



**Miracle of the Bread and Fish**  
Giovanni Lanfranco (1582-1647)

**A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR**

Sometimes, just because, it is worthwhile to review some of the Church's teachings and doctrines on important matters so that we are able to inform our consciences in order to respond to current events. While there is much that I would like to say about the situation with Iran, I will refrain given that reliable information is simply not forthcoming. However, I think that if we listen close enough, we can all recognize the typical narrative. Our Lady has pleaded with us to pray and so pray we must. I wish I had something cheerier to pass along this week, but this is what is on my mind. What's on yours? God bless, Fr. Kevin Christofferson

**The Church's Stance on War**

- **General condemnation of war:** The Catholic Church acknowledges the great evils that come with war <sup>1</sup>. War involves the use of lethal force, resulting in the loss of life, including innocent civilians <sup>1</sup>. It also brings destruction to homes, crops, and infrastructure, causing great hardship even after the war is over <sup>1</sup>.
- **Preference for peace:** The Church consistently encourages peace and the development of international bodies capable of preventing warfare <sup>1</sup>. It advocates for resolving conflicts through political, economic, and diplomatic means before resorting to war <sup>2</sup>.
- **War is not a solution:** Considering the development of nuclear, chemical, and biological weapons, war can no longer be thought of as a solution because its risks will probably always be greater than its supposed benefits <sup>3</sup>.

**Just War Theory**

- **Legitimate self-defense:** The Catholic Church recognizes that governments have a right to lawful self-defense <sup>1</sup>. A war of aggression is intrinsically immoral, but a State that has been attacked has the right and duty to organize a defense, even using the force of arms <sup>4</sup>.
- **Conditions for a just war:** The Catechism of the Catholic Church states that the use of military force is legitimate under strict conditions <sup>3,5</sup>:
- The damage inflicted by the aggressor must be lasting, grave, and certain <sup>4,5</sup>.
- All other means of putting an end to the aggression must be shown to be impractical or ineffective <sup>4,5</sup>.
- There must be serious prospects of success <sup>4,5</sup>.
- The use of arms must not produce evils and disorders graver than the evil to be eliminated <sup>4,5</sup>. The power of modern means of destruction weighs very heavily in evaluating this condition <sup>5</sup>.

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*The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ*  
22 June 2025

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**This week's office hours:**

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*

**Wednesday** at 12:10 pm

*Confessions are heard at 11:30 am and again after Mass during a period of Eucharistic Adoration.*

**SACRED HEART MASS SCHEDULE**

**Sunday** at 9:00 am

**Friday** at 9:00 am, followed by a Holy Hour

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



Congratulations to

*Matthew Janik & Rachael Dunn*

Married Friday, June 20th, at Immaculate Conception

Congratulations to

*Morgan Jarvis*

who was baptized at Sacred Heart on Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup>!



A Memorial service will be offered for **Edith Olson**

on Thursday, June 26, at Sacred Heart Church. A graveside service will follow.

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- **Elements of Just War Theory:** According to just war theory, a war must have a just cause <sup>2</sup>. The only legitimate reason for waging war is to oppose a great evil that cannot effectively be opposed by any other means <sup>2</sup>. It should always be an act of self-defense and not an act of aggression <sup>2</sup>.
- **Authority and intention:** The decision to go to war should be taken as a last resort after all other means have been exhausted <sup>2</sup>. It must be waged by a legitimate ruler and be authorized by international law or mandate <sup>2</sup>. The intentions of those who fight the war must be upright, acting for the sake of the stated cause and not for strategic or economic gain <sup>2</sup>.
- **Means of warfare:** There must also be an intention to use only legitimate means, for instance, discriminating between combatants and non-combatants, not targeting the population as a whole, and not using weapons of mass destruction <sup>2</sup>.

### Moral Considerations

- **Prudential judgment:** The evaluation of the conditions for moral legitimacy belongs to the prudential judgment of those who have responsibility for the common good <sup>4,5</sup>.
- **Proportionality:** Recourse to force for a just cause is only admissible if such recourse is proportionate to the result one wishes to obtain, with due consideration for the consequences that military actions would have for the survival of peoples and the planet <sup>6</sup>.
- **Limits to Coercion:** The exercise of coercion should be necessary, and damage should not be inflicted beyond measure, either of necessity or of proportion with the subject-matter of right at issue <sup>7</sup>.

### The Injustice of War

- **Manipulation of information:** War can easily be chosen by invoking allegedly humanitarian, defensive, or precautionary excuses, and even resorting to the manipulation of information <sup>3</sup>.
- **Upright intention:** It is necessary that the belligerents should have a rightful intention, so that they intend the advancement of good, or the avoidance of evil <sup>8</sup>. It may happen that the war is declared by the legitimate authority, and for a just cause, and yet be rendered unlawful through a wicked intention <sup>8</sup>.

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### ***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 June**

**That the world might grow in compassion:** Let us pray that each one of us might find consolation in a personal relationship with Jesus, and from his Heart, learn to have compassion on the world.

### ***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.

# FEAST OF THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS

## JUNE 27<sup>TH</sup>



### **Country Store Thrift Shop Update!**

We're celebrating one year in our new location! Ten churches that volunteer plus eight local charities receive proceeds. Our church volunteers on Tuesdays 10-1 and 1-4. If you would like to work one 3-hour shift a month or be a substitute, please call Rosemary (319-2070) or Ruth (858-0714). It's a great place to shop as well!

### **Liturgy Calendar & Mass Intentions**

#### **Sacred Heart & St. Joseph Mission**

**Saturday, June 21<sup>st</sup>** *Vigil of the Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ*  
Intentions of the Parish Faithful

**Sunday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>** *The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ*  
Intentions of the Sick and Shut-Ins of the Parish

**Friday, June 27<sup>th</sup>** *Most Sacred Heart of Jesus*  
Intentions of the Parish Faithful

#### **Immaculate Conception**

**Saturday, June 21<sup>st</sup>** *Vigil of the Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ*  
Repose of the Soul of Craig Matelich, rb Semmens Family

**Sunday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>** *The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ*  
Intentions of the Parish Faithful

**Wednesday, June 25<sup>th</sup>**  
Repose of the Soul of Marvin Rehbein



### **A note regarding Mass intentions:**

#### **Mass Intentions**

Now that we are in our summertime Mass schedule, public Masses will be offered during the week only on Wednesdays. We are still accepting Mass intention requests for other days of the week, celebrated privately in Father's chapel. Please specify in your Mass request if you have a preference for a public Mass (or no preference).



**THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI)**

Entrance Antiphon:

*He fed them with the finest wheat  
and satisfied them with honey from the rock.*

Collect:

*O God, who in this wonderful Sacrament  
have left us a memorial of your Passion,  
grant us, we pray,  
so to revere the sacred mysteries of your Body and Blood  
that we may always experience in ourselves  
the fruits of your redemption.  
Who live and reign with God the Father  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.*

Readings:

Genesis 14:18-20  
Ps 110:1,2,3,4

R. *You are a priest forever, in the line of Melchizedek.*  
1 Cor 11:23-26

Sequence: Lauda Sion

Alleluia: *I am the living bread that came down from heaven, says the  
Lord; whoever eats this bread will live forever.*

Gospel: Luke 9:11b-17

Catechism of the Catholic Church:

*The unity of the Mystical Body: the Eucharist makes the Church. Those who receive the Eucharist are united more closely to Christ. Through it Christ unites them to all the faithful in one body - the Church. Communion renews, strengthens, and deepens this incorporation into the Church, already achieved by Baptism. In Baptism we have been called to form but one body. The Eucharist fulfills this call: "The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? the bread which we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread:"*

*If you are the body and members of Christ, then it is your sacrament that is placed on the table of the Lord; it is your sacrament that you receive. To that which you are you respond "Amen" ("yes, it is true!") and by responding to it you assent to it. For you hear the words, "the Body of Christ" and respond "Amen." Be then a member of the Body of Christ that your Amen may be true. (CCC 1396)*

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- **Discrimination:** It is one thing to wage a war of self-defense, and quite another to seek to impose domination on another nation<sup>4</sup>. The possession of war potential does not justify the use of force for political or military objectives<sup>4</sup>.

**Conclusion**

The Catholic Church approaches the topic of war with a heavy emphasis on the preservation of peace and the protection of human life. While acknowledging the possibility of legitimate self-defense, it sets very high moral standards for determining when the use of military force is justified, always emphasizing that the risks of war often outweigh any potential benefits.

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**ORDINATION**  
TO THE  
**PRIESTHOOD**  
OF **DILLON ARMSTRONG**

FRIDAY, JUNE 27, 2025  
3:00 PM | CATHEDRAL OF ST. HELENA

THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF HELENA



**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.

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

# 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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**Immaculate Conception:**  
 \$24,643 of \$29,700 (83%)  
**Sacred Heart:**  
 \$7,925 of \$9,100 (87%)

## Parish Offertory Progress Report Fiscal Year beginning July 1<sup>st</sup>

**Immaculate Conception**  
 \$189,421 of \$193,773 (98%)  
**Sacred Heart/St. Joseph**  
 \$44,751 of \$48,393 (92%)

**I.C. Building Fund Progress:**  
 \$1,367 of \$12,000 (11%)  
**S.H. Building Fund Progress:**  
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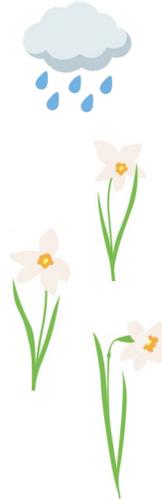
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All parish communications are now through Evangelus! If you have accidentally opted out of text messages, you may text "Unstop" to **1-866-498-2036 (Immaculate Conception)** or **1-866-953-1870 (Sacred Heart)**. If you have not yet opted in for messages and would like to, please text "YES" to the appropriate number above.



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



## Questions about the **Because He First Loved Us** Campaign?

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 Call (406)389-7050 or  
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 Pledges: \$547,894.00  
 Received: TBA Jan 2025  
 Gift Annuity: \$100,000.00  
**Sacred Heart:**  
 Pledges: \$83,475.00  
 Received: TBA Jan 2025