

Blessed Trinity Catholic Community + Spirit of Christ Mission

The Bulletin

Last Sunday of the Church year...

FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

November 23, 2025

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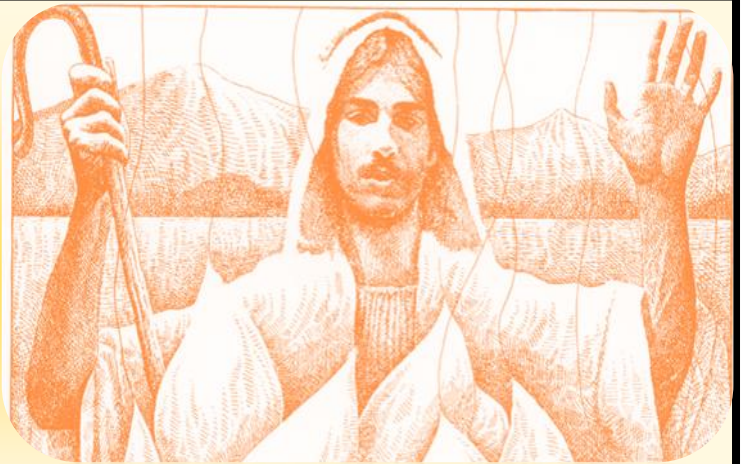
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**“HE IS BEFORE
ALL THINGS,
AND IN HIM
ALL THINGS
HOLD TOGETHER.”**

Colossians 1. Feast of Christ the King Year C



Advent 2025

begins Next Sunday November 30

**“Let us go rejoicing to the
House of the Lord.”**

BLESSED TRINITY CATHOLIC COMMUNITY
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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:

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 OFFICE HOURS:

Monday—Thursday
9am — 5pm
Closed Friday

Note: There is no Mass on Wednesday, Nov. 26

SAT, Nov 22

5:00 pm:

Sunday Mass Vigil

Mass Intention for Sue & Drew Depuydt

r/b Evelyn Malek

SUN, Nov 23: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe 2 Sm 5:1-3 / Ps 122:1-5 / Col 1:12-20 / Lk 23:35-43

8:00 am: Mass at Spirit of Christ

10:00 am: Mass at Blessed Trinity

MON, Nov 24: Memorial of St. Andrew Dŭng-Lac, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs Dn 1:1-6, 8-20 / (Ps) Dn 3:52-56 / Lk 21:1-4

TUE, Nov 25 Dn 2:31-45 / (Ps) Dn 3:57-61 / Lk 21:5-11

WED, Nov 26 Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-38 / (Ps) Dn 3:62-67 / Lk 21:12-19

THU, Nov 27 Dn 6:12-28 / (Ps) Dn 3:68-74 / Lk 21:20-28



FRI, Nov 28 Dn 7:2-14 / (Ps) Dn 3:75-81 / Lk 21: 29-33

SAT, Nov 29 Dn 7:15-17 / (Ps) Dn 3:82-87 / Lk 21:34-36

4:00pm: Reconciliation

5:00 pm: Sunday Mass Vigil

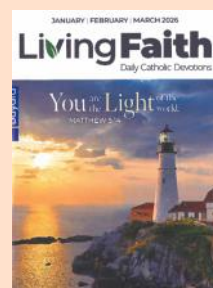
Mass Intention for Hans Zuuring

SUN, Nov 30: First Sunday of Advent Is 2:1-5 / Ps 122:1-9 / Rom 13:11-14 / Mt 24:37-44

8:00 am: Mass at Spirit of Christ

10:00 am: Mass at Blessed Trinity

11:15 am: Blood Pressure Clinic



Living Faith

January
February
March

is available at the doors.

Handing on the Faith at Home:

TABLE PRAYER FOR THANKSGIVING DINNER

When all have gathered at Table, the following prayer and song may be used. The prayer begins with the SIGN OF THE CROSS, and then the following greeting:

Leader: Give praise to God, who is rich in mercy
and who has favored us in wonderful ways.
BLESSED BE GOD FOREVER.

All: **BLESSED BE GOD FOREVER.**

*Then a reading from the Scripture: Philippians 4:4-7
A person to read the scripture is chosen before the meal begins.*

Reader: *Listen to the words of the Apostle Paul to the Church at Philippi:*

Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: Rejoice!
Your kindness should be known to all. The Lord is near. Have no anxiety at all,
but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God.
Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding
will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

THE WORD OF THE LORD.

ALL: Thanks be to God

Following the Scripture reading someone begins the prayer:

Leader: *The Lord be with you!*

ALL: AND WITH YOUR SPIRIT

Leader: *Lift up your hearts.*

ALL: WE LIFT THEM UP TO THE LORD.

Leader: *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

ALL: IT IS RIGHT AND JUST.



LORD, we thank you for the goodness of our people as we long for justice in our nation.
WE THANK YOU for the beauty and the fullness of the land and the challenge of the cities.
WE THANK YOU for our work and rest, for one another, and for our homes.

*(each person at table may wish to mention something for which they are thankful,
or a family member may prepare a special prayer of thanks to be said now.)*

**LET EACH OF US MENTION ALOUD OR SILENTLY IN OUR HEARTS
WHAT WE ARE THANKFUL FOR THIS DAY:**

After each person speaks all say together: **WE THANK YOU, LORD:**

**For all that we have spoken and for all that we keep in our hearts,
accept our thanksgiving on this day.**

We pray and give thanks through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN

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*ALL MAY THEN JOIN IN SINGING AN ALLELUIA, or a verse from HOLY GOD WE PRAISE THY NAME,
or NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD*

Now thank we all our God, With heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done, In whom his world rejoices;
Who from our mother's arms Has blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love, And still is ours today.

At the end of the meal, as the final blessing, the hymn chosen above may be sung.

LET US GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD OUR GOD! IT IS RIGHT AND JUST!

This prayer is also available on the parish website: blessedtrinitymissoula.org

Advent prayer, worship and presence.

Christmas 2025

ADVENT SUNDAY MASS at Blessed Trinity + Spirit of Christ

All are needed, every Sunday! *"Now is the time to wake from sleep..."*

Moving from night into day, lift up your voices and pray."

Advent Daily Mass: Wednesdays and Thursdays, 12:10

ADVENT + CHRISTMAS AT HOME: blessedtrinitymissoula.org

click on the Advent Christmastime at Home tab

Sunday, December 7—Whole Parish Faith Formation follows 10:00 Sunday Mass

THE WORD BECAME FLESH: The importance of the Incarnation

MONDAY, December 8 FEAST OF MARY-the Immaculate Conception.

A HOLY DAY. Mass at 7:00pm

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12, FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE-MASS AT 6:00 PM

Thursdays of Advent, December 4, 11, & 18: Lectionary Scripture Study, 11:00 am

Thursday, December 18: SEEING THE WORD, 1:00 pm

Advent COMMUNAL PENANCE LITURGY, MONDAY, DECEMBER 15, 7:00 PM

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE:

CHRISTMAS EVE, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24, SPIRIT OF CHRIST MASS AT 4:00 PM

BLESSED TRINITY MASS AT 7:00 PM

CHRISTMAS MORNING, DECEMBER 25, BLESSED TRINITY MASS AT 11:00 AM

NEW YEAR'S DAY, THURSDAY JANUARY 1, 2026: MASS AT 11:00 AM, BLESSED TRINITY





ADVENT: WE WAIT IN JOYFUL HOPE

American culture is fast paced and always on the move. If there is one thing that our society detests, it is when we have to wait for something. With all our modern technology, we find that being patient is a forced requirement even in our high-tech world of speedy responses. We wait in line at the supermarket, the bank and at any government office. On the phone, we are left on hold "...until the next customer service representative is available." Traffic lights and traffic jams take a serious toll on time that could be well spent elsewhere. Even hospital emergency rooms are places of long and sometimes painful periods of waiting. With all of these unpleasant minutes and hours lost forever to waiting, one has to wonder why the Church would dedicate Advent, an entire liturgical season of the Church, to waiting.

Of course, not all periods of waiting are filled with tension and stress. Some are actually joy-filled and even exciting, like the waiting of a child who cannot get to sleep on Christmas Eve or the feeling of elation that comes when one is expecting to see a spouse returning safely from a long trip overseas. Not only are we watching the clock or looking at the window in advance of their arrival, but special preparations are usually made as well. The home is cleaned and favorite foods are prepared all in anticipation of something wonderful. This is the kind of waiting that the Church means when it speaks of waiting for the Lord during the season of Advent.

When we think of Advent, we tend to imagine the events prior to the birth of Christ, but the prayers and scripture readings used at the beginning of the Advent season speak of waiting for a future event, not looking back at a previous one. They focus present day listeners on Christ's second coming which is closely linked to the end of the world. In some cases these predictions sound quite ominous: "There will be signs in the sun, the moon and the stars...People will die of fright in anticipation of what is coming upon the world." (See Luke 21: 25-28, First Sunday of Advent, Year C).

Advent is not meant to be a season of fear regarding the end of the world. Indeed, the *General Norms for the Liturgical Year and Calendar* state that Advent "...has a twofold character: as a season to prepare for Christmas when Christ's first coming to us is remembered; as a season when that remembrance directs the mind and heart to await Christ's second coming at the end of time. Advent is thus a season of devout and joyful expectation." General Instruction on Liturgical Year #39

Additionally, we should not forget the words of the priest spoken at every Mass after the Lord's Prayer, "...and protect us from all anxiety as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ."

Other prayers used during the season of Advent remind us that we ourselves are people who live in expectation of the Messiah's second coming. The opening prayer for the First Sunday of Advent prays that Christ "may find an eager welcome at his coming." On the Third Sunday of Advent we pray: "The earth rejoices in hope of the savior's coming and looks forward with longing to his return at the end of time." *The Roman Missal*

Waiting for the second coming does not mean that we are prophets of doom claiming the world is soon to end. Rather, it means that we are people who joyfully watch for the return of one whose presence we long for. We prepare our hearts, our homes and our lives for the coming of the Son of Man. Therefore, we live every day in imitation of Christ so that we will always be ready to meet the Lord whether he comes to us in the face of a stranger in need or riding on a cloud with power and great glory.



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On the **FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT 2025**, we begin cycle “A” of the lectionary
(our lectionary is a three year cycle-year A,B, & C).

For most of the Sundays of the year 2026
we will hear the **GOSPEL OF MATTHEW**



In the ancient Christian Tradition **Matthew** is symbolized by a **HUMAN ANGEL** because his Gospel begins by telling the human ancestry of Jesus.

(**Mark** is the **LION** because his gospel begins in the wilderness; **Luke** is the **Ox** because this gospel begins with the temple, the place of sacrifice, and then soon tells of the birth in the place where farm animals lived. **John** is the **EAGLE** for his gospel begins “In the beginning,” far above all.)

The year of the Gospel of Matthew

Beginning next SUNDAY, the First Sunday of Advent, the Church begins to proclaim the Gospel of Matthew.

The first gospel starts with “a genealogy of Jesus Christ, son of David, son of Abraham.” With this opening the evangelist prepares us for this Jesus who will be the fulfillment of major figures of the Hebrew scriptures.

Archeologists and textual experts usually date the writing of the Gospel of Matthew to around 80 CE. One piece of evidence for the dating of this gospel is that it contains nearly all of the Gospel of Mark. From this we know that it was composed after 70 CE (near the time when Mark was written). In addition to having Mark as a source, the Gospel of Matthew shares a large chunk of material with Luke, material that appears neither in Mark or in John. From this we assume that there was another source for Matthew, one that he and the writer of Luke used. Matthew also had his own information about Jesus that the other evangelists did not.

The Gospel of Matthew is unique in its five-part structure: after the introduction (which contains the stories of the annunciation to Joseph [*not Mary, as in Luke*] of Jesus’ birth, his birth and manifestation to the magi [*not shepherds, as in Luke*], each part contains a long speech by Jesus followed by actions that Jesus performs. Part one is the Sermon on the Mount (chapters 5–7); part two prepares the disciples for their missionary journeys (10); part three is filled with parables (13); part four deals with church order (18); and the fifth part concerns the end of the world (24–25). Scholars assume that the evangelist adopted this structure from the Pentateuch, the first five books of the Bible. This is a big clue about the portrait of Jesus in this gospel.

Many of the people in the church for which the Gospel of Matthew was written were Jews. One of the main purposes of this gospel was to provide consolation to those who wrestled with the compatibility of the Jewish heritage and their faith in Jesus. For this reason we find references to patriarchs of ancient Israel from the very first verse. A genealogy filled with Jewish ancestors begins the text, and the evangelist fills the narrative with quotations from the Hebrew scriptures. All of this seeks to reassure the hearers that Jesus of Nazareth was indeed the Messiah anticipated in the older faith.

The Gospel of Matthew is proclaimed throughout Year A, in the years, 2023 , 2026 and so on. In art, the evangelist Matthew is portrayed with an angel by his side. The feast of Saint Matthew is September 21.

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Advent + Christmastime At Home

We echo the words of the disciples, “Lord, teach us to pray” (Luke 11:10), as we strive to bring to God our joys and our sorrows, our hope, and our fears in the ordinary day-to-day life of our faith. The heart of our belief is always “prayer:” personal quiet prayer, prayer as a couple or family, or with friends; prayer leading us always to the Great Prayer of the whole Church around the Sunday Table of the Lord.

The Second Vatican Council calls the home “THE DOMESTIC CHURCH.” It is there that the love of God is first recognized; it is in the home that we first turn to God in prayer, there that we learn the language of prayer and the virtues of Christian living.

These are prayers and actions for the CHURCH AT HOME. Prayer which invite us to remember what so many of us learned so long ago around the tables of our homes in moments of joy, sorrow, loss, and gain. These were “lessons,” rooted in love, which shaped our lives, our believing, and gave us reasons to hope, to believe and to gather again and again around the Lord’s Table.

Let us Pray...

The Advent + Christmastime Prayer at Home Booklet

is available on the Parish website: blessedtrinitymissoula.org

On the opening page:

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Some copies are also available at church entrances.

ALSO AVAILABLE ON THIS PAGE OF THE WEBSITE:

A RITUAL GUIDE FOR ADVENT SUPPER AT HOME



INTRODUCTION FROM BISHOP VETTER

Greetings to you! In the past days and months, I have heard from many of you from across the Diocese of Helena questions regarding immigration and the stance of the Church. I am happy to share with you our Special Pastoral Message on Immigration by the Bishops of the United States in unity with one another and with our Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, issued on November 12, 2025, at our Fall Plenary Assembly in Baltimore. I stand behind this message 100%.

In Christ, I am



Most Rev. Austin A. Vetter
Bishop of Helena



STATEMENT FROM THE UNITED STATES CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS ON IMMIGRATION

From the Plenary Assembly in Baltimore - November 12, 2025



As pastors, we the bishops of the United States are bound to our people by ties of communion and compassion in Our Lord Jesus Christ. We are disturbed when we see among our people a climate of fear and anxiety around questions of profiling and immigration enforcement. We are saddened by the state of contemporary debate and the vilification of immigrants. We are concerned about the conditions in detention centers and the lack of access to pastoral care. We lament that some immigrants in the United States have arbitrarily lost their legal status. We are troubled by threats against the sanctity of houses of worship and the special nature of hospitals and schools. We are grieved when we meet parents who fear being detained when taking their children to school and when we try to console family members who have already been separated from their loved ones.

Despite obstacles and prejudices, generations of immigrants have made enormous contributions to the well-being of our nation. We as Catholic bishops love our country and pray for its peace and prosperity. For this very reason, we feel compelled now in this environment to raise our voices in defense of God-given human dignity.

Catholic teaching exhorts nations to recognize the fundamental dignity of all persons, including immigrants. We bishops advocate for a meaningful reform of our nation's immigration laws and procedures. Human dignity and national security are not in conflict. Both are possible if people of good will work together.

We recognize that nations have a responsibility to regulate their borders and establish a just and orderly immigration system for the sake of the common good. Without such processes, immigrants face the risk of trafficking and other forms of exploitation. Safe and legal pathways serve as an antidote to such risks.

The Church's teaching rests on the foundational concern for the human person, as created in the image and likeness of God (*Genesis 1:27*). As pastors, we look to Sacred Scripture and the example of the Lord Himself, where we find the wisdom of God's compassion. The priority of the Lord, as the Prophets remind us, is for those who are most vulnerable: the widow, the orphan, the poor, and the stranger (*Zechariah 7:10*). In the Lord Jesus, we see the One who became poor for our sake (*2 Corinthians 8:9*), we see the Good Samaritan who lifts us from the dust (*Luke 10:30-37*), and we see the One who is found in the least of these (*Matthew 25*). The Church's concern for neighbor and our concern here for immigrants is a response to the Lord's command to love as He has loved us (*John 13:34*).

To our immigrant brothers and sisters, we stand with you in your suffering, since, when one member suffers, all suffer (*cf. 1 Corinthians 12:26*). You are not alone!

We note with gratitude that so many of our clergy, consecrated religious, and lay faithful already accompany and assist immigrants in meeting their basic human needs. We urge all people of good will to continue and expand such efforts.

We oppose the indiscriminate mass deportation of people. We pray for an end to dehumanizing rhetoric and violence, whether directed at immigrants or at law enforcement. We pray that the Lord may guide the leaders of our nation, and we are grateful for past and present opportunities to dialogue with public and elected officials. In this dialogue, we will continue to advocate for meaningful immigration reform.

As disciples of the Lord, we remain men and women of hope, and hope does not disappoint! (cf. Romans 5:5)

May the mantle of Our Lady of Guadalupe enfold us all in her maternal and loving care and draw us ever closer to the heart of Christ.

HABEMUS PAPAM



ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

**AS OF NOVEMBER 20
WE HAVE NOT RECEIVED A PROGRESS
REPORT FROM THE DIOCESE.
HOPEFULLY WE WILL HAVE SOME
INFORMATION THIS WEEKEND.**

BLESSED TRINITY GOAL is \$38,900

SPIRIT OF CHRIST GOAL IS \$7,200.

**SO... IF YOU HAVE NOT YET OFFERED YOUR GIFT,
PLEASE REMEMBER TO DO SO SOON.**

**MAIL THE ENVELOPE YOU RECEIVED FROM THE DIOCESE
OR PLACE IT IN THE SUNDAY COLLECTION.**

Use the envelope you have received from the Diocese in the mail

OR contribute online: go online to diocesehelena.org

On the upper right side click on ONLINE GIVING;

then click on the banner: HAPEMUS PAPEM and fill in the form.

REMEMBER to note your parish: Blessed Trinity OR Spirit of Christ.

THANK YOU!

THANK YOU!

THANK YOU!





Up on the roof top...

Work replacing Blessed Trinity roof top is **COMPLETED!**

TOTAL COST FOR PROJECT:
\$107,153.

Thus far we have received gifts for this project amounting to **\$71,275.**

THANK YOU!

If you would like to contribute, your gift will be most welcome.

Place OFFERING in envelop and write BT roof replacement;
OR write those words on the memo line of your check. **THANK YOU!**

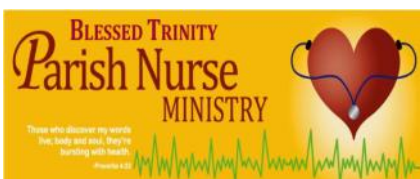
Your gift would be a blessing to us all!

THE FUNERAL LUNCHEON MINISTRY

Thank you so much to all who have volunteered to be part of our funeral luncheon crews. We have had such a healthy number of volunteers that we are well able to form THREE teams! What we don't have is enough team leaders. We do have one couple, have begged a few other people but still need leaders to "people" two of the three teams. We are delighted to have one or two people for each of the remaining two teams. Please examine your hearts and help us complete this task so that we can distribute names and contacts and have this whole project complete and ready to go.

Many thanks!

Carol Lemieux and S. Mary Jo



Blessed Trinity will have its monthly blood pressure clinic

Sunday, November 30

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

If you picked up Cathy's Chicken & Veggies Casserole recipe last weekend, she has made two corrections to the cream sauce directions

- When adding 2 cups of milk **also add chix bouillon**
- After adding thyme & fresh basil, **add sharp cheddar cheese.**

There are NEW copies of the recipe on the tables.

Say Thank You to the Parish this Advent!

Do you have a special memory of the parish that you would like to share? ... An event, a faith formation session, you or a family member receiving a sacrament, a moment of healing, an act of service, etc.

We are collecting your thoughts of gratitude for a special presentation in January. Throughout Advent we will be set up to video record recollections of your favorite touching remembrances of you life here at Blessed Trinity. Or, send your own 30-second or less video to office@blessedtrinitymissoula.org. If you prefer, a basket to collect your written thoughts (and photos if you have them) will be available in both church entrances (please enclose in an envelope with your name on it).

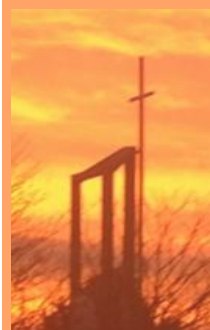
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THANKSGIVING PIE AUCTION!

- ♦ **LAST WEEKEND TO PLACE YOUR BID ON A PIE!**
 - ♦ Winning bidder will be notified this Sunday.
- ♦ **Bakers:** deliver baked goods to the parish
Tuesday, Nov. 25
- ♦ **Winning bidders** may pick up bake goods on
Wednesday, Nov. 26 between 10 am & 3 pm.





The Word Became Flesh: The Incarnation

Whole Parish Faith Formation

**Coming Sunday
December 14**



All are Welcome!

Whole parish faith formation continues on Sunday, Dec. 14. As we approach the celebration of the Nativity of the Lord, we will take some time to reflect on how the presence of God among us has changed the world and continues to shape us. Pope Francis reminds us "Above all we must reacquire confidence about creation...the sacraments 'are made' of things—come from God. To Him they are oriented, and by Him they have been assumed, and assumed in a particular way in the Incarnation, so that they can become instruments of salvation, vehicles of the Spirit, channels of grace." (Desiderio Desideravi, 46) In this time of eager anticipation and longing, let us gather to see how Christ is born into the world today.

**Children's Faith Formation
During Whole Parish Faith Formation
Sunday, Dec. 14, 11:30—12:30**



**The Acts of the
Apostles**
Thank you Rick!

Thank you for leading us on the journey from Jerusalem to the ends of the earth (aka Rome) with the early Church. Through this journey we learned to be open to the movements of the Holy Spirit, trusting that through His power, we can proclaim the kingdom of God and teach about the Lord Jesus Christ with complete assurance and without hindrance. Blessings to you on your new journey.



Youth Group Dec. 3 & 17

Youth group meets next on Dec. 3 for our regular meeting. We will explore some of the great missions of the Catholic Church—both near and far. On Dec. 17 we will have our annual Christmas Party. We will have a white elephant gift exchange, Christmas Kahoot!, and decorate gingerbread cookies. Friends are invited to join in on all the fun. Just let Judy know how many are coming so we can be sure to have plenty of cookies to decorate.



Children's Liturgy of the Word

Dec. 7 & 21



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.

First Eucharist Preparation

We have completed the first six week session for First Eucharist Preparation but we have more coming up. Each family will be bringing up a candle on the Sundays of Advent. Preparation for First Reconciliation will start in February. On April 2, we will have a special ministry for Holy Thursday and finish up our preparation for First Eucharist after Easter.

O u t r e a c h

Staff contact is Sister Mary Jo Quinn: maryjoq@blessedtrinitymissoula.org.

2025 GIVING TREE



The beneficiary of our 2025 Giving Trees at Blessed Trinity and Spirit of Christ is Family Promise. We will be “adopting” 5 families who have been part of the Family Promise program and have recently moved into permanent housing. This “adoption” will include both gifts and food for holiday meals. The trees will be in place on the First Sunday of Advent, November 30, with color-coded tags for the gifts and food. Next week’s bulletin will

give fuller explanations of our project.



Family Promise Update:

The members of Blessed Trinity/Spirit of Christ’s newly-formed Coordinator Team for Family Promise are **Barbara Sheehy, Louise Yamasaki and Karrin Sax**. Family Promise is one of the projects of Missoula Interfaith Collaborative (MIC), of which Blessed Trinity/Spirit of Christ is a tithing member. Blessed Trinity is also a founding member of Family Promise. The Giving Tree at Blessed Trinity will be directed to

the needs of Family Promise residents, Spirit of Christ will be blessing residents of Lolo and others in the Bitterroot Valley.

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406-721-2405 (staff contact).



WORKING ON THE MARGINS

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

**CCHD SPECIAL COLLECTION IS THIS WEEKEND.
THANK YOU!**



THANK YOU!!!

**Blessed Trinity
Christ the King
St. Francis Xavier
Loyola Sacred Heart**



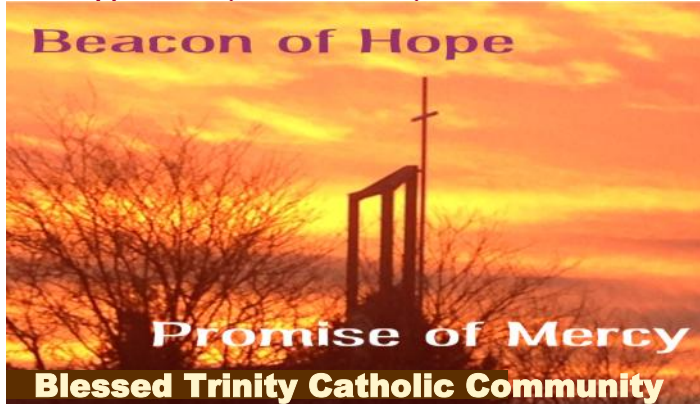
We are so grateful to everyone who helped make our clothing and supply drive a success! With your help we were able to donate many items to improve the lives of children who call Watson Children's Shelter home. It's pretty amazing to see a community that gives so generously, and we are incredibly thankful to be part of it. We hope everyone will keep the kids at Watson Children's Shelter in their prayers. If you'd like to contribute additional items, the shelter would welcome your donation!

Thank you again!
Justus Miller & Cooper Ward



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 11-16-25 is:		Last year at the same time:
Amount Received to date	114,970.97	114,558.95
Budget needed:	<u>110,507.80</u>	<u>106,980.80</u>
Over or (Under) budget	4,463.17	7,578.15

Amount received Sunday, November 16: \$3,645

THANK YOU!

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN PROGRESS TO DATE:
\$406,037 RECEIVED / 101.4% OF THE \$400,598
PLEDGED. 65% 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 11-16-25 is:		Last year at the same time:
Amount Received to date	28,352.00	25,890.00
Budget needed:	<u>15,069.40</u>	<u>16,154.00</u>
Over or (Under) budget	13,282.60	9,736.00

Amount received Sunday, November 16: \$1,207

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.

Leif Griffin, Grand Knight	406-396-8335
Rich Karsky, Financial Secretary	406-251-3277
Don Geertz, Membership Chair	406-241-2356
Father Ed Hislop, Chaplain	406-721-2405



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 2405 for information to be
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Blessed Trinity Catholic Community

1475 Eaton Street, Missoula MT-721-2405 — Parish Web Site: BlessedTrinityMissoula.org

Spirit of Christ Mission ~ a Mission Parish of Blessed Trinity

5475 Farm Lane. Lolo, MT-273-2748

Pastoral Staff

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

Deacon: **Jim Kaney**

Pastoral Assistant/Liturgy coordinator: **Sister Mary Jo Quinn, SCL**

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**

Pastoral Care of the Sick and Homebound: **Pat Logan** / Parish Nurse Ministry: **Terry Halls @ Blessed Trinity,**

Social Outreach: **Pastoral Staff**

Ecumenical Outreach & Evangelization: **Sister Mary Jo Quinn, SCL**

Family Promise Blessed Trinity Coordinator: **Cathy Burleson**

Spirit of Christ Liaison: **Sister Mary Jo Quinn, SCL**

Office Administration: **Carol Lemieux.** Financial Services: **Jim McDonald**

Blessed Trinity/Spirit of Christ Pastoral Council Chairperson: **Carolina Bridges**

Spirit of Christ Council Representatives: **Jerry Gilmore, Don Sax**

Finance Council Chairperson: @ Blessed Trinity, **Don Collette**

and representing Spirit of Christ, **Jerry Gilmore**

MISSOULA CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

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President: vacant

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