

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I hope and pray that you are having a fruitful and joyful Easter Season.

Congratulations and God bless to our First Holy Communicants Eathon Brandon, Kensley Cheff, Medora Dahlstrom, and Ella McCormick! May Our Lord pour his abundant graces into your hearts as you become one with His Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. Well done!

I will be giving a retreat north of Helena from this Monday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, through Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup>. There will be no Masses this week, however, there will be a Communion Service led by Mr. Cy Appel, on Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, at the Vet's Home. Many thanks to Cy.

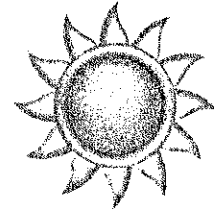
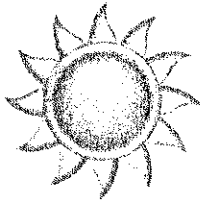
If there happens to be a death in the family, please note that it is necessary to check with Colleen to know the available dates for a funeral or graveside committal service. Otherwise, families may need to change airline and hotel reservations, which can be very costly, by presuming that the parish will be available when it may not be. Again, check with Colleen regarding parish availability for funerals and services.

Please be sure to check our bulletin, website, MyParish App, and FlockNote for announcements and important dates. The liturgy does not include a "liturgy of announcements" so I need to only include them occasionally.

Thank you for all of your time, talent, and treasure that you give to our Parish and Lord.

In Christ,

*Fr. Rafter*



## St. Richard Parish

### 2019 Summer Schedule

Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup> – Sunday, Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>

#### Saturday

- 10:00 am Novus Ordo – 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month during summer months
- 4:30 pm Mass at St. Richard Parish in Columbia Falls
- 5:30 pm Catholic Communion Service at Lake McDonald Lodge - Auditorium

#### Sunday

- 8:00 am Latin Mass at St. Richard Parish in Columbia Falls
- 10:00 am Mass at St. Richard Parish in Columbia Falls

#### Summer Week Day Masses

- Tuesday 8:30 am St. Richard Parish
- Thursday 8:30 am Montana Veteran's Home
- Friday 12:10 pm St. Richard Parish

#### Summer Office Hours at St. Richard Parish

- Monday – Thursday 9:00 am – 3:00 pm
- Friday Office Closed

*Happy Mother's Day!!!!*



*Happy 67<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to Barbara and CJ Furnia!!!!*



### **Marriage Matters**

At a crowded playground, somehow mothers are able to discern their own child's cries. Likewise, when a mom shouts, "Time to go!" her own child knows he has been summoned. This is the type of intimate familiarity that Jesus wants with us when he says, "My sheep hear my voice," and the kind that husbands and wives should have with one another. Married couples can intentionally grow in this kind of unity by:

- Learning to share feelings in a way that makes them feel connected.
- Developing a healthy way to come together on issues and make decisions.
- Appreciating the other's unique masculinity or femininity.

### **Register today for Legendary Lodge**

There's still time to send our youth to Legendary Lodge where they will experience, prayer, Mass, Reconciliation, Swimming, Hiking, Archery, Bonfires and much, much more. This joy-filled experience of Faith is also a time to connect with friends, new and old, and to create memories that last a lifetime.

Unique camps are offered for kids from 5<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> grade.

No child will be turned away for financial reasons, so make your plans before camps are full!

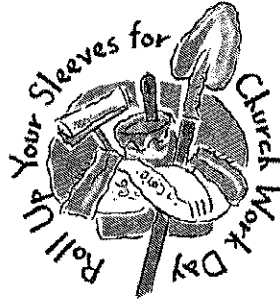
More details and registration are at [legendarylodge.org](http://legendarylodge.org)

Or contact Lois Synness at 406-389-7068

We have several volunteer opportunities for anyone that is interested in helping.

- We need volunteers to help with **the cemetery maintenance** on a rotating schedule. This involves watering the flower gardens and any live plants on family graves. If we have enough volunteers, you only have to work be on one or two weeks during the summer.
- We need volunteers to clean up around the church grounds. Two clean-up days are scheduled: Wed. May 15<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm; and Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm.

Sign-up sheets will be in the vestibule for all of these opportunities.



### **Legendary Lodge Annual Cleanup Day Fast Approaches!**

Our St. Richard/St. Francis of Assisi (Hamilton) joint annual cleanup day is scheduled for Saturday, June 15. This is our 4<sup>th</sup> year in helping the Legendary Lodge Summer Youth Camp staff prepare the lodge for its 2019 summer season. Fall, winter and spring have left their mark on our diocesan camp, so we take one day before the opening of the season to spruce up, clean up and fix up the property.

**Any able-bodied adult is welcomed to join us.** We will drive to the lodge Saturday morning, arriving by about 10 a.m. (leave from St. Richard at 8) work, pray and eat together for the day, then arrive back in C.F. by about 7 p.m.

**We hope to be able to get 20** of our parishioners to participate, so along with the Hamilton crew, we'll have the people power it'll take to finish the job.

Please consider taking a day to travel and work with us. It's an enjoyable day and helps to ensure that our Catholic kids from our parish and around the diocese will have a safe and memorable experience this summer!

**Sign up sheets are in the vestibule and in the rectory office.** Questions? Call Dn. Doug at 253-8744.

### **Klothes Kloset**

The Klothes Kloset is looking for people to help cut rags on Tuesdays or Thursdays anytime from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. You can work as many hours as you would like. Just show up if you are interested.