



The Holy Trinity
Luca Rossetti da Orta (1705-1770)

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

This week I have more housekeeping notes. There are always more, and as I mentioned last week it is really important for the good of holy order in the parish that we all stay engaged with communication so that everyone knows what is going on. It still happens quite frequently that when folks do not track for whatever reason, and sometimes for good reasons, that they find themselves outside of the loop. I hope you have come to understand by now that I do the level best to let you know what I am thinking and planning, and the direction that the parish is heading (in union with the Church, both locally and universally).

The first item is more of interest to Immaculate Conception and it has to do with the sale of our property located just behind the parish house. As you know, even vaguely perhaps, is that we have been trying to sell this property for several years now. At first, the funeral home was interested in our land which would have been a fitting location for a new facility much like the one that they had built in Missoula, but after a couple of attempts to reach a deal, it became clear that it was not really meant to be.

Four years ago, however, we were approached by Housing Solutions in Missoula who expressed great interest in our property as a good location for affordable housing for those 55 and older. Housing Solutions works with the State to obtain tax credits to realize their projects and as you can imagine it is quite a process. Two years in a row Housing Solutions applied for State money and while we made the first round of cuts in the committee's considerations, we were never given the final award, and so the process continued. After a year off to take a breather, Housing Solutions re-applied for the tax credits and last year the project passed through committee meetings and was ultimately given the green light to proceed. It has been four years of waiting and hoping and in my communications with Housing Solutions everything is on track and moving along pretty smoothly.

For the most part, it looks as though ground will be broken in mid-July and the project will then begin in earnest. I do not have a visual for you at this time because the plans are in the final design phase and when completed they will be submitted to the City of Polson in order to obtain the necessary building permit. What I do have for you today are the plans for the use of the property and where the housing units will be placed. Please see the insert in today's bulletin. There will be more on this later and I will communicate these things to the faithful of Immaculate Conception separately from the weekly bulletin. Stay tuned. I know we are entering the season of summertime activities but please do make an effort to follow

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This week's office hours:
Monday-Wednesday-Friday 9:00 am—12:00 pm

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday at 6:00 pm
Confessions are available at 5:00 pm
Rosary is prayed at 5:30 pm

Sunday at 11:00 am
Rosary is prayed at 10:30 am

No weekday Masses (priests on retreat)

SACRED HEART MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday at 9:00 am

Friday at 9:00 am, followed by a Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration.

Mass is offered at St. Joseph Mission in Charlo the **third Saturday** of each month at 4:00 pm.

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along with developments in the parish.

Next, following up upon Bishop Vetter's recent visit, we had a few hours to sit down and visit about the parish, the future, and to seek his counsel to make sure that a vision for our parish moving forward is in keeping with his overall vision for the diocese. If you can reach back far enough into your memory hole, and by that I mean specifically the capital campaign that began at this time last year, I mentioned that we will begin a process of moving from a traditional form of classroom religious education towards the full implementation of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, a model of instruction based on the Montessori method of teaching the youth which is more tactile, engaging, and contemplative. To this end the process of formation for catechists for CGS is currently underway in our parish and will continue next spring and into the coming years until we reach the goal of having all three levels of religious education for our youth. I am estimating that this will be at least a five-year process.

As we pursue the realization of CGS in our parish there is no time to waste in re-orienting our parish towards the future and what that will mean for the youth and the families of our parish as one model is gradually phased out to make way for a new way of doing things. This will require time and an awful lot of consultation as we move forward "little by little with great serenity," as Bishop Morlino used to tell me, God rest his soul.

Key to this endeavor, but not the only one mind you, is to reconstitute our local council of the Knights of Columbus. What some of you may not be aware of is that our local council has been in hiatus for the past couple of years, and the downtime has been a good opportunity to reflect and re-think the role that a council could serve in our parish. I have been working closely with John Winegart on what a "new" council might look like in our parish, and we would be very well served by a robust council that is committed to the identity and mission of the Knights of Columbus as provided by its visionary founder Blessed Fr. McGivney. This is not just a personal opinion, but an observation based on my past parish experiences, those of some of my brother priests, and the bishop has noted the influence that a council can have on parish life and is pleased with the programs and formation that they offer.

Integral to the Knights' role in the parish will be the building up of family life. Strong parishes are built on strong families and that is where we need to be investing our time and energy. However, and having said that, I am not banking the entire future of the parish on one council of Knights, this will require a unified effort and of course some kind of meaningful participation of everyone in the life and the activities of the parish. All of this will gradually fold into a family life ministry that will also provide formation for our youth who graduate from

CGS and prepare them for Confirmation and a Christian life of prayer and service as they look toward discerning their own proper vocation.

I personally am very encouraged by what I see in terms of the possibilities that are presenting themselves, and my enthusiasm for pressing forward is being supported by so many good conversations and assurances of support. We can do this, but I will not lie, it will require work, commitment, and yes, personal sacrifice. Later this summer before we gear up for another year of parish activities it is my intention to present a more concrete—as concrete as it can be—vision for the parish moving forward based on my consultations, my prayers, and certainly your prayers as well. More to come, there always is...

This coming week I will be joining Bishop Vetter and the other priests of the diocese for our annual retreat at Carroll College. Please say a "Hail, Mary!" for us if you happen to think of it and be assured of my daily prayers for you as well. You will be remembered at every Mass as you always are. Have a great week and I will see you on the flip side.

God bless,
Fr. Kevin Christofferson



Liturgy Calendar & Mass Intentions

Sacred Heart & St. Joseph Mission

Sunday, May 25th Sixth Sunday of Easter
Intentions of the Sick and Shut-Ins of the Parish

Immaculate Conception

Saturday, May 24th Vigil of the Sixth Sunday of Easter
Repose of the Soul of Teri Hughes, rb Pat Hughes
Sunday, May 25th Sixth Sunday of Easter
Intentions of the Parish Faithful

Humbly asking for your prayers

Maryalice Rouselle, The Clay Family, Virginia Rubel, Michael Conrad, Kaylee Martin, Dave Evertz, Steve Ducharme, Bill Nash, Donna Jacobs, Derrie Edge, Heather Stocki, Betty Bjork, Jason Avison, Nash Niemeyer, Richard Call, Bud Cheff, Jr, Bill Rueth, Monte Jenkins, Chris Skinner, Ryan Johnson, Vicki Whalen, Laurel Cheff, Zane Kelly, Kathy Collicot, Rod Clairmont, Barbara White, David Jenkins, Bruce Simpson, Debbie Tschida, Doug Morigeau, Diane Monahan.

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 May



For working conditions: Let us pray that through work, each person might find fulfillment, families might be sustained in dignity, and that society might be humanized.

Please pray for our seminarians!

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



Mary, Our Mother in May

May is a month of blossoms and renewal—and for the Church, it is the month we specially honor the Blessed Virgin Mary, our spiritual mother and model of faith.

From the early centuries of the Church, Christians have turned to Mary as the one who leads us most perfectly to her Son. In her humility, she gave her “yes” to God, and through her, Jesus entered the world. She is the first and most faithful disciple, and the one who continues to intercede for us with a mother’s heart.

Throughout May, we are invited to deepen our devotion through prayer—especially the Rosary, which reflects on the life of Christ through Mary’s eyes. Many parishes celebrate May Crownings, rosary processions, or Marian consecrations during this time.

Let Mary teach us how to listen, how to trust, and how to love without counting the cost. As she told the servants at Cana, “Do whatever He tells you.” (John 2:5)

Reference:

Paul VI. Mense Maio: Encyclical of Pope Paul VI on Prayers During May for the Preservation of Peace. Vatican.va, 29 April 1965. https://www.vatican.va/content/paul-vi/en/encyclicals/documents/hf_p-vi_enc_29041965_mense-maio.html



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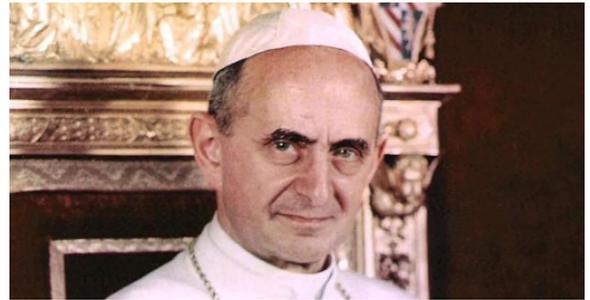


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Pope St. Paul VI Feast Day May 29th

"Marriage... is not then merely a mutual help between husband and wife; it reaches further, to the generation and education of new life. Marriage, therefore, is a whole manner of living, in which husband and wife generously cooperate with God the Creator in building up the human family. Responsible parenthood, as a moral duty, involves recognizing and respecting the natural laws inscribed in the human person and in marriage itself."

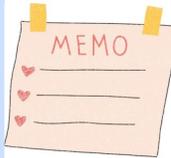
(Humanae Vitae, no. 8, 10)

"Modern man listens more willingly to witnesses than to teachers, and if he does listen to teachers, it is because they are witnesses."

(Evangelii Nuntiandi, no. 41)

"The Church exists in order to evangelize... that is to say, in order to preach and teach, to be the channel of the gift of grace, to reconcile sinners with God, and to perpetuate Christ’s sacrifice in the Mass, which is the memorial of His death and glorious resurrection."

(Evangelii Nuntiandi, no. 14)



Notice to our summer parishioners!

Please register with the parish office so we can better keep in contact with you.

This information is also valuable for our annual parish count, which is used by the parish and the diocese to track statistics.

And if you are new to the parish, please register with the parish office. Thank you!

Food Pantry Necessities—Polson

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 Food Pantry basket at the entrance of the church.

The Food Pantry also utilizes plastic grocery bags!

In **Ronan** a bin is again available for collecting food items. Please talk to Fr. Brooks for more information and how you might help with this effort.

The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven,
 may the *faith* you have given us
 in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
 and the flame of *charity* enkindled
 in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
 reawaken in us the blessed *hope*
 for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us
 into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.
 May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos
 in the sure expectation
 of a new heaven and a new earth,
 when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
 your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee
 reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*,
 a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread
 the joy and peace of our Redeemer
 throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed,
 be glory and praise for ever.

Amen.

Franciscus



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 \$7,725 of \$9,100 (85%)

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Immaculate Conception
 \$151,754 of \$193,773 (78%)
Sacred Heart/St. Joseph
 \$41,464 of \$48,393 (86%)

I.C. Building Fund Progress:
 \$1,367 of \$12,000 (11%)
S.H. Building Fund Progress:
 \$2,030 of \$5,000 (41%)

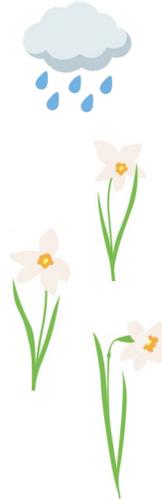
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Consider adding these numbers to your phone contacts so you always know when you are receiving a message from the parish!

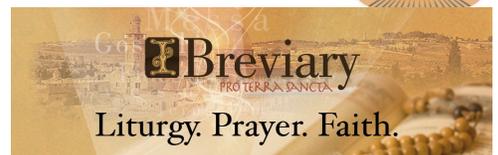


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