



**Vanitas still life**

Maria van Oosterwijk (1630–1693)

**A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR**

*On Thursday, July 31<sup>st</sup>, we celebrated the Feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola. A fine saint if there ever was one. I would like to share with some of his thoughts this weekend because they are supremely practical and not hard to put into practice. At any rate, if you were ever wondering why you hate yourself after spending 2 or 3 hours (or more) doom scrolling through social media, let St. Ignatius explain it to you. Enjoy and have a pleasant weekend. -Fr. Kevin*

**From the acts of Saint Ignatius in his own words, taken down by Luis González  
Put inward experiences to the test to see if they come from God**

Ignatius was passionately fond of reading worldly books of fiction and tales of knight-errantry. When he felt he was getting better, he asked for some of these books to pass the time. But no book of that sort could be found in the house; instead they gave him a life of Christ and a collection of the lives of saints written in Spanish.

By constantly reading these books he began to be attracted to what he found narrated there. Sometimes in the midst of his reading he would reflect on what he had read. Yet at other times he would dwell on many of the things which he had been accustomed to dwell on previously. But at this point our Lord came to his assistance, insuring that these thoughts were followed by others which arose from his current reading.

While reading the life of Christ our Lord or the lives of the saints, he would reflect and reason with himself: "What if I should do what Saint Francis or Saint Dominic did?" In this way he let his mind dwell on many thoughts; they lasted a while until other things took their place. Then those vain and worldly images would come into his mind and remain a long time. This sequence of thoughts persisted with him for a long time.

But there was a difference. When Ignatius reflected on worldly thoughts, he felt intense pleasure; but when he gave them up out of weariness, he felt dry and depressed. Yet when he thought of living the rigorous sort of life he knew the saints had lived, he not only experienced pleasure when he actually thought about it, but even after he dismissed these thoughts, he still experienced great joy. Yet he did not pay attention to this, nor did he appreciate it until one day, in a moment of insight, he began to marvel at the difference. Then he understood his experience: thoughts of one kind left him sad, the others full of joy. And this was the first time he applied a process of reasoning to his religious experience. Later on, when he began to formulate his spiritual exercises, he used this experience as an illustration to explain the doctrine he taught his disciples on the discernment of spirits.

*Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**3 August 2025**

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

**Fr. Kevin Christofferson, Pastor**  
**Fr. Robert Brooks, Pastoral Associate**  
**Nate McNeil, Director of Faith Formation**  
**Katie Devlin, Office Manager**

**Parish Office**

PO Box 1477 Polson, MT 59860

Phone: 406-883-2506

Cell: 406-594-0474

Email: lakecountyrromancatholic@gmail.com

Website: www.lakecountyrromancatholic.org

**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*

**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.\*

\*No Mass on August 16<sup>th</sup> in Charlo—see details below.



*Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

**Friday, August 15th**

**Mass times:**

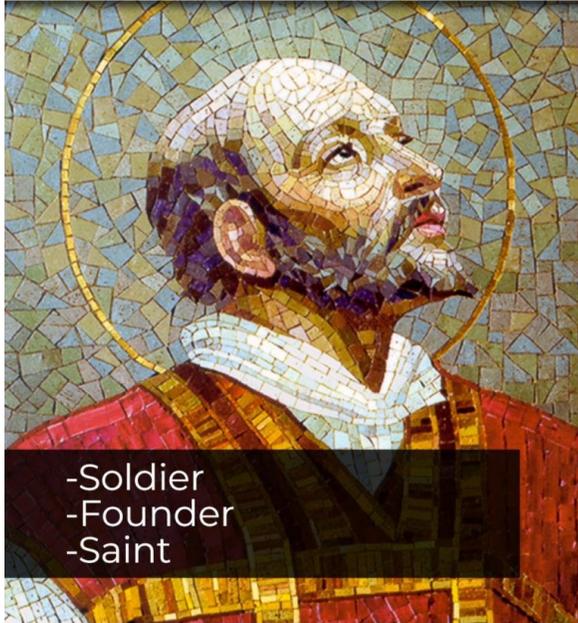
12:10 pm Immaculate Conception

4:00 pm St. Joseph Mission

Picnic dinner of burgers and hot dogs following the 4PM Mass in Charlo. Please bring a salad, side dish or dessert to share. All are welcome!

\*Note that the Mass in Charlo on Friday, August 15th, will take the place of the ordinary third Saturday Mass.

# St. Ignatius Loyola



-Soldier  
-Founder  
-Saint

## A Noble Basque

1491

Inigo de Loyola was born in Azpeitia in the Basque province of Guipuzcoa in northern Spain. He was the youngest of 13 children.

1508

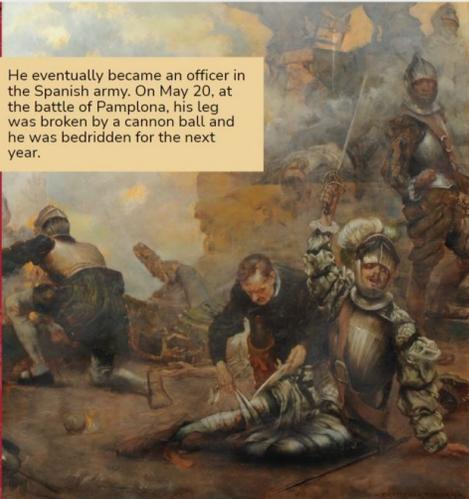
At the age of 16, Inigo left his home to serve as a page for Juan Velazques, treasurer of the kingdom of Castile. He was frequently at court and developed a taste for the material world.



## Wounded in Battle

1521

He eventually became an officer in the Spanish army. On May 20, at the battle of Pamplona, his leg was broken by a cannon ball and he was bedridden for the next year.



## Conversion

During his difficult recovery, Inigo asked for books about chivalry, his favorite reading. There weren't any at the family castle where he convalesced, so he had to settle for a book about the life of Christ and biographies of the saints, topics which he found unexpectedly riveting.

The soldier had always dreamed of imitating heroes, but now, the heroes had names like Francis of Assisi and Catherine of Siena. Ignatius also noticed something strange happening to him. God, he realized, was working within him — prompting, guiding, inviting.



# FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

August 6<sup>th</sup>



*While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white. And behold, two men were conversing with him, Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory and spoke of his exodus that he was going to accomplish in Jerusalem.*

Luke 9:29-31

## Liturgy Calendar & Mass Intentions

### Sacred Heart & St. Joseph Mission

**Sunday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>** Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Intentions of the Sick and Shut-Ins of the Parish

**Friday, August 8<sup>th</sup>**

Repose of the Soul of Joyce Baughman

### Immaculate Conception

**Saturday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>** Vigil of 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Repose of the Soul of Harold Hughes, rb Pat Hughes

**Sunday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>** Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Intentions of the Parish Faithful

**Wednesday, August 6<sup>th</sup>**

Repose of the Soul of Diane Ruth Cline Johnson, rb Dayle Cline



### 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 August

**For mutual coexistence:** Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious, or ideological reasons.

### 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.

**Saint John Vianney**  
Patron saint of parish priests  
Memorial August 4<sup>th</sup>



**Prayer for Priests**  
By St. John Vianney

*God, please give to your Church today  
many more priests after your own heart.  
May they be worthy representatives of Christ the Good  
Shepherd.  
May they wholeheartedly devote themselves to prayer  
and penance;  
be examples of humility and poverty;  
shining models of holiness;  
tireless and powerful preachers of the Word of God;  
zealous dispensers of your grace in the sacraments.  
May their loving devotion to your Son Jesus in the  
Eucharist  
and to Mary his Mother  
be the twin fountains of fruitfulness for their ministry.*

Amen.

**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!



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.

**PARISH WEBSITE**



**DIOCESE OF HELENA WEBSITE**



Download the **myParish app** on your App store or Google Play store on your iOS or Android!



**ROSARY GROUP**

St. Joseph Hospital Chapel

Fridays at 9:00 am



**DIVINE MERCY RADIO 90.7 FM**



*DMR is a locally owned, listener supported non-profit 501(c)3  
PO Box 568  
Polson, MT 59860*



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

**Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Entrance Antiphon:

*O God, come to my assistance;  
O Lord, make haste to help me!  
You are my rescuer, my help;  
O Lord, do not delay.*

Collect:

*Draw near to your servants, O Lord,  
and answer their prayers with unceasing kindness,  
that, for those who glory in you as their Creator and guide,  
you may restore what you have created  
and keep safe what you have restored.  
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: Eccl 1:2,2:21-23

Responsorial: Ps. 90:3-4,5-6,12-13

R. *If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.*

Second Reading: Col 3:1-5,9-11

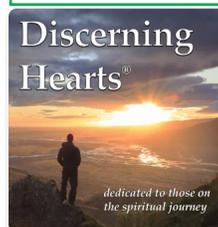
Alleluia Verse: Mt 5:3: *Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

Gospel: Luke 12:13-21

Catechism of the Catholic Church:

*The beatitude we are promised confronts us with decisive moral choices. It invites us to purify our hearts of bad instincts and to seek the love of God above all else. It teaches us that true happiness is not found in riches or well-being, in human fame or power, or in any human achievement - however beneficial it may be - such as science, technology, and art, or indeed in any creature, but in God alone, the source of every good and of all love:*

*All bow down before wealth. Wealth is that to which the multitude of men pay an instinctive homage. They measure happiness by wealth; and by wealth they measure respectability.... It is a homage resulting from a profound faith ... that with wealth he may do all things. Wealth is one idol of the day and notoriety is a second.... Notoriety, or the making of a noise in the world - it may be called "newspaper fame" - has come to be considered a great good in itself, and a ground of veneration. (CCC 1723)*



**Discerning Hearts Catholic Podcasts**

**Available on your favorite podcast streaming apps!**

**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.

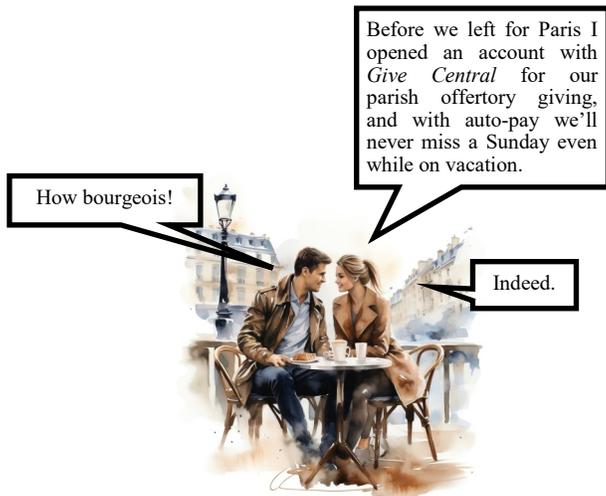
*Franciscus*



Call 406-442-4130 or  
 visit [www.cssmt.org/  
 mental-health/](http://www.cssmt.org/mental-health/)  
 to get started today!



Payments to **Immaculate  
 Conception** may be made online  
 at [GiveCentral.org](http://GiveCentral.org) (click on the  
 big orange "Find Your Charity"  
 button and type in our zip code,



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?**

Not receiving your remit envelopes? Need to change your credit card number? Want to know your pledge balance?

Contact the Foundation! We are happy to help!  
 Call (406)389-7050 or  
 email [foundation@dohmt.org](mailto:foundation@dohmt.org).

Thank you for your continued support and this beautiful sacrifice to our Lord.



FOUNDATION  
 for the Diocese of Helena



Protect your family  
 on the Internet.

## CovenantEyes®

Internet Accountability and Filtering




**Breviary**  
 PRO TERRA SANCTA

Liturgy. Prayer. Faith.

Hallow

### The #1 Catholic Meditation App



### Parish Offertory Progress Report

*Fiscal Year beginning July 1<sup>st</sup>*

**Immaculate Conception**  
 \$21,228 of \$183,150 (12%)

**Sacred Heart/St. Joseph**  
 \$3,825 of \$48,393 (8%)

**I.C. Building Fund Progress:**  
 \$250 of \$12,000 (2%)

**S.H. Building Fund Progress:**  
 \$532 of \$1,349 (39%)

*Thank you for your generosity!*



Weekly Offering