

Next week's theme: **LISTEN**



Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs in Cana in Galilee and so revealed his glory, and his disciples began to believe in him.

John 2:11

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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The Diocese of Great Falls-Billings is holding the 2nd annual charity raffle from now until May 20, 2022. This

raffle benefits both the diocese and the parish and ticket sales end May 6th. The drawing for the 5 major prizes will take place at a Moving Mountains Benefit event on May 20th in Great Falls (need not be present to win). The next **Early Bird cash drawing for \$1,000** will take place at the Diocese Chancery on **February 16th**. **Raffle tickets are \$20 each and may be purchased at the church office by cash or check.** As a bonus, anyone purchasing two books of 10 tickets will automatically receive one entry ticket to the Moving Mountains Benefit event (normally \$50 each).

We offer our Time – Talent – Treasure



Next Week's Readings - January 23, 2022
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10 (69C)
 1 Corinthians 12:12-30 Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21



Liturgical Ministers		January 22-23	Sacristy Linens January: Erin Zimmer Sac/Holy Water Jan 21: Roger Anderson
	Sat 5:00 pm	Sun 8:30 am	Sun 10:30 am
Asst Collect		NEEDED	
Collection		L Pauley	
Altar Serv Bk	K Brown	J Wallace	D French
Altar Serv Cr	NEEDED	W Wallace	G Heggem
Altar Serv Ch	NEEDED	T Wallace	S Jagodzinski
Plate 2	Fr Pat Zabrocki	Fr Pat Zabrocki	Fr Pat Zabrocki
Plate 3	Deacon Nate Haney	S Begger	C Roth
Plate 4	M Mattix	R Turley	M Hensley
Greeter SG	A Anderson	D Lemke	J Jordan
CC	K/V Petermann	A McFarlin	M Helfrich
Proclaimer 1	B Mattix	B Lynch	P Holley
Proclaimer 2	J Pierce	L Trythall	D Holley
Sacristan	M Easton	A McFarlin	E Mellor
Usher Lead	B Goetz	M Rath	B Gibson
Usher Altar	T Miller	E O'Neill	D Chandler
Usher Ambo	S Bracy	C Hasiak	F Dugas



Breakfast Sandwich Ministry **January 18**

Assembly & Delivery:

Dennis Ehresman

January 16—January 21

Bring Ingredients:

English muffins: **Harold & Kathy Olson**

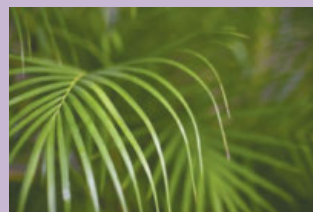
Canadian bacon: **Barb Lawson**

American cheese: **Janet Neumiller**

5 dozen eggs: **Lawrence & Mary Halvorson**



Soup Ministry **January 17** **Maribeth Daines**



Plant Care **January 20**

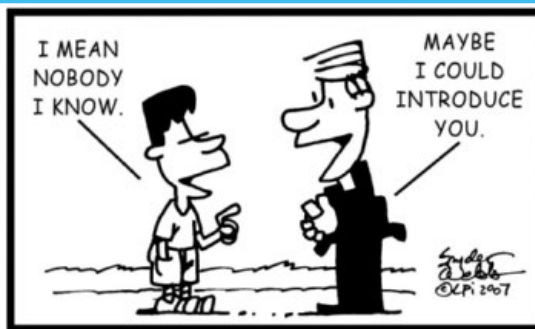
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Next week's MASS INTENTIONS:

Tuesday, 1/18, 9:00 am	† John Jones by Mitch & Rita Gallagher
Wednesday, 1/19, 9:00 am	Intentions of Jamie Cross-Lake by the Pablo Family
Thursday, 1/20, 9:00 am	† Scott Rowen by Alma & the Rodgers Family
Friday, 1/21, 9:00 am	† Barbara Finn by Cathy Downey
Saturday, 1/22, 5:00 pm	† Millie Schanz by Sandy McCombs
Sunday, 1/23, 8:30 am	Intentions of the St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Family
Sunday, 1/23, 10:30 am	† Ruben Day by the Day Family

The Rosary is prayed together prior to daily Mass on weekdays.



Word of Life

*There is such a wide spectrum of issues involving the protection of human life and the promotion of human dignity. Good people frequently disagree on which problems to address, which policies to adopt and how best to apply them. But for citizens and elected officials alike, the basic principle is simple: **We must begin with a commitment never to intentionally kill, or collude in the killing, of any innocent human life, no matter how broken, unformed, disabled or desperate that life may seem.** In other words, the choice of certain ways of acting is always and radically incompatible with the love of God and the dignity of the human person created in His image.*

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Prayers needed:

Bill Belinski, Judy Clouse, Jamie Cross-Lake, Deacon Bill Daem, Vernice Doughten, Jody Dringman, Colleen Eisenman, Jeff Flaten, Reid Hagen, Margaret Helfrich, Mick Johnson, Ron Jones, Daryl Ann Jorgensen, Dean Knudsen, Katie Lien, Ed & Audrey Parks, Linda Rodgers, Autumn Rumph, Robin Rumph, Janice Smith, Judy Smith, Tristan Voller, Jerry Wagner, Bob Weber and Kathy Wilson.





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THIS WEEK!

Let's get to know Mark and Tina Hunt



Mark & Tina Hunt

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?)

(Mark) We have been here at St. Thomas the Apostle parish since about 1992. During that time, we have raised two kids, who are Courtney and Colton, ages 28 and 25. I'm an Account Manager for a Worldwide Technology Company, AVI Systems. Tina is in Marketing, working for First Montana Title. Our son, Colton is also working at First Montana Title in the Escrow Department. Courtney just finished up her Doctorate at Rocky Mountain College in Occupational Therapy and will be starting her career at Benefis in Great Falls.

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

We have been greeters at the 10:30 am Mass for the past 5+ years or so. As far as what brought us to this ministry, it seemed like a perfect fit for us to get involved in greeting. We deal with people every day and love that form of interaction. It's a great way to meet other parishioners, as well.

What changes have you seen in your ministry over the years, particularly since the pandemic restrictions?

It has been hard through the pandemic. A lot of things changed in our lives so we haven't been able to greet as much as we would like lately. Our schedules, personally, have changed, so we don't know typically what Mass we will be attending to provide availability.

As we find our new normal, what message or story of hope do you have to share with your parish family?

Our take as a family in this time of uncertainty is that we have to stay grounded to our faith through prayer. That will not only bring us closer to God, but help out with any anxiety caused by this situation.

Make Plans for Growing Closer as a Couple!



Join CoupleTalk Authors for a 5 Night Series to Deepen Your Connection!

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Religious Education



MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

Sacramental Parent Meeting

for those who have children preparing for the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist will meet **Tuesday, January 25th at 7:00 pm** in the St. Benedict Room in the Community Center. This meeting is NOT for parents of RCIA students.



Joyce

Youth Ministry

Join us Wednesday nights for Gospel reflections, YDisciple and fellowship with friends!

Tiffany

What's happening?



Sunday, January 16-Saturday, January 22

Blood Drive at Vitalant, 1444 Grand Ave

Monday, January 17, 2022

Breakfast Sandwich Prep

Soup Drop Off & Delivery

Prayer Group, 4:00 pm, Reconciliation Room

Tuesday, January 18

Bible Study, 9:45 am, St. Benedict Room

Choir Practice, 6:30 pm, St. Cecilia Room

Wednesday, January 19

Bible Study, 7 :00 pm in St. Sebastian Room



Please join us for the 15th Annual Billings MARCH FOR LIFE, marking the sad

anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*, the 1973 Supreme Court decision that ushered in an era of abortion on demand in the US, resulting in the slaughter of *more than 63 million innocent human beings*.

Date: Sunday, January 23rd

Time: 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm

Place: Gather at St. Patrick's Fellowship Hall, 215 N 31st St

Note: Signs will be provided for you to carry, but you are welcome to bring your own if you wish.

After a sending-forth prayer, we will proceed with a silent, solemn walk a few blocks to the **Yellowstone County Courthouse lawn** (217 N. 27th St), where will re-gather in prayer & song and hear a few short talks.

For more information, call Amy Seymour at 406-855-3737.



“Wisdom is seeing with God’s eyes.”
Pope Francis

All are still welcome to register!

Scripture and the Tradition of the Catholic Church provide an abundance of wisdom, though it can often be challenging to apply it to our lives. To help us learn to gather and live with greater wisdom, the **Wednesday evening (7:00 pm) and Tuesday morning (9:45am) Bible Study groups** are studying “Wisdom: God’s Vision for Life” for the next few weeks.

If you want to order a workbook, the cost is \$25 for the book and one-year online video access. Please call Mary Gillespie at 631-988-9750.

In preparation for January 23:

LISTEN

“Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.” (verse 21)

Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21



Adults -

1. How can you listen better and put God’s word into action in your everyday life?
2. God’s word and the Holy Spirit often call us to a mission. What mission(s) are you being called to?
3. Did you know that Pope Francis designated the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time as “Word of God Sunday” and encourages us to take time to read Scripture and reflect on its meaning in our own lives? If you’re not doing this, how can you make this a practice in your life?
4. If you are not living the Gospel, what keeps you from living the Gospel?

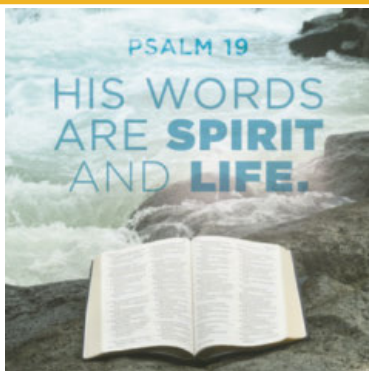
Obstacles of living out the Gospel: Ex - Despair, time, fear, etc.

Teens -

1. When you prepare to tell a big, important story to your friends and/or family, what types of details are most important for you to share?
2. Luke address his disclaimer to “Theophilus” which means “a friend of God.” Do you think of yourself as “a friend of God?” Why or why not?

Obstacles of living out the Gospel:

Not realizing how important your sharing about Jesus really is.



Children -

1. Do you think it is important to listen to the Scriptures being read at Mass?
2. Would you listen better if you knew it was Jesus reading them?
3. Jesus does speak to us through the Scriptures every time we attend Mass. What are some things we can do before Mass to help us listen better when the Scriptures are being proclaimed at Mass?
4. Do you think the Scriptures ask a response from us? Why or why not?
5. Did you know that Pope Francis designated the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time as “Word of God Sunday” and encourages us to take time to read Scripture and reflect on its meaning in our own lives? Why do you think Pope Francis made this Sunday a special day?

Obstacles of living out the Gospel:

Day dreaming; not understanding that the Scriptures have relevance to our life.

Community Needs

Period Pals is a non-profit service which distributes feminine hygiene products to women below the poverty line or homeless in Billings. Neither SNAP nor WIC allow purchase of these basic necessities. YOU CAN HELP. Donations of maxi pads, overnight pads, pantliners, tampons, etc. can be placed in the special pink bins at the church office or in the church gathering area. Contact Magdalen at 406-256-0541 for more information.

St. Vincent de Paul thanks you for continued support of their mission and the many programs they offered throughout the past year. They wish you and all those you love a very blessed Christmas season and a joyous New Year.

Around the region—

Jesus performed his first miracle at a wedding feast. Have you ever contemplated why he chose this place? Maybe he is telling us the importance of the Sacrament of Matrimony. Jesus understands the cycles of ups and downs in our marriage, but he also wants us to remember how important our marriage is to our family, our church, and our community. Join millions of couples, priests and religious who revitalize their commitment to each other by spending quality time together at a Worldwide Marriage Encounter event. Upcoming dates in 2022: Billings, Feb 4-6; Gillette, WY Feb 18-21; Elk Mountain Apr 22-24. For more information/dates and to apply, visit www.wwme.org, or contact Dan & Clare Dooley, 406-697-3275 or email montana.dooleys@gmail.com.

Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. It is designed to provide the tools to help get your marriage back on track, the opportunity to rediscover each other, and examine your lives together in a new and positive way. This program has helped 10s of 1000s of couples. Retrouvaille is for any couple who would like to rediscover their marriage and improve communication. The next program begins Feb. 25, 2022. For more info, contact the registration team at 1-800-470-2230 or visit www.HelpOurMarriage.com. Not counseling or group therapy. All contacts and names held in strictest confidence.

The annual fundraiser for LaVie will take place 3-17-22, with special guest Tim Tebow. Ticket sales reopened on November 1st, but if you already purchased tickets, they are still reserved. They are also announcing a new program in the community that has evolved from the needs of the families seeking LaVie's support: Fiona's Hope. Contact parishioner, Evan Lebsack at 406-672-9905 or evan.n.jones@gmail.com for more information.

The 2022 Catholic Women's Conference is April 2, 2022 at the Civic Center in Helena. Registration opens at 7:00 am and the conference starts at 8:00 am. Register online at www.helenacwc.com and tap the registration button. Information on the speakers can be found there. Hotel: Days Inn - \$90 plus tax, 406-442-3280. Group rate & rooms close 3/15.

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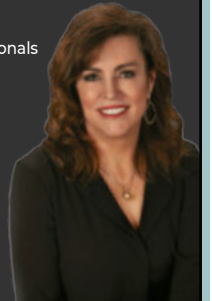


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