

Immaculate Conception Parish

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Dear Immaculate Conception Parishioners:

Last summer, our parish was awarded a \$5,000 "Faith in Action" grant from the Foundation for the Diocese of Helena for the purpose of purchasing a new stove to better serve the parish needs. You may have noticed that a great deal of our parish life centers around shared meals; it seemed that we were overdue for an updated kitchen stove, which is used to serve meals at Wednesday Family Nights (religious education), men's and women's group breakfasts, the Friday fish fries during Lent, summer hospitality breakfasts, Swedish meatball dinner in honor of St. Lucy, Mothering Sunday brunch, funeral and wedding receptions, as well as various other parish functions.

We purchased the stove for \$8,675 on August 8, 2022, and after a bit of a wait and then the sale of our old stove for \$3,000, we finally installed our new stove in January of this year! Since then, we have had many happy cooking volunteers! Here are just a few anecdotes from some of our cooks:

"What a pleasant upgrade! The oven temp is correct and consistent. The stove works perfectly."
-Sheila L.

"The new stove provides more consistent temperatures and more cooking versatility with a total of six burners versus the old stove's four." -John W.

"Having a reliable piece of equipment takes so much of the stress off when planning a meal, especially the timing—thank you." -Sherlee S.

We'd like to thank the Foundation for the good work they are doing for the Diocese of Helena in planning for our financial needs for many years to come. According to their mission statement, the Foundation "serves and strengthens the people, parishes, ministries, and apostolic mission of the Diocese of Helena." Not only does the Foundation award grants to parishes around our diocese, but each parish also has a permanent endowment: an investment account through which the money is invested responsibly and ethically in accordance with Catholic social principles. Earnings from these investments are supplied to the parishes quarterly and help with the everyday functioning and financial needs of the parish.

If you are interested in contributing to the Immaculate Conception or Sacred Heart parish endowments at the Foundation, please send checks to:

Foundation for the Diocese of Helena
PO Box 1729
Helena, MT 59624

Please include in a note or in the memo line of the check which parish you are contributing to. If you have any questions about the Foundation, please call or email Dan Thies, Foundation Director, at (406) 389-7051, or dthies@diocesehelena.org.

Thank you for all the ways you contribute and participate in our church and in Christ's kingdom!

God bless,

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