

SCHOOL NEWS

March 9, 2025

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YOU SHOWED UP FOR OUR SCHOOL! NOW OUR WORK CONTINUES...

We had an absolutely impressive show of support in the audience at Tuesday's City Council meeting, and the Council understood and supported the importance of student safety. We are so grateful! However, our work is not done. The alleyway vacation/replat plan still needs to pass two more readings at these meetings, so **we still need you!** Show your support by attending these Riverton City Council meetings at 7 pm at City Hall:

▶ Tuesday, March 18 ▶ Tuesday, April 1

No need to speak or present—just your presence matters!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



An Update from Mrs. M

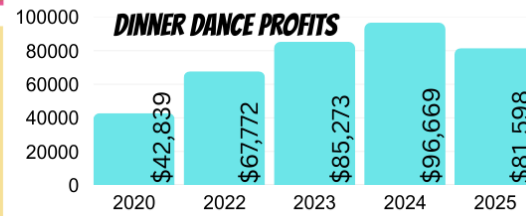
Dinner Dance Outcome: I am inspired by our school and church community! Wow! You all showed such incredible support at the dinner dance. It is a big undertaking, and it does not happen without you donating, purchasing tickets, volunteering, etc. We had over 300 people in the gym on Saturday, and the funds raised were a success. Check out the chart to see our profits over the last five years from this main fundraiser that has a huge impact on our school's everyday operations.

Alleyway Vacation/Replat: While we're talking about how incredible you are, the show of support at the Riverton City Council meeting on Tuesday was absolutely inspiring. It was a long meeting with controversial agenda items before us, and you stuck through it to show your support. It is clear how much our school and church community supports the safety of our students. Thank you for supporting this initiative, and please mark your calendars for the next two meetings. The plan has to pass three times.

STEM Volunteers: If you are available on Friday, March 21 from about Noon to 1:45 and have completed your online Safe Environment Training, we are looking for a few extra hands during STEM! Ms. Claire does a great job, and the more adults we have in the room with her, the smoother it goes. Call the school office to volunteer - 856-5922.

IMPORTANT DATES

- March 11: BINGO Night **CANCELLED**
- March 17 & 18: Class Pics
- March 19: Literary after Mass
- March 20: Adoration & Confession
- March 21: STEM
- March 24-28: Spring Break



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS IN THE DIOCESE OF CHEYENNE APPLAUD GORDON FOR SIGNING HB0199 INTO LAW

Catholic schools in the Diocese of Cheyenne celebrate Governor Mark Gordon's signing of House Enrolled Act 52 (HB0199 - Steamboat Legacy Scholarship Act) into law. This landmark legislation expands educational opportunities for families across Wyoming by creating universal school vouchers for K-12 students and income-based pre-K educational savings accounts (ESAs) for children aged four and older.

With this new law, Wyoming now offers public funding for private education at all grade levels, while significantly expanding the existing voucher program for pre-K students. Families of all income levels will now have access to \$7,000 per child to pursue private schooling, while the income threshold for pre-K vouchers has been raised from 150 percent to 250 percent of the federal poverty line—allowing a family of four earning up to \$80,375 to participate in the program.

"We are deeply grateful for the leadership and vision demonstrated by Governor Gordon and the legislators who championed this bill," said Kimberlee Gorr, Ed.D., director of Catholic School Leadership for the Diocese of Cheyenne. "This law reaffirms the importance of parental choice and strengthens our ability to provide students with an education rooted in faith, academic excellence, and moral formation."

HB0199 is expected to have a profound impact on Wyoming's educational landscape. The bill empowers parents to direct their tax dollars toward the schooling option that best fits their children's needs, whether private, homeschool, or faith-based education. Proponents believe this initiative will strengthen Wyoming's workforce by fostering higher-performing students and supporting working families.

The Catholic school community celebrates this milestone alongside families across Wyoming and looks forward to the positive impact it will have on expanding access to faith-based education. "We remain committed to partnering with parents in their children's academic and spiritual development, ensuring that every student has the opportunity to thrive" said Gorr.

FROM THE DESK OF
KIMBERLEE GORR,
DIRECTOR OF
CATHOLIC SCHOOL
LEADERSHIP

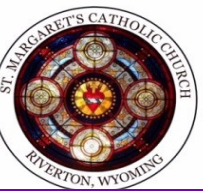


SCAN HERE for more information on the Steamboat Legacy Scholarship Act which was signed into law on March 4 (previously the Education Savings Accounts). Subscribe to receive notifications! Applications open May 1!



Pastor: Fr. Louis Shea
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Associate: Fr. Eugene Inobeme OSA
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St. Margaret's Catholic Church



Mass Times:

- Saturday:** 5:30 p.m.
- Sunday:** 9:00 a.m.
- Daily Mass:**
- Tuesday:** 12:15 p.m.
- Wednesday:** School Mass : 8:15 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 pm

Confession: By request before or after Mass

Our Lady of the Woods, Dubois:

Sunday: 4:00 p.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:

Lindy Paskett - 851-4167

Lita Burns—208-771-1208

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

The Devil Tempts Jesus

Luke 4:1-13

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Fr. Louis' Corner

Now we have begun our Lenten journey together. With all of the troubles that are going on in the world today it is pretty easy to feel like we are in the desert. At our Mass for the first Sunday of Lent we hear of Jesus being tempted by the Devil at the end of his forty day in the desert. We know the temptations well. They represent for us riches, glory, and power. I think that it is pretty easy to see that these three temptations are at work in every war. Jesus rebuffs the devil in his temptations, but so many of us do not. What can we do to avoid these temptations? Well, I can think of nothing better than the Lenten practice of fasting, almsgiving, and prayer. Let us all work this Lent to use the tools that the Lord has given us to avoid the temptations of the devil.



The Knights of Columbus Lenten Breakfasts will be served Sunday mornings starting March 9th through Palm Sunday (April 13) at 9:00 a.m. until you're full. Free will offerings are appreciated. Come join us for fellowship and the best pancakes in the west!

The RCCW monthly luncheon will be Wednesday March 12 at 11:30 a.m. at the Speedway Cafe. If you are new and interested in joining us call the Parish Office at 856 -3757 for more information.



Living Lent as a Family (Part 1 of 4)

Dr. Ben Akers sits down with Augustine Institute Graduate School Professor Dr. Sehorn and his wife, Sarah Sehorn, to discuss liturgical living during Lent.

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Faith Formation News

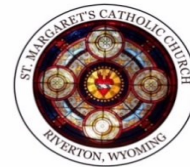
The month of March is also one that contains not just Lent but also the beginning of spring (the vernal equinox marks the beginning of spring). Lent is traditionally a dark time, preparing for the crucifixion of the Lord. Spring, on the other hand, is a time of hope and promise, when the world is young and all of nature once again becomes new. This mutual occurrence seems almost self-contradictory. How do we reconcile the fact that such a dark time and one of the brightest times on the calendar appear during the same time? It seems to me that there is no real contradiction here. What seems dark and dreary compared with the lush flowering of spring is not really dark and dreary at all! Just as nature renews itself through the process of spring, so we renew ourselves through the season and process of Lent.

Job Opening - Our Parish Bookkeeper is retiring. This is a part time paid position and accounting experience is required. If you are interested in this position please contact the Parish office at 856-3757.



Lenten Soup Suppers (in the gym) - There are soup suppers scheduled on the following Fridays: March 7, March 21, April 4, and April 11. If you would like to help with a soup supper or be willing to host either March 14 or March 28, please call Francesca at 856-6986. There will be no supper on Good Friday (April 18). The suppers will start at 6:00 p.m. with Stations of the Cross to follow at 7:00 p.m. Help cleaning up after the suppers and/or after stations will be greatly appreciated!

Support St. Margaret's School Security Initiative! St. Margaret's School is working to enhance student safety by securing city approval for an alleyway abandonment/replat, allowing for gated access around the school and playground. Show your support by attending the Riverton City Council meetings on:
- Tuesday, March 18 or Tuesday, April 1
- Both days: 7 PM at Riverton City Hall Council Chambers
Thanks to those who attended the first reading on March 4—just two more approvals needed! Your presence matters, no speaking required. Bring your family to help demonstrate strong community backing. **Thank you for your support!**



Prayer Corner:

One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God. Matthew 4:4

March 15 & 16, 2025

Eucharistic Ministers

3/15 5:30 p.m. Chris Jones
Tony Colonna
John Campbell

Lectors Mick Newlin
Chris Jones

3/16 9:00 a.m. Chuck Kucera
Andy Samuelson
Bill Styvar
Karla Kucera
Norm Moss

Lectors Jolene Samuelson
Lindy Paskett

Altar Servers

3/15 5:30 p.m. Michael Hoffer
Troi Johnson
Marguerite Hill

3/16 9:00 a.m. Maggie Samuelson
Abby Samuelson
Emily Samuelson

St. Margaret's Collections

3/01/25 & 3/02/25

Envelope & Plate \$11,416.79
Boiler \$85.98
Maintenance \$1,060.05
Poor & Needy \$105.00
Living & Giving \$10.00
School & Angel Fund \$785.00
Online Giving \$1,030.00

Total \$14,507.82

Mission Churches

St Edward's \$226.05

Our Lady of the Woods \$203.00

St. Joseph's \$100.00

Boiler Fund Total:

\$33,012.18

WEEK OF MARCH 11, 2025 – MARCH 16, 2025

TUESDAY: 3/11	Mass - 12:15 p.m. -	Arlie Colva + Daryn Macy
WEDNESDAY: 3/12	Mass - 8:15 a.m.	Holy Souls in Purgatory Christian Alexander +
THURSDAY: 3/13	Mass - 7:00 a.m. -	Finley Tate 🎂 Joe, Mike & Tom Davidson +
FRIDAY: 3/14	Mass - 7:00 a.m. -	Daryn Macy Christian Alexander +
SATURDAY: 3/15	Mass - 5:30 p.m. -	Moran Family +
SUNDAY: 3/16	Mass - 9:00 a.m. - St. Edward's Mass - 12:00 p.m. -	Bohden 🎂 Elizabeth McKethan +
Anniversary 🕯️		Deceased +
		Birthday 🎂

PRAYERS FOR HEALING

Bertha Chavez; Bill Johnson; Susan; Barbara Rousseau; Kay Meeks; Allen Romero; Linda Bebout; Dan Root; Rod Eicke; Michael Van Vleet; Terry Romero; Alex Hall; 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 Biltoft; Clara Olson; 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; 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; Jess; Camilla; Kayleen Gambler; Dianna Slater; Louis; Courtney; Darla Shephardson; 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; Laura; Brittany Clarkson; Cloann Guernsey; 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; 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 3/03/2025

	Goal	Pledge to date	Pledge Shortage	Actual paid to date
St Margaret's	\$12,769	\$16,153	\$0	\$15,353
OLW	\$6,910	\$3,768	\$3,142	\$3,680.50
St Edwards	\$2,929	\$1,565	\$2,729	\$1,565
St. Josephs	\$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.