

Moses Breaking the Tablets of the Law
Rembrandt (1606-1669)

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help. When their breath departs, they return to the earth; on that very day their plans perish. Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God. - Psalm 146:3-5

In the Old Testament we read of how God made a promise to King David that one of his descendants would eventually come to sit upon a throne that would endure forever. Of course, we are able to look back and see that what God was promising and what the Jews believed is that the Messiah (the Christ) would be of the Davidic line, a son of King David. And so He was.

In the course of the history of Israel we can also read of how varied were the kings in the line of David. Some were good and others ok; some were rotten, and others were just downright evil. Israel became a divided kingdom at enmity with each other and ultimately was destroyed by conquest and exile. Clearly, I am painting the history of Israel with very broad brush strokes and the point that I am trying to make is that through all of the ups and downs, and the twists and turns, one thing remained a constant, the love of God for His people and His fidelity to the promises that He had made, despite all of the degeneracy and idolatry.

Considering God's power to save I suppose we should always find it supremely interesting that we are never really interested in God's power but in man's. We would much rather prefer a messiah of our own choosing, democratically elected of course, than the one God has chosen from all eternity, His Son. *They cried out, 'Away with him! Away with him! Crucify him!' Pilate asked them, 'Shall I crucify your King?' The chief priests answered, 'We have no king but the emperor.'* - **John 19:15** And so there you have it.

A thing that I find super fascinating is a current that has run fairly deeply in culture these past couple of decades, a way of thinking that somehow believes that in our state of moral degeneracy, which shows no signs of slowing down or even improving, that we still somehow deserve a government that is just, free of corruption and has our best interests at heart, so that we can all pursue our "American Dream" and live as we please no matter how morally corrupt our life may be. However, and without diminishing the goodness of honest men and women who honorably serve in elected office, at the end of the day we have the ruling class that we deserve.

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Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

18 June 2023

Sacred Heart, Ronan
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St. Joseph Mission, Charlo

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This week's office hours:

Tuesday & Thursday 2-5 pm; Wednesday & Friday 10 am-12 pm

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday

Immaculate Conception at 6:00 pm
Confessions are available at 5:00 pm

Sunday

Sacred Heart at 9:00 am
Immaculate Conception at 11:00 am

Wednesday

Immaculate Conception at 12:10 pm
Confessions are heard at 11:30 am and again after Mass during a period of Eucharistic Adoration.



Deacon Kyle Tannehill of Kalispell, Montana, will be ordained a priest for the Diocese of Helena on **Friday, June 23rd**, in the Cathedral of Saint Helena.

Congratulations to Deacon Kyle!
Please continue to pray for vocations to the priesthood, especially for our diocese.

Save the Date

Bishop Vetter's Annual Pastoral Visit

- ◆ Visitation of St. Joseph Mission in Charlo, Friday, July 28th at 2:00 pm
- ◆ Followed by Mass at Sacred Heart in Ronan at 3:00 pm
- ◆ Mass at Immaculate Conception in Polson, Sunday, August 6th at 11:00 am, followed by a luncheon

Annual Parish Picnic

Immaculate Conception, Sacred Heart & St. Joseph Mission

Boettcher Park, Polson

June 25th

Following the 11:00 am Mass

Hosted by the Knights of Columbus

Please bring your favorite side dish, salad, or dessert to share!

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I do not find this to be a very complicated way of looking at the world we live in, in fact the equation is pretty simple and straight forward. The tyranny, corruption, and moral bankruptcy of those who govern usually do so in proportion to the corruption and moral bankruptcy of those they govern (the tyranny part belongs to those who govern as a consequence of our slavery to our passions). This is the way it has always been, and this is the way it always will be, and unfortunately the innocent, or nearly innocent, must suffer greatly on account of it. (Think of Lot in the Book of Genesis, the brother of Abraham who lived in Sodom. *He rescued Lot, a righteous man greatly distressed by the licentiousness of the lawless (for that righteous man, living among them day after day, was tormented in his righteous soul by their lawless deeds that he saw and heard), then the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from trial, and to keep the unrighteous under punishment until the day of judgement—especially those who indulge their flesh in depraved lust, and who despise authority. 2 Peter 2:7-10*

What took place at the Whitehouse this past week was outrageous and beyond the pale, almost as if we were trying to debase ourselves as far as we possibly could in the eyes of the world and beg to be made a laughingstock. I don't care at this point what political party you prefer but what we saw take place in our nation's capital should have shocked the consciences of all and grieved every American deeply. Yet, then again, we are only reaping what we have sown.

The good news is that God still loves us and He loves our country, and yes, even yes, He loves the degenerates and perhaps even more so given that people who are well do not need a physician but only sick people. And on this point we cannot be confused. The world must go the way that the world must go and God's love for us never changes. The point I am hoping and will hopefully continue to make is that we *desperately* need a messiah, and I can promise you that he or she does not have an "R" or a "D" after their name. I am *not* sorry to disappoint you on that one small fact. More on all of this later, and there will always be more and in the meantime, can I ask of you a favor? More for yourself than anything; read and engage instead of watching and consuming.

Peace,
Fr. Kevin Christofferson



Knights of Columbus - Polson Council

Next meeting will be held on
Thursday, June 22nd, at 7:00 pm

All Immaculate Conception Knights are
invited to attend.



Liturgy Calendar & Mass Intentions

Saturday, June 17th

Vigil of the 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Repose of the Soul of Fr. E.J. McFadden, rb Teri Daigneault

Sunday, June 18th

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Repose of the Soul of Jeff Dykeman, rb Rita Rehbein/

Intentions of the Parish Faithful

Wednesday, June 21st

Memorial of Saint Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious

Repose of the Soul of Carl Robbins, rb Teri Daigneault



Humbly asking for your prayers

Marcy Bishop, Maryalice Rouselle, The Clay Family, Virginia Rubel, Michael Conrad, Kaylee Martin, Dave Evertz, Steve Ducharme, Kate Shrider Olsen, Bill Nash, Donna Jacobs, Derrie Edge, Madge Vert, Bob Mahon, Heather Stocki, Betty Bjork, Vicki Weiss, Jason Avison, Floyd Smith, Nash Niemeyer, Richard Call, Bud Cheff, Jr, Donna Radtke, Bill Rueth, Frank Delgado, Jan Irwin, Monte Jenkins.

Please help to keep the list current by contacting the Parish Office. Also, out of respect for a person's privacy, please make sure that all individuals wish to be publicly identified.

Grace be to you and peace. We give thanks to God always for you all; Making a remembrance of you in our prayers without ceasing. 1 Thessalonians 1:2

The Holy Father's prayer intention for June

For the abolition of torture: We pray that the international community may commit in a concrete way to ensuring the abolition of torture and guarantee support to victims and their families.



Please pray for our seminarians!

Dillon Armstrong, Shae Bills, Lane Buus, John Cooney, Riley Helgoe, Alex Olmes, Brett Rotz, Jamie Severson, Deacon Kyle Tannehill, Carter Anderson, Matt Keck, Anthony Olmes, Jack Peed, James Semling, and Kaleb Mitchell.

"Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has risen no one greater than John the Baptist." - Matthew 11:11

NATIVITY OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

Feast Day June 24th



The Birth of John the Baptist (Luke 1:57-66)

Now the time came for Elizabeth to be delivered, and she gave birth to a son. And her neighbors and kinsfolk heard that the Lord had shown great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her. And on the eighth day they came to circumcise the child; and they would have named him Zechari'ah after his father, but his mother said, "Not so; he shall be called John." And they said to her, "None of your kindred is called by this name." And they made signs to his father, inquiring what he would have him called. And he asked for a writing tablet, and wrote, "His name is John." And they all marveled. And immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue loosed, and he spoke, blessing God. And fear came on all their neighbors. And all these things were talked about through all the hill country of Judea; and all who heard them laid them up in their hearts, saying, "What then will this child be?" For the hand of the Lord was with him.

Scripture verses quoted are from the Revised Standard Version of the Bible, Catholic Edition. BibleGateway.com

ST. JOHN FISHER & ST. THOMAS MORE, MARTYRS

Feast Day June 22nd



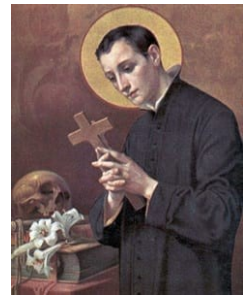
Food Pantry Necessities

Peanut butter and cereal are a constant need; as well as oats, flour and rice. Clients tend to prefer healthy options for food that are not so loaded with sugar. The Food Pantry will also accept money donations as well. Charitable donations may be left in the basket at the entrance of the church.

Saint Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious (1568-1591)

Feast Day June 21st

Patron saint of:
Youth & Students
AIDS Patients & Caregivers
Jesuit Novices



DO NOT BE ANXIOUS ABOUT ANYTHING,

*but in every situation,
by prayer and petition,
with thanksgiving.*

PRESENT YOUR REQUESTS TO GOD.

PHILIPPIANS 4:6

"It is better to be a child of God than king of the whole world!"

"I am a piece of twisted iron, I entered the religious life to get twisted straight."

"When He takes away what He once lent us, His purpose is to store our treasure elsewhere more safely and bestow on us those very blessings that we ourselves would most choose to have."



Building Fund Progress July 2022 - Today

Our Lady of Life Sculpture
\$12,405 raised (103% of goal)

New VPL/HVAC System/Misc.
\$4,755 of \$20,000 (24% of goal)

ROSARY GROUP

St. Joseph Hospital Chapel

Monday at 6:00 pm
Friday at 9:00 am



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All homilies are available on YouTube and can be found by searching the full name Fr. Kevin Christofferson.

Parish Offertory Progress Report

Fiscal Year beginning July 1st

Immaculate Conception
\$178,422 of \$175,000 (102%)

Sacred Heart/St. Joseph
\$36,895 of \$44,500 (83%)



Thank you for your generosity!

KALISPELL DEANERY

Bishop's Gathering



Join the parishes of the Kalispell Deanery for an evening event
with our Diocese of Helena Bishop, Austin Vetter.

THURSDAY
August 3, 2023

5:30 pm - Social Hour
6:30 pm - Dinner and Music

St. John Paul II Church
195 Coverdell Rd, Bigfork

Family games will be available for
entertainment, including corn hole and
horseshoes.



Special musical guest for
this event is St. John Paul II
parish's own dazzling
violinist *Wai Mizutani and*
Friends.

Because this will be a catered
meal, advanced ticket purchases
are required.

Tickets are \$10 each and are
limited to only 300 tickets for this
event. Children are free!

The social hour includes a no host bar
with beer and wine options for guests
over 21 years of age.

For more information and to purchase tickets, contact your parish office.