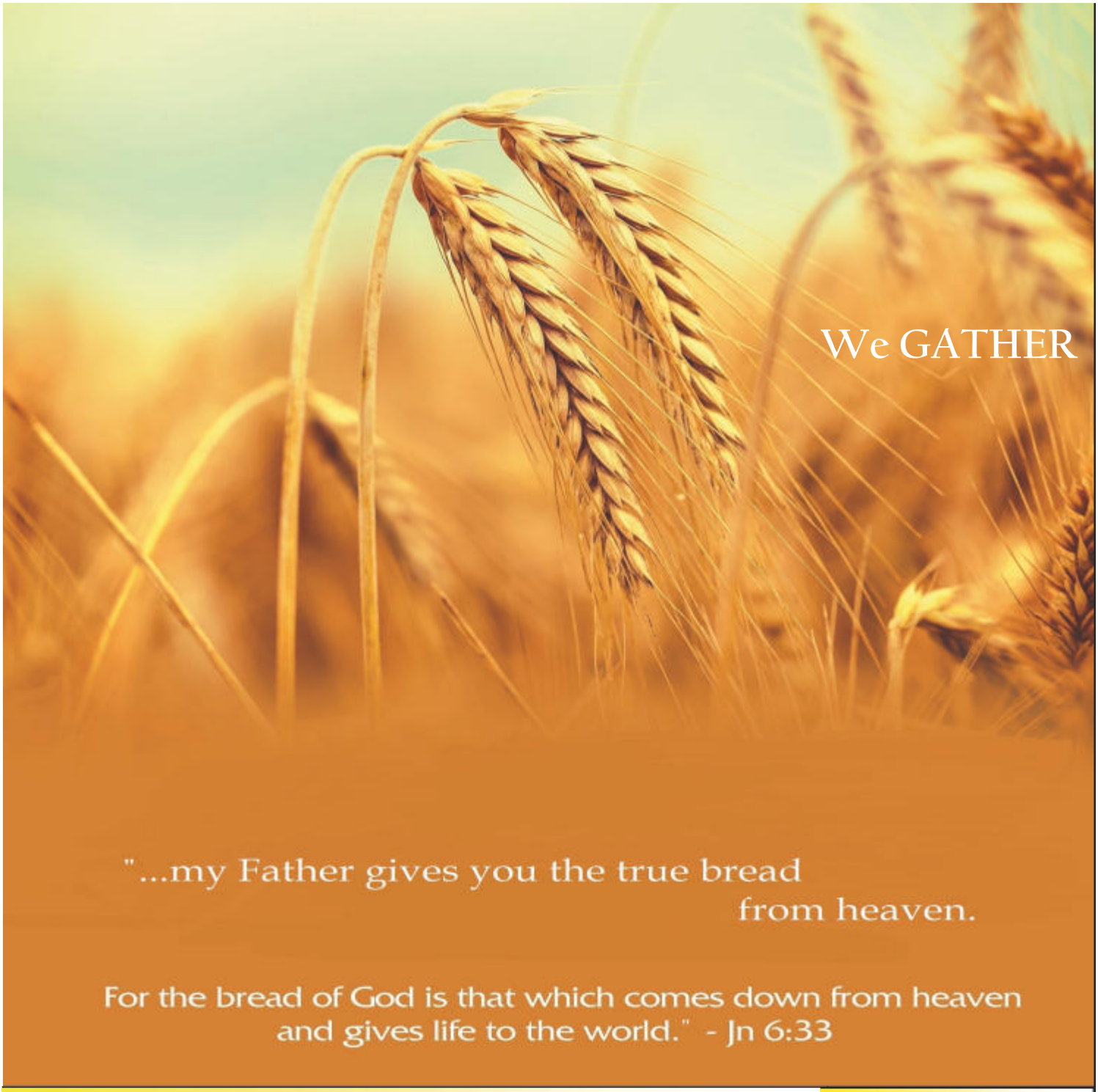

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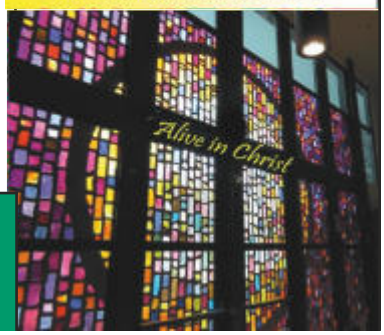

August 1, 2021: *18h Sunday in Ordinary Time*

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Thank you for supporting your parish!

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of ***Peter Lombardozzi*** *of this parish. Please pray for Peter, his family and friends, and all those who grieve his passing.*

Needing prayers

Jamie Cross-Lake, Deacon Bill Daem, Dode Donnelly, Reid Hagen, Mick Johnson, Ron Jones, Keith Kinkade, Ted Lechner, Jack Padon, Ed & Audrey Parks, Joe Robinson, Linda Rodgers, Janice Smith, Judy Smith, Helen Strekall, Tracy Wegner and Kathy Wilson.

Thanks and many blessings to all who have made a 2021 Care and Share Campaign contribution! Coming together as a faith community, we have a current total collection of

$170,845

- which is **96.5% of our parish goal** of $177,066.

All gifts are used to support the Church of Eastern Montana to grow and move forward as a family, caring and sharing all that the Lord has given us. **If you have not already made an offering, please kindly consider a contribution today.** Envelopes can be found at church exits.

You are welcome to contact our staff.

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Next Week's Readings - August 8, 2021
19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
1 Kings 19:4-8 (116B)
Ephesians 4:30 - 5:2 John 6:41-51

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, 8/3, 9:00 am	**Intentions of Deacon Tim & Joanne Birkle** by Bill & Judy Andersen
Wednesday, 8/4, 9:00 am	**† Patricia Helfrich** by Mick & Kathy Wangswick
Thursday, 8/5, 9:00 am	**† Kathy McKinney** by Patty & John Fekety
Friday, 8/6, 9:00 am	**† Mary McEneaney** by Patty & John Fekety
Saturday, 8/7, 5:00 pm	**† Mary Chris Abel** by Alix & Tom Abel
Sunday, 8/8, 8:30 am	**† Connie Hertz** by Jim Hertz
Sunday, 8/8, 10:30 am	**Intentions of the St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Family**

All are invited to pray the Rosary prior to daily Mass, beginning at 8:30 am.

We will continue to have a weekend recorded Mass available online for those who are homebound.

Liturgical Ministers

August 7 – 8

	Sat 5:00 pm	Sun 8:30 am	Sun 10:30 am
Asst Collect		D Chandler	
Collection		E Goetz	
Altar Serv Bk	T Hope	T Wallace	H Sider
Altar Serv Cr	G Brown	W Wallace	A Johnson
Altar Serv Ch	C Hope	J Wallace	T Johnson
Plate 1	**Deacon Nate**	**N Warn**	**Deacon Tim**
Plate 2	K Weaver	T Kane	M Elison
Plate 3	K Studer	J Uselman	K Kelly
Greeter SG	K/ Petermann	Rath Family	L/D Miller
CC	M Helfrich	P Svee	L Clawson
Proclaimer 1	M Fishbaugh	W Wallace	D Bofto
Proclaimer 2	D Weaver	A Uselman	T Scott
Sacristan	NEEDED	B Duray	N Benge
Usher Lead	B Goetz	M Rath	K Benge
Usher Altar	NEEDED	K Fleury	F Dugas
Usher Ambo	D Lambrecht	S Fleury	D Lambrecht

Sacristy Linens August: Susan King
Sac/Holy Water August 6: Carly Lusky

We GROW

Religious Education

Sunday, July 11th we had a CORNHOLE tournament. Many people turned out in spite of the heat to play, cheer on family members, and enjoy a meal from the FOOD TRUCKS. The winners in 3 categories were - Beginners: Alex & Zoe Mutch; Experienced:

Braydon & Richard Petermann; and Family: Nick Blount & Juan Velazquez, who are pictured with Fr. Steve. A big THANK YOU to Mike & Jull Follett (pictured) for organizing this event for our parish, as well as Bill & Bev Ryan & Sean & Melissa Graves for providing the prizes for the tournament. Fun was had by all who played and attended!

TEACHERS NEEDED: In beginning to plan for our upcoming Religious Ed year, I am still in need of some teachers and aides for our classrooms. If you are interested in helping this year, please give me a call at the church office, 656-5800 or email me at joyce@stthomasbillings.org. Classes are planned for Tuesdays from 3:30 - 4:45 pm and for Wednesdays from 4:00 - 5:15 pm.

Joyce

"Cinema in the Center"

Let's watch a family movie together! **Bring your lawn chair or blankets to our Parish Center THIS THURSDAY** at **7:00 pm to relax and enjoy**

"WONDER"

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7:00 pm

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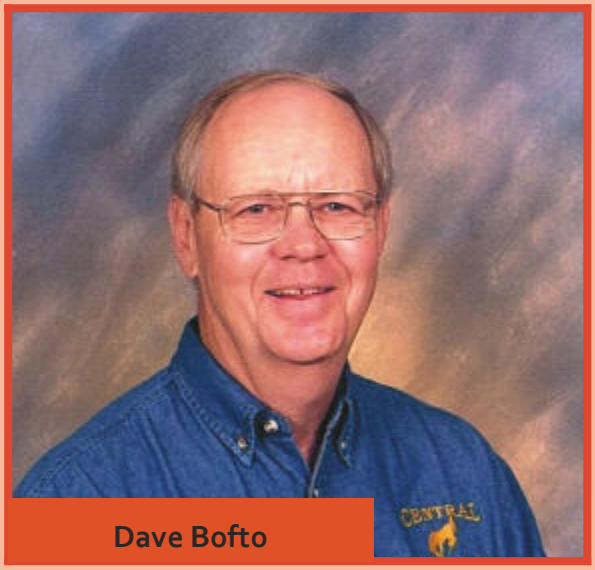
SAVE THE DATES: THURSDAY, 9/30, FRIDAY, 10/1 AND SATURDAY, 10/2! The Parish Council of Catholic Women (PCCW) is making plans for the annual **RUMMAGE & PIE SALE**! This popular event gives many the opportunity to be involved in our faith community. If you are able to help with set-up, bring a pie, work at the sale or clean up, please call Pam (656-9495), Barb (656-1385), Ellen (545-9279 or the office at 656-5800.



Dave Bofto

Let's stay connected and meet a volunteer in the Proclaimer ministry.

Let's meet **Dave Bofto .**

Please tell us a bit about yourself. (How long have you been in the parish? Your family? How do you "make a living", or what did you do before retiring?)

I've been a member of St. Thomas the Apostle Church for 50 years. My wife, Linda and I have three children - Shane, Sam and Beth - and six grandchildren. I retired from working as a pharmacist in 2003 after working for 36 years. I began working in Illinois, where I met my wife and then transferred to Billings. Activities outside of church include fishing, hunting, golf, bowling and gardening. I had a great raspberry patch this year!

Please tell us which Mass you proclaim at and how long you've been a Proclaimer. What brought you to this ministry initially?

I began proclaiming at Mass while Father Nat Bourke was our pastor, with encouragement from Kathy Lombardozzi. At first, I began reading at the weekday Masses. Then I started proclaiming at the 5:00 pm weekend Mass and now I am proclaiming at the 10:30 am Mass. This all began about 30 years ago.

What changes have you seen in your ministry over the years, particularly since the pandemic restrictions? Why have you chosen to continue serving? Have you volunteered in other capacities?

I believe Nick Coffman was helpful in training Proclaimers. I'm very happy to see that Proclaimers don't have to deal with masks. I continue to serve because I believe serving the parish is essential to being Catholic. I feel this is important to my faith journey.

I also, over the years, have been a Greeter, Eucharistic Minister, participant in Adult Education classes, Religious Book Club and have been a member of the Knights of Columbus council here, as well as part of the Secular Franciscan Order.

As more people are vaccinated and hope rises for an end to the pandemic, what message or story do you have to share with your parish family?

I feel an important element to our parish family's growth is to open up our many faith groups to meeting and faith-sharing again. I see this is beginning to happen.

Community Needs

Summer is a challenging time for many of our friends in the Billings community. It is hard for many of the people we serve to find access to cool conditions to try and beat the summer heat. A bottle of water is one of the first items we can offer our friends, only made possible with the help of our donors and the community. **We would really appreciate donations of bottled water as we navigate the hot summer season. It can be dropped off at St. Vincent de Paul**, 3005 1st Ave S, or call Cameron at 406-831-5233, or email cameron@svdpmt.org. Thank you for your support.

Around the region—

Young Adult Holy Hour | Happy Hour, Thursday, August 5th. Come together for an hour of Eucharistic Adoration at Mary Queen of Peace, er11 3rd Ave s from 5:00 - 6:00 pm. After adoration come to fellowship at the Last Chance Cider Mill, 2203 Montana Ave for another hour or so. Can't join the entire time? That's OK! Come when you can.

4 Stages of Marriage - 1) Romance, 2) Disillusionment, 3) Misery and 4) Awakening. Many marriages experience the first 3 stages. Marriages that end in divorce never make it to the 4th stage of Awakening. **Don't give up without learning about the 4th stage of Awakening.** If your marriage suffers from disillusionment or misery, please contact Retrouvaille. Retrouvaille is for any couple who would like to rediscover their marriage and improve communication. For information about an upcoming VIRTUAL ONLINE Retrouvaille Weekend program for couples beginning September 16th, contact the registration team at 406-761-4830 or visit their website at: www.helpourmarriage.org.

Are you a golfer? Grab your clubs, grab your friends and join the Billings Catholic Schools Foundation for the 2021 Ram Scramble Golf Tournament! The fun takes place Friday, August 13th at Pryor Creek Golf Course with a 1:00 pm shotgun start. Registration includes 18 holes, green fees, golf cart and BBQ dinner. If you can't make it, please consider donating or sponsoring a flag prize or sponsoring a hole. Contact Nikki Burke at the BCS Foundation for more information: nburke@billingscatholicschools.org or visit www.billingscatholicschoolsfoundation.org for the form and more details. Proceeds to benefit the Billings Catholic Schools. See you on the course!

DeColores! Attention all Fourth-Dayers! The Cum Christo Renewal is September 24-26 at St. Bernard's. Applications and information are available at https://www.bigskycumchristo.org/billing-laurel.

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