## St. Pius X Parish

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### September 18, 2022 Catechetical Sunday Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



### Prayer for Catechists

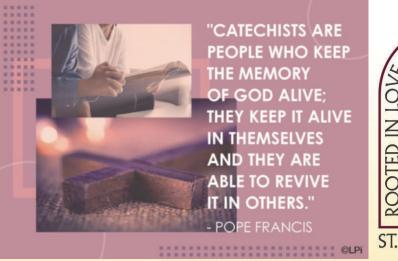
"Loving Father, we pray today for our catechists. We thank you for their gift of ministry in your church.

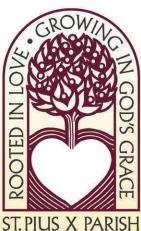
Grant them your wisdom that they may grow in the understanding and teaching of your word.

Grant them also your love that they may be fruitful heralds of your word and lead others to love you.

Pour fourth your holy Spirit upon them to grant them wisdom about what is important; knowledge of the truths of faith; understanding of their meaning; right judgement about how to apply them in life; courage to preserve even in the face of adversity; reverence before all that is sacred and holy; and that loving zeal which leads others to a transforming encounter with your Son."

We pray this through Christ, our Lord. Amen Copyright @ 2022, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops





### A Community of Generosity, a Family Rooted in Faith

Welcome! Thank you for choosing to worship with us today. We hope you will find warmth and hospitality here. St. Pius X is a vibrant parish with many ways to be engaged. If you would like more information on registration, 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 <u>stpiusxblgs.org,</u> find us on Facebook at 'St. Pius X,' or on Instagram @stpiusx blgs.

### This Welcome Back Weekend, We Give Thanks!

We give thanks to all those at our liturgies who preside at our prayer, welcome God's people, proclaim God's Word, lead and inspire us in song, serve the altar as acolytes, prepare our liturgies and worship space, live-stream our Masses and minister the Holy Eucharist to us. We are thankful for all who pray and celebrate with us this day!

### **Children's Ministry**

We are back to Children's Ministry classes this week! Classes begin on Tuesday evening (6:00-7:00pm) or Wednesday afternoon (4:30-5:30pm). All classes will take place in the Parish Center. Please keep the children, families, and Catechists in your prayers.

Children's Liturgy of the Word will take place at every 11:00am Mass! If you are interested in helping with this important ministry, contact Jessie at 406.281.8502 or jr@stpiusxblgs.org.



Above: Amber taught first-year sacramental preparation during the 2021-22 school year. We are grateful for all of our Catechists and support staff at St. Pius X! We begin classes this week!

### Blood Drive Tuesday, October 4

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**, **October 4 from 12:00-4:30pm in the Fellowship Hall.** Sign up online at <u>kofc9976.org</u>. If you have any questions, please contact Bob Holbrook at <u>unclebug111@gmail.com</u> or call 406.671.5694. Set aside any fears and help us help our community!

### **Council of Catholic Women (CCW) Fall Fling**

Come join the fun at the St. Pius X CCW Fall Fling on Monday, September 19! 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.



### Youth Ministry Listening Session Next Sunday at St. Pius X Youth Center

Calling all parents and their children in middle and high school. For those of you who don't know, Jess Sipes, our most recent Youth Minister, resigned over the summer. We wish Jess all the best and thank her for her service.

With Jess leaving, we have posted the Youth Ministry position online but haven't received any applicants. We need your help and your voice to determine how youth ministry should move forward in the future (i.e. days, format, events, etc.). Please join us for a listening session at the Youth Center for parents and youth on **Sunday**, **September 25 at 9:45am (between Sunday Masses)**. If you cannot attend but would like your voice to be heard, please email Karyn Haider at <u>khaider@stpiusxblgs.org</u>. Come grab a fresh donut and help plan for the future of youth ministry. The listening session will wrap up before the 11:00am Mass.

If you know of someone who would be a great candidate for the Youth Ministry position, please have him/her send a resume to Karyn. Please join us in praying for the right candidate to step forward to lead this very important ministry in our church!

### **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 (age eighteen years and up)!

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 <u>www.billlingscya.com</u> 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.

### Family Promise Says Thanks!

Dear St. Pius Community, thank you for your yearly donation to Family Promise of Yellowstone Valley. Your contribution will help a family break out of homelessness for good! As an organization, we are constantly looking to grow in capacity in order to touch the lives of more families that find themselves in crisis. Simply put, we could not achieve our goals if it were not for you, the community response to ending homelessness.

Your donation will make a lasting impact in our community. It is this form of sustainable giving (St. Pius has supported Family Promise for 18 years) that ensures that Family Promise can make the greatest difference in the lives of the people we serve. Parents are given the tools to be financially stable and the ability to work toward owning their own home. Children have a brighter future full of promise and opportunity; a future that homelessness would have hidden from them. Thank you for helping to improve our community and thank you for choosing to donate to Family Promise of Yellowstone Valley. Together, we will continue to help homeless families achieve and sustain independence."~ *Lisa Donnot, Executive Director* 

Donations such as this are only possible because of your tithe to the weekly collection at Mass. The Christian Service Commission of our parish oversees all parish tithing. Four local non-profits that serve the poor and vulnerable receive monthly donations. Other non-profits receive our donations upon request. Family Promise receives a year-end donation.

### Help for a Troubled Marriage



Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. It is designed to provide the tools to help get your marriage back on track, the opportunity to rediscover each other, and examine your lives together in a new and positive way. This program has helped thousands of couples. 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 <u>www.HelpOurMarriage.com</u>.



### 40 Days for Life: Sept. 28 - Nov. 6, 2022

The 14<sup>th</sup> Billings 40 Days for Life campaign is fast approaching. Help witness to the sanctity of every human life by scheduling an hour *per week* (if possible) to be a *peaceful, prayerful presence* in front of Planned Parenthood in Billings

Heights. The clinic has been "temporarily closed" since shortly after our last 40 Days for Life, but say they plan to open back up this fall.

40 Days for Life is not a protest; rather, it is a peaceful, prayerful public witness to the sanctity of all human life from the moment of conception, coupled with private prayer and fasting. We pray and fast for the frightened women who find themselves unexpectedly pregnant, for their partners, their babies, and all who have been hurt by abortion.

For more information or to sign up for a shift, contact Amy at 406.855.3737 or go to <u>www.40DaysForLife.com/</u> <u>Billings</u>.

Kick-off Rally for *40 Days for Life* will be Sunday, September 25 at 2:00pm at St. Bernard Catholic Church. Life Chain will take place on Sunday, October 2 from 2:00pm-3:30pm at King Ave. West and 24th Street West. Park by City Brew and pick up a sign at the designated table and join the chain.



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

### **Council of Catholic Women (CCW) Fleece** Blanket Project

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!

### Silent Auction Items Needed

St. Vincent dePaul is in the process of planning their Silent Auction on September 24-30. They are looking for items and baskets that groups or people would be willing to donate. This could possibly be a piece of art, tickets to an event, baskets with an array of themes, or a unique experience. If you have any donations, questions, or ideas call Cameron at 406. 281.5221 or Callie at 406.281.5223. Thank you for your assistance.

### Flood Relief Fundraiser at St. Michael's

Take a scenic drive to Absarokee on Saturday, September 24 for a 'Flood Relief BBQ Fundraiser' at St. Michael's Catholic Church from 3:00-6:00pm. Enjoy a great meal and support the people who lost so much in the June flood.

### Attention all Crafters

St. Agnes Parish in Red Lodge is holding their Craft Fair on Saturday October 22 in the Church Hall at 1 North Ward Avenue. It will run from 9:00am until 3:00pm. Space/Tables may be reserved by calling Kathy at 406.446.1628. Please leave her a message with your number on her voice mail or send an email stagnescraftfair@gmail.com. Deadline to reserve your space is October 15.

### Fall Book Sale October 3-8

Do you have any books, CDs, DVDs, jigsaw puzzles or old vinyl records to donate? Please call Central Christian Church at 406,252,1828. They collect all year.

Attend the Northwest's largest book sale at Central Christian Church. 1221 16th St. West, October 3-8. Over 75,000 titles. Paperbacks for fifty cents, hard cover for \$1.00. All forms of payment accepted.

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

Brother Knights, Our District Knights of Columbus Meeting will be held Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 to 4:00pm at the Columbia Club at 2216 Grand Ave. If you already committed to going, please be sure to attend.

Our Council will hold a Bingo Training class Wednesday, Sept. 21<sup>st</sup>. This is for any Knight who would like to become a team member on one of our Bingo Teams. If you are willing to help us get our Bingo fundraising program back on line, please consider joining us. We will gather at 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Training should last approximately 2 hours.

### Stewardship Report for September 4, 2022

Needed Weekly: Total Collections: Budget Shortage: \$21,346.00 \$14,433.00 (\$6,913.00) Budget Shortage:

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### **Area Events**

#### September 23-24

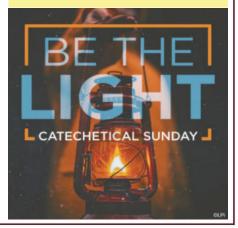
St. Mary's parish in Malta will host the Great Falls-Billings 2022 DCCW Conference September 23-24. Registration is \$85 per person. Join them for "Women of Faith...Touching a World in Need." Contact Shirlev at 406.662.3738 or swccw15@gmail.com for registration.

#### 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 presentation 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.





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

#### 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

#### Monday, September 19

- NO Mass
- CCW Fall Fling Potluck, 6:00pm, Fellowship Hall

#### Tuesday, September 20

- Mass, 8:30am (Live-streamed)
- Finance Council, 4:30pm, Parish Center # 3
- Children's Ministry classes, Parish Center
- Men's Ensemble, 6:00pm, Sanctuary
- Parish Choir, 6:30pm, Sanctuary

#### Wednesday, September 21

- Mass, 8:30am (Live-streamed)
- Sandwich Ministry, 9:00am, Fellowship Hall
- Children of Joy and Gladness (charismatic prayer), 3:00pm, Day Chapel
- Billings Catholic School Board, 4:00pm, Parish Center # 3
- Children's Ministry classes, Parish Center
- Emmaus Choir, 6:30pm, Sanctuary

#### Thursday, September 22

- Mass, 8:30am (Live-streamed)
- SEEL Prayer Group, 9:15am, Parish Center # 1

#### Friday, September 23

- Mass, 8:30am (Live-streamed)
- SEEL Challenge, 10:00am, Parish Center # 3
- Funeral Mass for Lucille Kindelman, 11:00am
- St. Michael's CCW, noon, Parish Center # 3

#### Sat., Sept. 24 & Sun., Sept. 25 at church

- Parish Blood Drive sign-up, Gathering Area
- Bake sale to benefit Central Rams Football
- Sunday: Bag Building for SVdP Sandwich Ministry, 9:30am, Fellowship Hall

Why Register at St. Pius X? Because we can stay in touch and take advantage of opportunities to grow in the love of Christ together! If you regularly attend Mass at St. Pius X Parish, please have your name added to our parish records. If you will be moving or are no longer attending Mass, please call to update your information. To register for the first time or to update your records, please contact Shannon at the parish office, 406.656.2522 or register on our website stpiusxblgs.org.

#### **Scripture Reflection:** Twenty-fifth Amos 8:4-7 Sunday in Ordinary Time

Psalm 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8 1 Timothy 2:1-8 Luke 16:1-13

"You cannot serve both God and mammon." Merriam-Webster defines mammon as material wealth or possessions, especially having a debasing influence. While God does not take issue with our need to use money for the business of our lives, there can be a problem with the attitudes we bring to it. We can easily become so preoccupied and obsessed with money that it becomes the real "god" we worship. Do we serve mammon instead of God? In their book, Wealth, Riches and Money, Craig Hill and Earl Pitts outline symptoms of mammon's influence in our lives. Some of these are worry and anxiety over money, money mismanagement, fear over "never having enough," an "I can't afford it" mentality, impulse buying, stinginess, greed, debt, and discontent.

Many of the things on that list can consume us to the point that we are distracted from what we really need to be doing. Many people spend an inordinate amount of time worrying about money and it becomes the source of their worst fears. If we are honest with ourselves, we need to admit that we place far more emphasis on our material securities than we ought. In fact, we have actually convinced ourselves that we cannot live without it. Are we that certain about the presence of God? Many of the world's problems, especially those involving inequity and injustice, result from conflicts about money. Many equate money with happiness. Those successful in accumulating large amounts of it quickly realize just how wrong they are.

"Your ultimate allegiance is not to the government, not to the state, not to nation, not to any manmade institution. The Christian owes his ultimate allegiance to God, and if any earthly institution conflicts with God's will it is your Christian duty to take a stand against it. You must never allow the transitory evanescent demands of man-made institutions to take precedence over the eternal demands of the Almighty God (Martin Luther King, Jr.)." This is the point Jesus is trying to make. Unfortunately, when we look around our man-made kingdoms are far more prevalent than God's kingdom. When we start seeing greater evidence of justice, equity, dignity, respect, opportunity, gentleness, holiness, solidarity, honesty, simplicity, care for creation, and a decrease in ambition, then we will know that God's kingdom is being served. We will be doing what we are supposed to do. ©LPi

## Liturgy of the Word with Children

Sundays at 11:00am Mass



### **Mass Intentions & Readings**

Monday, September 19, St. Januarius Proverbs 3:27-34, Psalm 15:2-5, Luke 8:16-18

**Tuesday, September 20**, Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn and Paul Chŏng Ha-sang and Companions Proverbs 21:1-6, 10-13, Psalm 119:1, 27, 30, 34-35, 44, Luke 8:19-21 **8:30am Mass: † Francis Deis** 

Wednesday, September 21, St. Matthew Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13, Psalm 19:2-5, Matthew 9:9-13 8:30am Mass: † Erick Krueger

Thursday, September 22 Ecclesiastes 1:2-11, Ps. 90:3-6, 12-14, 17, Luke 9:7-9 8:30am Mass: † Sharon Smith

Friday, September 23, St. Pius of Pietrelcina Ecclesiastes 3:1-11, Psalm 144:1-4, Luke 9:18-22 11:00am Funeral Mass: † Lucille Kindelman

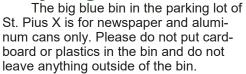
Saturday, September 24 Ecclesiastes 11:9-12:8, Psalm 90:3-6, 12-14, 17, Luke 9:43-45 5:00pm Mass: Int. of St. Pius X Parishioners

**Sunday, Sept. 25 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time** Amos 6:1, 4-7, Psalm 146:7-10, 1 Timothy 6:11-16, Luke 16:19-31

8:30am Mass: † Ken & Marion Colman 11:00am Mass: † Ann Frette



### **Recycling Reminder**



Recyclables other than newspaper and aluminum may be dropped off at Earth First Aid at 458 Charles St. Thank you!

### Ministry Schedule: September 24-25, 2022

#### Saturday, 5:00pm Mass

Greeter: Ryan & Maggie Thomson Usher: Richard King, Kevin Walter, Need 2 Lector: Dar Aldrich-1, Jim Aldrich-2 Sacristan: Bob Holbrook Altar Minister: Clare Dooley Eucharistic Minister: Erin Augustine, Deacon Tom Landry, Kathy Olsen, Tyler Wiltgen Cross: Anna Lusin, Server: Josie Lusin Nursery: Karian West

#### Sunday, 8:30am Mass

Greeter: Shannon Behounek, Connie James Usher: Steve Komar, Andy Mikes, Doug Slotsve, Need 1

Lector: Meghan Lehman-1, Tanja Sloan-2 Sacristan: Jan Kirk

Altar Minister: Need 1 Eucharistic Minister: Kim Komar, Rick McCann, Lisa Wood, Ron Yates Cross: Olivia Buller, Server: Victoria Willis Nursery: Kelly Keller

#### Sunday, 11:00am Mass

Greeter: Marge Larimer, Mary Rah Usher: Kyle Brehm, Markus Hulquist, Joe Larimer, Michael Riedel Lector: Vicki Marquis-1, Renee O'Dea-2 Sacristan: Janice Krueger Altar Minister: Need 1 Eucharistic Minister: Brittany Blood, Kathy Boileau, Rita Brehm, Ross Marquis Cross: Casey Rah, Server: Marilyn McKenzie Nursery: Judi Lampi

### **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.

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

### Mass Schedules

<u>Weekend</u> Saturday at 5:00 PM Sunday at 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

<u>Weekdays</u>

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

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

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