

St. Agnes

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New to the Parish? We would like to extend a warm welcome! Please Fill out a registration card at the back of the bulletin put it in the collection plate, and someone will contact you with a welcome packet

If you are moving out of the Parish or need to update your address information please contact the office.

Light to guide
our feet into a
way of peace.

Luke 1:79

PEACE

Thank you to everyone who took a tag from the Giving Tree.
All presents for Cedar wood and the Willows should be returned wrapped with the tag attached by
December 17th.

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 10th, 2017

Care and Share Tree

Even though our giving tree is down, you may still give to this year's Care and Share assessment with the purple envelopes in your envelope package or with the white envelopes on the back table.



~New Ministry Schedule~

Please pick up a copy of the new ministry schedule. Thank you to all who serve our Parish each Sunday. We truly appreciate your service!!!

Thank you to everyone who came to pray the Rosary to celebrate the Immaculate Conception of Mary. It was a blessing for everyone who was there.

~Bible Study Dates~

December 3: Meet at 9:15,
December 17: Last Matthew Bible Study at 9:15

We will start the next Bible Study of the Acts of the Apostles on January 7th. If you would like a workbook for \$10 for Acts, please sign up on the sheet in the back of church, or leave a message with the office.

~Altar Society~

We will meet on Wednesday, December 13th. After a brief business meeting, Christmas cards will be signed for residents of Cedarwood and The Willows.

**NO MASS ON
DECEMBER 14th.**

Bulletin Deadline
Monday, 12pm

Email: bulletin@stmarycolumbus.org

~THANK YOU~

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!!! Our Stations of the Cross have been beautifully restored by Dominique Paulus-Warner. Dominique also paints the sign over the chapel to go with the seasons. She has repaired and repainted each of the Stations as well as the statue of Our Lady of Fatima in the chapel. Please take a walk up the ramp and notice how beautiful it looks.

~Christmas Concert~

Christmas Concert TODAY!!! Please join us today at 3pm for a special concert by Daniel Kosel. There will be a reception following. Please join us for wine and cheese for the adults and cookies and lemonade for the kids.



~Activities~

We will have a Nativity play presented by the children after Mass on December 17. Father will bless the straw that day for you to take with you and put in your creche at home.

~Can You Help?~

We are in need of more help to keep making the mats for the homeless. If you can help to make the yarn, or fold and cut plastic sacks---see Mary Cook. We have 3 mats completed and 2 more in progress, but we would like to get more mats made as the cold weather is upon us.

Cookie decorating in honor of Jan Cassell December 10th after Mass! This is a very fun event. All the Children are welcome. If you can bring undecorated cookies, we could use all donations. We will have cookies and lemonade after the Daniel Kosel Christmas Concert at 3pm



Religious Education

This Week's Lesson (December 10th)

PreK-1st : Decorating cookies and Play practice

Sacraments: Decorating cookies and Play practice

3rd-5th grade: Decorating cookies and Play practice

Jr Youth Group: Decorating cookies and Play practice

~Discount Card~

The kids are selling the "Church Card". This is a reusable discount card to local vendors in Columbus, Laurel, Fishtail and Billings that offer certain discounts. The money raised will go towards kids activities. These will be available today after Mass or contact



Don't forget the Daniel Kosel Christmas concert Dec 10 at 3pm at St. Agnes.

Mandy O'Connor
moconnor@stmarycolumbus.org cell 406-860-8318

~What's Going on in RCIA?~

December 10: The Sacraments

December 17: The Eucharist

Please join for us for RCIA every Sunday to learn and grow in your faith! All are welcome to join!

Sacraments

First Communion & Confirmation ~

Please Contact Mandy O'Connor for more information 406-860-8318 or the parish office. 406-322-5541

Mass Intentions ~

Please call the parish office 446-1237 St. Agnes

Reconciliation ~

Please see Mass Schedule or by appointment 322-5541

Marriage ~

Please contact Fr. Greg 6 months prior to the proposed date of marriage.

Baptism ~

Please contact Fr. Greg for an Appointment.

~ Christmas Eve Mass~



Join us for Christmas Eve Mass on December 24th at 5pm. The 10:30am Mass will be dispensed. No Mass on Christmas Day at St. Agnes. St. Mary's will have a Mass on the 25th at 9am.

~Divine Mercy & Adoration~

No Adoration until January 5th.

~Poinsettia~

Please consider a donation of cash or a poinsettia plant in remembrance of a loved one this Christmas season. All plants will be used to decorate the altar for the Christmas Mass. Please pick up a card and fill it out for your loved ones and put with your donation in the plate. Thank You!



If you would like to be a Bell Ringer for the Salvation Army who is through the Red Lodge Community Foundation, please call the Foundation at 406-446-2820

Mass Schedule

Tuesday (Red Lodge) ~ ...First Tuesday at 6:30pm...Mass - 8:30am
(Columbus) ~Confession - 4:30pm
First Tuesday 9am Nursing Home.....Mass - 5:30pm
Wednesday (Columbus) ~Mass - 9:00am
Thursday (Red Lodge) ~Mass - 8:30am
(Absarokee) ~Confession - 5:30pm
.....Mass - 6:30pm
Friday (Columbus) ~Mass - 9:00am
Saturday (Absarokee) ~Mass - 5:00pm
Sunday (Columbus) ~Mass - 8:00am
(Red Lodge) ~Mass - 10:30am

(First Tuesday of the Month at the Nursing Home in Columbus at 9am)
First Tuesday of the Month at St. Agnes at 6:30pm

~Gospel Reflection~



Our readings from Holy Scripture on this Second Sunday of Advent remind us of what we are supposed to be doing during Advent, in fact throughout our lives. The reading from Isaiah anticipates the coming of Christ and John the Baptist as it proclaims "... prepare the way of the Lord." This is a time of preparation for us.

That message is repeated in our Gospel from St. Mark. Today's Gospel is the absolute beginning of Mark's Gospel and it immediately gives us that same signal by declaring, "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." Of course, we all realize that the path to the Lord may not always be straight for us, but now is a time to correct that.

God is waiting for us. St. Peter in his Second Letter, from which our Second Reading is drawn, indicates that God, however, "is patient with you." You might say on this Second Sunday of Advent that the Lord is giving us a second chance to respond to His call. One of the basics of St. John the Baptist's messages was that we need to get ourselves right with the Lord, perhaps turn our lives in a different direction. We can change; now is the time to do that.

Pope St. John XXIII once stated during a homily in Advent, "We are all part of an immense family. This is proven by what is in our hearts during Advent and Christmas." Now is the time to put love in our hearts and to truly prepare the way of the Lord.

St. Mary's & St. Michael's Contact Information

Office Hours - Tuesday - Friday 8am - 5pm

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Parish Calendar

December



- **10th - 2nd Sunday of Advent**
Christmas Cookie Decorating
- 10th - RCIA
- 10th - Daniel Kosel Concert - 3pm Refreshments to Follow
- 13th - Altar Society Meeting
- 14th - No Mass
- **17th - 3rd Sunday of Advent**
Blessing of the Straw & Nativity Play after Mass
- 17th - RCIA
- 17th - Christmas Play after Mass
- 22nd - Office Closed
- **24th - Christmas Eve Mass 5pm**
- **25th - No Mass**
- 24th - No Religious Education
- 26th - 29th - Office is Closed
- 31st - No Religious Education.
- 31st - Coffee & Donuts

Cum Christo Renewal Weekend

February 9-11, 2018, at St. Anthony's Church, Laurel. Applications/Info. are available at <http://www.bigskycumchristo.org> (Click on Billings/Laurel then click Renewal.) Questions Contact: Barb Klang at 839-6110 or billingsgranny@yahoo.com or Sherry Dompier at 697-1768 or sherrydompier@bresnan.net or check with the parish office.



Masses for the Week of December 10th

Tuesday St. Agnes	12th	+Mark Morehouse By Greg & Pat Hodges
Thursday St. Agnes	14th	+Doris Jones By Joss
Sunday St. Agnes	17th	+Hopcus-Berezik Families By Daryl Berezik

Stewardship ~ "All people are God's stewards, because everything that exists belongs to God"

~Stewardship from the Gospel~

December 10th 2017 - 2nd Sunday of Advent

"Prepare the way of the Lord..." - MARK 1:3

We are all called to live a holy life. We are all called to invite others to live holy lives. Living a stewardship lifestyle, being grateful and generous with our gifts, does just that – it puts us on the path to holiness and it invites others to be holy, too.

~Retrouvaille~

February 2-4, 2018

Ursuline Centre – Great Falls, Montana

Faith, Hope and Love . . . Are these present in your marriage? Have you given up hope that they can be? If you have given up hope that your marriage can and will get better, ask your spouse to consider attending a Retrouvaille program. Retrouvaille is an international Christian-based ministry that offers a three-stage program to help couples improve their marriages. First, a weekend program is attended, followed by post-weekend meetings. Finally, an on-going monthly small group of couples gather for support and growth. If improving your marriage is important to you, reach out today. For more information about an upcoming Retrouvaille Weekend program for couples, contact registration team: at 1-800-470-2230 or visit our website: www.retrouvailleMT.org or www.HelpOurMarriage.com



\$24,849

Our goal

46 people have participated so far with \$16,910 paid to date

Additional Resources For Advent:

<https://dynamiccatholic.com/best-advent-ever>

<https://www.wordonfire.org/resources/blog/sign-up-for-fr-barons-free-advent-reflections/4532/>



Dec 10th Mass	10:30am
Ministers	
Lector 1	Kreamer, Scott
Lector 2	Nardinger, Dan
Cup 1	Kane, Shirley
Cup 2	Serrat, Kathy
Cup 3	Luoma, Cynthia
Cup 4	Brajcich, Mark
Ciborium	Schilz, CarolAnn
Plate	Serrat, Ed
Altar Server	Fitzgerald, Kate
Altar Server	Stampfel, Grace
Hospitality	Monaghan, Peggy
Hospitality	Vincent, Janet
Money Counters	Sommerfeld, Kathy

Dec. 17th Mass	10:30am
Ministers	
Lector 1	Niemann, Anne
Lector 2	Tobin, Catherine
Cup 1	Cook, Mary
Cup 2	Mathes, MaryAnn
Cup 3	Schilz, CarolAnn
Cup 4	Luoma, Cynthia
Ciborium	Gallagher, Diane
Plate	Niemann, Ted
Altar Server	Binando, Bailey
Altar Server	Binando, Brooke
Hospitality	Koch, Betty
Hospitality	Koch, Gerald
Money Counters	Lytton, Hoke

Weekly Contribution

~December 3rd~

*Needed for collection to make our Weekly Budget~	\$2,550.00
Collection~.....	\$2,421.00
Shortfall~	-\$129.00

Finance Council

Mark Brajcich.....406-855-8710

Parish Council

Mary Cook ~ Chairperson....406-839-1889

Cynthia Marble ~ Vice Chair....406-452-1226

Parish groups and Faith Study

~Bible Study~

Please feel free to join us any time for a video Bible Study on Jeff Cavins The Gospel of Matthew before Mass at 9:15am downstairs. See Calendar on page 2.

~Divine Mercy & Adoration~

There is Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Friday afternoons from 3-4pm starting with the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3pm.

~ No Adoration until January 5th ~

~Centering Prayer~

Centering Prayer is a silent prayer allowing the Peace of Christ to be experienced, the still, small Voice to be heard.

Be still and know that I Am Psalm 46:10

Centering Prayer meets at

St. Agnes Church at 7:30am Wednesday mornings. All are invited to join in this powerful prayer. Call or email Cynthia with any questions: 425-1226, cynthiamarble@gmail.com

Want to join the Church?

If you are interested in joining the Rite of Christian Initiation. Please see Fr. Greg or Mandy O'Connor to inquire about our program.



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St. Agnes Red Lodge



~With a Sinful Soul ~

Meditation:

The Goodness of God.

The mercy of God, hidden in the Blessed Sacrament, the voice of the Lord who speaks to us from the throne of mercy: Come to Me, all of you.

Conversation of the Merciful God with a Sinful Soul.

Jesus: Be not afraid of your Savior, O sinful soul. I make the first move to come to you, for I know that by yourself you are unable to lift yourself to Me. Child, do not run away from your Father; be willing to talk openly with your God of mercy who wants to speak words of pardon and lavish His graces on you. How dear your soul is to Me! I have inscribed your name upon My hand; you are engraved as a deep wound in My Heart (Diary, 1485).

Soul: Your response

My Prayer Response:

Lord Jesus, reach out to us sinful souls. Take the first steps toward us. In our need and shame, we are afraid to approach You. So, please draw us with compassionate mercy to Your loving Heart.

~Knights of Columbus ~

Fr. Michael Kelly Council #16834



Meetings are held the 3rd Tuesday of each month. All men in the parish are invited to join. If you are interested in being part of the new council at St. Mary's- call Jason O'Connor 860-8317.



KJCR Radio Station

CHECK OUT WHAT'S ON THE AIR... 1240 AM & 97.5 FM

ARE YOU NEW TO OUR PARISH

Please take a moment to fill out this form below and return it to the office or put in the offering basket and we will contact you about registering.

Full Name _____

Address _____

Home Phone _____ Cell _____

Email _____

Would you like to receive envelopes? Yes _____ No _____