

There's a lot happening this season, but it's all tied to one effort: our Christmas Project. We're working toward a \$10,000 goal that will unlock a full match, doubling our efforts, and this year, the St. Margaret's School Foundation has stepped in with an additional match of up to \$100,000. Every gift, even \$5, brings us closer. Plus, when you give \$5, it becomes \$20 for the school with both matches! You can help by buying an item from a teacher wish list, using the envelopes in the church pews, donating online using the QR code below, or responding to the alumni appeal. However you give, it all supports the same mission. Thank you for your generosity and for the faith you continue to place in our school. We're grateful for you!

















IMPORTANT DATES

Dec. 22-Jan. 5: Christmas Break

Jan. 5: Teachers Return

Jan. 6: Students Return

Jan. 9: STEM

Jan. 13: PTO Mtg, 6 pm

Jan. 20: School Board Mtg, 4 pm

Jan. 22: Adoration & Confession

Jan. 23: STEM, Carnival

Jan. 25-31: Catholic Schools Week!

Pastor: Fr. Louis Shea louieshea@yahoo.com
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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: Christmas Eve -

Children's Mass - 5:00 p.m.

Mass During the Night - 9:00 p.m.

Thursday: Christmas Day - 9:00 a.m.

Friday: 7:00 a.m.

Confession:

Thursday: 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Cancelled Saturday: 3:45 - 5 p.m. Or by appointment

St. Edward's, Kinnear: Sunday: 12:00 pm

Christmas Day - 12:00p.m.

Confession: By request before or after Mass

Our Lady of the Woods, Dubois:

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

Christmas Day - 9:00 a.m.

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

June through August : Saturday: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00 a.m.

<u>Confession</u>: 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 – Following Daily Mass

Sick & Homebound

Contact the Office - 856-3757

Baptism - Julie Fiebiger - 307-851-8073

Faith Formation Process

Becky Miller - 307-851-5899 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

<u>Parish Council Chairman</u>: Kyle Thoman <u>Vice Chairman</u>: Andy Samuelson <u>Trustees:</u> Tammy Linton & Lindy Paskett

Fourth Sunday of Advent December 21, 2025



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Fr. Louie's Corner

We are almost there, Christmas is just around the corner, or you may be reading this during the Christmas season and have already heard our wonderful accounts of Christmas in our scriptures, and it

is already here for you. But as of this writing it is still Advent and so we are in that part of Advent when we are concentrating on the coming of our savior in the flesh, that he is born of Mary in the family stable. This week we hear the Archangel Gabriel tell Joseph that he should not be afraid to

take Mary into his home. This has led some of our greatest saints to think that Mary told him how her pregnancy with Jesus came about. Rather than being incredulous with disbelief, he felt unworthy to be the earthly father of the messiah. That is certainly understandable, so Gabriel tells him that he should take him in as his own and name him Jesus, which means "God saves" because God wants to save his people from their sins. Joseph is the first person in Matthew's Gospel that obeys God. We have a wonderful example of humility and obedience in St. Joseph, let us all pray that we can learn from his example and have a truly joyous Christmas season!

Advent Penance Services Schedule

St. Francis - Thermopolis - Sun. , Dec 21 - 5:00p.m.

Holy Rosary - Lander - Mon., Dec 22 - 6:00p.m.



<u>Parish Christmas Brunch</u> <u>December 21 after the 9:00</u>

a.m. Mass. The main dishes are being catered but feel free to bring a side dish or desert to share if you want. Hope to see everyone there!!



Christmas Eve

<u>St. Margaret's</u> - Children's Mass - 5:00p.m. Riverton - Mass Durling the Night- 9:00p.m.

Christmas Day

St. Margaret's - Riverton - 9:00a.m.

St. Edward's - Kinnear - 12:00p.m.

Our Lady of the Woods - Dubois - 9:00a.m.





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.

Faith Formation News

Here we are in the last Sunday of the Advent Season. And many of us (myself included!) are wondering where the year went. We are back to a purple candle this week, and this candle represents love. "Advent's intention is to awaken the

most profound and basic emotional memory within us, namely, the memory of the God who became a child. This is a healing memory; it brings hope." (Pope Benedict XVI.) It is my prayer that this is what the current Advent Season has done for you. "During this final week of Advent we rejoice in the endless love that God has for us, which is made apparent in the birth of his Son. Common culture tells us that there are only 4 shopping days left until Christmas. The fourth Sunday of Advent tells us that we have only 4 more days to prepare our hearts for the joy of Christmas. Are you ready?"

No Faith Formation December 31

We will meet again on January 7th

Merry Christmas!!!!



SCAN ME

Faith Formation Meals Sign Up

If you want to help with meals just go to this sight to sign up or call the parish office at 856-3757. You can do one item or a whole meal. Thank you!!



Prayer Corner:

The virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel.

Matthew 1:23

THURSDAY: 12/25

FRIDAY:

SUNDAY:

12/26

12/28

<u>December 27 & 28, 2025</u> <u>Eucharistic Ministers</u>

12/27 5:30 p.m. Mick & Pat Newlin

Chris Jones Mark Short

Lectors Chris Jones

John Wood

12/28 9:00 a.m Larry Trompke

Linda Trompke Andy Samuelson Barb Barber

<u>Lectors</u> Mike Harris

School / Janie Nirider

Altar Servers

12/24 5:00 p.m. Sawyer Tate

Finley Tate Saylor Tate

1<u>2/24</u> 9:00 p.m. Noelle Miller

Destiny Warren Keenan Patterson

12/25 9:00 a.m. Eliz

Elizabeth Howard William Apodaca Michael Hoffer

12/27 5:30 p.m.

Lillianna Hill Troi Johnson Ashlyn Jones

12/28 9:00 a.m.

Zayne Piquette Sylvia Piquette Lucas Piquette

St. Margaret's Collections

12/13/25 & 12/14/25

Envelope & Plate \$3,520.84 Boiler \$171.47 Maintenance \$497.69 Poor & Needy \$145.00 School & Angel Fund \$230.00 Online Giving \$820.00 Immaculate Conception \$145.00

Total \$5,530.00

Mission Churches

St. Edward's - Not Available

Our Lady of the Woods
Not Available

Boiler Fund Total:

\$35,320.17

WEEK OF DECEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 28, 2025

TUESDAY: 12/23 Mass - 12:15 p.m. - Ashlyn Jones 🛎

Holy Souls

WEDNESDAY: 12/24 Christmas Eve - Children's Mass - 5:00 p.m. - Burlingham Family

Mass Durling the Night - 9:00 p.m. - Paul Bailey
Christmas Day Mass - 9:00 a.m.. - Bruce Hughes +

St. Edward's - 12:00 p.m. - All those buried at St. Edward's

JoAnn Flanagan 🕌

7:00 a.m. - Tim Thorton Family

Barb Yates
SATURDAY: 12/27 Mass - 5:30 p.m. Donte Ponce Rivera + ≝

Mass -

St. Edward's Mass - 12:00 p.m. - For all Seminarians

9:00 a.m -

Anniversary Deceased +

PRAYERS FOR HEALING

Karen Colona Ring; Emily Hamilton; Mike Greff; Jim Tate; Susan Merrington; Karen Fried; Aaron Forsyth; Crystal Thomason; Marilou Vaugn; Margie Allington; Maggie Krause; Bob Linstad; Bertha Chavez; Bill Johnson; Susan; Barbara Rousseau: Kay Meeks; Linda Bebout: Dan Root; Rod Eicke; Michael Van Vleet; Alex Hall; Donna Mosbrucker; Flora Apodaca; Amanda Vega; Lynette Hall; Emily Hamilton; Sharon Umscheid; Mary Alice Genter; Lavina & Brian Witt: 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; 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; 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; 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 12/15/2025

	Goal	Pledge to date	Pledge Shortage	Actual paid to date
St Margaret's	\$26,495	\$15,753	\$10,742	\$13,428
<u>OLW</u>	\$6,455	\$1,100	\$5,355	\$925
St Edwards	\$2,334	\$875	\$1,459	\$625

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.