



Since the Passover of the Jews was near, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. He found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money changers seated there. He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area. - Jn 2:13b-15a

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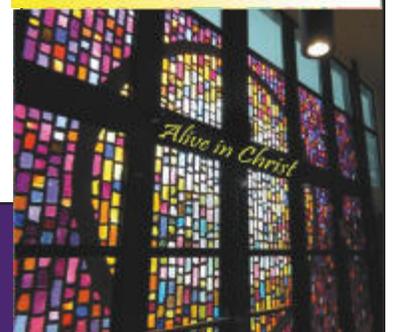
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March 7, 2021: *Third Sunday of Lent*

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As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord. Joshua 24:15

The 2021 Care and Share Campaign begins this week, offering Catholics throughout the diocese the opportunity to support the critical ministries of our Church that will benefit the more than 33,000 Catholics and innumerable others throughout the 94,500 square miles of our diocese. **Please prayerfully consider saying “yes” to supporting this year’s Campaign, when you receive your campaign packet later this week,** knowing that your generosity will serve to strengthen the Body of Christ.

Here at St. Thomas, our parish’s assessed commitment for the 2021 Campaign is **\$177,066.** Thank you for helping us reach our goal.

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

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Please purchase RAFFLE tickets to support the Diocese of Great Falls-Billings, Catholic parishes, schools and ministries!

(Winners responsible for taxes.) **Tickets are \$20 each. Get your tickets in by Thursday, May 6th for the FINAL MAIN GRAND PRIZE DRAWING on MAY 15th.** See flyers at the bulletin boards to see Grand, Second and Third prizes!

Tickets can be purchased at the parish office or use the flyers at church entrances. Call the diocese, 406-727-6683, for more information. Thank you!



We BELIEVE

Next Week's Readings - March 14, 2021

Fourth Sunday of Lent

2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23 (32B)

Ephesians 2:4-10

John 3:14-21

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, 3/9, 9:00 am

Wednesday, 3/10, 9:00 am

Thursday, 3/11, 9:00 am

Friday, 3/12, 9:00 am

Saturday, 3/13, 5:00 pm

Sunday, 3/14, 8:30 am

Sunday, 3/14, 10:30 am

Intentions of Edna & Jerry Jones by Kathy Lombardozi

† Judy Cole by Mary Kay & Pat Byorth

† Gene Walsh by Ed & Kathy Aders & Family

† B.A. Rodriguez by Donna & Jerry Powell

† Elizabeth Ebsen by Alix & Tom Abel

Intentions of Candace Burrows by Bunny Burrows

Intentions of the St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Families

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](#).



Liturgical Ministers

March 13-14

	Sat 5:00 pm	Sun 8:30 am	Sun 10:30 am
Asst Collect		D Chandler	
Collection		P Miron	
Plate 1	Deacon Nate	J Uselman	C Chandler
Plate 2	N/A	N/A	N/A
Plate 3	N/A	N/A	N/A
Greeter SG	K/V Petermann	J Burmeister	L Clawson
CC	A Anderson	O Burmeister	C Kaiser
Proclaimer 1	P Hoy	B Warn	J Hollowell
Proclaimer 2	J Hoy	W Wallace	F Hollowell
Sacristan	M Easton	B Duray	N Bengé

Sacristy Linens March: Sue Begger

Sac/Holy Water March 12: Sharon Kennedy

	Sat 5:00 pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am
3/13-14 Usher Lead	NEEDED	C Hasiak	Z Arroyo
Usher Altar	NEEDED	J Beckers	F Dugas
Usher Ambo	NEEDED	M Rath	K Bengé

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

*My Jesus,
I believe that You
are present in the Most Holy
Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my
soul.
Since I cannot at this moment
receive You sacramentally, come
at least
spiritually into my heart. I
embrace You as if You were
already there and unite myself
wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated
from You. Amen.*

Religious Education



We are sponsoring THE RICE BOX Lenten collection again. The money raised goes to Catholic Relief Services to help remedy 3rd World Hunger. Please pick up a Rice Box at one of the church entrances — fill it with your pocket change during Lent and return it to the church by Easter and we will mail all monies raised to Catholic Relief Services. Pocket change truly does change lives! Thanks for your participation!

Joyce

Youth Ministry

Remember - Youth Group will be making sack lunches for the homeless to be delivered to St. Vincent de Paul this Wednesday, March 10th.

- ◇ Subscribe to our podcast if you haven't already: Catholic Hot Tips in 5 Minutes or Less!

Tiffany



We GROW

IMPORTANT NOTICE!

Are you receiving all of Father's communications?

He wants you up to speed, but **we need your help** to improve parish communications!

PLEASE -

Our outgoing email communications are via mail@flocknote.com now, so if you are already receiving Flocknotes, you're already part of the **"in-crowd"** (check your junk mail, just in case 😊.)

If not, it's time to join and **"be in-the-know!"** Please send Theresa Ball an email at church@stthomasbillings.org letting her know **you're in the flock and want "in" on the news.**

It's that simple. Thanks!

Easter Basket sign-up sheets for donations and Sponsor a Family (Previously Adopt a Family) are available at church entrances and online through the link on the parish website. Non-perishable food items are due to church by Sunday, March 21st and ham donations are due by 9:00 am on Palm Sunday, March 28th. You can also sign up to deliver Easter Food Baskets to a family at the church entrances and online.

From a thank you note:

We thank you so much for the food boxes. We are truly touched by your generosity. Without your kindness and love we would not be able to have a nice Christmas dinner or gifts for our children.



We LEAD

Let's stay connected!

We are featuring those in our RCIA program that plan to join our parish as new Catholics at the Easter Vigil, 4/3/21.

Let's meet **Nick Nelson**.



Nick Nelson
& Elena

Will you tell us a bit about yourself? (How long have you been in the Billings area? Will you share about your family? What is your professional background—what

are you doing to “make a living”?)

Hi. My name is Nick Nelson. I grew up in Melstone, MT. My family has been ranching there since the late 1800s. I went to school for process plant technology. With that, I got a job in North Dakota as a Gas Plant Operator. I've been doing that for the last three years.

Please tell us what brought you to the Catholic Church. Then, what brought you to this particular parish - St. Thomas the Apostle?

Well, coming to the Catholic Church, I believe, was always God's plan for me. I was baptized Lutheran in my small town, but stopped going there because of a lot of small-town politics. I continued to seek religion as I grew older but being taken by friends to the mega churches just didn't feel right to me. I was seeking the deeper roots of religion that I grew up with and knew when I was little. My girlfriend is Catholic and got me into the faith again, and in this Church I found what I was looking for. This particular parish - again, I think it was God's plan. I called St. Thomas the Apostle, but thought it was a different and closer Catholic Church. I'm not very familiar with Billings so that was my mistake, but in the end it was a blessing to end up here!

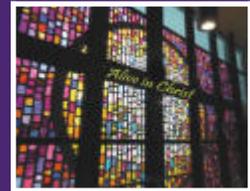
What interests you? How do you see yourself becoming involved as a volunteer in your new church home? Can you quickly share about that?

Anything outdoors has always interested me. I liked being active and doing sports growing up. I'm always happy to help people as much as I can. Growing up, when we could come to Billings for groceries, I'd always try to give the few dollars I had to homeless on the street corners. It is a struggle with my work being so far away to attend Mass at St. Thomas in person every week. I do make a point to attend Mass weekly either virtually or in person, but I'll do whatever I can when I can to help here.

How can we support each other in our Catholic faith? What message or story of hope do you have to share with your parish family?

Through prayer and action - supporting anyone when they need it. Asking for help is always hard, but being there and knowing that your family is always there to help is crucial. Despite all the darkness in the world, hope is the light that shines in us all.

Community Needs



The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is seeking volunteers in a number of areas. They have reopened the charity office and need help with QuickBooks/data input, reconciling checkbooks and bank/errand runs for the clients. They also need help with preparing/serving breakfast and/or lunch. Finally, they need donations of lunch supplies OR volunteers to make sack lunches at home and drop off at the door facing their parking lot, 3005 1st Ave S, between 7:30 am and 4:30 pm Monday thru Friday. Please call Billie Edwards at 252-1855, ext 201 for more information.

Around the region—

Elevate our schools. Donate now to the 2021 BCS Foundation Mayfair Special Project, an elevator for Billings Central Catholic High School! The 2021 Special Project has three phases: the installation of an elevator, the demolition of the aging Sacred Heart facility behind the school, and beautification and safety upgrades including new lighting for the BCCHS parking area. BCCHS is in dire need of these improvements that will improve the safety and well-being of every student and staff member at Central. For more information on the Mayfair 2021 Special Project, visit billingscatholicsschoolsfoundation.org, click the Mayfair tab, and scroll to Mayfair 2021 Special Projects at the bottom of the page, or call 406-252-0252.

KC Council 1259 hosts their annual Fish Fry during Lent. Dinner is served from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm at the Columbia Club, 2216 Grand Ave. The cost for this all-you-can-eat dinner is Adults - \$12; children - \$6. Limited seating with social distancing and masks are required when entering. Meals to go can be pre-ordered at 406-656-7010. Bingo will follow dinner, upstairs, at 7:00 pm.

The Pan Atlantic Foundation, a non-profit organization which works with international high school student exchange, **is looking for families to host their incoming students** from Germany, Denmark, Italy, Spain, etc. **Their goal is to place the students with families who share their faith.** Students arrive in August and are here for the entire school year. They are proficient in English and come with their own health insurance and spending money for all personal, academic, and social expenses. They have a variety of hobbies and interests, including soccer, cooking, ice-skating, golf, fashion, movies, mathematics and more. Host families can be retired, empty nesters, single, or families of any size from zero children to a tribe! Many of the students have dreamed of studying in American since they were small children. All they need is a seat at your table and a place in your heart. Please visit www.meetourstudents.org to get to know the students, or visit www.iwantohost.org for more information.



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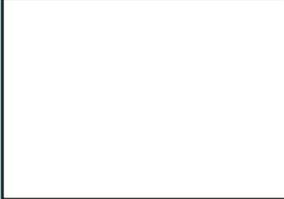
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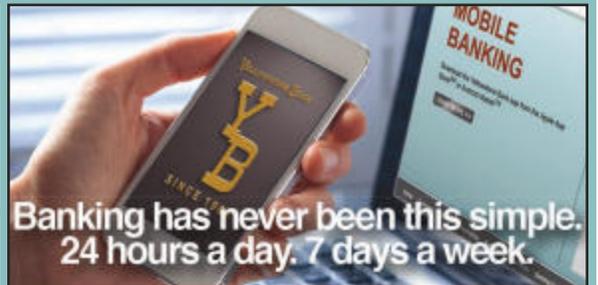
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