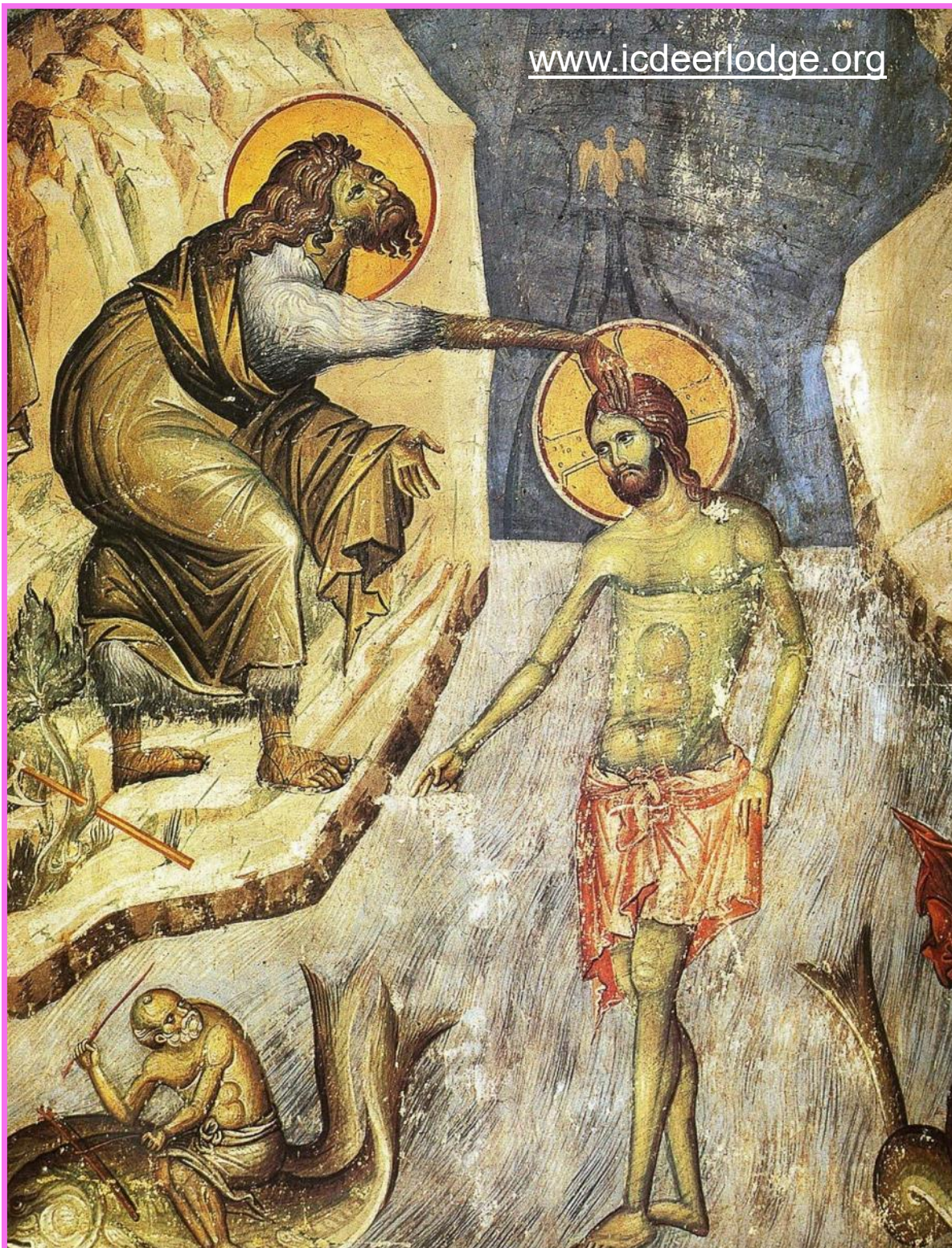




Immaculate Conception Catholic Church & St. Theodore Mission



December 17th – 3rd Sunday of Advent



**“I baptize
with
water;
but there
is one
among
you
whom
you do
not
recognize,
the one
who is
coming
after me,
whose
sandal
strap I
am not
worthy
to
untie.”**

(Jn 1:26-27)

MASS SCHEDULE Event Calendar

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.

Upcoming Events:

(Mark your Calendars)

Mon. Dec. 18th Fr. Joe's Day Off

Tue. Dec. 19th, 9:00 am, Money Counting @ Rectory

Tue. Dec. 19th, 6:00 pm, Knights of Columbus Mtg,

Wed. Dec. 20th, 12:30 pm, Visits & Mass @ MSP

Wed. Dec. 20th, 7:00 pm, RCIA @ SLC

Sun. Dec. 24th, 5:00 pm, Christmas Eve Mass

Next weeks bulletin will have a two week schedule as Fr. Joe will be taking a break during the Christmas holidays so be sure to mark your calendars accordingly.



A new schedule has been distributed with efforts to accomplish peoples requested change. Please check you calendars closely so you don't get missed.



DOW	Date	Lector	EM Blood 1	EM Blood 2
Sat	12/16	Cook, P	Thompson, K.	Thompson, P.
Sun	12/17	Platt, Karen Ann	Doyle, D.	Doyle, M
Sat	12/23	Hansen, L	Marsh, M.	Hogan, L.
Sun	12/24	Cameron, T.	Hollenback, C.	Hollenback, J.
Sat	12/30	Hansen, L	Thompson, K.	Thompson, P.
Sun	12/31	Phillips, R.	Phillips, K.	Doyle, D.

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

The week of Dec. 16th through Dec. 22nd

Sat. 5:00 pm Glenn & Dede Cook rb Punkie Downard

Sun. 9:00 am Pro Populo (For the People)

Mon. No Mass

Tue. 8:00 am Fr. Jack Murray rb Punkie Downard

Wed. 8:00 am Norine Goddard rb Punkie Downard

Thu. 8:00 am Breanna Rome rb Punkie Downard

Fri. 8:00 am Stephen Denty rb Punkie Downard



Our monthly meeting of the Knights of Columbus will be this coming Tuesday, December 19th starting at 6:00 pm with a social. Dinner will be at 7:00 pm followed by our business meeting at 8:00 pm. A work party will be held on Monday to install the new deep fat fryer.



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A CAMPAIGN FOR CATHOLIC LIFE

Once again Thank You to everyone that participated in the Capital Campaign. Immaculate Conception Parish raised \$450,310 in pledges to achieve 174% of our goal. That means we will have \$224,486 coming back to our parish over the course of the next 5 years. St. Theodore Mission raised \$101,600 and achieved 502% of their goal. They will have \$81,376 coming back to them over the next 5 years. There may still be a few pledges that come in as they check on online donations that may have been made through the Campaign website. A final tally will be provided in the coming weeks after all the numbers are in.

December Birthdays

Day	Last	First
17	Hansen	Tom
17	Hansen	Tom
18	Christnacht	Tom
18	Price	Baylor
24	Kuchinski	Fred
24	Heiydt	Timothy
26	Denty	Francine



Our focus has now turned to the **Annual Capital Campaign (ACA)** to support the programs of the Diocese. Posters, envelopes and brochures with more information will be in the back of the Church. You should have received a direct mailing for the ACA, but just in case you may have missed getting the information or lost it, we will keep these available for the duration of the ACA.

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The Word Among Us (WAU) invoices went out last week so we ask that you get your payments in as soon as possible. If you no longer want to receive the

WAU, write cancel on your invoice. If you want to change your quantity, change the invoice accordingly. They are \$25/copy/yr. Make your checks payable to Immaculate Conception Church. If you want to start getting WAU, send Fr. Joe an email or text message and he will add you to the list and send you an invoice.

UPCOMING CATHOLIC JOURNEY RETREATS

Women's Weekend

January 25-28, 2024 – Saint Ann Parish in Butte
Weekend Leader – Linda Palagi (406-593-2441)
linda.liz.palagi@gmail.com

Butte Men's Weekend

February 1-4, 2024 – Saint Ann Parish in Butte
Weekend Leader – Sean Claffey (406-596-1484)
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The Catholic Journey is a lay-led initiative and is an opportunity to experience a three-day weekend of Christian community, prayer, discussion, reflection, testimonies, laughter, and so much more. These weekends are a perfect opportunity for anyone seeking, doubting, or wondering. It might be you, a friend, or a family member.

This overnight retreat begins on a Thursday evening and ends the following Sunday afternoon. All your meals will be provided. Please let us know of any special needs you have; we will do our best to accommodate you. You will listen to a series of reflections on topics of faith by ordinary men and women and have an opportunity to discuss and reflect on the message in a small group. Even if the topics of these reflections are not new to you, you may find yourself hearing them in fresh, new ways.

Catholic traditions and prayer are shared and explained throughout the weekend and participation is optional through all. The Journey Weekend is a perfect opportunity to escape daily distractions and listen to God's invitation. Join the Journey! Contact the weekend leaders for more information.

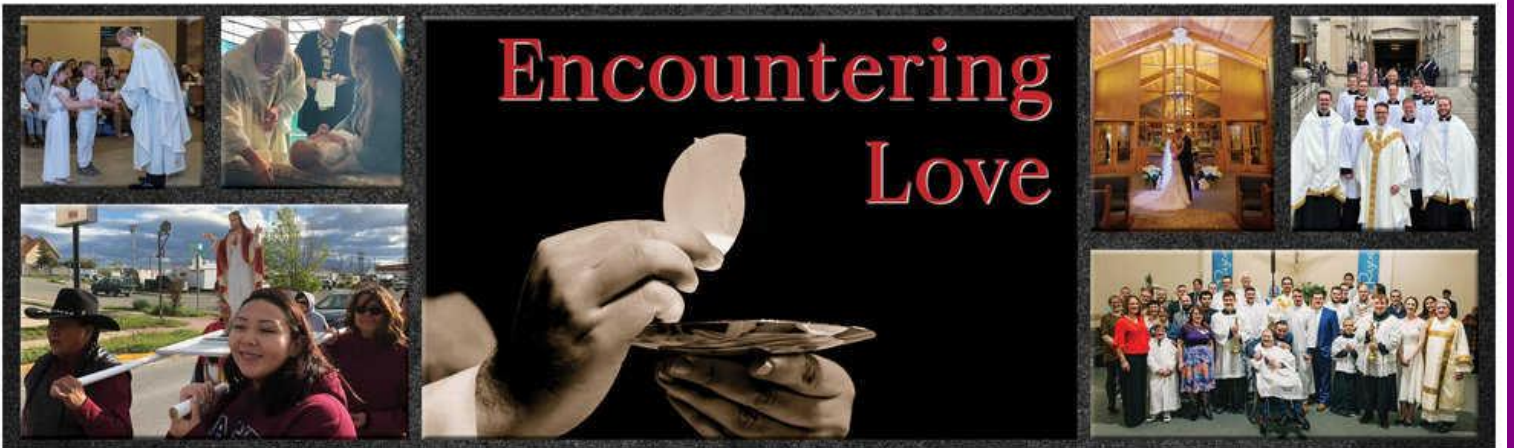


Fr. Joe added another 150 meters of colored lights to the outside displays. Be sure to do a drive by and check them out during the Holiday season. We hope that exposing people to the Creche will stimulate questions.



We didn't get any good offers with a private sale so we have listed Fr. Jack's old house with a realtor. The listing price is \$275,000. We have had a few visits but everyone has noticed the dripping faucets and possibly been scared away by the potential of other maintenance issues. Even after fixing the new roof for \$15,000, we may have to spend some more money on plumbing problems in order to be able to sell the property.

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“The happiness you are seeking, the happiness you have a right to enjoy has a name and a face: it is Jesus of Nazareth, hidden in the Eucharist.” (Pope Benedict XVI)



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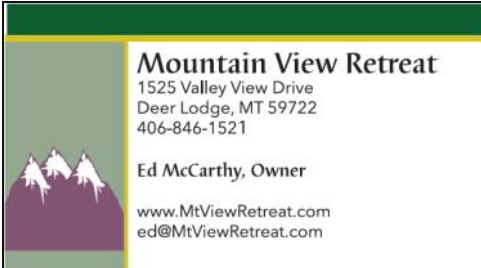
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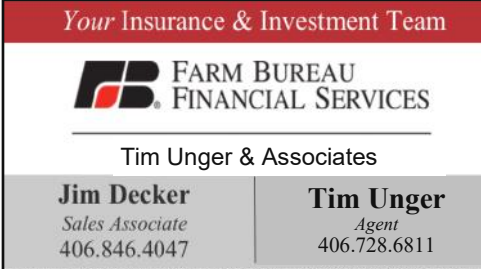
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SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

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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WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION

2nd & 3rd Sun. December **11/1/22 - YTD**

\$ x,xxx Immaculate Conception \$ 75,304

\$ xxx St. Theodore \$ 20,338

Online Giving for Dec.: \$ 3,692 \$ 88,172