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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 12:15 pm and 5:15 pm

Wednesday 12:00 noon on Campus

Thursday 12:15 pm

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4:30 pm

Thursday 5:45 pm

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Christmas at the RAC 2017

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This Week @ CTK

Tuesday, January 30

Martha Ministry: 9 am – Lower Center
Youth Adult Night: 6 pm – Lower Center

Wednesday, January 31

RCIA: 6:30 pm – Rm 217
Choir Practice: 7 pm – Church

Thursday, February 1

Faith & Practice: 10:30 am – Romero Rm
Adoration: 5:30 pm – Church
Reconciliation: 5:45-6:15 pm

Friday, February 2

Parish Office closed
Strengths Marriage Group: 5:30 pm –
Lower Center

Saturday, February 3

Reconciliation 4:30 pm
Mass 5:15 pm

Sunday, February 4

Mass 9:00, 11:15 am & 6:30 pm
Sunday School & Middle School Youth
Group: 10 am – Lower Center
Baptism Prep: 12 pm – Lower Center
Ignite Super Bowl Party: 3 pm – Lower
Center

Prayer

Embracing Father, You grace each of us with
equal measure in your love.

Let us learn to love our neighbors more deeply,
so that we can create peaceful and just communities.
Inspire us to use our creative energies to build the
structures we need to overcome the obstacles of
intolerance and indifference.

May Jesus provide us the example needed
and send the Spirit to warm our hearts for the
journey.

Amen



A Note From Father Jeff

A Wonderful Celebration

It is hard to believe that it has been a month since our 'grand experiment' to have Christmas Eve Mass at the Missoula Catholic Schools Athletic Complex. As I look back over the evening, it was a beautiful experience and celebration.

We were able to welcome over 1,000 people under one roof and in the same room to celebrate Christ's birth. The gym was transformed into a beautiful location, there was plenty of parking, including mobility parking and our volunteers really were amazing!

Many of you invited and welcomed others to celebrate with us, some whom would not have come without your invitation. Thank you for extending God's welcome and hospitality to all.

I have to admit that when the clock struck 4:00 pm, I was a bit nervous; there weren't many people present, yet! But by the start of Mass, the gym was full, and everyone was ready to celebrate together. It was awesome to see so many people, to hear everyone join in singing, celebrating and praying. I was so moved that it was difficult for me to sing at times. It was truly good to be together and celebrate the presence of our God!

I want to thank our more than 100 volunteers: those who set up and moved chairs; those who decorated the space; our music ministry team; our parking lot attendants; our greeters; our ushers; our lectors; our sacristans; our MC's; our Eucharistic Ministers; bread bakers; our altar servers; those who stayed after to reset the space; and each and every one who came to celebrate.

I also want to thank our advisory councils who helped discern if we should even try this grand experiment. I want to thank Missoula Catholic Schools for being so gracious and welcoming; in particular: Mac Roche–MCS Athletic Director, Jeremy Beck–MCS President, Kathy Schneider–LSH Principal, Christina McGill–SJS Principal, Patrice Schwenk, Coach Eddie Stack, Deb Jones–MCS Foundation, and the MCS custodial team. I must thank our CTK Pastoral Team and their families – they went above and beyond to ensure that this celebration was prayerful, beautiful and meaningful. Last but not least, I thank our loving God for calling us to gather in praise and worship.

It truly was a communal celebration and I am so grateful! Our God is indeed a God of surprises!



Catholic Campus Ministry

For the University of Montana

Welcome back students! We're so excited to be on this journey with you this semester! Feel free to stop by our office or the student lounge here at Christ the King parish at any time. This is your space! Here is a look at what's going on in CCM this semester:

Upcoming CCM Events:

Vocations Retreat

On February 23rd - 25th, all college students from across our Diocese are invited to gather in Helena to learn about and explore a variety of vocations. Students will be able to interact with real-world examples and learn how they live out their own personal spiritual vocation in their every-day life. Our speakers will come from a variety of sacramental vocations, such as marriage, single-life, and religious life, and will also help students to begin their own discernment of the Lord's specifically calling for them. Cost is \$10, head to our website: umccm.org to register!

Spring Search

Are you seeking to deepen your relationship with Christ? Are you thirsting for an amazing experience of God's love? Then join us for the Search Retreat, April 6th-8th! More information will come as the date gets closer. Please contact a Peer Minister or our CCM Manager, Derek, for more information!

OTHER CCM HAPPENINGS

Weekly opportunities to grow in faith and fellowship



Mass on Campus

Come and celebrate the Sacrament with us on Wednesdays at Noon in UC 207 starting January 31st.



Young Adult Night

UNites are now Young Adult Nights! Join us Tuesday evenings for food and fellowship! We begin with dinner at 6:00 and end by 7:30 pm at Christ the King Newman Center.



Catholicism 401

Discover the nuances and intricacies of the Catholic faith. Join us every Sunday night at 8 pm starting January 28th. Our first topic will be 'Jesus'.

Student Spotlight



Carter Hanson

Sophomore Business Major
Hometown: Liberty Lake, WA

What's your favorite CCM event and why?

C: I'm most active in Men's group. I like the guys, and the topics we discuss. I also like the fraternity of it.

What advice do you have for people who want to join CCM?

C: Come with a friend and be open-minded. Try to find one thing you like and get involved in that.

How do you keep your faith alive in college?

C: Pray A LOT and go to church every Sunday. Also, appreciate the things you have because we are so blessed!

What is your favorite board game?

C: Oh there's so many, but I really like Sorry, Cranium and Liar's Dice.

Stay Connected with Us:



A Prayer to Begin a New Semester
Lord, as we prepare for the coming of a new semester, make us ready, attentive and available to hear you. Thank You for the gift of being able to rise each day with the assurance that You walk through it with us. May the work we do and the way we do it, bring new hope, new life, and courage to all we come in contact with this semester.

Amen.

Discipleship

Formerly Faith Formation

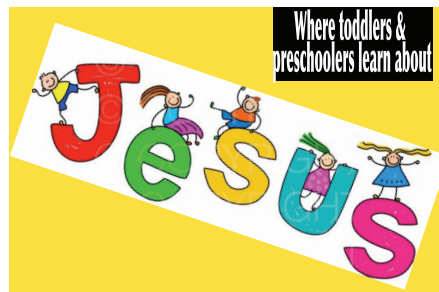


WINTER ALPHA SESSION

Come & See on Monday, February 12 at 5:30 pm. in the Lower Center. Bring your questions and bring a friend. Great place for those who have been away for a while, or who have never really been part of a church – or don't feel like they belong. Everyone is welcome to Alpha! Dinner and childcare provided. Please register online for food count. All are welcome. More info on our website at www.ckmsla.org/Alpha.

Still not sure? Check out Meredith's testimony about Alpha below!

KidZone



KidZone is a place for toddlers and preschoolers to go during Sunday morning Mass to learn about Jesus through music, stories, movement, and play. Please sign up on the Children's Ministry Page of our website.

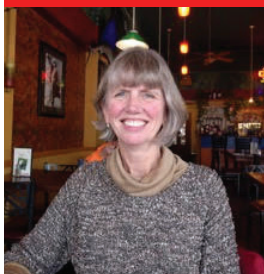


STRONG CATHOLIC FAMILIES: STRONG CATHOLIC YOUTH

Coming to Christ the King on March 18th from 12:45-4:30 PM. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend if you're a parent or grandparent!

What is Strong Catholic Families About?

Strong Catholic Families: Strong Catholic Youth is an ongoing parish –or school - based process that engages and strengthens parents and families in growing as a domestic church through a close and vital partnership with the parish and school community. The process seeks to engage parents through presentations and dialogues with a diocesan-trained presenter who uses contemporary research combined with engaging visuals and pertinent stories to help parents understand the critical role they possess in how faith is lived in their home and especially in their children's lives.



What Did Alpha Mean to You?

Meredith Webster

The first time CTK offered Alpha, I was interested. But I was busy and put it off. I didn't make time for the next couple sessions either. But Alpha graduates were rejuvenated, excited, and enthusiastic. So I finally decided to go to the introductory presentation. Just one presentation, with a free dinner, and then I would decide. After that first presentation, I committed to the whole session. And I'm glad I did. Alpha provided me a safe place to explore difficult questions about God and religion so that my faith

could grow. I found a community of like-minded people, who were also filled with questions and wanting to grow closer to God. Because of this deeper faith and supportive community. I am more comfortable living a Christian life, letting the pressures of modern day living slide past rather than consume my mind.

I encourage you to come to the next introductory presentation. Commit just a few hours. Eat dinner and meet some really great people. You never know where it will lead. Maybe to feeling rejuvenated, excited and enthusiastic about life and faith.



ADULT FORMATION OPPORTUNITY

COMING IN LENT

Soup & Bread & Prayer – Wednesdays at 6PM

Soup and bread meal, followed by an evening of prayer experiences. A new presenter and experience every week. Starts February 21st.



All high school students are invited to a weekend of fun, celebration, prayer, and encounter with Jesus. Get in touch with Derek, our Youth Minister, for more information. Early registration ends February 15th!



Strengths Marriage Group

A 5-week small group for all couples, looking at yourself, your partner, and your relationship through the lens of Strengths.

Fridays at 5:30 pm, starting February 2nd.

Please RSVP with Kirsten Hangan by calling the parish office (728-3845) or emailing khangan@ck-tmsla.org.



Ignite Missoula Super Bowl Party

20 and 30 year-olds, please Join us for the Super Bowl on Sunday, February 4th at Christ the King parish in the Romero Room (downstairs). We will be trying out our Advent home brew (Bring your own for backup). Children and families welcome and encouraged. Please bring an appetizer, snack, or dessert to share. All are Welcome!

Fr. Cody's Corner



With Lent a little more than a few weeks away, I sense that many of you are beginning to think about your Lenten Penance. Or perhaps, you have not yet thought about what you plan to give up for Lent. Instead of providing ideas or guiding your decision making, I want to focus on why we give up something for Lent. The season of Lent was originally developed for the sake of those who are planning to enter the Church at Easter. After the legalization of Christianity in 313, the number of people who wanted to become Christian overwhelmed the Church, which reduced the required two years of preparation to the season of Lent, 40 days. Those 40 days were not just for those entering the Church but for all the Christian people. Those who are already members of the Church would perform some type of fasting or penance to help those journeying to become Christians along their way. The penance was never meant to be about the person who performed the penance.

Fast forward about 1700 years and we reach our modern church who continues the practice of a Lenten penance. As you begin to think about Lent and ways to celebrate the season well, I invite you to consider a few things about the Lenten Penance. First, the penance is not just about you or for you; it is for the Church. The original idea of the penance was to support those who will enter the Church at Easter. Second, the penance is not about trying to overcome an addiction or perfect yourself. The idea of the penance is that we simplify our lives so that Easter may be more joyful. Thirdly, the penance is about our relationship with God. Taking something out created room in our lives to focus on our relationship with God. The ultimate goal of our penances should be to bring us closer to God; to do something to build and strengthen our relationship with God. So, what will you do to celebrate Lent well?

Fr. Cody Williams

Sacraments

and Resources



you have any questions, contact Patti Cassidy at pcassidy@ctkmsla.org.

Baptism Preparation

A 3-part workshop series for new and expectant parents. Begins January 28 at 12:30 pm. Please register on the Sacraments page of our website. If



EXPLORATIONS & INQUIRY

The next two "Explorations and Inquiry" for anyone interested in finding out more about becoming Catholic (or becoming an RCIA Sponsor) are Sunday, January 28 and February 18 during coffee hour (10-11AM) in the Lower Center. Look for the signs. All are welcome!



CATHOLIC
TRIVIA

What is a "catechumen" and what is the "catechumenate?"

Catechumen is the term we use for someone who is in the RCIA **catechumenate**, which is "an extended period during which the candidates are given suitable pastoral formation and guidance, aimed at training them in the Christian life." RCIA #75 This begins with the Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens and is not just classes meeting in a room for a few months of the year. This is more about journeying together and companioning those who are newly converted to Christ as they "taste the joy that God gives without measure." (RCIA #75.2)

Meet Meaghan, Our Catechumen!

We have one catechumen, who was welcomed into the catechumenate in December. Meaghan was born and raised in Missoula. She studied linguistic anthropology as well as forensics and archaeology at the University of Montana. She recently became engaged to Alan Marr, one of our former CCM interns. She enjoys the outdoors and traveling but her favorite place she has ever been is Glacier National Park. In the summers, she spends most of her time hiking, camping, and floating the river. And in her free time, she likes to read and bake yummy things. Meaghan is very excited to join the Catholic church. Meaghan regularly attends the 6:30 pm. Mass where you might see her and say hello.



DON'T GIVE UP *chocolate* FOR LENT

This year, do something different. Join our parish for BEST LENT EVER, a free email program from Dynamic Catholic that will help you have a life-changing Lent. Each day, you'll receive an email with . . .

- Inspirational Videos
- Practical Tips
- Encouraging Stories

SIGN UP AT DynamicCatholic.com/40Days

 Dynamic Catholic

Lent is quickly approaching!
And we have many incredible resources for you to take your 40 days to the next level!

One of these is Best Lent Ever from Dynamic Catholic. This is a great daily devotional which you can receive in your inbox!

Keep an eye out in February for our Lenten Programs guide, which will have even more ways to deepen your Lenten experience this year.

CARE WATCH TEAM

Know anyone who is in need of assistance, prayer, or care? Please call the parish office (728-3845) so that they can be looked after by our Care Watch Team. We need your help to ensure that everyone receives the love and support that they need!



Do you take
Communion to...
The homebound?
A loved one?
A neighbor?

Please allow us to remember and
pray for those who are not able
to celebrate with us.

We have a new process for those taking Communion to others:

1. Please notify the priest when you arrive.
2. Take your pyx to the gifts table and put in as many hosts as you'll need from under the table.
3. Place your pyx on the plate with the bread.

After Communion the priest will call
you forward to receive your pyx
and offer a prayer.

* PLEASE make sure the bottom of your pyx is
marked with your name.

IN GRATITUDE

Thank you to all of our Mass
ministers who make our
weekend liturgies profound:
Greeters, Bread Bakers, Sac-
ristans, Readers, Eucharistic
Ministers, Altar Servers, A/V
Team, and Choir Members.



Interested in exploring a new ministry? Call the
office at 728-3845. The Pastoral Team can an-
swer any questions, and help you find a minis-
try that best utilizes your talents and gifts!

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday, January 28th

9 AM – In Remembrance of John Miner

11:15 AM – For the Health of Dorothea Miner

Saturday, February 3rd

5:15 PM – In Memory of Florence Reilly

Ways to Stay Connected

We want to communicate effectively with you, so 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.

Thank you for reading our BIG Bulletin! Watch out for our next edition in February!

If you have any questions or want more information
about our parish, feel very free to chat with one of our
Parish Ambassadors after Mass. They are wearing those
bright yellow vests.