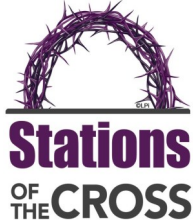




# St. Richard Parish Announcements

for March 9, 2025



FRIDAYS  
DURING LENT  
6:00 PM



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
FRIDAYS DURING LENT  
TAKE OUT BEGINS 5:00 PM  
DINE IN FROM 5:30-6:30 PM

## 2025 Parish Survey

You spoke and we listened.  
In the 2024 Parish Survey you asked and we responded with our first Oktoberfest, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, Unique Design Workshops, Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration, and more! There is still more to do and we need your input. Please take a few minutes to complete the 2025 Parish Survey by scanning the QR code or by visiting the link below.



<https://forms.gle/weUQyfWTgYsAUJJd9>



The 2025 spring campaign will run from March 5-April 12.

There is also a 365 prayer campaign to take part in!  
[40daysforlife.com/whitefish](http://40daysforlife.com/whitefish)

St. Richard Parish will stand vigil on the following days for the protection of the unborn.

- Wednesday, March 12th - Tuesday, March 18th -  
Wednesday, April 2nd - Tuesday, April 8th

You can help protect mothers and children by joining us to pray and fast for an end to abortion!

To volunteer to stand vigil, please contact our parish coordinator, Gerry Nolan, at 406-890-3691 or email: [gnhermit@gmail.com](mailto:gnhermit@gmail.com).

All prayer services will be held at All Families Healthcare, 737 Spokane Avenue, Whitefish

## St. Joseph's Table

Wednesday, March 19th, 2025

5pm: Mass

6pm: Spaghetti Dinner



Join our parish family  
in celebrating the  
**Solemnity of St. Joseph!**

Potluck Sides and Desserts

Last name A - M  
bring a side dish

Last name N - Z  
bring a dessert

In the spirit of St. Joseph and the season of Lent, please bring canned goods to be donated to the food bank.



## 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal

Our goal for St. Richard Parish is \$45,900. We have raised 66% of our goal so far, \$30,884.  
6 households out of 340 households.

*Please prayerfully consider what you can give to this annual appeal. If every household gave \$50—\$100, we would successfully meet our goal.*

**Broad Participation Brings Success** - Through the Annual Catholic Appeal, Catholics of the Diocese of Helena pool their financial resources and together help the men, women, children and families of our communities, our diocese and our world.



## That Man is You!

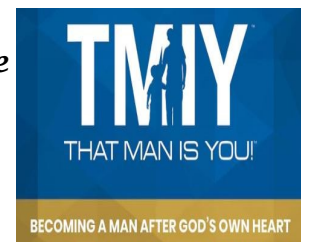
*Have you ever considered how much spiritual warfare is taking place in your own day? Have you ever considered yourself a warrior or soldier for Christ??? What difference would it make in your life???*

For all men of the parish "That Man Is You!" Spring session has begun.

Thursday evenings at 7pm in the Pearce Center.

*Answer the call to great sanctity and support of Christian brotherhood!*

Please contact Gary George (937-241-1989; gary1956@protonmail.com) to register or with questions.



### FIRST WEEK OF LENT

## A RECOMMITMENT TO END HUNGER

Since 1975, Catholics across the United States have come together each Lent to respond to global hunger through the CRS Rice Bowl program. Learn how people like you have made a local and global impact on the lives of our sisters and brothers in need and why our prayers and almsgiving are still needed today. During this holy season, let us recommit to sharing bread for life with our global family so that all people can reach their God-given potential. Visit [csrtricebowl.org/week-1](http://csrtricebowl.org/week-1) to read this week's Story of Hope.



## IGNATIAN RULES OF DISCERNMENT

Presented by

**TERESA CHABOT**

CATHOLIC LAY SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR FOR WOMEN - ST MATTHEW'S PARISH, KALISPELL, MT

Thursday Evening ~ Sunday Morning

**March 13-16, 2025**

**THE SYCAMORE TREE CATHOLIC RETREAT CENTER**

21592 SYCAMORE TREE LANE ~ SWAN LAKE, MT

[www.sycamoretreeretreat.org](http://www.sycamoretreeretreat.org)



**\*Cost: \$395**

3 nights lodging (1 person) @ \$100/night = \$300

Conference fee \$75 / Meals \$20

*Includes three meals and a book.*

*Scholarship available.*

# EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS

IN A JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE

MARCH 21-23, 2025 CARROLL COLLEGE, HELENA



Sr. Anne Catherine  
Burleigh, OP



Sr. Marianna  
Thayer, OP



Charles  
Camosy



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Jimmy  
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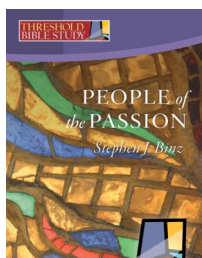
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# LENT 2025 | Reflect. Repent. Restore.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>March 9</b>	<b>March 10</b>	<b>March 11</b>	<b>March 12</b>	<b>March 13</b>	<b>March 14</b>	<b>March 15</b>
<b>First Sunday of Lent</b> "You shall worship the Lord, your God, and him alone shall you serve." (Luke 4:8)	"Lent is a season of conversion, a time of freedom." (Pope Francis, Message for Lent 2024)	Examine your conscience before going to bed tonight and make plans to receive the Sacrament of Penance during Lent.	"Both in the liturgy and in liturgical catechesis, through remembrance of Baptism or preparation for it, and by penitence, Lent renews the community of the faithful together with the elect and disposes them to recall the Paschal Mystery." (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults, no. 138) (see Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, no. 109)	Prayerfully discern ways that you can give to others by sharing your time, treasure, and talent.	Fast from television, streaming, gaming, social media, or some other pleasure and spend the extra time praying or reading the Bible.	Invite a friend or neighbor to join you for Mass, a Lenten service, or a faith formation program at your parish.



## Lenten Book Study

### *People of the Passion by Stephen Binz*

**OPEN TO ALL PARISHIONERS:** Suffering seems to bring out the best and the worst in our human nature. Some people are overcome with hopelessness that leads to despair; others are filled with courage that leads to heroism. Still, others exhibit a wide range of responses that reveal their character: trust, generosity, steadfastness, cowardice, greed, and pride. The **people of the passion** in this book are the characters who participated in some dramatic way in the suffering and death of Jesus. Well-known characters include Peter, Pilate, and Mary Magdalen; lesser-known include Simon of Cyrene, the daughters of Jerusalem, and the woman who anointed Jesus.

### Reflection groups will meet on:

**Wednesday morning at 9:30 am OR Thursday evenings at 6:30 pm**

You may attend the session that best fits your schedule. Suggested donation for cost of book is \$10.

*For questions, please contact Patty Jalowiec at (630) 202-6063 (call or text)*

## OPERATION RICE BOWL

### **Bishop Vetter invites us all to participate in CRS Rice Bowl this Lent!**

This 50th anniversary of the Rice Bowl program is an opportunity for us to recommit and come together as a community to put our faith in action for our sisters and brothers in need around the world and here at home.

Millions are facing life-threatening levels of hunger, food insecurity, and malnutrition made worse by poverty, natural disasters, and conflict.

There is no single solution to breaking the cycle of hunger, but we can answer Jesus' calls to this mission when He says, *'For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink'* (Matthew 25:35).

Through CRS Rice Bowl, we live out the Catholic Social Teaching of solidarity, standing with the most vulnerable, and recognizing our shared responsibility to care for the common good of all God's people.

### **75% of gifts support CRS' international humanitarian programs, including:**

- Agriculture projects to help farmers improve harvests
- Water and sanitation projects to bring clean water to communities
- Microfinance projects that support small businesses
- Mother and child health projects offering health and nutrition services
- Education projects that provide resources and training

***The other 25% of gifts remain in our diocese where the majority goes to support food banks across Montana.***

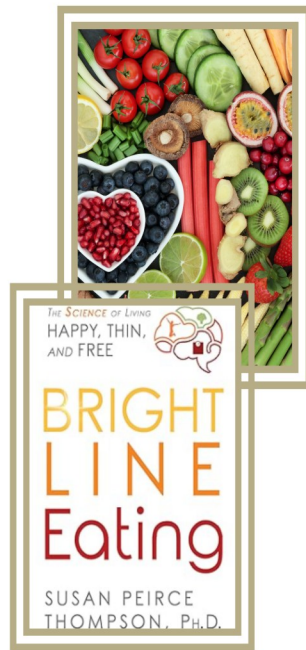
**Pick your rice bowl today in the church vestibule!**

**Please return your rice bowl during Holy Week beginning Thursday, April 17th.**



# Healthy Lifestyle Support Group

Living in a right-sized body is truly possible! Understand how the brain blocks weight loss. Build a new identity as a person free from food chatter, losing weight and feeling great in your God-given body.



JOIN US EACH MONDAY AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE PEARCE CENTER AT ST. RICHARD PARISH.

Information is based on the book *Bright Line Eating: The Science of Living Happy, Thin, and Free* by Susan Pierce Thompson, Ph.D.

For questions, please call Debra Cox at 406-892-5743.

ST. RICHARD PARISH

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

## Order of Christian Initiation of Adults Candidates

RECEIVING SACRAMENTS ON HOLY SATURDAY • APRIL 19TH

Rebecca Blouin and Brandon McLean

## First Communicants

RECEIVING HOLY EUCHARIST ON MAY 4TH

Ragnar Alexander, Lillian Cincis, Sierra McKinnon, Clair Ament, Emmit Fredrickson, and Tony Vander Vos

## Confirmation Candidates

WILL BE CONFIRMED ON MAY 22ND

Cora Alexander, Elin Alexander, Colton Blevins, William Cincis, Kolbe Cronk, Siena Cronk, Ryder Dutro, Rylee Dutro, Declan Finlay, Solon Finlay, Asher Knopik, Carter Knopik, Jason Donsbach, and Jackson Schubert



Starting March 10th  
Every Monday | 7-8:00 pm  
in Lent



## Three Secrets to Holiness in Marriage

33-Day Couples Retreat



### Three Secrets to Holiness Couples Retreat

Invest in your marriage this Lent! Whether you have been married two years or twenty years, you and your spouse are invited to participate in the **Three Secrets to Holiness: 33 Day Couples Retreat**.

This retreat seeks to help you fall deeper in love with Christ, your spouse and children, and the world God calls you to serve. At home, couples will complete 33 short, daily readings and discussion questions using the book *"Three Secrets to Holiness"* by Dan and Amber DeMatte.

Couples are also invited to gather in Strom Hall (at St. Charles in WF) from 7 - 8 pm on five Monday evenings during Lent (starting March 10th) for accountability and support.

Make it a date night!

You do not need to commit to attending all five evening sessions to participate. *The retreat will culminate by consecrating your marriage to Christ on the Friday before Holy Week (April 11th).*

Books and sign up are available in the back of the church (as St. Charles). Suggested donation \$20. Please contact Sophie Burke 509-863-6643 with questions.