

St. Patrick & Immaculate Conception Parishes

The Baptism of the Lord January 10, 2016

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Masses

Saturday

4:30 p.m. St. Patrick

Sunday

9:00 a.m. J. C.

11:00 a.m. St. Patrick

7:00 p.m. J. C.

Weekday

7:00 a.m. St. Patrick (Tu-F)

Lauds (Morning Prayer)

following Mass (W,Th,F)

following Devotion (Tu)

Sacraments

For all Sacraments

please contact the

Parish Office.

Anointing of the Sick

Communal Anointing following

7:00 am & 12:10 pm Mass on

1st Friday or please contact the

Parish Office

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

St. Patrick

or by appointment

with the priest

Exposition of the

Blessed Sacrament

St. Patrick Church

8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

(Tu, W,Th,F)

Our Mother of Perpetual

Help Devotion

Tuesday after 7:00 a.m. Mass

St. Patrick



After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove.

- Lk 3:21-22a

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Parish Notices

BAPTISM CLASS will be held Monday January 18th at the Newman Center (IC) at 6:30 pm. Both Parents are to attend.

Welcome to our Faith Community

Madison Hope Gange

who was Baptized on December 20th.



*Our Prayers & Sympathy
to the Family of*

Connie St. Pierre

May perpetual light shine upon her.

COLLECTION AMOUNTS

Dec. 12 & 13 Week 24

Dec. 19 & 20 Week 25

Dec. 26 & 27 Week 26

Jan. 2 & 3 Week 27

Christmas Dec. 24 & 25

Total - \$9,696.25

Envelopes	\$11,576.25
Loose	\$10,044.00
Other Income	\$14,655.00
Total	\$45,971.50

Total this Fiscal Year \$225,424.26

Budget Amount	\$500,000.00
Needed to Make Budget	\$274,575.74

Weekly Goal	\$9,600.00
Weekly Average To Date	\$8,349.04

Thank You for your generous support!

ACE HARDWARE

*Please see advertisement
on the back of the bulletin!*



Community Notices

The Butte Knights of Columbus Butte Council #668 is holding its monthly Sunday fundraiser breakfast. Proceeds from this months breakfast will go to **OUR LADY OF THE ROCKIES** in celebration of her 30th Anniversary.

Sunday January 10, 2016

8:00 am to 12:00 noon

K of C Hall 224 West park St.

Buffet Breakfast: French Toast, Bacon, Sausage, Hash Browns, Eggs, Coffee and Juice.

\$8.00 Individual \$20.00 Family

The **LAOH** will meet Tuesday January 12th, 7:00 pm at Marquis Vintage Community Room.

PARISH SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Award Year 2016-2017

Firm Deadline February 1st.

Parish Carroll College Scholarship is available to students active in St. Patrick or Immaculate Conception Parishes.

This \$1,000 scholarship is applicable toward full-time tuition at Carroll College for the upcoming academic year. Only one newly accepted student may receive the scholarship each year.

Applications are available at the Parish Office.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

As we welcomed the Christ-child at Christmas let us live in his love in all we do, especially our marriage relationship.

The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is January 22-24 in Miles City, Mt. Contact Jim & Daphne at 406-850-3174 or dcsprjim@gmail.com

Check out our websites at www.wwme.org or www.wwmesection9.org

Mon Jan 11 St. Patrick, 7:00am NCMASS

Tue Jan 12 St. Patrick, 7:00am Lori Schmidt rb Rick & Diane Schalk

Wed Jan 13 St. Patrick, 7:00am Robert Bennett rb Nancy Zigrang

Thu Jan 14 St. Patrick, 7:00am Tom Worring rb Chris & Becky Hyle

Fri Jan 15 St. Patrick, 7:00am Keegan Shea rb Don & Sheila Ueland

Sat Jan 16 St. Patrick, 4:30pm Bill & Helen LaVelle rb Colleen, Vonnice & Kelli

Sun Jan 17 IC, 9:00am Herb Freeman rb Mary Dudley

St. Patrick, 11:00am John & Betty Corbitt, Katie Shields rb Colleen Benny & Family

IC, 7:00pm Charlotte Sullivan rb JD Lynch



Proclaim the Jubilee

The declaration of Pope Francis of the Jubilee of Mercy, to begin on Dec. 8, 2015, and end on Nov. 20, 2016, provides the whole church a glorious opportunity for prayerful preparation and reflection. Accordingly, an understanding of the scriptural context of the jubilee is useful. Chapter 25 of Leviticus records the Lord's command that every seventh year Israel should neither plant nor prune their fields and vineyards, trusting that during this year the Lord would feed all the people—both Israelite and non-Israelite—as well as the animals. Similar to the seventh day of rest during the week, this was known as the sabbath years, also according to Leviticus, Israel was to practice a jubilee year. The jubilee was similarly a time to leave the fields fallow, but it was also a period of atonement, in which to forgive debts and to free those sold into slavery on account of debt. This 50th year of jubilee was an opportunity to restore social and physical conditions to a peaceful order more in keeping with the kingdom of God. It was meant to bring greater justice, redemption, liberation, safety and peace for the community, as well as for the rest of the land. The jubilee was truly a year of grace. Leviticus further describes the jubilee as a type of Exodus, that is, a divine liberation from slavery. Chapter 61 of Isaiah repeats this proclamation of a year of favor united with a promise of liberation. In Luke's Gospel, Jesus uses jubilee language to announce his own ministry. The Bible thus portrays the jubilee as good news—a visible sign of the Lord's favor and a concrete practice of solidarity that helps to restore peace and wholeness to the faith community and to God's creation.

In light of Pope Francis' declaration, the church is being called upon once more in a formal and prayerful manner to celebrate jubilee as a way of growing together and being built up as a people of peace. Proclaiming and practicing the Jubilee calls for deeply trusting in the Lord who continually shows us his mercy and provides us what we need. It is interesting to note that Francis' declaration echoes both his 2015 message for the World Day of Peace and the Apostolic exhortation "The Joy of the Gospel." The gift and responsibility of jubilee is meant to be lived out within the community. It is a matter not only for the individual disciple but also for the church, family, parish, religious community, Bible study, religious education program

and prayer group. As the U.S. Bishops pointed out in "Communities of Salt and Light," the biblical call to mercy and peace claims each and every Christian but also each gathered community of believers. Practicing the jubilee should bind us more closely together as the disciples of Jesus, the people of God and the body of Christ in the world. The upcoming year of mercy is an invitation for Catholics to come together around a shared goal. This means that it will be easier to observe the upcoming jubilee when we are united. We may wish to begin a group Bible study about the jubilee, make it the focus of our family prayer, teach about it as part of sacramental preparation, bring it to our prayer groups and discuss it within our religious communities.

Living out the jubilee can and should be practiced locally as well as globally. We are part of local parishes in local communities but also essential members of the universal church. Every parish and every religious community from the smallest to the largest, from the most vibrant to those who are struggling can join together in practicing the jubilee and thus strengthen and support one another as communities. This can bind the entire church together more deeply in faith. During the jubilee year how can we deepen our solidarity within parishes, diocese and the whole church? How might we get to know one another better as fellow parishioners?

In Luke's Gospel, Jesus quickly extends his fulfillment of the jubilee beyond the borders of Israel. Pope Francis wisely and lovingly urges encounter and dialogue with other Christians and with those of other religions, including Judaism and Islam even in spaces and situations of disagreement, struggle or outright conflict. With the declaration of this jubilee, the Pope reminds the church that the Holy Spirit can bring unity in the midst of every tension and conflict. Whom might we be called as Christian individuals and as communities to reach out to? Is there someone in our family, a lonely neighbor, an isolated student or a solitary co-worker that we might approach in Christian fellowship? Whom can we seek out at the borders and margins? Where are the forgotten or even those we see as enemies? Francis is quite clear that Christ-like dialogue can open the door to understanding, healing, friendship and unity.

To be continued...