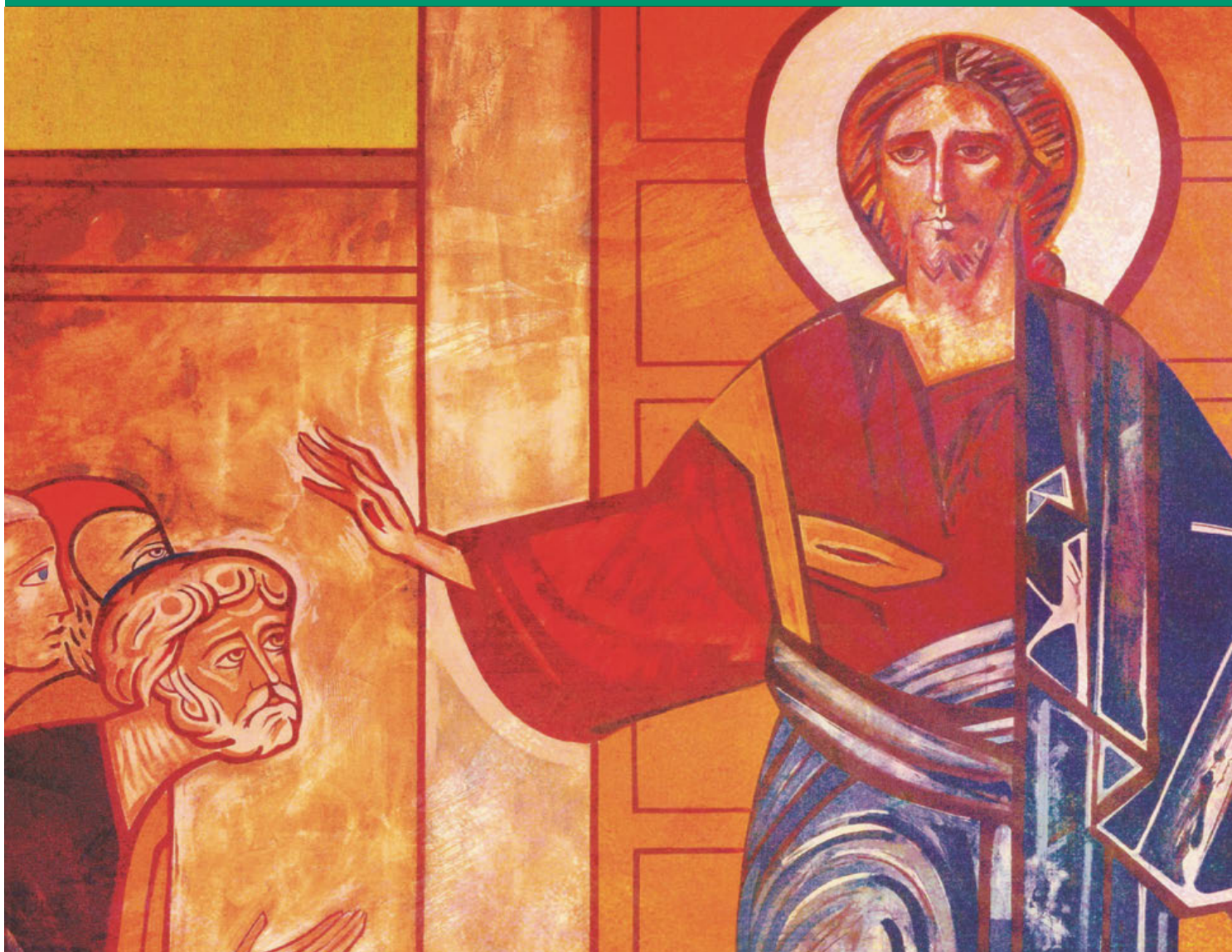


Next week's theme: **ACCEPTANCE/BLINDNESS**



*Today this Scripture is fulfilled in
your hearing.*

Luke 4:21

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Rev. Steve Zabrocki

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturdays - 3:30 pm or by appt

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Saturday - 5:00 pm

Sunday - 8:30 am, 10:30 am

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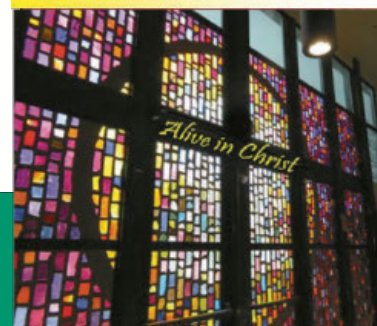
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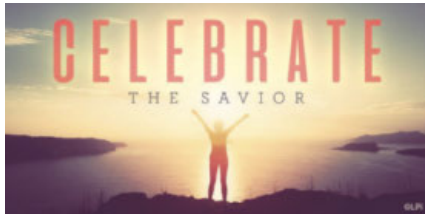
The Diocese of Great Falls-Billings is holding the 2nd annual charity raffle from now until May 20, 2022. This

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 30, 2022
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19 (72C)
 1 Corinthians 12:31 - 13:13 Luke 4:21-30



Liturgical Ministers		January 29-30	Sacristy Linens January: Erin Zimmer Sac/Holy Water Jan 28: Darlene Dibble
	Sat 5:00 pm	Sun 8:30 am	Sun 10:30 am
Asst Collect		N Malloy	
Collection		G Burmeister	
Altar Serv Bk	C Eastlick	J Burmeister	B Arroyo
Altar Serv Cr	F Eastlick	B Warn	V Murillo
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Sacristan	NEEDED	B Duray	N Benge
Usher Lead	B Goetz	D Ehresman	Z Arroyo
Usher Altar	D Fishbaugh	E O'Neill	P Miron
Usher Ambo	W Ray	NEEDED	K Benge



Breakfast Sandwich Ministry
January 25
 Assembly & Delivery:
Judy Zilch
January 23—January 29
 Bring Ingredients:
 English muffins: **Pam Purinton**
 Canadian bacon: **Faye Lawler**
 American cheese: **NEEDED**
 5 dozen eggs: **Susan Santala**



Soup Ministry
January 24
Jan Winhofer
Sisters Kathleen and Bernadette
Joanie Jacobsen



Plant Care
January 27
Jennifer Bodine
Jina Arroyo



Next week's MASS INTENTIONS:

Tuesday, 1/25, 9:00 am	Intentions of Angie Cross by the Pablo Family
Wednesday, 1/26, 9:00 am	† Peter Lombardozi by Sue Begger
Thursday, 1/27, 9:00 am	† Peter Lombardozi by Darlene Dibble
Thursday, 1/27, 9:00 am	† Peter Lombardozi by Bobbi Zuklic
Friday, 1/28, 9:00 am	Intentions of Bev Swaney by the Pablo Family
Friday, 1/28, 9:00 am	Intentions of Jaylene & Ricki Resendez by the Pablo Family
Saturday, 1/29, 5:00 pm	† Millie Schanz by Judy Olson
Saturday, 1/29, 5:00 pm	† Ruth Ebsen by Alix & Tom Abel
Sunday, 1/30, 8:30 am	† Charles Parks by Tom Parks
Sunday, 1/30, 8:30 am	Deceased Members of Central HS Class of '71 by Class of '71
Sunday, 1/30, 10:30 am	Intentions of the St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Family
Sunday, 1/30, 10:30 am	† Mack Cole by Donna & Jerry Powell

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



I used to pray that God would feed the hungry, or do this or that, but now I pray that he will guide me to do whatever I'm supposed to do, what I can do. I used to pray for answers, but now I'm praying for strength. I used to believe that prayer changes things, but now I know that prayer changes us and we change things.

Word of Life

Many people know someone personally who is suffering because of an abortion. If a friend confided in you tomorrow that she had an abortion, would you be able to respond in a way that brings her closer to healing?... Even a woman who doesn't go to church or think of herself as religious can be afraid that God will never forgive her for having an abortion. She should know that God loves and forgives those who are sorrowful. He wants to comfort them and give them his peace.

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
"How to Talk to a Friend Who's Had an Abortion"

MOTHER TERESA

Prayers needed:

Bill Belinski, Judy Clouse, Jamie Cross-Lake, Deacon Bill Daem, Vernice Doughten, Jody Dringman, Colleen Eisenman, Jeff Flaten, Reid Hagen, Margaret Helfrich, Janine Hudiburgh, 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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Let's get to know Bob & Sherry Long



Bob & Sherry Long and Amy

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?)

Bob and I have been married for almost 44 years. We have one daughter, Amy. Bob grew up in West Yellowstone, MT, however, we met in White Sulphur Springs, MT, where I grew up. Bob was a logger and I worked at the Meagher County Treasurer's Office. When the sawmill closed, Bob was out of a job. A software company offered me a job in Billings and Bob was offered a job finishing concrete. We decided to take a “leap of faith” and we moved to Billings in 1982. We joined St. Thomas Parish a few years later. Bob was not Catholic at the time, but he attended Mass with Amy and I every Sunday. On April 22, 2000, Bob was baptized and came fully into the church. It really was a glorious day for all of us! I continued to work with the software company throughout the next 29 years, across Montana and nationwide. Bob went on to work at an appliance/heating & cooling /fireplace business for the next 35 years. About 7 years ago I decided to “put my name in the hat” and run for the elected position of Yellowstone County Treasurer/Assessor/Superintendent of Schools. By no less than many prayers, the Grace of God, and a miracle, I won the election. I am about to end my 2nd 4-year term in office. Bob is now working part-time at Ace Hardware. We are both looking forward to retiring someday.

We enjoy our annual trip to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. We hope to live there at least part-time after we retire.

Please tell us which Mass you greet at and what brought you to this ministry initially. Do you volunteer in any other ministries?

We are greeters at the 8:30 am Mass. We wanted to contribute to our parish in some way, and to be honest, we decided that being a greeter sounded pretty easy to do (and it is 😊). It is fun to see everyone as they come into church and welcome them to St. Thomas. Bob and I also participate in the food baskets for the various holidays throughout the year by contributing food, presents and delivering the baskets. It is humbling to deliver the baskets and see how genuinely grateful people are to receive them.

(continued)

Bob is also a member of the Knights of Columbus.

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

We remember when the pandemic restrictions were being put in place. It was such a sobering experience when we watched Easter Mass at home on the TV. Watching Mass on TV continued for us, for about a year. We are SO happy to be able to attend Mass in person again. Thank you, Lord!

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

We are grateful to be Catholic. Each day as we continue to learn more about our Catholic faith through various means, such as reading, listening to Catholic radio, and prayer, we fall more and more in love with our Catholic faith. God Bless!



3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



What's happening?

Monday, January 24

Breakfast Sandwich Prep
Soup Drop Off & Delivery
Prayer Group, 4 pm, Reconciliation Rm



Tuesday, January 25

Bible Study, 9:45 am, St. Benedict Room
Choir Practice, 6:30 pm, St. Cecilia Room
Sacramental Parent Mtg, 7 pm, St. Benedict

Wednesday, January 26

Bible Study, 7 :00 pm in St. Benedict Rm

Thursday, January 27

RETURN book study, 7 pm, St. Benedict

Saturday, January 29

Baptism Prep Class, 3:30 pm, St. Benedict

Religious Education

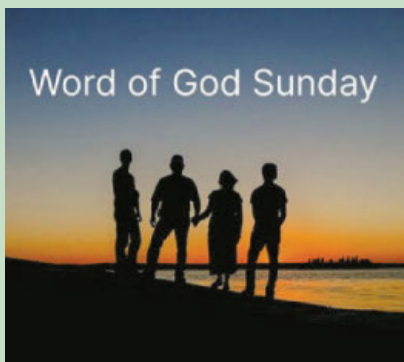


MARK YOUR CALENDARS: Sacramental Parent Meeting

for those who have children preparing for the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist will meet this **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.



WORD of GOD Sunday: In 2020, Pope Francis designated the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time as “Word of God Sunday.” The pope encourages all of us to take some time today to read a passage of Scripture and reflect on its meaning in our own lives.



Gather as a family today and choose a Scripture passage to proclaim and reflect on together.

Then decide on how you will respond to God’s Word.

Joyce



Youth Ministry

Krispy Kreme night this Wednesday! Join us for games and doughnuts a-plenty!!!!



Tiffany

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: TODAY, 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.

In preparation for January 30:
ACCEPTANCE/BLINDNESS

“Isn’t this the Son of Joseph?” (verse 22)

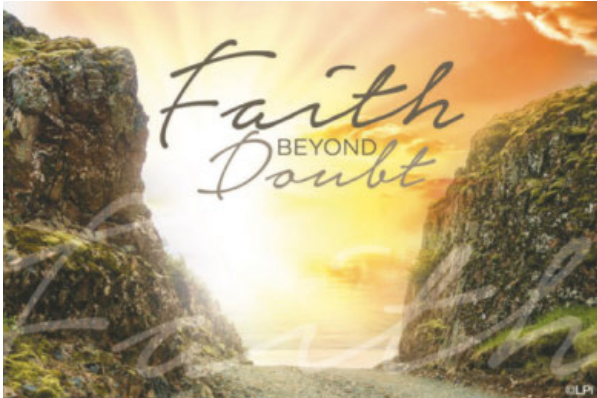
Luke 4:21-30



Adults -

1. Why could so many in the crowd not see Jesus as the Son of God? Why do people not recognize Jesus as our Savior today?
2. Do you hesitate to share your faith with the people in your community? If so, why? If yes, how do you share it?
3. What is the 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?
4. If you are not living the Gospel, what keeps you from living the Gospel?

Obstacles of living out the Gospel: Ex - Fear of rejection, lack of knowledge, blindness, hardness of heart, embarrassment, etc.?



Teens -

1. Put yourself in the place of those in the synagogue. Would you have been surprised to hear one of your neighbors referring to himself as the fulfillment of biblical prophecy? How might you have reacted?
2. What proof would it take for you to believe someone was the Christ?

Obstacles of living out the Gospel:

Unwilling to give up preconceived opinions of people or things or teachings.

Children -

1. Have you tried to tell your class or friends something and they dismissed it because they wondered how you would know that? How did that make you feel?
2. Jesus was among his neighbors and friends that he grew up with and they didn’t believe an ordinary guy like him could possibly be a prophet, yet alone the son of God. Do you ever discount someone because they seem to be “ordinary”?
3. Do you know that some people are persecuted because they believe in God? Have you ever been made fun of because of your religious beliefs?
4. Do you sometimes refuse to give a fair hearing to what Jesus is telling us in the Scriptures? Do you find it hard to follow what the Scriptures ask of us?

Obstacles of living out the Gospel:

Indifference. Not realizing that Jesus continues to speak to us. Unbelief.

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.

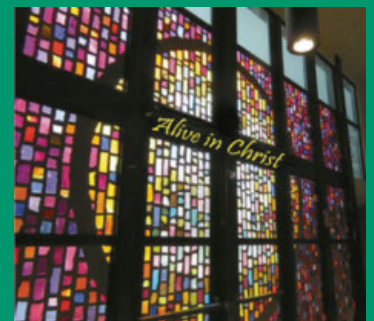
Around the region—

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 options:

- * Days Inn - \$90 plus tax, 406-442-3280. This hotel is on Highway 12 on the east side of Helena. Group rate & rooms close on March 15.
- * Home2 Suites by Hilton - \$99 plus tax, 406-502-2222. This hotel is north of Lowe's. Group rate and rooms close on March 1.

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