

# St. Pius X Parish

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# Bulletin

November 21, 2021

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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So Pilate said to him, "Then you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say I am a king. For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." John 18:37-38

*Below: Our Director of Liturgy, Nick Coffman, caught these radiant sun beams illuminating the monumental cross in the sanctuary on November 5, 2021.*



## 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 656-2522. You may also visit our website at [www.stpiusxblgs.org](http://www.stpiusxblgs.org) or find us on Facebook at 'St. Pius X.'

## Thanksgiving Mass

Our Thanksgiving Mass will be Wednesday, November 24 at 7:00pm. There will be no morning Mass Nov. 24-26. The parish office will close at noon on November 24 and remain closed November 25-26.

Fr. Greg and the staff wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving!

## Why Give Blood?

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 perhaps three lives? 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. Sign-up online at [www.kofc9976.org](http://www.kofc9976.org). If you have any questions, please contact Bob Holbrook at [unclebug111@gmail.com](mailto:unclebug111@gmail.com) or call (406) 671-5694. Set aside any fears and help save a life!

## 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. Students should plan to attend all four rehearsals.

On November 19, 2012, Rita Brehm became the Administrative Assistant for our parish. Her last day in this position will be Wednesday, November 24<sup>th</sup>. Rita has been, typically, the first voice you've heard or the first face you've seen when contacting the parish offices. The past nine years she's said the words "St. Pius Parish, this is Rita, may I help you?" countless times! A few

of her tasks have included scheduling thousands of parish meetings, events, weddings and funerals; coordinating hundreds of mailings; and, managing a rather daunting parish database including everything from baptisms, marriages and deaths to new registrations. The lure of retirement finally won out, along with the enticement of a second granddaughter and the opportunity to hike, quilt and spend more time with family. While we wish her farewell we know it's not goodbye! She's not going anywhere; you'll still see her and her husband, Kyle, worshiping with us here at St. Pius X. Thank you, Rita, for your years of service. We wish you God's best in this new venture called Retirement.

## Children's Ministry

Just a reminder that we **do not** have Children's Ministry this upcoming week (November 24<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>). Happy Thanksgiving to you and yours! The last regular class of the year will be on December 1<sup>st</sup> for the Wednesday group. Mark your calendars for our Advent family night which will be on December 12<sup>th</sup> from 3:00-4:30pm! This is a time change from the original calendar. Looking forward to seeing you there!

## Christmas Angels, Why Do We Do This?

For many years it has been the tradition of our parish to provide Christmas gifts for low-income families associated with Angela's Piazza: Women's Drop-in Center, AIDSpirit, Family Promise and a few struggling parish families. We want to spread the love of Jesus and brighten Christmas for others who need a message of hope. Angel gift requests will be available for selection today before and after Masses in the Fellowship Hall. The return date for wrapped gifts is December 12. Disciples of Jesus who care for others, thank you for your generosity!



Rita Brehm



We enter the fifth and final week of our **5 Weeks of Thanksgiving!** We have given thanks together these past weeks by thinking about, growing in and praying with the 5 Characteristics of Discipleship which we embrace in our parish: Believe, Grow, Gather, Love and Lead. On this, our final week, we embrace the characteristic LEAD. We are called as a sacramental people to Mission – to lead others to Jesus. This may be the most difficult of all characteristics for it often pushes us out of our comfort zone. But we can be comforted in knowing that we do not do this alone. We walk with one another and we have Jesus walking us!

This week as we pray about our leading others to Jesus, we give special thanks for those in our community who have taken the public commitment to lead, our two Councils: Pastoral and Finance; our four Commissions: Christian Service, Education, Parish Life and Worship. We also give thanks for our Committees like Building & Arts, Cemetery, Development and groups that work tirelessly on our behalf, our Liturgical Ministers, CCW, KCs, and the many faithful disciples who work with groups like CASA, Family Promise, St. Vincent de Paul Conference and so many more.

Watch our latest video testimonial by Jennifer Mack and Bob Brown who are CASA volunteers, in addition to their other discipleship roles here at St. Pius. You will find it on our Facebook page, Instagram and on our website in the News Section.

Five Weeks of Thanksgiving - we continue to give thanks for our God and for you!

## Everyday Stewardship:

### Recognize God in your Ordinary Moments

#### Long Live the King

Did you know that you can become royalty, for the right price? It's true — for the low, low cost of \$50, you, too, can purchase a 12-square-inch souvenir plot of Scottish land and call yourself "Laird So-and-so." Now, this lordship or ladyship doesn't come with the ability to boss anyone around, but maybe your friends will be impressed enough to bend the knee.

My point is, we've all got our own little fiefdoms — folks or communities for which we have a feeling of responsibility. Maybe we're not their "king," but most of us have those we think of as "our people."

Now, in this world, people lay themselves down for their kings. History is riddled with the bodies of men, young and old — and plenty of women and children, too — who were casualties of wars waged by men in power, men who never had to shed their own blood. But in the next world, the King dies for his people. This is leadership par excellence — the leadership of someone whose love is greater than his ambition.

We are all leaders of a sort. On the parish level, you have the obvious roles — serving on pastoral council, a liturgical minister, etc. But you also have the quiet ones who lead from the wings — the janitor who can always be relied upon to do his job, or the volunteer groundskeepers who put in extra hours on the weekends.

There is a saying — find your people. I say, find your people, and find a way to lay yourself down for them, in imitation of the greatest King that ever was. ~Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©CLPi



L to R: Nicole Geiger, Renee O'Dea, Jeanne Moller, Jacqueline Loendorf and Lani Wallace create our Tree of Gratitude from leaves personalized by parishioners notes of gratitude. You'll see it in our Gathering Area of church.

## In and Around Our Parish Community

### Catholic Daughters 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.

### Catholic Young Adults December Events

The Billings Catholic Young Adults will be hosting First Saturday Mass on December 4. Join us at St. Patrick Co-Cathedral at 9:00am for this devotion to Our Lady. Coffee and donuts will be served after. All ages are welcome!

Billings Catholic Young Adults (ages 18+) will be holding a Christmas Party at the Columbia Club. Join us for food, games and fellowship. There will also be a cash bar and a white elephant exchange. To participate, please bring a wrapped gift under \$20. We will see you on December 11 at 6:30pm! You are also welcome to attend Mass with us at St. Thomas the Apostle, before the Christmas Party, at 5:00pm.

### Catholic Campaign for Human Development National Collection

Please be generous in today's special collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. 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 [www.usccb.org/cchd](http://www.usccb.org/cchd).

**Flocknote...** Please use this QR code or text the letters spxdisciple (all one word, lower case) to the short 5 digit phone number 84576. Thank you for staying connected to our vibrant worshipping community!



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

The Christmas trees are arriving this weekend. If you haven't signed up yet for a few shifts on the tree lot, please stop by the tree lot to check the schedule, or call our staffing coordinator, Jacqueline Loendorf. She has already called all the Knights in our Council so you should have her number. Or you can call Bob Holbrook at (406) 671-5694 and he will provide you with contact info for Jacqueline. This is our only major fundraiser for the entire year. Without your support we can't keep this tradition going.

This Tuesday, November 23rd is our Knights of Columbus Blood Drive. Call Bob Holbrook to see if there are any appointments available. One pint of blood can save up to three lives!

Have a safe, blessed, and Happy Thanksgiving!



Make a donation to our parish via this QR code for Venmo or PayPal. Access is also available on our website. Look for these icons at the top of the homepage at [www.stpiusxblgs.org](http://www.stpiusxblgs.org). Thank you for your support!



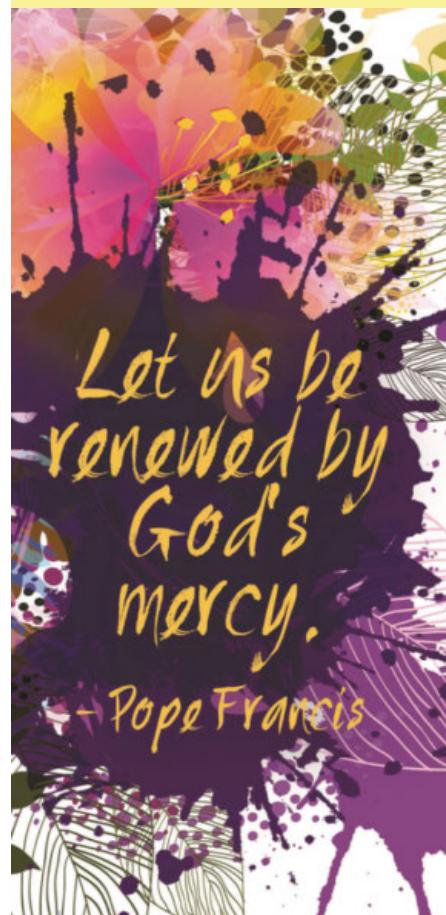
### Area Events

### 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!

### 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](http://montanacrisisrecovery.com) for confidential emotional support.



The Stewardship Report for November 14, 2021 was unavailable at time of print.

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

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

- Toiletry Collection for Tumbleweed, St. Vincent dePaul and Period Pals, Gathering Area
- Christmas Angels available before and after Mass, Fellowship Hall
- Sunday: RCIA, 9:45am, Parish Center # 3
- Sunday: Children's Ministry classes, 9:45am, school building
- Liturgy of the Word with Children, 11:00am Mass

### Monday, November 22

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

### Tuesday, November 23

- Mass, 8:30am, (Live-streamed)
- Parish Blood Drive, 12:15-5:30pm, Fellowship Hall
- NO Junior High Youth Ministry
- NO Parish Choir

### Wednesday, November 24

- Parish office closed at noon
- NO choirs, children's ministry classes or youth ministry today
- Thanksgiving Mass, 7:00pm, (Live-streamed)

### Thursday, November 25

### Thanksgiving

- NO Mass
- Parish office closed

### Friday, November 26

- Parish office closed
- Funeral Mass for Lore Taylor, 11:00am

### Sat., Nov. 27 & Sun., Nov. 28 in the Gathering Area

- Christmas Angel gift requests available before and after Mass, Fellowship Hall
- Sandwich Ministry Bag Building, 9:30am, Fellowship Hall
- Sunday: RCIA, 9:45am, Parish Center # 3
- Sunday: NO Children's Ministry classes

## Liturgy of the Word with Children

December 12  
at 11:00am

### New At Home with the Word Books

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 each at the parish office.

## Scripture Reflection:

### 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

We often come to life expecting all of the pieces of the puzzle to nicely fit together. We want and expect harmony, order, and fairness, the achievement of rewards for good behavior, good health, and happiness. We can more easily accept death when it comes naturally after a good long life, but have a real difficulty comprehending the meaning of it all when it is cut short. Willing to put in a good measure of effort, we desire positive results. When things go wrong and life gets hurtful, unjust, and downright ugly, we become unsettled and can quickly fall into despair. This is especially true if we are people of faith who believe in a God who sees things on our terms and works in favor of our life agenda. What happens to our faith when we find ourselves sitting in a mess?

Does it help to know that God understands and that hardship, failure, disappointment, injustice, confusion, and all of life's ugliness do not make faith irrelevant or irrational? God is wonderfully and surprisingly creative! He turns the tables on not only our understanding of life, but of what it means to be a king. God sends us a king who is not exempt from life's ills but embraces them. The king that God gives to us knows what it means to be poor, suffer insults, be ridiculed, face rejection, endure suffering, be betrayed, and face a most unjust and horrific death. This is our king. Jesus is not a king of prestige or grandeur but a king who brings light to darkness, hope to despair, sinners to mercy, and new life out of death. Christ dances before us pleading with us to hold on, cling to love, avoid being negative, stop feeling cheated, and be strong in faith! There may be hardship and disappointment now but there are more surprises to come.

Once we understand this truth, we will also understand that we are on a most incredible and awesome universal journey to Christ and becoming one in Christ. We all carry within us the image of God, the image of our suffering king. The One who lives in us also lives in all of our brothers and sisters. Failing to see this universal Divine Presence in all is one of the greatest mistakes we can make, for we also fail to see God, our king, as well. There are many things that can bring hardship to life. If we keep our head about us and do not lose hope, we can persevere and strive for the greatest degree of justice possible. Even though there are ample things that can challenge our faith, we also know that our deepest joy comes from union with God and our brothers and sisters. One day, the fullness of that joy will be ours to have when we are all eternally one with Christ our King forever.

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## Mass Intentions & Readings

**Monday, November 22**, St. Cecilia  
Daniel 1:1-6, 8-20, Daniel 3:52-56, Luke 21:1-4

**Tuesday, November 23**, St. Clement I, St. Columban,  
Bl. Miguel Agustin Pro  
Daniel 2:31-45, Daniel 3:57-61, Luke 21:5-11  
**8:30am Mass: † Maynard Lipp**

**Wednesday, November 24**, St. Andrew Dũng-Lac and  
Companions  
Daniel 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28, Daniel 3:62-67, Luke  
21:12-19  
**7:00pm Mass: † Edward Farrington**

**Thursday, November 25**, St. Catherine of Alexandria;  
Thanksgiving Day  
Sirach 50:22-24, Psalm 145:2-11, 1 Corinthians 1:3-9,  
Luke 17:11-19  
**No Mass**

**Friday, November 26**  
Daniel 7:2-14, Daniel 3:75-81, Luke 21:29-33  
**No Mass**

**Saturday, November 27**  
Daniel 7:15-27, Daniel 3:82-87, Luke 21:34-36  
**5:00pm Mass: Int. of St. Pius X Parishioners**

**Sunday, November 28      First Sunday of Advent**  
Jeremiah 33:14-16, Psalm 25:4-5, 8-10, 14, 1 Thessa-  
lonians 3:12-4:2, Luke 21:25-28, 34-36  
**8:30am Mass: † Jan Patrick**  
**11:00am Mass: † Richard Larimer**

In thanksgiving  
for the lives of  
**Lore Taylor** and  
**Fred Foster (formerly  
of our parish).**  
Please keep their  
families in your  
prayers.



## 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 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 Justice

**Eucharistic Minister:** Kathleen Bernhardt, Janice

Krueger, Deacon Tom Landry, Amanda Michael

**Cross:** **Needed**, **Server:** Emma Rohrer

**Nursery:** TBA

## November 27-28, 2021

**Saturday, 5:00 PM**

**Greeter:** Ryan & Maggie Thomson

**Usher:** Keith Schott, Kevin Walter, Nancy Wandler, **1**

**Needed**

**Lector:** Carol Schaff-1, Richard King-2

**Sacristan:** Bonnie Wutzke

**Altar Minister:** Janice Krueger

**Eucharistic Minister:** Larry & Mary Karls, Deacon

Tom Landry, Helene Ranweiler-Waage

**Cross:** Grady Martin, **Server:** **Needed**

**Nursery:** Julie Wilson

**Sunday, 8:30 AM**

**Greeter:** Donna Meyers, Gerry & Patty Thomas

**Usher:** Tim Morgan, Herb Tate, Gerry Thomas, Richard Wood

**Lector:** John Koppelman-1, Rod Hart-2

**Sacristan:** Jan Kirk

**Altar Minister:** Rick McCann

**Eucharistic Minister:** Deacon Tom Landry, Sharon McCann, Rae Scheeler, Lisa Wood

**Cross:** Kynzie Mallow, **Server:** Victoria Willis

**Nursery:** Teresa Wehr

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

**Greeter:** Ann Frazer, Penny Sipes

**Usher:** Roland Barnes, Kyle Brehm, Joe Larimer, Michael Riedel

**Lector:** Tim Guenthner-1, Patsy Guenthner-2

**Sacristan:** Annette Coffman

**Altar Minister:** Magdalen Wojtowicz

**Eucharistic Minister:** Tyler Blood, Kathy Boileau, Deacon Tom Landry, Mary Taylor

**Cross:** Cyann Crabtree, **Server:** Halle Anderson

**Nursery:** Judy Lampi

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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  
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Stream on the homepage.

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**Prayer to St. Theresa**

O Lord, who hast said: "Unless ye become as little children, ye 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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