



# SCHOOL NEWS

January 11, 2026

220 N. 7th St. E., Riverton

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ST. MARGARET'S SCHOOL

## CARNIVAL

Friday, Jan. 23 5:00 to 8:00 PM St. Margaret's Gym

PRE-SALE DISCOUNTED WRISTBANDS \$20  
AVAILABLE AT SCHOOL OFFICE THROUGH JAN. 22

Wristbands include  
10 game tickets &  
unlimited rides on  
inflatables.

WRISTBANDS AT THE DOOR: \$25  
EXTRA GAME TICKETS: \$1 EACH



GAMES

FOOD  
STAND

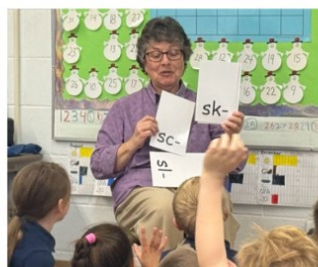
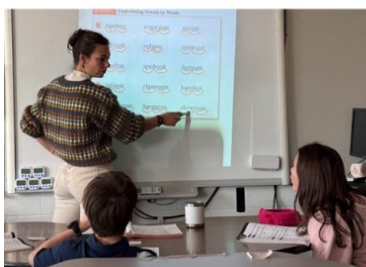
CAKE  
WALK

OBSTACLE  
COURSE

GIANT  
SLIDES

PRIZES

BOUNCE  
HOUSE



Wyoming Game and Fish  
Trout in the Classroom  
has begun!



### An Update from Mrs. M

As we begin a new calendar year, I am amazed at how our students and staff didn't miss a beat after returning from Christmas Break. We hope your families had a joyful Christmas break filled with rest, prayer, and delight in God's many blessings.

Some exciting news from our classrooms: the trout eggs have arrived. Our fifth graders are once again participating in the **Wyoming Game and Fish Trout in the Classroom** program. This is our second year, and Mr. Lennen is officially a pro (he may not agree, but I say so). Students will care for the eggs as they hatch and grow while learning about life cycles, water quality, ecosystems, and stewardship of God's creation. It is hands-on learning at its best.

Speaking of hands-on learning, STEM continues to be a highlight at St. Margaret's School thanks to Ms. Claire Manning. Last semester, **High Plains Power** joined us to teach students about electricity in a fun and interactive way. They are a wonderful community partner. Ms. Claire also led a tower-building challenge that gave students the chance to practice teamwork, basic engineering, and problem solving. **EA Engineers** spent time with our students outdoors, leading a hands-on session on surveying and mapmaking that was both engaging and memorable. These are just a few examples of the meaningful learning happening during STEM. School-wide STEM experiences happen every two weeks for Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade.

Lots of exciting things coming up in the new year! **Catholic Schools Week** is coming up at the end of January, with faith-in-action service projects, dress-up days, and meaningful ways to celebrate our identity as a Catholic school. **Lent** will be here before we know it, and we take that season seriously here at school. We will once again invite families to join us for a Lenten challenge on Hallow as we walk that journey together and see how the Holy Spirit works in our school community. Other highlights ahead include the **100th day of school** on February 2, our **Dinner Dance** in March, **First Communion** in April, and much more.

Please continue to pray for me and for our school. I am praying for you.

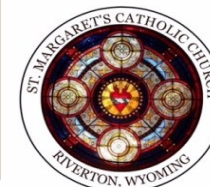
### IMPORTANT DATES

Jan. 13: PTO Mtg, 6:00 pm  
Jan. 14: Hallow Challenge Pizza Party  
Jan. 15: Dinner Dance Cmte. Mtg, 5:30 pm  
Jan. 20: School Board Mtg, 4:00 pm  
Jan. 23: STEM and Teacher PLC, Carnival!  
Jan. 24: Student Choir at Mass  
Jan. 25-Jan. 31: Catholic Schools Week  
Jan. 26: Dress Like Heroes or Saints  
Jan. 27: Favorite Color  
Jan. 28: Sunday Best, Literary after Mass  
Jan. 29: Pajama Day  
Jan. 30: No School

Pastor: Fr. Louis Shea  
louieshea@yahoo.com

Associate: Fr. Eugene Inobeme OSA  
eugeneinobs4christ@yahoo.com

## St. Margaret's Catholic Church



### The Baptism of the Lord January 11, 2026



#### 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 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 :

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

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

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

Sunday: 8:00 a.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 - Jan 2nd only - 7 a.m. - 4 p.m.

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

Parish Council Chairman: Kyle Thoman

Vice Chairman: Andy Samuelson

Trustees: Tammy Linton

Lindy Paskett

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Fr. Louie's Corner

We now celebrate the Baptism of the Lord as we conclude our Christmas season. We may wonder, as John the Baptist did, why Jesus would need to be baptized. In our Gospel reading John tells Jesus that this is not right that he, John, should be baptized by Jesus. Jesus tells him to allow it, so that they will fulfill all righteousness. Jesus is sinless and does not need John's baptism of repentance, so we need to know of Jesus' humility and total submission to the will of the Father. In our first reading we hear the first servant song from Isaiah. This is widely accepted by Christians as prophesy about Jesus. Many Jews believe that it is prophesy about the Messiah, and others believe it is a commissioning of Israel to bring knowledge of the one true God to the world. That they were chosen to develop and spread the Good News of God to all of humanity. I can see that these ideas work together. Jesus was indeed born from the chosen people of Israel and He is the culmination of the prophesy, and just as His baptism in the waters that sinners are baptized in spread throughout the world the Good News spreads from His, and His disciples ministry.

Fr. Louis is the administrator for Our Lady of the Mountains in Jackson. He will be in Jackson from January 16 through January 27th. This is not a vacation. He will be working for both parishes during this time so if you need to contact him you are welcome to do so. Fr. Eugene will also be available at St. Margaret's.

The RCCW monthly luncheon and short meeting will be Wednesday January 14 at 11:30 a.m. at Spudman (New location is 702 E Main St. - the old 381 Sub location) If you are new and interested in joining us contact the parish office at 856-3757.

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience**  
So may the God of patience and solace grant you to be of one mind toward one another, in accord with Jesus Christ." Learn how to be patient with your spouse on the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experiences on: Apr. 18-19, 2026, Lake-wood, CO; June 19-21, 2026, Golden, CO. You may also check our website or call the number below for more information on locations in your area. For questions feel free to contact: Paul & Tracy McElvery: 307-689-2820  
Space is limited, so reserve your weekend early. For more information about Worldwide Marriage Encounter, please visit [www.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org) Follow us on Instagram and Facebook! @worldwidemarriageencounter.

**Faith Formation News**  
From EWTN: "Baptism didn't begin with John the Baptist. It was originally a Jewish rite, which symbolized a washing from unrighteousness through the renunciation of sin. It was used until John's day for the cleansing of Gentiles who were converting to Judaism. John's baptism was revolutionary, in that he offered it to Jews -- meaning that they, no less than the Gentiles, needed to be cleansed of their sins. They were no better than the Gentiles in conforming their lives to the will of God. And this was a preparation for the teaching of Christ, that all mankind, Jew and Gentile alike, needs to come to Him for cleansing." Our Lord's Baptism was a great river of repentance, which flows over us when we are baptized. His repentance becomes our repentance, as we allow ourselves to be immersed in it. Then the Spirit of God descends on us, as He did on Christ.

**Come join us for Faith Formation on Wednesday evening.** Dinner will be served at 5:30 and classes start at 6:00. There are classes for all ages! 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 Becky Miller at 307-851-5899.

**Reconciliation Parent's Meeting**  
**January 14 - 5:00 p.m. School Library**  
**Confirmation Parent's Meeting**  
**February 4 - 5:00 p.m. School Library**



**Reborn | Trailer**

Reborn explores the deeply personal power of Baptism, bringing to light the spiritual reality for parents and godparents and, most importantly, the child being baptized. Rendered with a cinematic beauty that's become the hallmark of the Augustine Institute's film productions, Reborn presents the foundation of the Church's teaching on Baptism, with a step-by-step explanation of the rite itself, including its profound place in Scripture and Tradition.

Our parish has a free Formed subscription for you! Simply scan the QR code or visit [formed.org/signup](http://formed.org/signup) to create your account and select our parish to get free access to this content and much more!

**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 heavens were opened and the voice of the Father thundered:  
This is my beloved Son, listen to him.  
Mark 9:7

**January 17 & 18, 2026**  
**Eucharistic Ministers**  
**1/17 5:30 p.m.** Chris Jones  
Ethan Patterson  
Mick Newlin  
Tony Colonna  
John Campbell  
**Lectors** Mick Newlin  
Chris Jones  
**1/18 9:00 a.m.** Dave Paskett  
Daria Wood  
Andy Samuelson  
Bill Styvar  
Karla Kucera  
Tom Nirider  
**Lectors** Jolene Samuelson  
Lindy Paskett

**Altar Servers**  
**1/17 5:30 p.m.** Weston Thompson  
William Apodaca  
Ashlyn Jones  
**1/18 9:00 a.m.** Abby Samuelson  
Maggie Samuelson  
Emily Samuelson

**St. Margaret's Collections**  
**1/03/25 & 1/04/25**  
**Envelope & Plate \$8,951.10**  
**Boiler \$131.49**  
**Maintenance \$506.41**  
**Poor & Needy \$90.00**  
**School & Angel Fund \$195.00**  
**Online Giving \$940.00**  
**Faith Formation \$30.00**  
**Christmas \$5.00**  
**Solemnity of Mary \$39.00**

**Total \$ 10,888.00**  
**Mission Churches**  
**St. Edward's - 12/28 - \$179.00**  
**Our Lady of the Woods**  
**12/25- \$417.00 12/28 - 697.00**

**Boiler Fund Total:**  
**\$35,799.97**

WEEK OF JANUARY 13 - JANUARY 18, 2026				
TUESDAY:	1/13	Mass - 12:15 p.m. -	Sandy Henrikson Smith + Holy Souls	
WEDNESDAY:	1/14	School Mass - 8:15 a.m. -	Gentry Smith Morning Sky Ironhorse	
THURSDAY:	1/15	Mass - 7:00 a.m.	Ed Flanagan 🕯️	
FRIDAY:	1/16	Mass - 7:00 a.m.	Grady Thoman Julie Fiebiger	
SATURDAY:	1/17	Mass - 5:30 p.m.	Chuck & Karla Kucera Holy Souls	
SUNDAY:	1/18	Mass - 9:00 a.m. - St. Edward's Mass - 12:00 p.m. -	David Apodaca Jr. Troy Corbett 🕯️	
Anniversary 🕯️		Birthday 🕯️		Deceased +

PRAYERS FOR HEALING

Barb Yates; Larry Trompke; Jim Gores; Karen Colona Ring; Emily Hamilton; Mike Greff; Jim Tate; Susan Merrington; Karen Fried; Aaron Forsyth; Crystal Thomason; Marilou Vaughn; 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 Billoft; 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 1/05/2026				
	Goal	Pledge to date	Pledge Shortage	Actual paid to date
St Margaret's	\$26,495	\$15,853	\$10,642	\$13,678
OLW	\$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.  
**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.