

LET US GO UP!

WHOLE PARISH
FAITH FORMATION
2026-2027

IN DAYS TO COME
THE MOUNTAIN OF THE LORD'S HOUSE
SHALL BE ESTABLISHED
AS THE HIGHEST OF THE MOUNTAINS,
AND SHALL BE RAISED ABOVE THE HILLS;
ALL THE NATIONS SHALL STREAM TO IT.

MANY PEOPLES SHALL COME AND SAY,
'COME, LET US GO UP TO THE MOUNTAIN OF THE LORD,
TO THE HOUSE OF THE GOD OF JACOB;
THAT HE MAY TEACH US HIS WAYS AND THAT
WE MAY WALK IN HIS PATHS.'

ISAIAH 2:2-3



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Mission

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| OCT. 18 | COME TO THE TABLE OF THE LORD
Fr. Ed Hislop |
| NOV. 8 | FOOD FOR THE JOURNEY
Parish Staff |
| DEC. 6 | THE WORD OF GOD
Faith Formation Planning Team |
| JAN. 24 | WOMB AND TOMB
Dr. Katherine Greiner, Associate Professor—Theology and
Interim Dean of Mission for Faculty and Academics, Carroll College |
| FEB. 14 | ENTERING THE CHURCH
Faith Formation Planning Team |
| MAR. 14 | MOVEMENT AND MUSIC
Sr. Mary Jo Quinn |
| APR. 11 | SET APART FOR CELEBRATION
Faith Formation Planning Team |
| MAY 2 | THE PEOPLE OF GOD
To be announced |

**IF WE KNEW THE VALUE OF HOLY
MASS, WHAT A GREAT EFFORT WE
WOULD MAKE TO ATTEND IT!**

ST. JOHN VIANNEY

For many years we have been doing the work of imagining, maintaining, and renewing our parish. We have now entered the time when this work becomes concrete - formed in wood and stone, in light and water. As a community, we will take this opportunity to reflect on this work and why it matters to our faith and our mission to live and proclaim the Gospel — the good news — of Christ in this time and in this place. Let us go up to the mountain of the Lord!





SEEING THE WORD

Third Thursday of the Month
Sept. 24—May 20, 1:00 pm

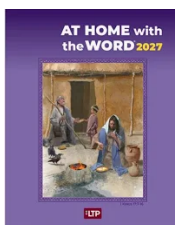
Word and art meet in the St. John's Bible. During each monthly meeting we reflect on a passage from scripture with an illumination from the St. John's Bible. Several of these striking illuminations are displayed in our gathering space. We will be concluding our journey through the illuminations of the St. John's Bible this year. We have made our way from the beginning in Genesis all the way

to the new beginning of the early Church in the Acts of the Apostles. This year we will reflect on the illuminations found in the epistles and Revelation. 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 to order materials.

LECTIONARY SCRIPTURE STUDY

Thursdays, 11:00 am

Lectionary-based scripture study follows the readings and Gospels throughout the Church year in order to reflect on the Word of God and understand more deeply how scripture speaks to us today. Each week we break open the upcoming Sunday's readings and Gospel to be better prepared to hear the Word of God proclaimed at Mass. Come to grow in faith and understanding within a community. **Lectors are especially invited to participate.**



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Registration and Materials
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Near the end of his papacy, Pope Francis addressed an apostolic letter on the liturgical formation of the people of God. As we refresh our worship space, we take the time to reflect on the encounter with Christ here and now that liturgy makes real.

In this document, Pope Francis both leads us to an understanding of the deep beauty of the liturgy, the need for a serious and vital liturgical formation, and the "ars celebrandi" — the art of celebrating the liturgy in which we all play a part.

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

**I HAVE EARNESTLY DESIRED TO
EAT THE PASSOVER WITH YOU
BEFORE I SUFFER.**

Lk.22:15



THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MARK

Mondays, Sept. 14 - Nov. 16
10:30 am or 7:00 pm

Thought to be the earliest of the four Gospels, the Gospel of Mark is a fast-moving, vivid account of the ministry, suffering, and death of Jesus. Over the last three years facilitator Rick Aldred has given us the opportunity to take a deep dive into three of the gospels: John, Luke, and Matthew. Even though life has taken him to New Mexico, he has graciously offered to finish up what he has started and lead us through the Gospel According to Mark via Zoom.

The study group will use Little Rock Scripture Study booklets as our text and meet at Blessed Trinity for reading scripture and discussion. Meeting times are Monday morning 10:30 - noon or Monday evening 7:00 - 8:30 pm beginning on September 14. If you are interested in this study, please contact Judy Cooney (judyc@blessedtrinitymissoula.org.)

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 reception of the 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 takes place during regular youth group meetings on Wednesday evenings. The sacrament of confirmation takes place during the Easter season.

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.

Children are also invited to participate in **Children's Liturgy of the Word** two Sundays of each month at the 10 am Mass at Blessed Trinity. Dates are published in the bulletin. 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 21-25, 2027. 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 Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA). 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 meet twice a month on Wednesday evenings for fun, prayer, and learning about their faith. Preparing for confirmation also happens during this time. Youth are invited to participate in diocesan and other youth events, such as Junior High Rally, Junior High Retreat, CYC Board, Ski Retreat and more.

Engaging in service to and with the parish, for example, making a delicious pumpkin pancake breakfast in the fall and the Mardi Gras breakfast in the spring, is 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.