Mary Queen of Peace

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MARY QUEEN OF PEACE PARISH MISSION STATEMENT
We are a welcoming, evangelizing, worshipping parish community, encouraging all to step into a deeper spiritual encounter and loving experience with our Lord Jesus Christ. We pray for peace, love, truth, and social justice through active stewardship – notably through our advocate - Mother Mary. We proclaim the promise of the Kingdom of God and the grace - filled nourishment that comes when our humanness becomes one with God’s Divinity in the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist.

Mary Queen of Peace
3411 3rd Ave South

Daily Mass
Tuesday through Friday @ 9 am

Weekend Mass
Sat. 4:00 pm
Sun. 9:30 am
Sun. 5:00 pm Oct. – May
Sun. 6:00 pm June – Sept.

Reconciliation
1 hour before Mass
Or by appointment

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1 JOHN 3:18

Regarding our Catholic faith, do you “walk the talk?” Do your actions reflect what it means to be a good disciple? Are you an active participant at Sunday Mass? Are you joyful when participating in parish ministry? Do you give gratefully and generously with your financial support to your parish and other Church needs? If not, it’s not too late to start!

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Manny Alvarez II Memorial Scholarship 2018
The Manny Alvarez Scholarship for catholic school education will have approximately $775.00 to distribute to students of Mary Queen of Peace for 2018/19 tuition to the Billings Catholic Schools. Scholarship applications can be found at the entrance of church. Application deadline is May 15, 2018 Questions call Celest at 294-7605.

Catholic Home Missions Collection
Support the Catholic Home Missions Appeal today! Right now, over 40 percent of dioceses in the United States are considered home missions because they are unable to fund essential pastoral work needed in their communities. Your support funds programs such as religious education, seminary formation, and lay ministry training to build vibrant faith communities right here in the United States. Please be generous.

MOP Annual Afternoon Tea
Please join the ladies of Mary Queen of Peace Parish for their Annual Afternoon Tea.
“Honoring Our Earthly and Heavenly Mothers”
When: May 5, 2018  Time: 1:30 pm
Where: MOP, 3411 3rd Ave S. Tickets will be sold before and after at each Mass or call 294-7605. Seating is limited. Reserved seating is available.

St. Vincent Healthcare
St. Vincent Healthcare makes it a high priority to offer Holy Communion to every Catholic patient every day, including weekends. Several of our faithful and faith-full Volunteer Eucharistic Ministers have had to leave us and we are seeking others to help us meet the needs of our Catholic patients and families. Volunteers are usually scheduled to provide this service one morning a month though they may volunteer for more mornings, if they wish. This rewarding opportunity is open to currently commissioned Eucharistic Ministers who want to make a real difference in people’s lives! Specialized training for providing Holy Communion in a hospital setting is provided. If you are interested or want more information, contact Chaplain AnaLisa Bischoff by email at analisa.bischoff@sclhs.net or call 237-8241.

Faith Formation Information
CATHECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD
Pre-K to 6th grade
Mary Queen of Peace Youth Group
For youth group events, please see our Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/groups/102876936455787/ or look up Mary Queen of Peace Youth Group
Sundays after evening Mass Youth Group
Tuesdays 5-6:45pm Sacrament Prep Overflow
* Tuesdays 5-6:45pm Older Confirmation/RCIA Prep (4th-12th)
Wednesdays 5:00-6:45pm for Pre-K to 6th

FOLLOW HIM
If you have already given to the 2018 Care and Share Annual Catholic Appeal, thank you! If you are still praying about your gift this year or just haven’t yet returned your gift to our parish, please know that the support of every Catholic household is important and needed. No gift is too large or too small! The outcome of our support determines the amount of ministry that our Church can offer each year to help parishes and Catholics throughout our very large diocese. It takes funding to build and grow our Catholic Church, not just to maintain it. There is no better investment than in our Lord! Your gift will help our parish meet our goal for 2018. Thank you very much for your support of Care and Share!
Mayfair needs your help......

Plans are underway for the 43rd Annual Mayfair Gala Auction! Auction donations are crucial to the success of Mayfair. Please contact Jan Haider or Nikki Burke at 406.252.0252 if you have an idea for an auction item or if you need a committee member to come and pick up an item. Thank you for everything, and especially for your consideration of continued support.

---PRAYER LINE---

---PRAYER CHAIN---

Would you like prayers for a special person, a need, an intention, or an illness? Your parish community is here to help and to support you with prayer. Our parish community has a network of prayer ministers who remember each day in their prayers the intentions/needs of those who request. “Ask and you shall receive.” To activate our prayer line, please call Father José at the office @259-7611 #06.

Funerals: Initial funeral planning:
Contact Fr. Jose Marquez, 294-7606

If you or a family member are homebound, in the hospital or scheduled for surgery and would like the Sacrament of the Sick, Please call Father José at the office @259-7611 #06.

Eucharistic Adoration: Pope John XXIII was quoted as saying one ought to sit in Eucharistic Adoration in some church at least once a day. MQP offers Eucharistic Adoration, every Thursday following the 9:00AM Mass until 6:00PM.

Divine Mercy Prayer Group: The Divine Mercy Prayer Group meets the third Thursday of the month at 5:30pm at Mary Queen of Peace. Following the Diary of St Faustina three main themes of prayer are to ask for and obtain the mercy of God, to trust in Christ’s abundant mercy, and finally to show mercy to others and act as a conduit for God’s mercy towards them.

Cornerstone Prayer Group: Our primary mission is to pray to God for the specific needs of our parishioners along with prayer petitions for the financial needs necessary in building our new church on South 27th Street. We meet the first Tuesday of the month after 9am Mass in the lower parish hall. Therefore thus says the Lord God, Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a tested stone, a costly cornerstone for the foundation, firmly placed. He who believes in it will not be disturbed (Isaiah 28:16).

Pray For Seminarians And Religious

Lord Jesus, grant to young men and women the generosity necessary to follow you as priests and religious, and the courage to overcome obstacles to this calling. Give parents that faith and spirit of sacrifice which will inspire them to offer their child to God’s service and cause them to rejoice when one of their family is chosen. Lord Jesus, encourage both young people and parents & may your grace sustain them. Amen

Always Our Children Support Group

Always Our Children is a faith-based support group for parents, families and friends of gays and lesbians. The last meeting before fall is Thursday, May 3 at 7:00pm in the St. Pius X Parish Center. Prayer, sharing and refreshments are part of the evening. For more information, contact Shelly at 656-2522.

Reflection

In today's Gospel, we hear the familiar teaching of the vine and the branches. Jesus reminds us that if we remain close to him-living in humility, following God's law, loving our neighbor-we will notice a positive change in our life and the lives of those around us. "Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit." The Holy Spirit is life-giving. He is fruitful. The Spirit of God won't refuse grace to a heart that is open. As we progress through life, learning how to live and love, we grow.

Adult Prom - Saturday May 12th

Knights of Columbus, Council 1259, will be hosting an adult prom on May 12th with Live Music from 8-10 PM. Gentlemen dust off your tux and ladies wear your best evening dress and join us for dancing and fun. Dance will be at the Columbia Club, 2216 Grand Avenue. Cost is $10 per person and all proceeds will be donated to LaVie. Contact Jared Keller at 855-2935 with questions or for more info.