

# St. Pius X Parish

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# Bulletin

September 19, 2021

Catechetical Sunday

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

## There's Something About Donuts on Sunday....

Have you ever thought about that? Over the years I've heard parents say they get their kids to Mass on Sundays with the promise of a donut after! Once, a little girl requested more sprinkled donuts! This past Sunday, after months of pandemic restrictions, we had donuts! Now mind you, they were served outside but, hey, it was donuts! And a fun lesson was learned...more people will take a donut heading out the front door than will be going through the Fellowship Hall...and the other lesson? Donuts aren't just for kids!

We also had fun with cookies (homemade delights by parishioner Kelley Anderson) at the Saturday 5:00pm Mass (pictured right). You can see by some of these photos and on our social media posts that faces lit up when exiting from Mass to see rows of ribbon adorned cookies.

So, for Samuel (below), who at age one had his first-ever donut on Sunday to those who stood around laughing and catching up after the Masses this past weekend, we're glad you enjoyed! We'll do it more often in the coming months!



## Hello There. Welcome to St. Pius X!

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.'

## Parish Blood Drive, Tuesday, Sept. 21st

The Blood Drive will be from 12:45-5:30pm in the St. Pius X Fellowship Hall. You may not know, but due to a variety of events including health concerns, medical problems, donors moving out of the area, and deaths, over the last year we've lost about 20% of our donors.

This is making it extremely difficult to fill the schedule for our blood drive. Many of our donors are unable to donate due to medical or health concerns, but if you are well and healthy, please prayerfully consider taking this opportunity to donate. You can go to the Knights of Columbus website at: [www.kofc9976.org](http://www.kofc9976.org) or call Bob Holbrook at (406) 671-5694 and he can help get you signed up.

## Flocknote Keeps Us Connected!

Cellphones came out at Mass last weekend. Yes, they did! Our parish's communication tool "Flocknote" has been bringing good news to your email inbox about our Brown Bag Ministry, Children's Ministry and even serious reports to your phone's text app, like *"the power's out, you may want to wait and go to Mass in the morning"* one very hot Saturday afternoon earlier this summer.



It's a Catholic-based tool that allows us to email or text the members of our parish. It has been invaluable during the pandemic as we strove to keep all of you apprised of the latest news on COVID protocols as well as ongoing happenings in our parish community.

This past weekend we wanted to be sure those new to our parish were able to sign-up. We also wanted to help those of

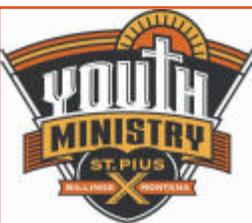
you who have seen this thing called "Flocknote" or received a text from area code (817) and wondered "who or what is this!?" Hint – Flocknote's company is based out of Texas so our texts go through their server, area code (817). Prior to each Mass our Director of Liturgy, Nick Coffman, gave a rundown of the tool, how to text SPXDisciple to 84576 and then following Mass met with any parishioner who needed some one-on-one assistance. If you have any questions about Flocknote, please call the parish center at 656-2522 and someone will happily help you! The logo for Flocknote is one lone sheep "Uno." Jesus sought and found the lost sheep. We want all to feel part of our flock at St. Pius X!

## Priesthood Sunday, September 26

Priesthood Sunday is a day to pray for our priests, a day to praise God for their courage, generosity and faithfulness to the priesthood. Take a moment between now and Sept. 26 to write a simple note to Father Greg Staudinger and/or Father Wayne Pittard and thank them for their vocation and commitment to our praying community at St. Pius X. You'll find a basket on the main table of the Gathering Area for notes.

## Children's Ministry, Rooted in Christ

Second-year sacramental families: we will have a **mandatory** parent and child meeting on Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-2:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Children's Ministry classes begin next week on September 26<sup>th</sup> or 29<sup>th</sup>! Check your email for details on classes and more! Volunteers are needed for class, Children's Liturgy and more! Why volunteer with Children's Ministry? Because the future of the Church depends on your time and talent to form young disciples. Our next Children's Liturgy of the Word will be on September 26<sup>th</sup> at the 11:00am.



## Open House at the Youth Center! Calling All Youth Grade 6 through 12

Do you believe Jesus has a purpose for you? Find out how to live that purpose with others your age at St. Pius X Youth Ministry! Many fun discipleship experiences are planned for the Fall season. Check it out at Youth Ministry's Open House on Tuesday, September 21. Questions? Contact Amanda at 281-8508 or [amichael@stpiusxblgs.org](mailto:amichael@stpiusxblgs.org).

## Disciples of Jesus GROW

As disciples, followers, or students of Jesus, we strive to live as Jesus lived. Jesus was always open to God the Father and willing to do whatever it took to love others and lead them to abundant life. Believing in Jesus means being in a relationship with God, with Christ; every good relationship welcomes and seeks growth. It is who we are: **Disciples of Jesus at St. Pius X GROW in personal relationship with Jesus.** Let us explore why our relationship with God needs to grow.

What does it mean to have a personal relationship with Jesus? This idea might sound alien, but for disciples of Jesus, it is the opposite. Jesus' closest disciples were the twelve Apostles. Each was called personally and directly by Jesus to 'come and follow me.' Christ sustained and changed them with years of personal interaction. Each Apostle had a deep personal relationship with Christ, even to the point of being 'best friends,' in the case of Peter, James, and John. The friendships, the personal relationships each of these dynamic disciples had with Jesus, ultimately changed their hearts to the point of being willing to die for Jesus Christ, which 11 of the 12 did as martyrs! Their love for Christ deepened over time, like the relationship between devoted spouses or best friends, because they welcomed growth in their relationships with Jesus. It is valid for the Apostles, the Saints, and all baptized believers like you and me.

Seeking to grow in relationship with Jesus is about embracing at least three truths that are essential truths of the Catholic Christian faith:

1. I need God.
2. My relationship with God will always need work.
3. I need to be open to God's plan to direct our relationship so that I can grow and experience abundant life in Jesus.

As St. Paul put it in his letter to the Ephesians chapter 2 verse 15, "...speaking the truth in love, may we grow up in all things into Him who is the head - Jesus Christ." St. Paul was keenly aware from his conversion process (which took years!) that discovering and believing in Jesus is only the beginning of our life of faith. The more time we spend in relationship with God, the more we grow in relationship with Jesus, who directs our lives and brings us to the fullness of life.

How can I GROW in my personal relationship with Jesus? The possibilities are endless! Here are a few tradition-honored recommendations:

**Be intentional with your prayer plans for the day/week.** As a dear friend, Jesus is always available. Make a regular time each day for prayer conversation to share your heart with Jesus and worship each weekend to encounter Him richly. He tells us, "**I am** the way, the truth, and the life..." - John 14:6

**Spend time with sacred scripture, the Bible, especially the Gospels.** Get to know God better by reading about His great love for you and all people. Consider reading the Gospel of Mark in one sitting (the shortest Gospel) and take in the whole story of Jesus.

**Expect to encounter Jesus in guaranteed places of grace with others** like the Celebration of the Eucharist (Mass) and Service of the Poor: "Seeking the face of God in everything, everyone, all the time, and his hand in every happening; this is what it means to be contemplative in the heart of the world. Seeing and adoring the

presence of Jesus, especially in the lowly appearance of bread, and in the distressing disguise of the poor."

- St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta

The bottom line is this--having a real, personal relationship with God, with Jesus, will change your life. You may know Parishioner Richard King. Richard is a Lector at Mass, an Usher, has a fellowship breakfast with scripture study every week with a group of men, serves the poor through our parish Christian Service Commission, and much more. He has grown in his relationship with Jesus. Did it happen all at once? No. It happened over time because he made small steps in his relationship with God and let God do the rest. Richard says, "My relationship with Jesus has taught me to be grateful, taught me to be aware of how God is working all the time... not just when we ask... especially in times of loss." Take a cue from our friend, Richard, and do everything you can, one step at a time, to make your relationship with Jesus your life's top priority. Everything will change, but that's OK. Jesus did not come into the world so that our lives could remain comfortable or stay the same, but 'He came that we might have life and have it more abundantly.' - John 10:10b  
*Nick Coffman, St. Pius X Liturgy Director*

## Sacraments of Christian Initiation are Available

Are you—or someone you know—seeking a personal encounter with Jesus through our Church's sacraments?

**Have you been Baptized?**

**Have you been Confirmed?**

**Have you received First Eucharist?**

We promise to assist you in every way possible. We will walk you through our parish's sacramental initiation process.

Everyone is welcome! Become a disciple of Jesus Christ. Contact Matt Low in our parish office, 656-2522. Let him know your unique story and how the *Good News* of Jesus is calling you further into the Catholic Church.



## Attend the Listening Session for the Diocesan Synod, Sept. 25

As requested recently by the Committee coordinating the Diocesan Synod, the Billings Vicariate will host a listening session on the topic of the synod, "The Domestic Church". In order to accommodate the entire vicariate, the session will be held on Saturday morning, September 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am at St. Thomas the Apostle Church in the Community Center.

This will be an opportunity for the priests and laity of the vicariate to provide advice to the bishop on his letter on the challenges facing the domestic church and how the church can best minister to the people of Eastern Montana. Please bring your concerns, affirmations and challenges to the meeting. If you are unable to attend in person, you may contact the Vicar Forane, Fr. Steve Zabrocki with your replies or suggestions on this important topic. He may be reached at: [sjzab@stthomasbillings.org](mailto:sjzab@stthomasbillings.org). Fr. Steve will pass on the information to the Committee.

## In and Around Our Parish Community



### Sept. 22 - Oct. 31

The 13<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 the Planned Parenthood clinic in Billings Heights. Need: At least two people praying at all times between 8:00am and 8:00pm in front of this facility during the 40 days of the campaign.

**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 & fasting. Participants pray and sacrifice for the frightened young women who find themselves pregnant, for their partners, their babies, and all who are hurt by abortion.

For more information or to sign up contact Amy at 855-3737 or Alvia at 860-5553, or go to [www.40DaysForLife.com/Billings](http://www.40DaysForLife.com/Billings).

**Life Chain:** This event is scheduled for October 3 from 2:00-3:30pm at King Ave. West & 24th St. West. Park in the lots on the north side of King Ave. (by City Brew), Pick up a sign in that area and join the chain. Water, lawn chairs, umbrellas and strollers are welcome.

## St. Pius X Knights of Columbus Council 9976

Our KC Blood Drive is this Tuesday, September 21<sup>st</sup> in the Fellowship Hall. We have extended the hours for this Drive only. It will run from 12:45pm to 5:30pm. Contact Bob Holbrook at (406) 671-5694 for an appointment. Walk-in's are also welcome!

Our KC Council is participating in the **40 Days for Life Campaign**. This year we will be holding vigil outside Planned Parenthood each Tuesday evening from 6:00-8:00pm. The sacredness of life is one of our highest values. Please go to: [www.40daysforlife.com/en/billings](http://www.40daysforlife.com/en/billings) and sign up to join us. Our first Tuesday is September 28<sup>th</sup>. Our last Tuesday is October 26<sup>th</sup>.

Each month we select a Knight and a Family to be honored as Knight of the Month and Family of the Month. For the month of September we selected Deacon Tom Landry as KOTM and Nick & Annette Coffman as FOTM.

While we normally only select members of our Council, we strongly believe that Nick and Annette do so much for our Parish that they deserve this honor.

Mark your calendars for Wed., Sept. 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm and we will make 200+ sack lunches for our homeless brothers and sisters served by St. Vincent dePaul. Watch for details in a future email.



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## Area Events

### Friday—Sunday, Sept. 24-26

- DeColores! The Cum Christo Renewal will take place at St. Bernard Church. With inspiring talks, meditations, spiritual direction, music, and time for personal reflection, the Renewal weekend will fill your heart and soul with that deep love that only God can provide. The shortened version (Friday afternoon through Sunday afternoon), is co-ed and you sleep at home. Applications and information are available at <http://www.bigskycumchristo.org/Billings.htm> or contact Mary Strauss at 208-7881, [birdmds@aol.com](mailto:birdmds@aol.com) or Lucy at 208-2340, [lucile53@gmail.com](mailto:lucile53@gmail.com).

### Friday, October 15

- Dueling Pianos: A Gala Benefiting Montana Children at the Big Horn Resort. Sing, dance, and laugh until your cheeks hurt at this interactive, high-energy, unforgettable dueling piano show! Proceeds benefit Catholic Social Services of Montana. Tickets are available at [www.cssmt.org](http://www.cssmt.org).

### Saturday, November 13

- 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](http://albertabairtheater.org). All proceeds benefit Family Promise of Yellowstone Valley's transitional housing project. Take pleasure in this comedy event for a good cause!

## Stewardship Report: September 12, 2021

Envelope Donation	\$11,171.00	Number of Contributors	211
Loose Checks	\$4,233.61	<b>Annual Parish Budget</b>	<b>\$1,080,000.00</b>
Loose Cash	\$616.00	Contributions needed to-date	\$228,470.00
Electronic Fund Transfer	\$5,993.00	Contributions received to-date	\$188,165.48
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>\$22,013.61</b>	Budget Income (Shortfall)	(\$40,304.52)
Weekly Average Needed	\$20,770.00		

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

### Sat., Sept. 18 & Sun., Sept. 19 at church

- Sunday, September 19, Sacramental Preparation Parent Meeting, 1:00pm, Church

### Monday, September 20

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

### Tuesday, September 21

- Mass, 8:30am, (Live-streamed)
- Parish Blood Drive, 12:45-5:30pm, Fellowship Hall
- Finance Council, 4:30pm, Parish Center # 3

### Wednesday, September 22

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

### Thursday, September 23

- Mass, 8:30am, (Live-streamed)
- K. of C. Fourth Degree, 7:00pm, Fellowship Hall

### Friday, September 24

- 11:00am Funeral Mass, Margaret McNair
- St. Michael's Circle, 12:00pm, Parish Center # 3

### Sunday, September 26

- Bag Building for Brown Bag Lunch Ministry, 9:30am

## Liturgy of the Word with Children

September 26 at 11:00am

*Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me." Mark 9:37*

### A 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 persevere 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.

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## Scripture Reflection:

### Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wisdom 2:12, 17-20  
Psalm 54:3-6, 8  
James 3:16-4:3  
Mark 9:30-37

There is something about being first. Whether it be first in line, first to be picked for the team, or the first one to finish their work, great satisfaction is achieved. Our egos love being first. It somehow sets us apart from everyone else, gives us a sense of pride and positions us to feel better than others. When we are first, we can glory in our efforts, skills, and achievements. Isn't that what really matters? After all, we are taught from a very young age to be proficient, stay on top, be the best at what we do, and win the praise and esteem of others. This is the stuff that makes us successful and provides us with a comfortable, satisfying life.

Jesus wants none of it. All of the details we anguish over mean little to the kingdom of God. You want to be first? Then, be a servant and welcome a child. All of this is the opposite of our often vehement pursuits. If we are serious about following Jesus and living the Gospel, then we must put the needs of others before our own. If we continue to listen only to the noise of the world, we are going to continue to believe the illusions we inherit. Those illusions come in many forms, but all have things in common: me before you, being on top and not the bottom, us versus them, personal security over universal harmony and peace. When are we going to learn that always striving to be the best and first is an empty pursuit in our struggle for happiness? While satisfying our ego with this momentary boost of esteem may feel good for a moment, is it what we really desire?

If we can break from the world's noise and create a space of sacred silence in our lives, we can begin to listen and see that we are being called in another direction. What we really desire is not the bolstering of our egos but the innocence we lost somewhere along the way. When we can be playful, joyful, and even somewhat carefree, life is good. We want our relationships to work, a place to call home, and to live peaceful lives with our sisters and brothers. Only a servant can do this. The servant's prayer seeks to detach from self-concern in order to be used by God. Rather than worrying about being first and coming out on top, we can be inspired, guided, empowered, and led to do good works. Stop worrying about being first and put greater energy into feeling joy. ©LPi



## Mass Intentions & Readings

**Monday, September 20**, Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gon and Paul Chong Ha-sang and Companions  
Ezra 1:1-6, Psalm 126:1-6, Luke 8:16-18  
**NO Mass**

**Tuesday, September 21**, St. Matthew  
Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13, Psalm 19:2-5, Matthew 9:9-13  
**8:30am Mass: † Les Mattern**

**Wednesday, September 22**  
Ezra 9:5-9, Tobit 13:2-4, 7-8, Luke 9:1-6  
**8:30am Mass: † Doris Bender**

**Thursday, September 23**, St. Pius of Pietrelcina  
Haggai 1:1-8, Psalm 149:1-6, 9, Luke 9:7-9  
**8:30am Mass: † Karla Oberg**

**Friday, September 24**  
Haggai 2:1-9, Psalm 43:1-4, Luke 9:18-22  
**11:00am Funeral Mass: † Margaret McNair**

**Saturday, September 25**  
Zech. 2:5-9, 14-15, Jeremiah 31:10-13, Luke 9:43-45  
**5:00pm Mass: † Raymond Ihde**

**Sunday, September 26**      **26th Sunday in O.T.**  
Numbers 11:25-29, Psalm 19:8, 10, 12-14, James 5:1-6, Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48  
**8:30am Mass: Int. of St. Pius X Parishioners**  
**11:00am Mass: † Barbara Hogan**



## Billings Catholic Young Adults

A community of young adult Catholics in their 20's and 30's.

Saturday, October 2, Mass at St. Patrick Co-Cathedral at 9:00am. All ages welcome to attend Mass. Young adults are encouraged to sign-up for liturgical ministries. First Saturday Mass will continue each month.

October 4: Fall Book Study at Mazevo on Central Ave. from 7:00-8:00pm. The book will be "The Biggest Lie in the History of Christianity" by Matthew Kelly. Find the book on Amazon for \$7 or check the Young Adult website for purchase. Book orders must be placed by September 27.

Visit the website at [www.billingscya.com](http://www.billingscya.com) to find out more or call Sabrina at (406) 694-3180.

## Ministry Schedule: September 25-26, 2021

### Saturday, 5:00 PM

**Greeter:** Jackie Fears, Steve Lattimer  
**Usher:** Richard King, Mike Persha, Nancy Wandler, Phil Zeeck  
**Lector:** Connie Marman-1, Gary Marman-2  
**Sacristan:** Tim Morgan  
**Altar Minister:** Heather Kaiser  
**Eucharistic Minister:** Clare Dooley, Karen Hould, Janice Krueger, Deacon Tom Landry  
**Cross:** Skyler Sanchez, **Altar Server:** Ethan Miller  
**Nursery:** Malaree Wiltgen

### Sunday, 8:30 AM

**Greeter:** Sheila McClintock, Carrie Mikes  
**Usher:** Steve Komar, Chuck Legerski, Greg Luck, Andy Mikes  
**Lector:** Alan Gransberg-1, Annette Behm-2  
**Sacristan:** Clarinda Kremer  
**Altar Minister:** Kim Komar  
**Eucharistic Minister:** Ashley Buller, Deacon Tom Landry, John & Brenda Pankratz  
**Cross:** Luke Pankratz, **Server:** Olivia Buller  
**Nursery:** Kylie Schott

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

**Greeter:** Mike & Molly Boileau  
**Usher:** Steve & Nicole Geiger, Markus Hulquist, Michael Riedel  
**Lector:** Vicki Marquis-1, Carol Schaff-2  
**Sacristan:** David Mork  
**Altar Minister:** Magdalen Wojtowicz  
**Eucharistic Minister:** Kathy Boileau, Deacon Tom Landry, Sandi McGovern, Mary Rah  
**Cross:** Matthew Rah, **Server:** Lizzie Rah  
**Nursery:** Karian West

## Catholic Daughters Host a Fall Spiritual Reflection & Workshop

When: Saturday, October 2 from 8:45am-3:00pm at St. Bernard Catholic Church, Billings. Conversation with God—5 Minute Prayers, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Mary's Way of the Cross, Chat with St. Vincent de-Paul's Chaplain, Team Building, Circle of Love, Sharing of Ideas, and Spiritual Rosary. Silent auction items available.

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**Bulletin notices are due by 4:30pm on Monday.**

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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  
[www.stpiusxblgs.org](http://www.stpiusxblgs.org). Click Live-  
Stream on the homepage.

### Sacraments

**Reconciliation:** Sat. 3:30-4:30 PM

**Baptism:** Call us for details

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