

St. Patrick & Immaculate Conception

December 9, 2018

Pastor
Fr. Patrick Beretta

Deacon
Bernard McCarthy

Pastoral Associate
Seaneen Prendergast

2nd Sunday OF ADVENT

Masses

Saturday
4:30 p.m. St. Patrick

Sunday
9:00 a.m. IC
11:00 a.m. St. Patrick
7:00 p.m. IC

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 a.m. & 12:10 p.m. Mass
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 am Mass
St. Patrick

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Parish & Community

THANK YOU

to all those who helped with the
ADVENT BRUNCH.

It was a great success and a lot of fun...



OUR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

Will be Wednesday, December 12th, 5:30 pm
at the MAC Center. Plans include Chili Dogs,
Christmas Carols, Hayrides, visiting with
fellow parishioners and of course
Santa Clause.



Please bring your favorite cookie/
dessert to share. Call the parish
office no later than Monday,
December 10th so we know how
much food to order.

*Our Prayers & Sympathy
to the Family of
Dorothy Garvey
May perpetual light
shine upon her.*



**Youth Ministry
will be selling
Mason Jars
cookie mixes
after each mass
on December
22nd & 23rd.**



THE COLLECTION AMOUNT FOR
DEC. 1st & 2nd WILL BE IN NEXT
WEEK'S BULLETIN.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need help decorating our
churches for Christmas on

DECEMBER 23rd

Immaculate Conception at 10:00 am

St. Patrick at 12:00 pm

If you would like to help please
contact the parish office.



Knights of Columbus

Fundraiser Breakfast

Date: 12/9/18

Time: 8am to 12pm

Place: K of C Hall

Price: \$8 individual \$20 family

Proceeds will go to Mining City Christmas.



End of Year Charitable Giving

Will you be making charitable contributions at the end of the year as part of your tax planning? There are ways to structure gifts that will help our parish and save you taxes at the same time—such as the Montana Endowment Tax Credit, charitable rollover from an Individual Retirement Account (IRA). And transferring appreciated stocks/bonds/mutual funds. These gifting options can provide you tax savings even if you no longer itemize under the new federal tax reform. Your gift can be designated to support our parish, the diocese, or even a specific ministry. The Foundation for the Diocese of Helena, Inc. can help you navigate tax-saving stewardship opportunities. Please contact Foundation Executive Director Jeanne Saarineen at (406) 389-7051 or jsarineen@diocesehelena.org for assistance. Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

SPANISH MASS

for Our Lady of Guadalupe
will be December 12th at
5:30pm at St. Ann's
Church.



SCHALK'S POSIE PATCH FLORAL

Please see advertisement
on the back of the bulletin!



Tue Dec 11 St. Patrick, 7:00 am Ellen Stewart (Birthday) rb Carol Mulholland
Wed Dec 12 St. Patrick, 7:00 am Bev Wulf rb Cummings Family
Thu Dec 13 St. Patrick, 7:00 am Don Morrison rb Colleen S. McDonald
Fri Dec 14 St. Patrick, 7:00 am Special Intention rb Gert Downey
Sat Dec 15 St. Patrick, 4:30 pm Sharon Stears rb The Family
Sun Dec 16 IC, 9:00 am Mike O'Brien rb The Family
St. Patrick, 11:00 am Joe & Maureen Yelenich rb John Yelenich
IC, 7:00 pm Bev Wulf rb John & Margie Mansanti & Family



ECHO

“My soul magnifies the LORD.” LUKE 1:26
 AFTER THE ANGEL

departs from her, Mary soon goes “with haste” to a town in Judah (see Luke 1:39). Her pilgrimage south to Judah brings her to the home of her cousin Elizabeth. Immediately upon arrival, Mary receives Elizabeth’s greeting and then responds with the first chords of her great Magnificat: “My soul magnifies the Lord”. We know that as the Mother of God, Mary was a unique person. However, how can a human magnify that which is greater? Fr. Scott Traynor helps us

understand how Mary’s soul magnifies God with the image of Echo Canyon, Colorado. Echo Canyon has breathtaking postcard views around every corner. However, it is not only famous for its scenery. If you stand at the right spot and shout your name, the sound will reverberate throughout the entire canyon, echoing over and over and ascending louder and louder. Echo Canyon, because it has been perfectly designed to do so, receives a spoken word and perfectly magnifies it for the world to hear. So Echo Canyon is not greater than your voice, nor can it generate anything on its own. Because it is perfectly shaped, however, the canyon magnified your voice for the world to hear. Mary does magnify the Lord. Mary’s soul, like Echo Canyon, perfectly receives God and echoes to the world what she hears. Remember her *emptiness*? It makes for perfect echo.

In a sense, we too are Echo Canyon. Our souls were made to magnify God and echo his glory for the world to hear. However, our souls (the canyon) are wounded, cluttered, and out of tune, so we often don’t echo what God says. We will echo something else entirely different. How is your echo? How empty is your soul from anything that would prevent perfect reverberation of the divine Word? What needs to be emptied from your life so that your soul can echo as Mary’s did?

“Father, I ask for the grace of perfect echo. I beg you to reveal anything that prevents my soul from magnifying your voice.”

