This week's theme: **OPENNESS**
Discipleship Quality: **BELIEVE / GROW**
Gospel: **Mark 7:31-37**

"He has done all things well. He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak." (*Mk* 7:37)

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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September 5, 2021: *23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time*

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Please call Alicia McFarlin at 652-2590 for more information and to volunteer for this very important ministry. Thank you!

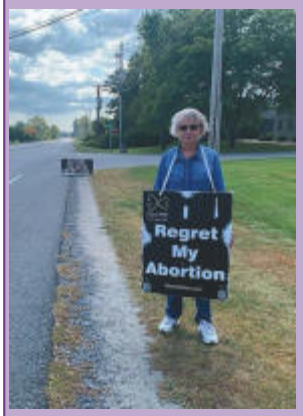
Needing prayers

Jamie Cross-Lake, Deacon Bill Daem, Dode Donnelly, Vernice Doughten, 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 and Kathy Wilson.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Although we know there are many people who support life, each year it is a struggle to get the prayer time slots filled. It is meaningful and life-saving to spend one hour a week for 6 weeks praying to end abortion.

Once again, St. Thomas is participating in 40 Days for Life, a peaceful prayer vigil in front of Planned Parenthood. We are filling one-hour time slots on Thursdays from September 24 through October 29. **We need your help!**



To schedule a time or for more information, please contact parishioner Diane Zimdars at 307-299-4476 (cell) or email dianezimdars@gmail.com.

Thank you for praying to end abortion.

You are welcome to contact our staff.

Office Hours:
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Friday: 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

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Next Week's Readings - September 12, 2021
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Isaiah 50:4c-9a (131B)
James 2:14-18 Mark 8:27-35

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, 9/7, 9:00 am	† **Patricia Sullivan** by Bill & Jan Pedersen
Wednesday, 9/8, 9:00 am	† **Jim Trythall** by Bill & Jan Pedersen
Thursday, 9/9, 9:00 am	† **Jim Trythall** by John & Patty Fekety
Friday, 9/10, 9:00 am	† **Mary Jo Sullivan** by John & Patty Fekety
Saturday, 9/11, 5:00 pm	† **Elizabeth Ebsen** by Alix & Tom Abel
Sunday, 9/12, 8:30 am	**Intentions of the St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Family**
Sunday, 9/12, 10:30 am	† **Rosie Grammens** by Doug, Nancy & Justin Voeller

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

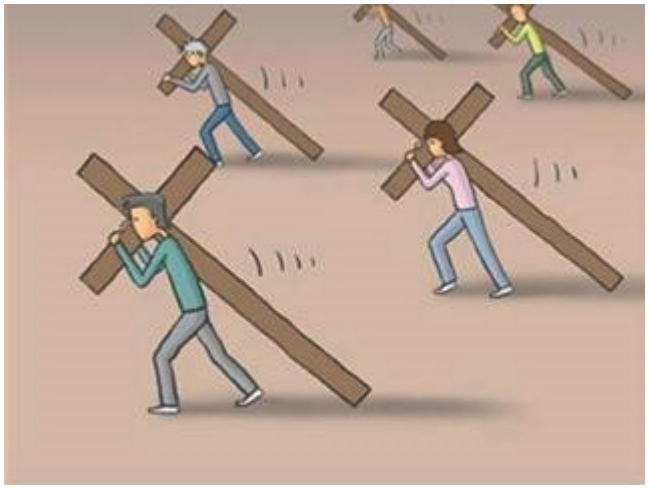
We will continue to have a weekend recorded Mass available online for those who are homebound.

Liturgical Ministers

September 11-12

	Sat 5:00 pm	Sun 8:30 am	Sun 10:30 am
Asst Collect		T Scott	
Collection		T Leuthold	
Altar Serv Bk	F Eastlick	J Burmeister	G Heggem
Altar Serv Cr	C Eastlick	T Ackerman	L Sadler
Altar Serv Ch	NEEDED	B Warn	H Sider
Plate 1	**C Roth**	**Deacon Nate**	**Deacon Tim**
Plate 2	M Mattix	P Lacey	C Kaiser
Plate 3	D Brimmer	K Ackerman	M Graves
Greeter SG	K Hooley	D Lemke	C/B Brinkel
CC	A Anderson	A McFarlin	M Helfrich
Proclaimer 1	V Mading	B Warn	J Smith
Proclaimer 2	J Davies	L Trythall	P Lowthian
Sacristan	K Studer	A McFarlin	E Mellor
Usher Lead	B Goetz	D Ehresman	J Mellor
Usher Altar	T Miller	L Pauley	K Benge
Usher Ambo	D Lambrecht	E O'Neill	B Gibson

Sacristy Linens September: Kim Hauptman
Sac/Holy Water Sept. 10: Pam Purinton



Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. Mark 8:34

Religious Education

Registrations for Religious Education, RCIA for CHILDREN and Youth Ministry are due by September 10th. Please click on the QR code and get your child(ren) registered today!

Also, **two teacher aides are still needed** for Wednesday evenings, so please help if you can.

Joyce

Make plans now to attend our PARISH PICNIC at 11:30 am on Sunday, September 19th.

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Youth Ministry

St. Thomas Youth Ministry needs you! We are looking for Youth Leaders for our Junior High and High School Programs. We meet every Wednesday from 7:00 - 8:00 pm. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Tiffany at 406-656-5800 or at tiffany@stthomasbillings.org. Thanks!

Tiffany

Young Adults, men and women in their 20s and 30s: You're invited to join us for a fun day of floating. Fr. Leo McDowell from St. Patrick's Co-Cathedral will be taking the young adults on a float trip!

When: Monday, September 6

Where: Please visit their Facebook page or website: www.billingscya.com for more information and sign-ups.

Want to stay up to date on all things Billings Catholic Young Adults? Follow them on Facebook or Instagram @billingscya or visit their website, billingscya.com.

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.

We BELIEVE We GROW

OPENNESS

We GATHER We LEAD We LOVE

DISCIPLESHIP
SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTIONS

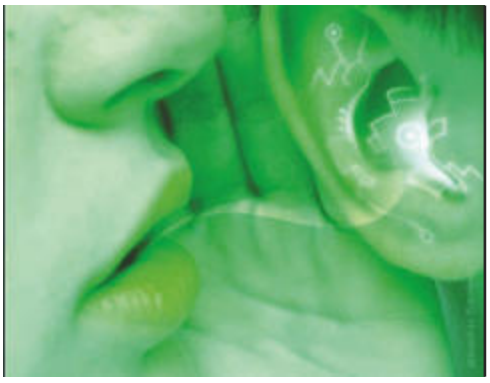
Adults -

1. Recall the time you first heard God speak to your heart. How did it affect you and do you still hear God?
2. How has your tongue been freed to share your faith with others?
3. What is one thing Jesus is saying to us in this Sunday's Gospel about how a disciple should speak or act? And what do you need to do or change to be a better disciple?

Obstacles of living out the Gospel:
If you are not living the Gospel, what keeps you from it? (Ex: not taking the time to listen, feeling inadequate with your knowledge, fear of losing family/friends, etc.)

Teens -

1. How do you hear the call to become a disciple of Jesus? How can you open your own ears to be willing to let in the word of God?
2. Can you think of a time when you went mute and did not spread God's word? What can you do differently next time to spread the good news?



Obstacles of living out the Gospel:
Sometimes it's hard to speak up. It can be hard to speak up for what we know is right out of fear of losing friendships, being deemed uncool, etc. What in your lives keeps you from speaking out?

Children -

Jesus brings hearing and perfect speech to a man who is deaf and has a speech impediment. Jesus shows great care and sensitivity in his encounter with this deaf man. Deaf persons often say they feel cut off from life and that they are forced to live in a world of their own. Jesus opens out his world again.

1. Have you ever felt alone or misunderstood? Do you know someone who is deaf? How do you think they feel?
2. Sometimes we can also be closed off or not hear the things of God. We can hear the word of God but not put it into practice. Let us take this time to ask Jesus to touch the ears of our hearts so we can go out and be his disciple. Who is someone who helps you understand your faith and experience God's love for you?
3. How can you be an instrument of God's love to help others be open to his healing love?

Obstacles of living out the Gospel:
Having too much "noise" in our lives, such as electronics or busy-ness that we can't hear God talking to us.

Community Needs

St. Vincent de Paul wishes to thank St. Thomas the Apostle Parish for providing food for their breakfasts and lunches. "You have been very faithful in helping us preform the important ministry of feeding the hungry. May God Bless you."

Around the region—

2 weeks to Sign Up for Retrouvaille - Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue...or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? When was the last time you said "I Love You"? Retrouvaille is for any couple who would like to rediscover their marriage and improve communication. For more information about an upcoming Retrouvaille VIRTUAL ONLINE Weekend program for couples, contact the registration team at 1-800-470-2230 or visit their website at www.HelpOurMarriage.com.

Save the date for the BCS and BCS Foundation "Running On Faith" 3K Footrace, Carnival and All-School Ram Family Picnic! These events will take place on Sunday, Sept. 12, incorporating Rose Park and the St. Francis Catholic K-8 campus. Race registration will begin at 11:00 am with the race starting at 1:00 pm. Awards and the carnival and picnic will follow the race at approximately 2:00 pm. Spirit wear, Central Club all-season athletic passes and Scrip will be available for sale. Join us in kicking off the new school year — all are welcome! Visit billingscatholicschools.org or email bcs@billingscatholicschools.org for more information.

Catholic Social Services of MT invite you to join them at DUELING PIANOS: A GALA BENEFITING MONTANA CHILDREN Friday, October 15 at the Big Horn Resort in Billings. Sing, dance and laugh until your cheeks hurt at this interactive, high-energy, unforgettable dueling pianos show. Silent auction items and sponsors are still needed for this event. Call Michelle Perlick with CSSM at 406-252-3399 for event and sponsorship information.

The Cum Christo Renewal is Sept. 24-26 at St. Bernard's. They will be talks on Grace, Discovery, Forgiveness and Healing, Discipleship, Mary, Eucharistic Miracles, Faith Evangelization, Prayer, and the Holy Spirit. This is a renewal for all 4th Dayers, and it is a shortened, co-ed version where you sleep at home. Applications and information are available at https://www.bigskycumchristo.org/billing-laurel.

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