

## SACRAMENTAL PREP

We are a sacramental people, receiving the grace of God through water and oil, bread and wine, and in the laying on of hands. Preparation for the sacraments opens us to receive the grace of God freely given. **Those interested in preparing for a sacrament should contact the parish office (406) 721-2405.**

**Baptism of Infants:** Preparation for parents or soon-to-be parents takes place on an as-needed basis. Parents are invited into a deeper understanding of the Sacrament of Baptism and the parish community in order to more fully celebrate their child's baptism and foster the child's growth as a Catholic Christian.

**First Communion:** The Eucharist is the source and summit of our faith—for it is Christ Himself that we receive so that we become the Body of Christ. Baptized children in second grade or older participate in two six-week sessions to prepare for both Eucharist and the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

**Confirmation:** Children in sixth grade or older who regularly attend Mass are invited to complete the sacraments of initiation through Confirmation. Confirmation takes place in the Easter season for the Missoula area parishes.

## YOUTH GROUP



Youth grades 6-12 gather September through May on two Wednesday evenings a month from 7:00—8:00 pm for regular meetings which combine prayer, fun, and learning. Each month an additional Wednesday evening will feature a social event—going to Field of Screams, bowling, or playing Uno—for example. In addition, youth are invited to participate in diocesan and other youth events, such as Junior High Rally, Junior High Retreat, CYC Board, CYC Convention, High School retreat and more.

The youth also engage in service—making a delicious pumpkin pancake breakfast in the fall and the Mardi Gras breakfast in the late winter. In addition, youth serve the children in the parish in helping with the Vacation Bible School in the summer.



## INITIATION OF ADULTS

Are you (or someone you know) looking for a vibrant, strong and visionary community of faith? All are invited to come any day, any Sunday, and see how we have found Jesus Christ, the Risen One who lives among us.

The parish community is eager to share in your faith journey. Adults and children over the age of seven wishing to join the Catholic Church embark on a journey that is tailored to their needs. Those who are not yet baptized enter the Church through the Rites of Christian Initiation for Adults. Those who are baptized in another faith have a process for coming into full communion with the Catholic Church.

## CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION

Children preschool through fifth grade are invited to attend faith formation during our monthly Whole Parish Faith Formation meetings. Children are dismissed at the beginning of the session learn about the same topic as the adults in an interactive and creative way. Regular attendance in these sessions benefits the child in forming lasting relationships with other children in the parish as they grow in faith together.

Vacation Bible School in the summer gives children a chance to interact with stories from the bible through song, skits, food, and crafts.



**Mission Statement**  
Living and proclaiming the Gospel of Christ;  
Fulfilling the Mission of the Catholic Church  
in Southwest Missoula and Lolo



# CALLED TO BE PEOPLE OF

# FAITH

# HOPE

AND

# LOVE



Blessed Trinity  
Catholic Community  
+  
Spirit of  
Christ Mission

**WHOLE PARISH  
FAITH FORMATION  
2022–2023  
CHRISTMAS UPDATE**



A synodal Church is  
a Church "going forth,"  
a missionary Church  
"whose doors are open"...

Pope Francis

**Going forth...** Each Sunday, we follow the cross to the altar, gathering to worship and be fed. We then follow the same cross out into the world, transformed into bread for others.

In this time of Synod, the Church asks us to reflect on how well we have walked with each other, how we have failed to walk together, who is on the margins, and who is not with us as we follow the cross to the table. With this in mind, we deepen our engagement with these questions, full of faith in Christ who leads us, full of hope that we may become a greater expression of the body of Christ, and full of love and compassion for each other and for the lost.

## PEOPLE OF FAITH, HOPE, AND LOVE

### NOVEMBER 13 WHO IS MISSING AT THE TABLE AND WHY?

Dr. John Reis, Department Chair—  
Theology, Carroll College



### DECEMBER 11 WHY WE DO WHAT WE DO AT MASS... LIGHT AND DARKNESS

Fr. Ed Hislop and Sr. Mary Jo Quinn

### JANUARY 15 MAKING DISCIPLES

Blessed Trinity Faith Formation Team

### FEBRUARY 12 WOMEN IN MINISTRY

Dr. Katherine Greiner Assoc. Professor—  
Theology, Carroll College



### MARCH 12 QUENCHING OUR THIRST: THE WOMAN AT THE WELL

Blessed Trinity Faith Formation Team

### MAY 7 THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST IN THE GATHERED ASSEMBLY

Sr. Judith Kubicki  
Provincial Minister, Felician Sisters of  
Our Lady of Hope Province  
Assoc. Prof. Emerita, Fordham Univ.

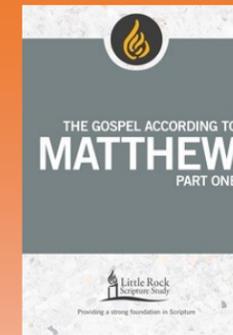


## SPRING PARISH RETREAT FR. RICKY MANALO APRIL 22-23



We welcome Rev. Ricky Manalo, CSP, Ph.D to lead us in a spring retreat. A Paulist priest, composer, theologian, and author, Fr. Manalo is frequent lecturer, keynote presenter and workshop leader in cross-cultural settings. He is the recipient of the 2020 Distinguished Catholic Music Composer of the Year Award by the Association of Catholic Publishers and the 2018 Pastoral Musician of the Year Award by the National Association of Pastoral Musicians. He studied composition and piano at the Manhattan School of Music, theology at the Washington Theological Union, and liturgy, culture, and sociology at the Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, CA. Among his works are the *Mass of Spirit and Grace* and *Beyond These Days*.

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## 6-WEEK SCRIPTURE STUDY THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

TUESDAYS 10:30 AM OR 7:00 PM  
STARTING JAN. 10

The first book of the New Testament, the Gospel of Matthew provides a bridge from the Jewish world awaiting a Messiah to the emerging Christian world of Jesus and his followers. This Gospel, which we will hear from this liturgical year, introduces us to Jesus as the Master Teacher whose words of instruction are captured in the large teaching sections.

This session will cover the first half of the Gospel of Matthew, starting with the birth of Jesus, going through much of his public teaching life, and concluding with the first prediction of his Passion. This six-week study is an excellent opportunity to reflect deeply on the teachings of Jesus in order to more fully understand and live the Christian life. The core of each meeting will be discussion to uncover the riches of the text and to apply it to our lives. Participants may chose either the day or evening session to accommodate their schedule.

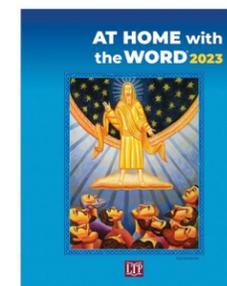
Contact facilitator Rick Aldred for questions and Judy Cooney for registration and course materials.

Word and art meet in the St. John's Bible. Several of these striking illuminations are displayed in our gathering space. During each monthly meeting we reflect on a passage from scripture with an illumination from the St. John's Bible.



## SEEING THE WORD THIRD THURSDAY OF THE MONTH, 1:00 PM STARTING OCT. 20

The group will continue where we left off in May with the prophet Isaiah, continuing on through the prophets. Seeing the Word will be meeting the third Thursday of the month in 2022—2023 beginning on Thursday, Oct. 20 at 1:00 pm. Participants use either *Word and Image* by Michael Patella or *The Art of the St. John's Bible* by Susan Sink. Contact facilitator Louise Yamasaki with questions or Judy Cooney for materials.



## LECTIONARY SCRIPTURE STUDY

THURSDAYS, 11:00 AM

Through scripture we come to know Jesus and know the Father. Just as the apostles needed time, the Holy Spirit, and a community to grow in fullness of understanding so do we. Each week we reflect on the upcoming Sunday's readings and Gospel—following the lectionary used at Mass. Reading and reflecting on the Word of God is a great way to grow in faith.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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