

Church of the Incarnation

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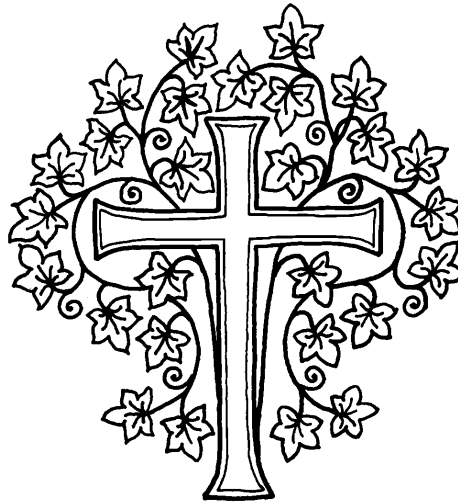
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*Surely I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD, plans for your welfare
and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. (Jeremiah 29:11)*

A WORD FROM OUR PRIEST

Dear Friends,

We're continuing our efforts for a vital summer; keeping and growing our fellowship, and getting us strong enough to engage the work of congregational development.

What can we all do? Here are three things, basic, but right up front:

- 1) Come to church every Sunday, or at least every Sunday that you can. Every worshipping presence strengthens our life and witness.
- 2) Invite someone you know to come to church—or come back to church. And think about offering a ride to someone who needs it.
- 3) Participate in parish activities, and also consider what you might do, additionally, to share in the congregation's work. Talk to me or one of the Wardens about possibilities—of which there are many.

Additionally, we all need to think, deliberately and faithfully, about our financial support of Incarnation Church. Your Vestry and Office Administration are committing themselves to fuller and clearer communication about money matters—including the development of a real budget, which we can then share with you.

But for right now, here's some information I hope you'll find useful: We currently have 22 pledging units. (Units can be individuals and households.) Our average pledge is \$2709 per year. Which—again—averages out to \$52 per week. Many profound thanks to all who are pledging, no matter what the amount.

We also have quite a few members who give, financially, but do not pledge. Of course, every contribution is deeply appreciated, but this fall, when we conduct our annual stewardship drive, we're going to be inviting everyone to consider pledging. Why so? Because pledging allows us to plan well. We know that circumstances change (and if so, all we ask is that people let us know if they are having to change their pledge). But a higher percentage of pledging givers allows us to have a much more effective, more responsible money management.

Meanwhile, if your own personal weekly giving (either pledged, or not) is notably below that weekly average of \$52 that I just mentioned above, and you can responsibly afford to do so, I would respectfully encourage you to consider getting at least closer up to that average. (And we have members who are

already giving a very great deal more than that average. Most profound thanks to you, from the bottom of our hearts!)

Both for material and for spiritual reasons, days are past—long past—when we can be a church that “doesn’t talk about money.”

So, how are we doing, financially, right now? A very recent review indicated that our total income [excluding restricted funds for the roof repair, etc] average out to a weekly figure of about \$2700. That same review showed that our averaged-out weekly expenses [which would exclude things like the roof repair] are about \$2600. So we could say that we are squeaking by—but only barely.

Again, your Vestry will be providing much fuller information in the near future.

In all this, please know: No Guilt! No shame-mongering! None, at all! Just asking, with God’s help, that we all do what we can in this critical time in the life of our parish, remembering in the Lord’s Abundance, we always have enough to be generous in turn.

On another note, thank you all for submitting information on Baptisms, Confirmations, Weddings, and Funerals since 2004, when record keeping here stopped. We are hard at work making substantial progress in rebuilding our official Records. Many, many hours are being put into this effort. Thanks, again.

All God’s Blessings to you, dear ones, now and always.

Yours in Christ,

Adam+

WORSHIP SERVICES

Worship services, every Sunday, at both 8 AM and 10 AM. On July 3, 17, 24, and 31, there will be Holy Eucharist. On July 10, there will be lay-officiated Morning Prayer, with a virtual sermon from Adam+ “patched in,” viewed during the service in church on large-screen TV.

(And please note that Sunday services are also placed on our Parish’s YouTube channel [see our website for the link], and these are up and available for viewing that same Sunday afternoon.)

OUR PRIEST'S TIMES OF RESIDENCE IN GREAT FALLS THIS MONTH

Fr. Adam - July 17, July 31.

Fr. Glen Gleaves will celebrate and preach on July 3, and will celebrate our "Mass on the grass" service on July 24, at which Deacon Donna will preach.

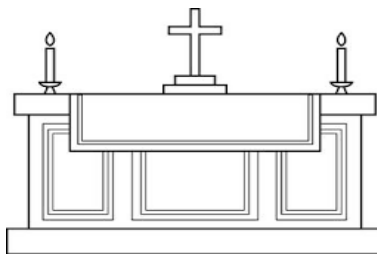
OTHER ACTIVITIES/DATES OF NOTE

Tuesdays, 10:00 to 11:15 AM, Guild Room (and Zoom). **Bible Study. (No Bible study 7/5)**

Monday, July 18, deadline for submission of materials for August Messenger Newsletter (send to the Church Office e-mail).

Sunday, July 24, Mass on the Grass (One service) followed by a pot-luck picnic (see article)

Sunday, July 31, 11:30 am, Guild Room. **Vestry.**



ALTAR GUILD

Please pray and explore your hearts, pondering if perhaps now is the time for you to help care for Our Lord's table, dishes and linens. Just imagine ... YOU being able to set Jesus' table and care for His things.

Interested? Any person, man or woman, teen or older, is welcome. Come and see!

Please send your email to: cherylquintero@yahoo.com thank you for your prayers and consideration.

FROM OUR SENIOR WARDEN

Dear Parish Family,

With our warm weather comes beauty and some needs as well. One is about situation of the growing population of people next door. Some are homeless, many are not. Some have mental health issues. And some simply like to hang out and party. I need help with daily drive around the church to keep things clean, and when needed to report if you see a situation with people that might not be treating our grounds with care. What to do? Call police if needed, however most of time just let me know, so I can keep an eye on situation. Also I need help with daily garbage that gets blown or dropped around the church.

On that note: Many Thank yous to Cliff and Tiff for the beautiful lawn care! The wedding we just had was beautiful and many wonderful people came to our church! Congratulations to Ellen and Eric Monroe! Hope to have pictures to share soon

There are many others to thank as usual: Tom and Patti, Neil and Gretchen, all the Jennings, the vestry, the Dohrmans, the altar guild, the Gleaves, and Father Adam!

I will be taking a few days off, July4-11 (Donna will be in the office on Tuesday, 7/5). However please call church phone if need be, or myself and leave a message.

Love, hugs, and prayers, Sara

JULY 24, 2022 – ONE SERVICE AT 10 AM – MASS ON THE GRASS

Let's join our two congregations together for one service on July 24, celebrating Eucharist in our beautiful yard, followed by a pot-luck picnic. Bring a chair if you wish. The church will provide the main course and beverages, please bring a side dish or desert based on your last name.

A – D: side dish

E – H: salad

J – N: dessert

O – W: chips/bread

Come share in food, fun and fellowship! There will also be music during the pot luck, ably provided by The Big Sky Brothers.

FROM THE DIOCESE

Calling all Cursillistas!

Bishop Marty is seeking to re-establish Cursillo in the Diocese. In order to do that, a Secretariat of Cursillo members must be created, most of whom should be laity. So, Bishop Marty is looking for six to eight Cursillistas to start the Secretariat. You may be an alum of Happening, Walk To Emmaus, Tres Dias or Pathways. To volunteer, please let your priest know AND contact Jill Sallin at admin@diomontana.com. We hope to have at least a Zoom Grand Ultreya soon!

Education for Ministry (EfM)

Are you an EfM graduate? Bishop Marty would like to chat with the graduates of EfM to explore ways to expand this great formation program. Please contact Jill Sallin with your contact information and the year in which you finished. Jill's email is admin@diomontana.com. For those who are wondering with this program is, here is their website: <https://theology.sewanee.edu/education-for-ministry/>.

Notice of Diocesan Convention

2022 Diocesan Convention will be held in Missoula, MT September 30 -October 2, 2022.

Nominations Needed for 2022 Diocesan Convention:

We need to fill the following positions:

- Disciplinary Board - 1 layperson
- Diocesan Council - 2 laypeople and 2 clergy
- Foundation Board - 2 laypeople
- Standing Committee - 1 layperson and 1 cleric

For more information regarding Convention, go to the Diocesan web-site (diomontana.com) and click on: 2022 Diocesan Convention.

In light of the recent flooding in Red Lodge, Yellowstone National Park, Gardiner, Emigrant and Livingston, Bishop Marty has suggested that should we wish to help, to please send checks to

- Discretionary Fund, Calvary Episcopal Church, PO Box 348, Red Lodge, MT 59068; or
- Rector's Discretionary Account, St. Andrew's, PO Box 835, Livingston, MT 59047 (for both St. Andrew's and St. John's)
- Prayers for all impacted are appreciated.

FISH ACTIVITIES

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The Church of the Incarnation is scheduled to support the FISH program during the week of 5 – 8 July 2022. If you would like to help with this effort, please call Bob Shanks at (406) 454-9063 or (406) 788-5507.

FISH Data for May 2022

The chart below is a comparison of those serviced by FISH between May 2021 and May 2022. As you can see there was a noticeable increase in demand in 2022 compared to 2021. This increase occurred in the number of families (non singles), singles, adults, children, meals served, and pounds of food delivered; we were up 68.0%, 45.8%, 78.4%, 166.7%, 97.9%, and 20.9% respectively. There were no decreases in any of the categories served. For the year-to-date (YTD) numbers there were increases in the number of families (non singles), singles, children, and meals served; we were up 6.2%, 14.9%, 10.4%, and 1.7% respectively. There were decreases in the number of adults and pounds of food delivered; we were down 2.7% and 1.6% respectively. This means FISH provided about 2.2 tons of emergency food to our community during the month of May 2022 and 10.9 tons for the months of January through May 2022 (that's about 2.2 tons per month).

	May 2021	2021 YTD	May 2022	20122 YTD
Families (non singles)	25	177	42	188
Singles	24	148	35	170
Adults	74	524	132	510
Children	21	182	56	201
Meals	1,425	10,590	2,820	10,665
Pounds of Food	3,570	22,217	4,317	21,852

Clearly, there is still a demand (in our community) for the emergency food we distribute through FISH. ***Amen!***

Bob Shanks
Member of the FISH Board of Directors
Representing the Church of the Incarnation

Saint Andrews Men's Breakfast

Saint Andrews breakfast is an event for the men and boys of The Church of the Incarnation and is normally held on the second Saturday of each month. The breakfast for the month of July 2022 is scheduled to be held on July 9, 2022. The breakfast is held at the Perkins restaurant located on the corner of 2nd Avenue North and 6th street at 8:30 AM in the morning.

SUMMER ON FLATHEAD LAKE AT CAMP MARSHALL.

Summer is coming - Let's go to Camp Marshall!

The Memorial Foundation is once again offering Camperships for any parishioner who wants to attend Camp Marshall. Your registration fee will be paid by the Memorial Foundation.

If you want to attend Camp Marshall this summer, please contact our Interim Rector, Fr. Adam, our Sr. Warden, Sara Quay, or a member of the Memorial Foundation.

CAMP MARSHALL SCHEDULE - SUMMER 2022

June 19-24	Family Camp #1 for all families.
June 26- July 1	Jr. Middler Camp for grades 3-8.
July 3-8	Family Camp #2 for all families.
July 10-15	Sr. High Camp for grades 9-12
August 12-14	Celebrate Camp Marshall.

MUSIC FUND

Our music fund needs your help! We could definitely use donations to our restricted fund which pays for musicians each Sunday. Please be generous! Thanks so much.

COMMUNITY SUPPORTS AND SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Family Promise is seeking volunteers willing to make and/or bring dinners to the families staying at the Promise Place Shelter. Please call or email if you are interested in joining the Promise Place Shelter Support Team. Volunteer training can be accomplished in person or online. Call to schedule an in-person visit or request an online training link. 406-866-0288 or www.familypromisegf.org.

Other needs for families visiting the HUB (Day Center)

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| Sanitizing wipes | Backpacks |
| Pillows | Macaroni & cheese microwave cups |
| Ramen | 8 ½" by 11" office paper |
| Toilet paper | 8 ½" by 11" manilla envelopes |
| Socks (new, all sizes) | Saltine crackers |
| Rubber gloves | Decaf coffee pods |
| Chef Boyardee (pulltop lid) | Light gloves |
| Soup (pulltop lid) | Deodorant (men/women) |
| Laundry detergent pods | Coffee pods |

When you purchase needed items through Amazon Smile, Amazon donates to Family Promise Great Falls.

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Feedback Please!

You may have noticed that announcements have been included in the bulletins each week, on the back page. Does that work for you? Would you prefer another format? Please let the office know. Thanks!

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We do recycle paper, cardboard, and cans here at the church. We appreciate you making sure those things go into the proper receptacles.

If you've not already done so, please consider signing up to do coffee hour. Also, remember to include gluten free options for those who need them.

Additional directories will be made available in the parish hall. If you have any corrections, and have not already done so, please get them to the church office right away. The directory is also available in electronic format if you would like it emailed to you.

Mass on the Grass – July 24 – One Service at 10 am, followed by a pot-luck with music by the Big Sky Brothers.

See article on page 5 for your assignment of a dish to share. Hope to see you here!



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