



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



**Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time**

You are the salt of the earth.



Matthew 5:13-14

You are the light of the world.



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## EVENT CALENDAR

### Upcoming Events: (Mark your Calendars)

Fri. Feb. 6<sup>th</sup> – Fri. Feb 13<sup>th</sup> Fr. Dillon in Denver, no services in Anaconda

Mon. Feb. 9<sup>th</sup> Fr. Joe's Day Off

Tue. Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am Money Counting @ Rectory

Tue. Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> 10:00 am FDOH Finance Committee Mtg.

Wed. Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> 2:00 pm Mass @ MSP

Thu. Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> 10:00 am Fr. Joe Jesus Caritas in Helena

Fri. Feb. 12<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> Fr. Joe serving at Journey in East Helena.

# Mass Intentions

## FOR THE WEEK



### Week of Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> - Feb. 13<sup>th</sup>

### Immaculate Conception Masses

**Sat. 5:00 pm** Dennis Van Aucken rb Mary Pat Brown

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

**Sun. 11:15 am ST**

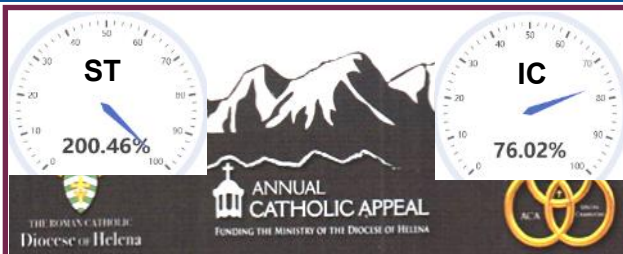
**Mon. Noon** Rod Brown rb Mary Pat Brown

**Tue. 8:00 am** Brown Family rb Mary Pat Brown

**Wed. 8:00 am** Rod Brown rb Mary Pat Brown

**Thu. 8:00 am** Rod Brown rb Mary Pat Brown

**Fri. Noon** Helen Thomas rb Duane & Mary Anne Brugman



Way to go St. Theodore! You made it to 200% of your goal with only 25% of the families participating. Immaculate Conception is at 76% with 25% of the families participating. Even if you can only give a small amount, we would like to see as many families as possible contributing to the ACA. Get your envelope today.

Fr. Joe will be serving as the Chaplain at the Men's Journey in East Helena this coming weekend, so he will be out of town starting on Thursday at 10:00 am. He will be staying in the Rectory at Sts. Cyril & Methodius church for the weekend and celebrating the Masses at their parish during the weekend as well as working the Journey. Fr. Chris Lebsock will be swapping parishes with him for that weekend, so he will be celebrating the 9:00 am Sunday Mass at IC and the 11:15 Mass at Avon. Fr. Dillon is away all week in Denver on vacation and to celebrate a friend's wedding, but he will be back on Friday evening and celebrate the 5:00 pm Mass in Deer Lodge and the two Sunday Masses in Anaconda. There will be no daily Masses in Anaconda this week.



## GIVING

## ONLINE

We are getting the majority of our donations now through

Online Giving. It is a great help to the people that have to enter the donation information because it is all automated. We get identical weekly checks from the same 10-14 people every week. Please consider helping us out and let us take your check numbers and set up online giving for you. Just call Fr. Joe.



FOUNDATION  
for the Diocese of Helena

We just received our latest quarterly endowment distributions from the Foundation for the Diocese of Montana. Immaculate Conception received **\$1,497.34** and St. Theodore received **\$228.26**.



We sprung a leak in the heating system during the Women's Journey. Luckily, they were able to keep up with it using a mop and bucket. The plumbers came in on Monday and patched the pipes that had corroded over the years and started leaking.

Ash Wednesday will be celebrated on 2/18/26 at Holy Family Church in Anaconda at 5:30 pm. Deer Lodge will celebrate their Ash Wednesday Mass in the Immaculate Conception Church at 5:30 pm. There will be no morning Mass in the chapel that day.



2026—Sixteenth Annual Men's Lenten Retreat Sponsored by the Ironmen Catholic Men's Seminar Series will be held Saturday, February 14<sup>th</sup> from 7:15 am to 4:00 pm at St. Ann's Parish, 2100 Farragut St. in Butte. Free to men of all faiths, parishes and ages. To RSVP call Jim Bellandi @ 560-2857.



We all know that fasting is part of Lent. For many of us it is the only added practice during this preparatory season. And yet we often have an unclear picture about why fasting is important. Do we fast merely because the Church asks it of us? If so, this is a good start. The practice of obedience is one good reason, but it is not the only purpose of fasting. Another reason for fasting is to grow in self-mastery. When we are constantly giving into our physical desires, we make ourselves slaves to our appetites. Regular fasting helps us learn to control those urges and become masters of ourselves. The next purpose for fasting is discernment. Several times in the new Testament, the Apostles are shown to fast so that they might discover the will of God. Fasting helps us quiet our own souls and listen for the promptings of the Holy Spirit. Fasting is a sacrifice, and sacrifice is the basis of worship. In denying ourselves we give praise and worship to God, offering Him our hearts and bodies. When we offer these sacrifices



for others, we become co-redeemers with Christ. With our intentions, we can use our sufferings to ease the sufferings of others. Christ himself gave us this purpose for fasting when he told His disciples that some demons can only be driven out by prayer and fasting. Allow your Lenten fasting to mean more than obedience this year. Give it the spiritual juice to become more efficacious for you and the Church.



Please be sure to check your calendars and make sure you have your dates down. Please get a substitute



DOW	Date	Lector	EM Blood 1	EM Blood 2
Sat	2/14	Christnacht, T.	Isaacson, K.	McMahon, J.
Sun	2/15	Cutler, Al	Krach, R.	Scalk, L.
Sat	2/21	Dumont, S.	Thompson, K.	Thompson, P.
Sun	2/22	Hansen, L.	Phillips, K.	Doyle, M.
DOW	Date	Lector	EM Blood	Avon
Sun	2/15	Bignell, T.	Senecal, Wristine	
Sun	2/22	Senecal, W	Senecal, Wristine	

Day	Last	First
15	Lombardi	Shawn
15	Phillips	Samuel
15	Rome	Allen
16	Ford	Ariana
17	Kolar	Robert
17	Kolar	Ben
18	Thomas	Anne Marie
19	Fenner	Arlita
20	Hogan	Will
21	Hansen	Mary

## February Birthdays



## 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

Mon & Fri @ Noon, Tue., Wed,  
Thu. @ 8:00 am in Spiritual  
Life Center Chapel Rosary 23  
minutes before daily Mass

Funeral Masses will generally be  
held at 11:00 a.m. and the 8:00 a.m.  
or Noon Mass that day will be can-  
celled.

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

## WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION

	Jan 18 <sup>th</sup> & Jan. 25 <sup>th</sup>	Collection	Online	Tot YTD
Immaculate Conception		\$1,500	\$4,513	\$11,268
St. Theodore Mission		\$780	\$350	\$1,880

## 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.