

St. Pius X Parish

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Bulletin

October 31, 2021

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Five Weeks of Thanksgiving

We are celebrating **Five Weeks of Thanksgiving**. During this time, we will give thanks together 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. This weekend we begin Week 2 and we embrace the characteristic **GROW**. *How are we growing in our relationship with Jesus?* As we ponder our personal relationship, we also give thanks for those in our community who are part of our communal growth: our children, teens, young adults and our candidates and catechumens. We also give thanks for the ministries that walk with them: Children's Ministry, Nursery, Youth Ministry, Young Adults and RCIA.

As you leave Mass today, we ask that pick up a leaf, which you'll find on various tables in the Gathering Area. We're going to create a Tree of Gratitude on one of the walls in the Gathering Area. Our tree will encompass the people, the situations, the gifts of God for which we are grateful. Please take one (or more!) home and write something for which you're grateful, it can be a word or a full statement. Then bring it back next weekend so our tree can begin to grow! (We'll have some here in case you forget yours!)

BELIEVE Oct. 23-29. *We salute: Our Parish Community*

GROW Oct. 30-Nov 5. *We salute: Our Future Community*

GATHER Nov. 6-12. *We get to know your 'pew pals' during Name Tag Weekend*

LOVE Nov. 13-19. *We salute: Military / Educators / Healthcare / Essential Workers*

LEAD Nov. 20-26. *We salute: Our Parish Groups / Councils / Circles / Commissions*

Each week look for details in the parish bulletin, website, Facebook and more! Watch for our bi-weekly Flocknote. We give thanks for our God and for you!

Next
Weekend:
Name
Tag
Weekend
&
Blessing
of Veterans



Daylight
saving
time ends, set
clocks back
1 hour before
bedtime on
Saturday,
Nov. 6



Our Door is Open, Our Table is Set, There's a Place for You 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 or find us on Facebook at 'St. Pius X.'

Children's Ministry

Trunk or Treat TODAY!



There will be no regular Children's Ministry classes on October 31st or November 3rd.

Join us for our 1st Annual Trunk or Treat event today from 3:00-4:30pm in the St. Pius X parking lot. There will be hot dogs, popcorn from Ceci's Popcorn, and of course, candy! A trunk decoration contest will take place for participants. See you there!

All Saints and All Souls Remembrance Mass Times

On Monday, November 1, we will celebrate an All Saints Mass at 7:00pm.

Our All Souls Remembrance Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, November 2 at 7:00pm. There will be no morning Mass that day.

During the Remembrance Mass we incorporate the names of all who have died from our parish in the last year. Everyone is welcome to attend this special Mass.

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 Nov. 28 Advent readings. Books are available for \$9.00 at the parish office.



Deacon Tom anoints Remyngton during her recent baptism at Mass on October 17th.

A New Choir Opportunity for Youth

There is interest in forming a new choir open to Junior High and High School students. Rehearsals will be on Wednesdays from 4:30-5:30pm in the sanctuary of church beginning November 3rd. Please contact Joan at joan@stpiusxblgs.org if interested.

Create a Page for the Parish Memory Book

On November 2, All Souls Day, we remember our faithful departed. One of the ways you can remember your deceased loved one is to pick up a scrapbook page in the Gathering Area this weekend or next to create a memory page to pay tribute to them. The page will be placed in the Parish Memory Book honoring your deceased loved one.

Bring the page back to the parish office or place it on the table in the Gathering area so your page can be included in the book during the month of November.

If you created a page in previous years, you are welcome to update, change, or create a new page.

Food Collection Next Weekend: Food Bank

The Billings Food Bank will receive our food donations from the November 6-7 collection. The items most needed are: canned vegetables and fruit, macaroni and cheese, cereal, tomatoes and sauce, pasta, one-can meals, rice, beans, peanut butter, canned meats, hamburger helper, single serve snacks & zip lock sandwich bags. If you prefer to make a monetary donation, please make your check out to 'Billings Food Bank' and place it in the box next to the food collection bin. Thank you for helping to alleviate hunger in our community!



† **Grant them eternal rest, O Lord, and let your perpetual light shine upon them.**

- Jerrid Johnson
- Jaime Kim
- Margaret McNair
- Kim Cunningham
- Ebodio "Bo" Dominguez
- Alvina Herauf
- Hank Stevens
- Amy Hart
- Genevieve Turcotte
- Wanda Ebel
- Gregory Brabec
- Erick Krueger
- William "Bill" Winchell
- Bev Borer
- Doris Parker
- Joan Geck
- Dorman Hurick
- Roger Bernhardt
- Francis Deis
- Larry Haagenson
- Kathleen Heinert

Why Help Us Worship?

We need your help, St. Pius X community, for our liturgical ministry! Your support at any Mass is welcome and much appreciated!

Eucharistic Altar Minister or Eucharistic Minister – celebrating the Mass, the Eucharist, is at the heart of our identity. Jesus takes, blesses, breaks, and gives himself to us. The ministers of holy communion are part of Jesus' giving action. If you delight in sharing the gifts of God with the people of God, then these ministries are calling your name.

Please contact Nick Coffman, at (406) 281-8507 or email him at ncoffman@stpiusxblgs.org to find out how to be a dynamic disciple through the ministry of Eucharistic Altar Minister or Eucharistic Minister on a rotating basis at a weekend Mass.



Fiona's Hope, a Project of LaVie

According to the National Abortion Federation and the Guttmacher Institute, economic hardship is consistently rated one of the top two reasons women choose to terminate pregnancy.

LaVie had the privilege of recently engaging with several mothers expressing needs for particular items that would help them become better equipped to continue their pregnancy and welcome their babies.

The goal of Fiona's Hope is to match a mother/child with a specific need to a church member or church group that would be willing to provide sponsorship of that specific need for a specific amount of time.

Why consider doing this? As Christians, we have an obligation to meet these mothers' needs and advance the defense of life. You are invited to help with these needs:

- Diapers for 3 months
- Groceries for 3 months
- Gas cards for 3 months
- One time car repair
- Small home repairs
- Oil Changes for 1 year
- Diapers for 1 year
- Mentorship
- Encouraging Correspondence
- Grocery cards for 1 year

Please contact Evan Lebsock directly at (406) 672-9905 or email evan.n.jones@gmail.com If you would like to help with Fiona's Hope.

Notes of Thanks

From Child Bridge... "I'm so glad the Christian Service Commission was able to meet with John Krise and



make a donation of family incentives for the Billings office. I'm sure he already shared just how important you are to our mission, but I wanted to also let you know how thankful we are for your kind and generous hearts! " ~ Mandi

From LaVie... "Thank you so much for your generous donation during the virtual Baby Bottle campaign. You have truly blessed our organization and the patients we are honored to serve. Thank you for your continued support." ~LaVie staff

From the Sisters of Charity... "Thank you for your charitable donation to the Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth for the support of Peruvian missions. We are most grateful for your generous and kind spirit." ~Constance Phelps, SCL, Community Director

From Friendship House of Christian Service... "It is always a joy for me to go to the mailbox and open your gift of support. Thank you! When you support us, we have the privilege of serving kids and families on your behalf. Because of you and your faithfulness, we will keep on serving and the lives of families and children will continue to improve." ~Rev. Matt Lundgren, Executive Director

From Family Promise of Yellowstone Valley... "Thank you for your generous charitable donation of filled school backpacks. This is so valuable to the families experiencing homelessness who have so very little. Every donation is given and used with love and care. Filled school backpacks make such an impact on the families in our program and in our community.

You generosity helps bring Family Promise of Yellowstone Valley a little closer to our vision of living in a region in which every family has a home. Thank you for being part of the compassionate community that supports Family Promise families. We and the families we serve are full of gratitude for your generosity." ~ Family Promise staff

From Family Service Inc.... "As we prepare for our busiest months ahead, we are grateful to you, our donors, for ensuring that we will be able to meet this season head on, with open arms!" ~ Stacy Brown, Executive Director

In and Around Our Parish Community

Father Paul Reichling Memorial Mass

Celebrate the life of Father Paul Reichling on Friday, November 5th with Mass at 5:30pm at Mary Queen of Peace Church. All are welcome to attend.

Always Our Children Support Group

Always Our Children is a faith-based support group for parents, family and friends of people who are lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender. The next monthly meeting is Thursday, November 4 at 7:00pm in the St. Pius X Parish Center. Prayer, sharing and refreshments are part of the evening. For more information, contact Shelly at 656-2522.

National Collection for World Mission Sunday

Thank you for your generous response to the collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith last weekend on World Mission Sunday. You may stay connected year-round to the Pope's mission, continuing the commitment of World Mission Sunday by visiting MISSO.org. There is still time to donate by using the envelopes available on a table in the Gathering Area of church.

Raffle Supports Ministries of Our Diocese

For the second year, raffle tickets are available now through May 20, 2022 for the Diocesan Raffle Fundraiser. Tickets are \$20 each and are available at the St. Pius X parish office. Early bird cash drawings will take place on November 17, 2021, December 15, 2021 and January 19, 2022 and February 16, 2022.

Five major prizes will be drawn on May 20, 2022: 2022 Keystone hideout Camper or \$15,000 cash. 2022 Honda Pioneer Side by Side or \$10,000 cash. BBQ Package featuring a Traeger Pro Series 34 grill and accessories, a PermaFrost Cooler and gifts and a \$500 gift card for BBQ food and supplies. Kayaks for Two package featuring two kayaks, two paddles and flotation devices, universal kayak rack for the vehicle plus sun necessities. And lastly, an Outdoor Movie Theatre Package featuring an Outdoor Movie Projector (5G WiFi Bluetooth, 9500Lumens, HD 4K), a pair of Polk Audio Atrium 6 outdoor speakers, wire, hooksups, Khomo Gear Jumbo 20' inflatable Outdoor/Indoor Theater Projector Screen and a Ply-Pro Laptop Adjustable Projector Stand.

From \$5.00 to \$8.00 (based on total ticket sales) are earned by St. Pius X for each ticket sold here. Buy yours today!



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. Thank you for your support!



Area Events

Thursday, November 11-13

- Global Village's Holiday Open House with Chocolate Tasting and Grand Opening at their new location, 2815 2nd Ave. North. Open each day at 10:00am and closing at 5:30pm (closing Saturday at 5:00pm).

Saturday, November 13

- Authentic Mexican Dinner for \$12 per plate from noon-6:00pm at Mary Queen of Peace Parish, 102 South 34th St. Silent auction, food and fun!
- Comedy beCAUSE starring Josh Florhaug and other comedians at 7:30pm at the Alberta Bair Theater. Tickets are \$40 each and can be purchased at albertabairtheater.org. All proceeds benefit Family Promise of Yellowstone Valley's transitional housing project. Take pleasure in this comedy event for a good cause!

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.

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.

Stewardship Report: October 24, 2021

Envelope Donation	\$5,291.00	Number of Contributors	188
Loose Checks	\$1,848.00	Annual Parish Budget	\$1,080,000.00
Loose Cash	\$716.00	Contributions needed to-date	\$353,090.00
Electronic Fund Transfer	\$6,458.00	Contributions received to-date	\$288,383.48
Total Collection	\$14,313.00	Budget Income (Shortfall)	(\$64,706.52)
Weekly Average Needed	\$20,770.00		

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

Sunday, October 31

- Bag Building for Brown Bag Lunch Ministry, 9:30am, Fellowship Hall
- RCIA, 9:45am, Parish Center # 3
- NO Children's Ministry classes today
- Trunk or Treat, 3:00-4:30pm, parking lot



Monday, November 1

All Saints

- Bible Study, 8:30am, Parish Center # 3
- Mass, 7:00pm

Tuesday, November 2

All Souls' Day

- NO 8:30am Mass
- Middle School Youth Ministry, 6:30pm, Youth Center
- Remembrance Mass, 7:00pm, church

Wednesday, November 3

- Mass, 8:30am, (Live-streamed)
- Sandwich Making Ministry, 9:00am, Fellowship Hall
- Youth Choir, 3:30pm, Sanctuary
- NO Children's Ministry classes
- High School Youth Ministry, 6:30pm, Youth Center

Thursday, November 4

- Mass, 8:30am, (Live-streamed)
- Christian Service ZOOM mtg., 6:30pm
- *Always Our Children* Support group, 7:00pm, Parish Center # 1

Friday, November 5

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

Sat., Nov. 6 & Sun., Nov. 7 at church

- Food Collection for the Billings Food Bank
- Sunday: RCIA, 9:45am, Parish Center # 3
- Sunday: Children's Ministry classes, 9:45am, school building

Liturgy of the Word with Children

November 14 and 21
at 11:00am

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Scripture Reflection:

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Deuteronomy 6:2-6
 Psalm 18:2-4, 47, 51
 Hebrews 7:23-28
 Mark 12:28-34

Centuries of God's devoted people have found this prayer on their lips: "Hear, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord alone!" The fundamental prayer has been laid as the cornerstone of many spiritual lives. Where did you learn how to pray or did you? Maybe there is a wisdom figure in your life who inspired and guided you by the genuine, holy simplicity of their lives. His or her example may have led you to God and taught you how to pray. Or perhaps you discovered this art on your own after stumbling over yourself enough times and finally realizing it was time to reach out to Someone greater than yourself. There is a timeless truth that we not only tend to forget, but may have never learned. There is only one God, the Lord alone! As a result, we often worship other gods rather than the One true God. Everything in our life gets distorted and we find ourselves lost and off center.

If we haven't learned it yet, there is a life lesson at the top of all of the possible lessons to be learned. There is One True and Eternal God who alone has a solitary claim on us and must be loved with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. Until we learn this primary lesson, we run the risk of getting distracted and sidetracked. We will also never really figure out what is at the heart of the relationships we share with the other human beings on this planet with whom we share life. That one primary lesson will teach us the second most valuable lesson: that we must love our neighbor as ourselves. You cannot have one without the other. The presence of God in the core soul of each one of us requires that all of our relationships work together. This truth is at the heart of the Gospel.

If every human being, each in their own way, could stumble upon and genuinely embrace this truth, look how different life would be! Our priorities will immediately shift from "I and me" to "us and we" and we will develop a more inclusive vision for our brothers and sisters. Concerned not only about my own wellbeing and happiness but also that of our brothers and sisters, humanity stands a chance at succeeding in the struggle with injustice, abuse, inequity, violence, war, entitlement, and privilege. It seems that getting to this point has been at the heart of the Gospel and the kingdom of God from the moment Jesus first started to preach. It's a wonder why, then, why so many centuries later, we have still failed to achieve his vision. Maybe we just haven't learned our primary lessons yet.

Mass Intentions & Readings

Monday, November 1 **All Saints**
Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14, Psalm 24:1-6, 1 John 3:1-3,
Matthew 5:1-12
7:00pm Mass: † Int. of St. Pius X Parishioners

Tuesday, November 2 **All Souls' Day**
Wisdom 3:1-9, Psalm 23:1-6, Romans 5:5-11, John
6:37-40
7:00pm Mass: † Deceased Parishioners of St. Pius

Wednesday, November 3, St. Martin de Porres
Romans 13:8-10, Psalm 112:1-2, 4-5, 9, Luke 14:25-33
8:30am Mass: † Stacy Sanders

Thursday, November 4, St. Charles Borromeo
Romans 14:7-12, Psalm 27:1, 4, 13-14, Luke 15:1-10
8:30am Mass: † Ted Lechner

Friday, November 5
Romans 15:4-21, Psalm 98:1-4, Luke 16:1-8
8:30am Mass: Int. of Rena Koch

Saturday, November 6
Romans 16:3-9, 16, 22-27, Psalm 145:2-5, 10-11, Luke
16:9-15
5:00pm Mass: † Raymond Ihde

Sunday, November 7 **32nd Sunday O.T.**
1 Kings 17:10-16, Psalm 146:7-10, Hebrews 9:24-28,
Mark 12:38-44
8:30am Mass: † Tom Kittson
11:00am Mass: Int. of St. Pius X Parishioners

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.

Vincentian Family Saints

We celebrate All Saint's Day November 1st. Did you know there are 6 women and 4 men that are Vincentian Family Saints? There are also 64 Blessed, and 42 martyrs from the 20th century Spanish Civil War. Let us pray that they intercede for us in our mission of serving the needy and vulnerable at St. Vincent dePaul.

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!



Ministry Schedule: November 1-2, 2021

Monday, 7:00 PM **All Saints**
Greeter: Mary Brown, Joyce Stoppel
Usher: Digna Cabrera, Amanda Michael
Lector: Gary Marman-1, Kathy McCleary-2
Sacristan: Bonnie Wutzke
Altar Minister: Kathleen Bernhardt
Eucharistic Minister: Judith Lampi, Deacon Tom Landry, Connie Marman, Lin Roscoe
Cross: Laila Bakkedahl, **Server:** Marilyn McKenzie
Nursery: TBA

Tuesday, 7:00 PM **All Souls Remembrance Mass**
Greeter: Janice Krueger, Jeanne Moller
Usher: Steve & Nicole Geiger
Lector: Andrea Horrell-1, Lynne Gillig-2
Sacristan: Joyce Stoppel
Altar Minister: Clare Dooley
Eucharistic Minister: Deacon Tom Landry
Cross: Halle Anderson, **Server:** Olivia Buller
Nursery: TBA

November 6-7, 2021

Saturday, 5:00 PM
Greeter: Steve Lattimer, Germaine Riesinger
Usher: Dan Dooley, Jim Kaiser, Bob Riesinger, Kevin Walter
Lector: Dar Aldrich-1, Jim Aldrich-2
Sacristan: Linda White
Altar Minister: Clare Dooley
Eucharistic Minister: Heather Kaiser, Deacon Tom Landry, Vicki Langlinais, Helene Ranweiler-Waage
Cross: Kynzie Mallow, **Server:** **Needed**
Nursery: Jessie Rohrer

Sunday, 8:30 AM
Greeter: Loretta Frank, Tim Morgan
Usher: Chuck Legerski, Herb Tate, Richard Wood, Phil Zeeck
Lector: Don Judice-1, Shanon Behounek-2
Sacristan: Clarinda Kremer
Altar Minister: Andy Mikes
Eucharistic Minister: Kim Komar, John & Brenda Pankratz, Lorraine Walter
Cross: Laila Bakkendahl, **Server:** Keely Bakkedahl
Nursery: Theresa Slyngstad

Sunday, 11:00 AM (Live-streamed)
Greeter: Janice Krueger, Joe Larimer
Usher: Roland Barnes, Markus Hulquist, Michael Riedel, Penny Sipes
Lector: Annette Behm-1, Andrea Horrell-2
Sacristan: Annette Coffman
Altar Minister: **Needed**
Eucharistic Minister: Tyler Blood, Sandi McGovern, David Mork, Mary Taylor
Cross: **Needed**, **Server:** **Needed**
Nursery: Stephanie Brown

Parish Staff

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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, 11:00 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

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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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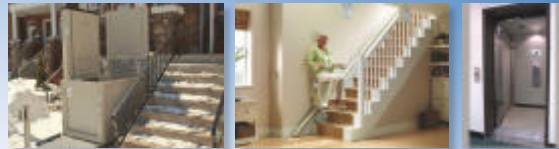
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