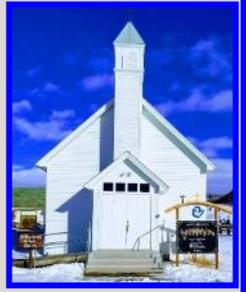


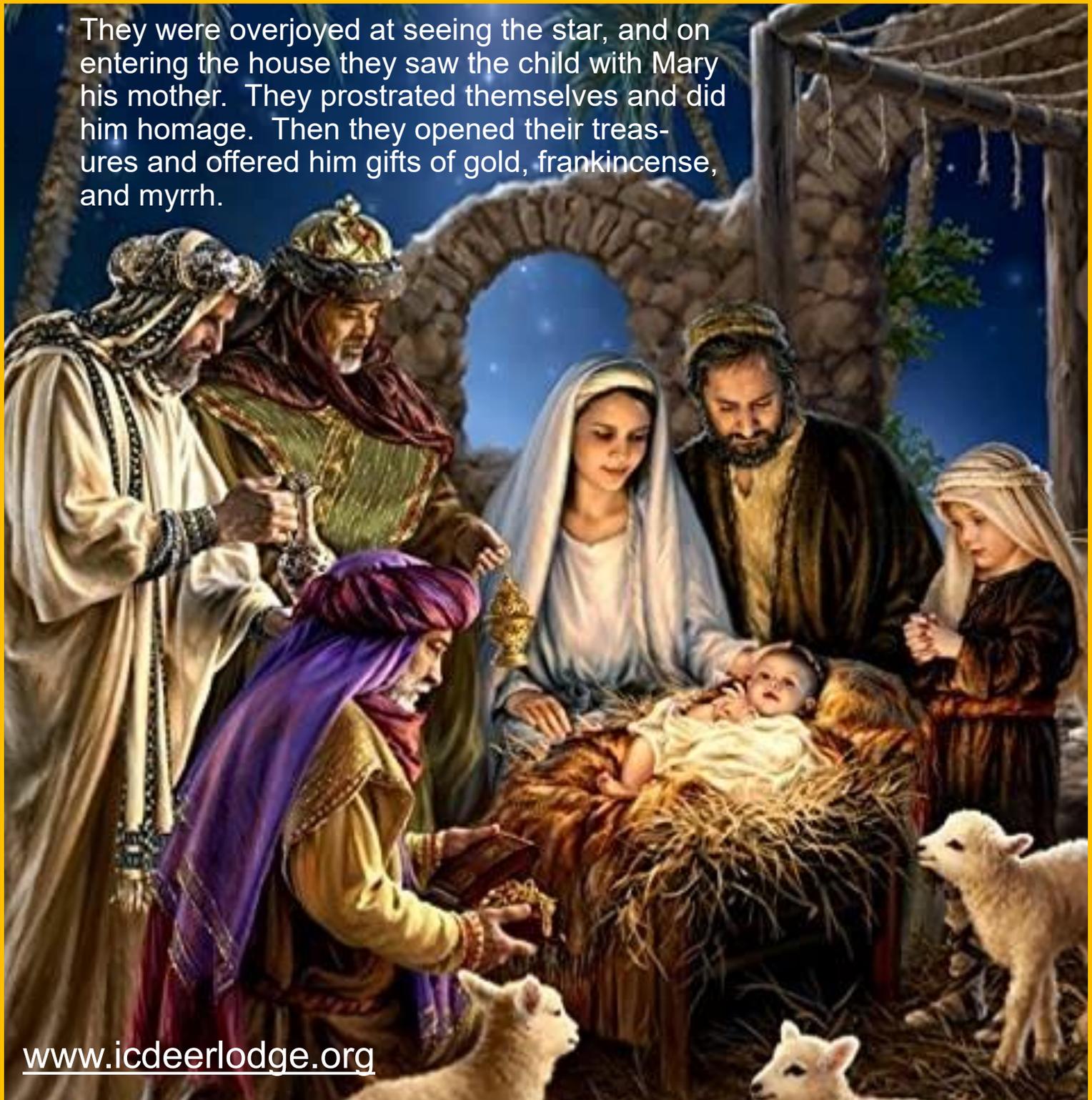


Immaculate Conception Catholic Church & St. Theodore Mission



Jan. 3rd – The Epiphany of the Lord

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.



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

(January 2nd & 3rd)

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St. Theodore

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NEXT WEEKEND

(January 9th & 10th)

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Lector: x

EM: x

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. Jan. 4th, Fr. Joe's Day Off

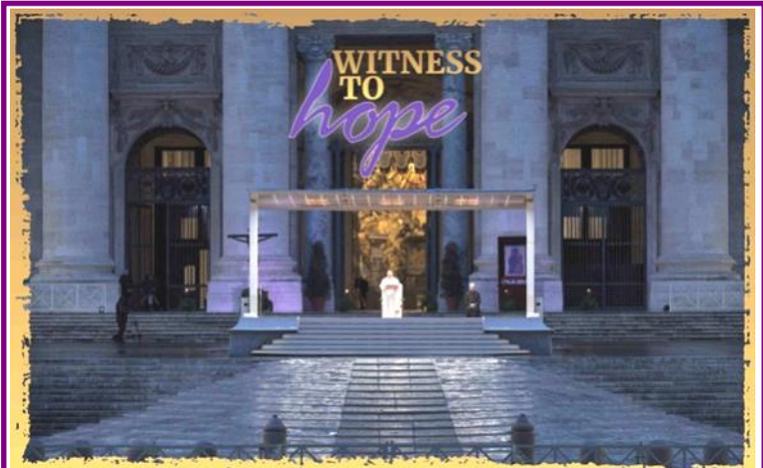
Tue. Jan. 5th, 9:00 am, No Money Counting

Tue. Jan. 5th, Fr. Joe in Helena all day for FDOH Executive Director Interviews.

Wed. Jan. 6th, Fr. Joe at Warm Springs (Suspended)

Fri. Jan. 8th, Fr. Joe at MSP (Suspended)

It looks like the year will be starting out with us still dealing with many restrictions. Powell county now has less than 10 active covid-19 cases and we would like to keep it that way. It will take time to get everyone vaccinated so in the mean time we need to keep fighting on the spiritual front, offering our prayers and sacrifices.



Way to go Avon!!! Blowing through your goal and having a participation of 67%. 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 87% with only 47% participation. So if we can get the remaining 53% 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	\$8,110 213%	16/24 67%
Immaculate Conception	\$28,700	\$24,965 87%	49/105 47%

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



The week of Jan. 2nd through Jan. 8th

Sat. 5:00 pm Dick Parker rb Mary & Jim Parker

Sun. 09:00 am Pro Populo (For the People)

Mon. No Mass

Tue. 8:00 am Ruth Gallagher rb Dwight/Jane O'Hara

Wed. 8:00 am Stephanie Johns Sp. Int. rb Mark Stelling

Thu. 8:00 am Bill & Bev Gionnanatti rb Bea Baumeister

Fri. 8:00 am Joan Corette Hanley rb Doherty Children

St. Theodore Mass Intentions:

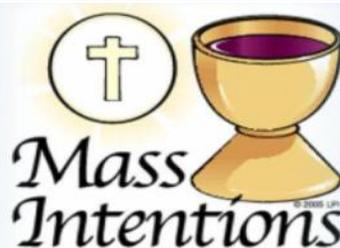
For the Deceased Family Members of Sue Hiltz & Bob Miller RB Sue Hiltz



The final offertory count was done on Tuesday, December 29th. As long as a check is in Fr. Joe's hands by Midnight on December 31st, it will show up in the 2020 statements

that will be put out in January. Anything received after that time must be posted to the 2021 year.

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.



We had a Baptism right after Christmas on December 26th. Roman Lee Embry, was born October 13th in Watertown, NY and is the son of Sarah O'Hara and Beven Embry. The O'Hara clan was in town to share in this joyous occasion. So far that makes 3 of Dwight and Jane's grandchildren that have been baptized here.



Low Temperature Alert!

Alert: The indoor temperature of thermostat HALL NORTH is at 44 which is lower than the set alert level of 45.

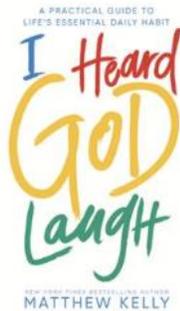
Date & Time: 12/28/2020 6:27:07 PM

Thermostat: HALL NORTH

Location: St. Mary's Center

The boiler in the Saint Mary's Center (SMC) stopped working sometime on Monday, and by 6:30 PM, the temperature in one location was hitting the notification threshold. Unfortunately, Fr. Joe didn't get the email message until the following morning when he woke up. By then, the temperature in HALL NORTH had dropped to 36 degrees. Fr. Joe called the plumber and electrician and by 9:30 the boiler was working again. For some reason the pilot light had gone out. It took about 3 hours to get the SMC back to 50 degrees. Since we are not actively using the SMC, if we didn't have these "Smart" thermostats, the SMC could have been frozen solid in a couple of days. The set back temperature for most of our rooms in our various buildings is 50 to 55 degrees. If you ever enter a room and find the temperature at 45 or less, let Fr. Joe know right away.

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 and do a search on vaccines.



\$88,462 or 56% of our revenue for the year came through online giving. We still have a number of people that write a check each week or once a month for the same amount.

If you are not comfortable working on the computer, Fr. Joe can set you up with a recurring donation in a few minutes. He just needs some numbers off a blank check. Canceling or changing the donation can be done in less than a minute.

Make a Holy Moment

We had a very generous gift of \$45,000 from Karen Platt to help repair and paint the church. Her family paid for the chimes years ago and she is continuing the tradition of supporting our church infrastructure. We hope to be able to start the painting sometime in January and if all goes well, it will be done in time for her return to Deer Lodge in May.



Invoice 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.



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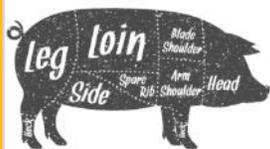
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SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

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

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

\$ 14,865 Immaculate Conception \$ 70,439
\$ 2,386 St. Theodore \$ 19,242

Online Giving for Dec.: \$ 7,030 YTD: \$ 88,462