



I want to give a little insight into what St. Margaret's School students are like. At the beginning of the school-wide Penny Ninja game, staff reminded students at morning prayer about the three pillars of Lent. We briefly discussed the spirit with which we hope all students approach Penny Ninja. We focus on almsgiving and charity as the purpose, and we fast from distractions like arguments and too much competition over winning. It was a simple reminder. If I'm being honest, I half expected to address a few instances of angry tears, but I knew Penny Ninja would be engaging, and those tough experiences would still be good learning experiences if handled the right way.

But I was wrong. These kids didn't trifle with arguments at all. All we heard was laughter in the hallways during "slashing" time, when they put silver coins (worth negative points) in the jars outside other classroom doors. I heard students at least three times say something like, "Preschool is winning, but we all win because we're helping people who need it!"

Preschool did end up with the highest profit, but the whole school won. They raised over \$1,800 for Eagle's Hope Transitions. With spare change.

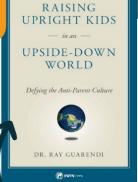
These incredible children are the products of their teachers, paras, lunch lady, secretary, and, most of all, their parents. Thank you for instilling in them this joyful spirit of service.





Did you see the new bulletin board at the back of

the church? Help us inspire all students to form strong moral character! If you catch one of our students exemplifying service, integrity, or other values, please share your "Good Catch" with us to help in recognizing our amazing students.



CHOOL

220 N. 7th St. E., Riverton

WHAT I'M READING I highly recommend for parents Culture and media can be antichild and anti-parent - we certainly can't change that - but we can navigate it with purpose and resolve as we prepare our children for the path.



HOUS

THURSDAY MARCH 21, 2024 4:30 - 6:00 PM 220 N. 7th St. E.

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Welcome

307.856.5922

March 19: School Board Mtg, 4 pm March 20: Literary after Mass March 21: Open House 4:30-6:00 March 25: Spring Break **April 1:** No School (PD Day) April 2: Classes Resume April 4: PTO Meeting April 7: First Communion April 10: Class Pictures

'O Meeting'

Thursday, April 4

5:30 pm in the Gym

APRIL 23

MAY 30

JUNE 11

MEAL AT 5:30

GAMES AT 6 PM

Pastor: Fr. Louis Shea louieshea@yahoo.com Associate: Fr. Eugene Inobeme OSA eugeneinobs4christ@yahoo.com

Mass Times:

<u>Saturday:</u> 5:30 p.m.

Sunday: 9:00 a.m.

Daily Mass:

Tuesday: 12:15 p.m. Wednesday: 8:15 a.m.

Thursday: 7:00 a.m. Cancelled

Friday: 7:00 a.m.

Confession: Thursday: 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Cancelled

Saturday: 3:45 - 5:00 p.m. Or by appointment

St. Edward's, Kinnear: Sunday : 12:00 p.m.

Our Lady of the Woods, Dubois : Sunday: 4:00 p.m.

Winter Schedule - Nov - April - 4:00 p.m. Summer Schedule - May - Oct. - 5:00 p.m.

Dubois Confession: 30 minutes prior to Mass or by appointment.

Eucharistic Adoration

Julie Fiebiger - 307-851-8073 Tuesday: 3:00-5:00 Thursday: 4:00-7:00 Sunday: 2:00-3:00 1st Friday (Starts Thursday at 4:00 pm until Friday Benediction 4:00 pm)

Rosary- Daily at 12:00 p.m.(Tuesday right after Mass)

Sick & Homebound Contact the Office - 856-3757

Baptism Julie Fiebiger - 307-851-8073 **Faith Formation Process** David Stradley - 307-709-6996 Tony Colonna - 860-883-9673 **RCCW:**

Barb Barber, 307-840-1797 **Funeral Dinners:**

Daria Wood, 307--850-7694

Knights of Columbus:

2nd Tuesday of each month 7:00 p.m. Rosary-church 7:30 meeting-Pate Hall Parish Council Chairman: Kyle Thoman Vice Chairman: Andy Samuelson Trustees: Tammy Linton & Lindy Paskett





Church 620 E. Fremont Ave. Riverton, WY 82501







Fifth Sunday of Lent March 17, 2024

ANYONE WHO LOVES THEIR LIFE WILL LOSE IT. WHILE ANYONE WHO HATES THEIR LIFE IN THIS WORLD WILL KEEP IT FOR ETERNAL LIFE. JOHN 12:25

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Fr. Louis' Corner

This coming Thursday we will not have Mass here at St. Margarets. Fr Eugene and I will be in Casper at St. Patrick for the Chrism Mass and a day of reflection for our clergy. Our day will begin in the morning when we gather in the Commons at St Patrick. There will be

opportunities for us to reconnect with old friends and for some to meet new ones. Our day of reflection will e led by Bishop Michael Warfel. He will lead us in our spiritual preparation for the Chrism Mass and indeed our continuing ministry as priests and deacons. Many of you know that the Bishop blesses the Holy

Oils at the Chrism Mass, but do you also know that he leads the priests in renewing the promises that we made in preparation for our ordination. He asks us if we are "resolved to be more united with the Lord Jesus and more closely conformed to Him" and "faithful stewards of the mysteries of God." As he asks us these questions of our resolve to serve the Church more faithfully, three times we say "I am." I was blessed to be present at the Chrism Mass five times before my ordination. It is a wonderful celebration! It will be at 5:30PM at St Patrick Church in Casper, if you can please join us.

Mass and Confession are cancelled Thursday, March 21. Our priests will be attending the Chrism Mass in Casper. All Mass intentions for this day will be done in Casper.

First Communion Sunday - April 7, 2024

We will have 2 Masses on this Sunday. Sunday Mass - 9:00 a.m. First Communion Mass - 11:00 a.m.

Holy Week Schedule

Holy Thursday - March 28 - 7:00 a.m. Good Friday - March 29 - 3:00 p.m. Holy Saturday - March 30 - Easter Vigil - 8:00 p.m. Easter Sunday - March 31 - 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.



Our Church is offering Online Giving on our website at: http://stmargaretriverton.com. For additional information please visit the website.

Roland "Nick" Eckes 4th Degree Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship is available to students working towards an under graduate degree. All graduating seniors and above along with vocational, and seminariary will be eligible. No graduate school students may apply. One scholarship will be available this year in the amount of \$500.00. Donations from any other source will be accepted and added to increase this amount, the final amount may vary. The Faithful Navigator will appoint the scholarship committee. It will be composed of 4th degree Knights of the Father Adolph Pate Assembly #1291. The faithful navigator is automatically a member of the committee.

A G.P.A. of 2.5 or higher along with financial need will be the basic criteria considered. An effort to choose only practicing Catholic students will be made along with sons and daughters of current members of the Knights of Columbus. Deadline will be April 15, 2024. Applications are available at the Parish office.

Mail Applications to: Knights of Columbus - 4th Degree Scholarship 505 Southridge Drive Riverton, WY 82501. The decision of the scholarship committee is final. Past recipients of this scholarship are not eligible.

THE FEAST OF MERCY - Greatest Day of GRACE! In the

1930's, Jesus spoke to St. Faustina about His Message of Mercy for us and the entire world. It's a message of His great love for us to come to His Fount of Mercy. For on this day, Sunday after Easter, April 7th, "the Divine Floodgates, The Ocean of My Mercy, which grace flows will be opened!" HOW TO RECEIVE THE GRACES OF DIVINE MER-CY SUNDAY: 1. receive Holy Communion worthily on Divine Mercy Sunday (or the Vigil celebration) by making a good confession beforehand. 2. Stay in the state of grace and trust in His Divine Mercy. 3. Do an act of mercy: Examples-Novena which begins on Good Friday: Chaplet of Mercy; attend Hour of Great Mercy at 3:00 in the Church on April 7th; and other deeds of mercy. Questions, contact 851-8073. More details to come.



surprise, but this time, proceeds go to the uth Group who hope to attend Steubenville of the Rockies in Denver this summer.

Faith Formation News

We enter into the home stretch of our Lenten journey today. Last week I asked "How well do you know God?" Today I pose another question: How is it going in the "time with God" department? There's an old saying that "Those who don't learn from history are doomed to repeat it." It should be obvious to one and all that we need to turn: as a nation, as a community, as a church, as a people, as individuals. The only way to do that is to spend time with God. Are we doing that, especially during our Lenten journey? How do you feel about it? Do you feel Rushed? Shallow? Dutiful? Too busy? Or do you have it under control with: Quality time... Regular time... At the level where the tap roots of your soul are being fed? One writer cautions: "To be little with God is to be little for God." How little are we? Or --- How big are we?



Prayer Corner:

| <u>March 23 & 24, 2024</u> Eucharistic Ministers | | WEEK OF MARCH 12- MARCH 17, 2024 | | |
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| <u>Eucnar</u> <u>3/23_5:30 p.m</u> . <u>Lectors</u> | <u>Pistic Ministers</u> Mick & Pat Newlin Amy Gardner Mark Short Minnie Appelhans Chris Jones Tony Colonna | TUESDAY:3/19Mass -12:15 p.mViola Vigil +/ Joe McKethen +WEDNESDAY:3/20School Mass8:15 a.mKaty Ratliff +/ Larry Dowse +THURSDAY:3/21Mass -7:00 a.mCancelled / Intentions done in CasperFRIDAY:3/22Mass -7:00 a.mJeff Stroek + / Ethel Griebel +SATURDAY:3/23Mass -5:30 p.mMark 🐸 | | |
| <u>3/24_9:00 a.m</u> | Larry Trompke Linda Trompke Jim Gores Meagan Mosbrucker Andy Samuelson | SUNDAY: 3/23 Mass - 9:00 a.m - David Stroch + Kinnear - Noel & Rosa Smittle + Anniversary @ Birthday [#] Deceased + | | |
| Lectors | Mike Harris School/ Janie Nirider | PRAYERS FOR HEALING | | |
| Altar Servers3/23 5:30 p.m.Michael Hoffer Troi Johnson Ashlyn Jones3/24 9:00 a.m.Jayden Olheiser Sawyer Tate Delayne Andersona.d.Jayden Olheiser Sawyer Tate Delayne Andersonb.Jayden Olheiser | | | | |
| St. Margaret's Collections 3/09 & 3/10 Envelope & Plate -\$4,520.78 Boiler Account - \$590.30 Maintenance Accounts - \$509.92 Poor And Needy - \$105.00 | | Jess; Camilla; Kayleen Gambler; Dianna Slater; Louis; Cortney; Darla Shepardson; Danny Kurtilla; The Gamble Family; Kurt Leininger; Elizabeth Reid; Wilma Thompson; Steve McNamee; Kristian Mitchell; Rita Leidy; Kevin; Sam Senkow; Mike Sanchez; Elizabeth Perdue; Alyssa Vega; James Habeck; Mike Osborne; Angie Esvelt; Dora Flagg; Laura; Brittany Clarkson; Cloann Guernsey; Joel Rivera; Cody Thrasher; Colby Harris; Jack Romero; Tyus Starr Fisher; Dustee Martinet; Janet Hughes; Pierce Steen; Pat Mosbrucker; William Apodaca; Hunter Jaramillo, Curry Matthiessen; Jimmy VanVleet; Curtis Good; Josh Ward; Cristy Cragoe; Rod Slattery; Pete Sauer; Devin Senn; Tim Shelton Please notify the office if someone should be removed from the prayer list. | | |
| School & Angel Fund - \$455.00 Diocese - \$555.00 <u>Total - \$6,736.00</u> | | Living & Giving in Christ Fiscal Year 2023 - 2024 Update as of 3/11/2024 | | |

Our Lady of the Woods: 3/10- \$257.00

> St. Edward's: 3/10-\$345.00

Boiler Fund Total: \$104,806.01





charged for the shortage.

St Margaret's

St Edwards

St. Josephs

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| Goal | Pledge to date | Pledge Shortage | Actual paid to date |
|----------|----------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| \$14,502 | \$15,325 | \$ O | \$ 13,900 |
| \$ 5,372 | \$ 1,250 | \$ 4,172 | \$ 1,250 |
| \$ 3,488 | \$ O | \$ 3,488 | \$ O |
| \$0 | \$ 0 | \$ O | \$ O |

Goal: Assessed by the Diocese at 20% of previous year actual envelopes & collection plate.

Parishioners: Actual Pledge by parishioners.

Pledge Shortage: If amount is not pledged and fulfilled by parishioners then the parish may be

Actual paid to date: Totals paid by parishioners on pledges made.