



Christmas 2020

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Mass Times: Saturday 5:15 PM • Sunday 9:00 AM & 7:00 PM
Wednesday & Friday 8:30 AM • Tuesday & Thursday 12:15 PM
Reconciliation Times: Saturday 4 PM to 5 PM
& Thursday during **Adoration** 7 PM to 8 PM

But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid;
for see-I am bringing you good news of
great joy for all the people: to you is born
this day in the city of David a Savior,
who is the Messiah, the Lord.”

Luke 2: 10-11



Christ the King Pastoral Team. From left to right: Rascal-the cat, Father Kirby-Pastor, James Semling-Intern, Patti Cassidy-Evangelization & Discipleship, Jessica Figoni-FOCUS Missionary, Taylor Hansen-Social Media Coordinator, Andy Foy-FOCUS Missionary, Kaylee Ireland-FOCUS Missionary, David Bridge-FOCUS Missionary, Shai LaFluer-High School Youth Minister, Deacon Tom McCarthy, Shari Douglass-Office Manager

Merry Christmas!
May the blessings of
Christmas be with
you,
May the Christ child
light your way,
May God's holy
angels guide you,
And keep you safe
each day.

Traditional Irish
Christmas Blessing



FOCUS at CTK- Winter 2020 Update

Fruit of our work since arriving
at CTK in July:

- 60 students met on campus and regularly contacted
- 22 students regularly attending Bible studies (on Zoom during the break!)
- Three weekly student Bible studies (and more to come)
- Two active Bible studies with local young adults

COVID-Safe Outreach



With the pandemic, we found 2 primary ways to reach students this fall: online or outside.



The beautiful weather this fall gave us plenty of opportunities to meet students, and for them to join in our Bible studies and trips!



What a blessed semester we have had in our first few months here at the University of Montana! While working with college students has been difficult this year in many ways, we have been able to adapt to the challenges, and the students are thankful for the opportunities we provide them for community, friendship, adventure, and growing in prayer. The beauty of these simple things has attracted to our community not only students who are practicing Catholics,

but some who are not Catholic and not religious at all. I'd like to think they are drawn to our hope in this time of darkness, drawn to the robust community and timeless truth of the Catholic faith, and drawn to the boldness with which we proclaim that Christ has come to be with us. Thank you for your support of our ministry at this parish, prayerful and financial, and connect with me if you would like to learn more!

May God bless you,

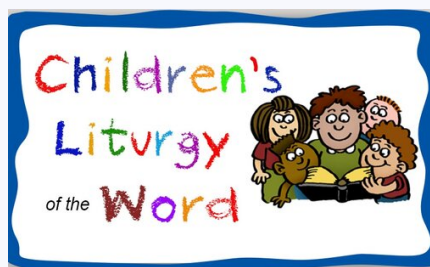
-Andy Foy

FOCUS Team Director





Evangelization & Discipleship for All Ages



During 9:00 a.m. Mass on Sundays.
Returning in 2021!



Middle school meets Sundays
from 10:00-11:30 a.m. High
school meets at St. Anthony
Parish at 6-8 p.m. Thursdays.



Family Formation (FamForm)
packets to take home. Gathered
events will return in 2021!



If you are pregnant or have an infant you wish to have
baptized, please contact the parish to find out when the next
baptism preparation classes begin.
728-3845 ext 228 or pcassidy@ctkmsla.org

Curious about Faith?

If you know someone who is curious about faith in general or the Catholic Faith in particular, bring them to Topics of Faith or invite them to join you at online Alpha (see below). Topics of Faith will start up again in 2021 and will cover The Mass, Sacraments, and other topics of interest. Check our website for details or contact the parish to be put on a list so you'll be invited when the dates are set.

**You're invited.
Try Alpha Online.**

#TryAlpha



Things are pretty uncertain these days. Its a good time to connect with other people and explore together the big questions of life. Now is a great time to "Come & See" what Alpha is about - no obligation or commitment required. Contact Patti for more info or to register at pcassidy@ctkmsla.org You will receive and invitation with a Zoom link to join.

Beginning Wednesdays in January 2021.

Ananias Training: Traveling with others the Discipleships Path

Just as Ananias felt very unqualified to companion Saul after his encounter with the Lord on the road to Damascus, we too, often feel uncomfortable and unqualified to enter into these kinds of conversations with friends, family, co-workers or fellow members of the parish. Ananias Training provides practical skills and techniques to help ordinary lay Catholics live out the call to spiritually journey alongside others.

Ananias for One Another - Introduction to Ananias Training January 9, 9-11:30 a.m. Contact Patti at pcassidy@ctkmsla.org or 728-3845 ext 228 to register and receive Zoom link.

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 27, 2020

SUN 12/27	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1] or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [7a, 8a]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40
MON 12/28	1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18
TUE 12/29	1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35
WED 12/30	1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40
THR 12/31	1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18
FRI 1/1	Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
SAT 1/2	1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/Jn 1:19-28
SUN 1/3	Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 27, 2020

Sunday:	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
Monday:	The Holy Innocents, Martyrs
Tuesday:	St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr
Thursday:	St. Sylvester I, Pope; New Year's Eve
Friday:	Mary, The Holy Mother of God; New Year's Day; World Day of Peace
Saturday:	Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church
Sunday:	The Epiphany of the Lord; National Migration Week

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Inspiration for the week

While families come in all shapes and sizes and no two are the same, they all need a common focus and grounding. Families are intended to be pivotal in providing us with a proper social structure and understanding, a support system, lessons about relationships and communication and the unconditional acceptance and love we so desperately crave. In addition to all of these things, the axis of every family has to be centered on faith. It is here that we can learn about the virtues and discover the windows to God Himself in His gifts of faith, hope, and love. We can learn, modeling our experience after the Holy Family, how to use these as anchors in our lives so that we can live out the other virtues with greater integrity. Because our human families struggle with weakness and sin, we have to come back to the Holy Family often for inspiration and guidance. In the bond of love that they shared, they clung to the anchor of God Himself and endured challenges far greater than many we will ever face.



The Holy Family
of Jesus, Mary,
and Joseph

New
Year's
Blessings

A Christmas Reflection from Father Kirby

Today we focus on the one thing that matters. we thrust our attention on that great nativity story which cuts through all the chaos, calms the quickened pulse, and focuses our scattered mind. Look at this scene to see the bustle of the world slow, the animals prick their ears, the very cosmos notes His presence.

Failing to focus on that, we will inevitably focus on some lesser thing, pour our energy and creativity into that thing, drain it of its potential, and then rush to the next thing before we despair. We can spend our entire life running about trying to satisfy our infinite desire with finite things, but certainly, it will be a sad life. It seems our lives are indeed getting sadder: 18% of Americans have been professionally diagnosed with depression, with record highs amongst young people and, surprisingly, numbers increasing as people get older.

Poinsettia Memorials

Stan Kopp
Dick Withycombe
Tom & Millie Henry
John & Ronnie King
Ida & Willis McGuinness
Lea & Brad Carver
Eloise Gibson
Charlie Gibson
Christy Lynn Schilke-Pyron
Poul Bodholt



Who has the answer? Perhaps a simple shepherd has something to say. Those poor country folk who were the first to adore Jesus after hearing the words of the angel. Perhaps the great magi have a word for us? Those who, having watched and waited their whole life, did not hesitate when they spotted the star announcing the messiah. More than any, we look to Mary and Joseph, who sit in silent wonder looking upon this child before them, laying like any poor child in a manger, yet somehow also God himself.

God has entered the world. He has done so both that we might know him and that he might save us. Don't hesitate to follow him, it's the only life that will ever satisfy.

We here at Christ the King University Parish pray you have a joyful Christmas, and that you come to know our Lord Jesus in a new way this year. *"Today I bring you good news of great joy- a savior is born to us!"*



Thank you! Even during this most challenging year, Christ the King Parish demonstrated amazing generosity in this year's Giving Tree Project. We helped 14 families and 36 individuals, giving over 225 gifts and gift cards. Martha Ministry gave over 80 of their creations to the men, women, and children our Missoula community. A big thanks to the parishioners who sorted and prepared the gifts to be delivered.



Fr. Kirby recently Confirmed five students from Christ the King who prepared for the sacrament of Confirmation last year and were not able to receive due to Covid-19 concerns. Colton Crass was Confirmed on November 29th at the the 9 am Mass. Harrison Walker and Gabriel Lippy were confirmed on November 29th at a combined ceremony with peers from St. Francis. Tess Rosbarsky was Confirmed on December 6th at a combined ceremony with peers from St. Francis and St. Anthony, and Annie McClaverty was Confirmed on December 10th at a small ceremony with one other student from St. Francis. We are so proud of Colton, Harry, Gabe, Tess and Annie and are grateful for their witness!

Sacrament of CONFIRMATION