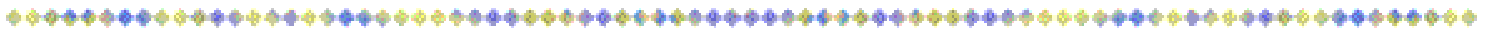


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MARCH 10, 2019

First Sunday of Lent



Creed Part V:

“The Father Almighty”

The next few lines of the Creed focus on explaining who God is. Each of these adjectives or descriptors are important for reflection. However, I do not want to take an immense amount of time describing each and every one. For the next two parts of this series I will focus on these attributes and then move on to the next major part of the Creed

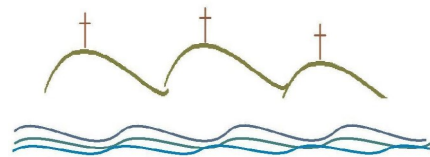
This first descriptor, however, is rather important and the cause of an incredible amount of controversy: God as Father. Before I tackle this complicated and central tenant of the Creed, I want to make a few points. First, God is technically genderless in that he encompasses and is the fullness of gender; the fullness of what it means to be male and what it means to be.

Therefore attributing a gender to God ignores the grandeur of God. The title “Father,” however, has significance in our lives of faith. God could simply be God without any gender pronoun. I argue that we would struggle to relate to a God who doesn’t conform to any of our normal ways of relating, namely gender. God knows this. Throughout the Old Testament God revealed himself as Father of the people of Israel and even the spouse of the people of Israel. These two relational titles gave them an understanding of who God is to them. The same works for us hence the title “Father.” By God revealing himself as Father, he is giving us, as a people, a way to relate to him, a way to understand him, a way to grow in a personal relationship with him.

Remember: the title of God as “Father” is both a title for our communal relationship with him as well as a personal one. On a personal level, however, some people relate to God as “mother.” This can be a legitimate relationship for example Julian of Norwich and St. Bernard of Clairvaux related to God as mother. God wants to relate to us in terms that make sense to us but also help us understand who he is. If we choose the titles for God, he becomes a figment of our imagination. If we let ourselves wonder about who God says he is, we are propelled into a mystery.

Fr. Cody

TRI-PARISH NEWS & EVENTS



ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST -FRENCHTOWN-

Confessions/Reconciliation 8:00 am
Rosary at 8:00 a.m.
Sunday Mass 8:30 a.m.

TODAY'S MASS INTENTION

"Missa Pro Populo"

TODAY, March 10th Ministers

Extraordinary
Ministers of HC
Justin West &
Bob Wikum

Lector -Clare Anderson

Altar Servers -
Matthew

Greeter/Gifts -
Darian Bauman &
Gavin Bauman

Collection -
Lydia West &
Jodi Todd

NEXT WEEK, March 17th Ministers

Extraordinary
Ministers of HC
Anne Hoppie &
Lydia West

Lector -Chris Holman

Altar Servers -
Luc or Beau

Greeter/Gifts -
Barb Koepke &
Anne Wodrich

Collection -
Jack Morton &
Justin West

R.E. Meeting Dates 2019: March 10, 24, 31; April 7, 14; May 5

Our community meeting is the 3rd Monday of each month.
The next one is March 18th at 6:30 pm.

*Friday, March 22nd,
Stations of the Cross at 6:00 pm*



ST. MARY QUEEN OF HEAVEN -SUPERIOR-

Confessions/Reconciliation Noon
Rosary at 12:10 p.m.
Sunday, Mass 12:30 p.m.

TODAY'S MASS INTENTION

Felisa Gomez †, r.b. Anna Getz

TODAY, March 10th Ministers

Extraordinary
Ministers of HC
Ken Vandehey &
Kathy Vandehey

Lector
Sylvia Downing

NEXT WEEK, March 17th Ministers

Extraordinary
Ministers of HC
Patti Pickering &
Sylvia Downing

Lector
Denise Slattendale

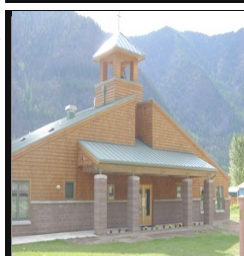
Mass tomorrow, Monday, March 11th at Noon
Intention: *Intention of Extension Donor*

Please join us Today for a Potluck and Community Meeting,
immediately following mass.

R. E. Meeting Dates: All classes will be in the church basement from
11:30-12:15; Next Sunday, March 17; April 7, 14 & 28.

This year's Church cleaning schedule is now hanging up in
the back of the church. Anytime you can help would be greatly
appreciated, thank you.

*Friday, March 15th,
Stations of the Cross at 6:00 pm*



ST. ALBERT THE GREAT -ALBERTON-

Confessions/Reconciliation 10:00 am
Sunday Mass 10:30 am

TODAY'S MASS INTENTION-

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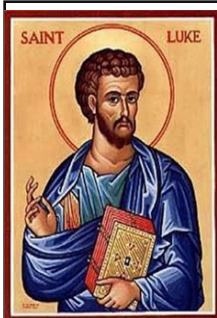
St. Albert's Host/Hostess
March: Donna Haacke

Join us on the first Sunday of each month for a Potluck
immediately following mass, all are welcome.

Our community meeting is next Sunday March 17th,
immediately following mass.



*Friday, March 29th,
Stations of the Cross at 6:00 pm*



New Series Started The Gospel of Luke!

As we dive deep into the text we explore
such questions as: Who is Jesus? What does
Scripture tell us about Jesus' life, ministry,
and teachings? How do I read, understand,
and pray with Scripture? How is Luke similar
and different from the other Gospel writers?
Sundays, 4-5 pm at St. Albert the Great in
Alberton. Pick up a flier for more information.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION:

For March 3, 2019

Frenchtown	\$ 1,424.00
Alberton	1,010.00
Superior	1,064.00

Gratefully we received: \$ 3,498.00

Fiscal year weekly need: \$ 2,652.00

Thank you to our parishioners and guests!

Come Hike:

Blue Mountain, Saturday, March 16th, 9am @ CTK



MORE NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today, our parish will take up the 134th annual National Black and Indian Mission Collection. Our support of this collection helps build the church in African American, Native American, and Alaska Native communities from coast to coast. Schools, parish religious education programs, and diocesan ministries depend on your generosity to help them spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ! You can help meet unmet needs with a generous contribution today. Thank you for your support.



Martha Sewing Ministry

Enjoy the company & support of other women in our interdenominational sewing ministry. We are meeting the 2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month at St. John's Parish Center from 9:00 am-Noon. Next gathering this Tuesday, March 12th. Please come for an hour or all three and enjoy at wonderful time of fellowship. No sewing skills required. Any questions call the office 626-4492

2019 New Year's Resolution

Resolution #1:

JOIN THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



I want to be: a better Catholic gentleman, a better father, a stronger man of faith and a better person.

I really need: to become a Knight of Columbus!

I will not: put off until tomorrow, what I can do today.

I will: Join the Knights of Columbus by logging into: www.kofc.org/join and become an "e-member" in this Catholic Men's Fraternal Organization.

JOIN US TODAY!

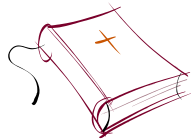
Questions: Contact Co-membership chairs:
Pat Perrella at membership-east@montanaknights.org or
Marty Beatty at membership-west@montanaknights.org.

Calendar and Up Coming Events:

March 11th—March 17th

Bible Sunday/Mass Readings Online

<http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings>



Monday—Lenten Weekday Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/ Mt 25:31-46

Mass at St. Mary's, Superior, at Noon

Holy hour, St. John's at 5 pm, Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Tuesday—Lenten Weekday Is 55:10-11/ Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday—Lenten Weekday Jon 3:1-10/ Lk 11:29-32

Youth Group in Frenchtown

Thursday—Lenten Weekday Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/ Mt 7:7-12

Friday—Lenten Weekday Ez 18:21-28/ Mt 5:20-26

Stations of the Cross, St. Mary's at 6 pm

Saturday—Lenten Weekday Dt 26:16-19/ Mt 5:43-48

Hike the Blue Mountain, March 16th @ 9:00 am

Sunday—Second Sunday of Lent

Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/ Phil 3:17-4:1/ Lk 9:28b-36

The Gospel of Luke series, St. Albert's at 4:00 pm

Up Coming Events:

Stations of the Cross each Friday March 15th-April 5th
St. Mary's Fish Fry during Lent, April 12th



CYC Convention.

March 22-24, 2019.

Carroll College.

\$150 Registration. Scholarships available!
Contact Shai for more details or to register.



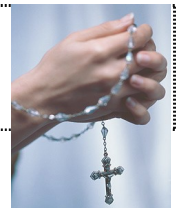
The Montana Catholic Men's Conference will be held at the
Cathedral of St. Helena on

Saturday, April 6, 2019 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The conference will feature excellent keynote speakers, fellowship, discussion, prayer, Mass and Reconciliation. There will also be a light breakfast and hardy lunch. Speakers will include: Brian Kraut; Director of Evangelization for the Diocese of Spokane. Dr. Eric Hall; Theology and Philosophy Professor at Carroll College and the Hunthausen Professor of Peace and Justice. The conference fee is \$45 before March 15th and \$55 after that date. The theme, "Armor of Light" will explore a man's Work/Life balance and answer the questions; "How are men called to witness, lead and be disciples in work, home and public life?" and "How do men best live out the Faith from Monday to Saturday?"

Information and registration at: www.mtcatholicmen.org

***Please feel welcome to write your prayer requests & thanksgiving in the Parish Prayer Book at the back of the church.**



Prayer Requests

Please pray for all who are ill, recovering, or suffering in our parish community, especially for Debbie Wine, Sandy Winsor, Bill Wodrich, Cataldo Family, Judy Eisenbacher, Kenzen & family, Therese and Tony, MaryAnn Geib, Clare Anderson, Bev Bak, Jordan Johnson, Bob Bedwell & Ashley, Malcom O'Rourke, Bud Svalsted, Theresa Schumacher, Family of Javier, Gigi DuBois, Gina Moriarity, Hope & Garrie, Chris Ochs, Art Porter, Maureen Glanz, Blake & Logan Rogers, Jeannette Slater, Keith Writz, Edna Kraft, and Bev Woodard. Please pray also for the healing of memories, for our troops and their families. Also remember in your prayers those who are in nursing homes. Please pray for all those who have died. To request prayers or to remove names that no longer need to be on the prayer chain, please call the parish office - 626-4492

Please pray for the seminarians of our Diocese

May the Lord continue to bless our Diocese with an abundance of seminarians!



St. John Vianney Seminary, Denver:
Dillon Armstrong, Kyle Tannehill, Matthew Christiaens, Tyler Frohlich, and Deacon Ned Sciedecker.



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PRAYER FOR A NEW BISHOP O great St. Helena, patroness of our diocese, who for love of Our Lord made pilgrimage to the Holy Land to mark the sites of His Pascal Mystery, grant, I pray, that you would intercede to the Father on behalf of our Diocesan Church as we await the appointment of our next bishop. Grant that we will be sent a spiritual shepherd after the Sacred Heart of Jesus, the Good Shepherd who laid down his life for us, His sheep. Pray to God that we will be given a bishop who is faithful and just, holy and wise, loving and zealous. May he be completely devoted to the Lord and to the service of the people entrusted to his care, so that the Diocese of Helena may experience a springtime of growth in holiness and the number of souls drawn to the Lord through His Church. **Amen**



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