

St. Pius X Parish

717 18th Street West | Billings, MT 59102
ph 406.656.2522 | fax 406.656.2584
www.stpiusxblgs.org

Bulletin

November 8, 2020

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

*O God, you are my God whom I seek;
for you my flesh pines and my soul thirsts
like the earth, parched, lifeless and without water.*

*Thus have I gazed toward you in the sanctuary
to see your power and your glory,
For your kindness is a greater good than life;
my lips shall glorify you.*

Psalm 63:1-3



Veterans Day
November 11, 2020

**New Online
Parish Study
Offered. See
page 2!**



Blood Drive Nov. 10

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 10 from 2:15 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 (406) 671-5694 or email unclebug111@gmail.com. Set aside any fears and help us help our community!

Toiletry Collection to Benefit Two Agencies

On November 14-15, St. Pius X will be collecting hygiene items for Tumbleweed to distribute to homeless students and children who abruptly arrive in foster care without any personal possessions. The toiletry drive will be shared with St. Vincent DePaul as well. SVDP creates hygiene kits and distributes them to those in need on a regular basis. Items needed below.

Please, only new or unopened items.

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

Books Available

At Home with the Word 2021 is a reflection book designed to help you prepare and reflect on the Sunday scriptures proclaimed at Mass. Books are available for purchase at the parish office for \$9.00 per copy.

Workbook for Lectors & Gospel Readers 2021 contains the scripture from the Lectionary for Mass with commentaries and margin notes as well as pronunciation guides. Books are now available for purchase at the parish office for \$14.00 per copy.



Above: An abundance of diapers were collected over the past two weekends for the Family Promise Mobile Diaper Bank. Only half are pictured here. Thank you, St. Pius X community, for your generosity in response to this need! Many, many families will benefit!

Do you know...we continue to have ongoing Sacramental Formation for adults and children and formation for Baptisms and Marriages as well as funeral ministry in smaller gatherings as allowed by state & church guidelines. Questions? Please call the office.



DIOCESE OF GREAT FALLS-BILLINGS OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

P.O. Box 1399 * Great Falls, Montana 59403 * (406) 727-6683
www.diocesegfb.org

October 27, 2020

Dear Sisters and Brothers in the Lord,

The primary role of a parish is to provide a local place in which Catholics can worship God at Mass and hopefully be fed spiritually through the sacraments, especially the Eucharist. For those who do desire to attend their local parish in-person for Mass, they should know that, as much as possible, it is a safe place to be. The primary concern for a parish community is the salvation of souls but this does not eliminate concern for their bodies as well. The Catholic Church has developed a health care system over the centuries as well as outreach to the poor and vulnerable because of concern for the physical well-being of people. It is why I have asked, as your bishop, to adhere to a set of protocols. I realize that not every person who comes to Mass can readily wear a mask due to an underlying health issue, e.g., asthma, COPD, etc. For those who cannot wear a mask, I would urge them to use the plastic shields that are available. It is a scientific fact that the wearing of masks and spatial distancing help prevent contagion of the coronavirus.

Not every person who tests positive actually becomes ill or exhibits symptoms. Some experience only mild symptoms and may not realize they have contracted the coronavirus. However, every person who does test positive for COVID-19 has the potential to spread the virus to other people, including family members, friends and members of the parish community, which is why public health officials continue to encourage everyone to wear a mask and maintain at least the recommended six feet of "social distance" when in public which includes the time they are at church for Mass.

I provide this as a simple reminder so that, as much as possible, we may continue to keep our parish churches open for Mass.

In Christ,

Michael W. Warfel
Bishop of Great Falls-Billings

Bishop's Livestock Brand

Watch for the winners of the Children's Ministry Pumpkin Carving Contest in next week's bulletin!
Due to space limitations, we were unable to provide those fun photos this week!

In and Around Our Parish Community

St. Vincent dePaul Shares Current Needs



Over the past 48 years St. Vincent de Paul in Yellowstone County has weathered many storms, and with the support of our parishes and community we fully expect to weather this current storm as well. Our greatest need is monetary donations to keep our services in operation, and prepare for the needs that continue to arise. We know that families still continue to struggle with income disruption, and require rent and utility assistance, as well as additional support. With your help we will continue to do everything in our power to meet the needs of our community. We also have seen an increase in need for winter essentials; blankets, sleeping bags, coats, hats, and gloves. Each parish accepts donations for St. Vincent de Paul. Thank you for believing in and supporting our mission. Pictured left is the new Executive Director, Jeanine Holt-Seavy.

Diocesan Fundraising Raffle

Support the ministries and mission of the diocese of Great Falls-Billings by entering to win the **Grand prize** of a 2021 Keystone HideOut 24BHSWE camper or \$15,000 cash; winner's choice. **Second prize:** 2021 Honda Pioneer 1000-5 Deluxe Utility Terrain Vehicle. **Third prize:** (two awarded) Montana Ultimate Barbeque packages of a Traeger Pro Series 34 Pellet Grill, Yeti Cooler and BBQ Supplies & Accessories. Also included, a processed half-beef from Bishop Warfel's herd of cattle.

Drawings are held each month November 2020 –February 2021 for **Early Bird cash prizes of \$500.**

Drawing for prizes will be May 15, 2021. A limited number of tickets are available for \$20 each at the St. Pius X parish office. Proceeds support Catholic parishes, schools and youth ministries throughout the diocese. All prizes purchased through an anonymous donor. Winners responsible for taxes. For complete rules and information go to diocesegfb.org or call (406) 727-6683.

Montana Rescue Mission Gives Thanks

"With the global COVID-19 Pandemic, how do we continue to minister to the hungry and homeless—who suffer crisis upon crisis? We do it together, equipped with God's grace and peace.

As our partner in ministry to the hungry and homeless in Billings, your monthly gift amid this crisis means more than we can express. Your faithfulness in this time of uncertainty has offered great encouragement in addition to critically needed funds to help us continue to provide food, shelter, comfort and spiritual guidance to our guests.

We are making every effort to keep the homeless men, women, and families in our care safe and healthy. I pray you will feel God's peaceful presence in this time of isolation and uncertainty, and that you will take encouragement in your ongoing selfless support of others."

~ Matt Lundgren, Executive Director

St. Pius X Flocknotes Keep You in Touch!

How do I sign-up for text messages and emails on my phone from my parish? It's easy! Just text SPXBLG to 84576 and you will receive our Flocknotes. We create these once or twice a month to keep you informed about important events and opportunities hosted by the parish. Many opportunities are in a virtual format. You may also join different groups that fit your interests. Do join and be connected to your parish!

An Invitation to Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration

Please consider becoming an Adorer for an hour a week or as often as you wish. The Chapel is safe and secure and located in a quiet neighborhood behind St. Thomas Church. For more information or to sign-up email Kathleen at adoration-chapelbillings@gmail.com. Or mail your contact information to: Adoration Chapel Billings, P.O. Box 50113, Billings, MT 59105-0013.



View pictures of the chapel by using this QR code.



Stewardship Report: November 1, 2020

Envelope Donation	\$11,657.00	Parishioner Envelopes & EFT	154
Loose Checks	\$325.00	Annual Parish Budget	\$1,080,000.00
Loose Cash	\$77.70	Contributions needed to-date	\$373,860.00
Electronic Fund Transfer	\$3,849.00	Contributions received to-date	\$308,420.87
Total Collection	\$15,908.70	Budget Income (Shortfall)	(\$65,439.13)
Weekly Average Needed	\$20,770.00		

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

Sat., Nov. 7 & Sun., Nov. 8 at church

- Saturday: Reconciliation, 3:30pm, Fellowship Hall
- Saturday: Mass, 5:00pm
- Sunday Masses: 8:30am (Live-streamed) & 11:00am

Monday, November 9

- NO daily Mass

Tuesday, November 10

- Mass, 8:30am, Sanctuary (also Live-streamed)
- Parish Blood Drive, 2:15-5:30pm, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, November 11

- Mass, 8:30am, Sanctuary (also Live-streamed)
- Children's Ministry classes

Thursday, November 12

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

Friday, November 13

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

Sat., Nov. 14 & Sun., Nov. 15 at church

- Toiletry Collection, Gathering Area
- Saturday: Reconciliation, 3:30pm, Fellowship Hall
- Saturday: Mass, 5:00pm
- Sunday Masses: 8:30am (Live-streamed) & 11:00am



Remembrance Book

During the month of November, the Remembrance Book will be placed near the baptismal font. 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.



Scripture Reflection: Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wisdom 6:12-16
Psalm 63:2-8
Thessalonians 4:13-18
Matthew 25:1-13

When doing student report cards, there was a comment the teacher could choose that read: inattentive and easily distracted. Could that comment describe your spiritual life? We can become so consumed with myriad distractions and preoccupations and lose our connection to what is really significant and important. We can become dull. This happens in our human relationships, too. We can easily take the love of others for granted, whether it be a parent, spouse, friend, or a child. We assume and presume that their love will always be there and do very little to cultivate, rejuvenate, and deepen it. Presumption can become a great sin.

We do the same thing with God and our spiritual lives. We presume that God will be merciful. Because we believe that in the end God is going to forgive us anyway, then why put a lot of effort into things now? What's the point? It's far easier to find a comfortable spot, curl up and take a nap! There is no immediate urgency to staying awake and attentive, so we think, and we simply fly by the seat of our pants. Assuming and presuming too much about our relationships, especially our relationship with God, can lead to neglect and abuse. It can even lead to a sense of entitlement, where we actually believe that something is due us without much effort on our part.

Folks who are distracted and preoccupied can find their relationships, especially the primary ones, drifting away. You can actually be married to someone for many years and wake up one morning realizing that you really do not know them or truly recognize them. We have to desire God in order to recognize God. We have to open our hearts, minds, and souls to His Presence so that we can be rejuvenated and refreshed. But we cannot do this if we are distracted or napping. We have to be awake and alert! As a young child eagerly watches for and anticipates that arrival of their parent home, so too we must watch for God's presence. If the anticipation of God's arrival does not excite us and rouse us, then we need to ask why. The wise person keeps vigilant watch, knowing that in the end they will not be disappointed.

©LPi

Please support our Advertisers. They provide our bulletins for no charge to the parish!

Catholicmatch.com
Montana
Catholicmatch.com/MT

Mass Intentions & Readings

Monday, November 9, The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12, Psalm 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9,
1 Corinthians 3:9-11, 16-17, John 2:13-22

Tuesday, November 10, St. Leo the Great
Titus 2:1-8, 11-14, Psalm 37:3-4, 18, 23, 27, 29, Luke
17:7-10

8:30am Mass: † Lura Thelen

Wednesday, November 11, St. Martin of Tours
Titus 3:1-7, Psalm 23:1-6, Luke 17:11-19

8:30am Mass: † Vic Frank

Thursday, November 12, St. Josaphat
Philemon 7:20, Psalm 146:7-10, Luke 17:20-25

8:30am Mass: † Jim McCall

Friday, November 13, St. Frances Xavier Cabrini
2 John 4-9, Ps. 119:1-2, 10-11, 17-18, Luke 17:26-37

8:30am Mass: † Charles & June Sangwin

Saturday, November 14
3 John 5-8, Psalm 112:1-6, Luke 18:1-8

5:00pm Mass: Int. of St. Pius X Parishioners

Sunday, November 15 33rd Sun. in Ordinary Time
Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31, Psalm 128:1-5,
1 Thessalonians 5:1-6, Matthew 25:14-30

8:30am Mass: † Andy Stahl

11:00am Mass: † Dorothy Prega

Ministry Schedule: November 14-15, 2020

Saturday, 5:00 PM

Greeter: Erik & Erin Beiergrohslein

Usher: Richard King, Nancy Wandler, **2 Volunteer Needed**

Sanitizers: Diane Bertrand, Ann Deegan, Karen Hould, Phil Zeeck

Lector: Diane Bertrand-1, Connie Marman-2

Sacristan: Danette Plourde

Altar Minister: Clare Dooley

Eucharistic Minister: Troy Kostelecky

Sunday, 8:30 AM

Greeter: Donna Berkner, Connie James

Usher: Don Judice, Steve & Kim Komar, Greg Luck, Sam Wood

Sanitizers: Jim Besel, Steve & Kim Komar, Lynne Weber

Lector: Bob Keene-1, Tanja Sloan-2

Sacristan: Gail Mack

Altar Minister: Andy Mikes

Eucharistic Minister: Deacon Tom Landry

Sunday, 11:00 AM

Greeter: Ann Frazer, Markus Hulquist

Usher: Tyler Blood, Nicole Geiger, Tim Morgan, David Mork

Lector: Jennifer Sanchez-1, Andrea Horrell-2

Sacristan: Clarinda Kremer

Altar Minister: Lynn DeMeyer

Eucharistic Minister: Deacon Tom Landry

Can Catholics Be Cremated?

Answer: As the practice of cremation becomes more and more common, it's important to know what the Church asks of families who have chosen this for a loved one who has died.

As the US Bishops observe on their website, "Ideally, if a family chooses cremation, the cremation would take place some time after the Funeral Mass, so that there can be an opportunity for the Vigil for the Deceased in the presence of the body." However, if cremation takes place before the Funeral Mass, the cremated remains can be present at the Funeral Mass and the appendix to the *Order of Christian Funerals* provides adaptations for the texts and rituals that are part of the Funeral Mass and the Committal.

The primary concern is that the cremated remains should be treated with the same respect given to any human remains. The *Order of Christian Funerals* instructs, "This includes the use of a worthy vessel to contain the ashes, the manner in which they are carried, and the care and attention to appropriate placement and transport, and the final disposition. The cremated remains should be buried in a grave or entombed in a mausoleum or columbarium. The practice of scattering cremated remains on the sea, from the air, or on the ground, or keeping cremated remains on the home of a relative or friend of the deceased are not the reverent disposition that the Church requires" (no. 417).

It is becoming more and more common for parishes or diocese-sponsored cemeteries to include columbaria to house cremated remains in a way that respects Church teaching, allowing family and friends the opportunity to honor the remains of the one they have lost with dignity, reverence, and care.



Parish Staff

Parish Center Hours: 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday
406.656.2522 • www.stpiusxblgs.org • www.facebook.com/stpiusbillings

Father Greg Staudinger, Pastor, 406.489.6666, frgreg@stpiusxblgs.org
Deacon Tom Landry, 406.860.7842, acnerds@bresnan.net
Rita Brehm, Administrative Assistant, rb@stpiusxblgs.org
Nick Coffman, Director of Liturgy, ncoffman@stpiusxblgs.org
Shelly Greenfield, Bulletin, Christian Service, sg@stpiusxblgs.org
Karyn Haider, Parish Administrator, khaider@stpiusxblgs.org
Jan Kirk, Accounting/Bookkeeping, jan@stpiusxblgs.org
Matt Low, Director of Christian Initiation, mlo@stpiusxblgs.org
Kathy McCleary, Communications & Volunteers, kmc@stpiusxblgs.org
Amanda Michael, Youth Ministry, amichael@stpiusxblgs.org
Mike Persha, Cemetery Manager, mpersha@stpiusxblgs.org
Jessie Rohrer, Children's Ministry Coordinator, jr@stpiusxblgs.org
Bill Walker, Custodian, walker@stpiusxblgs.org
Teresa Wehr, Children's Min. Assist./Nursery, children@stpiusxblgs.org
Joan Whelan, Music Ministry, joan@stpiusxblgs.org

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

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, 8:30 AM and Daily Masses
at 8:30 AM on our website at
www.stpiusxblgs.org. Click Live-
Stream on the homepage.

Sacraments

Reconciliation: Sat. 3:30-4:30 PM
with social distancing

Baptism: Call us for details

Marriage: Six-month preparation
required

Anointing of the Sick: Please call
to arrange for an individual anointing.

Please support our *Advertisers*

POLY Conoco
LARRY SPERRY, Owner
ASE Master Certified Techs
repair all types of vehicles
Brakes, A/C, Tune-ups, Electrical
17th St. W. & Poly Dr. • Billings
Phone: 245-6944



AVAILABLE FOR A LIMITED TIME ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS HERE
Contact **Gabriel Lara** to place an ad today!
glara@4LPi.com or (800) 950-9952 x5842

Pauses & Paws
House & Pet Sitting
Jean Eakin
Parishioner
p 245-9549
c 690-8606

LPi WE'RE HIRING AD SALES EXECUTIVES

Join our team

- Full Time Position with Benefits
- Sales Experience Preferred
- Paid Training
- Overnight Travel Required
- Expense Reimbursement

CONTACT US AT
careers@4LPi.com • www.4LPi.com/careers

ADT-Monitored Home Security
Get 24-Hour Protection From a Name You Can Trust

- Burglary
- Fire Safety
- Flood Detection
- Carbon Monoxide

ADT Authorized Provider | SafeStreets | 1-855-225-4251

NEVER MISS A BULLETIN!
Sign up to have our weekly parish bulletin emailed to you at www.parishesonline.com

ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS HERE
Your Community is Looking!
Call LPi today for advertising info
(800) 950-9952

PROTECTING SENIORS NATIONWIDE
MEDICAL ALERT SYSTEM
\$29.95/MO PLUS SPECIAL OFFER
BILLED QUARTERLY
CALL NOW! 1.877.801.7772
WWW.24-7MEDALARM.COM



Montana Ag Plastics

www.montanaagplastics.com

Custom Polycarbonate
Egress Window Coverings
Custom Plastic Fabrication
Manufacturing & Repair



Contact
Vince & Kathy Thomas
406-690-4530



**STOCKS BONDS CDs
IRAs MUTUAL FUNDS**

www.edwardjones.com Member SIPC

Darlene Knudson
Financial Advisor - 652-3501
2212 Broadwater Ave. Billings, MT 59102

Edward Jones
MAKING SENSE OF INVESTING

Commercial & Residential



Dan Glennon Sam Thelen

**B BILLINGS
ELECTRIC**

Commercial, Residential and Service

Brent Fredrickson
406-248-9394

SPREAD THE WORD

A Thriving, Vibrant Community Matters



SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS



Faith, Family Spirit, Academic Excellence

**GRADES K-12
PRE-SCHOOL AND
DAYCARE**

Visit billingscatholicschools.org
for more information
on our schools.

**DISCOVER THE
POSSIBILITIES**



**GROW YOUR BUSINESS WHILE
SUPPORTING YOUR LOCAL PARISH.**



Purchase a bulletin ad today!



ALLEGRA
MARKETING • PRINT • MAIL
BRIAN & JANETTE MCGOVERN
248-6811

Ms
Michelotti-Sawyers
MORTUARY AND CREMATORY
Trust When It's Needed Most
406-252-3417
www.michelottisawyers.com

Your
Backyard
Bird Feeding
Experts
Wild Birds Unlimited
Native Birds
111 S. 24th St. West
406-245-1640

RnG
Construction LLC
Over 30 years of experience
• Affordable Prices
• Quality Workmanship
• Excellent Customer Service
Call for **FREE** consultation
Randy Stone 406-690-2216

Dahl
FUNERAL CHAPEL
A Family Tradition Since 1939
Serving Montana Families
for 80 Years
10 Yellowstone Avenue
Billings, MT 59101
(406) 248-8807
John, Brenda, & M'lis Dahl

catholicmatch
Montana

CatholicMatch.com/MT

GOLDEN NUGGET
BODY & PAINT
Michael & Jacque Ayers
Owners &
St. Thomas Parishioners
(406) 256-8085
1916 4th Avenue North
Billings, MT 59101

AVAILABLE FOR A LIMITED TIME
ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS HERE
Contact **Gabriel Lara** to place an ad today!
glara@4LPi.com or (800) 950-9952 x5842

SAVE \$100
HUNTINGTON
GET BACK ON TRACK THIS SUMMER
CENTER

Huntington LEARNING CENTER
1.800.CAN.LEARN

PRILL DENTAL
MATTHEW J. PRILL DDS
CHRISTOPHER M. PRILL DDS
406.252.1533
820 North 30th Street
Billings, MT 59101
BY THE BILLINGS CLINIC AND
ST. VINCENT HOSPITALS
BCBS, EBMS, Delta Premier and
PPO, Cigna, GEHA, AETNA,
PacificSource (Advantage Dental),
HumanaDental, MetLife providers.

Dentistry for Infants, Children and Teens
PEDIATRIC
Dental
SPECIALISTS
Kelly M. Clarke, D.D.S.
Diplomate of American Board of
Pediatric Dentistry
652-5550 1-800-655-0409
2700 Grand Ave., Suite B, West Grand Dental Center

Too Sick for Mass?
SUPPORT OUR PARISH NO MATTER WHERE YOU ARE!
Sign-up to get your bulletin delivered
right to your inbox!
www.parishesonline.com

SCL Health
ST. VINCENT
406-237-7000 | svh.org

St. Pius X
Council 9976
Knights of Columbus
Charity - Unity
Fraternity - Patriotism
Billings Monument Co.
Proudly serving the
Billings area since 1896
See us for all your Cemetery Memorial
needs, designed & produced locally,
Pre-need arrangements available
245-3391
3823 Montana Ave



For ad info. call 1-800-950-9952 • www.4lpi.com

St. Pius X, Billings, MT

A 4C 05-1740