

Saint William Catholic Church-Shelby
Saint Thomas Aquinas Mission-Sunburst
January 9, 2022
The Baptism of The Lord

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MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Monday, January 10, 5:30pm, Mass at St. Margaret in Cut Bank

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Wednesday, January 12, 5:30pm, Mass at St. William († Drew Bracken by Wally and Marlene Howery)

Thursday, January 13, 5:45pm Mass at St. Francis in Valier

Friday, January 14, No Masses

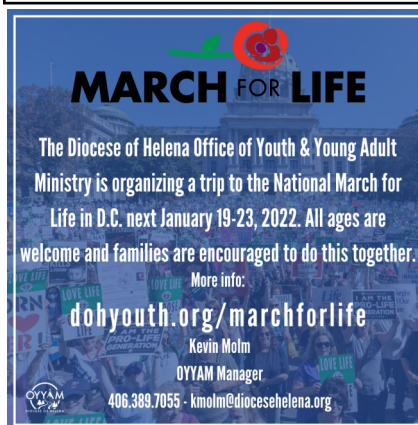
Saturday, January 15, 5:30pm Mass at St. Margaret in Cut Bank

Sunday, January 16, 8:30am Mass at St. Francis in Valier

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

10:30am Mass at St. William († Special Intention of Pam and Mike Washington by Katsy Arves)

5:00pm Mass at St. Thomas Aquinas († Teresa Dumas by the Zinneckers)



MARCH FOR LIFE

The Diocese of Helena Office of Youth & Young Adult Ministry is organizing a trip to the National March for Life in D.C. next January 19-23, 2022. All ages are welcome and families are encouraged to do this together.

More info:
dohyouth.org/marchforlife
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We are invited to join area churches in a day of prayer and fasting on January 22, the anniversary of the infamous decision that legalized abortion in the United States for all nine months of pregnancy. The Supreme Court has heard arguments to overturn the case and will publish their

decision in June. Holy Mother Church teaches us that prayer and fasting are a way to touch the heart of God. Let us join in beseeching God's Mercy on our country to right this wrong.



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 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.

Keep in touch with Parish news at: facebook.com/Saint-Williams-Catholic-Church and www.stwilliamshelbymt.org



Happy New Year 2022 to everyone! I hope and pray that this year brings all of you wonderful gifts and blessings from our Lord; true peace throughout the world, and that COVID (and all of its variants) will be in the rear-view mirror! May the Lord bless and protect all of us, and that we grow in holiness and love of the Lord in 2022 and every day of our lives!

It is interesting how the Church arranges the readings for the Christmas season; that one weekend it's the feast of the Epiphany, as magi (or astrologers) from the east go to Bethlehem to bring the newborn King gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And the last weekend of the Christmas season is the Baptism of our Lord in the Jordan river, as He is baptized by His second cousin John the Baptist, as Jesus Christ begins His public ministry at the age of 30.

The feast of the Epiphany illustrates how Jesus Christ came into the world not for just the chosen people of God, but for all peoples throughout the world; how the magi followed the star to Bethlehem, and when they arrive at the manger scene, they are filled with the awe and glory of the Son of God in their midst. And the Baptism of the Lord illustrates the how the Lord, in His humanity, needed to be baptized in order to do the ministry that His Father sent Him to do on earth.

We know that much of the Lord's life is a mystery; that much of it is not proclaimed in the Scriptures. We know that the Lord's lifespan on earth was short – 33 years – and yet it was the most powerful 33 years in the history of the world! At the Lord's Baptism in the Jordan river, it is the first and only time in the history of the world that the Trinity – the Father, Son and Holy Spirit - are truly 'present' to humankind; as Jesus Christ is baptized by John in the Jordan; the Holy Spirit descends upon Him in visible form as a dove, and a voice from Heaven says: "You are my beloved Son. On you my favor rests."

We are also beloved sons and daughters of the Heavenly Father; baptized in Christ as priests, prophets, and kings; priests to serve others, prophets to proclaim the Gospel message of love and the hope of Heaven, and kings to know that the kingdom of God is in our midst and in our hearts! Our faith is a mystery, there is no question about that. But that mystery is trusting in the One who walked the world over 2,000 years ago, who is the light that no darkness can overcome, and that light of love that when faithfully followed will lead us to the glory of Heaven for all eternity!

Happy New Year! God bless all of you! Fr. Tim.

The Synodal Process in the Diocese of Helena
What is A Synodal Process?



Pope Francis has invited everyone to be involved in an extraordinary task — to listen to each other. He wants to hear from every part of the Church throughout the world: those committed to the church, those who have left the church, those who have never been part of the church, the poor and marginalized, and those who don't feel welcome in the church. It has been said that this will be the largest single consultation in the world!

You are invited to join in and be a part of this conversation — and to invite others to join as well.

Pope Francis is asking us to consider this question: **What does the Holy Spirit expect of the Church in the 21st Century?** Two subsequent questions are:

- How is this "journeying together" happening today in our parish community, campus ministry, university, school, youth group, other areas of the church life?
- How are we "walking together" as a Church, and what steps does the Holy Spirit invite us to take in order to grow in journeying together?

We Need You! How Can You Participate?

Bishop Vetter, himself, will host 6 gatherings throughout the Diocese, during the Season of Lent. These gatherings begin in prayer, with one hour of Eucharistic Adoration, inviting the Holy Spirit to be present and to guide us. A time of discussion with the Bishop will follow. There will be an on-line survey for those who can't meet in person.

This is an exciting time for the Church. More details will be coming soon.



Celebrating FIFTY years of living the Eucharist: "Give them something to eat..."



The Eucharist as the embodiment of love.

In the past twenty-five years, the Eucharist has been a prominent theme in official Catholic documents, especially from the last three popes. Pope Francis in his exhortation *The Joy of the Gospel* writes: "God's word, listened to and celebrated, above all in the Eucharist, nourishes and inwardly strengthens Christians, enabling them to offer an authentic witness to the Gospel in daily life." This presentation attempts to find the connection between cult, creed, and code, to the extent that how we pray shapes what we believe and how we act as Christians living in the world.

The Eucharist and Social Justice.

How we pray should translate itself into how we live. Liturgists like to use the shorthand tag *lex orandi, lex agendi* or the rule of prayer leads to the rule of action. This lecture explores the relationship between Eucharist and ethics, between liturgy and life. It explores the declaration of the 2005 Synod on the Eucharist: "The Eucharist moves Christians to a commitment of justice in today's world..."

Presenter **Father Michael S. Driscoll, Ph.D., S.T.D., Professor Emeritus Theology.**

January 15, 16, 17, 2022 at Blessed Trinity.

Saturday, January 15, 10:00 -11:30 am; 1:00-3:00 pm; Presentation.

Sunday January 16, following Mass 11:30 am—1:00 pm: Presentation; 4:30 Vespers.

Monday January 17, 7:00 pm, Presentation. Night Prayer follows presentation.

Fr. Driscoll will also be the homilist at the weekend Masses.

Michael S. Driscoll is a priest of the Diocese of Helena and professor emeritus in the theology department at the University of Notre Dame. He is the founding director of the Graduate Program in Sacred Music as well as the undergraduate interdisciplinary minor in Liturgical Music Ministry at the University of Notre Dame. His scholarly interests are in the area of liturgy and sacramental theology, co-authoring a book with Michael Joncas entitled, *The Order of Mass: A Roman Missal Study Edition and Workbook* (Chicago: Liturgical Training Publications, 2011). He served as president of the North American Academy of Liturgy (2002-03) and was a member of the executive council (2002-08) of the international ecumenical association *Societas Liturgica*. In 2013, he finished his three-year term as president of the Catholic Academy of Liturgy and is currently the treasurer.



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PICK OF THE WEEK

January 9, 2022

WATCH

REBORN - EPISODE 1: A NEW CREATION

This week, as we contemplate Jesus' Baptism, dive into the mystery of the Sacrament of Baptism! Through our Reborn series, you will come to understand the deeper meaning behind your Baptism!



LECTIO: MARK, EPISODE 2: PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD

Jesus couldn't have been baptized without a baptizer. Join Dr. Tim Gray as he explains the opening verses of Mark's Gospel that depict the ministry of John the Baptist — the man who would baptize Jesus.

LISTEN

CHANGED FOREVER: THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM BY FR. MIKE SCHMITZ

Renowned Catholic speaker and priest, Fr. Mike Schmitz, explores the beautiful gift of the Sacrament of Baptism. In this talk, Fr. Mike provides a wonderful presentation on the waters that give new life!



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