

# St. Pius X Parish

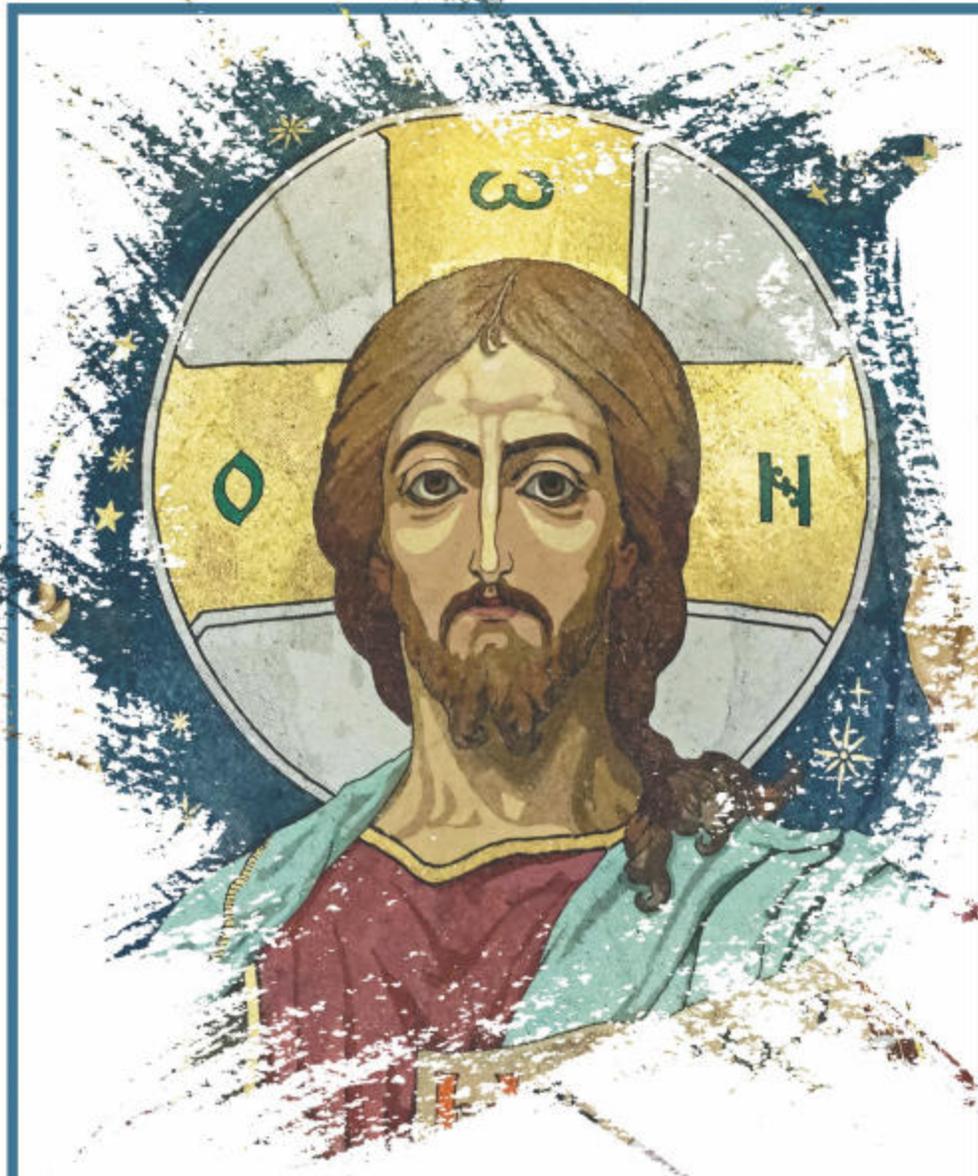
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# Bulletin

September 26, 2021

Priesthood Sunday

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time



"THERE IS NO ONE WHO PERFORMS A MIGHTY DEED  
IN MY NAME WHO CAN AT THE SAME TIME SPEAK  
ILL OF ME." - MK 9:39

26<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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## Prayer for Vocations

Lord of the Harvest,

Bless young people  
with the gift of courage  
to respond to your call.  
Open their hearts to  
great ideals, to great  
things.

Inspire all of your disci-  
ples to mutual love and  
giving—for vocations  
blossom in the good  
soil of faithful people.

Instill those in religious  
life, parish ministries,  
and families with the  
confidence and grace  
to invite others to  
embrace the bold and  
noble path of a life  
consecrated to you.

Unite us to Jesus  
through prayer and  
Sacrament, so that we  
may cooperate with  
you in building your  
reign of mercy and  
truth, of justice and  
peace. Amen.



ST. PIUS X PARISH

## Join Our Family in Christ! Welcome to St. Pius X

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.'

## 'First Sunday of the Month' Collection for St. Vincent dePaul

Next weekend we will have a collection of hospitality items for St. Vincent dePaul. These items are needed regularly:

- ◆ Laundry soap (any type)
- ◆ Coffee (Regular)
- ◆ Sugar
- ◆ Non-dairy creamer
- ◆ Napkins
- ◆ 8 oz. coffee cups
- ◆ Disposable soup bowls
- ◆ Disposable eating utensils
- ◆ Disposable plates (small & dinner size).
- ◆ Healthy snacks in individual packages such as breakfast bars, nuts, dried fruit, etc.
- ◆ **NEW:** Feminine hygiene products for menstrual cycle.
- ◆ **NEW:** Socks and underwear for both men and women, backpacks and men's casual wear.

Please bring your donations October 2-3 and place them in the food bin in the Gathering Area. Or, if you prefer to make a monetary donation, please make your check to St. Vincent DePaul and place in the small collection box next to the food bin. Thank you for your generous support of monthly collections!



Above: Mary Rah leads the children from Mass for Liturgy of the Word with Children. A children's lectionary provides simplified readings of the same ones heard at Mass. Young disciples can engage in an age appropriate way. The children return to Mass during the collection of the gifts. If you are interested in finding out more, call Jessie at 281-8502. Liturgy of the Word with children will take place at the 11:00am Mass today.

## Today is Priesthood Sunday

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 soon 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 for notes on a table near the Day Chapel doors at church.

## Children's Ministry Classes Begin!

Classes to prepare kids for sacraments and ongoing faith formation will begin this week! Our class times are Sunday morning from 9:45-10:45am and Wednesday afternoon from 4:30-5:30pm; both in the school building. If you are still interested in signing up, contact Jessie today at 281-8502 or email [jr@stpiusxblgs.org](mailto:jr@stpiusxblgs.org). Please keep our children and their families in your prayers.

## Youth Choir Makes a Joyful Noise!

Youth Choir will meet in the sanctuary on Wednesdays from 3:30-4:30pm beginning September 29<sup>th</sup>. Students in grades 1-8 are invited to join. Please contact Joan at (406) 281-8509 or by email [joan@stpiusxblgs.org](mailto:joan@stpiusxblgs.org) for more information.

## 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 Rita at the parish office, 656-2522. You can also register on our website: [www.stpiusxblgs.org](http://www.stpiusxblgs.org).

**SEPT 28 &  
29**

# KICKBALL KICKOFF

## KICKOFF THE START OF A NEW YEAR IN YOUTH MINISTRY!

HOSTED BY ST. PATS, ST. PIUS,  
MQP, AND ST. THOMAS

### WHEN

Tuesday September 28th - Junior High  
Wednesday September 29th - High School

### WHAT TIME

7:00-8:30 pm

### WHERE

Veteran's Park

### WHAT TO BRING

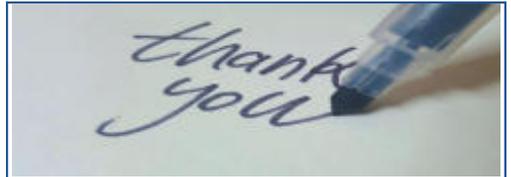
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A-K - Pre-packaged drinks

L-Z - Pre-packaged snacks

Signed permission slip

\*\*Masks are optional



### From Angela's Piazza: Women's Drop-In Center...

Dear Parishioners of St. Pius X and  
Members of the Christian Service  
Commission,

With thanks to all of you, 95 chil-  
dren in Billings and the surrounding are-  
as were able to start their first day of  
school with everything they needed to  
begin a successful new school year. We  
were able to compile supplies for four  
additional children using the loose sup-  
plies you also gave, and the remaining  
items will be held until after the new year  
as supplies dwindle and need replacing.

Your continued support for Angela's  
Piazza: Women's Drop-In Center is  
deeply appreciated. As you know, many  
of our program participants are from low-  
income, single-parent households that  
rely on the generosity of others in order  
to obtain what they need for their chil-  
dren's success. One little first grade boy  
quite literally jumped up and down and  
clapped when he saw he was getting a  
Spider Man backpack! And he was  
thrilled with his new box of pencils so  
much so that he opened them right up,  
lined them up, and counted each one.  
His mom explained how excited he was  
for school to start, as this was his first  
year home with mom in their new apart-  
ment together. They had gone to visit  
his new school and he was really looking  
forward to his first day.

Thank you to all of you who helped  
make this boy's first day of school, and  
that of so many other children, as bright,  
exciting and wondrous as possible!

Sincerely,  
*Amy Aguirre, Assistant Director*



### Diocesan Synod

The aim of the Synod is to assist  
Bishop Warfel in writing a pastoral letter to  
the entire Diocese, encouraging families  
particularly in their spiritual lives. The  
main theme "The Domestic Church in  
Eastern Montana" has been divided into  
four main sections. The third section is:  
"The Triple Duties of Baptism: Holiness,  
Knowledge, Authority"

- Reflect on how the members in the  
family are called to help each other reach holiness,  
whether spouse to spouse, parent to child, child to  
parent, or sibling to sibling, grandparent to grand-  
child, etc.).
- Reflect on how we are called to share the faith with  
each other in the family, and the primary role parents  
have in the education of their children.
- Reflect on how parents have the primary authority  
over their children, and how the government, schools,  
etc. can or should assist them.

Please pray for the success of our Synod, and if you have  
any suggestions or comments on the questions please  
reach out to the Vicar Forane, Father Steve Zabrocki.



### 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 pro-  
cess.

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.

## In and Around Our Parish Community

### 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.



### Life Chain: October 3rd

A peaceful, prayerful public witness of pro-life Americans 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.



The 13<sup>th</sup> Billings **40 Days for Life** campaign runs through October 31. Help witness to the sanctity of every human life by scheduling an

hour *per week* to be a *peaceful, prayerful presence* in front of the Planned Parenthood clinic in Billings Heights. Needed: 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. For more information or to sign up contact Amy at 855-3737 or Alvina at 860-5553, or go to [www.40DaysForLife.com/Billings](http://www.40DaysForLife.com/Billings).

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

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> and our last Tuesday is October 26<sup>th</sup>.

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.



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](http://www.stpiusxblgs.org). Thank you for your support!



## Area Events

### October 1-2, & October 4-9

- Book Sale at Central Christian Church, 1221 16th St. West. Open from 10:00am-4:00pm on dates listed. Paperback books are 50 cents, hardcover is \$1.00. Books, puzzles, CD's, vinyl records, DVD's and teaching aids. Masks required.

### Tuesday, October 5

- Pray the rosary for Vocations and for all parish priests, 6:30pm at St. Patrick Co-Cathedral. Continues each Tuesday. All are welcome.

### 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!

## Free Covid-19 Support

Call (877) 503-0833 or visit [montanacrisisrecovery.com](http://montanacrisisrecovery.com) for confidential emotional support from the impacts of COVID-19.

## Stewardship Report: September 19, 2021

Envelope Donation	\$10,291.00	Number of Contributors	138
Loose Checks	\$3,015.00	<b>Annual Parish Budget</b>	<b>\$1,080,000.00</b>
Loose Cash	\$426.00	Contributions needed to-date	\$249,240.00
Electronic Fund Transfer	\$1,063.00	Contributions received to-date	\$202,960.48
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>\$14,795.00</b>	Budget Income (Shortfall)	(\$46,279.52)
Weekly Average Needed	\$20,770.00		

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

### Sunday, September 26

- Bag Building for Brown Bag Lunch Ministry, 9:30am
- Children's Ministry classes, 9:45am, school building
- Children's Liturgy of the Word, 11:00am

### Monday, September 27

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

### Tuesday, September 28

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

### Wednesday, September 29

- Mass, 8:30am, (Live-streamed)
- Youth Choir, 3:30pm, Sanctuary
- Children's Ministry classes, 4:30pm, school building
- K. of C. Sandwich Making for SVdP, 6:30pm, Fellowship Hall

### Thursday, September 30

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

### Friday, October 1

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

### Sat., Oct. 2 & Sun., Oct. 3 in the Gathering Area

- Hospitality Collection for St. Vincent dePaul. See page 2 for specific items needed.
- Sunday, Children's Ministry classes, 9:45am, school

## Catholic Daughters Workshop

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

## Always Our Children to Gather

*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, October 7 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.

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## Scripture Reflection:

### Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Numbers 11:25-29  
Psalm 19:8, 10, 12-14  
James 5:1-6  
Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

What are the little ones? They are the poor, the marginalized, the women and men at the well, the Zacchaeus' looking for Jesus from a tree, those mired in sin, the blind who want to see, and the lame who want to walk. They are the lepers and the different ones who have been told that they are unclean, and the ones who suffer from abuse and grave injustices and oppression. They are children who want nothing more than to be loved and enjoy celebrating their innocence. These are all the little ones and they are all vulnerable. Life already brings them burdens, we don't need to add to them.

St. Oscar Romero said, "When the church hears the cry of the oppressed it cannot but denounce the social structures that give rise to and perpetuate the misery from which the cry arises." Why are so many people still so gravely hurting? We have the resources and the means to make things better. We choose not to. There are still those things called greed, pride, lust, apathy, jealousy, gluttony, and anger that prevent us from seeing each other and people to be loved and not objects to be used. Is this how God intended things to be?

God loves what is good and upright. It doesn't matter who did it or where it came from. In God's eyes, the end result is always faith, hope, and love. Those will always unite a person with God. We fill our lives with many things that are not good either for ourselves or for others. All of us have to work to discover what it is, exactly, that leads to the world's brokenness. There are people, systems, and ideologies in place that foster oppression and injustice rather than equity and fairness. Sadly, our complacency can be the greatest evil. Turning a blind eye, ignoring the truth, and believing that we are helpless to fix so great a problem, does little to move us closer to the kingdom of God. As members of the Body of Christ, we cannot condone anything that keeps people in misery.

As it is said, charity begins at home. Perhaps a good place to start is with our own households and making sure their foundations are properly laid. ©LPI



## Mass Intentions & Readings

**Monday, September 27**, St. Vincent dePaul  
Zechariah 8:1-8, Psalm 102:16-21, 29, 22-23, Luke  
9:46-50

**NO Mass**

**Tuesday, September 28**, St. Wenceslaus; St. Lawrence Ruiz & Companions  
Zechariah 8:20-23, Psalm 87:1-7, Luke 9:51-56

**8:30am Mass: † Barbara Voeller**

**Wednesday, September 29**, Sts. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14, Psalm 138:1-5, John 1:47-51

**8:30am Mass: † Timeteo Mondragon**

**Thursday, September 30**, St. Jerome

Nehemiah 8:1-4, 5-6, 7-12, Ps. 19:8-11, Luke 10:1-12

**8:30am Mass: † Amelia Schmalz**

**Friday, October 1**, St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus

Baruch 1:15-22, Psalm 79:1-5, 8-9, Luke 10:13-16

**8:30am Mass: † Tom Breshears**

**Saturday, October 2**, The Holy Guardian Angels

Baruch 4:5-12, 27-29, Ps.69:33-37, Matthew 18:1-5, 10

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

**Sunday, October 3 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Genesis 2:18-24, Psalm 128:1-6, Hebrews 2:9-11,

Mark 10:2-16

**8:30am Mass: † Lowell Duffner**

**11:00am Mass: † Michelle Belgarde, Mark Belgarde**

In thanksgiving  
for the life of  
**Lydia  
McDermott.**  
Please keep her  
family in your  
prayers.



## Attention All Crafters:

St. Agnes Parish in Red Lodge is holding their Craft Fair on Saturday October 23 in the Church Hall at 1 North Ward Avenue from 9:00am - 4:00pm. Space/Tables may be reserved by calling Betty at (406) 446-2465. You may leave her a message with your number on her voice mail. By mail 50 Aspen Place Red Lodge MT 59068 or email Betty at [stagnescraftfai@gmail.com](mailto:stagnescraftfai@gmail.com). Deadline to reserve space is October 16.



## Ministry Schedule: October 2-3, 2021

**Saturday, 5:00 PM**

**Greeter:** Ryan & Maggie Thomas

**Usher:** Jim Kaiser, Richard King, Kevin Walter,  
**1 Needed**

**Lector:** Heather Kaiser, Virginia Smith-2

**Sacristan:** Tim Morgan

**Altar Minister:** Vicki Langlinais

**Eucharistic Minister:** Mary Brown, Karen Hould,  
Helene Ranweiler-Waage, Mark Sevier

**Cross:** Cyann Crabtree, **Altar Server:** Halle Anderson

**Nursery:** Julie Wilson

**Sunday, 8:30 AM**

**Greeter:** Donna Meyers, Patty & Gerry Thomas

**Usher:** Steve Komar, Dan Miller, Dan Sloan, Gerry Thomas

**Lector:** Kim Komar-1, Tanja Sloan-2

**Sacristan:** Clarinda Kremer

**Altar Minister:** Kathleen Bernhardt

**Eucharistic Minister:** Roberta Ehli, Don Judice,  
Deacon Tom Landry, Rae Scheeler

**Cross:** Laila Bakkedahl, **Server:** Keely Bakkedahl

**Nursery:** Theresa Slynghsted

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

**Greeter:** Lynn DeMeyer, Kathy McCleary

**Usher:** Tyler Blood, Markus Hulquist, Joe Larimer,  
Penny Sipes

**Lector:** Andrea Horrell-1, Jennifer Mack-2

**Sacristan:** Annette Coffman

**Altar Minister:** Magdalen Wojtowicz

**Eucharistic Minister:** Rosita Furigay-O'Donnell,  
Janice Krueger, Mary Rah, Germaine Riesinger

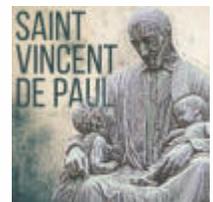
**Cross:** Grady Martin, **Server:** Howie Martin

**Nursery:** Judy Lampi

## St. Vincent dePaul Feast Day

September 27<sup>th</sup> is the Feast of our patron, St. Vincent de Paul. Please join us in praying for his intercessions as we continue to carry on our Mission of serving the needy in our community.

*St. Vincent, patron of all charitable associations and father of those who are in misery, come to our assistance. Obtain from Our Lord help for the poor, relief for the infirm, consolation for the afflicted, protection for the abandoned, a spirit of generosity for the rich, grace of conversion for sinners, zeal for priests, peace for the Church, tranquility and order for all nations, and salvation for them all. May we be united in the life to come, by your intercession, and experience joy, gladness, and everlasting happiness. Amen.*



## Parish Staff

Parish Center Hours: 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday  
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**Bulletin notices are due by 4:30pm on Monday.**

Please email [bulletin@stpiusxblgs.org](mailto: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](http://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  
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**Anointing of the Sick:** Please call  
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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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