

St Raphael

& Sister Faith Communities

Queen of Angels - Nashua St. Raphael - Glasgow
Holy Family - Glentana St. Albert - Hinsdale

Advent Wreath

The Advent wreath is made from evergreen leaves which stand for eternity, God's eternal love for us (which is ever green, ever new), shown in the promise and birth of the Messiah, his Son. Holly is traditionally used as part of the wreath, with the sharp points of the leaves reminding us of the crown of thorns (the German name for holly is Christdorn meaning 'Christ-thorn').

The circular shape of the wreath (a crown of thorns) also stands for eternity (the ring goes round without beginning or end).

Red berries stand for the drops of blood which Jesus shed for us (in the Christian tradition, the joy of Christ's birth is always tempered by the knowledge that this child will end his life on the cross). Sometimes a red ribbon is tied through the wreath – this too stands for Christ's blood, the cost of our redemption.

The four candles represent the four weeks of Advent, the season of preparation for Christmas. Purple is the liturgical colour of Advent and rose (or pink) is a special colour that may be used on the 3rd Sunday of Advent

Advent Prayer to be like Mary *Blessed Mother,*

Mary, as we reflect on your yes to bring the Savior into the world, we ask that you be with us as we strive to bring Jesus to all those we encounter.

In this season of joyful hope, we turn to you for guidance. May we imitate your loving example, and steadfastly bring peace and justice to our world.

When we are tempted to distance ourselves from another, give us the grace to say yes to charity.

When we are frustrated, let us listen with our hearts to our neighbors.

When we are disappointed, help us seek new solutions as you did when the Inn was full.

Let us embrace our own need for poverty and humility in order to work toward creative solutions for our world as we await the coming of Christ.

Amen.

Second Sunday of Advent- Year A December 4, 2022

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Weekend Mass & Word/Communion Services

Date	Location	Time
Saturday, Dec 10	St. Raphael ☩	4:00 pm
Sunday, Dec 11	St. Raphael ☩	9:00 am
	St Alberts ☩	9:00 am
	Queen of Angels ☩	11:00 am
	Holy Family ☩	10:30 am

☩ Mass

☩ Sunday Celebration in
Absence of a Priest

(known as Gaudete Sunday meaning 'rejoice' from the Latin antiphon at the beginning of Mass: 'Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice!' (cf. Philippians 4:4-5)). In some traditions, the first candle represents prophecy (the prophecy of the birth of a Messiah in Isaiah) or hope, the second love, the third joy, and the fourth peace (sometimes known as the angels' candle after the angels which appeared singing 'Glory to God in the highest and peace to men of goodwill').

Sometimes a fifth white candle is added in the centre of the wreath. This is lit on Christmas Eve to mark the coming of Christ the Light.

Protestant versions of the Advent wreath tend to use red candles. Catholic versions use the liturgical colors of purple, pink and white.

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Prayer Intentions of the Holy Father for December

Volunteer and Not-For-Profit Organizations

We pray that volunteer non-profit organizations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.

Special Intentions: Pray the Rosary

Lord, please hear these prayer intentions of your faithful people...

Cindy Taylor, Larry Grant, Audrey Prescott, Paulette Knaff, Megan Schaefer, Roger Wagner, Joe Rennick, Clay Van Voast, Cindy Christenson, Gary Smith, Shelley Welter, Larry Olson & all who are in need of our prayers....

Weekly Calendar

Tuesday, Dec 6 **St Nicholas**

12:10 PM: Mass Intention: †Fern Vosen
by Gerald & Nita Johnson
6:30 PM: Adoration & Rosary

Wednesday, Dec 7 **St Ambrose**

12:10 PM: Mass Intentions: †Dolores Brenna
by Earlene Carney
5:15 - 7:00 PM: Grades PreK -5th Religious Education
6:30 - 8:30 PM: Grades 6-12 Youth Group

Thursday, Dec 8 **Immaculate Conception**

12:10 PM: Mass Intention: †Connie Beede
by Her Family
6:00 PM: Mass

Friday, Dec 9 **St Juan Diego**

12:10 PM: Mass Intention: †Fern Vosen by PCCW

Saturday, Dec 10 **Our Lady of Loreto**

3-3:30 pm: Confession at church
3:30 PM: Rosary
4:00 PM: Mass Intention: †Dolores Brenna
by Everett & Liz Breigenzer

Sunday, Dec 11 **Third Sunday of Advent**

8:30 AM: Rosary
9:00 AM: Mass Intentions: Needs of the Parish
10:00 to 11:00 AM: Rehearsal for Advent Program
ALL GROUPS

St. Raphael's Sacrificial Giving

Last Weekend	\$3,315
Nov Donations	\$15,757
Nov Expenses	\$15,915
Nov Totals	\$-158

Fiscal Year 22-23

Income: \$75,637

Expenses **\$75,141**

Total \$3,496

Discussion Questions of the Week

Life Question: From whom do you inherit your faith? What needs to change in your community for justice to be served? What can you contribute to the wellbeing of people?

Gospel Question: How do you respond to John the Baptist's call for change? What can you do during Advent to gather some kindling for your life?

Youth Question: How have you changed? What are some ways you help your family and church get ready for Christmas?

Shoe Boxes Gifts for St Labre



There are 136 kids from Pre-K to 8th grade. **We need small toys, gloves, hats, hair accessories, chapsticks, color crayons, markers, erasers, pencils, pens, tooth brushes, tooth paste, books, fidgets, toy cars, small games, small girl scarves, etc.**

There are 72 girls and 64 boys in total. Please bring gifts (unwrapped) to the church or parish center. If you would like to donate money for us to buy the gifts, please put "St Labre" in the memo or on your envelope. Terri bought enough books for every child to have one. They cost a total of \$300. Each book cost on average of \$2.20 each. **Please deliver items to the parish center before Dec 12th.** Thank you.



Looking for more help!

Dolores Matuska started the Coat Drive quite a few years ago and then passed it on to Erica Grant three years ago. This was before Erica and Tom had 3 children ages three and under.

It is not a time consuming job, we just need some more help the two weeks before the giveaway. We need help with getting the advertising out in the community and with setting up and working the day of the giveaway.

We are looking to change this to a Christian Service Commission project. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Erica at 406-230-1951. If you would like to be on the Christian Service Commission, please contact Nancy Koessler at 406-942-0629. It is a rewarding Ministry!!

Stewards Of the Week

All who helped with and attended Advent Family Night are the stewards of the week. We want to thank everyone that brought greens & pine cones. Thank you Kim & Mary for preparing the greens. It was a great evening for everyone that attended. The children really enjoy this activity. We appreciate all your stewardship!!!

Immaculate Conception

Thursday, Dec 8, 12:10 AM

Lector: Lenny Knaff

6:00 PM

Sacred Host: Deacon Ed Malone

Lector: Melissa Hlad

Hospitality: Madylon Cornwell & Family

**Holy Day of
Obligation**

Christmas Flowers



We are collecting money for Christmas Flowers. Some of you may have gotten an envelope in your packets. If not & you want to donate, please put in the memo of your check "christmas flowers". We also have a place on

Online Giving for Christmas Flowers. If you have names of loved ones you have lost & would like to have them listed, please put with your donations.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Vigil - Saturday, December 24

Holy Family 3:00 PM

St Raphaels 6:00 PM

Queen of Angels 8:00 PM

Christmas Day, Sunday, December 25

St Raphaels 9:00 AM

St Albert's 11:00 AM

Patron Saint of:

St Nicholas: children, coopers, travelers, sailors, fishermen, merchants, broadcasters, the falsely accused, repentant thieves, brewers, pharmacists, archers, pawnbrokers, unmarried people

St Ambrose: beekeepers, bees, gingerbread makers, students, schoolchildren, wax melter

St Juan Diego: Indigenous peoples of the Americas

Our Lady of Loreto: aviators

Liturgical Ministry Schedule

Saturday, Dec 10, 4:00 PM

Sacred Host	Deacon Ed Malone
Lector	Sue Sather
Altar Servers	Heath Hankins
Hospitality	Brien & Karla Beadle
Mass Coordinator	Brien Beadle
Dec 13-ValleyView	Bette-Jo McIntyre
Sunday, Dec 11, 9:00 AM	
Sacred Host:	Deacon Ed Malone
Lector:	Youth
Altar Servers	Holt Huntsman, Rex Monson
Hospitality:	Youth
Mass Coordinator:	Youth
Prairie Ridge	Sheila Vosen-Shorten

Word of Life 2022

"Jesus calls each of us to 'care for the other as a person for whom God has made us responsible' (EV 87). ... The encyclical The Gospel of Life recognizes the full range of threats against human life, from poverty and malnutrition to murder and war. Particular emphasis, however, is placed on threats to life at its beginning and end—precisely when it is most in need of protection. In modern times, children in their mothers' wombs and those approaching the end of their lives are certainly among the 'least of these' in our world's estimation."

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Quiet Moments of Reflection

Let your door stand open to receive Him, unlock your soul to Him, offer Him a welcome in your mind, and then you will see the riches of simplicity, the treasures of peace, the joy of grace. Throw wide the gate of your heart, stand before the sun of the everlasting light.



St Ambrose

Living the Word - Dec 4

As a family, take advantage of the sacrament of reconciliation during the Advent season. We are offering additional days for reconciliations on Dec. 7, 14 & 15 from 6-7. Take the whole family so that you can be witnesses to one another of God's mercy & Grace

Liturgy Training Publications

Parish Office Hours

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10:00am to 4:00pm

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The devil tempts that he
may ruin; God tests that he
may crown. **St Ambrose**

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Romans 8:28 "We know that all
things work for good for those who
love God, who are called according
to his purpose."

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Led by

MEN'S Prayer Group

Meets Every Tuesday
night @ 6:30 in Church

All Parish Members

WELCOME

For info Contact: Deacon Ed

1ST SUNDAY ADVENT 2022

Advent invites us to wait in love for the coming of Christ to remove the shadows that cause us to stumble in life and that everything be illumined by God's love. Christ has come and is coming to us in different ways: Paul says that 'everything has been created through Christ'; first coming of Christ is in all creation; creation manifests the goodness of God; this urges us to listen to the voice of Christ in creation and seek harmony in everything; this creation, wounded by the sin of humans awaited redemption in the coming of Christ at first Christmas, and through his death and resurrection. Gospel today speaks of the end of times, the day of judgment and the second coming of Christ; we are asked to be ready lest we will be overwhelmed like the people in the time of Noah who ignored his warnings of the flood! Finally, Christ comes to us in the sacraments [Eucharist], in our prayers, in our love for each other, all these building for us an ark of grace!

First century Rabbi Tarphon said: 'The day is short, the work is great, the laborers are sluggish, the wages are high and the master of the house is insistent. It is not your duty to finish the work but you are not free to neglect it'. We are entrusted with the work of the kingdom of God or proclamation of the good news until Christ's second coming. We may be sluggish or unenthusiastic about living the gospel or witnessing Christ but the work must go on. The high wages are of peace and joy. We who are called to become like Christ, if truly love him, are not free to abandon the work of the kingdom of God because, in

freedom we made a commitment to Christ to transform our world by the power of love. Advent reenergizes a sluggish heart to be fired up by God's gift of his love and light in Jesus Christ and that we go about doing good like Christ.

Prophet Isaiah questions us: why do we wage wars, kill the innocent and consider life so cheap. Who have the courage to beat swords [weapons of mass destruction] into farm tools and beat the hardness of heart into compassion to solve poverty, disease and heal the brokenness of the world. Who will wake up from the sleep of hate, violence and indifference to the good of all? Who will work for the kingdom to tend the bruised, comfort the afflicted and give everyone a taste of the kingdom? Who will wake up to welcome the dawn of hope to let go the chains of depression, sadness and hopelessness? Christ the Emmanuel dwells with us, awake to encounter him in relationships, in work, in leisure. Pope Francis: 'be awake, do not watch life go by from your comfort zone, be where challenges are, calling you to carry life and progress forward, be in the struggle to safeguard our human dignity, be in the fight against poverty, be in the battle for values'.

This Advent, let us ponder on these words of the hermit Carlo Carretto: "be patient; learn to wait for each other, for love, for happiness, for God". Let us wait for the beauty of Christ to emerge in our lives!

Advent Reconciliation

Father Jose will be available for confessions on the evenings of December 7, 14 & 15 from 6-7 PM at the Church. He is available on Saturdays from 3-3:30 PM. or you can call the office 228-9800 and make an appointment.

World Youth Day, July 25th-Aug 7th

 Pilgrimage to Lourdes, Santiago de Compostela, Loyola, Fatima and Lisbon for World Youth Day 2023! This is a 14 day journey and is open in the Diocese of Helena and Great Falls/Billings. The approx. cost of the pilgrimage will be \$5700 and ages included are 16-17 with a parent chaperone (diocesan policy) and anyone over the age of 18. There is an urgency for registering soon because of limited flight space and it is only 9 months away. Please contact Mandy Bell with any questions: mandy.bell59230@gmail.com or 406-263-7485 www.ctscentral.net/trips/pilgrimages/montana-catholic-world-youth-day-pilgrimage

PCCW Christmas Party

All the ladies from St Raphaels Parish are invited to the Annual Christmas Party on December 12th at 6:00 PM. We are having the Turkey, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy provided. Please bring your favorite traditional side dish or dessert to share.... and bring your recipe! We also will have Dirty Bingo again this year (a crowd favorite). Look forward to seeing everyone!!!!



Friday, May 5 & **Saturday, May 6**
6:00PM – 9:00PM & 8:00AM – 6:00PM