



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



**Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent**



# 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.



## The week of Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> through Dec. 25<sup>th</sup>

Sat. 5:00 pm Cliff Quigley rb Jim & Lin Quigley

Sun. 11:00 am Pro Populo (For the People)

Mon. No Mass

Tue. 8:00 am Robert Rainville rb Jeanette Atkinson

Wed. 8:00 am Catherine Owens rb Janet Cox

Thu. 5:00 pm Virginia Humphreville rb R. Bradshaw

Thu. 6:30 pm Catherine Ellsworth rb Dave & Ida Miller

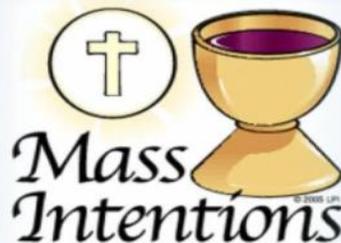
Fri. 9:00 am Dick Parker rb Jane & Dwight O'Hara

### St. Theodore Mass Intentions:

For the Deceased Family Members of Sue Hiltz & Bob Miller RB Sue Hiltz

We will be doing our final offertory count on Tuesday, December 29<sup>th</sup>. If you want your donation to be credited to the 2020 calendar year, it will need to have been in one of the weekend or Christmas collections or delivered in person to Fr. Joe at the Rectory. Online giving donations can be given up to the last minute as they are immediately deposited and posted to our database.

Now that Fr. Joe is celebrating daily Mass, we are making a dent in our Mass request backlog. It will be a while though before we are completely caught up, but please don't hesitate to turn in your new Mass Requests.



## THIS WEEKEND

(December 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>)

IC—Deer Lodge 5:00 p.m.

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## NEXT WEEKEND

(December 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>)

IC—Deer Lodge 5:00 p.m.

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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)

Mon. Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>, Fr. Joe's Day Off

Wed. Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup>, Fr. Joe at Warm Springs (Suspended)

Thu. Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 pm, Christmas Eve Mass

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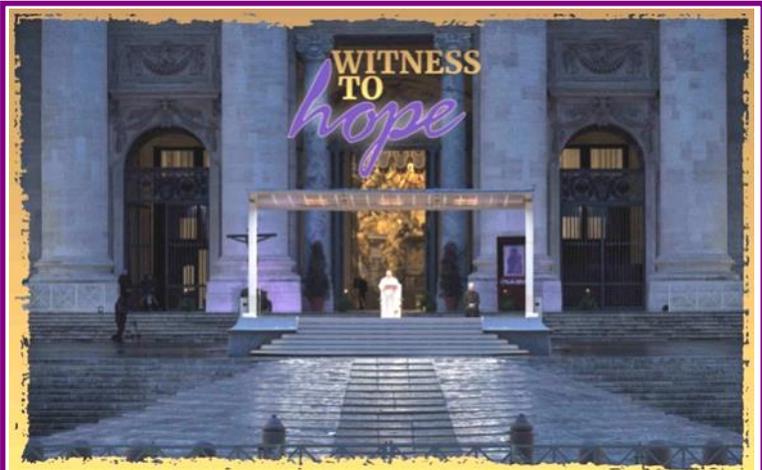
Fri. Dec. 25<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am, Christmas Day Mass

Fri. Dec. 25<sup>th</sup>, 11:15 am, Christmas Day Mass (Avon)

Fri. Dec. 25<sup>th</sup>, Fr. Joe at MSP (Suspended)

Tue. Dec. 29<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am, Money Counting @ Rectory

We still have a bunch of furniture available in the old Rectory. Just give Fr. Joe a call if you are interested and he will make arrangements for you to get into the building to take a closer look or take something home.



Way to go Avon!!! You exceeded your goal with only 54% participation. Don't stop though, we would like to see 100% participation no matter how big or small your donation may be. Immaculate Conception is getting closer at 86% with only 45% participation. So if we can get the remaining 55% to make a donation, IC should be able to exceed their goal also. We thank you for your generosity.

Church	Goal	So Far	Participation
St. Theodore	\$3,800	\$6,825 180%	13/24 54%
Immaculate Conception	\$28,700	\$24,640 86%	47/105 45%

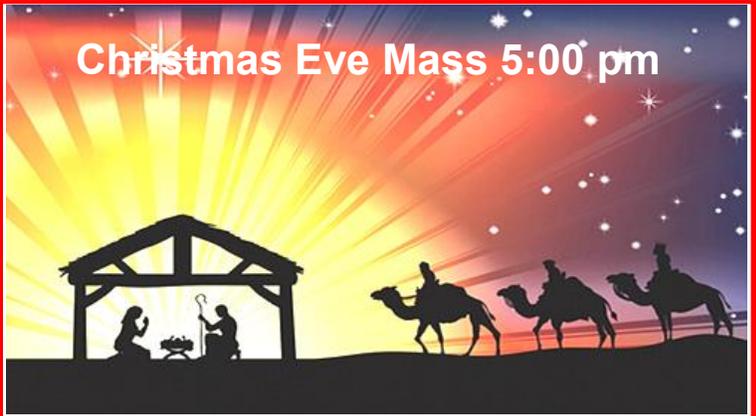
## Retirement Fund for Religious

Please give to those who have given a lifetime.



December is the month when we have a special collection for the retired religious. The religious communities don't participate in Social Security, so they are on their own to support their aging populations. This special collection helps to make up for the shortfalls that they have in caring for the retired of their communities that can no longer work and bring in revenue. The monk in the picture on the far right side is Abbot Peter from Mt. Angel Abbey/Seminary. Not only was he Abbot, he also taught Moral Theology as well as other classes to Fr. Joe. If you don't get envelopes in the mail, you can pick one up in the back of the Church. Online Giving will also allow you to make a donation.

## Christmas Eve Mass 5:00 pm



Having the extra Mass on Christmas Eve has allowed us to spread out the load and we have had people sign up for both the 5:00 and 6:30 pm Masses. As of Wednesday, we only had 11 and 13 tickets respectively left for the two Christmas Eve Masses. So be sure to pick your tickets after Mass this weekend or give Fr. Joe a call to reserve your tickets. We still have plenty of tickets available for the 9:00 am Mass at this time. If people show up without a ticket, they can wait to see if we have no-shows, but they may end up being turned away if the capacity limits have been met.

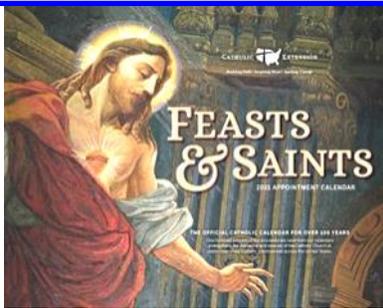
Prayer is deeply personal and we all have our own unique way of praying. "I Heard God Laugh" peeks behind the curtains of Matthew Kelly's prayer life and gives us things to look at and try if we want to grow closer to God. We still have plenty of copies available and would encourage you to take a copy for a friend. We want to get God's message out to as many people as possible.



## UNITED STATES CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS

The USCCB has put out a letter regarding the moral concerns in the preparation of the covid-19 vaccines that will be distributed in the coming weeks. The cliff notes version is that the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines have been developed using some compromised cell lines, but overall community well being from having a working vaccine to protect the public, mitigates the limited usage of compromised cells. The AstraZeneca vaccine on the other hand used a more significant amount of compromised cells in the development and production of their vaccine and conscientious Catholics are being encouraged to select the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines if at all possible when they get vaccinated. For more details go to [usccb.org](https://www.usccb.org) and do a search on vaccines.

The available calendar pile is getting smaller as more people pick up the 2021 calendars. We hope they all find a good home where people can follow along throughout the year and celebrate the Feasts of the Saints.



## Make a Holy Moment



It has been a tough year for most if not all of us dealing with the covid-19 virus and all its associated consequences. Contemplating the gift of Jesus at Christmas can help us to let go of our

fears and focus on the promise of Christmas: Emanuel, God IS With Us! Have a very blessed Christmas.

Invoices payments have been being mailed in and we suspect a number will be gathered up in the December 29th offertory count. If you didn't get a Word Among Us (WAU) invoice but would like to receive it for \$25 for 2021,

just drop a check made out to IC Parish in the collection with WAU in the memo line and we will get you signed up. We have also still been receiving extra copies that will be available in the back of the Church to anyone wishing to take one home.

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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.



**HUTFLES EXCAVATING**

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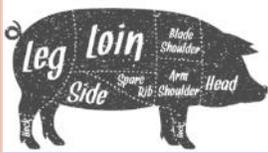
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**SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION**

**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**

3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> week in Dec. & Christmas 1/1/20 - YTD

\$ x,xxx	Immaculate Conception	\$ 55,574
\$ xxx	St. Theodore	\$ 16,856
<b>Online Giving for Dec.:</b>		<b>\$ 4,590 YTD: \$ 86,022</b>