

Saint William Catholic Church-Shelby
Saint Thomas Aquinas Mission-Sunburst
 July 31, 2022
Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Monday, August 1, No Masses
 Tuesday, August 2, 5:30pm Mass at St. Margaret in Cut Bank
 Wednesday, August 3, 4:00pm Adoration at St. William
 5:30pm Mass at St. William († Barb Donnell by JoEve Aikins)
 Thursday, August 4, 5:00pm Adoration at St. Francis in Valier
 5:45 Mass at St. Francis in Valier
 Friday, August 5, 12:10pm Mass at St. William († Veanne and Harvey Hawbaker by Joe and Lore Sisk)
 Saturday, August 6, 5:30pm, Mass at St. Margaret in Cut Bank
 Sunday, August 7, 8:30am, Mass at St. Francis in Valier
 10:30am, Mass at St. William († Mary Parker by Barb and Don Donahue)
 5:00pm Mass at St. Thomas Aquinas († Tim Pickering by Wally and Marlene Howery)



Please consider helping our seminarians financially. Rylie Helgoe and John Cooney were such a blessing to our community. All of our seminarians need our help as they discern God's call!

\$50K Match in Support of Our Priests & Seminarians

The Foundation for the Diocese of Helena is filled with hope because generous donors have offered a \$50,000 match for donations given to the Foundation's Priestly Formation and Development Endowment. This fund supports our seminarians, priestly formation and priestly retirement.

Timing is critical! We need more priests; we are all feeling the shortage, but we are not powerless. We can support the 15 seminarians who have answered God's call!

Please help us receive this match. Make your donation by September 1st. Go online to fdoh.org to make an online contribution or send your check to:
 FDOH | PO Box 1729 | Helena, MT 59624.

Your support is a blessed gift!

If you would like to know how your donation can maximize your Montana tax savings, please reach out to Executive Director Daniel Thies at dthies@diocesehelena.org or call (406)389-7051.

If you are unable to attend the Masses in our area, the Cathedral of Helena is livestreaming at 11:00am each Sunday, and a daily Mass at noon. Go to Youtube.com and in the search bar type: Cathedral of St. Helena Montana. The link for Sunday and the daily Mass are there, just scroll down. There are a variety of items for viewing, such as Bishop Vetter's Friday message and story time. You can also subscribe to the Diocese YouTube channel. Or go to www.sthelenas.org, the website for the Cathedral which has a link to click on for the Masses offered.

Sacraments of Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation and Anointing of the Sick: call the Parish office 434-2988
Marriage: Call Fr. Peter Mikwabe at least 6 months before desired date.
Sacrament of Reconciliation: St. William before Sunday 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.



EGOCENTRISM

The parable of the rich man who wanted to keep all his wealth for himself has a lot of lesson for us. As Bishop Mueggenborg reflects. This is the inability to understand or assume any perspective other than an individual's own perception. This attitude is expressed by the rich man in how he constantly, boldly, and self-confidently speaks about himself throughout, when he says, "I will do...", "I will pull down...", "I will build...", "I will store...", "I will say to myself..." He never considers what God may desire for his life or what others may need from him. His self-absorption prevents him from understanding anything other than his own desire.

His self-absorption and egocentrism continue to unfold as his desire for a greater personal kingdom is manifested by his preoccupation to retain and increase his possessions. What was meant to be a blessing (an abundant harvest) has become a problem because he now has to find a way to keep it all for himself. This self-absorption is demonstrated using such phrases as "my crops," "my barn," "my goods," "my grain," and "my soul."

Such self-absorption can negatively affect us as well and cause us to become very self-centered in our decisions. Egocentrism can also lead us to believe that we are self-sufficient and do not need other people. The man in the parable didn't think he needed anyone else whether they be family, community, or God and so he doesn't include them in his deliberation and planning for his future. Let us ask ourselves, what can a faith community do to help people break free from the trap of self-sufficiency and egocentrism?

Saint Francis of Assisi is credited with saying, "Remember that when you leave this earth, you can take nothing that you have received...but only what you have given." Saint Francis knew very well the truth that our life is a gift from God and that our possessions are meant to be the means of our faithful generosity rather than the trappings of false security.

Fr. Peter

Marriage Troubles? If your marriage has become troubled and stressed, unloving or uncaring; if you have grown cold and distant; even if you are divorced or separated, or are thinking about it, Retrouvaille can help, as it has helped tens of thousands of others. **Our next program begins October 28, 2022.** For more information about an upcoming Retrouvaille Weekend program for couples, contact registration team: at 1-800-470-2230 or visit www.HelpOurMarriage.com. Not counseling or group therapy. All contacts and names held in strictest confidence.

Catholic Fun Day in Choteau!
 Wednesday, August 3 from 10:00am to 5:00pm.
 All young people from preschool to grade 6 are invited to this great day of games, crafts, lessons, prayer, food and more.
 The day is free and has the goal of building connections between Catholic students from all over our area, and building their Faith. For questions, contact Laura Toeckes at 406-459-4682. High school helpers are greatly appreciated. This can be a great learning experience for them to teach young people, and kids love them as leaders to look up to!

Ministry Schedule
 August 7
 Lector:
 Marlene Howery
 Usher:
 John Abrahamson
 Church cleaner
 for Month of
 August:
 Marlene Howery
 and Jeanne Keck

CATHOLIC RADIO
97.5FM CONRAD, 97.1FM GREAT FALLS,
107.9FM BELT, 105.5FM LEWISTOWN,
105.9FM KALISPELL,
97.5FM & 1240AM & 100.9FM BILLINGS,
101.9FM MISSOULA, 98.5FM BUTTE,

Contact Diane if you wish to purchase a ticket for the car raffle, the winner to be announced at the Bishops Gala. Get your ticket now.

Please pray for the seminarians God has bless our Diocese with: Dillon Armstrong, John Cooney, Kaleb Mitchell, Riley Helso, Brett Rotz, Alex Olmes, Anthony Olmes, James Semling, Jamie Severson, Carter Anderson, Shae Bills, Lane Buus, Matt Keck and Jack Peed. Please pray also for Deacon Kyle Tannehill who will be ordained to the priesthood next year.