



Christ Carrying the Cross
Titian (c. 1488-1576)

From a sermon by Saint Augustine
The Lord has had pity on us

Happy are we if we do the deeds of which we have heard and sung. Our hearing of them means having them planted in us, while our doing them shows that the seed has borne fruit. By saying this, I wish to caution you, dearly beloved, not to enter the Church fruitlessly, satisfied with mere hearing of such mighty blessings and failing to do good works. *For we have been saved by his grace, says the Apostle, and not by our works, lest anyone may boast; for it is by his grace that we have been saved.* It is not as if a good life of some sort came first, and that thereupon God showed his love and esteem for it from on high, saying: "Let us come to the aid of these men and assist them quickly because they are living a good life." No, our life was displeasing to him. He will, therefore, condemn what we have done but he will save what he himself has done in us.

We were not good, but God had pity on us and sent his Son to die, not for good men but for bad ones, not for the just but for the wicked. Yes, *Christ died for the ungodly.* Notice what is written next: *One will hardly die for a righteous man, though perhaps for a good man one will dare even to die.* Perhaps someone can be found who will dare to die for a good man; but for the unjust man, for the wicked one, the sinner, who would be willing to die except Christ alone who is so just that he justifies even the unjust?

And so, my brothers, we had no good works, for all our works were evil. Yet although men's actions were such, God in his mercy did not abandon men. He sent his Son to redeem us, not with gold or silver but at the price of his blood poured out for us. Christ, the spotless lamb, became the sacrificial victim, led to the slaughter for the sheep that were blemished – if indeed one can say that they were blemished and not entirely corrupt. Such is the grace we have received! Let us live so as to be worthy of that great grace, and not do injury to it. So mighty is the physician who has come to us that he has healed all our sins! If we choose to be sick once again, we will not only harm ourselves, but show ingratitude to the physician as well.

Let us then follow Christ's paths which he has revealed to us, above all the path of humility, which he himself became for us. He showed us that path by his precepts, and he himself followed it by his suffering on our behalf. In order to die for us – because as God he could not die – *the Word became flesh and dwelt among us.* The immortal One took on

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Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
3 September 2023

Sacred Heart, Ronan
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St. Joseph Mission, Charlo

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This week's office hours:

Tues & Thurs 2:00-5:00 pm; Wed & Fri 10 am-12 pm

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday

Immaculate Conception at 6:00 pm

Confessions are available at 5:00 pm

Rosary is prayed at 5:30 pm

Sunday

Sacred Heart at 9:00 am

Immaculate Conception at 11:00 am

Rosary is prayed at 10:30 am

Wednesday & Thursday

Immaculate Conception at 12:10 pm

Confessions are heard at 11:30 am and again after Wednesday

Mass during a period of Eucharistic Adoration.

End of Summer Hospitality after the
11:00 Mass, this Sunday, September 3rd!
Hot dogs & brownie sundaes will be served.



A big Thank You to all who participated, especially those who hosted these summer socials. You help us to unite as a parish family when we gather together in fellowship.



Please join us next week after Mass to find out what the parish has to offer for the coming year! (See pg. 2)



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mortality that he might die for us, and by dying put to death our death. This is what the Lord did, this the gift he granted to us. The mighty one was brought low, the lowly one was slain, and after he was slain, he rose again and was exalted. For he did not intend to leave us dead in hell, but to exalt in himself at the resurrection of the dead those whom he had already exalted and made just by the faith and praise they gave him. Yes, he gave us the path of humility. If we keep to it we shall confess our belief in the Lord and have good reason to sing: *We shall praise you, God, we shall praise you and call upon your name.*

Welcome Back Breakfast

Immaculate Conception

Sunday, September 10th

An opportunity to explore the various parish ministries and events for the coming year!

- ♦ Visit information tables for each parish group
- ♦ Sign up for volunteer opportunities
- ♦ Re-confirm your current volunteer positions

Potluck Dinner*

Sacred Heart Parish Hall

Sunday, September 10th at 5:00 pm

Pot roast will be the main course

Last names ending A-L, please bring salad

Last names ending M-Z, please bring dessert

*Correction from the editor: Last week's bulletin erroneously stated there would be a potluck breakfast in Ronan. My apologies!

DEMYSTIFYING THE DARK NIGHT OF THE SOUL

The Spiritual Theology of St. John of the Cross

Fr. Kevin will recap aspects of his previous course on the interior life and continue forward a teaching on prayer in the Carmelite tradition with an emphasis on the mystical theology of St. John of the Cross. In his own words St. John of the Cross intended his instruction to benefit both lay and religious alike. Classes will be held on Wednesday evenings during Family Night.

Humbly asking for your prayers

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, Heather Stocki, Betty Bjork, Vicki Weiss, Jason Avison, Floyd Smith, Nash Niemeyer, Richard Call, Bud Cheff, Jr, Donna Radtke, Bill Rueth, Monte Jenkins, Brady Hout.

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 September

For people living on the margins: We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.

Please pray for our seminarians!

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

Endow Social

Thursday, September 21 • 10:30 AM • Polson

All ladies are invited to a welcome social to introduce this year's Endow study on **Thursday, 9/21**, in the Immaculate Conception Parish Hall at **10:30 am**. You will learn about the Endow study program, our new class for the year on St. Thérèse of Lisieux, and meet other ladies interested in enriching their faith walk. The class begins 10/5 at 10:30 in Polson. Call Sheila LeBrun with any questions. 406-208-5788.



Religious Education registration forms can be found at the church entrance or online at our website, **lakecountyromancatholic.org**

Please call Catherine (D.R.E.) if you have any questions: (847) 370-0549

Liturgy Calendar & Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 2nd

Vigil of the 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Repose of the Soul of Alice Genevieve Matteson-McMillen, rb Philip McMillen

Sunday, September 3rd

The 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Intention of Therese Gitzen, rb Rita Rehbein/
Intentions of the Parish Faithful

Wednesday, September 6th

Intention of Nicholas Voller, rb Nick & Lynda Voller

Thursday, September 7th

Repose of the Soul of Beryl Orlando McMillen, rb Philip McMillen



22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Entrance:

*Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.
O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
full of mercy to all who call to you.*

Collect:

*God of might, giver of every good gift,
put into our hearts the love of your name,
so that, by deepening our sense of reverence,
you may nurture in us what is good
and, by your watchful care,
keep safe what you have nurtured.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever*

Readings:

First Reading: Jer 20:7-9

Responsorial: Ps. 63:2,3-4,5-6,8-9;

R. *My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God*

Second Reading: Rom 12:1-2

Alleluia: *May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten
the eyes of our hearts, that we may know what is the hope
that belongs to our call.* - Cf. Eph 1:17-18

Gospel: Mt. 16:21-27

Catechism of the Catholic Church:

*The Lord grieves over the rich, because they find their
consolation in the abundance of goods. "Let the proud seek
and love earthly kingdoms, but blessed are the poor in spirit
for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven." Abandonment to the
providence of the Father in heaven frees us from anxiety
about tomorrow. Trust in God is a preparation for the
blessedness of the poor. They shall see God. (CCC 2547)*



Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

September 8

ROSARY GROUP

St. Joseph Hospital
Chapel

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

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

We're Hiring!



Catholic Social Services of Montana (CSSM) is seeking a Montana licensed mental health counselor/therapist to join us in our mission to serve our neighbors. This position can be based anywhere in Montana and will provide counseling, therapy, and educational services across the state as a part of the new mental health services program at CSSM. This is a full-time position and benefits include—

- 29 paid leave days in the first year.
- A flexible work schedule.
- Employer paid medical, dental, and vision benefits.
- A retirement account with up to a 3% employer match.
- Paid time off to attend Mass on Holy Days of Obligation.
- The opportunity to practice in a faith-centered workplace.
- A competitive starting salary.

A complete position description can be viewed by visiting www.cssmt.org/staff-board/. Applications must be received by September 27 to be included in the initial candidate review.

Memorial of St. Peter Claver, Priest September 9th



We must speak to them with our
hands by giving, before we try to
speak to them with our lips.

~ Peter Claver

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Parish Offertory Progress Report

Fiscal Year beginning July 1st

Immaculate Conception

\$34,735 of \$175,000 (20%)

Sacred Heart/St. Joseph

\$6,871 of \$44,500 (15%)

I.C. Building Fund Progress:

\$3,436 of \$20,000 (18%)



Thank you for your generosity!

PARISH ACTIVITIES 2023-2024

FIRST WEEKEND DEVOTIONS

Devotional materials and catechesis are available at the entrance of the church in advance of each first weekend.

First Wednesdays

Votive Mass in honor of St. Joseph at 12:10 pm
as well as all Wednesdays when permitted.

First Fridays

Votive Mass in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus *when permitted* for 9 consecutive First Fridays from September through May at 12:10 pm



First Saturdays

Confessions are heard at 9:30 am and Mass in honor of the Immaculate Heart of Mary is offered at 10:00 am. After Mass the Rosary is prayed followed by a 15 minute period of private meditation on one or any of the mysteries of the Rosary as Our Lady had requested.

KNITTING GROUP

Knitting Group Knitters and Crocheters meet in the parish hall of Immaculate Conception on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm. Please contact the parish office at 883-2506 for more information. All are welcome!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Ronan Council

Parish breakfast served after the 9:00 am Mass every 2nd Sunday of the month!

If you are interested in becoming a Knight or an Associate, please call Bruce Simpson at 406-493-9951.



GO FORTH NETWORK

A ministry based on the principles of subsidiarity; teaching and sharing with like-minded people the skills useful in practicing the corporal works of mercy in difficult and emergency situations.

Course topics and dates to be announced.

For more information, please contact Marilyn Marnin at 406-696-9293



That Man Is You!

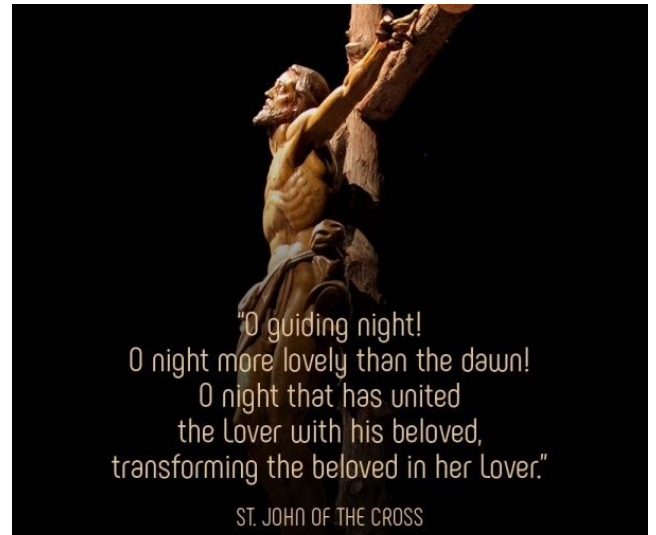
A study and fellowship group for men (and their sons). Meetings are on Thursday morning from 7:00 am to 8:00 am and begin with a hot protein breakfast and premium roast coffee. Meetings begin on September 14th.



ENDOW Women's Study Group

This year we will be studying The Science of Love, which explores the writings of St. Thérèse of Lisieux. Meetings are on Thursdays at 10:30 am and will begin on October 5th. A tea social will meet on September 21st at 10:30 am to get to know each other and learn more about the program. Please contact Sheila LeBrun at 208-5788 for more information and cost of materials.

Wednesday night is Family Night and there is a little of something for everyone of all ages, from pre-school to adult and seniors. Faith formation opportunities include: pre-school, Religious Education, Sacramental Preparation (First Confession, First Communion and Confirmation). Family Night begins on **Wednesday, September 20th at 6:00 pm** with registration for Religious Education. Dinner will be provided each Family Night at 7:00 pm.



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