

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.

Many will
rejoice because
of his birth.

Luke 1:14



3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 17th, 2017



In the Parish

~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!!!

~Come Caroling with Us~

Christmas caroling on Saturday, December 23rd. Meet at St. Agnes at 6pm. Bring a flashlight and wear warm clothes.



~Bible Study Dates~

December 17: Last Matthew Bible Study at 9:15

Today will be the last day of the Matthew Bible Study. We will begin the new Bible Study of the Book of Acts on January 7th. Please sign up on the sheet in back of church if you would like a workbook for \$10. We meet before Mass at 9:15 in the lower level.

~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.

~Divine Mercy & Adoration~

No Adoration until January 5th.

Care and Share Tree

Thank you to Altar Society for the \$1,500 donation which leaves us with only \$4,634 to go. Remember you can still donate before the end of the year.



~ 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.

~Can You Help?~

We will meet again to start working on the Matts after the first of the year.

"Waiting is a period of learning. The longer we wait, the more we hear about him for whom we are waiting."

Henri Nouwen

~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!



enjoy
**Free
Wi-Fi**

We have free wifi available at St. Agnes the password is peach00

Bulletin Deadline
Monday, 12pm

Email: bulletin@stmarycolumbus.org

Religious Education

*This Week's Lesson
(December 17th)*

PreK-1st : Jesus teaches Love

Sacraments: Review Prayers and Reconciliation

3rd-5th grade: Review Prayers & Games.

Jr Youth Group: Review Prayers & Games.



Please stay today after Mass for a short play put on by the kids of St. Agnes

~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 offers certain discounts. The money raised will go towards kids activities. These will be available today after Mass or contact Mandy.



Mandy O'Connor

moconnor@stmarycolumbus.org cell 406-860-8318

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.

A Huge Thank You to all the families that met up to watch The Star last Saturday. It was an awesome movie!



In the Area & Diocese

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

~What's Going on in RCIA?~

December 17: The Eucharist

Please join us again on January 7th

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

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~



A key facet of stewardship has always been personal witness. Today's readings deal in large part with the witness of John the Baptist. St. John the Baptist, according to historians, was a few months older than Jesus. It is also generally accepted that he began preaching about six months before Jesus came to him to be baptized and to begin His ministry.

St. John the Baptist pointed to Jesus as the Messiah. John the Baptist, through personal witness, raised a great sense of expectancy and excitement, the kind of expectancy and excitement that we associate with this season of Advent. John tries to awaken in people a consciousness of sin, the importance of conversion and change, and the need to become more holy in God's eyes.

Those are the same goals we should have during this Advent season. The matter of witness is a serious and important thing. It establishes truth and a solid foundation for faith. When we personally witness, it means we make a commitment. We cannot be neutral when it comes to our faith. We are called to be disciples, witnesses of and for Christ. We best accomplish that by the ways we live our own lives and how we relate to and treat others.

Jesus can meet our every need. Now is the time for us to accept that and to place our total trust in Him. We can do that best by making our own commitment to be His disciple, a witness to Who He is and what He means to us and all people.

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

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Parish Calendar

December

- 17th - 3rd Sunday of Advent

Blessing of the Straw & Nativity
Play after Mass

After the play join us downstairs for cookies.

- 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



January

- 1st - Mass is Dispensed on this day.

~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

Masses for the Week of December 17th

Tuesday St. Agnes	19th	+Mark Morehouse By Greg & Pat Hodges
Thursday St. Agnes	21st	Charles "Chuck" Stevenson By the Parish
Sunday St. Agnes	24th	+Doris Jones By Joss

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

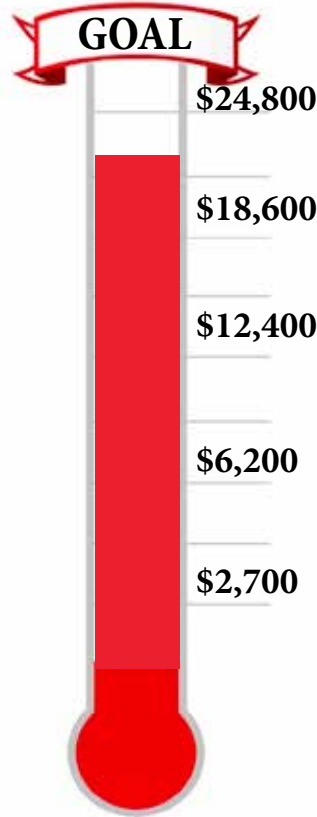
~Stewardship from the Gospel~

December 17th 2017 - 3rd Sunday of Advent

"Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you" - 1 THESSALONIANS 5:16 -18

This scripture reading sums up Stewardship. "Rejoice always" means place your trust in God; He will provide all that you need. "Pray constantly" means prayer should be a running conversation with God throughout the whole day, every day. "Give thanks in all circumstances" means even in bad situations, thank God. Suffering a little bit helps build empathy for others in similar situations.

**Thank you to all the kids and families that helped decorate cookies, it was fun had by all!
Great designs and decorating!**



\$24,849

Our goal

47 people have participated so far with \$20,215 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. 17th Mass	10:30am	Dec 24th Mass	5pm
Ministers		Ministers	
Lector 1	Niemann, Anne	Lector 1	Kreamer, Scott
Lector 2	Tobin, Catherine	Lector 2	Woods, Sharon
Cup 1	Kane, Shirley	Cup 1	Schilz, CarolAnn
Cup 2	Mathes, MaryAnn	Cup 2	Petersen, Joe
Cup 3	Schilz, CarolAnn	Cup 3	Palmer, Marilyn
Cup 4	Luoma, Cynthia	Cup 4	Klessens, Ed
Ciborium	Gallagher, Diane	Ciborium	Martens, Kim
Plate	Niemann, Ted	Plate	Entemann, Carrie
Altar Server	Binando, Bailey	Altar Server	Oley, Will
Altar Server	Binando, Brooke	Altar Server	Kroll, Kaleb
Hospitality	Koch, Betty	Hospitality	Tobin, Catherine
Hospitality	Koch, Gerald	Hospitality	Sholley, Dick
Money Counters	Lytton, Hoke	Money Counters	Sommerfeld, Kathy

Weekly Contribution ~December 10th~

*Needed for collection to make our Weekly Budget~	\$2,550.00
Collection~.....	\$1,984.00
Shortfall~	-\$566.00

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~

We will start our new study on the Book of Acts January 7 at 9:15 before Mass. Please feel free to join us at any time, this is not a program that you have to start from the beginning. Every week is a new lesson on a new scripture out of Acts.

~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 Suffering Soul~

Meditation:

Jesus: True, My child, all that is painful. But there is no way to heaven except the way of the cross. I followed it first. You must learn that it is the shortest and surest way.

Soul: Your response.

Jesus: It is because you are not of this world that the world hates you. First it persecuted Me. Persecution is a sign that you are following in My footsteps faithfully (Diary, 1487).

Soul: Your response.

My Prayer Response:

Lord Jesus, help me to learn with my heart what I know with my head, that the cross is the only, shortest, and surest way to heaven. You led the way first. Give me the strength to follow.

~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 _____