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#### **SUNDAY MASS**

Saturday 5:15 pm

Sunday 9 am, 11:15 am, 6:30 pm

#### **WEEKDAY MASS**

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8:30 am Tuesday & Thursday 12:15 pm Wednesday 12:00 pm on campus

#### RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4:30 pm Tuesday 5:15 pm



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#### This Week @ CTK

Sunday, October 28

Vespers (Evening Prayer): 6 pm

Monday, October 29

Vespers (Evening Prayer): 6 pm Sacramental Prep: 6 pm - Romero Rm

**Tuesday, October 30** 

Martha Ministry: 9 am

Adoration & Reconciliation: 5 pm Thank God It's Tuesday: 7 pm - Lower

Center

Wednesday, October 31

Choir Practice: 7 pm

**Thursday, November 1** 

Faith & Practice: 10:30 am - Romero Rm

Vespers (Evening Prayer): 6 pm Mass-All Saints Day: 12:15 pm

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Friday, November 2

Parish Office Closed

#### A Stewardship Prayer

Thank you God for your mercy.
Thank you God for your protection.
Thank you God for dispelling the
darkness. Thank you God for
accompanying me on my journey.
I believe in the promises of the Lord.
Like all disciples,

I believe in faith, with hope and through love that eternity awaits those who believe in Him and respond to His love. And so I say, Here I am Lord,

And so'l say, Here I am Lord, I have come to do your will.

Amen

#### **Offertory Collection:**

October 20-21

Gratefully Received: \$6,677.74 Weekly Goal: \$7,076.47 Weekly Average: \$6,230.71

## A Note From Father Jeff DID YOU KNOW?

Christ the King's Pastoral Council charted a new course almost two years ago. I charged the council with helping create a strategic vision for the future of our parish community and charged them with creating a strategic plan that would implement those hopes and dreams.

After much prayer, formation and discernment, the Pastoral Council began an Agile Strategic Planning process under the direction of Pastoral Council Member, David Firth. This process allows us to identify initiatives, measure them against our Vision, and then quickly implement them.

Some of the Strategic Initiatives of our Pastoral Council: Establishing the Newman Lecture Series Re-creating our Campus Minister Position Re-designing our Music Ministry Position Development of a Missoula Interfaith Collaborative Core Team

Facebook video (still to be completed)

#### **Our Vision:**

Christ the King Parish
The Home of Catholic Campus Ministry - is...
a growing community of life-long students of Christ,
who welcome, worship, give, and serve generously.
We commit to go out and bring Christ to
the University of Montana, Missoula, and the world.

Around this vision we indentified three strategic anchors: Excellence in our Weekend Celebrations Awakening the Faithful - the Call to Discipleship Finding those who are searching, particularly at UM

#### **Pastoral Council Members**

Bridgette Bannick, Randy Biehl, Martin Burke, Patti Cassidy, Shari Douglass, Laure Pengelly Drake, Fr. Jeff Fleming, David Firth, Judy Fredenberg, Mike Frost, Kirsten Hangas, Taylor Hansen, Debbie Hanson, Amber Henning, Charles Horesji, Jim Maunder, Liz McMahon, Cathy Schwenk, and Fr. Cody Williams.

If you have questions about our Pastoral Council, or if this ministry sounds interesting to you, please contact Fr. Jeff in the parish office.



October 19, 2018

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

In the Liturgy of the Church and in the hearts and minds of Christians throughout the world, we are about to celebrate the Solemn Festival of All Saints, followed by the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed and all who have died in God's mercy. In these days that point to the eternal as well as to the inevitable fact that we will all pass before the judgment seat of Christ, I write to share some reflections that hopefully will help us approach this season of grace with souls contrite and humbled, seeking the mercy and peace that the Lord alone can give.

As pilgrims of Faith, we know that we do not journey alone, but in and through Christ and for our salvation, and that of the world, through the victory of His Cross and the glory of His Resurrection. We do so in the midst of a great cloud of witnesses, the Saints, who by their example and in their prayers for us offer encouragement, wisdom and aid as we seek to know, love and serve the Lord, both as individuals and as His Body the Church. As we look forward to these days, it is vitally important that we personally examine our lives in Christ and do so as an Institution as well.

In every age, God raises up women and men outstanding in holiness, understanding and courage to serve as beacons of the Light of Christ that no darkness of sin or power of death can ever extinguish. It is right and just for us to ask for their prayer for us that we may grow in wisdom and holiness before the Father. They remind us that by water and the Holy Spirit we have died to our former lives of sin so as to live as children of light and resurrection glory.

They stand in stark contrast to the glamour of evil that seeks to rust and corrode and undermine our trust and even our belief in God. The booming gong and clanging cymbal of our culture does not value their advice or hallow their lives or admire their determination to minister in Christ's Name so that no soul is lost to God's mercy. The result is a people who stand on street corners or in their living rooms screaming into the deafness of a self absorbed culture of entitlement and often from a heart deeply wounded by the brokenness of sin, a wound left unacknowledged and unattended to with the grace of Christ's redemptive act. Steadily, the shadow of this darkness creeps ever deeper and more broadly into our homes and places of learning and labor and, yes, even into our Churches and corrupts and sorely divides them all. Power at any cost; fame at any price; amassing of unlimited wealth without counting the cost; lust

and an unquenchable thirst for sexual pleasure no matter how abusive, that is fed but never satisfied with a steady diet of pornography, are all indicators of the depth of this culture of death and its progress into our times.

But, the Truth is that all times and seasons are the Lord's. If we are to live and move and have our being in Him, then we must form a conscience that is drawn to the beauty of Truth with a firm purpose of amendment that expresses our resolve to sin no more and to let the Light given to us in Holy Baptism shine forth from our lives, our homes and families, our Church and our society. It can be done. It has been done before in times when it seemed that evil would inevitably triumph and the sacredness of life would be lost forever. Remember, the Cross of Christ has always been a contradiction to the prevailing culture of any time and it is no small irony that its lasting light is found in its very shadow. For it stands before the eternal light and life of The Christ, the very same Lord who calls each of us to renew our baptismal promises and to rebuild our lives, our families, our culture and our Church through the labor of our hands, the love of God in our souls and our faithful witness to the world. We are not alone, never alone, but stand with the cloud of witnesses and those who have died in God's mercy. So when the culture of Life, even if in these days it seems to be the tiniest of seeds, is planted and tended by laborers for the Lord's Harvest it may grow and bear fruit thirty, sixty and a hundred fold.

This can, does and will happen because we walk with the cloud of witnesses and listen for the call of our name, answering, "Here I am, Lord, I have come to do your will!" When we have most humbly admitted our brokenness with profound sorrow and sincerely sought God's forgiveness and tasted His goodness in the Bread of Life and the Chalice of Salvation, we become what we have received for God's glory and the good of every soul.

May Mary, our Blessed Mother, hold us close to her heart and help us to do whatever her Son and Savior asks of us, so that nothing or no one is lost to His mercy and peace, and that new Saints are raised up among us. This is our prayer. May God graciously hear us!

Blessings in the Living God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and in the Communion of the Angels and Saints,

Monsignor Kevin O'Neill Diocesan Administrator

## **Catholic Campus Ministry**

for the University of Montana





Student **Spotlight** 

Major:

Literature

Year:

Sophomore

**Preferred Flower:** 

Orchid

#### **Biggest Risk:**

Committing to World Youth Day before she had enough money in her bank account

#### **DON'T MISS THESE** NOVEMBER EVENTS!



#### The Twilight Zone Marathon

Ponder with CCM Friday, Nov. 16 as we dive into the middle ground between light and shadow, between science and superstition, between the pit of man's fears and the summit of his knowledge. Meet at the Griz statue at 6:00 pm or CTK at 6:30 pm.

#### **Sunday Sweepers**

Help CCM earn \$100 while beautifying the University District! Meet at the Griz statue at noon on Nov. 18. We need at least five students and we'll be done by 2:00 pm!

#### **Game Night**

Enjoy games, pizza, and laughter with CCM Friday, Nov. 30. Take on Riley in ping pong or uncover spies in The Resistance! Meet at the Griz statue at 6:00 pm or CTK at 6:30 pm.









#### Rosary

Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays at 12:30 PM in UC 222

# CCM Weekly Events



#### **Mass On Campus**

Wednesdays at Noon in the UC Tech Lounge, Rm 223. Open to all.



#### Men's & Women's Groups

Thursdays at 6 PM, starting with Vespers.



**Bible Study** Wednesday at 8 PM in the UC.

Thank God It's Tuesday

T.G.I.T. Join us on Tuesdays at 6 PM for dinner in the lower center. Following dinner there will be a variety of small groups on faith based topics.



Meet us every Friday at the Griz statue at 6pm for an hour of post-dinner fun, community, and merrymaking! The next Friday social on 11/2 will be Black Tie Bingo, don't miss it!

## Discipleship

Faith Formation Opportunities

#### **Family Formation**

This year faith formation for Pre-k thrugh 8th grade is done in a family setting roughly twice a month. Families are invited to register online at vbspro.events/p/ctkfamilies2018-19. Materials and resources will be provided for families to use at home. We will have themed gatherings for the whole family to share together.

All Christ the King families are welcome and encouraged to take part in Family Formation as often as possible. There is no obligation other than to register so we can keep you in the loop. There is a materials fee requested, but scholarships are available. No one will be excluded because of finances.

## Sacramental Prep for Reconciliation and Eucharist

The parent orientation for the sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist took place on October 14. If you have not yet registered your child for these sacraments or have not contacted Patti in the parish office (extension 228), please do so ASAP so you and your child will be on track for the first class on **October 29 at 6:00 PM**. Register here: vbspro.events/p/sacprep18-19

#### **Looking for RCIA Sponsors and Team**

Are you: Catholic, joyful, prayerful, flexible, faithful, curious, questioning, generous, talkative, hospitable? Then there is a place for you on our RCIA Team. Use your gifts and talents in service to those who are looking for the God you know. If you're willing to spend some time walking with our RCIA folks this year, please contact Patti Cassidy in the parish office. No experience necessary. Your willing heart and open hands are all that are needed and greatly appreciated.

## VIRTUS Protecting God's Children Workshop for Adults

All adults who work or volunteer with children or other vulnerable people are required to attend this workshop and remain safe environment compliant. The next class is scheduled for November 13 at Blessed Trinity from 6-9 PM. Please preregister at www.virtus.org.



#### Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLW)

During the 9:00 and 11:15 am Masses on Sunday mornings, we call the K-5 children forward for a blessing, and send them out to hear God's Word and reflect on it with their adult leaders. CLW happens each week (unless leaders are unavailable).

#### **KidZone**

KidZone is for toddlers and preschoolers during the 9:00 and 11:15 am Sunday Masses. We have staff who begin to introduce these little ones to Jesus through song, movement, stories, and activities. Please register online at ctkmsla.com/kids.

#### **Middle School**

Do you enjoy hanging out with middle school youth? Would you be willing to give a few hours per month spending time and sharing faith with our 6-8 grade youth? You're invited to consider how your gifts of time and talent might be a blessing to our middle schoolers. Contact Patti Cassidy for more information.



Join us for our weekly high school Youth Ministry gatherings! This year, there are two times to get together. Come to one or both!

Youth Group - This time is for growing in faith through questioning and learning. We'll meet at the Loyola Building next to St. Francis Xavier on Thursdays from 6-8pm. (Nov. 8, 15, 29)

**Missoula Hang Outs** - Just some social time to hang out together. We'll meet in the same place on Sundays at 4:30pm. (Nov. 2, 25)

For the full schedule of gatherings and events, head to ctkmsla.com/youthministry.

#### - Patti Cassidy

About four years ago the pastoral team began using Alpha as a way to engage people in conversations about faith. We had no idea how it was going to turn out and boy did we have a lot to learn in the early days. I volunteered to begin running Alpha long before I really understood what it was all about and the power it had to transform lives.

Alpha is a series of gatherings centered around a meal, a talk and small group discussion. What happens over the course of the 10 weeks of meeting and sharing our lives and our stories is nothing short of remarkable and I am privileged to be involved. A daylong or overnight retreat on the Holy Spirit is a large part of the Alpha experience and, in my humble opinion, a key component of the overall transformative power of Alpha.

I have experienced many who opened up to the realization that God has a deep and unconditional love for them and wants to have a personal relationship with them. Some of these folks have been Catholic all their lives and have never really experienced the transformational love that God has for them. Through Alpha, folks have the opportunity to explore and discuss their own experience of God-or lack thereof-and hear how others have experienced the presence or absence of God in their own lives. There is nothing off limits during the discussion and "what goes on at Alpha stays at Alpha" so that people can feel free to be real and authentic. The stories I have been privileged to hear have both challenged and inspired me. I am humbled to be a part of the journey as people experience an awakening of faith.

In truth, my own faith has flourished as I have witnessed challenges and triumphs of ordinary people like me. I have watched people coming to know the love of God for the first time in their lives and it is a beautiful thing. Not everyone in Alpha has a transformative experience, but I believe everyone who continues to come experiences Christian community and radical hospitality and they are welcome to come back and serve in some capacity in future Alpha courses. Many who come back continue to experience God through their service and continue to grow in faith and fellowship.

If you haven't made time for Alpha yet, I invite you to consider the next series beginning in late January. We always provide a meal and offer childcare. You can sign up on the Alpha page of our website. Whether you're a cradle Catholic or someone who has little knowledge or interest in the Catholic church, Alpha is a safe place to explore the basics of the Christian faith and to ponder some of the big questions of life. Come and see what Alpha is about and prepare to be amazed.

## Fr. Cody's Corner



Every week at Mass we read from a rather large and complicated book called the Bible. For most of us the Bible is incredibly confusing and strange. I find the strangeness and complexities of the Bible one of its most important qualities. But the complexities and peculiarities of the Bible tend to become quite a hindrance to anyone who wants to pray with Scripture: How do I read it? Where do I start? How do I come to understand it? Our goal is to be able to pray with Scripture and to hear God speaking to us through these texts.

A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step. Thus, if we want to come to understand the Bible and to pray with it, we simply need to begin. If you are not sure where to begin, start with the readings for Sunday. You can choose one reading or all four (including the Psalm). But the main goal in praying with Scripture is to read it slowly. Take a small passage, no more than a paragraph or a few verses. Read it slowly. Pause and reflect on the passage, then read it again slowly. Repeat this process. Then, ask yourself the following questions.

What struck me? What confused me? Where do I see myself in this passage? Did a word or phrase speak to me? What is this passage calling me to do? How does this passage teach me something about God?

You can read a question first and then read the passage or vice versa. The goal is to reflect on how the passage spoke to you, or, in other words, how God is speaking to you. The main point: read small passages, and read them slowly. This is how we pray with Scripture. This is how we encounter God speaking to us through the Scriptures.

Fr. Cody Williams

## Sacraments

And Resources



#### **Baptismal Preparation**

Are you seeking preparation for the sacrament of Baptism? Please register on our website: http://www.ctkmsla.com/register-for-program You can prepare even before your baby is born.

## How Can We Pray for You?



Need prayers? You can now submit prayer requests on our website.

Head to ctkmsla.com/ prayerrequest. All requests remain confidential and are only shared with our prayer team.

# Want to become CATHOLIC?

Are you, or is someone you know, interested in learning more about God, Jesus, faith, and the Catholic Church? Are you interested in becoming Catholic?

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#### To The Nations Missions

Stephen Smith, OFS, founder and leader of To The Nations Missions will be in Missoula Nov. 2-4. To The Nations Missions is a Catholic missionary organization. It follows the Corporal Works of Mercy. The missions are in Uganda, Haiti and Columbia. He will be presenting at the University Center on Friday at 1pm, after the Sat. 5:15pm mass at Christ the King, after the Sun. 10 am mass at St. Anthony's, and after the 6pm mass at St. Francis Xavier. The presentation should last about an hour which will include food, fellowship and sharing of amazing stories.

## Thank you for reading our BIG Bulletin! Watch out for our next edition in November.

If you have any questions or want more information about our parish, feel free to chat with one of our pastoral team members after Mass. They wear those bright yellow vests. You can also learn more about us on our website at ctkmsla.com.

#### WITH GRATITUDE

The funeral hospitality ministry brings forth the caring presence of the community by providing Sacristans, greeters, Eucharistic minis-



ters, funeral luncheon helpers, and many who bring desserts and salads. Thank you so much to all of the people who support grieving families through your service at funerals and funeral luncheons - you are the loving face of Christ to those who are grieving.

Interested in exploring a new ministry? Head to our website, ctkmsla.com. Scroll down and click on 'Join a Ministry'. Fill out the form and you're all set! You can also call the Pastoral Team to discuss where you're feeling most called to share your gifts and talents. (406)-728-3845.

Mass Intentions for the Week

**Tues. Oct. 30th & Thurs. Nov. 1st**For the Intention of an Extension Donor

Saturday, Nov. 3rd - 5:15 PM In Memory of Florence Reilly

#### **Ways to Stay Connected**

We want to communicate effectively with you. We utilize a number of tools to make it easy for you to control what types of announcements you get from us and how you are notified when we make them. It's totally free for you to use and it allows you to stay plugged in to the ministries and groups that you care about via text message or email. Don't worry, your information is completely safe and secure. It will, of course, not be sold or rented to third-parties. And you can unsubscribe at any time!



**FlockNote**: text the letters CTKMSLA to the short 5-digit phone number: 84576. Flocknote will send you back a confirmation message AND another message asking you to CLICK a link to give your name and email address, and join our groups and ministries.



We also have an App. Yep, there is an App for that! **MyParish App** gives you access to our calendar and bulletin, the daily readings for Mass, parish information including Mass times, and a variety of prayers. Download the app by texting APP to 88202.



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