St. Jude Thaddeus Parish

MISSION STATEMENT

We, the people of St. Jude Thaddeus Parish, are called and challenged to nurture, support and minister to strangers and to each other, and to celebrate our unity while acknowledging our differences. We will strive to become visible signs of Jesus in our community.

MOTHER TERESA WINS A FIGHT

Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta was an eloquent example of someone who expressed her faith through how she lived and what she did, not just through what she said. Her critics often accused her of proselytizing, of forcing poor and dying Hindu people to become Catholics.

Certainly conversions did happen (and still do) among the people that she and her sisters cared for, but they didn't happen because they were forced or tricked. Rather, they were (and are) won over to Christ by the sincerity and gentleness of the sisters' care. The sisters claim to believe exactly what we believe, that every human being, no matter how small or weak, is created in the image of God and beloved by him. And they demonstrate this faith by their actions. Mother Teresa's first clinic was a former Hindu pilgrimage residence, which she turned it into a hospital for the poor and dying.

But the local Hindus leaders weren't too happy about a former Hindu pilgrimage hostel being used as a place of Catholic proselytism - they suspected that the sisters engaged in secret baptisms of Hindus and Moslems inside its facilities. Gangs of hostile locals harried the sisters as they roamed Calcutta's slums, scooping up destitute people lying in the gutters. Neighbors threw sticks, stones, and dirt at the sisters as they carried in their wretched patients. Finally, a police commissioner arrived to close down the clinic. Mother Teresa invited him. He entered and saw the floor full of sick and dying poor people. And he watched as the sisters knelt down beside these maimed, helpless, and abandoned people, not preaching at them, but bathing their wounds, cleaning them, and feeding them. They were communicating their faith, but not through trickery or force, but by the sheer power of self-forgetful love.

The stunned commissioner walked back out the front door and dispersed the angry crowd, telling them that he would stop Mother Teresa only when the neighbors persuaded their wives and sisters to take over the work the nuns had started.

SEPTEMBER 12, 2021
TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Monday	September 13	8:00 am Liturgy of the Word
Tuesday	September 14	7:15 am Mass Anthony Herbold + R/B Christian Herbold
Wednesday	September 15	8:00 am Liturgy of the Word
Thursday	September 16	7:15 am Mass Little Ones Lost Through Abortion R/B Richard Nau
Friday	September 17	7:15 am Mass Gary Web + R/B Jed & Marlyn Damson
Saturday	September 18	5:00 pm Mass Maroney Family R/B P.C.C.W.
Sunday	September 19	9:30 am Mass **Catholic Daughters Sunday** Parish Community

ST. THERESE'S WEDDING INVITATION

One of the most touching examples of someone who understood how to relate to God personally, comes from the life of St. Therese of the Child Jesus. She is also known as St. Therese of Lisieux and the Little Flower. She lived in the late 1800s in northwestern France. She came from a middle-class family with a strong faith. In fact, her four sisters all became nuns, like her, and her parents have been beatified.

St. Therese died when she was twenty-five years old, was canonized just twenty-seven years later, and in 1997 Pope John Paul II declared her a Doctor of the Universal Church. Therese discovered her vocation when she was still quite young. With a lot of faith and determination, she was given special permission from the bishop to enter the Carmelite convent when she was just fifteen. When she was seventeen, she professed her vows. Around that time, a friend of hers, who was not a nun, was getting married. Therese received one of the invitations to the wedding. It was a beautiful invitation: formal and elaborate, with elegant calligraphy and aristocratic wording. Of course, Therese was not going to be able to attend the wedding - once Carmelite nuns enter the convent, they don't leave. But seeing the invitation gave her an idea.

The day of her religious vows was approaching, and so she playfully wrote up her own wedding invitation, in which she described the bridegroom as Jesus Christ, "King of Kings and Lord of Lords," the bride as "Little Therese Martin," the date of the wedding 8 September 1890, the day of her vows, and the date of the wedding reception as "tomorrow, the Day of Eternity". For Therese, Jesus was much more than an idea or an ideal - he was a living person, interested in her life, and her friendship with him was real.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

Sunday: Is 50:5-9a/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35
Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 7:1-10
Tuesday: Nm 21:4b-9/Phil 2:6-11
Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16 /Jn 19:25-27
Thursday: 1 Tm 4:12-16/Lk 7:36-50
Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12/Lk 8:1-3
Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16/Lk 8:4-15
Next Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20/Jas 3:16—4:3/Mk 9:30-37

RETROUVAILLE

Marriage Saving – the Weekend Phase – During the weekend phase of Retrouvaille a series of presentations are given by a team of three couples and a priest. The team presents a technique of communication that enables you to take a good look at most areas of your relationship. After each presentation, you have time in the privacy of your room to discuss the previous presentation. Retrouvaille is for any couple who would like to rediscover their marriage and improve communication. For more information about an upcoming Retrouvaille Weekend program for couples, contact the registration team: at 406-761-4830 or visit our website: www.HelpOurMarriage.org

MONTHLY MEETINGS

PCCW	Debi Rhines—945-2833 1st Tuesday of the month 6:30 pm in the parish center
Catholic Daughters	Lynne Boyle—262-7633 2nd Tuesday of the month 7 pm
Knights of Columbus	Ken Tyler—360-672-0823 2nd Monday of the month 7 pm
Secular Franciscans	Marlyn Damson—262-4022 2nd Wednesday of the month 2:30 pm in the parish center

SPIRITUAL GROWTH

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday: 12:00-4:00 pm

Eucharistic Adoration is a perpetual Pentecost, where Jesus is, there is the TRINITY. Please come and pray that we will be Christ to one another through our actions, love and commitment to others.

EAGLES MANOR

Fridays: 9:30 am Liturgy of the Word

MENS PRAYER GROUP

Thursdays: 6:30-7:30 am (Parish Center)

ROSARY

Following the daily Mass

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Where Faith and Knowledge Meet

GANDHI AND SCOTT HAHN

Faith without works is dead, but faith with works is alive. One of the biggest obstacles to the spread of the Catholic faith is the counter-witness given by Catholics who come to Mass on Sunday, but act like pagans on Monday. India's great leader for independence, Mahatma Gandhi, famously commented on this phenomenon. He had been educated in western universities, where he was exposed to the beautiful teachings of Christ. But he was also exposed to the hypocrisy of people who called themselves Christ's followers, but made little effort to follow Christ's teachings. Reflecting on this experience, he later said: "I like your Christ, I do not like your Christians. Your Christians are so unlike your Christ. That's an example of dead faith, faith with no power to inspire or give hope.

But faith with works is alive; it does have the power to inspire and give hope. One of today's most prolific and influential Catholic writers is Scott Hahn, a former Presbyterian minister. For years, Scott was a vocal anti-Catholic propagandist. But he was also actively pro-life. And the more pro-life activities he become involved in, the more Catholics he met personally. Over and over again, he saw that the same people who went to Mass, prayed the rosary, and filled their churches with statues and paintings (these were all things Scott Hahn considered to be empty, ritualistic, and unchristian) were also sacrificing their time and reputations in the pro-life Movement to protect and promote true Christian values. In those Catholics, he saw works, deeds, that made it impossible for him to doubt that their faith was alive and true. Through that experience, he began to see the Catholic faith in a new way; opening the door of his heart to conversion.

ST. JUDE THADDEUS SCHOOL

- MAP testing will take place September 14-16th. Please make sure your child is well rested and has breakfast before arriving to school.
- School picture day is Thursday, September 23rd.
- Hot Lunch this week is:
  Monday, September 13—Sack Lunch
  Tuesday, September 14—Hot Dogs & Nachos
  Wednesday, September 15—Lasagna
  Thursday, September 16—Bacon Cheeseburger Cass.
  Friday, September 17—Fish Sticks

2021 JOG-A-THON COLOR SPLASH

Support our students and school by supporting a specific student when they ask for sponsorships or by becoming an angel sponsor by making a simple donation to the St. Jude Thaddeus School 2021 Jog-A-Thon. Our overall all goal is to raise $30,000.00, which goes towards the general operating expenses of the school. Donations may be mailed to St. Jude Thaddeus School; Attn: Business Office; P.O. Box 407; Havre, MT 59501.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:	Baptismal preparation is required. Contact Deacon Tim Maroney or Monsignor Wathen to set up pre-baptism instructions.
RCIA: (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	We welcome your interest in exploring the Catholic faith. Please contact Deacon Tim at 265-4261 for further information.
SACRAMENT OF PENANCE:	Opportunity for the sacrament is offered Saturday 4:00 – 4:30 pm or by appointment.
SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:	Please note: "A wedding is a day; a marriage is a lifetime." A minimum of six months notice is required. Contact the parish office to arrange for the required interview and preparation sessions and to set the wedding date.
ANOINTING OF THE SICK:	Contact the parish office when someone is hospitalized or homebound.

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