

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CHURCH

2055 Woody Drive Billings, Montana 59102

Parish Office - 656-5800 Rectory - 656-5578

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February 28, 2010 - Second Sunday in Lent

Weekend Mass Schedule: Saturday - 5:00 pm
Sunday - 8:30 am & 10:30 am

Daily Mass Schedule: Tuesday thru Friday - 9:00 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturdays, 3:30pm

Baptism Class: A preliminary class is required of parents if this is their first child to be baptized. Classes are scheduled the first Thursday of each month. Call the office to register.

Wedding Prep: A six-month time of preparation is required from the time you contact the pastor until the wedding date. Call the office to enroll.

Office Hours: Monday - Thursday: 8:00 am - 5:00 pm
Friday: 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

Staff: Pastor: Father Steve Zabrocki
Deacon/Liturgy Coordinator: Tim Birkle
Office/Facility Manager: Mary Gillespie
Financial Manager: Keith Lavachek
Outreach Coordinator: Kathy Lombardozzi
Director, Religious Education: Joyce Hollowell
Director, Youth Ministry: Cathy Day
Director, Music Liturgy: Carolyn Peters
Administrative Assistant: Theresa Ball
Maintenance/Custodial: Rob Burgess

Pilgrimage to Israel and Jordan

Join our Fr. Steve and Fr. Steve Tokarski of St. Pius X on a 13-day pilgrimage to the Holy Land Oct. 10-22, 2010. Interested? Please mark your calendars for an **Informational Meeting THIS Monday, March 1st** here in the multi-purpose room at 7:00 pm. Brochures are at all entrances to the Church.



The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a French Toast Breakfast **THIS SUNDAY** after each of the Sunday Masses. Proceeds go to St. Vincent DePaul to feed the hungry. Come hungry yourselves and help the poor.

The Education Commission and the Religious Education students are hosting the Soup & Bread dinner following the Stations of the Cross this Friday, March 5th.



They would like to officially invite you to come for Stations,

then stay for dinner and a fun, spirited game of "Catholic IQ!" with Father Steve as your emcee.

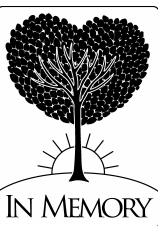
NEW Cum Christo Weekend Dates:

The Cum Christo has been moved to a new weekend. Applications are available at the main entrance and the church office. Call the office if you'd like to go, but need a sponsor.

Men's Cum Christo Weekend - April 29th - May 2nd

Women's Cum Christo Weekend - May 6th - 9th

Thank you to those who helped with the Lenten Environment Change. We do appreciate your faithfulness and dedication to our liturgical experiences.



Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Charles Sauers, father of Daniel Sauers of this parish. Please pray for Charles and his family and for all those who mourn his passing.

Cookbooks: A big THANK YOU from PCCW for your approximately 700 recipe contributions! The cost of this treasure will only be \$10 each. A CD-Rom can be purchased in lieu of a hard copy for those who prefer. We will begin pre-selling the cookbook/CD the first weekend of April. Watch for the order blank in the bulletin in April and at the acrylic displays at each entrance.

Stewardship Report	
Week of February 21, 2010	
<i>Weekly Collection</i>	
Envelope Donations	\$9,637
Loose Checks	\$1,735
Loose Cash	\$497
Electronic Fund Transfer (ACH)	
Total Collection	\$11,869
Weekly Budget	<u>\$10,710</u>
Over (Short)	\$1,159
<i>Year-to-date Collection (start: July 1, 2009)</i>	
Total Collection	\$428,878
Total Budget	\$364,140
Over (Short)	\$64,738



Thank you for supporting our parish.

Care & Share: The familiar story of today's gospel is of the transfiguration of Jesus, appearing in His glory before Peter, John and James, His apostles, who are overcome with joy. Their silence testifies to the transformation that was occurring in their hearts. May our hearts be transformed this Lenten season through fasting, prayer and almsgiving. May the sharing of our treasure aid in the transformation of the lives of others through the many programs made possible by our offering.

Pledges thus far: \$6,965
 Total collected: \$5,615
 Outstanding: \$1,350

Calling All High School Seniors!

We're planning a reception for your upcoming high school graduation. You can help us by letting us know which school you will be graduating from!

Please call the parish office at 656-5800 by April 9th!!!

It's almost time...

for the PCCW Ladies' Spring Pot-luck, Salad & Dessert Luncheon and Fashion Show! When?

Saturday, March 13th at 11:30 am in our multi-purpose room.

Call the church office to be counted!

Sunday Soundbite from www.FranciscanRadio.org online

Having a purpose in life—
it makes all the difference.

Some of us know our life's mission early on: We're committed to a career, family, using our talents in a particular kind of service. Others may take many years to find their path in life. Lent is a time when we re-affirm our Christian mission, no matter what our individual vocations may be. We hear stories this Sunday about *mission*. Abram is given his role as father of his people. On the mountain of the transfiguration, Jesus appears with two great figures from Hebrew religious history, and Luke tells us Jesus spoke with them of his "passage," his "exodus" which was to come in Jerusalem. Luke undoubtedly wanted his Christian audience to reflect on their mission as well—to undergo the same "passage" from death to new life.

In our Christian communities this season, we're preparing with those who will be baptized at Easter. Let's reaffirm our own Christian commitment as we pray and fast with them. We take heart from God's presence with us in the covenant relationship of that Baptismal commitment.

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**Church Families:**

The *Parish Directory* has been finalized and approved to publish. We should all be able to enjoy it for the Easter season – this year!

**Saint Thomas Teen Faith**

**Junior High:** Tuesday, 7:00- 8:30 pm, Rm #2

**High School:** Wednesday, 7:00 – 9:00 pm, Rm #2

**Stations of the Cross & Soup**

Teen Faith will be sponsoring Soup and Stations Friday, March 12<sup>th</sup>. Sign up with Cathy to bring soup or bread - 656-5800 ext 312. Please arrive at 5:30 PM to help set up! Stations are at 6pm and we will serve soup following. Let's serve Jesus and our parish family.

**Affirming the Culture of Life Conference!**

March 19-20<sup>th</sup>. If you are not going with your family, we are going as a group! Call Cathy ASAP for more information. We are also ordering t-shirts. 656-5800 ext 312.

**SEARCH -- High School Juniors and Seniors!**

The Search weekend is March 19-21, 2010. Registration forms can be found in the church entrances. Sign up NOW! Late registrations will NOT be accepted.

**March 2<sup>nd</sup> – March 7<sup>th</sup>**

Tuesday, 9am - † Dolores Weber by Frank & Joyce Hollowell  
 Wednesday, 9am - † Arlett Purinton by Mary Gillespie  
 Thursday, 9am - † Adele & Angelo Meroni by Alma Bergerson  
 Friday, 9am - † Robert E. Rodgers by Alma Bergerson  
 Saturday, 5pm - † Mary Johnson by The Winhofer Family  
 Sunday, 8:30am - † Arlett Purinton by Jim & Teri Cech  
 Sunday, 10:30am - Intentions of our Parish Family

**THE ROSARY IS RECITED PRIOR TO DAILY SERVICE WITH PRAYERS FOR HEALING AFTER FRIDAY MASS**

**Sacristy – March 5 – Alicia McFarlin**

**Collection Counters – March 7– Michael Rath, Tom McKenna**

**5:00pm Collection– March 6 – Ed Parks, Dale Sherman, Hank Wolf, John Costello, Tom Eldredge**

**8:30am Collection – March 7 - Robert Hensel, Michael Rath, Jerry Sawicki, Dan Uecker**

**10:30 Ushers – March 7 – Tom Casey, Paul Miron**

**Sunday Readings – Third Sunday of Lent – March 7, 2010**

**Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15 (30C)**

**1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12**

**Luke 13:1-9**

**Liturgical Ministers for March 6 - 7**

|                                 | <b>5:00 pm</b>                                                               | <b>8:30 am</b>                                   | <b>10:30 am</b>                               |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| <b>Sacristan</b>                | P Snyder                                                                     | T Ball                                           | NEEDED                                        |
| <b>Altar Servers</b>            | R Peterson<br>NEEDED<br>E Taylor                                             | Mi Bruschwein<br>Ma Bruschwein<br>A English      | NEEDED<br>E Johnson<br>NEEDED                 |
| <b>Extra-Ordinary Ministers</b> | T Riemann<br>M Fishbaugh<br>NEEDED<br>S Riemann                              | T Ball<br>A McFarlin<br>NEEDED<br>B Junnila      | M Byorth<br>J Gibson<br>NEEDED<br>J Davies    |
| <b>Plate 1:</b>                 | <b>D Kuehn</b><br>J Kuehn<br>J Keating                                       | <b>J Sery</b><br>T McKenna<br>M Ball             | <b>W Waite</b><br>J Hollowell<br>B Gibson     |
| <b>Proclaimer</b>               | K Lombardozi                                                                 | E Helgeson                                       | P/D Holley                                    |
| <b>Greeters</b>                 | J Michael<br><b>ME</b> K Studer<br><b>OD</b> L/D Bofto<br><b>WD</b> H Sandon | Rath Family<br>B Lawson<br>J/J Downs<br>P/R Svee | G/J Morgan<br>C Kaiser<br>V Bell<br>P McManus |

**Communal Penance Service:**

**March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 11:00 am**

**Holy Rosary Parish**

**501 Custer Ave**

**Easter Food Baskets** We will be distributing Food Baskets for families in the Billings area who have children at the Elementary Title One Schools (they receive assistance with school lunches and have shown a need for additional help.) Sign-up sheets are now available at all of the Church entrances. Please bring the canned food and dried staples by Sunday, March 21<sup>st</sup> and the hams on Palm Sunday, March 28<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your continued support of this outreach ministry.



**Lost Recipes**

**Easy Chicken Pie  
Cabbage Rolls  
Frito Salad**

These recipes were turned in for the Parish Cookbook BUT... there was no name identifying the contributor. Are they yours? If so, please call Barb Lawson at 656-1385. Thank you!

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**2 weeks to sign-up for Retrouvaille:**

Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue...or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? This program has helped 10's of 1000's of couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels including disillusionment and deep misery. For confidential info about or to register for the March program beginning with a weekend on March 12-14, call 1-800-470-2230 or email [MT1Retrouvaille@aol.com](mailto:MT1Retrouvaille@aol.com) or visit the web site [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com).

**Thank You. Thank You** for the many prayers that you said for me for the past six months, for all your words of encouragement, from phone calls and cards. Bless each of you for your dedication. I ask that you continue to lift up all patients that are struggling with this terrible disease of cancer. In addition, Mike and I thank all the beautiful ladies from the **M&M Ministry** for all the great meals that they provided for us during this time. We thoroughly enjoyed each meal and the warm visits when you delivered these meals. You are a true blessing to our community. God Bless You,  
JoAnn and Mike Heins

*Please continue to pray for...*

Howard Hoene, John Rouane, Eileen Wehr, Susan Costello, Gary Bakken, Don Ryan, Don Kuehn, Frank McGown, Michelle Hamm, Ann Marie Pierson, Nicole Swindell, Stephanie Davis, Theresa DaSilva, Keith Johnson and Jeanne Glennon.



Often embryos not used in a first attempt at pregnancy are frozen and stored for future attempts. This also poses a serious risk to their lives. When their parents have as many live-born children as they want, or abandon their efforts to have a child through IVF, the remaining embryos are considered “excess” or “spare.” Some are thrown away as laboratory waste, while others are abandoned indefinitely in a frozen state or slated for experimental purposes. The current debate about killing embryonic human beings on a large scale to “harvest” their embryonic stem cells arose partly because IVF clinics produced so many “spare” embryos, creating a terrible temptation for researchers to find a “use” for these human beings no longer wanted by their parents.

~ United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, *Life Giving Love in an Age of Technology* (Nov. 2009)

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**Lenten Fish Fry:** Knights of Columbus Council 1259 will host at the KC Hall – 2216 Grand Ave., lower level all Fridays during Lent ending March 26 from 5:30 to 7:00 pm. Proceeds towards KC Charities. All you can eat: Adult - \$7.95; Youth 4-12 yrs - \$3.95; 3 and under – Free.

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**CareNet Volunteer Training:** Feeling like God is calling you to serve women in crisis? Do you want to make a difference in someone’s life and help them through a pivotal moment in life? Join the CareNet Women’s Clinic team. Volunteer client advocate training sessions begin in March 2010. No professional counseling or medical background is required. Information is available on our web site at [www.billingscpc.org](http://www.billingscpc.org) under “work here” OR anyone interested can call Connie Jo at 652-4868 for more information. The deadline to have all the required information in is 10 days prior to the training day. Those interested in the March training may want to make sure they get things started right away.

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**Billings Catholic Schools: Annual Discovery Night** will be held on March 9<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 pm, at BCCHS in the Ralph Nelles Center. Please bring a friend that may be looking for other alternatives in K-12 education. For information, call 252-0997. Central Ram Fundraising Committee is presenting **BINGO NIGHT** at Knights of Columbus Hall –Sunday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, from 3-6 pm. Tickets are \$10 and the price includes 10 cards. There will be cash prizes and a no-host bar. Questions? Please call Dani at 256-6425.

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**First Presbyterian Church** invites women of all faiths to their 76<sup>th</sup> Annual Praise Luncheon at 12:00 pm on Wednesday, March 31<sup>st</sup> in the Fellowship Hall at 2420 13<sup>th</sup> St W. Please RSVP by March 24<sup>th</sup> to Marlene Spencer, 252-5027 or Sue Bentley, 628-6402.

**Carroll College is offering a \$500 scholarship** to a student planning to attend Carroll in the fall of 2010. Applications can be obtained at the church office and **MUST BE COMPLETED AND TURNED IN PRIOR TO MARCH 1<sup>ST</sup>.**

NEW HERE? We appreciate you coming to worship with us today! We hope you will let us get to know you better by filling out this PARISH REGISTRATION FORM or calling the office at 656-5800. Welcome!



Name/DOB \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse/DOB \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City & zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone(s) \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Names and birthdates of dependent children still living at home: \_\_\_\_\_

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