



**Whole Parish
Faith Formation
2025-2026**



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**Oct. 12 Together on the Journey of Hope:
We Are Strangers No Longer**

Mary Poole, Executive Director of Soft Landings

Nov. 10 The House for the Church

Fr. Ed Hislop

**Dec. 8 The Word Became Flesh:
The Importance of the Incarnation**

Faith Formation Planning Team

Jan. 11 United in Christ

Dr. Katherine Greiner, Associate Professor—Theology and Interim
Dean of Mission for Faculty and Academics, Carroll College

**Feb. 8 This is the Fasting that I Wish:
The Call to Justice**

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Mar. 8 Living Water

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**Apr. 19 Hearts Burning, Eyes Opened:
Encounter, Accompaniment, Transformation**

Fr. Ricky Manalo, CSP

May 17 Go Make Disciples

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**“Church buildings
proclaim the creative
and redemptive
meaning of the Gospel
in every time and
place.”**

Built of Living Stones, 41

As we begin work on renovating our worship space, we remember that the Church is built not of wood and metal, but of living stones. We are invited this year to find a concrete expression of our faith, enhancing the word and song of our liturgy with a renewed environment and the arts. The beauty of our worship is not simply to glorify God in this space, but is meant to prepare us to proclaim the Good News to a weary and divided world, inviting all to share in the life Christ offers. Join us as we build a house where all are welcome.

Easter Parish Retreat

April 16-19



We welcome Fr. Ricky Manalo, CSP back to Blessed Trinity for our Easter Retreat. Fr. Ricky is a Paulist priest and a pioneering voice in Catholic liturgy, music, and theology, recognized internationally for his contributions to intercultural ministry and pastoral leadership. His work has significantly shaped Asian American Catholicism and deepened the Church's engagement with sociological disciplines such as polarization and artificial intelligence. He is the Chairperson of the Paulist Initiative on Polarization (the Communion Project). His book *Towards a more Perfect Communion: Polarization in the U.S. Catholic Church* will be published in the spring of 2026. In addition, Fr. Ricky currently serves as an invited presenter on the Vatican panel for exploring how Catholic faith can shape the ethical development of artificial intelligence.

In the spring of 2019, Fr. Ricky led us in prayer, reflectional, and renewal as the leader of our Lenten Mission “Coming Home Again.” We often sing his compositions and Mass setting as part of our liturgy. More information about Fr. Ricky can be found on his website rickymanalo.org.



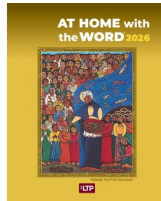
Seeing the Word

**Third Thursday of the Month
Sept. 18—May 21, 1:00 pm**

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

space. Over several years, we have been making our way through the illuminations from Genesis all the way through Mark. This year we will complete the illuminations in Luke and John and move into the Acts of the Apostles. You do not need to have previous experience to join this group. Seeing the Word meets on the third Thursday each month at 1:00 pm at Blessed Trinity. A meeting schedule is available from facilitator Louise Yamasaki. 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 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. **Lectors are especially invited to participate.**

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Lectionary Study and all

Registration and Materials

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The Acts of the Apostles Sept. 8—Nov. 10

Following up on our study of Luke's gospel, we look at how the early Church continued to see how the events that unfolded within their community fulfilled the plan God set in motion with the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. Luke tells the story of the apostles' spread of the Good News of "repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem" (Lk. 24:46-47) The story of the early Church is full of adventure, overcoming obstacles and discernment as the Spirit leads them in this mission. Through these stories we see how God's plan is fulfilled in our time.

Sessions are Mondays at 10:30 am and 7:00 pm.

Coming this Spring

Laudato Si: On Care for Our Common Home

Pope Francis published his second encyclical, *Laudato Si* ten years ago. In this document, he challenged us to unite with the whole human family to protect our common home and seek a sustainable and integral development of our resources. In October of 2023, he wrote an apostolic letter, *Laudate Deum*, to all people of goodwill to address the climate crisis. These documents urge us to care for our environment and to realize our connection with the world God has created.

Look for more information on meeting times and sessions in the bulletin this winter.

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 or exploring the Catholic faith 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. Preparation for this sacrament begins after Christmas. Tentative date for confirmation is May 11th or 12th, 2026 at St. Anthony's for the Missoula area parishes.

Children's Faith Formation

Children preschool through fifth grade are invited to attend faith formation during our monthly **Whole Parish Faith Formation** meetings. Children meet separately to 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. Meeting dates and topics the same as the adult formation.

Children are also invited to participate in **Children's Liturgy of the Word** on the first and third Sunday of the month at the 10 am Mass at Blessed Trinity. This celebration on the liturgy of the word helps children to enter into the stories of faith more deeply.

Vacation Bible School is scheduled for June 22-26, 2026. More events and details will be in the bulletin.



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.

Please introduce yourself to any staff member or call the parish office for more information.



Youth Group

Youth grades 6-12 are invited to join with the adults during faith formation or help out with the children's faith formation. Youth are invited to participate in diocesan and other youth events, such as Junior High Rally, Junior High Retreat, CYC Convention, Ski Retreat and more.

Engaging in service to and with the parish, for example, making a delicious pumpkin pancake breakfast on November 2 and the Mardi Gras breakfast on February 15 are a fun way to serve the parish. Youth also participate in liturgical ministry and in programs for young children and help out with Vacation Bible School in the summer.