

Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 17, 2025



Pastor

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Our Mother of Mercy Church

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Mission Statement

*To Live by Truth and Love,
To Know our Faith
To Serve the Needs of Others,
To Teach by Example
and thereby Strengthen and Inspire
the Parish Family.*

Office Hours

Monday –Friday
from 8am-3pm

Lunch from 12:00-1:00pm
Closed Saturday and Sunday

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Eucharistic Celebration

Saturday	4:30pm
Sunday	7:00am 10:00am
Tuesday	5:30pm Benediction
Mass	6:00pm
Wednesday	7:00am
Thursday	7:00am
Friday	7:00am

Adoration

Every first Friday 12Noon
till Sat. 12 Noon

Every Wednesday
7:30 AM- 3:30PM

Divine Mercy Devotion

First Sunday of every month 3:00pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 3:00-4:15pm
or by appointment.

Parish Bible Study

Fridays at 4:00pm

Pastoral Care:

OF THE SICK AND SHUT-IN

The Eucharist and Anointing of the Sick and Shut-In are brought to homes, hospitals and nursing homes.

Hospitalization:

If you wish to receive the Sacraments of Anointing of the Sick, Reconciliation (Confession) and Holy Communion while you are in the hospital, please register as a Catholic and notify the Spiritual Care Department.

Baptisms

Please call/come to the Rectory to schedule.

Juanita Moorehead
@409-833-4009

Weddings

There is a 6 month preparation class, which begins with your first appointment with the Priest. Please call the rectory for an appointment.

Ministries

Altar Servers: Tommy Briggs
409-658-6092

Baptism: Juanita Moorehead

Bereavement: Tommy Briggs

Eucharistic Ministers/ Sick and

Shut –In Ruthie Evans

409-338-6931

Health Ministry: Nkem Nwaobi

409-466-1520

Music Ministry: Carl Stewart

409-658-2678

PCL and Youth Ministry:

Shawn Denson 409-291-2443

Social Outreach:

Evelyn Bernard

409-842-1206 Cell:409-782-6677

Hours: 9am-12Noon, Monday &

Wednesday

Stewardship: Greg Pumphrey

409-201-3860

Hospitality: Alice Nettles

409-466-5509

Lectors: Tanya Tanner

409-363-9149

Women Of Grace:

Shirley Jones

409-720-9898



Set the Fire Ablaze!

Dear Young People, Happy Youth Sunday! Today's readings might surprise you. In the Gospel of Luke, Jesus says: "I have come to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! Do you think I came to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but division." (Luke 12:49-53) At first, this may sound harsh. But Jesus isn't calling us to fight, He's calling us to ignite. The fire He speaks of is the fire of truth, love, justice, and courage, the fire of the Holy Spirit. It's the fire that burns in the heart of every young person who refuses to stay silent in the face of injustice, who chooses faith over fear, and who dares to live differently.

Today, we see the Prophet Jeremiah thrown into a pit for speaking the truth. You may not be thrown into a physical cistern, but standing for your faith might mean being rejected, mocked, or left out. Still, like Jeremiah, you are never alone-God sees you, strengthens you, and lifts you up.

Also, the letter to the Hebrews encourages us: "Let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus." You are in a race of faith. It's not always easy but know that you are not running alone. There is a whole community; saints, mentors, family, and friends, cheering you on, urging you to keep the fire alive.

So, what does Jesus ask of you today?

Kindle the fire – Let your heart burn with a desire to know and follow Christ.

Stand strong in truth – Even when it's unpopular, live your faith with boldness.

Build each other up – Encourage and support your fellow youth in prayer and action.

Shine your light – At school, at home, on social media—be a witness of hope and love.

Dear youth of Our Mother of Mercy, you are not just the Church of tomorrow, you are the Church of today. You are the fire Jesus longs to see ablaze in the world.

Go forth. Set the world on fire, with your joy, your faith, and your fearless love.



Having reminded the apostles and the crowd that facing the coming judgment takes patience, Jesus now goes on to speak of how difficult it will be to wait. He tells them that he has come to set the earth on fire. Recall that in chapter 3 of Luke's Gospel, John the Baptist tells the crowd that he is baptizing with water, but someone mightier is coming who will baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire. The fire Jesus speaks of here is the distress caused by the coming judgment. It is also the fire of the Spirit that Luke, in the Acts of the Apostles, will describe descending on the disciples on Pentecost. That fire will strengthen them to go out to the whole world to preach the good news of Jesus' Resurrection. Jesus will be the first to experience the distress of the coming judgment. His baptism will be the conflict into which he will be immersed as he approaches Jerusalem and his death on the cross. His followers will not be spared that distress. The angels at Jesus' birth proclaimed peace on earth, and Simeon, holding the baby Jesus in the Temple, said to God: "Master, now you may let your servant go in peace." Here Jesus tells the crowd not to think he has come to bring peace; he has come to bring division. Simeon said as much when he turned to Mary and said that the child was destined for the rise and fall of many and to be a sign that will be contradicted. Peace is the ultimate end of the Kingdom of God, but peace has a price. Jesus is warning the crowd that wherever the Word of God is heard and acted upon, division occurs. Fathers will be divided against sons and mothers against daughters. The coming judgment forces us to look at the implications of our commitments. As Jesus warned in last Sunday's Gospel, a commitment of faith requires us to change our attitude toward material possessions and to take even more seriously our moral responsibilities. Here he reminds the crowd that those who commit to him will find it affects the way they relate to friends and family members.

Readings for the August 10, 2025

Sunday- Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10, Psalm 40:2-4, 18, Hebrews 12:1-4, Luke 12:49-53

Monday- Judges 2:11-19, Psalm 106:34-40, 43-44, Matthew 19:16-22

Tuesday- Judges 6:11-24a, Psalm 85:9, 11-14, Matthew 19:23-30

Wednesday- Judges 9:6-15, Psalm 21: 2-7, Matthew 20:1-16a

Thursday- Judges 11:29-39a, Psalm 40:5, 7-10, Matthew 22:1-14

Friday- Ruth 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22, Psalm 146:5-10, Matthew 22:34-40

Saturday- Ruth 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17, Psalm 128:1-5, Matthew 23:1-12



Prayer List

Please pray for all those who are ill at home, in the nursing homes, or in the hospital.

Pauline Davis	Burnitta Eaglin
James Segura	Mary Lewis
Sylvia Shelby	Mary Ann Howard
Silton Frank	Betty Lou Living
Aletra Bowman	Morgan Moorehead Tuck
Tammy Tevis	Herbert Hill
Corliss Walker	Martha Pitre
Theresa Andrepont	Mary Hasley
Mary Ann Thibodeaux	Martin Chavis Sr.
Shelia Thibodeaux Goldman	Beatrice Sells
Sonia Abraham	Joseph Wheeler Jr.
Irby Thibodeaux	Richard Barnes
Shariaka R. Carter	Ella Bailey
Hebert Hill	Beverly Sennet
Carl Stewart	Clinton Hill

To add or remove names on the list

have a family member
call the parish secretary.
If you know anyone who is sick and unable to
attend Mass, please have them or their family
member call the Rectory so they can be placed on
the Sick & Shut-in list.



Mass Intentions

Saturday 4:30 pm

Bernice Green+	David and Linda James
Kevin Ivan Jones Sr.+	Duce, Ketha, Kendall
Mary Sam+	Sam Family
Lula Campbell+	Richard & Sonia Abraham

Sunday 7:00 am

Theresa & J.C Giglio+	Jo Beth Jenkins
Marie Haynes Charlton+	Alma Haynes & Velina

10:00am

Levi Adams Jr.+	Langston Adams
Gaye Williams Patterson+	Family
Edward Mouton Sr.+	Family

Tuesday 6:00 pm

Yvonne Cormier+	Regina Rogers
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Wednesday 7:00 am

Thursday 7:00 am

Friday 7:00 am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

GIVE TIME BACK TO JESUS!
FIRST FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2025, 12 NOON THRU
SATURDAY, AUGUST 2ND. UNTIL 12 NOON.
COME AND SPEND SOME QUIET TIME WITH THE
LORD. WHEN LIFE GIVES YOU MORE THAN YOU
CAN STAND... KNEEL!



Divine Mercy Devotion

Every 1st Sunday of the month,
September 7, 2025 at 3pm. Come and
join us in prayer.



Stewardship of Treasure August 10 , 2025

4:30pm Mass Attendance	103	\$2,509.19	Stipend	\$5.00
7:00am Mass Attendance	50	\$2,020.01	Social Outreach	\$90.00
10:00am Mass Attendance	1155	\$2,594.00	Votive Stand	\$48.00
Mail in		\$3,385.00	Religious Articles	\$
Second Collection		\$		
Total	258	\$10,508.20	July Online Contribution	\$3,117.69

Thank you for your generosity

Pray Daily for Vocations

I have come to set the earth on fire,
and how I wish it were already blazing!

Luke 12:49

Christ's words about setting the earth on fire can inspire married couples to cultivate an enduring love for one another. The fire of love within marriage, when nurtured, grows into a flame that can bring light and warmth to the world. Our hearts should be ablaze with love for our spouse, reflecting God's love through your marital union.

Talk to a priest or contact Fr. Rodel Faller at the Vocations Office by calling 409-924-4361 or by emailing: vocations@dioceseofbmt.org.

Your gift supports more than 19 programs & ministries in the Diocese of Beaumont

- Campus Ministry
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- Family, Marriage & Youth Ministry
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- Permanent Diaconate Ministry
- Stella Maris
- Stewardship & Development
- Tribunal
- Vocations Ministry
- Worship Ministry

APPEAL for CATHOLIC MINISTRIES
Building the Kingdom Together

"I plead with you never, ever give up on hope, never doubt, never tire, and never become discouraged. Be not afraid."
St. John Paul II

2025

Ways to Give:

Online: www.dobgifts.org

Mail: Diocese of Beaumont
PO Box 3948
Beaumont TX 77704

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For VOCATIONS to the PRIESTHOOD

God our Father, from eternity You appointed Your only begotten Son to be the High Priest of the human race. Pour forth, we beseech You, Your Holy Spirit upon our families, that vocations to the priesthood may be multiplied.

Lord Jesus, give us holy priest
To offer up the sacrifice of the Mass
To lead the little ones to you
To strengthen the faith of believers
To preach the Gospel to all people,
To bring forgiveness to sinners;
To feed souls the Bread of Life;
To spread Your Kingdom in our midst Mary,
Mother of our High Priest, pray for us and obtain for us a increase of holy priests.

Amen

BLESSED SACRAMENT MASS CLASS REUNION

ATTENTION BLESSED SACRAMENT SCHOOL GRADUATES AND THOSE WHO ATTENDED. THERE WILL BE SCHOOL MASS REUNION SEPTEMBER 19TH THROUGH 21ST IN BEAUMONT, TEXAS. FOR REGISTRATION, HOTEL, AND ACTIVITIES, AND INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL JAMES CARTER AT 409-548-9557, OR MAKE CONTACT BY E-MAIL AT WILLIE24JOHN@YAHOO.COM. REGULAR REUNION REGISTRATION ENDS ON 09/01/2025. LATE REGISTRATION ENDS ON 09/10/2025 WITH A SLIGHTLY HIGHER FEE. REGISTRATION FEES WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE ON SITE AT ANY OF THE FUNCTIONS. COME JOIN US FOR A MEMORABLE OCCASION. NEXT MEETING WILL BE JULY 27TH @1PM

GARAGE SALE

"THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR VOLUNTEERS FOR YOUR TIME AND DEDICATION TO THIS YEARS GARAGE SALE. YOUR EFFORTS DID NOT GO UNNOTICED."



2025 OMOM CCD & YOUTH ACTIVITIES UPCOMING EVENTS

* Indicates Youth Sunday

JULY 12- Youth Lock-In (6th Grade - 12th Grade)
Starts @ 4:00 Mass - Midnight
*20- Youth Sunday

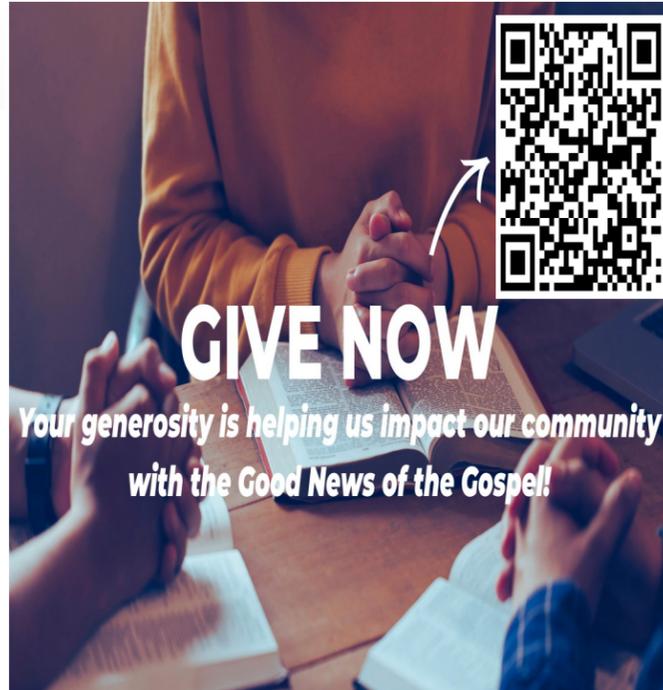
AUGUST *17 - Sundaes on Sunday (Ice Cream Event)
CCD Registration Event

SEPTEMBER *21- CCD Welcome Back Block Party
First Day of CCD

OCTOBER 5 - CCD Class
*19 - CCD Class
25 - Treat Street (Halloween Event)

NOVEMBER 2 - CCD Class
*16 - Youth Appreciation Mass &
Reception (NO CCD Class)
20-22 - National Catholic Youth Convention

DECEMBER 7 - CCD Class
*21 - Youth Christmas Pageant
(NO CCD Class)



Postponement Notice – Sundaes on Sunday
The “Sundaes on Sunday” youth event planned for this Sunday has been postponed. We apologize for any inconvenience. We will instead celebrate the beginning of the school year and CCD with a **Back to School Block Party & Open House on Sunday, September 21, following the 10:00 AM Mass.**

Please mark your calendars! CCD registration forms can be found in the vestibule of the church. For more information, please contact Shawn Denson, DRE.

Fire in Our Hearts

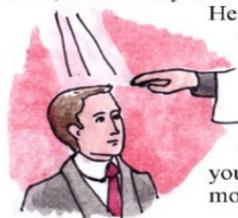


In today's Gospel reading Jesus says that He has come to set the earth on fire. Of course He didn't mean that He wanted everything to burn up. He meant that He wanted the flame of the Holy Spirit to burn in the hearts of people all over the world.

What do you think happens when the Holy Spirit is in someone's soul? The Holy Spirit pulls us closer to Himself and God the Father and Jesus. When we are closer to God that means we love Him more, and the more we love God the more we will love other people too. We were made to love God and be happy with Him, so we want the Holy Spirit to live in us and bring us close to Him!



How does the Holy Spirit come into our souls? When we are baptized the Holy Spirit comes into us for the first time. He will stay with us unless we sin and close our hearts to Him. But when we go to Confession He comes back, and in Holy Communion and the other Sacraments



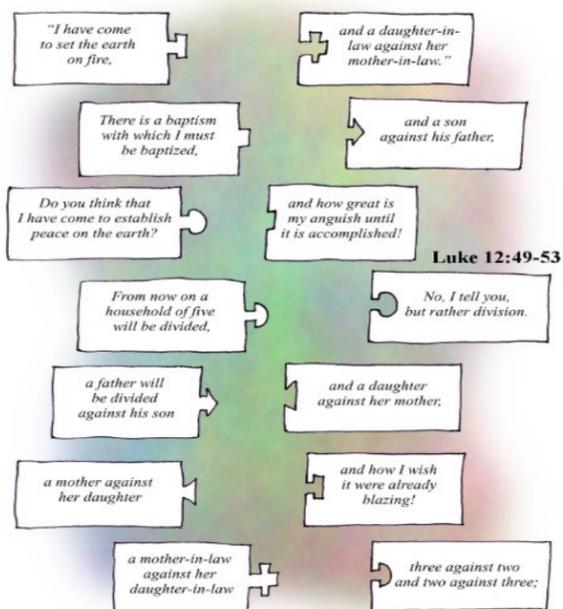
He becomes even stronger in us. He comes in a special way in the Sacrament of Confirmation, when He gives us grace and strength to live as grown-up Christians and soldiers for God. Pray to the Holy Spirit to live in your heart and make you love God more every day!

Answers to Fill-in-the-Blanks: great, ourselves, naming, keeping, perfecter, Him, despising, throne, endured, weary, Don't give up!

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The Kids' Bulletin

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 17th, 2025



What did Jesus say in today's Gospel reading?
Match the parts to find out!

August 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
17 KPC Jr. Knights Meeting Sundaes on Sunday	18	19	20 Hospitality Ministry Monthly Meeting 6-7PM	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29 Carolyn Guidry Zydeco	30 Altar Servers Practice 11AM-1PM
31						

Social Outreach 4,6,11,13,18,20,25,27 Choir Practice 6,13,27
 Youth Choir Practice 6,13,20,27 Bible Study 4pm 1,8,15,22,29

Golden Triangle RSVP & Rockin' A Café Present
Unite in Service. Never Forget.
7th Annual 9/11 Day of Service & Remembrance




Golden Triangle RSVP invites
all Veterans, Military Members & First Responders
(retired or active) to attend a free lunch.
Attendees are encouraged to wear their uniforms.

Thursday, September 11, 2025
11:30 AM to 1:30 PM
Rockin' A Café
3520 West Cardinal Dr., Beaumont, TX 77705

Master of Ceremony - Seth Wells,
 Executive Director of RISE Center
 Invocation - Pastor W. T. Johnson,
 Love & Compassion Ministries
 Keynote Speaker - Cheryl Williams,
 Veteran, The American Legion & Disabled
 American Veterans



Lunch Provided by Rockin' A Café
 For questions call Golden Triangle RSVP at (409) 924-3382
 or email us at hklauss@setrpc.org
 Like us on Facebook @Golden Triangle RSVP

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 + CMC +
 GALATIANS 2:20

8TH ANNUAL CATHOLIC MEN'S Conference

+JMJ+ LEAD THE WAY

Bishop David L. Toups

Fr. Donald Calloway

Bishop Joseph Coffey

Keith Nester

CHRIST CENTRAL

AUGUST 23, 2025
7AM - 5PM
DOGGETT ARENA
BEAUMONT, TEXAS

TICKETS: CHRISTYOU-CMC.COM

HOTELS AND LOCAL INFORMATION
www.beaumontcvb.com
www.visitportarthurtx.com



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Lutcher Theater
2025-2026

Lutcher Incredible Kids Events

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Groups of 10 or more - \$5 each (students, teachers & chaperones)
Individual Adults - \$10 | Children - \$5 | 1-Hour Shows - Study Guides Available
BOX OFFICE 409.886.5535 - ORANGE, TEXAS

SUPPORTING THE ARTS: LUTCHER THEATER SERVICE GUILD

MADDI'S FRIDGE

Monday, October 20, 2025 / 9:30AM & 11:30AM - Grades: 1st-4th
Maddi and Sofia are best friends. They live in the same neighborhood, go to the same school and play in the park together. One day Sofia discovers that Maddi has no food in her fridge at home, but Maddi makes her promise not to tell anyone and to keep it a secret. Based on the book by Lisa Branki, this play is a thoughtful and funny exploration of friendship, empathy and doing the right thing.
Curriculum Connections: Fine Arts, Language Arts, Social Studies, Science, Emotional/Social Development

A VERY ELECTRIC CHRISTMAS

Tuesday, December 2 & Wednesday, December 3, 2025
9:30AM & 11:30AM - Grades: All Ages
When Max gets blown off course and ends up at the North Pole, his adventure begins! Dancing toy soldiers, caroling worms and performing polarwolves light up the stage in Lutcher Theater's *A Very Electric Christmas*. Audiences of all ages will treasure this magical and captivating tale of family, friendship and hope set to a timeless holiday hit.
Curriculum Connections: Visual Arts, Technology, Puppetry, Dance, Music

SECRETS OF SPACE

Wednesday, January 26, 2026 / 9:30AM & 11:30AM - Grades: 2nd-6th
Just as you are dreaming, two young girls, they dream about journeying far beyond our solar system, using magical devices and a state-of-the-art digital LED wall, the sisters and the audience embark on an interactive journey across the galaxy. The wonders of outer space are explored with dazzling imagery and key ideas and inventions in science, technology and engineering. *Secrets of Space* has been developed with leading space industry experts.
Curriculum Connections: Fine Arts, Science, History, Emotional/Social Development, STEAM

DON'T LET THE PIGEON DRIVE THE BUS! THE MUSICAL!

Tuesday, February 10, 2026 / 9:30AM & 11:30AM - PreK-2nd
It's not easy being the Pigeon - you never get to do ANYTHING! But when the Bus Driver has a crisis that threatens to make her passengers (and) lots, maybe that wily bird CAN do something. Featuring an innovative mix of songs and feathers, *Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus! The Musical!* is sure to get everyone's wings flapping.
Curriculum Connections: Communication and Language Arts, Music, Literature Based

STEP AFRIKA!

Monday, March 2, 2026 / 10:00AM - Grades: 3rd-8th
Step Afrika! promotes stepping as an educational tool for young people, focusing on teamwork, academic achievement and cross-cultural understanding. The Company reaches tens of thousands of Americans each year through a 50-city tour of colleges and theaters and performs globally as Washington, DC's one and only Cultural Ambassador.
Curriculum Connections: Teamwork, Academic Achievement, Cross-Cultural Understanding

WIND IN THE WILLOWS

Tuesday, March 24, 2026 / 9:30AM & 11:30AM - Grades: 3rd-8th
Journey into the Wild Wood on this multi-media adventure based on Kenneth Grahame's beloved children's novel. *Wind in the Willows* mixes classic storytelling with projected illustrations to tell the trials of Mole and Rat on an all-night race against time as they venture through the hidden wonders of the forest to find the young Otter before it's too late.
Curriculum Connections: Fine Arts, Language Arts, Science, Emotional/Social Development

CURIOUS GEORGE: THE GOLDEN MEATBALL

Wednesday, April 1, 2026 / 9:30AM & 11:30AM - PreK-3rd
Join Curious George, the inquisitive, engaging monkey star of books, movies and the award-winning PBS television show in a brand new musical. With every swing and flip, George takes the audience through a fun-filled adventure, in which he learns more about himself and his world, and the secret ingredient to cooking.
Curriculum Connections: Communication and Language Arts, Music, Relationships and Family

Commissioner
Everette "Bo" Alfred
Jefferson County Precinct 4

Annual Health Fair Take Yourself & a Loved One To the Doctor Day

9:00 am to 1:00 pm
Saturday, September 20, 2025
Cathedral of Faith Baptist Church
3755 Fannett Road, Beaumont, TX 77705

Free To The Public

- Blood Pressure & Blood Sugar Checks
- Blood Drive
- Cholesterol Screenings
- Hearing Screenings
- Eye Screenings and Reading Glasses and SPOT Vision Screenings for Children
- Teaching Resources on Stroke Diagnosis and Prevention, Dementia and Wellness
- Information on Autism Spectrum Disorder
- Voter Registration

For more info: (409) 835-8443

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The Victim Assistance Coordinator in your (arch)diocese/eparchy is:

Lori J. Chassee
Ph. 409-719-3318
victimassistant@dioceseofbmt.org

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CHURCH HALL

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 5, 2025

DOORS OPEN AT 8PM

CONTACT FOR MORE INFORMATION

409-782-7986, 409-835-9876, 409-842-1577

NO COOLERS!

TICKETS \$30
AT THE DOOR \$35

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