

St. Agnes

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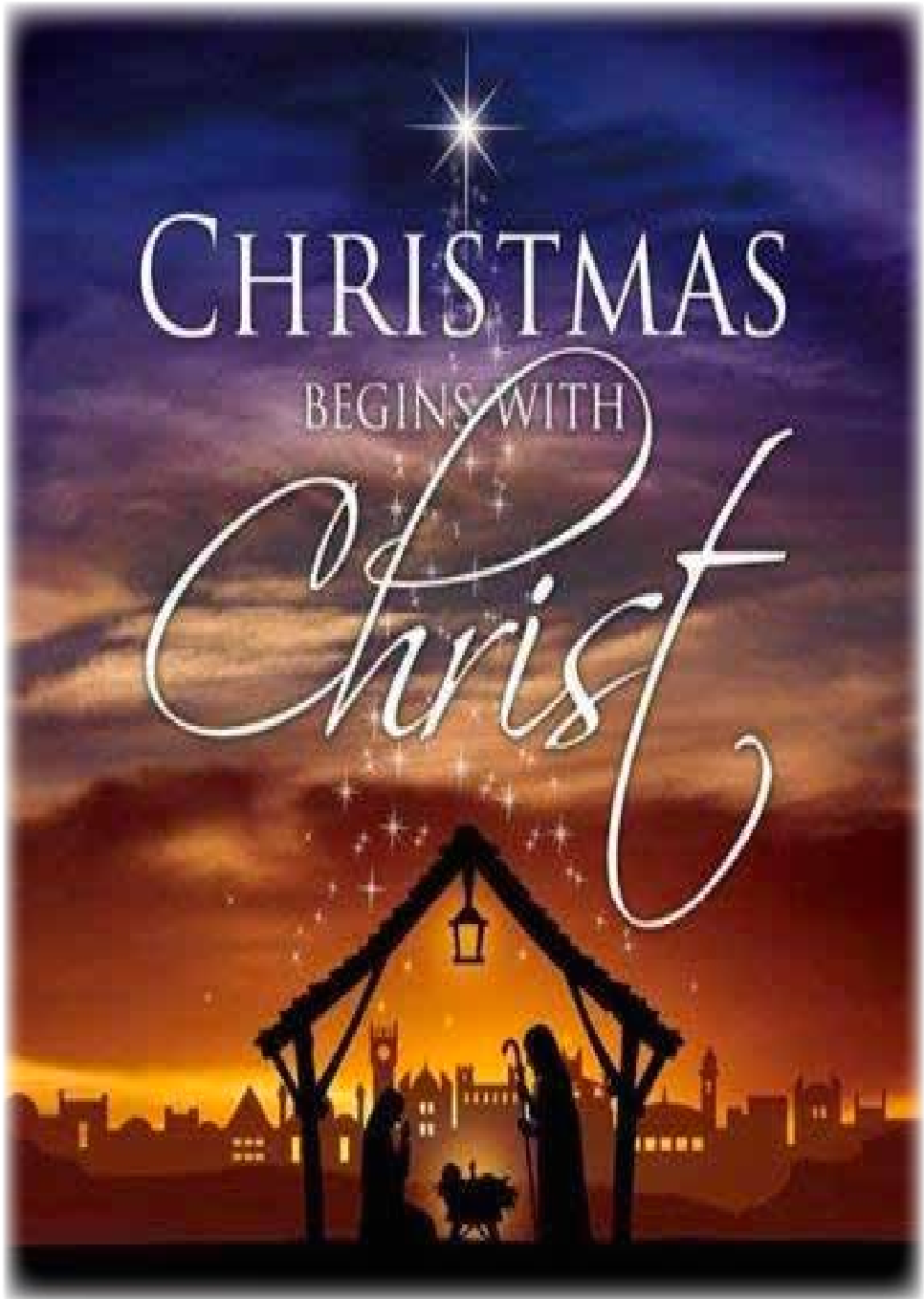
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New to the Parish? We would like to extend a warm welcome! Please Fill out a registration card at the back of the bulletin put it in the collection plate, and someone will contact you with a welcome packet

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



CHRISTMAS

December 24th, 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!!!



Bible Study ~

New Bible Study videos on The Acts of the Apostles: We will start a new Bible Study with Jeff Cavins showing how Christ's Kingdom on earth is empowered to carry out his work in the world. The book of Acts shows the Church, enlivened by the Holy Spirit, teaching, preaching, healing, and restoring outcasts in the same way that Jesus did on earth. We start the videos at 9:15 before Mass, but you are always welcome to come and join us whenever you get to Church.



~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~

Join us on Friday at 3pm.

Care and Share Tree

We are very close to being able to pay this year's Care and Share assessment in its entirety. If you haven't given to Care and Share this year and would like to make a donation, envelopes are on the back table.



~ 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 to make the Mats for the Homeless every Tues and Thursday at 9am beginning January 4th.



Thank you to everyone who helped decorate the church and who bought poinsettias. And a special thank you to Betty and Gerald Koch for organizing the decorating. The church looks beautiful!!



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 24th)

PreK-1st:

Sacraments: No classes until Jan 7th. First reconciliation will be January 14 at St. Agnes after Mass

3rd-5th: : No classes until Jan 7th. First reconciliation will be January 14 at St. Agnes after Mass

Jr Youth Group: No class until Jan 7th.

~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

"The grace which was revealed in our world is Jesus...He has entered our history; he has shared our journey. He came to free us from darkness and to grant us light. In Him was revealed the grace, the mercy, and the tender love of the Father."

Pope Francis

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.

What a great job the kids did on mass and the Nativity Play! You rocked it! A very big THANK YOU to Katherine Stampfel for directing this play and all the parents and teachers that helped make this work! Merry Christmas and have a Happy New Year!

~What's Going on in RCIA?~

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!

Cum Christo Renewal Weekend

February 9-11, 2018, at St. Anthony's Church, Laurel. Applications/Info. are available at <http://www.bigsky-cumchristo.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.



Mass Schedule

Tuesday (Red Lodge) ~ ...First Tuesday at 6:30pm...Mass - 8:30am
(Columbus) ~Adoration & 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 & Adoration - 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~



Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." With those words our Blessed Mother Mary places her total trust in God. We are called to do the same, and this final Sunday of Advent is the time for us to do that, if we have not previously.

Mary's response to God is the same response we need to offer the Lord. It is most appropriate that we hear this message at this time and on this day.

This took much more trust in the Lord than we might imagine. Mary agreed to receive a pregnancy that would be seen as suspect in a culture which had a potential death penalty for adultery. Spiritually speaking, there are similarities between the Lord's work in Mary and His work in all of us. Jesus lives within each of us spiritually. He lived in Mary not only spiritually but also physically.

Jesus was made visible to the world through Mary physically, but He should be made visible to the world through us as well. Who we are and how we relate to and treat others is a sign to the world of Who Jesus is and what a Christian is and should be. Are we showing the world what it means to be His disciple? Is there a better time than this to do so?

The entertainer and comedian Bob Hope once said, "My idea of Christmas, whether old-fashioned or modern, is very simple: loving others. Come to think of it, why do we have to wait for Christmas to do that?"

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

Office Hours - Tuesday - Friday 8am - 5pm

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Parish Calendar

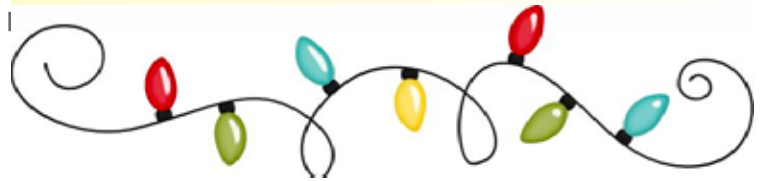
December

- 24th - No Religious Education
- 26th - 29th - Office is Closed
- 31st - No Religious Education.
- 31st - Coffee & Donuts



January

- 1st - Mass is dispensed on this day.
Office is Closed.
- 2nd - Adoration 5:30, Mass 6:30 and Pastoral Council meeting at 7pm
- 4th - Meet at church at 9am after Mass to work on Mats for the Homeless.
- 5th - Divine Mercy and Adoration at 3pm



~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 24th

Tuesday St. Agnes	26th	+James Kane By the Parish
Thursday St. Agnes	28th	+Doris Jones By Joss
Sunday St. Agnes	31st	+Charles "Chuck" Stevenson By the Parish

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

~Stewardship from the Gospel~

"Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you!" - LUKE 1:28

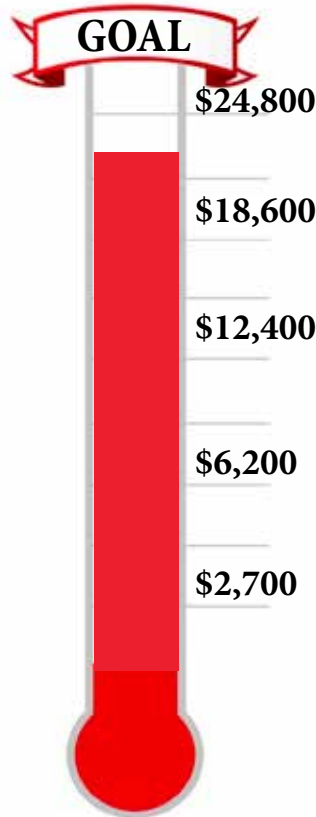
Faith is a gift from God. Take time in silence and thank Him for all the gifts He has given you. Try to set aside any anger or resentment you have and really open your heart to receive the gift of God's mercy and forgiveness. We can't give what we don't have. We need to receive God's mercy and forgiveness first before we can give it to others.

Lessons from the Christmas Story

Lesson from the Infant Jesus

There is no shame in being poor.

It is interesting to note that while throughout his adult life Jesus always taught us to give and to serve, He first came into this world as one who needed assistance. It was no accident that He was born without a place to lay His head. In coming to our world in this way Jesus shows us there is no shame in being poor. A risk we take when we practice stewardship is that we may begin to think of ourselves as better or luckier than someone in need and consciously or unconsciously look down upon those who need our generosity. When we look down upon the poor we look down upon the infant Jesus Himself.



\$24,849

Our goal

47 people have participated so far with \$22,265 paid to date



Dec 24th Mass	5pm
Ministers	
Lector 1	Kreamer, Scott
Lector 2	Woods, Sharon
Cup 1	Schilz, CarolAnn
Cup 2	Petersen, Joe
Cup 3	Palmer, Marilyn
Cup 4	Klessens, Ed
Ciborium	Martens, Kim
Plate	Entemann, Carrie
Altar Server	Oley, Will
Altar Server	Kroll, Kaleb
Hospitality	Tobin, Catherine
Hospitality	Sholley, Dick
Money Counters	Sommerfeld, Kathy

Dec. 31st Mass	10:30am
Ministers	
Lector 1	Cook, Mary
Lector 2	Sommerfeld, Anthony
Cup 1	Brajcich, Mark
Cup 2	LeFebvre, Joe
Cup 3	Koch, Gerald
Cup 4	Moon, Ruth
Ciborium	Gallagher, Diane
Plate	Cook, Paul
Altar Server	Oley, Grayson
Altar Server	Oley, Will
Hospitality	LeFebvre, Joe & Mary
Hospitality	Stoecker, Jesse
Money Counters	Lytton, Chanda

Weekly Contribution

~December 17th~

*Needed for collection to make our Weekly Budget~	\$2,550.00
Collection~.....	\$3,767.50
Surplus~	\$1,217.50

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.

~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

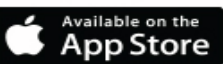
Want to join the Church?

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 Soul Striving after Perfection ~

Meditation:

Jesus: My child, life on earth is a struggle indeed; a great struggle for My kingdom. But fear not, because you are not alone. I am always supporting you, so lean on Me as you struggle, fearing nothing. Take the vessel of trust and draw from the fountain of life—for yourself, but also for other souls, especially such as are distrustful of My goodness (Diary, 1488).

Soul: Your response.

My Prayer Response:

Lord Jesus, I take the vessel of trust and draw from the fountain of life. Help me to trust You even more! Help all souls striving for perfection to increase their capacity to trust in You.

~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.



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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 _____