

## THE HOLY FAMILY

# GROWTH

The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

- Lk 2:40

We GATHER

Friday, January 1<sup>st</sup> is a holy day: the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. Mass will be offered for the Vigil on Thursday at 5:00 pm and on the day, Friday at 9:00 am. Masses will be livestreamed on our website and posted online following. Church offices will be closed Thursday and Friday this week. Happy New Year!

**Pastor:**

Rev. Steve Zabrocki

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:**

Saturdays - 3:30 pm or by appt

**Weekend Mass Schedule:**

Saturday - 5:00 pm

Sunday - 8:30 am, 10:30 am

**Daily Mass Schedule:**

Tuesday - Friday - 9:00 am

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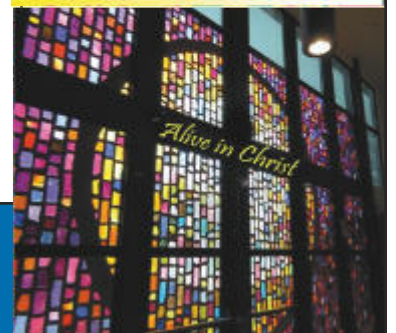
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December 27, 2020: *The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph*

# STEWARDSHIP



## Parish Support

Collection 12/20

Due to the holiday, our bulletin needed to go to print quite early. Please look here next week to see an updated parish support amount. As always,

***Thank you for supporting  
your parish in these  
unprecedented times!***

The special diocesan collection for December is for the **Retirement Fund for Religious**. (This is not for our diocesan priests, who are not of a specific religious order.)

**Please be generous. Envelopes can be found in the gathering area of the church and at the entry door of the Parish Center.**



*Your prayers are requested for the repose of the souls of **Ruben Day** of this parish, and **Bob Schwarz**, formerly of this parish. Please pray for Ruben and Bob, their families and friends, and all those who grieve their passing.*

You are welcome to contact our staff.

### Office Hours:

Mon -Thurs: 8:00 am - noon; 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Friday: 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

**Pastor:** Rev. Steve Zabrocki

**Deacon:** Deacon Nate Haney

**Retired Deacon:** Deacon Tim Birkle

Liturgy Asst: Jina Arroyo

Administrative Asst: Theresa Ball

Custodian: Brian Etchart

RCIA/Adult Education: Mary Gillespie

Youth Ministry: Tiffany Glennon

Religious Ed: Joyce Hollowell

Outreach: Kathy Lombardozzi

Finance Mgr: Paul Miron

Liturgical Music: Carolyn Peters

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## CHARITY FUNDRAISING RAFFLE

Support the ministries & mission of the Diocese of Great Falls-Billings by entering to win prizes purchased through an anonymous donor. (Winners responsible for taxes.) **Tickets are \$20 each. Get your tickets in by Thursday, January 7<sup>th</sup> for the next Early Bird cash prize of \$500 drawn January 15<sup>th</sup>. Main grand prize drawing is May 15, 2021.** See flyers at the bulletin boards to see Grand, Second and Third prizes!



Tickets can be purchased at the parish office. Only 60,000 available! Call 406-727-6683 for more information.

## Needing prayers

Brother Bede Baldry, Vern Boyer, Deacon Bill Daem, Carol Gritten, Ron Jones, Donna Kimmerly, Ed Parks, Joe Robinson, Judy Smith, Helen Strekall, and Joyce Viviano.





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## We BELIEVE

**Next Week's Readings - January 3, 2021**

**The Epiphany of the Lord**

Isaiah 60:1-6 (20ABC)

Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Matthew 2:1-12

## Mass Intentions

**Tuesday, 12/29, 9:00 am**

**Wednesday, 12/30, 9:00 am**

**Thursday, 12/31**

**Thursday, 12/31, 5:00 pm**

**Friday, 1/1, 9:00 am**

**Saturday, 1/2, 5:00 pm**

**Sunday, 1/3, 8:30 am**

**Sunday, 1/3, 10:30 am**

† **Bob Begger** by Sue Begger

† **Hugh Gustafson** by Ed & Evelyn Kinzel

**No daily Mass; Vigil for Solemnity of Mary at 5:00 pm**

**Intentions of the St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Families**

† **Herb & Marge Beckers** by Jim & Sue Beckers

† **Kathy McKinney** by Kathy Lombardozzi

**Intentions of the St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Families**

† **Greg Cournoyer** by Kathy Lombardozzi

Bishop Warfel has continued the dispensation of the obligation for people of our diocese to attend **Sunday Masses and Holy Days until further notice.** If your health is compromised or if you are a part of the vulnerable population, we continue to have the weekend recorded Mass on our [parish website](#).

**Sacristy Linens January:** Lisa Wetzler

**Sac/Holy Water December 30:** Don & Margie Seader

## Liturgical Ministers

**Dec. 31-Jan 1, Jan 2-3**

	Thur 7:00 pm	Fri 9:00 am	Sat 5:00 pm	Sun 8:30 am	Sun 10:30 am
<b>Asst Collect</b>				L Pauley	
<b>Collection</b>				P Miron	
<b>Plate 1</b>	<b>Deacon Tim</b>	<b>M Helfrich</b>	<b>Deacon Nate</b>	<b>Deacon Nate</b>	<b>Deacon Nate</b>
<b>Plate 2</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Plate 3</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Greeter SG</b>	N Schuman	C Kaiser	K Hooley	G Burmeister	NEEDED
<b>CC</b>	P Svee	S/B Long	K/V Petermann	O Burmeister	J Jordan
<b>Proclaimer 1</b>	K Simpson	M Gillespie	S Hall	B Tieszen	M Easton
<b>Proclaimer 2</b>	B Warn	D Bofto	T Abel	E Helgeson	D Armstrong
<b>Sacristan</b>	A McFarlin	E Mellor	NEEDED	A McFarlin	N Bengé



	Thur 7:00 pm	Fri 9:00 am	Sat 5:00 pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am
<b>12/31-1/1, 1/2-3</b>					
<b>Usher Lead</b>	Z Arroyo	J Mellor	S Bracy	B Duray	K Bengé
<b>Usher Altar</b>	T Scott	J Beckers	NEEDED	S Fleury	L Clawson
<b>Usher Ambo</b>	L Clawson	K Ruby	NEEDED	K Fleury	F Dugas



## Religious Education

No Sacramental Preparation this week.



Classes will resume on January 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>.

### **FAMILY CATECHESIS PACKET PICK UP:**

**Tuesday, January 5<sup>th</sup>**

- 11:30 am – 1pm
- 4:15 pm – 5:00 pm

**Wednesday, January 6<sup>th</sup>**

- 11:30 am – 1 pm
- 5 pm – 6 pm.



*Joyce*

## We GROW

### Youth Ministry

I HOPE YOU ALL HAD A  
**Merry Christmas!**

Youth Group will meet again January 13<sup>th</sup>,  
7-8pm

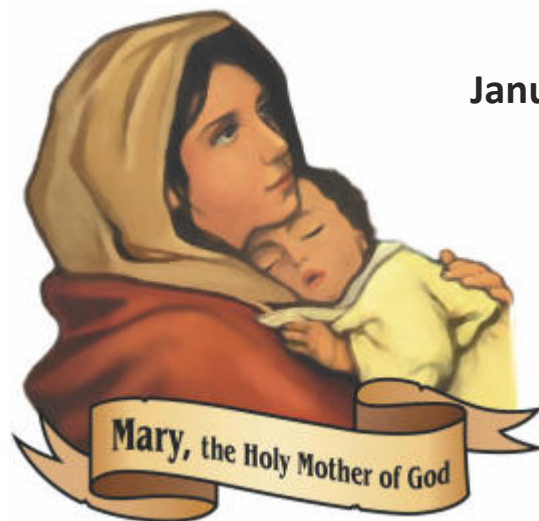
*Tiffany*



**A Holy  
Day:**

**Solemnity  
Of  
Mary,  
Mother  
Of  
God**

**January 1<sup>st</sup>**



*Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us...*

### **OUTREACH Ministry Opportunities**

- ♥ **"Calls of Caring"** Can you make calls to check-in with our parishioners we are not seeing at church or who we know are home-bound?
- ♥ **"Welcoming Committee"** Can you call new families to welcome them to the parish?

If either interests you, please contact Kathy at [kathy@stthomasbillings.org](mailto:kathy@stthomasbillings.org) or 656-5800, ext 305.

# We LEAD



Winter hats made by our  
Prayer Shawl Ministry folks.  
A true labor of love.

A heartfelt thank you to the St. Thomas parish family from the 170 families with 526 children who were the recipients of the food baskets and gifts. It was your generosity that provided these families not only with everything needed for a Christmas diner, but also with groceries to help them get

through the two-week break from school. EVERY ACT OF CARE COUNTS ... CARING FOR OTHERS IS THE MOST IMPORTANT THING YOU CAN DO. Each and every can or box of food, each ham that you contributed was needed. These families are shocked that we do this for strangers.

The contribution of gifts and the care taken to purchase them and wrap them is amazing. For many of the children, this is the only time they receive something brand new. A new shirt certainly improves their self-esteem.

Much-appreciated are the 39 St. Thomas families who adopted 57 families. WOW! Many thanks to The faithful volunteers who donated their time and effort to bring this ministry to fulfillment. From the ladies of St. Rose of Lima Circle who cut out the ornaments, the knitters who made hats for the children, to the men who sorted and boxed the food to the ladies who wrote out the ornaments and sorted the gifts and to all those who delivered on Sunday — well done!

May God bless you always.



# Community Needs

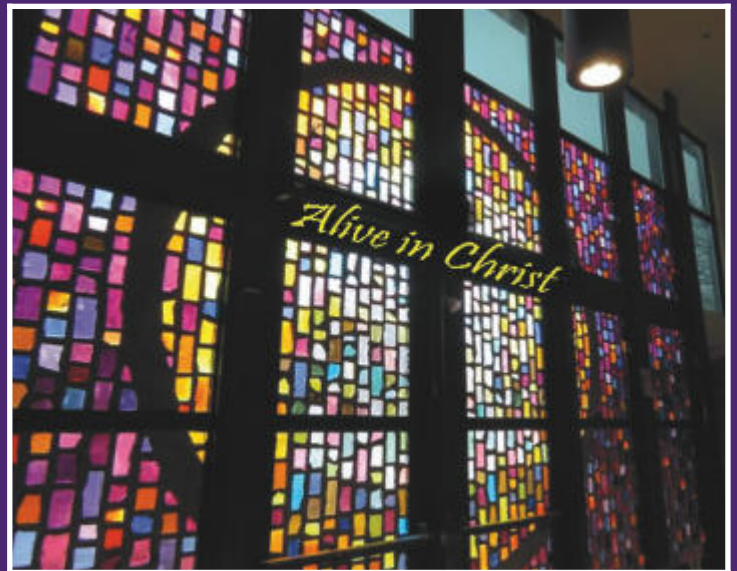
St. Vincent de Paul thanks you for your prayers and donations. 2020 has been a challenging year. The Lord's blessing to the Israelites is a blessing to all of us, too. "The Lord bless you and keep you! The Lord let his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you! The Lord look upon you kindly and give you peace!" (Numbers 6:24-26) A blessed New Year to everyone.

## Around the region—

**The Fiesta Committee of Mary Queen of Peach Church has created a wonderful keepsake calendar that will take you all the way into 2022.** See your family, friends, neighbors and yourself in yesteryear Fiestas and current Fiestas. They are please to report that everyone has aged younger! The cost is just \$10; get yours now while supplies last. It's fun; it's funny; it's fabulous! Call MQP 259-7611 to get yours.

The Retrouvaille Community of Montana has been invited to join with California's Northern Community in offering this online weekend. **A virtual, online Retrouvaille marriage help program begins Thursday and Friday evening, and a full day on Saturday and Sunday, January 14-17, 2021.** The weekend will be followed by a series of virtual Post-Weekend Sessions. There is a \$500 registration fee per couple, but no one is turned away due to inability to pay. Contact them at 406-761-4830 or [www.helpourmarriage.org](http://www.helpourmarriage.org).

**Carroll College is offering a \$1,000 Parish Scholarship to a student active in the parish** in memory of the deceased priests of the diocese. This \$1,000 scholarship is applicable toward full-time tuition at Carroll College for the upcoming academic year. **Only one newly accepted student per parish may receive the scholarship. Application deadline to be considered as our parish applicant is March 1<sup>st</sup> to the church office.** A completed application will include the application form with a completed essay and 2 letters of recommendation (one personal and one scholastic). The student must be full-time (taking 12 semester hours) to maintain this scholarship. Applications are in the church front office or you can get one from Tiffany Glennon, our youth minister.



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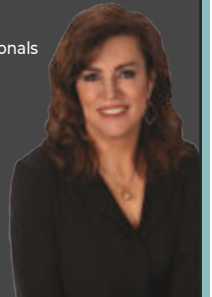
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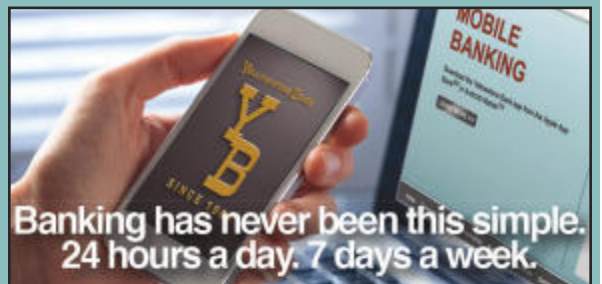
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