

St Francis of Assisi Church & St Philip Benizi Mission

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

January 12, 2020



MASS TIMES

Saturday: 4pm Reconciliation 5:30pm Mass at St. Francis
Sunday: 7:30am & 9am Mass at St. Francis
Sunday: 11am Mass at St. Philip of Benizi Mission in Darby
Tuesday: 12:10pm at St. Francis
Wednesday, Thursday and Friday: 9am Mass at St. Francis

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



A voice came from the heavens, saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." - Mt 3:17

Parish Events

Saturday, January 11
4pm Reconciliation
5:30 pm Mass at St. Francis

Sunday, January 12
BAPTISM OF THE LORD
7:30am & 9am Mass at St. Francis
8:30-11am KC Pancake Breakfast
10:30am K-6 Religious Ed Classes
11am Mass at St. Philip of Benizi (Darby)

Monday, January 13
NO Mass
10AM BIBLE STUDY
5:30PM CHURCH BUILDING ZONING MEETING AT CITY HALL

Tuesday, January 14
11:40am Rosary
12:10pm Mass
5pm Rosary in the Chapel
6pm RCIA

Wednesday, January 15
8:30am Rosary
9am Mass
9:30am Women of Faith
5:30pm Accountability Group
6:30pm JH & HS Youth Ministry meet

Thursday, January 16
8:30am Rosary
9am Mass
4pm Tai Chi

Friday, January 17
8:30am Rosary
9am Mass
1pm Tai Chi
5:30pm Community Meals

Saturday, January 18
4pm Reconciliation
5:30pm Mass

Sunday, January 19
7:30am & 9am Mass at St. Francis
NO K-6th Grade Religious Ed Classes
11am Mass at St. Philip of Benizi (Darby)

Join the Knights for a Pancake Breakfast this Sunday from 8:30-11am in the Pastoral Life Center.



Everyone is Invited!

You are encouraged to attend the ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS HEARING AT 5:30pm

at CITY HALL on MONDAY, January 13th.



Matrimony: A calling to forgive! "Mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instills in us the courage to look to the future with hope." Retrouvaille offers a welcoming and loving space to couples who have been living with the misery of a failing marriage. Retrouvaille offers hope: hope that it is not too late, hope of a different and better marriage.

Retrouvaille helps couples to show each other mercy through the opportunities it provides to listen, to forgive, to be reconciled and to move into their futures believing that God loves them and with His help and their efforts, their marriages can be healed and restored.



Retrouvaille provides help for marriage problems/difficulties/crises. For more information about an upcoming Retrouvaille Weekend program for couples, contact registration team: at 1-800-470-2230 or visit our website: www.HelpOurMarriage.com

Weekly Mass Intentions

Saturday <u>Jan 11</u>	5:30pm Mass: For Theresa McWilliam by Chay & Katie McWilliam
Sunday <u>Jan 12</u>	7:30am Mass: For Shirley Todd by Terri 9am Mass: For Community of the Parish 11am Mass: For Mel & Earline Gaudin by Jim & Dorothy Rivera
Tuesday <u>Jan 14</u>	12:10pm Mass: For Michael J Downey by Kathleen Cannon
Wed <u>Jan 15</u>	9am Mass: For Theresa Bramblett
Thursday <u>Jan 16</u>	9am Mass: For Judith McCarthy
Friday <u>Jan 17</u>	9am Mass: For Rona Engelter

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 1/11 Rosemary Johnson
- 1/14 Earl Vercruyssen
- 1/16 Nancy Foisy
- 1/17 Carl Erickson
- 1/18 Mary Ellen Eilers, Austin Gray, Lanell Rostad



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- 1/11 John & Kathy Bartos 44 yrs
- 1/16 Chay & Katie McWilliam 27 yrs

If you don't see your Birthday or Anniversary listed, please call or come to the parish office and fill out/update a registration form because we want to celebrate with you - *we want to remember and give thanks!*



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Watch your own faith enlarge in something new. **Young, old, and need not be a parent to enlist.**



WARMING SHELTER OPEN IN HAMILTON. This time of year we hear about there being no room in the inn That is not just something that happened long ago or somewhere else. Right here in the Bitterroot there are people living in their vehicles or out in the elements, who need a place out of the weather for the night. The organization known as the Family Shelter of the Bitterroot doesn't have its own building, but is opening a warming shelter here in Hamilton. **On a three-week trial basis, the shelter will be open every night, starting Thursday, December 26 thru January 18, 2020, from 10 p.m. to 7am.** The shelter will be opened at the First Presbyterian Church, located at 1220 W Main Street in Hamilton. The biggest need now is for volunteers, because the shelter needs to have at least two volunteers per shift. To volunteer or for further information, please contact Steve Traver at (530) 503-5074, or sbtraver@centurylink.net.



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 with whom I am well pleased.
 Matthew 3:17



* ATTENTION *

Please be alert to scams – always, but especially this time of year. They can come by text, email, or any means of communication – and often sound legitimate!

Common scenario – Parishioner receives message supposedly from his/her pastor requesting gift cards/toys/ other items/money for person in a jam/money for poor family/etc. etc. etc./especially now, the Christmas/New Year heartstrings story.

You are Advised to **not respond.**

You may wish to Notify the local police. Thank you



~ Congratulations ~

To **Everly Rain Smith**

**Daughter of
 Rhiannon Smith**

*Who was welcomed in the
 Sacrament of Baptism on Saturday,
 January 4th at
 St. Francis of Assisi*



CPR, First Aid, and AED Classes Save the Date!

Saturday, February 22nd, or Saturday, February 29th beginning at 10am. at St Francis
\$30 to cover Red Cross Certification Fee.

(St Francis First Responders - \$15)
Please call Parish Office to sign up.
363-1385 (Class size is limited)



2020

Weekends

DIOCESE OF GREAT
FALLS/BILLINGS

& DIOCESE OF HELENA

February 7 -9 in Great Falls

February 21 - 23 in Butte

May 15 - 17 -Great Falls

October 9 - 11 in Butte

Go to
www.greatfallscee.org
for
pricing and registration
information for Great Falls
Weekends.



ATTN HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS
Carroll College is offering a
Parish Scholarship...

This \$1000 scholarship is funded by
Carroll College, but our parish chooses the
recipient!! Students should send their completed
application to the Parish by no later than March 1st

Applications are available at the parish office

or go online to Carroll website:

www.carroll.edu//scholarships-aid/scholarships-new-students

Contact Carroll College Financial
Aid Office at 406-447-5425 or email
fao@carroll.edu

GOSPEL MEDITATION

The Baptism of the Lord January 12, 2020

The Catechism of the Catholic Church gives four reasons for the Incarnation, why God became man in Jesus Christ. The third reason is "to be our model of holiness." All of Jesus' words and actions model for us what we ought to do. He also shows us how we're meant to be. Jesus' baptism ought to remind us of our own baptism and of the importance of baptism in the Christian life.

The Baptism of the Lord reminds us of our Trinitarian identity. When we are baptized, we stand in solidarity with Christ, bathed in the waters he sanctified. There, the Father proclaims our adoption into the family of God. "This is my beloved son [this is my beloved daughter], with whom I am well pleased." And the Spirit, too, descends. We are filled with the Spirit's grace and power to continue Christ's mission on earth. We received these gifts in the sacrament, and they continue to dwell within us through sanctifying grace. We can & should invite God to stir up these graces of our baptism and consider them in our own lives.

Does Christ feel like a distant relative two thousand years in the past? Or do you see him as someone who can be encountered here and now? Ask yourself where you find your sense of dignity and worth. Do you still search for it in success, social status, and selfish pursuits? Or are you able to rest in being a beloved child of God? Remember, baptism gives us a call and a charge to change the world. Do you pray for the Holy Spirit to guide you? Or are you so focused on your own life that you miss the mission? This week, let's do as Jesus did.

Let's live in our baptism!©LPi

Community dinners continue on Friday's at St. Francis

St. Francis parish will be
hosting **FREE** Community
Dinners on **Friday**
evenings as part of a
coalition of churches to
feed those in need.



2019 Annual Catholic Appeal Report:

We have 526 registered households. So far, 158 pledges have been made which is 30% of our parish families. We have received \$49,443 in pledges which puts us at 77% of our goal of \$64,300.00. **Thank You!**



St. Gerard's Ministry

Calling all pregnant/adopting families!
Our St. Gerard Ministry wants to bring you dinner and gifts for your new family member. Please contact the parish office at 363-1385.



Sacraments

Baptism: By appt. Baptismal preparation sessions offered to parents and sponsors as announced.

Reconciliation: Saturdays 4pm in the Church or by appointment with the priest.

Marriage: Diocesan policy requires six months preparation. If you are planning a wedding, always check with the pastor before setting a date.

Confirmation: Preparation to receive the sacrament of Confirmation is integrated into High School Youth Program. Youth are expected to attend starting in the 9th grade. The sacrament is celebrated for 10th through 12th graders who have received a minimum of two years catechesis and other Confirmation Classes in addition to other requirements. The next confirmation year will be in 2020.

1st Penance & 1st Eucharist: For 2nd grade as scheduled in the year. The child must be enrolled in Religious Education Class & a registered family member of our parish.

Sacrament of the Sick: As needed in each sickness, call and let us know.

Prayer Chain: Judy Giggar 363-2784 or judygiggar@gmail.com, Ginny Rose at 360-7779 or casaderosas@msn.com, or Joyce Faucher at 363-1003 or daddsgirl913@yahoo.com

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Lessons from Baptizing a Frog

I used to lead an RCIA session on baptism, where I would bring in my Kermit the Frog toy from when I was a child and pretend to baptize it. It was a session I especially made sure I led when we had children preparing for Easter sacraments. You would think Kermit would have become super holy having been baptized so many times, year after year. But, if he had been real, he would not have been any holier due to multiple baptisms than he was after the first baptism. He couldn't be re-baptized. (Not to mention, of course, he is a FROG.)

When Jesus came to John for baptism, he transformed the baptism of repentance that John was practicing into a baptism of redemption. And although we are called to repentance over and over in our life, redemption comes to us only once. We cannot get baptized again in the Jordan or Sea of Galilee because of romantic notions, or come into the Catholic Church by a second baptism so we can start all over. Our baptism, whether we can remember it or not, is a one-time deal. But it is the real deal. Whether you feel it or not, you are sealed for Christ, and the stain of original sin has been washed away.

Too many of us take that moment for granted. Yes, you may have been baptized as an infant. But much time has passed since then, and you can work to understand the impact that it had on your life. We sometimes look for a good time to begin living a stewardship way of life. However, that time already passed, and God has been waiting. We are called to reflect on our baptism and respond to the call it has placed on our lives.

We can respond and be disciples, or we can be like Kermit the Frog, always searching for a new start that never comes.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS©LPi



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