

### *The Lord's descent into hell*

*"What is happening? Today there is a great silence over the earth, a great silence, and stillness, a great silence because the King sleeps; the earth was in terror and was still, because God slept in the flesh and raised up those who were sleeping from the ages. God has died in the flesh, and the underworld has trembled.*

Truly he goes to seek out our first parent like a lost sheep; he wishes to visit those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death. He goes to free the prisoner Adam and his fellow-prisoner Eve from their pains, he who is God, and Adam's son.

The Lord goes in to them holding his victorious weapon, his cross. When Adam, the first created man, sees him, he strikes his breast in terror and calls out to all: 'My Lord be with you all.' And Christ in reply says to Adam: 'And with your spirit.' And grasping his hand he raises him up, saying: 'Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give you light.

'I am your God, who for your sake became your son, who for you and your descendants now speak and command with authority those in prison: Come forth, and those in darkness: Have light, and those who sleep: Rise.

'I command you: Awake, sleeper, I have not made you to be held a prisoner in the underworld. Arise from the dead; I am the life of the dead. Arise, O man, work of my hands, arise, you who were fashioned in my image. Rise, let us go hence; for you in me and I in you, together we are one undivided person.

'For you, I your God became your son; for you, I the Master took on your form; that of slave; for you, I who am above the heavens came on earth and under the earth; for you, man, I became as a man without help, free among the dead; for you, who left a garden, I was handed over to Jews from a garden and crucified in a garden.

'Look at the spittle on my face, which I received because of you, in order to restore you to that first divine inbreathing at creation. See the blows on my cheeks, which I accepted in order to refashion your distorted form to my own image.

'See the scourging of my back, which I accepted in order to disperse the load of your sins which was laid upon your back. See my hands nailed to the tree for a good purpose, for you, who stretched out your hand to the tree for an evil one.

'I slept on the cross and a sword pierced my side, for you, who slept in paradise and brought forth Eve from your side. My side healed the pain of your side; my sleep will

release you from your sleep in Hades; my sword has checked the sword which was turned against you.

‘But arise, let us go hence. The enemy brought you out of the land of paradise; I will reinstate you, no longer in paradise, but on the throne of heaven. I denied you the tree of life, which was a figure, but now I myself am united to you, I who am life. I posted the cherubim to guard you as they would slaves; now I make the cherubim worship you as they would God.

"The cherubim throne has been prepared, the bearers are ready and waiting, the bridal chamber is in order, the food is provided, the everlasting houses and rooms are in readiness; the treasures of good things have been opened; the kingdom of heaven has been prepared before the ages."

A reading from an ancient **homily for Holy Saturday**

### *Prayer*

Almighty, ever-living God, whose Only-begotten Son descended to the realm of the dead, and rose from there to glory, grant that your faithful people, who were buried with him in baptism, may, by his resurrection, obtain eternal life.  
(We make our prayer) through our Lord.  
(Through Christ our Lord.)





**ST. CHARLES BORROMEO PARISH**  
**ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR**  
**EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 20TH 2025**



# Baptism

Clare Ciganek  
 Jade Carpenter  
 Jonathan Carpenter  
 Vanora Carpenter  
 Ronin Carpenter  
 Lochlin Carpenter  
 Skyra Carpenter

Amelia Daniher  
 Fletcher Eisenbarth  
 Adeline Fennelly  
 Gracyn Hubbard  
 James McClure  
 Siena Claire Millington  
 Hugh Parsons  
 Booker Dean Roberts  
 Caleb Stroia  
 Sadie Wahl

Jude Bryleigh Perry  
 Colten James Burke  
 Claire Cignek  
 Jade Carpenter  
 Jonathan Carpenter  
 Vanora Carpenter  
 Ronin Carpenter  
 Lochlin Carpenter  
 Skyra Carpenter

# Communion



# CONFIRMATION

Sam Akey  
 Lexi Davis  
 Noah Eisenbarth  
 Rose Eisenbarth  
 Cole Fredrickson  
 Henry Fredrickson  
 August Frisbee  
 Stella Frisbee  
 Ainsley Grubb  
 Stella Grubb  
 Kiera Isakson,  
 Clare Krezowski,  
 Liam Krezowski  
 Cameron Lewis  
 Joe Mayne  
 Sam Mayne  
 Vera Millington  
 Abby Rainford  
 Jace Roberts  
 Linkon Slaybaugh  
 Hunter Szady  
 Grady Talbot  
 Ava Zignego  
 Jude Bryleigh Perry  
 Colton James Burke  
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Remembering

# Karla West

A MUSICAL TRIBUTE

FEATURING:

Don Lawrence Orchestra  
 Swingin' On High  
 Cowboy Country & the Gold  
 Dust Girls  
 Shady Ladies  
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 St. Charles Women's Choir  
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 and More!

**May 4 at 3 PM**

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## The Blackfeet Indian Reservation Little Flower Parish

### Lenten Almsgiving 2025



A big "Thank You" to everyone that donated items to the Lenten Browning giving boxes. It has made such a wonderful difference in the lives of people living there! Especially for several families who had lost everything when their homes burned down recently. May God richly bless you for your love, prayers and generosity!

MT 25:40 "And the King answering shall say to them: Amen I say to you, as long as you did it to one of these my least brethren, you did it to me."

Additionally, consider making a pilgrimage to visit St Theresa of the Little Flower Church in Browning. It has been designated by Bishop Vetter as a sacred place where one can gain the Jubilee Indulgence by visiting and fulfilling the usual conditions: participate in Mass, Rosary, the Way of the Cross or other service; receive Holy Communion within 7 days before or after the visit; sincere detachment from sin, including sacramental confession 7 days before or after the visit; Prayer for the intentions of our Holy Father Pope Francis

<https://diocesehelena.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/Decree-on-Designating-Sacred-Places-for-the-Jubilee-Indulgence.pdf>



### Experience Italy With Fellow Catholics

Parishioners Shannon and Lon Smith are offering a trip to Italy for the Parishes in the Flathead Valley. This will be a private sightseeing excursion to Rome, Assisi, Venice and Florence. There will also be elements of a pilgrimage for those families/Individuals who decide to take advantage of the opportunities provided. The trip will be offered Spring Break (March) 2026.

The tour will be hosted by Explorica Tour Company that has been offering trips around the globe for 25 years. They provide reasonably priced travel and insurance for these types of experiences. The company also supplies a tour guide that travels with the group 24/7. Safety is Explorica's first concern when developing their travel plans.

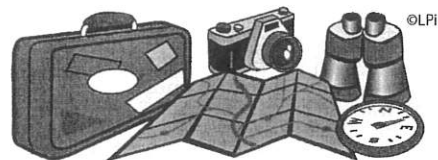
Shannon and Lon Smith have extensive expertise as group leaders for this type of travel. They have a combined 13 years of experience and have guided over 16 trips. As group leaders we will promote travel that is focused on Catholic values and emphasize the unique Catholic encounters that can be experienced when visiting Italy.

The Travel Meeting is Thursday, April 24 at 7:00pm in the basement of St. Matthew's church (Doran Center). See you there! If you are interested in this travel opportunity please email or call. All are welcome to come along, families, students, anyone looking for adventure.

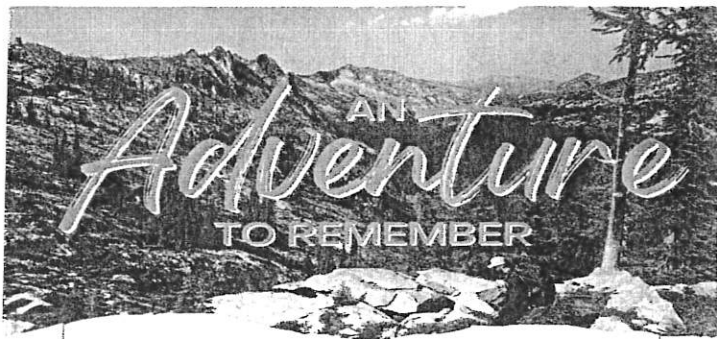
Thank you for considering traveling with us!

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## **RADIX ADVENTURES 2025**

RADIX Adventures integrates the raw, intense, and difficult wilderness experience with the foundations of our faith in the context of a 6-day backpacking adventure. We will celebrate mass each morning and dig into our rich Catholic tradition each evening while covering 5-7 miles of wilderness trail, climbing mountains, catching cutthroat trout, and learning wilderness survival skills during the day. New to 2025, we are also taking families on a canoe trip down the Missourui River breaks

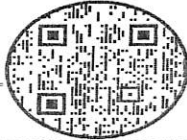
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**Family Canoe Trip: July 6-9**

**Beginner Backpacking Trip: July 13-16**

**Bitterroot Backpacking #1: July 20-25**

**Bitterroot Backpacking #2: July 27-August 1**



## **JOIN US FOR CRS RICE BOWL'S**

### **50TH ANNIVERSARY!**

CRS Rice Bowl is celebrating 50 years of helping Catholic faith communities bring Lent to life and encounter God through our global family. During the 40 days of Lent, let us journey together through CRS Rice Bowl to meet people in Nigeria, Guatemala and Bangladesh who are rising above the challenges of hunger and malnutrition.

Pick up your rice bowl from St. Charles Borromeo Parish from Mar. 5th -Apr. 20th. Visit [crsricebowl.org/join](http://crsricebowl.org/join) to share your Lenten prayer intentions.

## **EASTER SUNDAY HAPPY EASTER!**

As our CRS Rice Bowl journey comes to an end, may the Eucharist continue to transform our lives and help us respond to God's call to serve our global family. Let us commit to sharing the joy of the Resurrection with people in our local community and around the world.

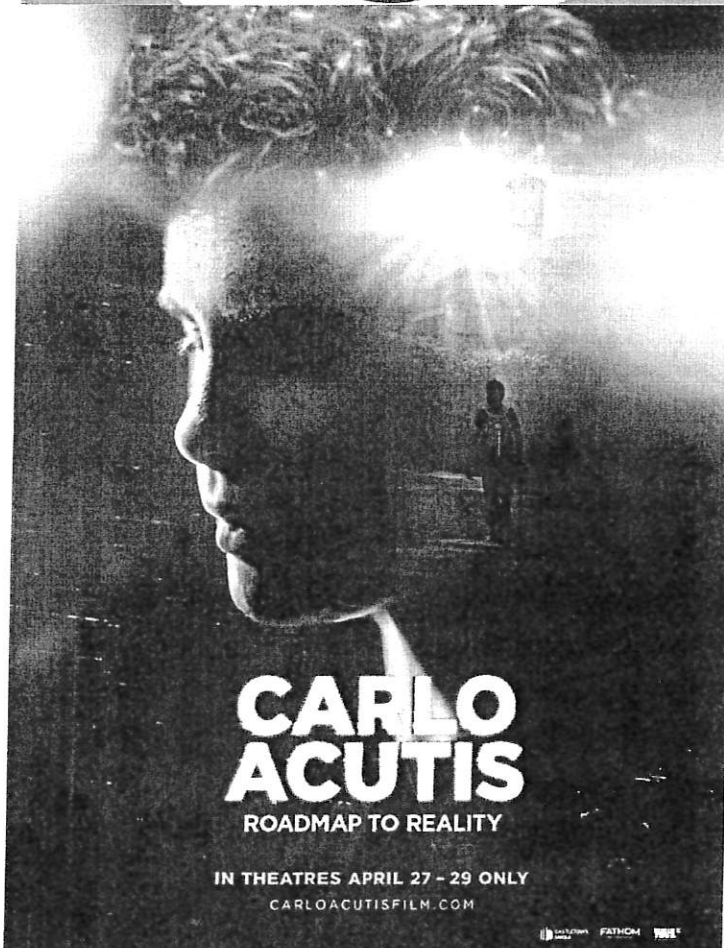
**Don't forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl at St. Charles Borromeo on April 22nd, 2025 or donate online at [crsricebowl.org/](http://crsricebowl.org/)**

## **Carlo Acutis: Roadmap to Reality**

**Blessed Carlo Acutis will be canonized by Pope Francis on Sunday, April 27th!**

Discover the incredible life of our first millennial saint by watching the film "Carlo Acutis: Roadmap to Reality" at Kalispell Cinemark Theatres April 27-29. This powerful new documentary film explores his life, legacy, and the impact of technology on young people today. Through firsthand accounts from family and friends, plus insights from Catholic leaders and tech experts, the film tackles urgent questions about technology's impact on humanity, holding up Carlo as a model for young people as they engage the digital world.

Learn more at [CarloAcutisFilm.com](http://CarloAcutisFilm.com)



## SAINT GABRIEL CATHOLIC RADIO - 107.1 FM - KOFC

The Knight's Radio Board of Directors is pleased to announce that Saint Gabriel Radio (The Herald of Good News in the Flathead Valley) has successfully conducted trial tests and is ready to go on the air on Easter Sunday to welcome the resurrection of our Lord! We are awaiting final FCC approval.



We thank our patron Saint, Maximillian Kolbe, and the Holy Spirit for gaining the graces needed to persevere through obstacles over the past year and a half. We also thank the numerous benefactors who supported this mission of evangelism by donating funds to cover the equipment and services costs. It is only through their generosity that we have the First Catholic Radio Station in the Flathead Valley.

Saint Gabriel Radio is a Relevant Radio affiliate and will broadcast their content 24/7, including the Most Holy Sacrament of the Mass and the Family Rosary Across America at 6 PM nightly. Locally produced content will also be aired. The mission of St. Gabriel Radio is to spread the Good News of the Gospel to every soul in the Flathead Valley. The station will begin broadcasting on 107.1FM under the callsign KOFC-LP on Sunday, God willing. Pray for us.

Please feel free to contact us at [knightsradiokofc@gmail.com](mailto:knightsradiokofc@gmail.com) and give us feedback.

We want to hear from you. Thank You very much and may God Bless you!

Mike McNamara  
President, Knights Radio, Inc.  
Station Manager, KOFC-LP



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