

# St. Richard Parish Amouncements

for September 7, 2025



#### St. Richard Music Ministry

We would like to express our utmost gratitude **to Laura Vander Vos** and **Leif Homme** for their dedication to provide sacred music during Masses.

Leif has been accepted into a vocational program in Germany.

Laura will be stepping down as leader of the music ministry, her last Mass is this Sunday,

September 7th.

#### We ask that you keep them both in your prayers.

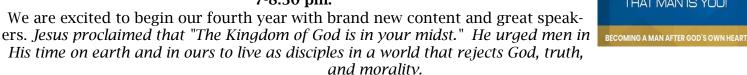
We are so thankful for the time, talent, and effort they have put forth during their years of service!

In light of this, we are looking for new singers to share their talents at the 10 am Mass.

Please contact the parish office if you are interested in joining the choir and/or for information on paid director position.

#### That Man is You!

Men of the parish - "That Man is You" (TMIY) begins this Thursday evening, September 11, 2025 in the Pearce Parish Center downstairs at St. Richards from 7-8:30 pm.





This fall, we will highlight our counter cultural identity as Christians, centered on Christ with an eternal perspective, choosing to live in a distinctly different way. Whether you are brand new to TMIY, have been to a few meetings in the past, or are a "regular", PLEASE JOIN US!!!!

Contact Gary George via the parish office with any questions.

#### CCW Annual Membership

All women of St. Richard Parish are invited to join in membership with the Council of Catholic Women beginning in September. The \$10 annual membership means you are supporting donations for many local non-profit charities in the Flathead Valley, youth scholarships, parish religious education, and much more!

Paying the membership dues **does not** mean you have to volunteer, attend meetings, or be on a call list...but please let us know if you would like to do those! We do ask to be included in your prayer that we may continue to serve the community and our parish with divine charity. You can view a list of our most recent contributions on the bulletin board. *Dues envelopes are located throughout the church.* 

#### **Monthly Meetings**

Monthly meetings will resume on **Sunday, September 14th** after the 10am Mass in the Pearce Center Classroom. All women of the parish are welcome to attend! See you there!



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#### **Wood Lot Service Project**

The Knights of Columbus are continuing the wood lot parties all summer until all the donated wood has been split, stacked and organized for the upcoming winter.

#### Saturday mornings at 9 am in the woodlot behind the church

All are welcome to lend a hand! Thank you for helping!

#### **OCIA Faith Formation**

If you are an adult interested in enriching your Catholic faith and/or would like to be baptized or confirmed in the church this spring, please come to our OCIA session, **Sunday, September 28th at 11:15 am.** This will be an opportunity for everyone to meet each other and discuss what our goals are for the OCIA class. We look forward to walking with you on this journey as you discern your call to become a Catholic. Meet in the parish **office conference room** after Mass.



-Gary and Jean George, OCIA Ministry Leaders



#### **Catechesis of the Good Shepherd**

Thank you to our parish community for supporting your St. Richard catechists Katie Donahue, Beth Furlong and Sam Weldon in completing their level 2 (the first of two weeks) training in Catechesis of the Good Shepherd to serve children ages 6-9 in Cottonwood, Idaho. We were able to complete this training thanks to a grant from the Diocese Foundation. We are building a Level 2 atrium to serve these children adjacent to our current Level 1 Atrium.

Registration for all St. Richard Parish classes of religious education (including CGS, RE, Youth Group and OCIA) will begin at the ministry fair on Sunday, September 21st.



#### WHITEFISH

Welcomes Ramona Trevino
40 Days for Life Outreach Director
Former Planned Parenthood Manager



Ramona Trevino worked as the manager of a Planned Parenthood abortion referral facility in Sherman, Texas until 2011 when God used the prayers and public witness of a 40 Days for Life campaign to move her to leave her job and reclaim her walk with Christ. Ramona's resignation from Planned Parenthood resulted in her former center going out of business.

Ramona has shared the miracle of her conversion and the goodness of Christ's mercy throughout the U.S. and internationally through speaking engagements as well as print, broadcast, and online media.

Ramona is a wife, mother, and grandmother. She is the author of "Redeemed by Grace: A Catholic Woman's Journey to Planned Parenthood and Back."

Saturday, October 4th at 2pm Christ Lutheran Church 5150 River Lakes Parkway Whitefish

#### 40 Days for Life

Fall Campaign begins on Wednesday, September 24th, and ends on Saturday, November 2nd.

There are three ways you can help protect mothers and children from abortion:

- The prayer vigil is our most visible witness to the public.
  - You can also pray and fast for an end to abortion.
- You can reach out to family and friends with the truth about abortion.

Prayer vigils will take place Monday through Saturday from 7am to 7pm on the sidewalk outside All Families Healthcare at 737 Spokane Avenue in Whitefish.

Kick Off Rally: Ramona Trevino will be our guest speaker on Saturday, October 4th, at 2 pm at Christ Lutheran Church, 5150 River Lakes Parkway, Whitefish. Ramona is the Outreach Director for 40 Days for Life and a former Planned Parenthood manager.

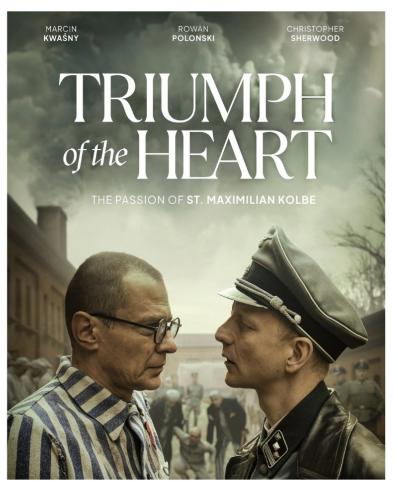
Weekly Prayer Services will be held on Saturdays at All Families Healthcare from 3-5 pm.

REMEMBER that it is highly recommended to sign up in pairs.

Lead Contact for St. Richard Parish: Gerry Nolan at (406) 890-3691 or gnhermit@gmail.com.

Prayer Service at All Families Healthcare abortion facility following the rally.

#### A saint story like you've never seen before...



You're invited to a private screening of the independetly produced movie, Triumph of the Heart, a project by Sherwood Fellows, that tells the inspiring story of St. Maximilian Kolbe's time "in a starvation bunker in the Auschwitz concentration camp. We witness how St. Maximilian Kolbe and his companions open their suffering to God and each other, living the virtues of faith, hope, and love."

Our St. Richard CCW has requested a showing at Cinemark movie theater in Kalispell during opening week, September 12–18.

## ONLY 80 TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE and this showing will NOT be open to the general public.

We will know the exact date, time, and price of ticket upon approval of the theater.

To secure your ticket or if you have questions, please contact Debra Cox, 406–892–5743 or email: debramurphycoxegmail.com.

**Time is of the essence so secure your ticket today!** Once these 80 tickets are gone, that's it. If we have a few seats left, we will offer them to nearby parishes.

"Our stories of heroic Catholic faith deserve to be told.

If we don't tell them, who will?"



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ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

CONFERENCE IN INDIANAPOLIS THIS NOVEMBER.

ATTENDING THE NATIONAL CATHOLIC YOUTH

ST. RICHARD PARISH

# MINISTRY FAIR

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21ST** 

PEARCE CENTER



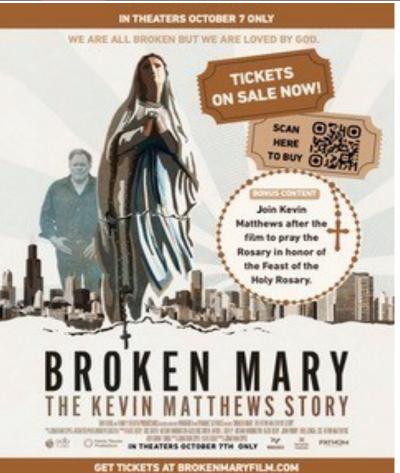
Do you enjoy baking delicious food for others? Or have you been blessed with a strong speaking voice? Maybe you'd like to help teach the youth of the parish about our faith? Or are you looking to spend more time outdoors?

Our parish family has many opportunities for everyone to get involved!

#### **ENHANCE YOUR PARISH LIFE!**

CHAT WITH A
REPRESENTATIVE FROM
ANY OF THE FOLLOWING
MINISTRIES:

- Council of Catholic Women
- Knights of Columbus
- Religious Education: OCIA, Youth Group for Teens, Elementary, and Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- Liturgical Ministries (Altar Servers, Greeters, Lectors, EMHC, Sacristan)
- Temporal Concerns (Saturday Rosary, Collection, Snow shoveling, Groundskeeping, Funeral help, Prayer chain, Parish Social Hour)





### YOUR GIFTS AND TALENTS ARE NEEDED

WHETHER OR NOT YOU PLAN TO ATTEND, YOU CAN MAKE THIS FESTIVAL A SUCCESS.

THERE ARE NUMEROUS OPPORTUNITIES TO MAKE AN IMPACT.

SEE OTHER SIDE FOR IDEAS OR CONTACT PATTY JALOWIEC: (630) 202-6063