



SCHOOL NEWS

August 24, 2025

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An Update from Mrs. M

The first week of school is always a breath of fresh air. After weeks of preparation, when staff are hustling and planning (sometimes it feels like a race against the clock!), there's a collective sigh of relief once the students arrive. Suddenly the rooms and hallways come alive, and everything feels just as it should. It happens every year. Why? Because children are the heart of our mission. They are the center of this ministry, the reason we do what we do. The smiles were all-around and abundant on Tuesday when kids returned. We are so grateful to have them back!

This year, our teachers started their work days with a mini-retreat focused on the life and writings of Saint Cabrini, reflecting on her witness and what she can teach us about teaching and education today. Together, we also began reimagining our mission statement by visualizing a portrait of a St. Margaret's School graduate, thinking deeply about the kind of young people we hope to send into the world. Of course, our teachers also dove into all the curriculum, planning, and "teacher things" that make the learning possible. It was a busy week leading up to the first day of school on Tuesday.

I have to say this: our current staff team is the real deal. They are faith-filled, dedicated, and passionate about your children. Please continue to keep me, our staff, and our students in your prayers. Know that I am praying for you, too!

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

DONATE



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

Aug. 26: School Board Meeting, 4 pm

Aug. 29: STEM

Sept. 1: No School (Labor Day)

Sept. 9: PTO Meeting, 6 pm

Sept. 12: STEM

Sept. 16: School Board Meeting, 4 pm

Sept. 19: Early Release at 12:35 pm



Pastor: Fr. Louis Shea

louieshea@yahoo.com

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.

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 :

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

Twenty - First Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 24, 2025

Strive
to
enter
through
the
narrow
door.

Luke 13:24

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Fr. Eugene’s Corner

Religion is not only a supernatural activity but also one that connects people to one another. In fact, our relationship with God should positively influence our rapport with others. This informs the reason why God does not abandon us. Clearly, striving through the narrow door symbolizes the everyday efforts required to strengthen us on our journey to heaven. While we are still on this planet, we are called to lift each other from the slumber of despondency. As Galatians 6:2 (NIV) states, "Carry each other’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ." A collective effort is essential to overcome the various obstacles of life and make the world a bet-ter place. In the journey of life, God expects us to uplift one another so that we can all be included in His plan of salvation. God is universal and one. Striving is positive in the sense that it leads us from sloth to the willpower to consistently walk in accordance with God’s laws. Therefore, as 1 Thessalonians 5:11 (NIV) encourages us, "Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

Faith Formation will begin on August 27th. Meals will be served at 5:30 and classes start at 6:00. You have an opportunity to support Faith Formation by signing up to provide meals. We still need teachers and teacher helpers. If you are interested please contact David Stradley at 307-709-6996 or Becky Miller at 307-851-5899.

RCCW will pay the registration fee for any of 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.

Bishop Steven received a letter from the president of the USCCB requesting that every parish take up an urgent special collec-tion for Gaza. The letter states: “It is with great pastoral concern for the ongoing crisis in Gaza that I write to you today. Our Church mourns the terrible suffering of Christians and other innocent victims of violence in Gaza and surrounding areas who are struggling to survive, protect their children, and live with dignity in dire conditions. The Holy Father continues to call for a cease fire and for aid to enter the territory, noting with great sorrow that ‘Gaza is starving.’ “Given the extraordinary nature of this crisis, I ask you to consider taking up a special collection to provide humanitarian relief and pastoral support for our affected brothers and sisters in Gaza and surrounding areas in the Middle East ... The situation in Gaza and across the Middle East cries out for the assistance of the Catholic community of the United States. I ask that you take up this collection and send funds ... as soon as possible.” Bishop Steven requests, if possible, that you take up the collection on the weekend of August 23-24 or as soon as possible. The Diocese of Cheyenne will treat this as any national collection.

Meals for Eagles Hope: The last 3 years, St. Margaret’s 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 resi-dence 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 wel-come 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

How do we search for God? One way is to find Him the Blessed Sacrament. Sacred Scripture tells us that we are to search for God with our whole heart; not just part of the heart. I can imagine God saying this to us: “I don’t want anything; I want everything.” In midst of our personal travails, Christ is right there with us, appearing to us if we will only seek Him. Seeking is important to God. So important that there are over 1,800 occurrences of this in Sacred Scripture! “Seek and you will find - - - you will find this power of God’s love to heal, to give peace and, at last, something like real life, so that little by little, you can get up. It is so hard; and yet it is so easy. And everything depends on it. Seek. Ask. And by God’s grace you will find. In Christ’s name and with His power I can promise you this.” AMEN!!!



Prayer Corner:

I am the way, the truth and the life, says the Lord;
no one comes to the Father, except through me.
John 14:6

August 30 & 31, 2025

Eucharistic Ministers

8/30 5:30 p.m. Mick & Pat Newlin
Chris Jones
Mark Short
Minnie Appelhans

Lectors Chris Jones
John Wood

8/31 9:00 a.m. Larry Trompke
Linda Trompke
Andy Samuelson
Barb Barber

Lectors Mike Harris
Janie Nirider / School

Altar Servers

8/30 5:30 p.m. Troi Johnson
Keenan Patterson
Michael Hoffer

8/31 9:00 a.m. Lucas Piquette
Chase Collins
Adam Dorothy

St. Margaret’s Collections

8/16/25 & 8/17/25

Envelope & Plate \$2,104.93
Boiler \$101.22
Maintenance \$486.85
Poor & Needy \$60.00
School \$200.00
Faith Formation \$80.00
Online Giving \$415.00
Assumption \$1,146.00

Total \$4,594.00

Mission Churches

St Edward’s \$233.00

Our Lady of the Woods

Not Available

St. Joseph’s \$100.00

Boiler Fund Total:

\$32,718.46

WEEK OF AUGUST 26 - 31, 2025

TUESDAY: 8/26 Mass - 12:15 p.m. - Bob Meeboer +
Alex Franck
WEDNESDAY: 8/27 School Mass - 8:15 a.m. - Bruce Hughes +
Justin Wood
THURSDAY: 8/28 Mass - 7:00 a.m. - Rod & Kim Heil
Bev Appelhance +
FRIDAY: 8/29 Mass - 7:00 a.m. - Charles Berger +
SATURDAY: 8/30 Mass - 5:30 p.m. - Barb Volk +
SUNDAY: 8/31 Mass - 9:00 a.m. - Jean Corbett +
St. Edward’s Mass - 12:00 p.m. -

Anniversary

Birthday

Deceased +

PRAYERS FOR HEALING

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 Apo-daca; 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 Gun-ter; 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; Camil-la; Kayleen Gambler; Dianna Slater; Louis; Cortney; Darla Shepardson; The Gamble Family; Kurt Leininger; Eliza-beth 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 Cragoe; 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 8/18/2025

	Goal	Pledge to date	Pledge Shortage	Actual paid to date
St Margaret’s	\$26,495	\$13,578	\$12,917	\$9,820
OLW	\$6,455	\$1,100	\$5,355	\$750
St Edwards	\$2,334	\$875	\$1,459	\$425

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.