

SAINT WILLIAM CATHOLIC CHURCH-SHELBY
SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS MISSION-SUNBURST
JANUARY 22, 2023
THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Monday, January 23, No Masses

Tuesday, January 24, 5:30pm at St. Margaret in Cut Bank

Wednesday, January 25, 5:30pm Mass at St. William († Fr. Vitus Borogo by the Rapkoch family)

Thursday, January 26, 5:00pm Adoration at St. Francis in Valier

5:45pm Mass at St. Francis in Valier

Friday, January 27, 12:10pm Mass at St. William († People of St. William living and deceased)

Saturday, January 28, 5:30pm, Mass at St. Margaret in Cut Bank

Sunday, January 29, 8:30am, Mass at St. Francis in Valier

10:30am, Mass at St. William († James Gregory Parker by
 Wally and Marlene Howery)

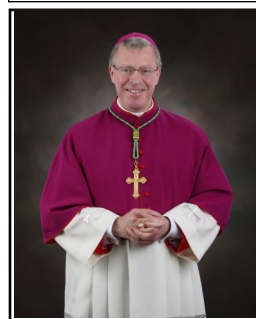
5:00pm Mass at St. Thomas Aquinas († The people of St. Thomas Aquinas
 living and deceased)

JOB OPENING

St. William and St. Thomas Aquinas are still looking for a secretary. Can you consider taking on this part time paid position with very flexible hours? Contact Fr. Peter if you are interested.

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, 90.7FM POLSON



Check out the Diocese website at diocesehelena.org where you can view all the news and events that are happening in our Diocese.

If you would like to view a livestream Mass from the Cathedral, go to the Cathedral website at sthelenas.org, where it is easy to access today's Mass or, a virtual tour of the Cathedral.

To view Bishop Vetter's Friday messages, story time and special messages go to diocesehelena.org/video-and-livestream. There are a great many videos of Bishop Vetter, from his journeys around the Diocese to his work with seminarians, and more.

Sacrament preparation and Anointing of the Sick: Call the Parish office at 406-434-2988 or Fr. Peter

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 406-434-2273.



FISHERS OF MEN

When Jesus sees Peter and his brother Andrew, He calls them to follow Him based on the promise that He will make them "Fishers of Men". This phrase is not merely a play on words in that they were "fishermen" who became "fishers of men". Rather, it can be an indication that Jesus wants to use their natural talents and professional skills to accomplish an important work for the Gospel. We all have professional skills and talents, and Jesus calls us to be disciples who place ourselves at the service of the Gospel as well. When Jesus called the first disciples with these words, He was giving an important instruction on the nature of discipleship for all who would follow Him. Following Jesus doesn't just mean that we focus on ourselves and are concerned only about our own personal prayer and way of life. Rather, being a disciple also requires that we become missionaries who are always bringing others to Christ. That is why the disciples are told that they will need to use their natural talents and human connections to draw others to Christ (Fishers of Men). Some people have mistakenly believed that missionary efforts were only for those who were engaged in missionary apostolates. As a result of that false assumption many people did not understand their baptismal calling to share in the missionary work of Jesus. It is an important wake-up call reminding us that when we follow Christ, we have an immediate and essential responsibility to bring others to the Lord as well. Fr. Peter

The USCCB declares January 23 as a Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

On January 22, 1973, the Supreme Court legalized abortion throughout the United States in its companion decisions Roe v. Wade and Doe v. Bolton. Since that time, millions of children have lost their lives, and millions of women and families have been wounded by abortion. On June 24, 2022, the Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization decision overturned Roe v. Wade, and we praise God for the great opportunity state and federal legislators now have to protect pre-born children. While God, in His mercy, ended the nearly fifty-year nationwide regime of abortion on demand, right now state and federal laws, in many instances, are still hostile to pre-born children. So, great prayer and advocacy is very needed. The General Instruction of the Roman Missal designates **January 23 as a particular day of prayer and penance, called the "Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children"**. In all the Dioceses of the United States of America, January 23 shall be observed as a particular day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion. **"A great prayer for life is urgently needed, a prayer which will rise up throughout the world. Through special initiatives and in daily prayer, may an impassioned plea rise to God, the Creator and lover of life, from every Christian community, from every group and association, from every family and from the heart of every believer."**



Pope Saint John Paul II



Through the Annual Catholic Appeal, Catholics of the Diocese of Helena pool their financial resources and together help the men, women, children and families of our communities, our Diocese and our world.

Next week, many who have not yet made a gift to ACA 2022 will receive a third request from Bishop Vetter asking for participation.

Please help in this important work of our Church.

May God bless you for your generosity.

Jesus is Alive!