



*Christ as the Gardener*  
Titian (1490-1576)

**A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR**

Now that the “summer” has come to a close and Labor Day is behind us, this week I wish to offer you the parish financials from the previous fiscal year ending on June 30, 2025. Remember that our fiscal year runs from July 1<sup>st</sup> of each year and concludes at the end of June in the following year. In the interest of full disclosure, the inserts that have been provided in the bulletin for Immaculate Conception and for Sacred Heart were prepared by ChatGPT. With a simple upload of our financial reports this is what “Steve” produced, saving me a lot of time and giving you a brief overall sketch of where we stand financially.

The one issue with these reports that I would like to draw to your attention to is the inflated income numbers which make the parishes, especially Immaculate Conception, appear to be flush with cash. This is not the case. Despite my initial objections, precisely because of accounting anomalies, we are required to post all funds received from the capital campaign as “income” in our QuickBooks program first before transferring them over to our Parish Investment Fund (PIF) managed by the Foundation for the Diocese of Helena. In addition to that, when the funds are drawn from our PIF account for parish use, they are posted again, the same cash, as “income,” a second time. For me personally, this is an accounting nightmare.

By and large I am pleased with the reports and both parishes are mostly on an even keel. Our offertory income remains pretty consistent, but at the same time neither parish could really “pay the bills” so to speak were it not for income from our permanent endowment funds, grants, and other sources of income that we receive above and beyond our regular offertory income. I do my best to cut costs here and there, but at the end of the day, utilities, insurance, the diocesan assessment, and payroll (and benefits) are things that are largely out of my control. Running a parish and keeping it afloat is not an easy task, and it is expensive, but I am not telling you something you do not already know as managers of your own proper households.

At the end of the day, I am most grateful for your generosity and for your attentiveness to the needs of the parish,

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*Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**7 September, 2025**

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

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**Nate McNeil, Director of Faith Formation**  
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**This week’s office hours:**

Monday & Wednesday 9:00 am—12:00 pm; Friday 10 am—12 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-Thursday-Friday** at 12:10 pm

*Confessions are heard at 11:30 am and again after Mass on Wednesday 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.

**NOTICE:**

**The Sacred Heart potluck dinner on September 14<sup>th</sup> has been cancelled to accommodate an upcoming funeral.**



**Knights of Columbus®**

**Meetings will typically occur on the first Sunday of each month, beginning with this Sunday, September 7th, at 9:00 am.**

**The Knights will offer a parish breakfast on Sunday, September 21st.**

**See more on page 3!**

especially since it keeps me from having to continually harp about how broke we are. We are doing fine. We could be doing a little better, and that goes without saying, but nonetheless, thank you very much for your care for the parish.

On another topic, and again in the interest of full disclosure, you will notice something a little different when you call the parish office. This past weekend I began using **Yobi** to handle all of our phone calls to the parish office. Yobi is a service that allows for the creation and training of an AI assistant who will answer the phone and handle basic questions and requests. Given that Katie only works three mornings each week, the phone remains largely unmanned, and sometimes it can take a day or two before I get any messages. With a Yobi assistant, his name is "Steve" by the way, most calls can be handled satisfactorily, and every call is recorded and transcribed and sent to me immediately via our parish Gmail account and the Yobi app on my phone. Much more helpful and much more convenient.

That is about all for now. I hope you all had a pleasant Labor Day weekend and are ready to jump into the fray of another year of parish activities. Also, and I should have said this above, if you ever have any questions about parish finances, I will be more than happy to visit with you at some convenient time.

God bless,  
Fr. Kevin Christofferson



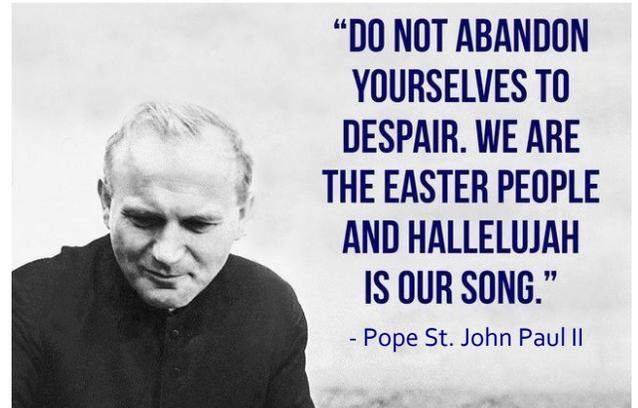
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**LakeCountyRomanCatholic.org**



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**Religious Ed Kick-Off!  
Head Over Heels Gym  
36004 Memory Ln, Polson  
Wednesday, September 17<sup>th</sup>  
6:30-7:30 pm**



**Please bring your kids for a fun time at the gym while registering them for upcoming religious education classes!**

**Classes begin September 24<sup>th</sup>!**

**Find class registration forms online at:  
LakeCountyRomanCatholic.org**

**Liturgy Calendar & Mass Intentions**

**Sacred Heart & St. Joseph Mission**

**Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup> Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Intentions of the Sick and Shut-Ins of the Parish  
**Friday, September 12<sup>th</sup>**  
Intentions of Bishop Vetter

**Immaculate Conception**

**Saturday, September 6<sup>th</sup> Vigil of 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Repose of the Soul of Kathy Collicot, rb Katie Devlin  
**Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup> Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Intentions of the Parish Faithful  
**Wednesday, September 10<sup>th</sup>**  
Repose of the Soul of Kathy Collicot, rb Katie Devlin  
**Thursday, September 11<sup>th</sup>**  
Repose of the Soul of the Deceased Priests of Our Diocese  
**Friday, September 12<sup>th</sup>**  
Intentions of Pope Leo XIV

***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, Rod Clairmont, David Jenkins, Bruce Simpson, Debbie Tschida, Doug Morigeau, Grace Shafer.

*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 September**



**For our relationship with all of creation:** Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.

***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.



**FROM 9/24/2025 TO 11/2/2025!**

You can protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide mobilization effort to pray and fast for an end to abortion!

Through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils and community outreach, 40 Days for Life has inspired 1,000,000 volunteers!

With God's help, here are the proven results in previous coordinated campaigns:

- Over 16,500 babies saved from abortion
- Over 250 abortion workers converted
- 150 abortion centers closed

Here's how to take part in 40 Days for Life in our community:

- **Vigil location:** Outside BLUE MOUNTAIN CLINIC – 610 N. California St. (near the corner of W. Broadway & California St.)
- **Vigil hours:** 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM (Mon. – Sat.)
- **Local contact:** Brad Tschida (406-546-4349 betschida54@gmail.com / Diane Rotering (406-274-3639) roteringd@gmail.com
- **Learn more ...** get involved ... and sign up for prayer times by visiting our campaign at the web address shown below!

PLEASE VISIT: [40daysforlife.com/missoula](http://40daysforlife.com/missoula)



**Don't forget to bring your food pantry items for our local charities!**

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Ronan Bread Basket

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



**Knights of Columbus®**

**K of C 2025-26 Event Calendar:**  
(Save for future reference)

- † **September 7:** First Knights' meeting
- † **September 21:** Breakfast after 11 am Mass
- † **October 5:** Knights' monthly meeting
- † **October 19:** Harvest Dinner at Sacred Heart
- † **November 2:** Knights' monthly meeting
- † **November 16:** Breakfast after 11 am Mass
- † **December 7:** Knights' monthly meeting
- † **December 14:** Gaudete Sunday breakfast after Mass
- † **January 4:** Knights' monthly meeting
- † **January 18:** Breakfast after 11 am Mass
- † **February 1:** Knights' monthly meeting
- † **February 15:** Breakfast after 11 am Mass
- † **March 1:** Knights' monthly meeting
- † **March 15:** Laetare Sunday breakfast after Mass
- † **April:** BREAK
- † **May 3:** Knights' monthly meeting
- † **May 17:** Breakfast after 11 am Mass

### Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Entrance Antiphon:

*You are just, O Lord, and your judgment is right;  
treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.*

Collect:

*O God, by whom we are redeemed and receive adoption,  
look graciously upon your beloved sons and daughters,  
that those who believe in Christ  
may receive true freedom  
and an everlasting inheritance.  
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: Wis 9:13-18b

Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 90:3-4,5-6,12-13,14-17

R. *In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.*

Second Reading: Phlm 9-10,12-17

Alleluia: Ps 119:135: *Let your face shine upon your servant; and teach me your laws.*

Gospel: Lk 14:25-33

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Matthew 18:5

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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, 59860).

SCAN ME



How bourgeois!

Before we left for Paris I opened an account with Give Central for our parish offertory giving, and with auto-pay we'll never miss a Sunday even while on vacation.

Indeed.



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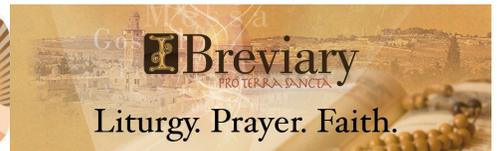
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**Sept. 15 priority**

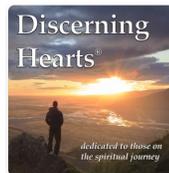
Full description & application details:  
[www.diocesehelena.org/employment](http://www.diocesehelena.org/employment)

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

**Immaculate Conception**  
\$38,981 of \$183,150 (21%)  
**Sacred Heart/St. Joseph**  
\$7,694 of \$48,393 (16%)

**I.C. Building Fund Progress:**  
\$425 of \$12,000 (4%)  
**S.H. Building Fund Progress:**  
\$920 of \$1,349 (68%)



*Thank you for your generosity!*