We are Gifted and We Are Called

Do a quick check of your priorities. Where does God rank in that list? If He’s not first, you have some work to do. Putting God first in everything helps us from putting other “gods” (like our pride and ego, money and possessions to name a few) before God. Before making a decision, ask yourself I’m I going this for the glory of God or for the glory of me?

John wore clothing made of camel's hair and had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. At that time Jerusalem, all Judea, and the whole region around the Jordan were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins. - Mt 3:4-6
Holiday Cookie Trays—Let us do the baking! Homemade, home baked cookie trays with your favorites: Sugar, Gingerbread/Molasses, Snickerdoodle, Chocolate Chip, Peanut Butter, Spritz, Oatmeal Raisin, Shortbread cookies, plus the signature cookies of the bakers that we especially admire and love eating. **We are rolling back the prices, large ($10) and small ($5) tray choices.** Sale will be Saturday, December 7th before and after the 4pm Mass and Sunday, December 8th before and after 9:30am and 5pm Masses. All the proceeds go to the Church for current operations. Pre Orders: call Celest at 294-7605.

**Marriage Encounter Weekend:** Married couples, do you want to give each other something really special this Christmas? How about a gift filled with greater intimacy in your marriage as well as in your prayer and relationship with the Lord? That’s just the beginning of what you will receive on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. Upcoming date: Billings, MT Jan 24-26, 2020. For more information and to apply visit www.wwme.org or call Paul and Tracy 307-689-2820.

**Christmas Poinsettia Envelopes**
Remember your loved ones with a **Christmas Poinsettia** offering. Envelopes are in the pews. Your loved ones will be remembered “In Memory of” or “In Honor of” with a special bulletin insert on December 22, 2019.

**St Patrick’s Drivers**
St. Patrick Co-Cathedral is looking for drivers to assist with our bus ministry. Volunteers will pick up and drop off passengers once a month. We offer transportation for the Saturday mass at 5:00pm the Sunday mass at 10:30am. If you are available for one Saturday or Sunday a month to help, please contact Valerie at 406-208-3642.

**Citywide Catholic Young Adults**
Catholic Young Adults, men and women in their 20’s & 30’s, you are invited to join the **Citywide Catholic Young Adults’ Christmas Party!** When: Saturday, December 14, 2019, 6:00pm to 9:00pm (or later!) **Where:** Columbia Club (Knights of Columbus Hall) 2216 Grand Ave. **What:** Food will be provided, no-host beverages available. Games, great food and more! Please feel free to bring a friend!

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**PRAYER PETITIONS:** Pope’s December Intention: The future of the Very Young. That every country determines to take the necessary measures to make the future of the very young, especially those who suffer, a priority.

**PRAYER LINE**
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 Marion Walton: 259-5784.

**Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe**
**DECEMBER 12TH**
On Thursday, December 12th, MQP will celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe including:
- 6:30AM Las Mananitas
- 6:00PM Mass
- Potluck to follow lower hall

**Fun Raffle**
Baskets lower hall
As parish community we are all invited to participate in all aspects of the feast. If you can create one of the 16 RAFFLE baskets, please do by contacting Pam 259-1648. If you can be available to set up in the beginning and clean up at the conclusion, please add you name to the sign up at the entrance of church. Most of all your attendance is requested at Mass and at the Potluck following for family, fellowship, and fun.

**Ministry Scheduling Message**
It is time to think about the next Ministry Schedule which will be for the period of January 1, 2020 thru March 31, 2020. Please let us know of changes to your ministry commitment during this time period. Please call the office and let us know at 294-7605. Thanks for your commitment to this service.

**Basketball Free Throw Contest**
The Knights of Columbus are hosting their annual Basketball Free Throw Contest December 15. This year it is at the St. Francis Gym, 2202 Colton Blvd., at 1:00 P.M. All youth from 9 to 14 are welcome at no charge. There will be prizes for the first 3 place winners for each boy and girl at each age. For more information, contact Andy Mikes at 406-652-5594.

**EcoAngela**
EcoAngela is a group hosted by Angela's Piazza, which fosters community, creativity, wellness, and joy through study and reflection of ways to care for our Earth. EcoAngela hosts monthly discussions of the "10 Spiritual Disciplines of Laudato Si, an encyclical by Pope Francis on care of creation. The purpose of these studies is to help guests understand climate change and the positive personal and community actions recommended by Pope Francis. Each month includes art, ritual, a short presentation, sharing, and discussion. All are welcome! Angela's Piazza, 420 Grand, 7-8:30pm. These meetings will continue on the last Thursday of each month. The next date: December 19: Acknowledge Anthropocentrism as the Deeper Root of the Crisis.

**MQP RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**
- Mondays 5-6:45pm Pre-K to 3rd Good Shepherd Program
- Wednesdays 5-6:45pm Pre-K to 6th Good Shepherd Program
- Wednesdays 5-6:45pm RCIA (for children<18 years)
- Thursdays 5-6:45pm RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

Registration forms at entrance of church and on the website.
Contact Bill Kuzma for more info: 294-73389
mqp.dre@gmail.com

Fees for the year: $20 per family, $15 Bible
Retirement Fund for Religious Collection
A collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious (RFR) will be taken today. Many senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests served for little or no pay. Today, religious communities often do not have enough savings to meet retirement needs. Your gift helps provide medications, nursing care, and more for tens of thousands of elderly religious. It also helps ensure younger members can continue the good works of their elders. Please be generous.

CHRISTMAS DINNER FOR FRIENDS
Saturday, December 21, 10am-12pm, St. Vincent de Paul Charity Office
Vincentians led by Sisters of Charity and Associates are serving a Christmas Dinner for friends who are poor and friends who are homeless. Please consider donating to make this a memorable event to brighten the day of the poor and homeless.

FINANCIAL DONATIONS: Any amount is appreciated.
MAN-POWER: Set-up for the meal will be from 9-10 am. 2-4 Greeters are needed to welcome friends. The meal will be served from 10am -12pm. 20+ servers are needed, any age. Clean-up will begin at 12pm. Many hands make light work.

GIFTS: Socks, hats, gloves…1 each…Wrapped together and marked male or female…at least 100 needed. MENU: any food may be donated ahead of time and prepared by a volunteer OR brought to the Charity Office ready to eat by 10 am. Ham…100 pounds…donated through Billings Food Bank. Scalloped Potatoes…8 pans (boxes per pan). Frog Eye Salads…4 salads that serve 25 people. Rolls…10 dozen. Butter…1 case pats (Costco). Pumpkin Pies…10 large pies (Costco). Whipped Cream…5 cans. Lemonade…Large canister. Coffee…Large canister. DEADLINE to donate or volunteer…Tuesday, December 17. Need more information? Please email acnerds@bresnan.net. THANK YOU.

MERRY CHRISTMAS! Deacon Tom and Mary Landry

Mary Queen of Peace Parish
2019 Care and Share Report
Fiscal Year: July 1, 2019 thru June 30, 2020
Weekend of November 24, 2019

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“Your toil is not in vain when it is done in the Lord”
“Thank you to all who have responded so generously to the 2019 Care and Share Annual Catholic Appeal. There are a number of priorities and needs facing our diocesan church that a single parish alone cannot address. For instance, parishes don’t individually educate seminarians or care for retired priests. This is done collectively for the benefit of all within our diocese. The ability to be served sacramentally in our own parish is one of the many benefits that our collective efforts achieve.

Mary Queen of Peace Parish
Stewardship Report
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Calendar of Weekly Events:
12-08  CCW meeting 10:30am lower hall & PBJ sandwich making
12-09  NO Marian Charismatic Prayer Group
12-09  Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin, 6:00pm Mass
12-11  NO 9:00AM MASS
12-11  MQP Penance Service, 11:00pm
12-11  “Light is on for You” 4:30 – 5:30 PM Confessions, 5:30 PM Mass, 6:00 – 7:00 PM Confessions
12-12  YES 9:00AM MASS
12-12  Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe 6:30am Las Mananitas 6:00pm Mass Potluck & festivities following in lower hall

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.

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

Holy Cross Cemetery Coat Drive
December 9th thru December 19th
Sponsored by: Holy Cross Cemetery - 1601 Mullowney Lane Billings MT 59101
This year Holy Cross Cemetery wants to give back to the community that has blessed us. We will be collecting coats, hats, scarves, gloves and, clothes. We will be donating these items to St. Vincent DePaul. Anything donated will be greatly appreciated.

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Merry Christmas! Deacon Tom and Mary Landry