

# CHRIST THE KING PARISH

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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

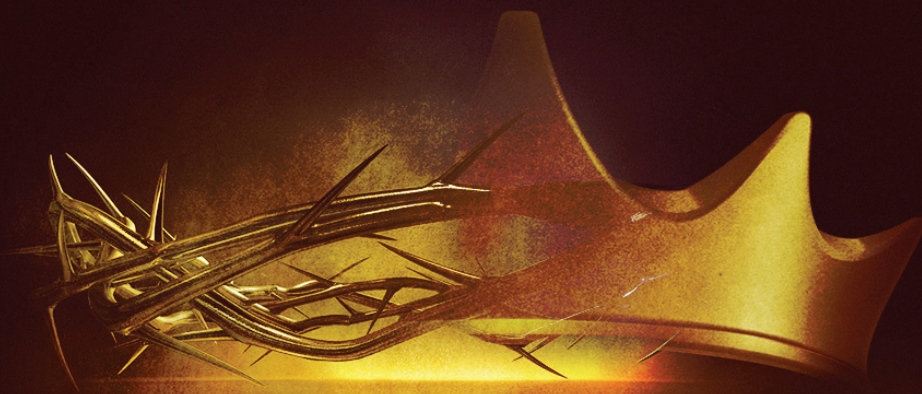
Tuesday & Thursday 12:15 pm

Wednesday 12:00 pm on campus

## **RECONCILIATION**

Saturday 4:30 pm

Tuesday 5:15 pm



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## HAPPY FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING!

JOIN US FOR A DELICIOUS BRUNCH BETWEEN  
THE MASSES AT 10:00 AM TO CELEBRATE  
OUR FEAST DAY!

*"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God,  
"the one who is and who was and who is to come, the almighty."*

**-Revelation 1:8**

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# This Week @ CTK

## **Sunday, November 25**

Feast of Christ the King Brunch: 10 am  
– Lower Center

Vespers (Evening Prayer): 6 pm

## **Monday, November 26**

Vespers (Evening Prayer): 6 pm

## **Tuesday, November 27**

Martha Ministry: 9 am

Adoration & Reconciliation: 5 pm

Thank God It's Tuesday: 6 pm –  
Lower Center

Family Formation: 6 pm – Lower Center

## **Wednesday, November 28**

Choir Practice: 7 pm

## **Thursday, November 29**

Faith & Practice: 10:30 am – Romero Rm

Vespers (Evening Prayer): 6 pm

## **Friday, November 30**

Parish Office Closed

## **A Prayer to Christ the King**

Christ Jesus, I acknowledge You King of the universe. All that has been created has been made for You. Make full use of Your rights over me.

I renew the promises I made in Baptism, when I renounced Satan and all his pomps and works, and I promise to live a good Christian life and to do all in my power to procure the triumph of the rights of God and Your Church.

Divine Heart of Jesus, I offer you my efforts in order to obtain that all hearts may acknowledge your Sacred Royalty, and that thus the Kingdom of Your peace may be established throughout the universe.

*Amen*

## **A Note From Father Jeff**



I know, I know! We haven't even celebrated Thanksgiving and it seems like Halloween was just yesterday. So, why the Merry Christmas? Well, this is the last Big Bulletin before we celebrate Christmas and I want to share an important invitation with you.

Christmas is about the only time when the holidays of the church are in sync with the holidays of our culture. Our culture still loves Christmas. Sure, you can yell and scream that the motives are commercial, but Christmas is the only time of year when you'll hear restaurants, malls, radio stations and Spotify playlists belt out explicitly Christian songs. Our culture pauses for Christmas in a way it pauses for little else in the year. TV and film celebrate Christmas in all of its expressions. Almost everyone decorates their homes, businesses, and cities.

On December 24th and 25th, the Western world comes as close to stopping as it ever does. As a church community that is seeking to connect with those outside our walls, there is no better time to connect with our friends and neighbors who rarely, if ever, go to church.

Did you know that 82% of people would come to church if a trusted friend invited them? Yet in a typical year, only 2% of Christians invite a friend to church. Many want to celebrate Christmas; they simply need an invitation.

It's easier to invite a friend to Christmas than to a regular Mass. This is a primary reason that we are going to have Christmas Eve at the RAC (the Missoula Catholic Schools Activity Center) again this year. It allows us all to gather under one roof, as one community where we will celebrate and worship together – where all are welcome! The RAC isn't as intimidating as the church and there is plenty of parking.

We have been planning and working hard to make this year's celebration even better than last year. So, stay tuned for more details and please consider who you will invite to join you for Christmas Eve Mass this year.



# Catholic Campus Ministry

*for the University of Montana*

**DON'T MISS THESE  
AWESOME EVENTS!**

## VOCATIONS RETREAT



**Thank you to all who made the Vocations retreat possible!**



### 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.

## Student Spotlight



**Juli Musumeci**

**Year:**  
Junior

**Favorite Children's Book:**  
*The Very Hungry Caterpillar*

**Best Thing This Semester:**  
*Befriending my Japanese exchange student roommate, Asuka.*



### Advent Caroling

Come one come all, or Yule be sorry! Friday, December 7th will be a day to warm up your vocal cords as we sing carols to a local retirement community!



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### Rosary

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



### 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.

### T.G.I.T. Thank God It's Tuesday

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.

### Friday Social

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 11/30 will be Game Night, don't miss it!

# Discipleship

## *Faith Formation Opportunities*

### Family Formation

This year faith formation for Pre-k through 8th grade is done in a family setting roughly twice a month. Families are invited to register online at [vbspro.events/p/ctkfamilies2018-19](http://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.

### 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.



### The Angel and Giving Trees

are now set up in the church entrance and lower center. Many of us are blessed and this would be a great time to share our abundance with less fortunate families. The requests come from our parish community families and other Missoula service organizations. The smaller Angel Tree contains items requested by children that our parish children may enjoy purchasing and giving. Please pick a tag, fill out the bottom third of tag with your name and phone number, detach and place in nearby basket. Gifts must be returned to the parish office by Sunday, Dec 9th. Gift wrapping your donation is appreciated. Monetary donations also accepted. Many thanks!

***One of our Giving Tree families is in need of a car. Please call the office if you can help!***



### 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 introduce these little ones to Jesus through song, movement, stories, and activities. Please register online at [ctkmsla.com/kids](http://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.

### Children's Christmas Choir

Calling all children age 5 and up! Come and be a part of our Children's Choir for Christmas Eve Mass at the RAC. Practices will be at 10:10 am on:

***December 2nd & 16th***



### Prepare the Way!

Advent Wreath Making on Dec. 2nd! All are welcome to come and make an Advent Wreath on the First Sunday of Advent. Prepare the way to celebrate the coming of Christ in your home during this season. All materials provided; candles for sale.



## Missoula Area Journey Experience

*What are you looking for?*



You are invited to experience a 3-day weekend of Catholic spirituality

The Journey Experience is an invitation to explore and experience the love of Jesus Christ in a deep and meaningful way.

***ALL are welcome.***

Anyone who is searching, those who are looking for a connection, and anyone who wants to reawaken their faith.

**This is for you.**

*For more information, go to [mtcatholicjourney.org](http://mtcatholicjourney.org).*

## Sacraments

### 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. Register here: [vbspro.events/p/sacprep18-19](http://vbspro.events/p/sacprep18-19)



### Baptismal Preparation

If you're interested in having a child baptized, please contact Patti Cassidy in the parish office at extension 228 to schedule a visit and receive more information.

## Fr. Cody's Corner



The last few columns that I wrote made prayer seem rather complicated either through understanding the Mass, reading Scripture, or even making time for prayer. I want to reverse that mentality in this month's column. Prayer can be rather simple, even as simple as a word. Another common and useful form of prayer is called a spontaneous prayer. This form of prayer is usually a word or phrase to remind us of God's presence.

This is how easy this form of prayer is: Jesus. Yep, the name of God, Jesus, is the simplest and best form of prayer. Through this simple and short prayer, we are reminding ourselves that God is present, we are asking for his help even without words, and taking a moment to acknowledge God. Other forms of this type of prayer include: Jesus, have mercy on me; Jesus, Son of the living God, have mercy on me; Jesus, have mercy on me a sinner; and Jesus, I trust in you. All of these have the same basic function: a simple easy prayer that can be recited anytime and anywhere that remind us of God's ever presence.

Other ways to use this simple form of prayer is meal prayers, or praying before an activity, task, exam, or meeting. Prayer doesn't need to be complicated, but it does need to lift our hearts and minds to God. The goal is to pray and short prayer so that our lives become imbued with prayer. Try it out and see if it works for you.

*Fr. Cody Williams*



# Raise the Roof

Our current roof has provided shelter and protection for over 25 years. We are grateful for its service to our students and parishioners. But as you can see from the picture above, it has been battered and worn by snow, rain, and sunshine. The time has come to replace the shingles and the membrane roof system and we could use your help! The initial bids range to \$200,000.

You help can through igiveCatholic on Giving Tuesday (see side panel) or you can make a gift through our online giving option on our website: <http://www.ckmsla.com/online-giving/> or you can text the amount you would like to give followed by roof to 406-412-773 (i.e.: 1500 roof to 406-412-7733).

**Thank you for your support.**



**Giving Tuesday is  
November 27**

**Early Donations will begin on  
November 12th through the 26th.**

<https://helena.igivecatholic.org/organizations/christ-the-king-parish-missoula>





## The Gratitude Rosary

Kirsten Hangas

For fear of loosing my “Catholic card,” I hesitate to say that the Rosary has never been a prayer form that has resonated with me. Growing up in Catholic schools, we prayed it often. I found that my beau-

tiful ADHD brain struggled to stay on task, so I usually came away feeling bad. But I also remember that it was a prayer form my grandma Ruthie loved. So when she passed, I was given one of her Rosaries. On and off for years, I would try to pray a Rosary when I especially needed to feel close to her. But again, I wound up feeling bad that I was unable to even get through the first decade without being distracted. I mentioned this to Fr. Jeff at one point and he shared an incredible idea with me – why not use the beads to “count” all that I was grateful for? This was a beautiful lightning strike for me! I have always worked to include gratitude as a significant part of my prayer – what a beautiful way to do it! I immediately Googled gratitude rosary and found this to be a prayer form that resonates with a lot of people. And the best part for me is how easy it is! I have included a prayer to the right that helps me. It is simple and takes only a minute if that’s all I have. I encourage you to try it!

So as we began to prepare for our wonderful and HUGE Christmas Eve celebration at the RAC, we wanted to share a gift with people that would be meaningful and EASY to use, and decided on a simple gratitude rosary – a cross and ten beads, or knots.

If you are interested in making your own small gratitude rosary and/or helping us make them for all of our Christmas Eve attendees, check out the information below!

### PLEASE JOIN US

**Saturday, Dec 1, from 12-5**  
**for a CTK Crafting Day!**

**We will be  
learning how  
to make  
GRATITUDE  
rosaries.**



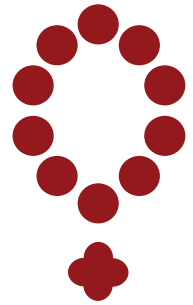
**We will have  
fun, food,  
and crafts!**

Make your own and/or help us make them as Christmas gifts for our Christmas Eve celebration.

**Thank you for reading our BIG Bulletin!**  
**Watch out for our next edition in December.**

## A Rosary of Gratitude

Here is a simple suggestion for how you can use a small pocket rosary.



Begin at the cross,  
making the sign of the cross †  
and start with a prayer of gratitude  
(using these words or your own).

*Loving God, in the busy-ness of my day, I sometimes forget to stop to thank you for all that is good in my life.*

*I am grateful for a new day, the beauty of your creation, and for a mind that thinks and a body that feels.*

*I thank you, too, for those things in my life that are less than I would hope them to be. Things that seem challenging, unfair, or difficult.*

*In the good times and the hard times, I am grateful that you are as near to me as my next breath and that in the midst of it all, I am growing and learning.*

*In the silence of my soul, I thank you most of all for your unconditional and eternal love. AMEN*

When you arrive back at the cross:

For each bead,  
call to mind  
something that  
you are grateful  
for.

*Loving God, may I see this day through sacred eyes, shape this day with helpful hands, and end this day with a grateful heart. AMEN*

Make the sign of the cross †

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