



SCHOOL NEWS

February 1, 2026

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An Update from Mrs. M

Last Saturday's Mass was a beautiful and humbling reminder of who we are as a school. Some of our students participated reverently in the ministries, and they did an incredible job. Then came a moment that truly stopped me in my tracks: During Mrs. Huxtable's announcement, she asked those in attendance to stand if they attended the school, sent children here, or worked or volunteered here. **The vast majority of the congregation stood.** Even as the principal, I was blown away. My jaw dropped, my heart tightened, and I still can't stop thinking about the depth, history, and faith that surround this school. It was emotional and powerful to witness such an involved, committed community. What a great way to kick off a week of celebrating our identity as a Catholic school.

Since then, Catholic Schools Week was filled with meaningful activities, but the service projects were my favorite. This year felt especially special. Before leaving the school, students reflected on our rules and the virtues they've been learning all year. They recalled virtues from as far back as August and spoke openly about how to glorify God through their attitudes, teamwork, service, and care for one another... and then they went and did it! There were only smiles and cheers when students learned which group they were in and who their assigned members were - not a groan or complaint in the house! When plans went a little awry and some groups waited longer than expected for buses, our teachers modeled calm, positive leadership, and our students rose to the moment. They were patient, cheerful, and flexible, making the best of the situation without complaint.

We are deeply grateful to the organizations who welcomed our students. We hope we served you well, but in the end, you gave our children something even greater: the opportunity to practice living a virtuous, abundant life. These lessons will stay with them far beyond this week. Stay tuned to our Facebook page for more stories that capture just how incredible this experience was.

Serving around the community!



Special thanks to the 12 agencies that allowed students to practice charity:
Foundations for Nations Food Pantry, Fremont County Fire Protection District, Fremont County Sheriff, Fremont Local Market, Frontier Ambulance, Homestead Assisted Living, Open Hand Ranch, Riverton Chamber and Visitor Center, Riverton Police Department, Search and Rescue, Senior Citizens Center, Riverton Volunteer Fire Department



MARCH
7th

6 PM | St. Margaret's
Gym

General Admission: \$50
Corporate tables available!

Purchase tickets through the school office!
307-856-5922 | stmarg@wyoming.com

Must be 21 or older to attend.

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

St. Margaret's Catholic Church



Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time February 1, 2026

*Blessed are the merciful
for they shall obtain mercy*



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Fr. Louis' Corner

This Sunday through the beginning of Lent we are treated to the Sermon on the Mount in our Gospel readings. This week we hear from the beginning which are also called the Beatitudes. I sometimes think of the Beatitudes as if they were the entire Sermon on the Mount, in reality they are just the introduction to it. It is good to understand that Greek word that is translated here to blessed also means fortunate. Jesus turns what the people of His time think of as fortunate on its ear. It is still a hard teaching to accept all these two thousand years later. I have people who come to me so very upset that the church is being persecuted in our country and in our world. It is very upsetting, and those people being persecuted certainly need and deserve our help through acts of prayer and corporal works of mercy. But if we look at it through the lens of the Beatitudes, we are fortunate to be persecuted in this way. Someone shows you disrespect because of your religiosity, we should rejoice, because we are fortunate. That is what Jesus is telling us in the Beatitudes.

Presentation of the Lord - Candlemas Day

Monday February 2 - Mass - 6:00 p.m.

Lent is quickly approaching! Ash Wednesday is February 18. We would like to start planning for the Soup Suppers and a Fish Fry. If you are interesting in hosting a Soup Supper please call the Parish Office so we can get you on the calendar. Father Louis is strongly encouraging us to join in fellowship with the meals before doing the Stations of the Cross.

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: April 18-19, 2026, Lakewood, 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 Follow us on Instagram and Facebook! @worldwidemarriageencounter.

Faith Formation News

In a crazy world, where do we look for a sense of self-worth? Where do many turn? To unhealthy choices, that's where. Alcohol --- drugs --- destructive activities. People try to be what they're not. Certainly not what God desired them to be when God first thought them up. Some look for a sense of self worth in the approval of others. So they follow the crowd. They don't even play follow the leader, they play follow the follower. Much of the world is like this. We want to be liked --- wanted --- loved. We need to have a sense of self-worth. A wise man once wrote: "The whole sum of existence consists of being wanted and loved and needed by just one person." And you are! A careful study of Sacred Scripture will reveal a God who downright dotes on you! How much more of a sense of self worth do you need apart from this?

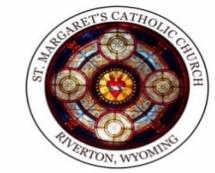
Come join us for Faith Formation on Wednesday evening. Dinner will be served at 5:30 and classes start at 6:00. There are classes for all ages! You have an opportunity to support Faith Formation by signing up to provide meals. We still need teachers and teacher helpers. If you are interested please contact Becky Miller at 307-851-5899.



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:

Rejoice and be glad; your reward will be great in heaven.

Matthew 5:12

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 03 - FEBRUARY 08, 2026

February 07 & February 08, 2026

Eucharistic Ministers

2/07 5:30 p.m. Baylor & Hally Beers
Mark Short
John Campbell

Lectors John Wood
Lisa Appelhans

2/08 9:00 a.m. Dave & Lindy Paskett
Mike Harris
Bill Styvar
Chuck Kucera

Lectors Dave Stradley
Terri Kucera

Altar Servers

2/07 5:30 p.m. Troi Johnson
Marguerite Hill
Weston Thompson

2/08 9:00 a.m. Chase Collins
Creed Anderson
Damien Piquette

MONDAY: 2/02 Presentation of the Lord - Mass - 6:00 p.m. All Parishioners
TUESDAY: 2/03 Mass - 12:15 p.m. Holy Souls
RCCW
WEDNESDAY: 2/04 School Mass - 8:15 a.m. Sandy Henrikson Smith +
Souls in Purgatory
THURSDAY: 2/05 Mass - 7:00 a.m. - Jerry Piquette +
Holy Souls
FRIDAY: 2/06 Mass - 7:00 a.m. - Tianna
Deb Anderson +
SATURDAY: 2/07 Mass - 5:30 p.m. - Loie Thompson +
SUNDAY: 2/08 Mass - 9:00 a.m. - Paul Bailey
St. Edward's Mass - 12:00 p.m. - Diocese Donor

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 Umseid; Mary Alice Genter; Lavinia & Brian Witt; Monica; Cindy Bilotto; 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 1/26/2026

	Goal	Pledge to date	Pledge Shortage	Actual paid to date
<u>St Margaret's</u>	\$26,495	\$15,853	\$10,642	\$14,145
<u>OLW</u>	\$6,455	\$1,100	\$5,355	\$925
<u>St Edwards</u>	\$2,334	\$875	\$1,459	\$675

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.