

An Update from Mrs. M The halls are buzzing with excitement as we get ready to welcome students back next week! It was wonderful to see families at Back to School Night on Thursday. Families dropped off supplies, reconnected with teachers, and jumped into classroom activities. Students completed a scavenger hunt for a prize, and our PTO hosted a delicious fried chicken meal, made even better by the many sides and desserts families brought to share. It was the perfect way to come back together before the first day of school this Tuesday.

Our campus is looking refreshed and awesome thanks to some incredible community support. The alleyway is now smooth and safe, thanks to the hard work of **Rod and Kim Heil** with tremendous assistance from City of Riverton, WYDOT, Brown Co, Osborne Trucking, B&M Septic & Excavation, LeClair Irrigation, and anyone we may have unintentionally missed. We're so grateful for all your time and expertise. This work immediately makes student pick-up safer and smoother. Then the parish and school can move forward with the project, including gates at both ends, which will take some time, but will provide a huge improvement. We also owe thanks to Jerry Bornhoft for lending his equipment and to board member and school parent **Lindsey Anderson** for being the driving force behind the project. We couldn't have done it without you! Also Mr. Vince gave our kickball field a fun refresh, and it looks fantastic.

THE ANGEL FUND NEEDS YOUR HELP!

While we celebrate these wins, we also face an urgent need. Because of the ESA lawsuit, many school families are now in a financial bind. Our Angel Fund exists to help students remain at St. Margaret's, but with ESA funds on hold, applications for assistance are higher than ever. We must strengthen this fund to keep our doors open to every child who wants to be here.

How to Help:

- Drop a check at the school or parish office marked "Angel Fund"
- Place an envelope marked "Angel Fund" in the church collection
- Donate online using the QR code here

Every gift, large or small, can make the difference in a child's life. Let's work together to ensure no family loses access to our school this year.

We can't wait to see our students next week. It's going to be a great year!



IMPORTANT DATES

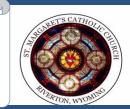
August 12: Teachers Return August 14: Back-to-School Night August 19: First Day of School!





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

St. Margaret's Catholic Church



Mass Times:

Saturday: 5:30 p.m.

Sunday: 9:00 a.m.

Tuesday: 12:15 p.m.

Wednesday: 7:00 a.m.

Thursday: 7:00 a.m.

Friday: 7:00 a.m

Confession:

Thursday: 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Moved to Wednesday Aug 20th 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

<u>Our Lady of the Woods, Dubois</u>:

June through August: Saturday: 5:00

p.m. Sunday: 8:00 a.m.

May, Sept. & Oct.: Sunday 5:00 p.m.

Nov. through April: Sunday 4:00 p.m.

Confession: 30 minutes prior to Mass or by appointment.

Eucharistic Adoration

Julie Fiebiger - 307-851-8073

Tuesday: 3:00-4:00 **Thursday:** 4:00-6:30

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 **Church** 620 E. Fremont Ave. Riverton, WY 82501

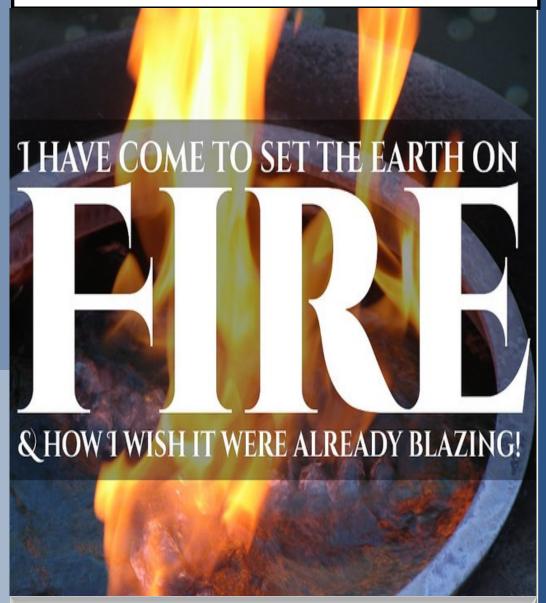
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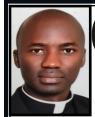
Rectory - 307-856-6226

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Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 17, 2025





Fr. Eugene's Corner

It is a blessing to be a Christian. It is fulfilling to know that there is a God who loves and cares for people. This is evident in how God demonstrates His love and care for the Prophet Jeremiah. God does not want to see people in distress. Jeremiah was in danger, and God inspired someone to complain to

the king about Jeremiah's plight. Finally, Jeremiah was delivered from the miry pit. As Psalm 40:2 says, He brought me up also out of a horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, and established my goings. When facing tough times, worry, distress, or delayed plans, the example of Jeremiah brings hope. Alt-

hough times may be difficult, help is on its way. God loves, saves, and blesses everyone. God knows by name, and knows everyone's voice. Help is on its way. Keep trusting God for miracles because Jesus never fails. As Isaiah 41:10 states, Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God: I will strengthen you; yes, I will help you; yes, I will uphold you with the right hand of my righteousness." The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with all. Amen.

<u>Confession Schedule Change</u> Fr. Louis will be will be traveling to Ireland August 11-22. Fr. Eugene is taking online classes on Thursday night so while Fr. Louis is gone we will move Thursday night Confession to Wednesday. The schedule will be: Wed.-Aug. 20 from 5:30 - 6:30.

RCCW will pay the registration fee for our ladies to go to the State convention in Lander September 19-21. Please turn in the registration form to Saint Margaret's office by August 26th. Thanks, Barb.

<u>Faith Formation</u> Faith Formation representatives will be handing out registration forms and recruiting much needed teachers. They will also have a sign up list for meal providers. They will be at the front door before and after each weekend Mass. This is a great opportunity for the members of St. Margaret's to assist with all levels of Faith Formation. Thank you!

Meals for Eagles Hope: The last 3 years, St. Margaret volunteers have helped provide meals for Eagles Hope on the 1st and 2nd Tuesdays of each month. We'll start up in September through December, take January off, and restart in February through May. It's a total of 8 meals. The people who volunteer provide only an entrée to make a full meal (main-dish, side/salad, dessert). Please call or text (with your name), 851-8073, if you are interested in helping by August 26th. Eagle's Hope is located on West Main across the street from Home Source Real-estate. For your awareness, Eagle's Hope is a place of residence for people who are not using or under the influence of drugs or alcohol. They are people who may be in recovery or are going through some tough times and need assistance. Currently, there are 18 occupants. They are very appreciative and welcome a home cooked meal. So if you are interested or need more information give me a call or text.

STUDENTS IN NEED OF PARISH SUPPORT!

As St. Margaret's School looks forward to another school year, families face a unique challenge. The ESA program opened the doors of Catholic education for at least a dozen new students who otherwise might not have been able to attend St. Margaret's School. Sadly, the pause in ESA funding caused by an ongoing lawsuit has come at exactly the wrong time and at the last minute. Families who had already begun preparing for the school year are now in a bind, and many of these students may not be able to attend our school.

Our Angel Fund exists to keep children in our classrooms, and this year, the need is greater than ever. Angel Fund Committee Chairs, Jolene Samuelson and Janie Nirider, are humbled by the number of applicants seeking help.

How You Can Be an Angel:

- Leave a check at the school or parish office marked "Angel Fund"
- Place an envelope marked "Angel Fund" in the Mass collection
- Give online using the QR code on the School News

Every gift is a blessing. Your generosity can open the doors of Catholic education for a child who might otherwise lose it. Let's stand together as a parish family to ensure every family who desires a Catholic education at St. Margaret's School has access to one.

Faith Formation News

Usually, when we see or hear the phrase "Alma Mater," we tend to think of a high school or college or university (or even trade school!) from which we graduated. For me, Arizona State University is my alma mater for secular studies, and the Saint Paul School of Theology is my alma mater for my seminary studies. In the language of the Church, however, the term "alma mater" has a more significant and substantial meaning.

It refers to the Immaculate Virgin Mary! "Alma Mater" translates from the Latin as nourishing (alma) mother (mater.) And this is exactly what the Virgin Mary is to the Church and to us: a nourishing mother.

This is why we ask her to "pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death." So the next time you hear the phrase "alma mater," think of the Virgin Mary. Better yet, stop and pray a "Hail Mary."



Prayer Corner:

My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. John 10:27

August 23 & 24, 2025

Eucharistic Ministers

8/23 5:30 p.m. Mick & Pat Newlin

Chris Jones Mark Short

Mark Short Minnie Appelhans

Lectors

Chris Jones John Wood

8/24 9:00 a.m

Larry Trompke Linda Trompke Jim Gores Andy Samuelson Barb Barber

Lectors

Mike Harris Janie Nirider / School

Altar Servers

8/23 5:30 p.m. Ashlyn Jones

Derek Gonsalez Eli Hill

8/24 9:00 a.m.

Sawyer Tate Finley Tate Saylor Tate

St. Margaret's Collections

8/09/25 & 8/10/25

Envelope & Plate \$4,278.29 Boiler \$91.34 Maintenance \$413.37 Poor & Needy \$85.00 School \$780.00 Online Giving \$1,125.00 Mission Appeal \$20.00 Assumption \$10.00

Total \$6,803.00

Mission Churches

St Edward's \$198.00

Our Lady of the Woods \$1,225.00

Boiler Fund Total:

\$32,617.24

WEEK OF AUGUST 19 - 24, 2025

Aı	nniversary	On.		Birthday 🕌	Deceased +
SUN	IDAY:	8/24 St. Edward's	Mass - Mass -	9:00 a.m - 12:00 p.m	Jace Flanagan 👑 Ernie Lucht
SAT	URDAY:	8/23	Mass -	5:30 p.m	Mary Margaret McCanna +
FRI	DAY:	8/22	Mass -	7:00 a.m	Daren 👑
THU	JRSDAY:	8/21	Mass -	7:00 a.m	Luoma Family
WE	ONESDAY:	8/20	Mass -	7:00 a.m	Harold Anthony Berger +
TUE	SDAY:	8/19	Mass -	12:15 p.m	Tim Corbett Kathy Gutierrez

PRAYERS FOR HEALING

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Emily Branning; Margie Allington; Ronnie Allington; Maggie Krause; Bob Linstad; Karen Lee Boardman; Joseph Boardman; Bertha Chavez; Bill Johnson; Susan; Barbara Rousseau; Kay Meeks; 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; Mary Jean Sweeney; Vi & Gary Wild; 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; Todd Rousseau; Gill Smith; Delayne Newton; 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; Cortney; Darla Shepardson; The Gamble Family; Kurt Leininger; Elizabeth Reid; 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; Pat Mosbrucker; William Apodaca; Hunter Jaramillo, Curry Matthiessen; Jimmy VanVleet; Curtis Good; Josh Ward; Cristy Craqoe; Devin Senn: Tim Shelton

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

Living & Giving in Christ Fiscal Year 2025 - 2026 Update as of 8/11/2025

	Goal	Pledge to date	Pledge Shortage	Actual paid to date
St Margaret's	\$26,495	\$13,028	\$13,467	\$9,220
<u>OLW</u>	\$6,455	\$1,100	\$5,355	\$750
St Edwards	\$2,334	\$875	\$1,459	\$375

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

Parishioners: Actual Pledge by parishioners.

<u>Pledge Shortage</u>: 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.