## St. Pius X Parish

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September 11, 2022

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



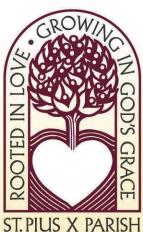
## Join us in Prayer for Patriot Day

Heavenly Father, Creator of All, You have created the human person as good. You have placed us in the world as one human family, as sisters and brothers. We pray today for all victims of violence across the world, for the healing of their mind and body. for their mourning family members, for the repose of their souls. Jesus, You have told us to love our enemies. and to pray for those who persecute us. Give us the strength and courage to forgive. Remove all lingering desire for revenge. Holy Spirit, reveal to us the mercy of God. Give us the gift of Your peace that surpasses all understanding. Amen.

## **Bringing Eucharist and** Prayer

Is a loved one homebound and would like Eucharist? Please leave a message for Janice at the parish office, 406.656.2522, if you or someone in your family is homebound or enters a care facility. Due to confidentiality and security laws at care facilities, we may not know if the resident wants to have visitors from the parish unless we are notified. Disciples for Homebound Ministry are trained and prepared to visit with communion and prayers.





# Our Door is Open, Our Table is Set, 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 406.656.2522. You may also visit our website at stpiusxblgs.org or find us on Facebook at 'St. Pius X.'

## Toiletry Collection to Benefit Those in Need Next Weekend

On September 17-18, 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 and Period Pals 406 as well. SVDP creates hygiene kits and distributes them to those in need on a regular basis. Period Pals 406 collects feminine hygiene products which are then distributed for free through several non-profits in town. 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, all types. For sanitary reasons we cannot collect or utilize items which are not individually wrapped within the original, unopened package.
- Socks for teens, women & men
- Foot powder
- Underwear of all sizes

## Do you sing? Play an Instrument? The St. Pius Music Ministry Needs You!

The St. Pius X Music Ministry is looking for musically gifted disciples to join our ministry. St. Pius is blessed to have both an adult and youth choir in addition to five ensembles. All groups are looking for additional vocalists and instrumentalists. Our choirs rehearse weekly throughout the school year (see schedule below). Our ensembles set their own rehearsal schedules, but generally meet in the evening at least once a month. If you love to sing, or play an instrument and would like to share those talents to help lead our assembly in song, we would love to find the best fit for you.

- Parish Choir will meet in the sanctuary on Tuesdays from 6:30 8:00pm beginning September 13<sup>th</sup>. No audition required!
- Youth Choir will meet in the sanctuary on Wednesdays from 3:30 4:30pm beginning September 28<sup>th</sup>. Students in grades Kindergarten-8 are invited to join. (Parents, especially of younger members, are always welcome to attend the rehearsals.)
- Young Proclaimers, our Jr High/High School ensemble, will resume rehearsals after the fall sports season. (Rehearsal Day and Time TBD). If you are a 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade student interested in singing or playing in this ensemble, please contact Joan before October 14<sup>th</sup>.
   Contact: Joan at 406.281.8509 or by email joan@stpiusxblgs.org.

### **Children's Ministry**

Children's Ministry is back! Our first Children's Liturgy of the Word will be next Sunday, September 18 at the 11:00am Mass. Because of an amazing group of disciples, we will have Children's Liturgy at every 11:00am Mass this school year. Children's Ministry classes will begin on September 20 or 21. We could still use willing teachers, classroom assistants, and Children's Liturgy leaders for this important ministry to our youngest disciples. Contact Jessie today at 406.281.8502 or <a href="mailto:ric@stpiusxblgs.org">ric@stpiusxblgs.org</a> if you can help form children in our faith! Please keep all our volunteers and families in your prayers.

## An RCIA Opportunity: Welcome to a New Life in Jesus Christ

Are you a disciple of Jesus? Be our guest at our next **RCIA Inquiry Session:** Sunday morning, September 11<sup>th</sup>, immediately after the 8:30am Mass in the Fellowship Hall. Are you ready to have a deeper, more personal relationship with Our Lord Jesus Christ?

Then please, take that first step! Inquire and ask questions. Sometimes that first step can be difficult, yet it also can be completely natural and gratifying to our human soul. We promise that becoming a disciple of Jesus ensures that you will never walk alone.

Your questions may include: "I have a child over the age of seven who has not been baptized. Do you provide sacramental instruction?" "I am a middle-aged person who feels strongly that the Holy Spirit is calling me to enter the Catholic Church and to live a 'new life in Christ."

Our RCIA sessions focus on the teachings and proclamations of Jesus Christ. We also examine our Church doctrine, practice our sacred liturgy, and study scripture. We further find that our church traditions bring forth fresh relevancy and added wisdom into our daily lives. Please also bear in mind that our parish offers separate sessions for children and teenagers.

Please contact us now. Our faith formation team members will gladly assist you. We pray that the Holy Spirit is guiding you and leading you to a life in Jesus. ~ Matt Low, 406.281.8506, <a href="mailto:mlow@stpiusxblgs.org">mlow@stpiusxblgs.org</a>.



## Welcome Back Weekend

Sept. 17 ~ 18, 2022



Welcome Back Weekend will be September 17 & 18<sup>th</sup>. The Parish Picnic will be Saturday night, beginning at 5:30pm (for those of you who go to 5pm Mass join us right after.) Our Knights of Columbus will be grilling burgers and hot dogs. A head count will sure help us so *please* RSVP. Beginning this weekend, you will find

a large glass container on the south side of the Gathering Area (left side as you leave the sanctuary). Please take a colored stone from the smaller bowl and place one -per-person in the large container if you plan on joining us for the picnic. Thank you!

## Parish Picnic Saturday night, 9/17 5:30pm

(Those attending 5pm Mass join us right after)



- Grilled hamburgers and hot dogs
- Salads and chips
- CCW bringing desserts.
- · Games for the kids
- Please bring your own lawn chair or blanket (tables limited.)

## Sunday, September 18 Coffee & Rolls

Following both the 8:30am and 11am Masses.

Parishioners are encouraged to wear your favorite team colors (any sport - any favorite hobby) to all Welcome Back Weekend Masses.

## **In and Around Our Parish Community**

## Olive Wood Carvings, See Them Today!

Victor Hannuneh and his son are visiting St. Pius this weekend with a collection of beautiful olive wood carvings from the Holy Land for sale. You may or may not be aware that only about 1 or 2 percent of the Palestinian Christians remain in the Holy Land now in 2022. Due to both political and economic pressures, these descendants of the original followers of Christ have mostly left their homeland. Among those who remain, are a group of artisans who create amazing wood carvings to make a living for themselves and their families. Victor is here representing those artists. Please visit the Fellowship Hall after Mass next weekend to take a look at magnificent works; and, maybe, purchase something for yourself, or a loved one, to help support those families in the Holy Land. Even if you don't intend to purchase something, you should go have a look. It's like walking into a religious art museum, and you won't be disappointed.

## **Catholic Daughters Potluck Luncheon**

Court St. Cecelia's Catholic Daughters will begin the new season with a potluck on Tuesday, September 13 at noon at St. Thomas Church in the community center. Please bring a hot dish or a salad. Hope to see you there! Guests are always welcome.

## Council of Catholic Women (CCW) Fall Events

Come join the fun at the St. Pius X CCW Fall Fling on Monday, September 19th! This is a potluck event starting at 6:00pm in the St. Pius X Fellowship Hall. All women of the parish are invited and you may bring a friend for an enjoyable evening of fun and fellowship with other women in our parish. CCW dues of \$10.00 for the year can be paid at that time.

The Fleece blanket project will take place on Saturday, November 19 in the Fellowship Hall from 9:00am-noon. Get together and tie fleece blankets to be donated locally! CCW is looking for donations of 2 1/2 yards of printed fleece and 2 1/2 yards of a solid color fleece which can be brought to the Parish Center M-F from 8:30am-4:30pm. Thank you!

## Help for a Troubled Marriage

There are four stages of marriage - (1) romance, (2) disillusionment, (3) misery, and (4) awakening. Many marriages experience the first 3 stages. Marriages that end in divorce never make it to the 4<sup>th</sup> stage of awakening. **Don't give up without learning about the 4<sup>th</sup> stage of awakening!** If your marriage suffers from disillusionment or misery, please contact them. Retrouvaille is for any couple who would like to rediscover their marriage and improve communication. The next Retrouvaille program begins October 28, 2022 at the Ursuline Centre in Great Falls, Montana. For more information about a Retrouvaille Weekend program for couples, contact the registration team at 1.800.470.2230 or visit www.HelpOurMarriage.com.

## St. Pius X Knights of Columbus Council 9976

Brother Knights, a Flocknote was sent asking you to consider helping us get Bingo back on track. If you didn't receive that note, but are willing to join a Bingo team, please give me a call at 406.671.5694.

On Wednesday, September 14 we will gather for our Sack Lunch project for our homeless brothers and sisters who are helped by St Vincent DePaul. ~ Bob Holbrook

#### **Area Events**

#### Thursday, September 15

 Question, Persuade, Refer (QPR) Suicide Prevention Training from 11:30am-1:00pm offered for free virtually at this link: <u>bit.ly/QPR registration</u>. Or call Alicia Kuhlman at 406.540.4120 or email <u>ght.alicia1@gmail.com</u> for more information.

#### September 23-24

 St. Mary's parish in Malta will host the Great Falls-Billings 2022 DCCW Conference September 23-24. Registration is \$85 per person. Join them for "Women of Faith...Touching a World in Need." Contact Shirley at 406.662.3738 or swccw15@gmail.com for registration.

#### October 2-6

 "The Holy Eucharist: Shadows and Fulfillment" will be offered at St. Patrick Co-Cathedral Sunday—Thursday, from 7:00-8:00pm as part of their parish mission. Each evening presentations will be offered on the Most Holy Eucharist. Preached by Fr. Ben Cameron, C.P.M. of Fathers of Mercy. All are invited to attend these mission presentations.

#### Friday, October 7

Dueling Pianos, a benefit supporting Montana children and families hosted by Catholic Social Services of Montana.
 Come to the Big Horn Resort with honored guests Bishop Michael Warfel and Bishop Jeffrey Fleming for a show by Fun Pianos, a silent auction, dancing, singing, food, and fun! For more information, visit cssmt.org/news-events/. Tickets are \$30 for children, \$40 for adults. Group discounts are available.

The Stewardship Report for September 4, 2022 was unavailable at time of print.

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

#### Sat., Sept. 10 & Sun., Sept. 11 at church

- Olive Wood Carvings from the Holy Land for sale, Fellowship Hall
- Sunday: RCIA Inquiry, 9:30am, Fellowship Hall

#### Monday, September 12

- NO Mass
- CCW Board, 1:00pm, Parish Center # 1

#### Tuesday, September 13

- Mass, 8:30am (Live-streamed)
- Parish Choir, 6:30pm, Sanctuary

#### Wednesday, September 14

- Mass, 8:30am (Live-streamed)
- Children of Joy and Gladness (charismatic prayer),
   3:00pm, Day Chapel
- K. of C. sandwich making, 6:00pm, Fellowship Hall
- Worship Commission, 6:30pm, Day Chapel

#### Thursday, September 15

Mass, 8:30am (Live-streamed)

#### Friday, September 16

- Mass, 8:30am (Live-streamed)
- SEEL Challenge, 10:00am, Parish Center # 3

#### Sat., Sept. 17 & Sun., Sept. 18 at church

- Toiletry Collection, Gathering Area
- Saturday: Welcome Back Weekend Picnic, 5:30pm, Fellowship Hall and grounds
- Sunday: Coffee & Rolls after Masses
- Sunday: Liturgy of the Word with Children, 11:00am

## **Billings Catholic Schools (BCS)**

Visit billingscatholicschools.org/parents/back-to-school-with-billings-catholic-schools/ for information on BCS fall back-to-school events including the Running on Faith 4K footrace fundraiser, the RamFamily Fall Festival and RamFamily Picnic, Scrip fundraising, Central Club activity passes, Roundtable Men's Social, Turn The Table Women's Social and the Rams Day of Giving. All members of our Catholic Community are welcome to participate in all events!

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## **Scripture Reflection:**

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14
Psalm 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19
1 Timothy 1:12-17
Luke 15:1-32

Since God created human beings, we have struggled to keep our focus on God. We wrestle with the question of "who is God" and foolishly believe some of God's job description can be better completed by us. We wander in different directions, lose our way, think that happiness can be found elsewhere and even construct golden calves to worship. Are we simply too independent or just blatantly stubborn? It's a good question to ask. Even with all of our silliness and distractions, God compassionately and patiently waits. He lets us assert our wills and knows that perhaps one day we will actually wake up and realize how lost we are.

"Since happiness is nothing other than the enjoyment of the highest good and since the highest good is above, no one can be made happy unless he rises above himself, not by an ascent of the body but of the heart. But we cannot rise above ourselves unless a higher power lifts us up ... Divine aid is available to those who seek it from their hearts, humbly and devoutly; and this means to sigh for it in this valley of tears, through fervent prayer (St. Bonaventure)." One of the biggest human struggles is discerning what, exactly, is the highest good. We are ordered to achieve it but if we pursue it with clouded vision, we will never truly find it.

One of the greatest obstacles to God's power and love is a stubborn, closed heart of stone. When we are fiercely determined to set our sights elsewhere for happiness or simply ride the popular currents of the day, we will never satisfy the deep ache and longing within. We know that ache well. It is precisely why we scurry all over the place, attempting to find the next best thing to take away its pain. Nothing in the created world ever can or will. We continue our journey. One day, people may wake up and realize that they are grazing in the wrong pasture and putting themselves in harm's way. When this awakening occurs, it will be a most joyous day as we will see God's wide-open arms waiting to receive us. "Lead me, Lord, in your path, and I will enter in your truth. Let

my heart rejoice that it may fear your name (St. Bonaventure)."

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## **Mass Intentions & Readings**

**Monday, September 12**, The Most Holy Name of Mary 1 Corinthians 11:17-26, 33, Psalm 40:7-10, 17, Luke 7:1-10

**Tuesday, September 13**, St. John Chrysostom 1 Corinthians 12:12-14, 27-31, Psalm 100:1-5, Luke

8:30am Mass: † David Larimer

Wednesday, September 14, The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Numbers 21:4-9, Psalm 78:1-2, 34-38, Philippians 2:6-

11, John 3:13-17

8:30am Mass: † Mardi Berkner

**Thursday, September 15**, Our Lady of Sorrows 1 Corinthians 15:1-11, Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 28, John 19:25-27

8:30am Mass: † Barbara Voeller

Friday, September 16, Sts. Cornelius and Cyprian 1 Corinthians 15:12-20, Psalm 17:1, 6-8, 15, Luke 8:1-3

8:30am Mass: † Fr. Richard Osterman

**Saturday, September 17**, St. Robert Bellarmine 1 Corinthians 15:35-37, 42-49, Psalm 56:10-14, Luke 8:4-15

5:00pm Mass: Int. of Ed Klessens

**Sunday, Sept. 18**Amos 8:4-7, Psalm 113:1-2, 4-8, 1 Timothy 2:1-8, Luke 16:1-13

8:30am Mass: † John Holbrook

11:00am Mass: Int. of St. Pius X Parishioners

## **Catholic Young Adults**

Billings Catholic Young Adults is a community of young Catholic adults in the Billings area who seek to draw closer to Jesus Christ and the church through worship, study, discussion, fellowship, and service. Whether you are married, single, with or without children, please consider joining us!

Fall Book Study: Mondays 6:45pm-8:00pm, September 26-November 7. \$10 includes the book *Perfectly Yourself* by Matthew Kelly, and room reservation fee (\$5 if you have a book). Location: Mazevo 3911 Central Ave. To register, please visit the website <a href="https://www.billlingscya.com">www.billlingscya.com</a> or Facebook @billingscya. For questions, please contact Sabrina at 406.694.3180.

Theology on Tap with Coadjutor Bishop Jeffrey Fleming on Thursday, September 22 at CJ's Garage. Come meet our new Coadjutor Bishop and hear him discuss the topic: Go Make Disciples - Our Shared Ministry. Doors open at 6:00pm. Speaker begins at 6:30pm. For questions, please contact Sabrina.

## Ministry Schedule: September 17-18, 2022

Saturday, 5:00pm Mass

Greeter: Jackie Fears, Mary Yuhas

Usher: Dan Miller, Mike Persha, Keith Schott, Nancy

Wandler

**Lector:** Lynne Gillig-1, Michelle Bertelson-2

Sacristan: Need 1

Altar Minister: Richard King

Eucharistic Minister: Deacon Tom Landry, Jeanne

Moller, Karen Schott, Mary Taylor

Cross: Audrey Duchesneau, Server: Emilia Duch-

esneau

Nursery: Ashley Niemi

Sunday, 8:30am Mass

Greeter: Jan Kirk, Sheila McClintock

Usher: Steve Komar, Greg Luck, Andy Mikes, Rich-

ard Wood

Lector: Rod Hart-1, Kim Komar-2 Sacristan: Clarinda Kremer Altar Minister: Don Judice

**Eucharistic Minister:** Deacon Tom Landry, Mary

Taylor, Lorraine Walter, Lisa Wood

Cross: Laila Bakkedahl, Server: Keely Bakkedahl

Nursery: Pamela Pruitt

Sunday, 11:00am Mass

Greeter: Ann Frazer, Magdalen Wojtowicz

Usher: Roland Barnes, Tyler Blood, Markus Hulquist,

David Mork

Lector: Andrea Horrell-1, Tricia Hansen-2

Sacristan: Janice Krueger Altar Minister: Lynn DeMeyer

Eucharistic Minister: Kathy Boileau, Deacon Tom

Landry, Mary Rah, Jessie Rohrer

Cross: Fiona Gallinger, Server: Molly Boileau

Nursery: Brittney Linford

## **Catholic University of America**

Thank you for your generous support last week for the Catholic University of America! If you missed this national collection, it's not too late. Visit: futurecatholicleaders.igivecatholictogether.org.

## **Seeking Hospice Volunteers**

RiverStone Health Hospice is looking for caring individuals to help support patients and families living with terminal illness. Many patient and non-patient opportunities are available. The next volunteer training is scheduled for October 13 and 14 at RiverStone Health, and potential candidates must go through an application process prior to the training. Please call 406.247.3313 for more information or to register for their upcoming volunteer training.

## **Parish Staff**

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Bulletin notices are due by 4:30pm on Monday. Please email submissions to bulletin@stpiusxblgs.org.

## 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 Baptism: Call us for details Marriage: Six-month preparation

required

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

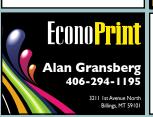
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