Immaculate Conception Catholic Church & St. Theodore Mission

December 24th — 4th Sunday of Advent

"Hail, full of grace!
The Lord is with you."

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MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKEND MASS *TIMES*

Immaculate Conception —Deer Lodge
Confessions/Reconciliation
Saturday 3:30 till 4:30 p.m.
Saturday Vigil Mass 5:00 p.m.
Sunday Mass 9:00 a.m.

St. Theodore—Avon
Sunday Mass 11:15 a.m.

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Tuesday through Friday
8:00 a.m.—Immaculate Conception
Rosary before daily Mass @ 7:40 a.m.
(Monday—No Mass)

Funeral Masses will generally be held at 11:00 a.m. and the 8:00 a.m. Mass that day will be cancelled.

The Sacrament of Penance/Reconciliation may also be scheduled by appointment.

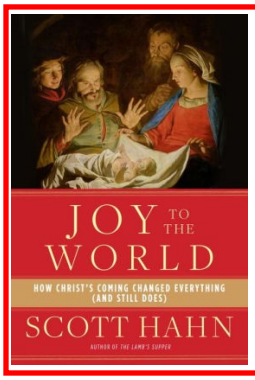
Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

The week of Dec. 23rd through Dec. 29th

Sat. 5:00 pm Donald Nickelson rb Rod & Mary Pat Brown
Sun. 9:00 am Pro Populo (For the People)
Sun. 11:15 am Avon Memorials
Sun. 6:00 pm Jean Ingeberg rb Kathy Isaacson
Mon. 9:00 am Rosemary Carpenter rb Jane McMahon
Tue. 8:00 am No Mass
Wed. 8:00 am No Mass
Thu. 8:00 am No Mass
Fri. 8:00 am No Mass

Avon Memorials:

For Bruce A. Thomas & Family rb Bruce & Pauline Benson
Pattie Bignell rb Jim & Carrie Bignell for successful surgery followed by a speedy recovery
Peace, Comfort & Healing for Danny Antila, Bruce & Bob Thomas rb Sue Hiltz
Happy Birthday Allen Antila & Family rb Sue Hiltz
In Memory of Jim Hiltz rb Sue Hiltz



A great read for the Christmas Season! Scott Hahn does an excellent job of explaining some of the more nuanced things of the Christmas season, like why do we assume there were 3 kings or wise men? If you want to understand our Christmas traditions more fully, be sure to finish reading this book we gave away and then share it with others. Merry Christmas!

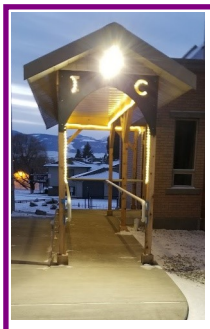
MINISTRY SCHEDULE

THIS WEEKEND (December 23rd & 24th)	NEXT WEEKEND (December 30th & 31st)
IC—Deer Lodge 5:00 p.m.	**IC—Deer Lodge 5:00 p.m.**
Lector: Phillips, R.	Lector: Kraemer, R.
EM Body: Phillips, K.	EM Body: Hansen, M
Blood 1: O'Hara, J.	Blood 1: Isaacson, K.
EM Blood 2: Schalk, L.	EM Blood 2: Witt, P.
Server 1: Natalie Spring	Server 1: x
Server 2: Sara Spring	Server 2: x
IC—Deer Lodge 9:00 a.m.	**IC—Deer Lodge 9:00 a.m.**
Lector: Hunter, M.	Lector: Richards, M.
EM Body: Powell, J.	EM Body: Fox, M.
EM Blood 1: Bilodeau, C.	EM Blood 1: Doyle, M.
EM Blood 2: Brown, C.	EM Blood 2: Doyle, D.
Server 1: Rachel Lombardi	Server 1: x
Server 2: Meron Lombardi	Server 2: x
St. Theodore—Avon 11:15 a.m.	**St. Theodore—Avon 11:15 a.m.**
Lector: Bignell, T.	Lector: x
EM: Nemeth, T.	EM: x
Server: x	Server: x

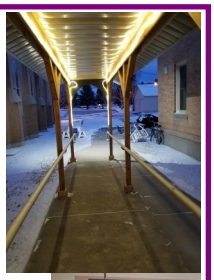
Upcoming Events: (Mark your Calendars)

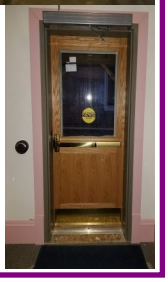
Sun. Dec. 24th, 6:00 pm, Christmas Vigil Mass (DL)
Mon. Dec. 25th, 9:00 am, Christmas Mass (DL)
Mon. Dec. 25th, 11:15 am, Christmas Mass (Avon)
Tue. Dec. 26th, Fr. Joe off
Wed. Dec. 27th, Fr. Joe off
Thu. Dec. 28th, Fr. Joe off
Fri. Dec. 29th, Fr. Joe off
Sat. Dec. 30th, 3:30-4:30 PM, Confessions
Mon, Jan. 1st, 9:00 AM, Solemnity of Mary Mass (DL)

Our prayers and thanks go out to the family and friends of the **Bruno A. Fichna Trust** which sent us another generous check this year to help with our project to remodel the St. Mary's Convent. We will be starting a formal capital campaign in the coming weeks after we receive some initial bids for the cost of the project. Our best guess at this time is that it will be around $200,000 with all that needs to be done.



Let there be lights!
There is still a little more finishing work that needs to be done, but at least now we have some better lighting for the new handicap access ramp. On those dark evenings during the winter, the lights should help people navigate the path from the parking spots to the church entrance. Keep an eye out for icy spots in case we miss them when we shovel. The trim on the inside of the new door has also been installed and painted. The threshold seems to be all that is left. Almost done.





Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. It is designed to provide the tools to help get your marriage back on track, the opportunity to rediscover each other, and examine your lives together in a new and positive way. This program has helped 10's of 1000's of couples. Retrouvaille is for any couple who would like to rediscover their marriage and improve communication. For more information about an upcoming Retrouvaille Weekend program for couples, contact registration team: at 1-800-470-2230 or visit our website: www.retrouvailleMT.org or www.HelpOurMarriage.com **(February 2nd-4th, Ursuline Center in Great Falls)**

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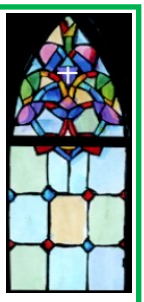


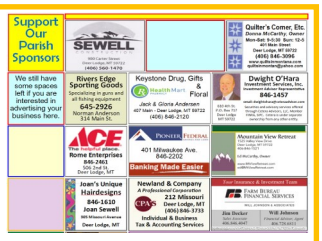
We are moving forward with a project to replace the broken windows at the St. Theodore Mission with some new stained glass windows from Willet Hauser Architectural Glass, Inc.. The new windows will be relatively simple in design and provide some color and texture to the church. If all goes well, they will likely be installed sometime this coming Summer. In the coming weeks we will be receiving detailed design drawings to be approved before they start actual construction on the new windows.

De Colores

We invite you to be showered in God's love by attending a Catholic Journey Experience weekend. It is a great opportunity to learn more about your faith and strengthen your relationship with our Lord. The weekend is filled with joy and blessings that are best explained by experience. The women's weekend is Feb. 1 - 4, 2018 and the men's weekend is Feb. 8 - 11, 2018. Both weekends will be held in Deer Lodge at the Saint Mary's Center. If you are interested in attending or would like to sponsor someone, please contact Theresa Cameron 560-4216 for an application or more information. If you have attended a weekend in the past you are invited to attend again.

Wishing everyone the most blessed Christmas as we celebrate our Saviors birth and make our hearts and souls ready for his return someday. It is a true pleasure serving as your Pastor now for 3 1/2 years. The time has flown by. Thank you for all of your prayers and trust that I am keeping you in mine. A special thank you to Theresa Cameron for this beautiful Christmas mini-quilt.

With the new year fast approaching, it will be time to review and renew the bulletin advertisements. Invoices will be going out for 2018 soon and you can make changes to your ad or cancel it at that time. If you do not have an ad space already and are interested in having something added for your business, let Fr. Joe know.



Just another reminder that the donation categories of "Fuel", "Maintenance", and "Religious Education" will be going away at the end of the year. We can no longer count them as separate categories to exclude them from our diocesan assessment. Please move any funds you were originally donating to those categories to the regular Sunday collection.

Online Giving

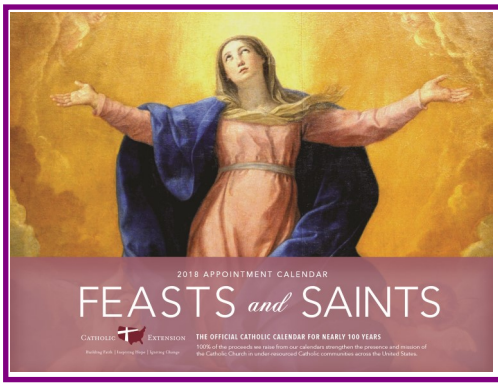
ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

FUNDING THE MINISTRY OF THE DIOCESE OF HELENA

Congratulations on exceeding our goals!

We still want to get more participation though.

Church	Goal	So Far	Participation
St. Theodore	$3,800	**$7,725 203%**	16/37 43%
Immaculate Conception	$31,600	**$34,685 110%**	54/120 45%



We received the second shipment of Catholic Extension calendars, so we should have enough for all that want them. Pick them up from the table in the back of the church. Happy New Year!

Support Our Parish Sponsors

SEWELL CONSTRUCTION
900 Carter Street
Deer Lodge, MT 59722
(406) 560-1470

Quilter's Corner, Etc.
Donna McCarthy, Owner
Mon-Sat: 9-5:30 Sun: 12-5
401 Main Street
Deer Lodge, MT 59722
(406) 846-3096
www.quiltsinmontana.com
quiltsinmontan@yahoo.com

We still have some spaces left if you are interested in advertising your business here.

Rivers Edge Sporting Goods
Specializing in guns and all fishing equipment
645-2926
Norman Anderson
314 Main St.

Keystone Drug, Gifts & Floral
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Jack & Gloria Andersen
407 Main - Deer Lodge, MT 59722
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Dwight O'Hara
Investment Services, Inc.
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Will Johnson
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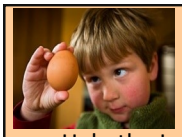
Little Flower Farm
Help the Lombardi Children learn the basics of business. Buy their ranch fresh eggs.
Dozen: $3.00 18 pack: $4.00
Call or text orders to Mary Rose Lombardi at 560-2997
Pick up eggs after Mass on weekends

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

Infant Baptism: Parents must be registered & active members of this parish or of another parish with family here in the parish (i.e., parents). Letter of permission from Pastor if parents are from outside the parish. Two Godparents who are registered and active members of their parish, one male and one female. Contact the Pastor before infant's due date to arrange date and time.

Holy Matrimony: Couples discerning this sacrament should contact the Pastor immediately after becoming engaged. NOTE: the diocese requires a minimum of 6 months advance notice regarding the intention to marry. Couples wishing to marry in the parish must be registered and active members of the parish, or individuals who have moved away whose parents are still active in the parish. Couples from other parishes must obtain a letter of permission to marry outside of their own parish.

Anointing of the Sick: Individuals who have been diagnosed as terminally or gravely ill or are preparing for invasive surgery should request this sacrament. Confession ordinarily proceeds receiving the sacrament of the sick, call the church office at 846-4114 to make arrangements.

Adult Confirmation, Adult Baptism (RCIA), and Adult Reception into Full Communion with the Church: If you, a family member, or a friend has not received the sacrament of confirmation, or are interested in being baptized into the Faith, or received into full communion with the Church, please contact the Pastor. Process will be discerned on an individual basis based on preparedness.

PARISH OFFICE INFORMATION

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Fr. Joe Fleming-Pastor

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OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Dec. 16th & 17th **7/1/17 - YTD**

$ 2,735	**Immaculate Conception**	**$ 54,644**
$ 1,430	**St. Theodore**	**$ 12,189**

Online Giving for December: $ 3,540