necessities.

Presently, Period Pals consists of four volunteer women from St. Pius X parish who work to provide menstrual supplies. To date they have contacted five organizations to sponsor product donation drives from which six local charities will benefit. Please consider giving feminine hygiene products to Period Pals in next weekend's Toiletry Drive.

# Youth Ministry this Week

Junior High Youth Group will meet on Tuesday, November 16 and High School on Wednesday, November 17 at 6:30pm in the Youth Center. No Youth Group activities scheduled on November 23 & 24.

# St. Pius X Knights of Columbus Council 9976

We will hold our monthly General Meeting on Thursday, November 18 in the Fellowship Hall. We will gather to pray the rosary in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel at 6:30pm. The meeting will start at 7:00pm.

Our Christmas Trees will arrive on Sunday, November 21 at approximately 12:30pm. Most of the heavy lifting will be done by students from Central High School but we can use your help as well. Come join us.

Our St Pius X Blood Drive will be held Tuesday, November 23 from 12:15 to 5:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. There are still several appointment times available. Please contact Bob Holbrook at (406) 671-5694 if you would like to schedule an appointment.



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# Stewardship Report: November 7, 2021

**Envelope Donation** Loose Checks Loose Cash Electronic Fund Transfer Total Collection Weekly Average Needed

\$13,949.00 \$3.568.00 \$614.32 \$7.153.00 \$25,284.32 \$20.770.00

Number of Contributors Annual Parish Budget Contributions needed to-date Contributions received to-date Budget Income (Shortfall)

# Area Events.

### Sunday, November 14

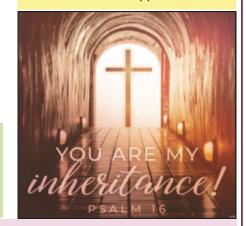
Turkey Bingo, 1:30pm, come early to get a seat and enjoy lunch! 50 cents per card plus 4 blackout games at \$2 per card. Win a turkey! Win your dinner! All at Mary Queen of Peace, 120 South 34th Street.

### Sat., Sun., December 4 & 5

Craft Bazaar...Come support Catholic Daughters Court St. Cecelia at their Craft Bazaar— Open House on December 4 & 5 from 10:00am to 4:00pm each day at 3509 54th Street W. Bring a friend, do some Christmas shopping, enjoy a little Christmas cookie, a glass of wine or hot chocolate. Please contact Darcie at 671-3082 if questions.

# Free Covid-19 Support

Everyone is impacted by the effects of COVID-19. If you are experiencing emotions such as anxiety, depression, stress, sadness, or fear, you are not alone. Call (877) 503-0833 or visit montanacrisisrecovery.com for confidential emotional support.



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

### Sunday, November 14

- RCIA, 9:45am, Parish Center # 3
- Children's Ministry classes, 9:45am, school building
- Liturgy of the Word with Children, 11:00am Mass
- Youth Mass

### Monday, November 15

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

### **Tuesday, November 16**

- Mass, 8:30am, (Live-streamed)
- Finance Council, 4:30pm, Parish Center # 3
- Junior High Youth Ministry, 6:30pm, Youth Center
- Parish Choir rehearsal, 6:30pm, Sanctuary

### Wednesday, November 17

- Mass, 8:30am, (Live-streamed)
- Sandwich Making Ministry, 9:00am, Fellowship Hall
- Children's Choir, 3:30pm, Sanctuary
- Junior High & High School Choir, 4:30pm, church
- Children's Ministry classes, 4;30pm, school building
- High School Youth Ministry, 6:30pm, Youth Center
- Pastoral Council, 7:00pm, Parish Center # 3

### Thursday, November 18

- Mass, 8:30am, (Live-streamed)
- Knights of Columbus Council, 6:30pm, Fellowship Hall

### Friday, November 19

- Mass, 8:30am, (Live-streamed)
- Parish office closed for Staff Retreat
- Staff Retreat, 9:00am, Fellowship Hall
- St. Michael's Circle, noon, Parish Center # 3

### Saturday, November 20

Parish Catalyst Leadership Retreat, 9:30am, Fellowship Hall

### Sat., Nov. 20 & Sun., Nov. 21 at church

- Toiletry Collection for Tumbleweed, St. Vincent dePaul and Period Pals, Gathering Area
- Christmas Angels available after Masses, Fellowship Hall
- Sunday: RCIA, 9:45am, Parish Center # 3
- Sunday: NO Children's Ministry classes
- Liturgy of the Word with Children, 11:00am Mass

# Liturgy of the Word with Children

November 21 at 11:00am

### **Scripture Reflection:** Thirty-third Daniel 12:1-3 Sunday in **Ordinary Time** Mark 13:24-32

Psalm16:5, 8-11 Hebrews 10:11-14, 18

"And then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in the clouds' with great power and glory." Take a moment to ponder these words from today's Gospel. How does this image make you feel? For people to truly understand the significance of this message, something profound has to happen within. If we find ourselves reacting with a sense of dread or fear, we have to step back and ask why. Our answer will reveal a great deal about our relationship with God. It's hard to fall in love with a God of whom we are afraid. God does not want us to be afraid. Nor does He want us to align our wills to His in order to avoid some kind of horrendous eternal consequence. That sounds like too much of a superficial power play on the part of God who continues to seek out His children in love.

In order for these words to carry any type of significant meaning for us, they have to resonate with and touch us on a deeper level. They have to be able to connect some dots and have meaning for us in order for this promise to change our lives. Sometimes we get preoccupied with the uncertainty of our deaths. Not knowing when or how we will eventually die can be unsettling. But, more so than needing an answer to the "when" of death, the "what" of death answer we provide has more significance. What happens to us when we die? Whether we die during the natural course of our lives or when Christ comes again, the experience is the same. If we believe that we are meant to live in union with God eternally and that death completes and does not diminish us, then it is worth our time and effort to wait in vigilant hope of the Lord's coming in glory. Our journey back to God is something beautiful to be desired, not dreaded or feared.

Sadly, many folks believe that life is no more than a random occurrence without any purposeful direction or meaning. Death is simply death and nothing more. For them, the Second Coming of Christ and God's eternal promise have no meaning. When we understand the truth about who we are, it changes things up. We then can see ourselves as works in progress who have the choice to either resist the inspirations of the Divine Artist or give into the wonderful creativity of His will. Life awaiting the fullness of Christ to come becomes an unfolding of Divine surprises and abundant joy. God is eternally merciful, forgiving, and welcoming. It is only when we directly reject this gift and turn our backs on Love itself that we have anything to fear.

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# **Mass Intentions & Readings**

**Monday, November 15**, St. Albert the Great 1 Maccabees 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63, Psalm 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158, Luke 18:35-43

**Tuesday, November 16**, St. Margaret of Scotland, St. Gertrude 2 Maccabees 6:18-31, Psalm 3:2-7, Luke 19:1-10

2 Maccabees 6:18-31, Psalm 3:2-7, Luke 19:1-10 8:30am Mass: † Barbara Voeller

**Wednesday, November 17**, St. Elizabeth of Hungary 2 Maccabees 7:1, 20-31, Psalm 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15, Luke 19:11-28

8:30am Mass: † Renee Kramer

Thursday, November 18, The Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter and Paul; St. Rose Philippine Duchesne

1 Maccabees 2:15-29, Psalm 50:1-2, 5-6, 14-15, Luke 19:41-44

8:30am Mass: † Karla Oberg

### Friday, November 19

1 Maccabees 4:36-37, 52-59, 1 Chronicles 29:10-12, Luke 19:45-48

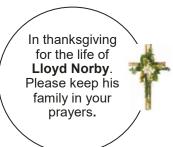
8:30am Mass: Int. of Mike & Bonnie Thomas

### Saturday, November 20

1 Maccabees 6:1-13, Psalm 9:2-4, 6, 16, 19, Luke 20:27-40

5:00pm Mass: † Agnes Reichert

Sunday, November 21 Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Daniel 7:13-14, Psalm 93:1-2, 5, Revelation 1:5-8, John 18:33-37 8:30am Mass: Int. of St. Pius X Parishioners 11:00am Mass: † George Prill



# **Remembrance Book**

During the month of November, the Remembrance Book will be placed near the baptismal font just under the Crucifix. Placing the book by these waters gives us hope that our beloved dead now share in Christ's Resurrection. You are welcome to write the names of your deceased loved ones in the Remembrance Book so others may read, remember and pray for them.

# Ministry Schedule: November 20-21, 2021

Saturday, 5:00 PM Greeter: Betty Warner, Lynne Weber Usher: Jim Kaiser, Richard King, Dan Miller, Keith Schott Lector: Tyler Wiltgen-1, Rosalie Foster-2 Sacristan: Tim Morgan Altar Minister: Clare Dooley Eucharistic Minister: Heather Kaiser, Gary & Connie Marman, Jeanne Moller Cross: Anna Lusin, Server: Josie Lusin Nursery: Malaree Wiltgen

### Sunday, 8:30 AM

Greeter: Donna Berkner, Carrie Mikes Usher: Chuck Legerski, Greg Luck, Gerry Thomas, Richard Wood Lector: Bob Keene-1, Alan Gransberg-2 Sacristan: Jan Kirk Altar Minister: Andy Mikes Eucharistic Minister: Steve & Kim Komar, Deacon Tom Landry, Phil Zeeck Cross: Laila Bakkedahl, Server: Keely Bakkedahl Nursery: Dallas & Dawn Leslie

### Sunday, 11:00 AM (Live-streamed)

Greeter: Markus Hulquist, Mary Rah Usher: Tyler Blood, Joe Larimer, David Mork, Penny Sipes Lector: Michelle Bertelson-1, Kyle Melugin-2 Sacristan: Annette Coffman Altar Minister: Magdalen Wojtowicz Eucharistic Minister: Brittany Blood, Kathy Boileau, Rosita Furigay-O'Donnell, Ross Marquis Cross: Matthew Rah, Server: Casey Rah Nursery: 1 Attendant Needed

# November 24, 2021

### Thanksgiving Vigil Wednesday, 7:00 PM

Greeter: Lynn DeMeyer Usher: Digna Cabrera, Dan Dooley, Bob Riesinger Lector: Lynette Gillig-1 Sacristan: Linda White Altar Minister: Don Judice Eucharistic Minister: Kathleen Bernhardt, Janice Krueger, Deacon Tom Landry, Amanda Michael Cross: Needed, Server: Emma Rohrer Nursery: TBA

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Bulletin notices are due by 4:30pm on Monday. Please email <u>bulletin@stpiusxblgs.org</u> or fax to 656-2584.

# **Mass Schedules**

<u>Weekend</u> 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 <u>www.stpiusxblgs.org</u>. Click Live-Stream on the homepage.

### **Sacraments**

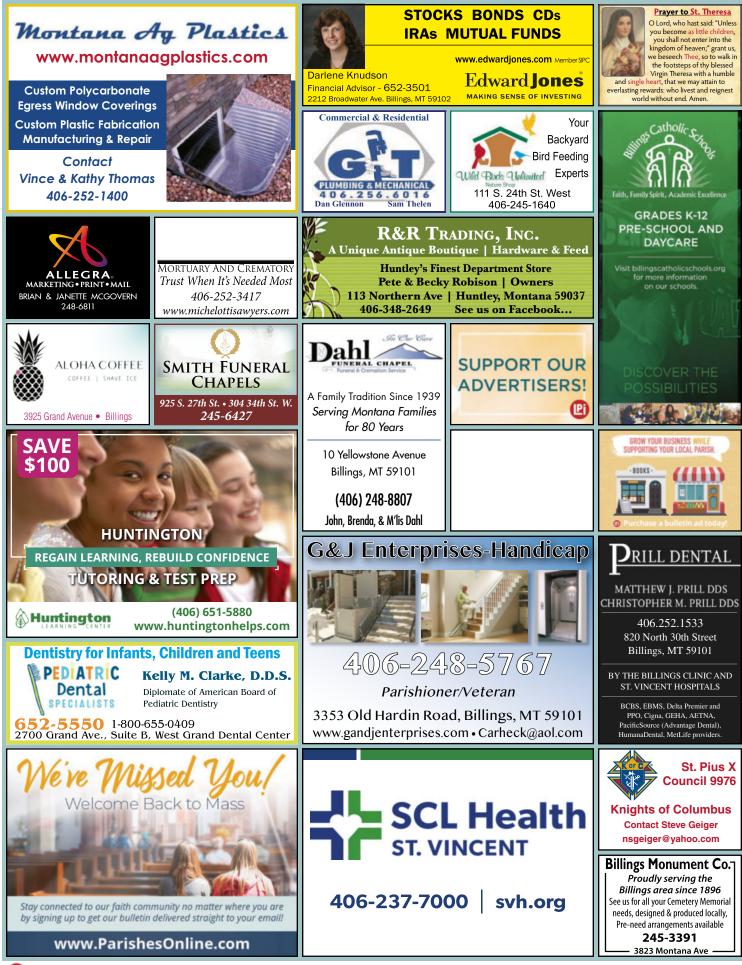
**Reconciliation:** Sat. 3:30-4:30 PM **Baptism:** Call us for details **Marriage:** Six-month preparation required

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