



My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I hope and pray that you are all doing well.

As we enter into Autumn, it's a time of a renewal and a new start, whether it be a new school year, seeing the leaves change (and winter make a surprise appearance for a day or two), hunting for food, and having fun with friends at the athletic events. It's also time for the Annual Catholic Appeal, which kicks off this coming weekend. We really need to increase our participation in that last year we had only 29% of the parish participate. The ACA enables the Diocese to continue the work of the Lord in Youth Programs, Seminarian Assistance, Senior Priest care, Guatemala Mission Assistance, Culture of Life Advocacy, and many, many other very important ways in which we help be a light of Christ to our sisters and brothers who help us work out our salvation by our assistance. I'll be speaking on behalf of the ACA in weeks to come to remind us of this opportunity to engage in the Diocese's charitable work.

There will be a showing for one day of a new movie about Saint Faustina, to whom Our Lord appeared and encouraged her to propagate the Divine Mercy. Will be showing at the Signature Cinemark Cinemas in Kalispell on Monday, October 28th, at 7 p.m. It would be great if many go see this remarkable film about the Love of Christ and the heroic discipleship of Saint Faustina who encourages us every day to say "Jesus, I trust in You"!

We have over 300 families and only about 40 families are contributing to ministries here. We are in great need of readers, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, greeters, folks who take up collections, and altar servers. Please pray for the grace to respond generously so we can help each other with the ministries of the parish. Thank you!

Abby Johnson, author of "Unplanned" and leader in 40 Days for Life, will be in Missoula to speak at the CareNet Fall Fundraiser on Thursday, October 10th, at 6:30 p.m. at the City Life Building. Please call 406-549-0406 for tickets. Availability is limited.

OTHER IMPORTANT EVENTS AT ST. RICHARD:

- Times for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: First Sunday, 6-7 p.m.; Saturdays 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Wednesdays from 2-3 p.m.; Thursdays from 7-9 p.m.
- Friday Masses will be at 11 a.m. from now on, in order to conflate more neatly with times for funerals, which usually are preferred at this time.
- Wednesday Masses at 4:30 p.m. have resumed for the RE School Year.

Thank you for all you do at Saint Richard. God bless you!

Father Raftin