

St. Patrick & Immaculate Conception Parishes

Second Sunday of Advent

December 8, 2019

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Sacraments

For all Sacraments
please contact the
Parish Office.

Anointing of the Sick
Communal Anointing
following

7:00 a.m. & 12:10 p.m. Masses
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.

Masses

Saturday
4:30 p.m. St. Patrick

Sunday

9:00 a.m. IC
11:00 a.m. St. Patrick
7:00 p.m.
Montana Tech Campus
Ministry Mass, IC

Weekday

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

Lauds (Morning Prayer)

following Mass (W, Th, F)
following Devotion (Tu)

Exposition of the
Blessed Sacrament

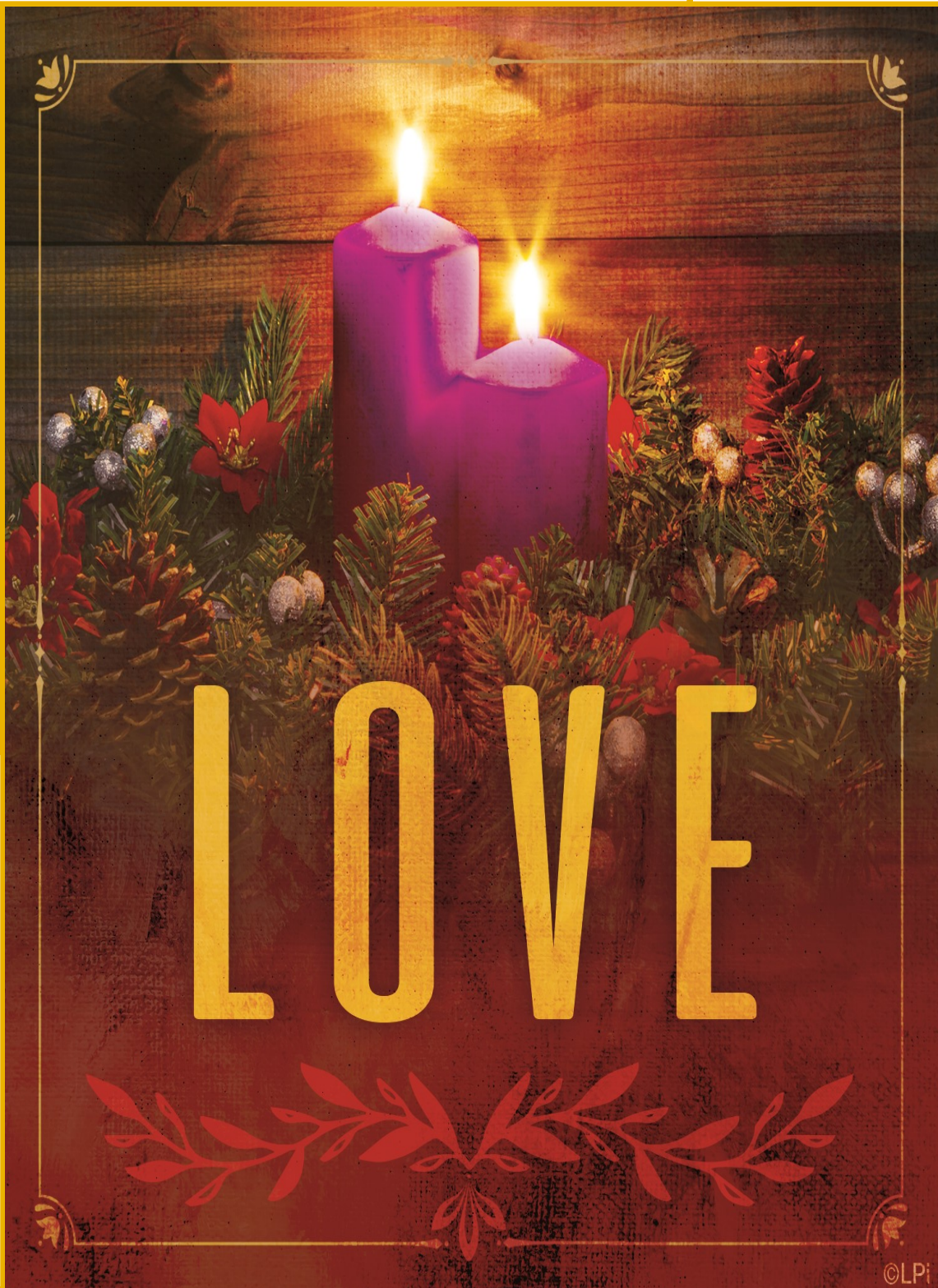
St. Patrick Church
8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
(Tu, W, Th, F)

Our Mother of Perpetual

Help Devotion

Tuesday after 7:00 a.m. Mass
St. Patrick

Website: butteccn.org



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Will be Wednesday, December 11th, at 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 9th so we know how much food to order.

In the Spirit of "Rejoice Sunday", Third Weekend of Advent, St. Patrick Church will have a special blessing of "Colorful Sweaters" on Saturday, 12/14. The event will begin at 4:30 pm with a procession of the "Colorful Sweaters" followed by mass. Please bring your holiday Joy and your boldest and brightest Holiday Colors. Everyone warmly welcome.

From Your Catholic Foundation

Are you beginning to think about the year-end charitable giving for the Catholic Church? Your Foundation can help. Our goal is to help Catholics like you through the maze of gift options available to support your Catholic faith. Contact Jeanne Saarinen, Executive Director of The Foundation for the Diocese of Helena, Inc. Inc.,

(406) 389-7051 or jsaarinen@diocesehelena.org

through the end of the year for help with:

*Qualifying a gift for the 40% Montana Charitable Endowment tax Credit.

*Making a gift from your IRA.

*Transferring appreciated stocks to the Church.

*Catholic Charitable Gift Annuity-make a gift and you receive the income for life.

*And much more! If you want to claim a gift on your 2019 taxes, don't wait until the end of December to do IRS and stock gifts as they take longer to process. If by giving online by credit or debit card, it needs to be charged on or before December 31.

Your catholic foundation's mission is to serve and strengthen the people, parishes, ministries, and apostolic mission of the Diocese of Helena.

Learn more at www.fdoh.org.



27:17 IRONMEN

Catholic Men's Seminar Series
Open to all men at "no charge"

Date: **December 14th 2019**

Topic:

"The Saint and the Sultan" How a Sacred Adventure in Peacemaking Transformed the Course of History 800 years ago.

Presenter: **Fr. Patrick Beretta**

8:00 am—9:00am

St Ann's Social Center

2100 Farragut Ave. Butte Mt.



Collection Amount

November 23-24 Week 21

Nov. 30-Dec.1 Week 22

Envelopes	\$6,364.00
Loose	\$5,977.00
Other Income	\$2,640.35
Weekly Total	\$14,981.35
Total to Date	\$147,063.27
Budget Amount	\$500,000.00
Needed to Make Budget	\$352,936.73
Weekly Average	\$6,684.69

Thank You

for your generous support!



TOWN PUMP

Please see advertisement on back of the bulletin.

Tue Dec 10 St. Patrick, 7:00 am Jean Sheehan rb Lynn Benjamin

Wed Dec 11 St. Patrick, 7:00 am Ellen Mulholland Stewart (Birthday) rb Carol Mulholland

Thu Dec 12 St. Patrick, 7:00 am Marcia Cadigan rb Sisters of Charity-Topeka, Kansas

Fri Dec 13 St. Patrick, 7:00 am Jiggs, Ann Field (Anniversary)

Sat Dec 14 St. Patrick, 4:30 pm Geri Faulkner rb Norma Anderson

Sun Dec 15 IC, 9:00 am Mark Blynn rb The Ed & Joy Metesh Family

St. Patrick, 11:00 am Geri Faulkner rb Bill & Janet Kranjcec

IC, 7:00 pm Marion Isola rb Bill & Janet Kranjcec



Our Prayers & Sympathy
to the Family of
Betty Wock
May perpetual light
shine upon her.



THANK YOU

To all those who helped with the
ADVENT BRUNCH.

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



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 through 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 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 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 the grace of the perfect echo. I beg you to reveal anything that prevents my soul from magnifying your voice.”