



Christ Handing the Keys to St. Peter
Pietro Perugino (1448-1523)

Note: Fr. Kevin will be on retreat at the Sycamore Tree Retreat Center this week from January 14 to 19.

From a Discourse Against the Pagans by Saint Athanasius, bishop

The Word of the Father gives order, direction and unity to creation

By his own wisdom and Word, who is our Lord and Savior Christ, the all-holy Father (whose excellence far exceeds that of any creature), like a skillful steersman guides to safety all creation, regulating and keeping it in being, as he judges right. It is right that creation should exist as he has made it and as we see it happening, because this is his will, which no one would deny. For if the movement of the universe were irrational, and the world rolled on in random fashion, one would be justified in disbelieving what we say. But if the world is founded on reason, wisdom and science, and is filled with orderly beauty, then it must owe its origin and order to none other than the Word of God.

He is God, the living and creative God of the universe, the Word of the good God, who is God in his own right. The Word is different from all created things: he is the unique Word belonging only to the good Father. This is the Word that created this whole world and enlightens it by his loving wisdom. He who is the good Word of the good Father produced the order in all creation, joining opposites together, and forming from them one harmonious sound. He is God, one and only-begotten, who proceeds in goodness from the Father as from the fountain of goodness, and gives order, direction and unity to creation.

By his eternal Word the Father created all things and implanted a nature in his creatures. He did not want to see them tossed about at the mercy of their own natures, and so be reduced to nothingness. But in his goodness he governs and sustains the whole of nature by his Word (who is himself also God), so

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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

14 January 2024

Sacred Heart, Ronan
Immaculate Conception, Polson
St. Joseph Mission, Charlo

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*This week's office hours:**

Wednesday & Friday 10 am-12 pm; Tuesday & Thursday 2:00-5:00 pm

**Subject to change based on weather*

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday (January 20th)

St. Joseph Mission at 4:00 pm

Confessions are available at 3:30 pm

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

Tuesday-Wednesday-Thursday-Friday

Immaculate Conception at 12:10 pm

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

Mass during a period of Eucharistic Adoration.



Mass will be offered at St. Joseph Mission in Charlo next Saturday, January 20th, at 4:00 pm.

Mass in Charlo will be offered on the third Saturday of each month.



Coffee & Donuts

Sacred Heart

January 21st following 9:00 am Mass

Parish Breakfast

Immaculate Conception

January 21st following 11:00 am Mass



Friday, January 19th, 5:00-6:00 pm

Polson Community Dinner

Hosted by Immaculate Conception every third Friday of the month in the parish hall.

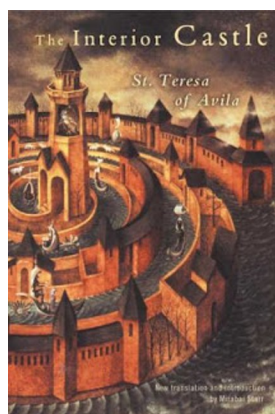
On the menu:

Oven-roasted chicken thighs & legs.

Please bring a side dish or dessert to share!

that under the guidance, providence and ordering of that Word, the whole of nature might remain stable and coherent in his light. Nature was to share in the Father's Word, whose reality is true, and be helped by him to exist, for without him it would cease to be. For unless the Word, who is the very *image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation*, kept it in existence it could not exist. For whatever exists, whether visible or invisible, remains in existence through him and in him, and he is also the head of the Church, as we are taught by the ministers of truth in their sacred writings.

The almighty and most holy Word of the Father pervades the whole of reality, everywhere unfolding his power and shining on all things visible and invisible. He sustains it all and binds it together in himself. He leaves nothing devoid of his power but gives life and keeps it in being throughout all of creation and in each individual creature.



Adult Education resumes Wednesday, January 24th

We will read and discuss the first four dwelling places described in St. Teresa of Avila's *The Interior Castle* and then move on to consider her commentary on the Our Father found in *The Way of Perfection*.

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.

The Food Pantry also utilizes plastic grocery bags!

Humbly asking for your prayers

Marylalice Rouselle, The Clay Family, Virginia Rubel, Michael Conrad, Kaylee Martin, Dave Evertz, Steve Ducharme, 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, Chris Skinner, the Sandler Family, Ryan Johnson.

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 January

For the gift of diversity in the church: We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church.

Please pray for our seminarians!

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

Funeral Mass for Joe McDonald

January 17th at 10:00 a.m.
St. Ignatius Mission



*Celebration of Life Luncheon at the
Salish Kootenai College Gym at
12:00 p.m. to follow.*

If anyone would like to furnish cookies, brownies or bars, OR a salad (potato and macaroni salads are furnished) it would be appreciated. Please put in containers that don't need to be returned. Someone will be at the Sacred Heart Parish Hall on Tuesday, January 16th from 1:00 to 5:30 p.m. for drop off. If you have any questions,



**RETURNS NEXT THURSDAY,
JANUARY 18TH**

Liturgy Calendar & Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 13th

Vigil of the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Intentions of Grenville Harrop, rb Rita Rehbein/

Sunday, January 14th

The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Intentions of Kathleen King, rb Rita Rehbein/
Intentions of the Parish Faithful

Tuesday, January 16th

Intentions of Our Holy Mother, rb anonymous

Wednesday, January 17th

St. Anthony, Abbot
Repose of the Souls of Charles & Shirley Sheridan,
rb Sheila Marquardt

Thursday, January 18th

Intentions of Joanne Neis, rb Katie Devlin

Friday, January 19th

Repose of the Soul of Raymond Minette, rb Katie Devlin



Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Entrance Antiphon:

*All the earth shall bow down before you, O God,
and shall sing to you,
shall sing to your name, O Most High!*

Collect:

*Almighty ever-living God,
who govern all things,
both in heaven and on earth,
mercifully hear the pleading of your people
and bestow your peace on our times.
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: 1 Sm 3:3b-10,19

RESPONSORIAL: Ps. 40:2,4,7-8,9,10;

R. *Here I am, Lord, I come to do your will.*

SECOND READING: 1 Cor 6:13c-15a,17-20

ALLELUIA: *We have found the Messiah: Jesus Christ, who brings
us truth and grace.* - Jn 1:41,17b

GOSPEL: Jn 1:35-42

Catechism of the Catholic Church:

Jesus is the Father's Emissary. From the beginning of his ministry, he "called to him those whom he desired; and he appointed twelve, whom also he named apostles, to be with him, and to be sent out to preach." From then on, they would also be his "emissaries" (Greek apostoloi). In them, Christ continues his own mission: "As the Father has sent me, even so I send you." The apostles' ministry is the continuation of his mission; Jesus said to the Twelve: "he who receives you receives me." (CCC 858)

ST. ANTHONY OF EGYPT (ST. ANTHONY THE GREAT), ABBOT January 17TH



"The days are coming when men will go mad; and when they meet a man who has kept his senses, they will rise up against him, saying, 'You are mad, because you are not like us.'"

ROSARY GROUP

St. Joseph Hospital
Chapel



Fridays 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.



Carroll College Parish Scholarship

Eligibility: Full-time MT Students active in a MT Catholic parish. This scholarship is for newly accepted Carroll students. Receipt of athletic scholarships will reduce or may cancel this award. Incoming Freshman must be accepted for admission.

Estimated Value of Award: \$1,000 Carroll College scholarship. Student's parish has the option of matching all or a portion of the Carroll scholarship.

Application Deadline: March 15, 2024

REMINDER: WE HAVE A NEW PROCESS!

This **\$1,000 scholarship** is funded by Carroll College, but your parish chooses the recipient. The Parish is asked to submit a letter or letters of recommendation to Carroll College by **March 15, 2024** for your recipient.

Please visit Carroll.edu or call the Carroll Finance Aid Office for more information!

Students will no longer turn in an application to your Parish since all scholarship applications are online at Carroll. Students are instructed to reach out to the Parish and request a recommendation letter to be mailed to our Financial Aid Office. Please also specify in your recommendation letter if the Parish will be matching the scholarship for the student.

Information was also emailed to your Parish. Please contact the Carroll Financial Aid Office directly at 1-800-992-3648, ext 5425, if you have questions.

Parish Offertory Progress Report Fiscal Year beginning July 1st

Immaculate Conception

\$102,481 of \$185,000 (55%)

Sacred Heart/St. Joseph

\$21,784 of \$44,500 (49%)

I.C. Building Fund Progress:

\$4,595 of \$20,000 (23%)



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Mental Health Services

NEW Counseling Program Available!

Catholic Social Services of Montana is excited to announce the launch of its new mental health counseling program. We are actively accepting new clients. Below are more details:

- We have licensed counselors available to talk or listen.
- No topic is too big or too small for us to address. If we can't tackle it, we'll work with you to provide a referral.
- You can meet with us from your computer, cell phone, or any other online mobile device. If you live in or want to travel to Helena, you can meet in-person with us.
- We're Catholic. Faith can be a part of our conversation if you'd like, but that is not required. We are here for everyone.
- Your first session is free. If you choose to schedule another session, we accept insurance and private pay and offer reduced private pay rates if you meet qualifying standards.

To get started, you can call (406)442-4130 or visit www.cssmt.org.

Campaign Prayer

O Lord, my God, teach my heart this day
where and how to see You, where and how to find You.

You have made me and remade me,
and You have bestowed on me
all the good things I possess, and still I do not know You.
I have not yet done that for which I was made.

Teach me to seek You,
for I cannot seek You unless You teach me,
or find You unless You show Yourself to me.

Let me seek You in my desire;
let me desire You in my seeking.
Let me find You by loving You;
let me Love You when I find You.

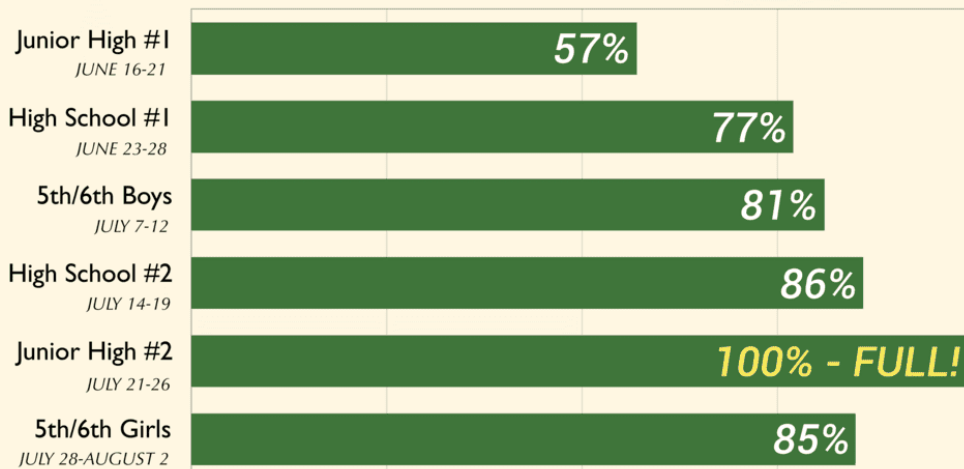
AMEN

— St. Anselm



2024 Camp Registration Update

— JANUARY 5, 2024 —



Don't Wait! Register Today at:
legendarylodge.org

Legendary Lodge camps seek to engage, equip, and serve the young disciples of Montana and beyond. Located on Salmon Lake near the southern end of the gorgeous Seeley Swan Valley, campers embark on a 5-day summer camp experience filled with prayer, fellowship, and outdoor adventure where they will make memories that will last a lifetime. For students entering 5th-12th grade in the '24-'25 school year- current 4th graders are eligible!