



The Good Samaritan
Rembrandt (1606-1669)

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

I will be on vacation this coming week visiting some family and friends, so please don't burn the place down while I am gone! Fr. Brooks will be holding down the fort, and in the meantime, enjoy some words from our favorite Father and Doctor of the Church, St. Augustine. Have a great week!
-Fr. Kevin Christofferson

“Let us sing alleluia here on earth, while we still live in anxiety, so that we may sing it one day in heaven in full security. Why do we now live in anxiety? Can you expect me not to feel anxious when I read: *Is not man's life on earth a time of trial?* Can you expect me not to feel anxious when the words still ring in my ears: *Watch and pray that you will not be put to the test?* Can you expect me not to feel anxious when there are so many temptations here below that prayer itself reminds us of them, when we say: *Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us?* Every day we make out petitions, every day we sin. Do you want me to feel secure when I am daily asking pardon for my sins, and requesting help in time of trial? Because of my past sins I pray: *Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us,* and then, because of the perils still before me, I immediately go on to add: *Lead us not into temptation.* How can all be well with people who are crying out with me: *Deliver us from evil?* And yet, brothers, while we are still in the midst of this evil, let us sing alleluia to the good God who delivers us from evil.

“Even here amidst trials and temptations let us, let all men, sing alleluia. *God is faithful,* says holy Scripture, *and he will not allow you to be tried beyond your strength.* So let us sing alleluia, even here on earth. Man is still a debtor, but God is faithful. Scripture does not say that he will not allow you to be tried, but that *he will not allow you to be tried beyond your strength.* Whatever the trial, he will see you through it safely, and so enable you to endure. You have entered upon a time of trial but you will come to no harm – God's help will bring you through it safely. You are like a piece of pottery, shaped by instruction, fired by tribulation. When you are put into the oven therefore, keep your thoughts on the time when you will be taken out again; for God is faithful, and *he will guard both your going in and your coming out.*

“But in the next life, when this body of ours has
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Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

13 July 2025

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

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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

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.



Marie Smith, a longtime parishioner of Sacred Heart, passed away in Billings on January 13th. Her interment will be at Calvary Cemetery in Ronan on July 21st, with a reception following at the Sacred Heart Parish Hall.

Friday, July 18th, at 5:00 pm

Polson Community Dinner

Hosted by Immaculate Conception every third Friday of the month in the parish hall.
Please bring a side dish or dessert to share!
On the menu: Lasagna



New to the parish? Just here for the summer season? Let us get to know you better! Please register with the parish office to we can keep in touch with you.

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become immortal and incorruptible, then all trials will be over. *Your body is indeed dead, and why? Because of sin. Nevertheless, your spirit lives, because you have been justified.* Are we to leave our dead bodies behind then? By no means. Listen to the words of holy Scripture: *If the Spirit of him who raised Christ from the dead dwells within you, then he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your own mortal bodies.* At present your body receives its life from the soul, but then it will receive it from the Spirit.

"O the happiness of the heavenly alleluia, sung in security, in fear of no adversity! We shall have no enemies in heaven, we shall never lose a friend. God's praises are sung both there and here, but here they are sung by those destined to die, there, by those destined to live for ever; here they are sung in hope, there, in hope's fulfillment; here they are sung by wayfarers, there, by those living in their own country.

"So, then, my brothers, let us sing now, not in order to enjoy a life of leisure, but in order to lighten our labors. You should sing as wayfarers do – sing, but continue your journey. Do not be lazy, but sing to make your journey more enjoyable. Sing, but keep going. What do I mean by keep going? Keep on making progress. This progress, however, must be in virtue; for there are some, the Apostle warns, whose only progress is in vice. If you make progress, you will be continuing your journey, but be sure that your progress is in virtue, true faith and right living. Sing then, but keep going."



Knights of Columbus®

To our new parishioners at Immaculate Conception: If you are a member of the Knights of Columbus, our suspended local parish council will be reinstated this coming fall. If you are interested in continuing your participation in the Knights, please call John Winegart at 406-270-6655.

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, 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 July

For formation in discernment: Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life, and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel.

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.



- **Name:** Saint Kateri Tekakwitha
- **Feast Day:** July 14
- **Birth:** 1656, near Auriesville, New York (born to Mohawk tribe, father a Mohawk chief)
- **Early Life:** Orphaned at 4, raised by an aunt and uncle.
- **Conversion to Christianity:** Baptized at age 20 by Jesuit missionaries.
- **Devotion:** Lived a life of deep prayer, penance, and simplicity.
- **Legacy:** Known for her purity, compassion, and courage in her faith.
- **Patroness of:** Indigenous peoples of North America.
- **Canonization:** Beatified in 1980, canonized in 2012 by Pope Benedict XVI.

Liturgy Calendar & Mass Intentions

Sacred Heart & St. Joseph Mission

Sunday, July 13th *Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Intentions of the Sick and Shut-Ins of the Parish

Friday, July 18th

Repose of the Soul of Marvin Rehbein

Immaculate Conception

Saturday, July 12th *Vigil of 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Repose of the Soul of Craig Matelich, rb Wliiam & Colleen Green

Sunday, July 13th *Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

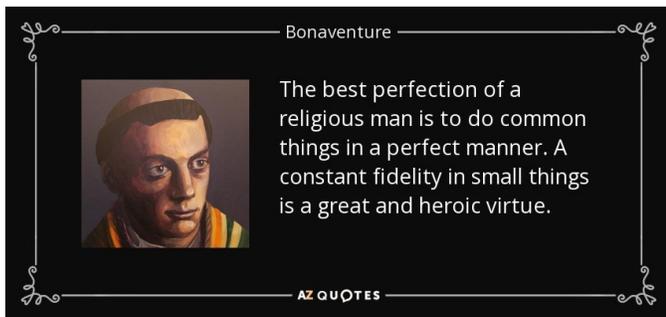
Intentions of the Parish Faithful



Saint Bonaventure

Bishop & Doctor of the Church

Feast Day July 15th



Christ has something in common with all creatures. With the stone he shares existence, with the plants he shares life, with the animals he shares sensation, and with the angels he shares intelligence. Thus all things are transformed in Christ since in the fullness of his nature he embraces some part of every creature.

Men do not fear a powerful hostile army as the powers of hell fear the name and protection of Mary.



PRAY as you GO PrayAsYouGo.org is a daily online resource that offers guided prayer sessions to help individuals grow in their spiritual life. Each session typically includes scripture, reflective music, and prompts for prayer, making it easy to integrate spiritual reflection into your day. Designed for those on the go, it provides a simple way to stay connected to God amidst daily activities. Whether at home, work, or on the move, Pray As You Go supports deepening your relationship with God through accessible, reflective prayer.

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

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Entrance Antiphon:

*As for me, in justice I shall behold your face;
I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.*

Collect:

O God, who show the light of your truth to those who go astray, so that they may return to the right path, give all who for the faith they profess are accounted Christians the grace to reject whatever is contrary to the name of Christ and to strive after all that does it honor. 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

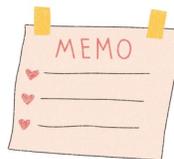
Readings:

First Reading: Dt 30:10-14
 Responsorial: Ps. 69:14,17,30-31,33-34,36,37
 R. *Turn to the Lord in your need and you will live.*
 Second Reading: Col 1:15-20
 Alleluia Verse: Cf Jn 6:63c, 68c: *Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life; you have the words of everlasting life.*
 Gospel: Luke 10:25-37

Catechism of the Catholic Church:

Without the help of grace, men would not know how "to discern the often narrow path between the cowardice which gives in to evil, and the violence which under the illusion of fighting evil only makes it worse." This is the path of charity, that is, of the love of God and of neighbor. Charity is the greatest social commandment. It respects others and their rights. It requires the practice of justice, and it alone makes us capable of it. Charity inspires a life of self-giving: "Whoever seeks to gain his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life will preserve it." (CCC 1889)

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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Sacred Heart:
 \$9,925 of \$9,100 (109%)

Parish Offertory Progress Report Fiscal Year beginning July 1st

Immaculate Conception
 \$9,900 of \$183,150 (5%)
Sacred Heart/St. Joseph
 \$1,657 of \$48,393 (3%)

I.C. Building Fund Progress:
 \$50 of \$12,000 (0%)
S.H. Building Fund Progress:
 \$180 of \$1,349 (13%)

Thank you for your generosity!



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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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