

Next week's theme: **CALLED - AND SENT**



ISN'T THIS THE SON OF JOSEPH?

Luke 4:22

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

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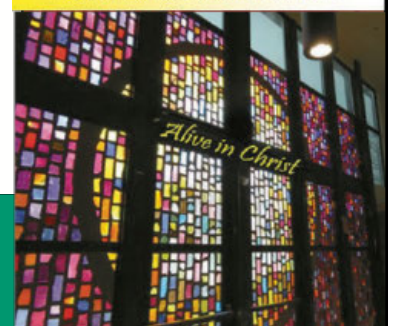
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The Diocese of Great Falls-Billings is holding the 2nd annual charity raffle from now until May 20, 2022. This

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 - February 6, 2022
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8 (75C)
 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 Luke 5:1-11



Liturgical Ministers

February 5-6

Sacristy Linens February: Sue Begger
Sac/Holy Water Feb. 4: Carol Gannett

	Sat 5:00 pm	Sun 8:30 am	Sun 10:30 am
Asst Collect Collection		D Chandler T Leuthold	
Altar Serv Bk	Mar Haney	S Jagodzinski	B Arroyo
Altar Serv Cr	Mag Haney	D French	V Murillo
Altar Serv Ch	A Haney	Bre Warn	D Kunz
Plate 2	Fr Pat Zabrocki	Fr Pat Zabrocki	Fr Pat Zabrocki
Plate 3	Deacon Nate Haney	Deacon Tim Birkle	Deacon Nate Haney
Plate 4	K Weaver	T Kane	J Arroyo
Greeter SG	A Anderson	M/D Marek	L Clawson
CC	K/V Petermann	S/M Rath	NEEDED
Proclaimer 1	P Hoy	B Tieszen	J Miron
Proclaimer 2	J Hoy	B Warn	D Bofto
Sacristan	N Nielsen	M Fitzpatrick	N Benge
Usher Lead	B Goetz	B Duray	Z Arroyo
Usher Altar	W Ray	M Rath	P Miron
Usher Ambo	S Bracy	L Pauley	K Benge



Breakfast Sandwich Ministry February 1

Assembly & Delivery:

Joani Guzman

January 30—February 5

Bring Ingredients -

English muffins: Lawrence & Mary Halvorson

Canadian bacon: Lawrence & Mary Halvorson

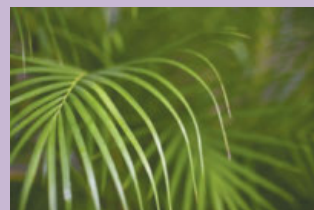
American cheese: Lawrence & Mary Halvorson

5 dozen eggs: Lawrence & Mary Halvorson



Soup Ministry February 7

Lynn Ehresman



Plant Care February 3

Jina Arroyo
Joanie Guzman



Next week's MASS INTENTIONS:

Tuesday, 2/1, 9:00 am	† Tom Buller by Jim & Kathy Lombardozzi
Tuesday, 2/1, 9:00 am	† Phillip Reinig by Shirley, John & Sandy Reinig
Wednesday, 2/2, 9:00 am	† Susan Costello by Mitch & Rita Gallagher
Wednesday, 2/2, 9:00 am	† Don Brocopp by Chet & Claire Birkeland
Thursday, 2/3, 9:00 am	Intentions of Gage Cross-Lake by the Pablo Family
Thursday, 2/3, 9:00 am	Intentions of Leonard Gray by the Pablo Family
Friday, 2/4, 9:00 am	† Chris Hummel by Jim & Kathy Lombardozzi
Friday, 2/4, 9:00 am	Intentions of Judith & Michael Zilch by Hatsi McCormick
Saturday, 2/5, 5:00 pm	Intentions of the St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Family
Saturday, 2/5, 5:00 pm	† Mack Cole by Donna & Jerry Powell
Sunday, 2/6, 8:30 am	Intentions of Bev Swaney by the Pablo Family
Sunday, 2/6, 8:30 am	Intentions of Jaylene & Rick Resendez by the Pablo Family
Sunday, 2/6, 10:30 am	† Dennis Parks by Tom Parks
Sunday, 2/6, 10:30 am	† Vern Boyer by the Don Ryan KC Council #13050

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



Your prayers are requested for the repose of the souls of Kevin & Cyndy Parks, brother and sister-in-law of Tom Parks. Please pray for Kevin and Cyndy, their families and friends, and all those who grieve their passing.



Word of Life

Walk with each other. Do not be afraid to embrace God's gift of life. Whatever storms or trials we face, we are not alone. He is with us. "Behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age" (Matthew 28:20).

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
Respect Life Reflection: Be Not Afraid

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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Over the next few weeks, we will be introducing the members of our RCIA class this year. They will be joining the Catholic church and our parish at the Easter Vigil, April 16th.

Let's get to know Rose Helen Van Vlack Nittler!



Please 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”?)

My fiancé, Mitchell Burrows and I have been living in Billings for around 6 months — since August of 2021. We moved here from Oregon for my fiancé’s job as well as because we both like being in Montana. Mitchell is originally from Washington state and I am from Oregon, but we met in Bozeman at college and both fell in love with the state. We enjoy being outdoors and going hiking/fishing and even enjoy the cold winters. I am a GIS technician (digital maps) and Mitchell is a phlebotomist at the local blood bank.

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

I was born Catholic, though never regularly attended Mass as a child. Once starting college, I began to go weekly and absolutely fell in love with the church. Regularly attending Mass makes me feel happy and helps me to be a better person. As for St. Thomas, we attend Mass here because of both proximity and because the people here are very welcoming.

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

I enjoy donating my time and can envision myself putting together Christmas/Easter baskets. I also am an avid knitter and would enjoy donating hats/scarves/blankets and other items I can make.

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

It’s important to be able to support one another by being present and available when somebody needs a little extra help. Being there when someone needs a shoulder to lean on, or warm clothes and food, or even just help carrying bags to their car can positively change someone’s whole day.

Did you know?

You are probably aware that we provide Easter Food Baskets and Christmas Food Baskets/gifts to families struggling at the poverty level here in Billings via our contact with Billings School District 2 and St. Francis Elementary. However, did you know that **at St. Thomas the Apostle, the first weekend of every month is Food & Clothing Drive weekend?** The large, rectangular wooden bins in the church gathering area by the bulletin board and by the church office in the Parish Center are for collecting canned food and dry goods to help keep our area Food Bank stocked year-round. These bins are accompanied by 2 other bins outside the church office: one specifically for St. Vincent de Paul - they seek warm clothing, blankets, coats and shoes for our homeless in the city - and another pink one for Period Pals collections (see page 10).

So please make plans to bring your greatly-needed contributions next weekend and every First Saturday/Sunday. Thank you!

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

January 31 to February 4



Catholic SCHOOLS WEEK

What's happening?

Monday, January 31

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

Tuesday, February 1

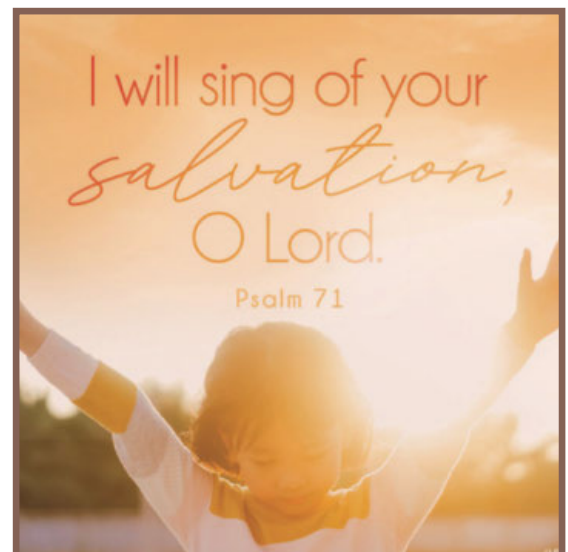
Bible Study, 9:45 am, St. Benedict Room
Choir Practice, 6:30 pm, St. Cecilia Room

Wednesday, February 2

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

Thursday, February 3

RETURN book study, 7 pm, St. Benedict



Religious Education

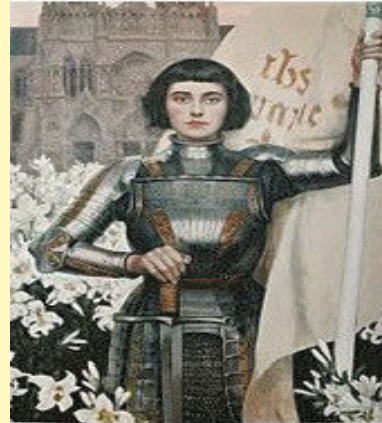
As we close the first month of 2022,
let us remember:

*Our hope is not in the new year
but in the ONE who makes all things
new!*



Joyce

Youth Ministry



Join us as we
start the
movie, Joan of
Arc and learn
about this
heroic saint!

Tiffany

SEEK



and you
will FIND,

"But if any of you
lacks wisdom, he
should ask God
who gives to all
generously and
ungrudgingly, and
he will be given it."

JAMES 1:5

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In preparation for February 6:
CALLED - AND SENT

“Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man...Jesus said to Simon, ‘Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men.’...they left everything and followed him?” (verse 8, 10) Luke 5:1-11



Adults -

1. Peter felt unworthy to do God’s work. Have you ever felt like that before God?
2. Most Catholics have a deep resistance to “catching others” for Christ. How can we help each other to overcome this resistance and be better able to share the message?
3. We are all sinners. Do you believe Jesus sees the good in you and calls you to be His disciple? If so, what have you been called and sent to do?
4. If you are not living the Gospel, what keeps you from living the Gospel?

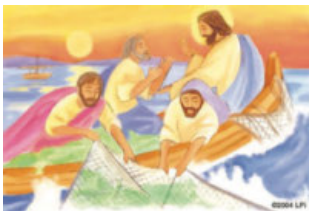
Obstacles of living out the Gospel: Ex - Fear of examining one’s conscience, embarrassment, insecurity, lack of understanding what we are called to do, etc.

Teens -

1. This is a good example for us as disciples. Disciples must try and try again. We don’t always do the right thing the first time. Sometimes we do the right thing, but it doesn’t work out as we expected. We don’t always trust God right away. Think of something you have been struggling to change. What steps have you taken to make these changes? What has gotten in the way? How could you go deeper with these changes?

Obstacles of living out the Gospel:

Lack of trust in God, being unwilling to change, focusing too much on our external actions that we forget our intentions.



We GROW

Children -

1. Jesus was calling his disciples. What kind of qualities do you think Jesus was looking for in those he asked to follow him?
2. Peter admitted that he was a sinner, yet Jesus accepted him and called him to be his disciple.
3. Do you sometimes mess up? Do you believe that Jesus sees the good in you and wants you to be one of his disciples?
4. What are your strengths, gifts and talents? Do you believe these are blessings from God? How can you use these blessings to help build God’s kingdom?

Obstacles of living out the Gospel:

Feeling unworthy, not trusting God sees the good in us. Not realizing our talents and strengths come from God and should be used to glorify him.

We LEAD

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—

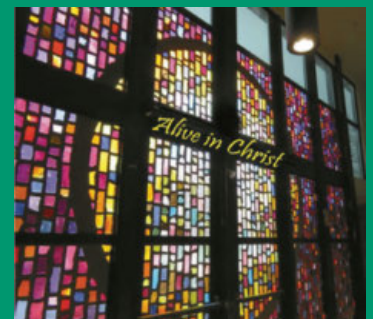
Always Our Children is a faith-based support group for parents, family and friends of people who are lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender. The next monthly meeting is Thursday, Feb. 3 at 7:00 pm in the St. Pius X Parish Center, room 1. For more info, contact Shelly at 656-2522.

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 Lebsock 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.

Pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi – May 31-June 8, 2022. Father Jay Peterson invites you to join him on a pilgrimage to Rome, the enchanting Eternal City. The program includes visits with Travel Illume's local expert guides and daily liturgy in historic venues. The hotel selected is first-class and in an ideal location. For information and registration, visit www.travelillume.com/trc/xvu. For information, call 617-367-6757, ext. 128.



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