



SACRED HEART BEAT

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Montana's Miracle



Catholics celebrate Mary in the month of May. Our Catholic faith is steeped with Marian miracles as evidenced by her appearances in Lourdes, Fatima and as Guadalupe. One apparition that I had never heard of before happened 310 years after Guadalupe, Our Lady appeared to a young Salish Indian boy in Montana.

It was Christmas Eve, 1841, in Montana's Bitterroot Valley. Father Pierre-Jean DeSmet came with 2 fellow Jesuit priests to found a mission among the Salish, also called the Flatheads. An 11 year old boy wanted to be baptized, but could not learn the prayers or catechism because of his poor memory. He went to his friend, Jean's hut to try to learn his prayers. Instead of Jean, he found the Blessed Virgin Mary waiting for him. He described her as "someone who was very beautiful – her feet did not touch the earth, her garments were as white as snow; she had a star over her head, and a serpent under her feet; and near the serpent was a fruit which I did not recognize. I could see her heart, from which rays of light burst forth and shone upon me. When I first beheld all this I was frightened, but afterwards my fear left me; my heart was warmed, my mind clear, and I do not know how it happened, but all at once I knew my prayers."

It was a miracle of infused knowledge.

At first he was afraid and was upon the point of running away. But on taking a second glance at the person, he perceived a smile on (the) countenance, which filled him with confidence. He kneeled and begged of the person to teach him his prayers. Suddenly he felt his mind clear and his heart warm and he recited the whole of the prayers without difficulty.

He was able to recite his prayers accurately to Fr. DeSmet. When Fr. DeSmet showed Paul a picture of Mary, he recognized her immediately. He was baptized on Christmas Day among 150 others. He later had a dream where she appeared to him while he was sleeping and told him that she was pleased that the first village of the Flatheads should be called "St. Mary."

St. Mary's Mission became the first church of the North West Territories. Paul made a shrine with a pedestal for a statue placed where Mary appeared to Paul. Nightly processions were made where 3 Hail Mary's were said. The apparition led shortly after to the conversion of large numbers of the Nez Perce tribe.

Another Montana apparition occurred when the Jesuits first arrived in 1841 and chose a location where they planted a cross chosen for the first residence. Fr. DeSmet was told that when he was gone, a hunting band had encamped in the valley and a little girl of 12 or 14 years had fallen sick and died. Previous to her death, she had earnestly asked for baptism. Fr. DeSmet had instructed 2 or 3 Inkians how to administer baptism, in case of emergency. After her baptism, little Mary thanked God with all her heart and she suddenly cried out: "O! there is no happiness in this world – happiness is only to be found in heaven. I see the heavens opened, and the Mother of Jesus inviting me to go up to heaven." Then turning to the astonished Indians, she added, 'Listen to the black-gowns when they come – they have the true prayer – do all they tell you – they will come – and on this very spot where I die, they will build the house of prayer.' After these words she expired."

This year marks the 180th anniversary celebration of the founding of the town whose name was eventually changed to Stevensville, but still St. Mary's Mission stands in the shadow of St. Mary's Mountain.

Wouldn't this make a great pilgrimage?

Source: National Catholic Register – Joseph Pronechen

Adult Religious Formation Team Commission – Mary Mitchell

DISPENSATION ANNOUNCEMENT

Apostolic Administrator Gerald Vincke has announced the dispensation from attending Mass will be lifted on Pentecost weekend, which is May 22 & 23, in the Diocese of Dodge City. This dispensation will still be in place for the elderly, those are immune-compromised, those who are sick, etc. Apostolic Administrator Vincke is writing a pastoral letter on the importance of attending Sunday Mass. This pastoral letter will be distributed throughout the diocese. You will also be able to listen to the pastoral letter on the Salina Diocese website, salinadiocese.org.

FINANCE/PROPERTY COMMISSION

- ❖ Met April 20, 2021
- ❖ Members present: Dennis Wilson, Jacques Molleker, Jim Damm, Tom Giessel, Kathy Couchman, Jenny Ramsey, Pam Hutfles, & Fr. Bernard.
- ❖ Minutes of the March 16, 2021 meeting were approved as presented.
- ❖ The group reviewed the financial reports for March 2021 which showed income of \$17,162.08 and expenses of \$18,873.52. The March, 2021 balance sheet showed cash of \$456,208.57 compared to \$454,710.58 at the end of March 2020.
- ❖ Jim shared that the sod was planted over the bare areas around the Church on Monday, April 19th.
- ❖ Discussed ordering signage (No Skateboarding, Bicycle Riding, Roller Blading, Scooter Riding) to be posted around the parish grounds. Jim will to see if we can purchase the signs locally otherwise they will be purchased online.
- ❖ Discussed key distribution to Parish Center and Church. Pam keeps a key record of those who have them.
- ❖ Next meeting: May 18, 2021 @ 12:00 Noon

PASTORAL COUNCIL

- ❖ Met April 15, 2021
- ❖ Members: Amy Froetschner, Tama Hanson, Larry Skelton, John Kelly, Isaac Lemuz, Chelsy LeRoy & Fr. Bernard. Unable to attend: Lee Gilcris, Sr. Rebecca.
- ❖ Larry opened the meeting with the Pastoral Council Prayer.
- ❖ The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.
- ❖ Isaac Lemuz announced his resignation to the council.
- ❖ Fr. Bernard shared with the council an email from Bishop Vincke. During the Priests' Assembly scheduled for April 19-22 there will be discussion regarding dispensation from the Mass.
- ❖ The Council came up with a list of parishioners to contact for the upcoming parish election in June.
- ❖ Next meeting: May 20, 2021 @ 6:30 PM

Remember with Prayer

Grace Perez
Pheno Perez
Don Jensen
Eleanor Sanders
Ann Haremza
Frank Garcia
Jayden Waller
Fr. Warren Stecklein
Fr. Charles Mazouch
Rita O'Gwin
Jim McGinness
Shauna Nwachukwu-Udaku



Betty Tauscher
Sharon Larsen
Leon Sanders
Ryan Shelton
Clayton Kelly
Sue Haymaker
Trenton Welsch
Kevin Simmons
Lee Durler
Bert Schartz
Sherry Lemuz
Richard Wolf

All of our men and women serving in the
United States Military



May 2, 2021

On Sunday, May 2nd during the 10:30 am Mass, six children of the parish will be receiving their First Communion: **Zoe**

Fitzsimmons, Natally Gonzalez, Sofia Gonzalez, Camden McDonald, Gabe Mull, and Kree Smith. Special thanks to Krysten Watkins, Catechist and Don & Kathy Kazmaier, Laudators. Many blessings to these children and their families on this special occasion.



Graduates' Mass
May 16, 2021

On Sunday, May 16th we recognize our High School graduates of the parish at our 10:30 AM Mass. We offer congratulations to and blessings upon: **Jaden Carlson, Reed McNett, Jobany Ramirez, Jace Snyder, Joseph Theis and Andreus Tucker.** We pray for success and happiness to each of you!

MAY AT A GLANCE

- May 2 ~ Kapaun's Men Group, 9:00 AM
- May 2 ~ Women's Prayer Group, 9:00 AM
- May 4 ~ Knights of Columbus Meeting, 7:00 PM
- May 6 ~ Stewardship Council Meeting, 6:30 PM
- May 9 ~ Divine Mercy Adult Study Group, 9:00 AM
- May 10 ~ Altar Society Meeting, 6:30 PM
- May 11 ~ Safety Committee Meeting, 7:00 PM
- May 14 ~ Columbus Club Hamburger Dinner, 5:00 to 7:00 PM
- May 18 ~ Finance/Property Meeting, 12:00 Noon
- May 18 ~ Choir Practice, 7:00 PM
- May 19 ~ Adoration/Holy Hour, 5:00 PM
- May 20 ~ Pastoral Council Meeting, 6:30 PM
- May 23 ~ Divine Mercy Adult Study Group, 9:00 AM
- May 25 ~ Choir Practice, 7:00 PM

MAY PSR SCHEDULE

- May 2nd – First Communion, 10:30 AM
- May 5th – Regular Classes
- May 12th – End of the Year BBQ, 6:30 PM
- May 16th – Graduates' Mass, 10:30 AM



MAY BIRTHDAYS

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|------------------------|-----------------------|
| (01) Mary Ann Haynes | (18) Theresa Kreutzer |
| (03) Caden Kelty | Jenny Ramsey |
| Trenton Wright | Kasie Rector |
| (04) Stephen Schartz | (19) Ignacio Gonzalez |
| (05) Cory Webster | (20) Julie Snyder |
| (06) Rita Schaller | (22) Jay Garcia |
| (07) Scott Burd | Joe Garcia |
| Ann Ellis | Justin Smith |
| Faith Kelty | (23) Rebecca Hulsey |
| (08) Emmet Fisher | Darlene Orth |
| Grace Fisher | Ralph Streit |
| Sarah Fisher | G.L. VonFeldt |
| Todd Keenan | (24) Jeanette Johnson |
| Paisley Steffen | (25) Gary Hulsey |
| (09) Isabella Bailey | Jerry Johnson |
| (11) Kristen Snodgrass | (26) Faye Hogan |
| (13) Robert Lemuz | (28) Kylee Reece |
| (14) Jobany Ramirez | Khloe Smith |
| Larry Skelton | (29) Lee Gilcris |
| (15) Gillian Smith | (31) Lauryn Snodgrass |



MAY ANNIVERSARIES

- (01) Lloyd and Leeta Degenhardt
 (09) Shane and Jessie Weiszbrod
 (10) Jim and Judy Damm
 Tyson and Chelsea Steffen
 (14) Phil and Becky Martin
 (22) Bud and Brenda Johnson
 (23) Charlie and Linda Befort
 (24) Mike and Julie Martel
 (25) Scott and Beverly Burd
 Bryan and Karen Stacey
 (26) Steve and Terry Martin
 (31) Roger and Dee Myers

MAY 2021 ~ MINISTRIES

Saturday, May 1

Lector – Regis Lopata
E.M. – Joan Wilson (major)
 Kathy Kazmaier (minor)
Server – 1 Volunteer
Usher – Jim Damm
Sacristan – Jim & Judy Damm

Sunday, May 2

Lector – First Communicants'
E.M. – Berny Unruh (major)
 Kathy Hammeke (minor)
Server – 1 Volunteer
Usher – David Hammeke
Sacristan – Sharon McGinness

Saturday, May 8

Lector – Ben Ramsey
E.M. – Dennis Wilson (major)
 Mary Klinge (minor)
Server – 1 Volunteer
Usher – Norman Dreiling
Sacristan – Tonya Sanders

Sunday, May 9

Lector – Mary Mitchell
E.M. – Kathy Couchman (major)
 Sharon McGinness (minor)
Server – 1 Volunteer
Usher – Jason Hammeke
Sacristan – Jane Kelty

Saturday, May 15

Lector – Kathy Kazmaier
E.M. – Don Kazmaier (major)
 Toni Novotny (minor)
Server – 1 Volunteer
Usher – Brian Haberman
Sacristan – Cindy Perez

Sunday, May 16

Lector – Ava Mull
E.M. – Kristy Mull (major)
 David O'Gwin (minor)
Server – 1 Volunteer
Usher – Bruce Kozlowski
Sacristan – Kathy Couchman

Saturday, May 22

Lector – Dennis Wilson
E.M. – Cindy Perez (major)
 Joan Wilson (minor)
Server – Brian Haberman
Gifts – Jim & Judy Damm
Usher – Mike Schartz
Sacristan – Regis Lopata

Sunday, May 23

Lectors – Karl Grover/Mary Mitchell
E.M. – Cathy Grover (major)
 Berny Unruh (minor)
Servers – Daniel & Eli Kelty
Gifts – Alvie & Melinda Axman
Usher – David Hammeke
Sacristan – David O'Gwin

Saturday, May 29

Lector – Cheryl Skalsky
E.M. – Toni Novotny (major)
 Kathy Kazmaier (minor)
Server – Levi Sanders
Gifts – Kraig & Amy Froetschner
Usher – Jim Damm
Sacristan – Don & Kathy Kazmaier

Sunday, May 30

Lectors – Berny Unruh/Kathy Couchman
E.M. – Mary Mitchell (major)
 Sharon McGinness (minor)
Servers – Grant Watkins/Faith Kelty
Gifts – David & Kathy Hammeke
Usher – Jason Hammeke
Sacristan – Kristy Mull

May Collection Counters: Ray Colglazier & Brian Haberman



CONGRATULATIONS!

Lloyd & Leeta Degenhardt ~ Married 56 years
 Bud & Brenda Johnson ~ Married 45 years
 Phil & Becky Martin ~ Married 25 years

NET INCOME/EXPENSES BEGINNING JULY 1, 2020

	MARCH	YTD
INCOME:		
Collections	15,083.00	152,157.46
Special Donations	926.00	5,651.00
Endowment		3,750.00
Interest	7.08	3,874.63
Farm		20,716.15
PSR		15,073.00
Fundraisers		2,132.17
Miscellaneous	1,146.00	11,316.72
TOTAL	\$17,162.08	\$214,671.13
EXPENSES:		
Stewardship	1,325.72	18,222.87
Salaries	10,933.83	107,096.44
Insurance	1,699.00	15,715.00
Utilities	2,315.37	17,570.62
Maintenance	356.26	20,451.21
Improvement		
Office	1,017.24	8,000.63
PSR	178.10	12,231.40
Farm		1,924.86
Miscellaneous	1,048.00	10,099.53
TOTAL	\$18,873.52	\$211,312.56
		YTD: \$3,358.57





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COLUMBUS CLUB HAMBURGER DINNER



Friday, May 14th

5:00 to 7:00 pm

Carry Out or Delivery

620-255-2810

620-804-3367

Free will Donation

K of C Hall on Scenic Drive – 1216 M Road