

Saint William Catholic Church-Shelby
Saint Thomas Aquinas Mission-Sunburst
November 28, 2021
First Sunday of Advent



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MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Monday, November 29, No Mass at St. Margaret in Cut Bank

Tuesday, November 30, 5:30pm, Mass at St. Margaret in Cut Bank, Adoration following Mass

Wednesday, December 1, 12:10pm, Mass at St. William († David McDonough by the McDonough family)

Wednesday, December 1, 6:30pm-8:30pm Confessions at St. Francis in Valier

Thursday, December 2, 5:45pm Mass at St. Francis in Valier—Adoration following

Friday, December 3, NO Mass

Saturday, December 4, 5:30 Mass at St. Margaret

Sunday, December 5, 8:30am, Mass at St. Francis in Valier

9:00am, Mass at St. Michael the Archangel in Conrad

10:30am, Mass at St. William (†David McDonough by Wally and Marlene Howery)

Confessions at St. Thomas Aquinas 1/2 hour before Mass

5:00pm, Mass at St. Thomas Aquinas († Veanne Hawbaker by Cathy and Bryan Ratzburg)

Please note that Wednesday's Mass is at 12:10pm due to Confessions at St. Francis.

When the Church celebrates the liturgy of Advent each year, she makes present this ancient expectancy of the Messiah, for by sharing in the long preparation for the Savior's first coming, the faithful renew their ardent desire for his second coming. By celebrating the precursor's birth and martyrdom, the Church unites herself to his desire: "He must increase, but I must decrease." Let's not let the season pass without a depth of spirituality in our hearts that lets us ponder. Ponder the mystery of how, and why, this Omnipotent God, before Whom angels tremble, would come down and live nine months in the most pure and holy woman that ever lived, and ever will live. He was confined in a womb with that Infinite Intelligence, Infinite Power, and the Power of the Holy Spirit. *Mother Angelica*



The Children's Christmas Program will be held after Mass on December 12, followed by a potluck dinner. Please bring your favorite dish and join us!



Advent Confessions will be heard at St. William on December 8, at 6:30pm.



If you are unable to attend the Masses in our area, the Cathedral of Helena is livestreaming at 11:00am each Sunday, and a daily Mass at noon.

Go to Youtube.com and in the search bar type: Cathedral of St. Helena Montana

The link for Sunday and the daily Mass are there, just scroll down. There are a variety of items for viewing, such as Bishop Vetter's Friday message and story time. You can also subscribe to the Diocese Youtube channel.

Sacraments of Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation and Anointing of the Sick: call the Parish office 434-2988

Marriage: Call Fr. Tim Moriarty at least 6 months before desired date.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: St. William before Saturday and Sunday Masses and St. Thomas Aquinas by appointment

Ministry to the Sick and Shut-Ins: Call Marlene Howery 434-2273.

Parish Needs and Information or for an emergency: Call or text Parish Secretary Diane Abrahamson 406-450-0683.



1st Sunday of Advent reflection

In the Gospel of Luke for the 1st Sunday of Advent 2021, (21: 25-28, 34-36), the Lord warns us about His second coming; when He will come to judge the living and the dead. "There will be signs in the sun, the moon and the stars. On the earth, nations will be in anguish, distraught at the roaring of the sea and the waves...Throughout history, there have been earthquakes, fires, tornados, flooding and other forms of natural disasters throughout the world. Many of these events have taken place in our lifetimes. Many of the early Christian disciples believed that the Lord would come in His glory during their lifetimes; 2,000 years later, we know that was not the case.

The Lord says later on in this Gospel: "...men will see the Son of Man coming on a cloud with great power and glory. When these things begin to happen, stand up straight and raise your heads, for your ransom is near at hand..." Today, we begin a new Church year, and we begin a very special time in the Church, Advent; as we prepare our hearts for the coming of the infant Jesus at Christmas. Advent is a new beginning for all of us. It is a time to take stock of our relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ, and to be very honest with ourselves in that process. We need to ask: "Is Jesus Christ the center of my life, or is He someone I turn to only when I need Him, or when it's convenient for me? It is a time to be reconciled with our Lord, with the Church and with our fellow neighbors whom we may have hurt. If you have not been to the Sacrament of Reconciliation for some time, please take the opportunity to do so during the season of Advent; the time of new beginnings and renewal for all of us.

The Lord continues: "Be on guard lest your spirits become bloated with indulgence and drunkenness and worldly cares..." We are constantly on guard with the battle of the human heart; doubts, fears, anxieties, negative and/or evil thoughts, judging others, moments of anger, complacency, lustful thoughts, lack of belief in our Lord, and the list goes on...We need to always be on guard in our self-discipline, as we put on the armor of light, and make no provisions for the desires of the flesh. And that armor of light is Jesus Christ, the Son of God and 2nd person of the Trinity who comes to the world as an infant, born of the Virgin Mary, to bring humanity back to Him! He is our Savior and our Lord! He is the Word made flesh, who humbled Himself for all of us. As we begin this Advent season, may we take a few extra moments each day to reflect on the beauty of this season, as we prepare our hearts for the coming of our Lord at Christmas!

God bless all of you! Fr. Tim.

Mrs. Santa's Christmas Cookie Sale on December 4



CCW will be hosting the annual Mrs. Santa's Christmas cookie sale on Saturday December 4 from 10:00am to noon at the parish hall. Parish families are asked to donate 4 dozen Christmas cookies or candies, which can be dropped off at the hall on Friday December 3, from 5-7pm.



Answering God's call to serve in faith includes faith formation at Legendary Lodge.



ST. WILLIAM
COLLECTION REPORT
Monthly Goal: \$6,000.00
November to Date: \$4,593.00
Month to Date Needed: \$1,407.00

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS
COLLECTION REPORT
Monthly Goal: \$2,400.00
November to Date: \$2,295.00
Month to Date Needed: \$105.00

CATHOLIC RADIO
97.5FM CONRAD, 97.1FM GREAT FALLS,
107.9FM BELT, 105.5FM LEWISTOWN,
105.9FM KALISPELL,
97.5FM & 1240AM & 100.9FM BILLINGS,
101.9FM MISSOULA, 98.5FM BUTTE,
90.7FM POLSON