



# SCHOOL NEWS

December 22, 2024

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ST. MARGARET'S SCHOOL

## Christmas Project

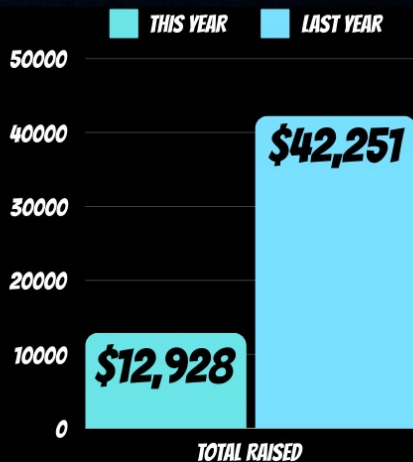
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THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT SO FAR!

Last year, thanks to your generosity, we raised \$42,251 during our Christmas Project campaign. This year, we've raised \$12,928 so far, and we hope you'll help us reach our goal once again. These donations directly impact our daily operations, support our students and staff, and allow us to purchase items from teachers' wish lists. Every contribution, no matter the size, makes a difference!

Donate using the envelopes marked "Merry Christmas St. Margaret's School," call the school office at 856-5922, or use the QR code! Thank you for your continued support!



### An Update from Mrs. M

December - this last week of school before the break in particular - is always a busy time. It's easy (for me at least) to get caught up in the "hustle and bustle," but the tasks always get checked off and everything always works out. **The real tragedy would be if I failed to model the true joy of the season for my own children and for the students and staff at St. Margaret's School.** And there's *so much* joy indeed!

The Christmas program on Thursday evening was a beautiful reminder of what matters—the coming of Christ into our lives. Our students did a wonderful job.

I offer a heartfelt **thank you** to everyone who helped bring this year's program to life. It takes a village, and we're so grateful for the continued support of our parents, teachers, and parish. The PTO made the reception happen afterward, and the RCCW provided the cookies. Mrs. Gillette deserves special recognition; she goes above and beyond for our students to shine.

We'd also like to extend a sincere thank you to Joe and Rose Stanbury, as well as Brent and Rochelle Sheldon, for their unwavering support of our school each holiday season. Their commitment is invaluable. They never miss a program and generously donate the prizes for the RTO Point S raffle each year. On top of that, Joe and Rose match up to \$10,000, effectively doubling our efforts, while Brent and Rochelle have stepped in to ensure the match for two years straight. Their contributions make a big difference, and we are deeply grateful for their generosity.

As we prepare our hearts for His arrival, let us take care not to get swept up in the rush of the world around us. Let's take time to pause, sit in stillness before the Eucharist if you can, and make space for the peace and joy that only Christ can bring. In this busy season, may we look to our children and learn to align ourselves with the true spirit of Christmas in a way that comes so naturally to them.



## IMPORTANT DATES

- Dec. 21-Jan. 7: Christmas Break
- Jan. 6-7: Teacher Work Days
- Jan. 8: Classes Resume!
- Jan. 14: PTO Meeting, 6 pm  
>>> JANUARY BINGO CANCELLED <<
- Jan. 17: STEM
- Jan. 21: Board Meeting, 4 pm
- Jan. 23: Adoration and Confession
- Jan. 24: Carnival (Community Event!)
- Jan. 26-Feb. 1: Catholic Schools Week
- MARCH 1: DINNER DANCE



Donors, teachers, Brent and Rochelle Sheldon at RTO Point S, Joe and Rose Stanbury, Mrs. Gillette, the PTO, the RCCW - we are grateful for you!



Pastor: Fr. Louis Shea  
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# St. Margaret's Catholic Church



## Fourth Sunday of Advent December 22, 2024

### Mass Times:

Saturday: 5:30 p.m. Sunday: 9:00 a.m.

### Daily Mass:

### Christmas Eve:

Children's Mass - 5:00 p.m.  
Mass During the Night - 9:00 p.m.

Christmas Day - 9:00 a.m.

Thursday - 7:00 a.m.

Friday - 7:00 a.m.

### Confession:

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

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

### St. Edward's, Kinnear:

Sunday : 12:00 p.m.  
Christmas Day - 12:00 p.m.

Confession : By request before or after Mass

### Our Lady of the Woods, Dubois :

Sunday: 4:00 p.m.  
Christmas Day - 9:00 a.m.

Winter Schedule - Nov - April - Sunday 4:00 p.m.

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 OFS - 860-883-9673

RCCW - Barb Barber, 307-840-1797

### Funeral Dinners:

Daria Wood, 307--850-7694

### Knights of Columbus:

2nd Tuesday of each month

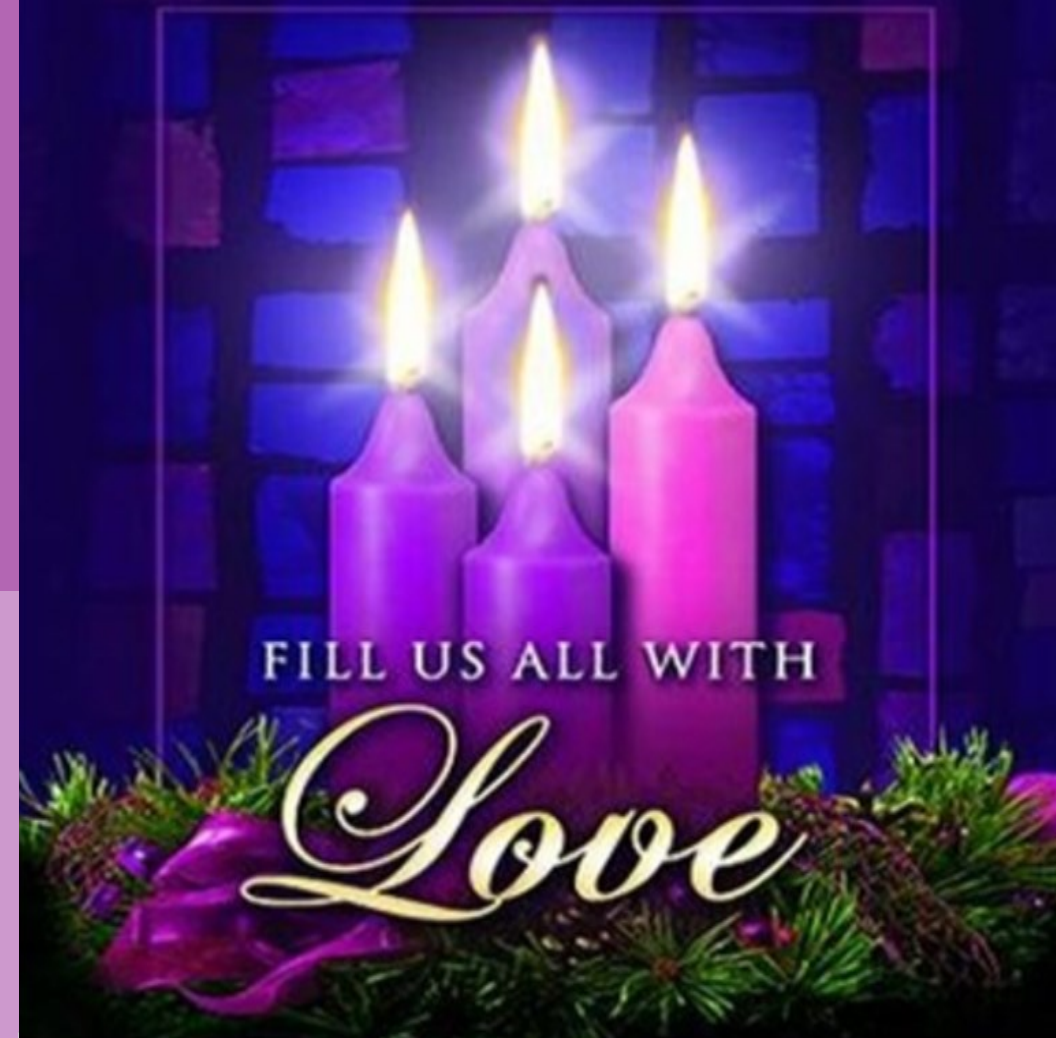
7:00 p.m. Rosary-church

7:30 meeting-Pate Hall

Parish Council Chairman: Kyle Thoman

Vice Chairman: Andy Samuelson

Trustees: Tammy Linton & Lindy Paskett



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### Fr. Louis' Corner

We say in the Church that we are fed by the Word of our Lord. So truly we feast on the story of the visitation this Sunday. Mary, still a young girl, sets out in haste to go and visit her cousin Elisabeth. This is certainly not an afternoon stroll; it would have taken her days to reach Elisabeth. Where did she find the strength? Well she had just been overshadowed by the Holy Spirit and impregnated with her Lord and Savior so it is easy for us to understand how she could have had the fortitude to make this arduous trip by herself. As Elisabeth and Mary renew their relationship Jesus and John the Baptist begin theirs even while they are both in their mother's wombs. Elisabeth is filled with the Holy Spirit and joyfully proclaims what has become part of our Hail Mary prayer. Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb. She goes on to say one of the most important things about Mary: that she is blessed because she believed that what the Lord had told her would be fulfilled.

#### Christmas Mass Schedule

##### St. Margaret's - December 24

5:00 p.m. - Children's Mass  
9:00 p.m. - Mass During the Night

##### December 25

9:00 a.m. - Christmas Day Mass

##### St Edward's - December 25

12:00 p.m. - Christmas Day Mass

##### Our Lady of the Woods - December 25

9:00 a.m. - Christmas Day Mass



#### Parish Christmas Brunch

Sunday, December 22 after the 9:00 a.m. Mass. The main dishes are being catered but feel free to bring a side dish or desert if you want. Hope to see everyone there!!



#### Diocese of Cheyenne Year of Jubilee 2025

##### Opening Mass

All are welcome to attend the Opening of the Jubilee Year Mass, presided by Bishop Steven, at the Cathedral of Saint Mary (Cheyenne) on Saturday, December 28, 2024, at 4 PM

#### Come & Behold Him



#### A Pilgrimage to Nativity Scenes at 5 Churches in Riverton, Wyoming.

Open to the Riverton Area Community. The pilgrimage is a self guided auto tour at your convenience.

Pilgrimage packets available for pickup at - Open House—December 22 from 3-5 p.m.

Riverton United Methodist Church  
1116 West Park Ave

Come and enjoy fellowship with other pilgrims & prepare for the journey!!



#### The Story of Christmas | Benjamin Cello Christmas Special

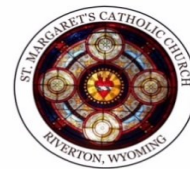
In this special hour-long television event, Benjamin Cello and his friends travel to Pennywhistle Park for a spectacular shadow puppet retelling of "The Story of Christmas" by Brother Joseph and "The Shadow of His Wings" puppet theater.

Our parish has a FORMED subscription. Visit [formed.org/signup](https://formed.org/signup) and select our parish. Scan the QR code to download the FORMED app to your phone.



#### Faith Formation News

Unity is not the same thing as uniformity! This thought is often taught, but somehow overlooked in the grand pantheon of Christian denominations. Saint Paul wrote that the One who unites us is greater than the one who divides us. And yet too often, in the name of "religion," people live and behave as if the opposite were true. Many forget, or maybe have not learned, that "re - ligio" literally means "re - alignment!" God Almighty lives this way! Father, Son and Holy Spirit are all different, and yet they are one and the same God. This example has been laid out for us from the very beginning. The VERY beginning, as explained in John 1:1. Now, all of Christendom marches in unity toward Bethlehem, and that marching waits in glorious anticipation. Let's all resolve to live in the unity of the Holy Spirit for the rest of our lives.



### Prayer Corner:

Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord.  
May it be done to me according to your word.  
Luke 1:38

#### December 28 & December 29, 2024

##### Eucharistic Ministers

**12/28 5:30 p.m.** Mick & Pat Newlin  
Mark Short  
Minnie Appelhans

**Lectors** Chris Jones  
Tony Colonna

**12/29 9:00 a.m.** Larry Trompke  
Linda Trompke  
Jim Gores  
Meagan Mosbrucker  
Andy Samuelson

**Lectors** Mike Harris  
School/ Janie Nirider

##### Altar Servers

**12/24 5:00 p.m.** Eli Hill  
Sylvia Piquette  
Isaac Clark

**12/24 9:00 p.m.** Cael Arbogast  
Moriah Miller  
Noelle Miller

**12/25 9:00 a.m.** Derek Gonzalez  
Elizabeth Howard  
Jayden Olheiser

**12/28 5:30 p.m.** Michael Hoffer  
Troj Johnson  
Ashlyn Jones

**12/29 9:00 a.m.** Jayden Olheiser  
Roderick Piquette  
Destiny Warren

#### St. Margaret's Collections

12/14/24 & 12/15/24

**Total \$5,539.00**

##### Mission Churches

**St Edward's**  
12/15 - \$345.00

**Our Lady of the Woods**  
12/15- \$842.00

**Boiler Fund Total:**  
\$30,931.31

God's  
Love  
Unites  
Us



#### WEEK OF DECEMBER 24 – DECEMBER 29, 2024

TUESDAY: 12/24 Children's Mass - 5:00 p.m. - Maclynn Tate / Bruce Hughes +  
Mass Durling the Night - 9:00 p.m. - Becky & Lyle Miller  
WEDNESDAY: 12/25 - Christmas - 9:00 a.m. - Fr. Eugene  
THURSDAY: 12/26 Mass - 7:00 a.m. - Carol Leininger  
Daniela Rojas +  
FRIDAY: 12/27 Mass - 7:00 a.m. - Karla Hughes  
Gordon North-  
SATURDAY: 12/28 Mass - 5:30 p.m. - Mike Zirbel  
SUNDAY: 12/29 Mass - 9:00 a.m. - Frank & Marissa  
St. Edward's Mass - 12:00 p.m. - George Grobeck

Anniversary      Birthday      Deceased +

#### PRAYERS FOR HEALING

Kay Meeks; Allen Romero; Linda Bebout; Dan Root; Rod Eicke; Michael Van Vleet; Terry Romero; Alex Hall; Mona Marshall; Ellie Romero; Bobby Romero; Donna Mosbrucker; Flora Apodaca; Amanda Vega; Lynette Hall; Emily Hamilton; Sharon Umscheid; Mary Alice Genter; Lavina & Brian Witt; Elise Wilkenson; Monica; Cindy Billoft; Clara Olson; Family of Joe Streeter; Mary Jean Sweeney; Vi & Gary Wild; Linda Trompke; Flo Ortega; Thomas Apodaca; Tyler Martin; Marissa; Griffin Knott; Ralph Burlingham; Harry Meekins; Aimee; Miranda Townsend, Kathleen Shores; Connie Gunter; Rosetta Marie Piper, Allen & Denise family; Mary Romero; Don Berger; Shannon Hall; Danny Schmitt; Jessica Azire Ibach; Howard Brown; Edward Flahaut; Bob Johnson; Jonathan Perez; Jack Degnan; Don & Fydel Allington; Serene; Barb Volk; Todd Rousseau; Gill Smith; Delayne Newton; Mary Sponheim; Kellie Crow; Joseph Dunlap, Barbara Nytes, Susan Schuster, Inger Clark, Gladys Riccardelli, Mercedes Hartman; Cappy Hartman; Bob Hanson; Laura & Erica; Larry Ross; Roger Hulme; Taylee; Tonya Abernathy; Alicia; Patricia Andrews; Sandra S; Leonard Williams; Sean B; Carole Meyer; Caleb Stone; 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; Crisy Cragoe; Rod Slattery; Devin Senn; Tim Shelton

Please notify the office if someone should be removed from the prayer list.

#### Living & Giving in Christ Fiscal Year 2024 - 2025 Update as of 12/16/2024

	Goal	Pledge to date	Pledge Shortage	Actual paid to date
<b>St Margaret's</b>	\$12,769	\$15,488	\$0	\$13,798
<b>OLW</b>	\$6,910	\$625	\$6,285	\$450
<b>St Edwards</b>	\$2,929	\$200	\$2,729	\$200
<b>St. Josephs</b>	\$0	\$100	\$0	\$100

**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 charged for the shortage.

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