

**Saint William Catholic Church-Shelby  
Saint Thomas Aquinas Mission-Sunburst**

**November 15, 2020**

**Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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**MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS**

**Monday, November 16, 5:30pm, Mass at St. Margaret in Cut Bank**

**Tuesday, November 17, 12:10pm, Mass at St. William († John Lager by the Arlene Lager family)**

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

**Wednesday, November 18, 4:15pm, Adoration at St. William**

5:30pm, Mass at St. William († deceased members of the Kalbfleisch family by Eric and Laurie Tokerud)

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

**Thursday, November 19, 12:10pm, Mass at St. Margaret in Cut Bank**

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

**Friday, November 20, 10:30am, Mass at St. William († Joseph Campros by Hugh Brown family)**

**Saturday, November 21, 5:30pm, Mass at St. William († Teresa Dumas by Don and Barb Donahue)**

**Sunday, November 22, 8:30am, Mass at St. Thomas Aquinas (Special Intention by Cathy and Bryan Ratzburg)**

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

10:30am, Mass at St. William († Teresa Dumas by the Dumas family)

10:30am, Mass at St. Margaret in Cut Bank



There will be a Thanksgiving Day Mass on November 26 at 9:00am at St. William. Come join in giving thanks and praise to God for the many blessings He has given us.

**We will be unable to hold the Christmas Cookie Sale this year due to concerns about the covid spike.**

**God's Gifts**—As *Regnum Christi* explains, the Gospel tells us clearly that God distributes his gifts among us as he wills and entrusts each one of us with a mission. He gives us what we need to produce fruits for his kingdom, and he expects us to use those gifts responsibly and diligently. No two people are exactly alike, and God treats each one individually as a unique person made in his image. We need to live before God and respond to him sincerely by using the talents he gave us to the maximum. Are we making the best use of all that God has given us? The gifts God has given to us should be used to attain heaven. Also, for the continuation of his goodness to the human person. The gifts bring the children of God together, build, unite and make them rooted in God's love. Every talent is a gift from God which works through a person. Fr. Peter

**Please visit the Diocese website to see the latest news and information from Bishop Vetter and the Chancery staff.**

**If you are unable to attend Mass, please remember:**

Bishop Vetter celebrates livestreamed Masses: on the Diocesan website, [www.diocesehelena.org](http://www.diocesehelena.org)



**Sacraments of Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation for Adult Preparation or Anointing of the Sick:** call the Parish office 434-2988

**Marriage:** Call Fr. Tim Moriarty at 434-2988 at least 6 months before desired date.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** St. William on Sunday before Mass 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.



In the readings for last Sunday, the 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, the Lord tells us to be ready to meet the Lord at all times; because we do not know the hour when the Lord will call us home. In the first reading from Wisdom, it states: "Resplendent and unfading is Wisdom, and she is readily perceived by those who love her, and found by those who seek her..." Wisdom is one of the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit. Wisdom comes from God, and constantly tells us to do what is right and just in our lives. Wisdom is unfading; because it comes from God, and God is eternal.

We hear in Scripture that the first step in Wisdom is the fear of the Lord. In many ways, our society, (and our country), has lost the fear of the Lord with the legalization of abortion and euthanasia; stem-cell fetal tissue research, and the legalization of same-sex marriage. And the use of contraception, cohabitation, fornication and the wide use of pornography (which is a multi-billion dollar industry in the United States alone) has brought about a spirit of relativism in our country, when in fact all of these issues are serious sins within the Church and sins against the Lord. We need to pray for wisdom to do what is right and just; to avoid sin to the point of shedding blood, and to know and do the will of God. Because we are never truly happy until we do the will of God in our lives. The Lord is about mercy. No matter how far we have been away from the Lord in our lives, the Lord is constantly seeking us to come back to Him; to be reconciled to Him, and to have true and authentic joy in our lives.

In the Gospel of Matthew for the 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, the Lord talks about the parable of the bridesmaids, who went with torches to go out and meet the groom – meaning the Lord. Five of the bridesmaids brought oil with them, in case their torches ran low. And five bridesmaids did not bring oil on their journey. So in the Gospel, the groom was delayed. Many people in the early Christian community believed that Christ would come again during their lifetime. As all of us know 2,000 years later, that has not been the case. All of us are still waiting for the 2<sup>nd</sup> coming of Christ, which He promised to His disciples 2,000 years ago.

The bridesmaids fell asleep waiting for the groom. The bridesmaids represent all of us as disciples of Christ. And all of us can become complacent in our relationship with the Lord. If we KNEW that the Lord was coming again in three days, we would make every effort to be reconciled with the Lord and with one another. But in our human condition, we can get lazy and lukewarm at times; putting earthly goods and hobbies ahead of our relationship with Christ.

But this Gospel message from Matthew is about being ready and vigilant to meet the Lord at all times. So the groom appears, and the five bridesmaids who brought no oil ask the ones who did bring oil for some. But the "prepared" bridesmaids tell the "unprepared" bridesmaids to go into town to the merchant. Now the oil in this Gospel represents good deeds, and following the Lord and the teachings of the Church wholeheartedly, and being vigilant in this process. So the "prepared" bridesmaids are able to go into wedding with the groom – meaning Heaven. The other bridesmaids who did not have oil with them were not welcome into the wedding.

May we always be ready and vigilant to meet the Lord face-to-face; to use the Sacrament of Reconciliation regularly; and to be reconciled with the Lord and one another, because we do not know the time nor the hour when the Lord will call us home. God bless you! Fr. Tim.

Our gifts to the Annual Catholic Appeal 2020 support programs that help train the men and women whose service complements the work of our priests, deacons and sisters. Please be generous. **In Faith ~ Serving as Disciples**

**As your new bishop, I need your help and prayers for me and the whole diocese. Please be generous. No prayer goes unanswered and no gift is too small.**

~ Bishop Austin Vetter



Please pray for the seminarians God has blessed our Diocese with: Matthew Christiaens, Tyler Frohlich, Kyle Tannehill, Dillon Armstrong, Kaleb Mitchell, John Cooney, Riley Helgoe, and Brett Rotz. Help support them through the Annual Catholic Appeal.

**CATHOLIC RADIO**  
97.5 CONRAD, 97.1 GREAT FALLS  
107.9 BELT, 105.5 LEWISTOWN

**Of no use will be to me the farthest reaches of the universe of the kingdoms of this world. I would rather die and come to Jesus Christ than be king over the entire earth.** Ignatius of Antioch



If you are new to our parish, have moved, or have changed your phone number, would you please update your information with St. William or St. Thomas Aquinas? Call, email or drop us a note.

**ST. WILLIAM COLLECTION REPORT**  
**Monthly Goal: \$6,000.00**  
**November to Date: \$3502.00**  
**Year to Date: Behind (\$3,639.00)**