



**Immaculate Conception
Catholic Church
& St. Theodore Mission**



May 10th – 5th Sunday of Easter

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MASS SCHEDULE MINISTRY 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.

THIS WEEKEND

(May 2nd & 3rd)

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St. Theodore—Avon 11:15 a.m.

Lector: x

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NEXT WEEKEND

(May 9th & 10th)

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St. Theodore—Avon 11:15 a.m.

Lector: x

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We will be looking for volunteers to be lectors from those attending each service. Eucharistic Ministers will not be needed during the covid-19 pandemic.

Upcoming Events: (Mark your Calendars)

Sat. May 9th, 5:00 pm, Bishop's Saturday Service
Sun. May 10th, 11:00 am, Bishop's Sunday Service
Sun. May 10th, Religious Education (**Suspended**)
Mon. May 11th, Fr. Joe Off
Tue. May 12th, No Money Counting
Wed. May 13th, Fr. Joe at Warm Springs (**Suspended**)
Fri. May 15th, Fr. Joe at MSP (**Suspended**)

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



The week of May. 9th through May 15th

Sat. 5:00 pm Bishop's Vigil Mass

Sun. 11:00 am Bishop's Morning Mass

Mon. in Pvt. Fr. Joe's Intentions

Tue. in Pvt. Mary Alice Sullivan rb Kathy Isaacson

Wed. in Pvt. Catherine Owens rb Don Briggeman

Thu. in Pvt. James Weiel Family rb Andrew Cook

Fri. in Pvt. Ted Riehl rb Marge Louma/Rosemarie Bradshaw

Fr. Joe will be celebrating private daily masses for the intentions listed above.

Avon Memorials:

Deceased Members of Sue Hiltz & Bob Miller Families, & Danny Antila on birthday anniversary RB Sue Hiltz
Peace, Comfort & Healing for Millie Johnson
RB Sue Hiltz

Make a Holy Moment



Jim Quigley found an old abandoned Port-Potty up in the woods behind his property that he will set up at the church. Just kidding. Jim has made arrangement for a new Porta-Potty to be delivered next week, so we will still have one more week **to be sure to go before you come to services.**



All the Summer youth activities have been cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic. We realize that this will likely be a great disappointment for a number of our youth and parents. The office of Youth Ministry is working with the youth ministers across the Diocese to see if they can come up

with some creative activities that will comply with the pandemic restrictions. If you have some ideas for things that could be done while adhering to the social distancing and other pandemic requirements, be sure to let Joan Sewell know so she can pass it along. All activities that are planned will need to be submitted to the Bishop for approval and he will be looking to see how we are going to comply with all the restrictions before giving his blessings. Good ideas though, will likely be repeated in the other parishes around the Diocese.



You may have noticed Fr. Joe hanging onto the walls as he moves around. He had some good results back in December with some new medication, but it has since stopped working. He is back to only getting 3-5 hours of sleep a night before being woken up by the pain of his Rheumatoid Arthritis. He takes one round of opioids to get through the morning and the pain starts to come back in the afternoon. He is so exhausted from lack of sleep that he falls asleep even though he is in pain. One of his medications causes his balance to be affected so that is why he stumbles sometimes. The next level of medications are more risky to his immune system, so he wants to hold off as long as possible. He thanks you for all your prayers.

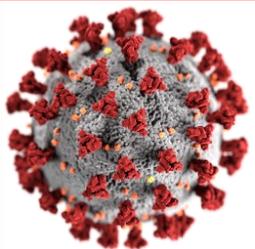


We couldn't do a Spring clean-up because of the virus, but we still have lots of property projects that need to be done like this one completed by Mike Richards, Tom & Janet Christnact and Ed McCarthy. The spray from the sprinklers was causing the lower windows in the convent to be cloudy. We needed a buffer

zone in front of the windows, so they dug up the grass, put down some weed barrier and moved some stones into the area. Great job gang! Some of the other yard projects are: 1) raking up pine cones 2) patching bare spots with dirt and seed 3) Edging and fixing up SE corner of SMC 4) mowing the sidehills small lots of the parish property 5) trimming the edges around the buildings and fences, to name a few. If you and/or your family are interested in taking on a project, give Fr. Joe a call.



A special Thank You to Theresa Cameron for making up about 30 masks for us for last weekend's Mass. Although they aren't specifically required yet, we want to make sure every precaution is available to us as we celebrate together. Fr. Joe will be wearing a mask during the distribution of Communion. He learned this week in the conference call with the Bishop that if he somehow ends up touching someone during Communion, he has to sanitize his hands and wait for the liquid to dry. So this is why we are asking people to receive in their hands instead of on the tongue. Be sure to make a nice big throne for our King when you come up so Fr. Joe can place Him gently in your hands.



With less than 500 cases, Montana has largely been spared from the wrath of the Covid-19 virus. That doesn't mean we are immune though. The natural social distancing and isolation of our state has helped, but eventually the virus will likely weave its way into the rural areas of

our state. Since it is a flu, it will also likely morph into other versions in the coming years. This will be a long hard battle for the world. As we seek to find the balance between our economy which allows us to survive and the virus that may kill us, we are in for many long hard months where sacrifices and compassion will be needed. As Christians, we should stand ready to step up to help others in their struggles whenever and where ever possible. We believe that God is still in charge and our ultimate destination of heaven is what truly matters.



The picture can never fully do justice to the fabric swatches. There are literally hundreds to choose from, so it may take a while to narrow the choices down. The vendor will send larger samples when we are ready that we can lay out on the floor and match to the carpet and laminate flooring. We would propose that we start the swatches going around to those that are interested and have them stick post-it notes on the ones they are most interested in. That way, if we get to the point of seriously considering ordering new pews, we will have already done much of the homework. We also got a revised estimate back with the very front row eliminated and replaced by a frontals with kneelers, \$16,235. We have \$22,000 in our checking account, so it isn't a matter of money. It is a matter of do we believe this is the best use of our money at this time.



The spray foam insulation was completed this week in the convent remodel. This should help significantly with the heating bills during the winter. The utility bill for the convent this past winter stayed below \$150/mo. compared to over \$300/mo. that we had been seeing in prior years before the remodel of the classroom and office space. With the new insulation and better windows, the monthly utility bills will likely stay low. It will just be all the cooking and computers that drive up the electricity bill.

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We have had a number of vendors that didn't commit to continuing with having an ad space in the bulletin. Most spaces cost around \$100/yr. If you have a business or know of someone that may be interested in having an ad with us, have them call Fr. Joe to make arrangements. The ad spaces help to pay for the copier annual maintenance contract. Each bulletin costs approximately \$0.20 to print each week for a weekly total of \$20.



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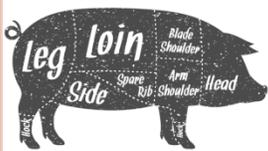
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SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

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.

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OFFERTORY COLLECTION

May Month to Date 1/1/20 - YTD

\$ 915	Immaculate Conception	\$ 20,127
\$ 395	St. Theodore	\$ 6,237
Online Giving for May: \$ 2,395		YTD: \$ 30,982