

# St. Patrick Co-Cathedral

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May 16, 2021



## THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

So then the Lord Jesus, after he spoke to them, was taken up into heaven and took his seat at the right hand of God. But they went forth and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the word through accompanying signs. - Mk 16:19-20

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# The Ascension of the Lord

May 16, 2021



## Mass Intentions & Readings

### Readings and Reflections

**First Reading:** "This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven." (Acts 1:11)

**Reflect:** Luke opens his story of the early Church (the Acts of the Apostles) with Jesus' ascension into heaven and Jesus' final command to be witnesses to the faith. In what ways do you pass your faith onto others?

**Psalms:** God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord. (Ps 47) Or Alleluia.

**Second Reading:** The one who descended is also the one who ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things. (Eph 4:10)

**Reflect:** Paul urges the Ephesians to use the gifts that God has given them to "build up the body of Christ" and to attain the "unity of faith." What are the gifts you use to foster unity in your faith community?

**Gospel:** So then the Lord Jesus, after he spoke to them, was taken up into heaven and took his seat at the right hand of God. (Mk 16:19)

**Reflect:** Mark's account of the ascension of Jesus includes a final commissioning of the disciples to proclaim the Gospel, baptize believers, drive our demons, and heal the sick. How well do you think the Church fulfills this commission today?

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### MASS TIMES

**Saturday at 5:00pm**

**Sunday at 8:00am & 10:30am — (livestreamed)**

**Wednesday at 12:10pm**

**Reconciliation will be held in Father's office Saturday 3-4pm**

**Please continue to visit our website for any updates [www.stpatrickcocathedral.org](http://www.stpatrickcocathedral.org)**

### Monday May 17 - No Mass

Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab [33a]/Jn 16:29-33

### Tuesday May 18-

#### † Marilyn Cummings-Washington

by: Charles Deschanel

Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21 /Jn 17:1-11a

### Wednesday May 19-

#### 12:10 PM Mass

#### † Chuck & Marynell Heringer by: Heringer Family

Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68: 29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab /Jn 17:11b-19

### Thursday May 20-

#### † Ruben Day by: Nadine Shirley

Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 /Jn 17:20-26

### Friday May 21

#### † Wayne Ettleman by: Marlene Magilke

Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab /Jn 21:15-19

### Saturday May 22-

#### 5:00 PM Mass

#### † Joy Dahl by: Jeff & Diana Penney

Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 Gal 5:16-25/ Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

### Sunday May 23-

#### 8:00 AM Mass-

**Terry Nelson** by: Jan Wood

#### 10:30 Mass- (livestreamed)

#### St. Patrick Parishioners

Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 Gal 5:16-25/ Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

### Baptism Class

May 18, 2021 at 6:00pm

Call the office at

406-259-3389

to register or if you have any questions.



### 2021 Graduates

Celebrated on  
May 23<sup>rd</sup> at the  
10:30 Mass

## There's No Place Like Home

Where do you get the best night's sleep? For me, it's in my own bed. I don't even really know why. There's something about the texture of the sheets, the groove I've worn in the pillow. The mattress seems to recognize my shape. I've got a job that sees me traveling often and I've stayed in plenty of nice places. But there's just no sleep like the sleep you get at home.

There's a feeling that we have when we're at home. Our bodies seem to recognize it when we walk in the door. There's a relaxation that kicks in, a peace that falls over us. I think that's what Heaven will be like. It won't be pleasure or happiness — those words aren't enough to describe what it feels like to be at home, are they? It's more than that.

If you ever wonder why there is pain in this world, it's because we're not at home.

That's not to say we don't belong here. Through God's mercy, this beautiful world is where we live out our earthly existence, and those existences can be filled with amazing relationships and profound experiences. In fact, we might enjoy our time here so much that we don't want to leave.

But there's a reason this life has so many things that don't make sense: loss, fear, anger, sickness, hatred. It's because we weren't made for this place. For our souls, it's like a never-ending night in a hotel bed.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

## WORD OF LIFE – MAY 2021

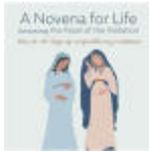
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In order to help us update our records. Please take a moment and make any changes.  
Place in offering basket, or bring it to the Parish Office.



May 17-23

Paul Thurmond	17
Maggie Petesch	18
Hope Williams	18
Cody Aguirre	19
John Stoughton	20
Michael Depner	21
Don Zarr	21
Mark Cassel	21
Juanita Bennett	22
Lindsay Gran	22
Valerian Noland	22
Brett Close	23

St. Patrick Co-Cathedral

## Family Flower Potting Event

Join us May 16 after the 10:30am Mass. We will provide terra pots for children to paint. Soil and marigolds will be supplied.

Sack lunches are also available for families. Meal includes a sandwich, chips, carrots and a cookie.

This event will be outside at the park across the street from the church. Bring your sunscreen, picnic blankets and any other supplies your family would like to use!



### Join People Healing People at St. Vincent Healthcare

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## Congratulations!

### Fr. Greg Staudinger's 40th Anniversary of Ordination

To mark this special anniversary on May 23, we are inviting you to participate in a Card Shower! If you would like to congratulate Fr. Greg for his faithful service as a priest in Eastern Montana, please send your card to the parish office at St. Pius X, 717 18th St. West, Billings, MT 59102 or drop it off during the celebration drive-by after St. Pius' 10:00am Mass on May 23. Special treats will be served after the Saturday, 5:00pm Mass and on Sunday after the 10:00am Mass and during the drive-by. Thank you for 40 years of service, Fr. Greg!

**Youth Ministry** CITY-WIDE KICKBALL Wed., May 19th- Grades 6-12 an evening of fellowship at Veteran's Park (2609 13th St W) from 7:00 -8:30 pm. Bring a signed permission slip available on our website. Those with last names starting with A-K, bring pre-packaged drinks; starting with L-Z, bring pre-packaged snacks. See you then!



Young adults, men and women in their 20's & 30's, you're invited!

Mark your calendars! We are excited to announce that our first Theology on Tap in over a year is finally happening! Bishop Michael Warfel will be presenting on what it takes to become a saint!

**When:** Thursday, May 27th, 2021

\*doors open at 6:00 (if you'd like to come eat, drink and socialize beforehand, no host), speaker from 6:30-7:30, stay as long as you'd like.

**Where:** CJ's Garage, 2455 Central Ave.

Bring a friend, tell a fellow parishioner. Help us build our Catholic community across the city!

Want to stay up to date on all things Billings Catholic Young Adults? Follow us on Facebook or Instagram @billingscya, or visit our website [billingscya.com](http://billingscya.com)





Change For Hope – – LaVie’s Virtual Baby Bottle Campaign will run from May 9<sup>th</sup> through June 20<sup>th</sup>. LaVie has hosted a Baby Bottle Campaign for years but is launching a new platform and going virtual this year. LaVie strives to empower individuals to embrace hope by providing loving, compassionate care for early pregnancies. Funds raised during *Change For Hope* are used to fund the programs offered by LaVie which assist women facing unplanned pregnancies with education, services, and information promoting life affirming options, along with medical services at the Billings Heights LaVie, 44 Wicks Lane and at LaVie West, 2321 Broadwater Avenue.

We are asking for your help, visit <http://www.fundeasy.com/m/5138656/> and donate to LaVie and help us meet our goal of \$1,500. Lets help fill LaVie’s virtual baby bottle! If you’re interested in learning more about the services LaVie offers, please visit [www.laviebillings.com](http://www.laviebillings.com).

## Stewardship Report

May 9, 2021

Mail & Plate	\$ 6,791.00
Online Giving	\$ 2,235.81
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 9,026.81</b>

### Charitable Giving-April

Love Inc.	\$ 323.00
MT Children’s Trust Fund	\$ 323.00

### Special Collections

Religious Retirement	\$ 20.00
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## Diocese of Great Falls-Billings

### Office of the Bishop

**From: Bishop Michael Warfel**

Thanks to all those who have tried to follow COVID related protocols to date. They may be an annoyance but have played a role in lessening the impact of the coronavirus on behalf of the common good.

The following are adjustments to existing protocols for the Diocese of Great Falls-Billings: If a county health department does not require face coverings or restrictions on capacity, neither are these restrictions required at parishes in those counties. If county health departments do require masks and spacing, these restrictions are required at parishes also. Pastors may continue to require masks and here at **St. Patrick Co-Cathedral we will continue with requiring masks.**

The obligation to attend Sunday Mass and Holy Days continues to be dispensed but attendance is strongly urged. Opportunities are available for Mass during the week. Parishioners should consider this option if there is concern for gathering on a Sunday with a larger attendance.

Parishioners are to be reminded of the importance of receiving the Eucharist, if at all possible.

Parish gatherings are allowed following the guidance of local county health departments. (It is important to be mindful of those who may be vulnerable and who have underlying conditions which may include the parish priest. Each parish church should have masks available at the entrance as well as sanitizers).

The invitation by the celebrant “Peace with you” and the people’s response, “And with your spirit,” should be made. The physical sign of peace among the assembly is **not** to be offered but the practice of turning towards others with a simple nod of the head as a sign of solidarity and respect, may be offered as a sign of peace.

**Job announcement from Shanny Murphy**  
**Diocese of Great Falls – Billings Chancery**



Special Project Coordinator-full time

Primary Duties and Responsibilities

-The Bishop's Annual Appeal

-Establishing New Grants

-Annual Fundraiser

-Other Duties

Qualifications

Education & Experience

1. High school diploma required.

2. Minimum of three to five (3-5) years in nonprofit office support experience preferred.

3. Fundraising experience and grant writing knowledge preferred but not required.

Knowledge, Skills and Abilities

1. A practicing Catholic in good standing highly preferred.

2. Proficient with Microsoft suite, Word, Excel, Outlook, PowerPoint, Publisher

3. Strong interpersonal skills, verbal and written.

4. Organization and attention to detail required.

5. Has the ability to multi-task effectively.

6. Ideal candidate is creative, energetic, friendly, kind, courteous, takes direction

well and has a strong work ethic.

Working Conditions

1. Normal office environment.

2. Driving company fleet vehicles

3. Must be able to lift 30 lbs

4. Some travel required with over-night stays.

5. Must feel comfortable doing live presentations or interviews.

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What is the meaning of the letters that professed religious have after their names?

The Catholic Church includes hundreds of religious communities. The priests, religious brothers, religious sisters, and nuns of these communities (which are often referred to as "religious orders") are committed to particular spiritual traditions and often to a particular charism (such as teaching, healthcare, social work, or pastoral care).

To help identify a person as a member of a particular religious community, the custom developed of including post-nominal letters that provide a sort of shorthand for the name of the community that the priest, brother, sister or nun is part of. So, for example OSB after a person's name would indicate that they are a member of the Order of St. Benedict (the Benedictines), just as SJ would indicate that a priest or brother is a member of the Society of Jesus (the Jesuits) or RSM would show that a woman is a Sister of Mercy.

Other common examples include:

DC = Daughters of Charity

FSC = The Brothers of the Christian Schools/Christian Brothers

OCist = The Order of Cistercians

OCD = Order of Discalced Carmelites

OFM = The Order of Friars Minor (the Franciscans)

OFM Cap = The Capuchin Franciscans

OP = The Order of Preachers (Dominicans)

OSF=Franciscan Sisters

SC = Sisters of Charity

SDS = Society of the Divine Savior (Salvatorian Priests and Brothers and Salvatorian Sisters)

SSND = School Sisters of Notre Dame

SVD = Society of the Divine Word (Divine Word Missionaries)

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