



**Jesus and His Disciples**  
Carl Oesterley (1805-1891)

**A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR**

This week what I have to offer is just a few house keeping notes as things continue to move along and progress with regards to our life as a parish. Slow going I know, but before we can proceed we must wait for instructions from Helena. And having said that, I do want to offer one bit of clarification regarding our present situation, and that is that the loosening or tightening of restrictions on various activities differs from county to county (not too mention from state to state) and so we should try to refrain from making comparisons and rather focus on our parish and what we can do (or not do).

The first bit of news is pretty good news. This past week the parishes of the Diocese of Helena were given a green light to proceed with planning for this year's faith formation programs. Given the late notice, our programs will not begin until the first week of October with the exception of *That Man Is You!* which must begin on Thursday, September 17<sup>th</sup> in order to complete the program by the time Christmas break rolls around. *Endow* for women will begin in October and more information will be made available soon.

With regards to religious education I can imagine that there are an awful lot of questions, but please bear with me. First and foremost, before we can answer some of the questions that you might have, we need to know (and soon) how many youths will be enrolled for the coming year. Once we have a head count, then we will coordinate with teachers, and then after that we will have a plan and that plan and many of the answers to your questions will be answered at that time. So, if your kids were enrolled last year in religious education, you will be hearing from Katherine Fansher in the very near future. Please be patient as we go through this and do not overwhelm Katherine and try respond as soon as possible regarding your intentions for the coming year.

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# Twenty-second Sunday of Ordinary Time

30 August 2020

Sacred Heart, Ronan  
Immaculate Conception, Polson  
St. Joseph Mission, Charlo

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### Mass Schedule

**Saturday at 6:00 pm**

Immaculate Conception  
*Ken Avison rb The Parish*  
Confessions are available at 5:00 pm

**Sunday**

Sacred Heart at 8:30 am  
*The Intentions of Jeff & Samantha Beck rb Rita Rebein*  
Immaculate Conception at 10:30 am  
*Intentions of the Parish Faithful*

**PLEASE NOTE:** *There will be no Confessions on Wednesday and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is suspended this week only due to the funeral of Ken Avison. However, please consult the Mass times below for First Weekend Devotions. Regular Mass and Confession times will resume next week.*

### FIRST WEEKEND DEVOTIONS

*Immaculate Conception Church*

**Thursday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Mass at 12:10 pm – Memorial of Pope St. Gregory the Great  
Holy Hour of Reparation at 7:00 pm  
*Confessions are heard during this time.*

**Friday (First Friday), September 4<sup>th</sup>**

Confessions at 11:30 am  
Votive Mass in Honor of the Sacred Heart at 12:10 pm

**Saturday (First Saturday), September 5<sup>th</sup>**

Confessions at 9:00 am  
Votive Mass in Honor of the  
Immaculate Heart of Mary at 10:00 am  
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (after Mass)  
*During the period of Eucharistic Adoration the 5 Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary will be prayed, followed by a further 15 minutes of silent meditation on the Mysteries of the Rosary as Our Lady had requested.*  
Benediction with the Blessed Sacrament

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The next item has to do with the announcement on the front of this week's bulletin. Fatima. As hard as it is to believe, the 15 weekends of summer have come to an end, and along with our regular parish programs there is also another round of 9 First Fridays extending from September through May of 2021, which includes 5 opportunities to complete the First Five Saturday Devotion to Our Blessed Mother (depending on when you begin).

This year however there will be something of a change. On the morning of each first Saturday of the month there will be time for Confessions, a votive Mass in honor of Our Blessed Mother, as well as time for praying the Rosary and making the necessary 15 minute meditation that completes and makes up this particular devotion. The rest of the First Weekend devotional schedule will remain as it was.

Please, I encourage you to consider anew making the First Fridays and the Five Saturdays, as well as making the time to participate in the Holy Hour of Reparation that is observed on the Thursday evenings prior. Prayerfully consider marking your calendars and plan on making a commitment. If there was ever a time in history that the Church and the world needed people to pray, do penance and make reparation since these devotions were first begun, it is certainly now. Christ and His Blessed Mother are counting on you!

That is it for now.

God bless,  
Fr. Kevin Christofferson



***That Man Is You!***

This is the fourth year for our parish men's group! All men in the parish are invited and welcome to attend. We meet each Thursday morning at 6:00 am for a hot protein breakfast followed by a program and structured conversation. **Group begins this year on September 17<sup>th</sup>.**

***Humbly asking for your prayers***

Marcy Bishop, Mary Oulette, Maryalice Rouselle, The Clay Family, Virginia Rubel, Lou Marchello, Patricia Kelly, Glen Rogers, Liz Hipp, Michael Conrad, Neil Miskimins, Ellen Holland, Kaylee Martin, Dave Evertz, Steve Ducharme, Leonard & Gail Piedalue, Anonymous Request (Greatly Improved!), Kate Shrider Olsen, Don Herbst, Bill Nash, Marge Welty, Donna Jacobs.

*Please help to keep the list current by contacting the Parish Office. Also, out of respect for a person's privacy, please make sure that all individuals wish to be publicly identified.*

***Grace be to you and peace. We give thanks to God always for you all; Making a remembrance of you in our prayers without ceasing. 1 Thessalonians 1:2***

**The Holy Father's prayer intention for September**

**Respect for Resources:** We pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner.

**Funeral Arrangements for Ken Avison**  
*Immaculate Conception Church*  
**Tuesday, September 1<sup>st</sup>**  
Viewing all day at Lake Funeral Home  
Wake Service at 7:00 pm at the church with Rosary  
**Wednesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
Mass of Christian Burial at 10:00 am  
*All are welcome to a reception at The Cove Deli following the graveside committal.*  
***May he rest in peace!***



**Pope St. Gregory the Great**  
Thursday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>

*The only true riches are those that make us rich in virtue. Therefore, if you want to be rich, beloved, love true riches. If you aspire to the heights of real honor, strive to reach the kingdom of Heaven. If you value rank and renown, hasten to be enrolled in the heavenly court of the Angels.*

*We make Idols of our concepts, but Wisdom is born of wonder.*

***You cannot acquire the gift of peace if by your anger you destroy the peace of the Lord.***

*The more the wicked abound, so much the more must we suffer with them in patience; for on the threshing floor few are the grains carried into the barns, but high are the piles of chaff burned with fire.*

*If the work of God could be comprehended by reason, it would no longer be wonderful, and faith would have no merit if reason provided proof.*

***Please pray for our seminarians!***  
Dillon Armstrong, Tyler Frohlich, Matthew Christians, Kyle Tannehill and Kaleb Michell

