Blessed Trinity Catholic Community + Spirit of Christ Mission



The Bulletin Easter 2024

The FIFTH Sunday ~ April 28

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"I am the vine, you are the branches...
bear much fruit and become my disciples."

# BLESSED TRINITY CATHOLIC COMMUNITY SPIRIT OF CHRIST MISSION I OLO

#### **SUNDAY EUCHARIST**

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm

Sunday Morning:8:00 am at Spirit of Christ in Lolo

10:00 am at Blessed Trinity

Friday Eucharist @ 10:00 am:

First and third Fridays, Parish Mass at Village Health Care Center Fourth Friday, Parish Mass at Village Senior Residence

#### **CHRISTIAN INITIATION**

ADULTS seeking Baptism: Please call the parish office for further information regarding INQUIRY GATHERINGS, designed to meet the needs and questions of each inquiring person.

BAPTIZED ADULTS from another Christian tradition who wish to consider full communion with the Roman Catholic Church: Call the parish office for information.

PARENTS who seek Baptism for a newborn baby or an older child please call the parish office for scheduled Preparation Process. CONFIRMATION / FIRST COMMUNION / RECONCILIATION: Preparation process offered periodically throughout the year.

#### **SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE**

Please contact parish office at least eight to six months prior to the expected date of the wedding. Preparation process is designed to support the couples love for one another and to assist in the formation of a stronger bond needed to live the commitment and covenant of Sacramental marriage. Preparation team includes trained sponsoring married couples, pastor and parish staff.

#### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Reconciliation is Saturday at 4 pm or by appointment. Please call Fr. Ed @ 721-2405.

Preparation Guide available. Sacrament is celebrated in the Chapel of Reconciliation.

Communal Celebration during Advent and Lent

#### SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Celebrated at the time of sickness, mental stress, prior to surgery and/or hospitalization. The sacrament may also be celebrated periodically during an extended illness.

The Sacrament is celebrated with family, friends, and/or parishioners present; or with the parish community at daily Mass or when necessary at Sunday Mass.

CONTACT PARISH OFFICE TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS.
ALWAYS CALL THE PARISH
PRIOR TO HOSPITALIZATION OR SURGERY.

If a hospital or care center visit is desired, notify the parish office upon admittance.

# HOLY COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND OR HOSPITALIZED Call the office 721-2405.

#### SACRAMENT OF THE DYING

HOLY VIATICUM: FOOD FOR THE JOURNEY

The Last Rite of the Church for the dying is Holy Communion.
The Sacrament of the Lord's Body and Blood
can be administered during the dying process.

When death already occurs the Prayers for the Dead are prayed.

Always remember to be in dialogue with the parish during these times.

At the time of death contact the parish as soon as possible.

Prior to making any funeral arrangements

please be in dialogue with the parish.

When cremation is chosen, it ordinarily follows the funeral mass.



THE WEEK AHEAD
PASTORAL OFFICER
HOURS
Monday—Thursday
9-am—5 pm
Closed Friday

Please Note: There are no Daily Masses this week.

SAT, Apr 27

5:00 pm: Sunday Mass Vigil

Mass Intention for Bill Kopetski r/b Knights of Columbus Council 1021

SUN, Apr 28: Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:26-31 / Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 / 1 Jn 3:18-24 / Jn 15:1-8

8:00 am: Mass at Spirit of Christ

10:00 am: Mass at Blessed Trinity w/CLOW

11:15 pm: Blood Pressure Clinic

11:15 pm: Social Concerns Committee Meeting

MON, Apr 29: St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin, Doctor of the Church Acts 14:5-18 / Ps 115:1-4, 15-16 / Jn 14:21-26

**TUE, Apr 30** Acts 14:19-28 / Ps 145:10-13ab, 21 / Jn 14:27

WED, May 1 Acts 15:1-6 / Ps 122:1-5 / Jn 15:1-8

7:00 pm: Choir

**THU, May 2** Acts 15:7-21 / Ps 96:1-3, 10 / Jn 15:9-11

11:00 am: Lectionary Scripture Study 7:00 pm: Knights of Columbus Meeting

FRI, May 3: Sts. Philip and James, Apostles 1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-5/Jn 14:6-14

10:00 am: Mass at Village Health Care Center

**SAT, May 4** Acts 16:1-10 / Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5 / Jn 15:18-21

4:00 pm: Reconciliation 5:00 pm: Sunday Mass Vigil

> Mass Intention for Mary Caroline Nicholes Martin r/b Lorraine and Bill Reiner

SUN, May 5: Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48 / Ps 98:1-4 / 1 Jn 4:7-10 / Jn 15:9-17

8:00 am: Mass at Spirit of Christ

10:00 am: Mass at Blessed Trinity w/CLOW



Father Matthew Huber entered eternal life on Thursday morning, April 25, 2024, the Feast of Saint Mark.

Fr. Matt has been in the loving care of his sister Stacy, in Scottsdale, Arizona.

THE VIGIL LITURGY AND FUNERAL MASS will be celebrated at Blessed Trinity within the next two weeks.

Date will be announced when available.

"May the choirs of angels welcome you and lead you to the bosom of Abraham; and where Lazarus is poor no longer may you find eternal rest."

The Order of Christian Funerals

# WELCOME BISHOP VETTER!

Bishop Vetter will visit Spirit of Christ on PENTECOST SUNDAY, May 19 at the 8:00 am Mass.

Spirit of Christ Parishioners are asked to determine how we will welcome him:

Brunch after Mass? OR regular coffee and donuts?

Our Pastoral Council representatives, Jerry Gilmore and Don Sax will discern with parishioners how to proceed.

Fr. Ed



Bishop Vetter has announced that the **Diocese of Helena Deposit AND LOAN RESTORATION TRUST**, set up by Bishop George Thomas, as part of the **Diocesan Bankruptcy Plan**, is now making an *initial distribution* of **3%** to those parishes who held deposits in the Diocese of Helena Deposit and Loan Fund at the time of bankruptcy in 2014.

In the long term parishes who held money in the D & L Fund will see them repaid.

Both **Blessed Trinity** and **Spirit of Christ** had funds deposited in that account, just prior to the bankruptcy:

Blessed Trinity total: **\$43,149.40**Spirit of Christ total: **\$82,100.29** 

We have recently received the first **3%** repayment of these funds:

Blessed Trinity: \$1,294.48 Spirit of Christ: \$2,463.01

AS A REMINDER... The DEPOSIT AND LOAN RESTORATION TRUST was established by the Bankruptcy Court in an effort to provide financial relief for Diocesan entities who collectively held \$12,024,963. in deposits at the time the Chapter 11 Reorganization was filed. These deposits became liabilities of the Trust. The assets of the Trust include the loans payable to the former Deposit and Loan fund, valued at \$4,257,067, and the development rights on approximately 75 acres of cemetery land in Helena. Now, nearly all of the smaller Diocesan loans have been paid in full and the larger loans have entered into negotiated 10-year repayment plans. In addition the Trust is a major equity owner in a Hilton Home 2 Suits Hotel which was developed for the long-term benefit of the Diocesan depositors on 5 of the 75 acres. The Trust continues to look for development opportunities with the long-term goal of full repayment.



The Bulletín Insert April 27/28, 2024
The Fifth Sunday of Easter



Whole Parish
Faith Formation 2023–24

# The Vine and the Branches Sunday, May 19

In October we heard Jesus ask us, his disciples "Who do you say I am?" To help us to more fully answer this question, each month we have explored Jesus' identity as expressed in the "I AM" statements found in John's Gospel. We have discovered Jesus in the Way, the Truth, and the Life, in the Bread of Life, in the Good Shepherd, in the

Sheepgate, in the Light of the World, and the in Resurrection and the Life. We have had several guides in this journey—Casey Dunning, Fr. Ed Hislop, Dr. Katherine Griner, and Matt Reichert. We explored the identity of Christ not only to know him better, but to find our own identity in Christ.

We wrap up our year of faith formation with the final "I AM" statement in John's Gospel—"I am the vine and you are the branches." Connected to each other through Christ we will explore our identity as members of the Body of Christ and our mission to bear fruit for the wine of the eternal banquet. This leads us to our journey with the universal Church and what it means to walk together. Come and be a part of this important conversation!

All are Welcome!



Youth Group Wed., May 8, 7-8:30 pm

As we wind down the school year, the calendar is full of events. We will have our year end party with food and fun and talk about summer plans. Come and join us and celebrate another year in the books and look forward to what is ahead.





Children ages 3-10 are invited to participate in Children's Liturgy of the Word during the 10 am Mass. They are dismissed at the beginning of the liturgy of the word. We gather in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel to hear the readings and Gospel from the Children's Lectionary. A reflection on the Gospel is given at their level of understanding, followed by prayers of the faithful. Children return to the main assembly during the offertory procession. Parents and/or older siblings are invited to accompany young children if desired.



# Baptism Preparation for Infants Coming Soon!

We will be holding formation sessions for parents who would like to have their child baptized soon. This preparation allows parents to gain a deeper understanding of the sacrament, your importance in your child's growth in faith, and the role of the parish community in order to more fully celebrate your child's baptism.

Please contact Judy Cooney (406) 880-0372 or judyc@blessedtrinitymissoula.com if you would like to take part in these preparation sessions. We would like to get a group of parents together so that you can share this part of your child's faith journey.



Social Concerns Committee meets after 10 am Mass today



MISSOULA FOOD BANK Need of the Week: small bottles of shampoo and conditioner! Nothing feels better than being clean- help us put a smile on the faces of our customers! Bottles must be sealed.

PROTEIN PRODUCTS are always welcome: canned meats, peanut butter, and beans. Also, anything that provides some variety for the things we purchase regularly, canned soups and canned vegetables in particular.

For the month of March Blessed Trinity contributed 146 pounds of canned chili, meat, fruit and veggies, granola bars, pasta, cereal, peanut butter, and toothpaste. Thank you parishioners. And thanks to Hal and Rose Pulling and Michael Knepp for gathering and delivering it all to the Food Bank. We are grateful for your continued help.

THANK YOU! The collection baskets are at the church entrances.



Fair Trade coffee, chocolate bars, hot cocoa, and tea will be available to purchase at the

## Mother's Day Breakfast on Sunday, May 12.

Through small farmer-owned cooperatives, workers receive a fair price and the means to fund water, health, and education projects. Support a Harvest of Hope and help lift our brothers and sisters around the world out of poverty.



#### Attention:



Spirit of Christ Parishioners

#### **GRUB SUNDAY**

Spirit of Christ's annual clean-up day is scheduled for

SUNDAY, May 5.



Montana's <u>FIRST-EVER</u>
Statewide
Fishing Tournament



June 1st-June 9th

17 Lakes, 5 fish species, 9 days of fishing!
Big and small fish pots and other competitions available,

Visit www.cssmt.org/fishing-for-families/ to register and view information about the event, including rules, lakes, fish species, and prizes.

- Register by May 24<sup>th</sup>. Entry fees-\$40 for adults, \$20 for youth.
- Participants can fish on any of the 17 lakes between 8:00am on June 1st and 8:00pm on June 9th. Prizes will be awarded to top finishers.
- This fundraiser supports the charitable ministries of Catholic Social Services of Montana.

Scan this QR code to be taken to the tournament website!





Blessed Trinity will have its monthly blood pressure clinic

### **TODAY** Sunday April 28

following Mass. Our Parish Nurses will be available at that time to check blood pressures so be sure to stop by!



# LIFE IN THE SPIRIT Preparation for Pentecost

Seminar on living in the power and presence of the Holy Spirit.

Saturday, May 4

9 am - 4 pm (lunch provided)

St. Anthony's Parish Life Center

For more info, call 406-241-7282



We fondly remember one among us who died a year ago.

> Clyde Neu Apríl 29



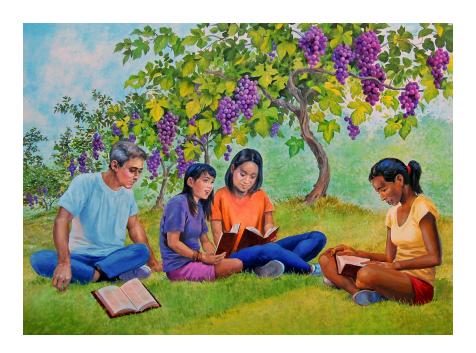
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HEARING ASSISTANCE is available throughout the Blessed Trinity public space in a variety of formats:

- Through Smartphone APP.
- Through direct FM receiver and ear phone.
- Through a Tcoil neckloop that couples to other personal devices.

Directions for the APP are available at the church entrances. FM receivers and Tcoils are available from S. Mary Jo in the music area.

# FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



#### Vine of Life

Lord Jesus, you are the vine of life, we are but branches yearning to give fruit. Grant that the Holy Spirit may nurture your people to remain in you so that we may give the life that you have shared with us to those we meet, allowing them to be transformed. You live and reign with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Sunday, April 28, 2024
Bearing Fruit



Today's readings: Acts 9:26–31; Psalm 22:26–27, 28, 30, 31–31; 1 John 3:18–24; John 15:1–8. "Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing," Jesus tells his followers in today's Gospel. Jesus is the vine of life. The father is the one caring for the vine. As branches, we are capable of bearing fruit. In the first readings, we hear of Paul, who had once persecuted Christians, seeking a place with the disciples. Paul changed his ways and became a participant in the vine of life.

When Paul turned from his former way of life, he "spoke out boldly in the name of Jesus." After Paul's conversion experience, he sought to keep the commandments and

remain in Jesus' love. Only by remaining in Jesus was Paul able to preach and bear fruit, for as the Gospel reading states, without Jesus, nothing can be done. How do you envision your connection to God the vine grower and to Jesus the vine? Is there anything in your life that you need God to prune so that you can bear more fruit? Ask Jesus to cut away that which impedes your growth in relationship to him. Reflect this week on what it means to remain in God. Do you consider that the good that you do is dependent on your relationship with God? When you stray from your connection with God, does the good that you do seem to falter?



#### THIS WEEK AT HOME

#### Monday, April 29 Surrender

"Whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him," Jesus told the disciples at the Last Supper. From her youth, St. Catherine of Siena, whose memorial the Church celebrates today, portrayed her love for God through service. Not only did she minister to the poor, the sick, and the imprisoned, but she also confronted bishops and the pope and called for reforms in the Church. Today we ask St. Catherine of Siena to be our companion as we show our love for God through our work in the world. *Today's readings: Acts 14:5–18; Psalm 115:1–2, 3–4, 15–16; John 14:21–26.* 

#### Tuesday, April 30

#### True Peace

Not long before inviting the faithful at Mass to offer one another a sign of peace, the priest says, "Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you, look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church." When the faithful offer one another a sign of peace, it is Christ's peace, not their individual peace. In today's Gospel, Jesus highlights the difference in the offerings of peace, saying, "Not as the world gives do I give it to you." Discussing your spiritual struggles during the sacrament of penance can bring one Christ's peace. Check your parish's schedule for the celebration of the sacrament of penance. *Today's readings: Acts 14:19–28; Psalm 145:10–11, 12–13ab, 21; John 14:27–31a.* 

#### Wednesday, May 1 Faithful

Today we celebrate the optional Memorial of St. Joseph the Worker. Little is known about St. Joseph, but the few verses of Scripture that mention him show his obedience to God and the care he gave to Mary and Jesus. Pray that, like St. Joseph, you

"bear much fruit" so that God is glorified. *Today's readings:* Acts 15:1–6; Psalm 122:1–2, 3–4ab, 4cd–5; John 15:1–8.

#### Thursday, May 2, 2024 A Universal Message

After telling the disciples to keep his commandments, Jesus explains, "I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and your joy may be complete." For many, obeying the commandments may seem burdensome, but Jesus reveals that doing so is the way to remain in Jesus' love and so is the path to joy. What does it mean for the Lord's joy to be in you? Have you ever considered that God finds joy in you? *Today's readings: Acts* 15:7–21; *Psalm* 96:1–2a, 2b–3, 10; John 15:9–11.

# Friday, May 3 Feast of Sts. Philip and James

Today, on the Feast of Sts. Philip and James, Apostles, the Church honors two of the earliest followers of Jesus. At the beginning of John's Gospel, Jesus finds Philip and instructs him, "Follow me" (1:45). Philip wastes no time spreading the news of the messiah and encourages Nathanael to "come and see." May we take to heart the example of these apostles and invite others to come to know Christ. *Today's readings: Acts 1 Corinthians 15: 1–8; Psalm 19:2–3, 4–5; John 14:6–14.* 

#### Saturday, May 4 Do You Accept?

The words "serve the Lord with gladness," in today's psalm shows the disposition one should have even when rejected and persecuted for living as Christians. As Jesus sets before the disciples the work of spreading the Gospel, he tells them that they will be treated as he has been: "If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you. If they kept my word, they will also keep yours." Are you able to live in gratitude to God even when others revile you? Pray to the Holy Spirit for such courage. *Today's readings: Acts 16:1–10; Psalm 100:1b–2, 3, 5; John 15:18–21.* 





### Stewardship: Presence Ministry Treasure

Giving TIME, SERVICE, RESOURCES to be a LOVING community of FAITH!



To better reflect our ACTUAL financial status, YEAR TO DATE numbers will be reported each week, compared with the previous year.

Year-to-date as of 4-21-24 is:		Last year at the same time:
Amount Received:	222,341.53	190,021.31
Budget needed::	201,628.72	<u>169,033.00</u>
Over or (Under) budget	20,712.81	20,988.31

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN PROGRESS TO DATE: \$385,364 RECEIVED / 98.4% OF THE \$391,498 PLEDGED. 64% OF PARISHIONERS HAVE PARTICIPATED THUS FAR.

THANK YOU!



To better reflect our ACTUAL financial status, YEAR TO DATE numbers will be reported each week, compared with the previous year.

Year-to-date as of 4-21-24 is:		Last year at the same time:
Amount Received:	35,902.00	32,990.00
Budget needed::	<u>35,640.55</u> `	<u>35,991.00</u>
Over or (Under)	261.45	(3,001.00)

THANK YOU!

Stewardship is making the time to GROW IN FAITH; taking time to be PRESENT. Stewardship is SEEING THE FACE OF CHRIST in the longing and hope of every person. Stewardship is MAKING AN OFFERING ACCEPTABLE TO GOD; giving HOPE, extending MERCY; first and foremost CARING FOR THE MANY IN NEED.

#### KNIGHT'S CORNER



Become a Knight! Join our band of Merry Men! Knights meet at 7:00 pm, the first Thursday of each month in the Blessed Trinity Social Hall.

Randy Biehl, Grand Knight 406-788-0743 Rich Karsky, Financial Secretary 406-251-3277 Jerry Heivilin, Membership Chair 406-251-4831 Father Ed Hislop, Chaplain 406-721-2405



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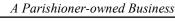
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Pastor: **Father Ed Hislop** 721-2405 (office), 721-1675 (home)

Deacon: Jim Kaney

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Faith Formation: Whole Parish Catechesis / Sacramental Preparation / Youth Ministry: Judy Cooney

Christian Initiation/Catechumenate / Re-Membering Church: Pastoral Staff Liturgical Music: Sister Mary Jo Quinn, SC, Director, and Daniel Hampson

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