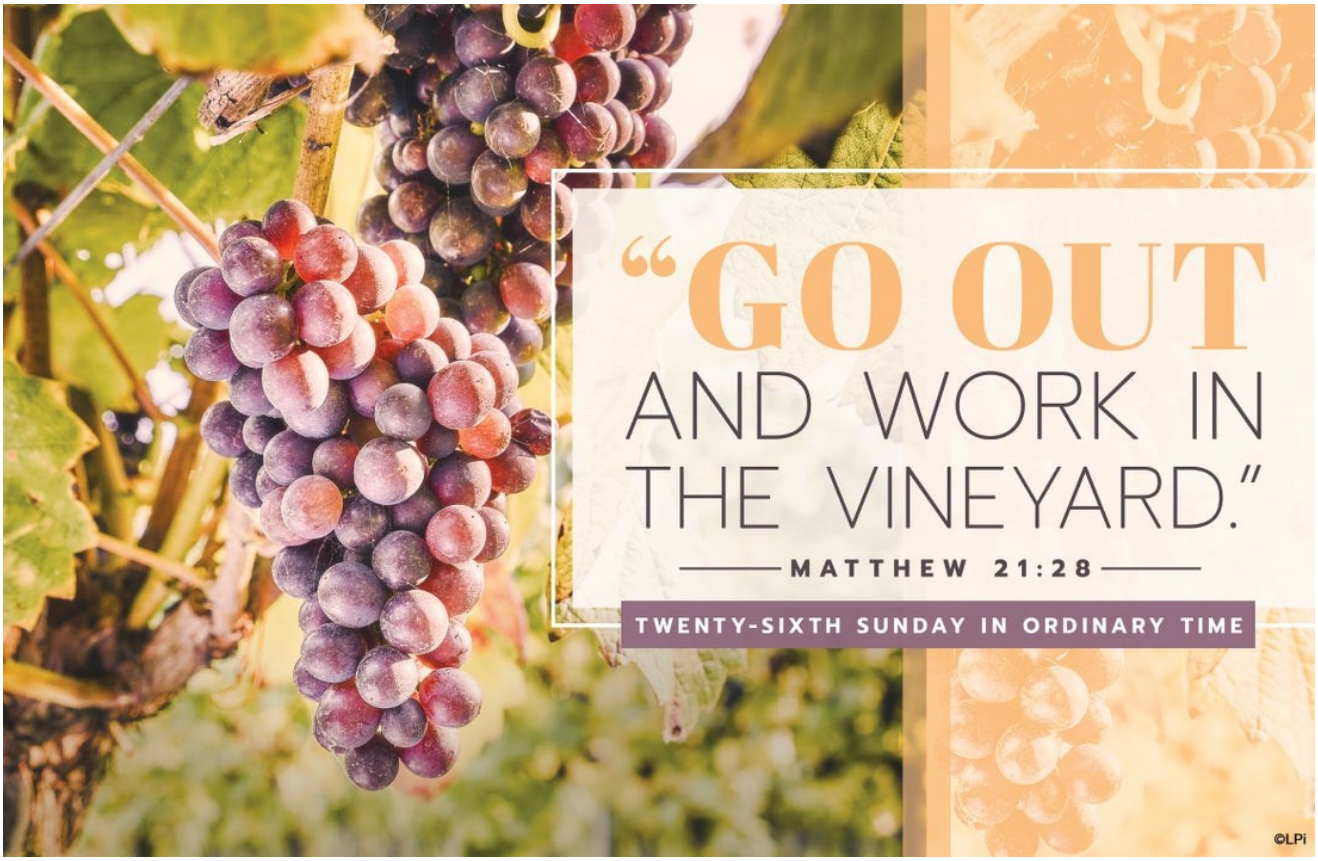

Holy Family Church, the Hunthausen Center, and the Parish Office are located at
217 W. Pennsylvania Ave., Anaconda, MT 59711 Phone: 406-563-8406
St. Peter Church is located at 401 Alder St, Anaconda
Sunday Masses: 8:30 am St. Peters, 10:30 am Holy Family
www.anacondacatholiccommunity.com † AnacondaCatholic@dohmt.org
Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 9 am-3 pm; Closed on Fridays
Priests: Fr. Joe Fleming & Fr. Dillon Armstrong

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St. Peter Church & Holy Family Church

September 27, 2026

Mass Intentions

Sunday, September 27

8:30 am: Jackie Ivankovich rb Kiki Skakles

10:30 am: For the People

Tuesday, September 29

Ron Cutler rb: Jamie Evans

Wednesday, September 30

Helen Cutler rb: Jamie Evans

Thursday, October 1

Bob Matosich rb: Button Zeier

Saturday, October 3

Funeral Mass for Bruce Ellis, 10:30 am Holy Family

Sunday, October 4

8:30 am: Tim McLean

rb: Howie & Theresa Johnson

10:30 am: For the People

Parish Schedule

Monday, September 28

- Cleaning at Holy Family, 10 am
- Men's Scripture Study, 5-6 pm
- Women's Scripture Study, 5-6 pm

Tuesday, September 29

- Mass at Holy Family, 12 pm

Wednesday, September 30

- Scripture Study, 9-10 am in the lounge at Holy Family
- Confessions, Holy Family, 10-11:30 am
- Adoration, Holy Family, 10 am—12 pm
- Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Holy Family, 11:10 am
- Rosary, Holy Family, 11:30 am
- RE Grades K-6, 5:15-6:30 pm
- Jr, High RE Grades 7-8, 6:30-7:30 pm
- Youth Group Meal, 6:30-7 pm
- Youth Group Class, 6:50-7:45 pm
- OCIA class, Holy Family Lounge, 7-8:30 pm

Thursday, October 1

- Mass at St. Peter, 12 pm

Saturday, October 3

- Funeral Mass for Bruce Ellis, 10:30 am Mass at Holy Family

If you are Virtus/Safe Environment trained, please remember to stay current with your monthly bulletins.

Weekend Mass Schedule

Sunday: 8:30 am at St. Peter, 10:30 am Holy Family

Weekday Mass

Tuesday, 12 pm at Holy Family
Wednesday, 12 pm at Holy Family
Thursday, 12 pm at St. Peter

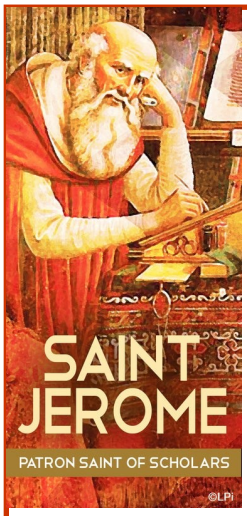
Sacrament of Reconciliation

First & Third Monday of each month, 6-7 pm and Wednesdays, 10 -11:30 am at Holy Family

Eucharistic Adoration

First & Third Monday of each month, 6-7 pm and Wednesdays, 10 am—12 pm at Holy Family

(If there is a funeral, weekday services are not held. Please check the website calendar for updates.)



St. Jerome

Question:

Who is St. Jerome and why is he so significant that we honored him with a feast on September 30?

Answer:

St. Jerome (345–420) was considered the greatest biblical scholar of his day, conversant with Latin, Greek, and Hebrew. He set about translating the books of the Bible from their original languages into Latin.

Much of Jerome's correspondence has survived and gives us a powerful glimpse into the kind of person that he was, as well as the time in which he lived. Jerome eventually became Pope Damasus' (366–384) personal secretary. In the West, Latin was overtaking Greek as the language of the common people. The pope desired a translation of the Bible that would be accurately translated from the original languages into the language and idiom of the people. Previous Latin translations existed, but they were poor in quality. Jerome set about this task and spent the rest of his life meticulously translating. He is credited with the translation of the Bible known as the Vulgate, a Latin translation intended to address the needs of the common people. That translation became the standard and the only one used by Catholics until modern times. Catholics did not actively engage in a similar process until 1943, when Pius XII allowed Catholic scholars once again to go back to the original languages and translate an accurate and meticulous version of the Bible. We carry on that tradition to this very day. ©LPi

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Offertory received September 20, 2026:
Ordinary: $5,009
Loose: $456
Total: $5,465

As of September 13, 2026 we have received $15,734 for the month of September 2026.

Offertory goal for September is $22,100

Thank you for your financial support; your generosity is very much appreciated!

Online giving is available. You may access it on the website at www.anacondacatholiccommunity.com or use this QR code.

Parish Online Registration Options

Camino Life is the online resource for you to view your parish registration record, update/edit basic information, register for faith formation classes, and view your contributions record.

To create an account with Camino Life, go to the ACC website at anacondacatholiccommunity.com, click on the home page tab "Become a member or access your parish registration information." You will then be prompted to create a new account.

If your email matches an email address in the parish database then you'll have immediate access to your parish record after you find and select "Anaconda Catholic Community" in the "Parishes" tab. If you are a new member, the parish office will need to confirm your registration before you can make updates in your account; this may take one or two business days.

As always, call the parish office for assistance as needed.

27:17 Catholic Men's Seminar Series IronMen

Proverbs 27:17 "As iron sharpens iron, So, one man sharpens another"

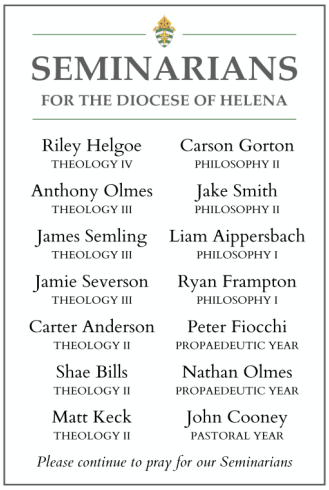
Presenter: Deacon Doug Cameron

Saturday, October 10, 2026
at 8 am at Holy Spirit Parish in Butte

October Altar Linens:
Geri Casey

October Funeral Luncheon Chairs:
Billie Holmlund & Dan Reardon

October Funeral Coordinator:
Connie Sheahan



Regarding Funeral Luncheons...

So that volunteers can spend holidays with family and friends, we will not host funeral luncheons on the following holidays and holiday weekends:

New Year's Day, St. Patrick's Day, Memorial Day & preceding weekend, July 4th, the Friday and Saturday of Art in the Park weekend, the Friday and Saturday of Smeltermen's Days, Labor Day & preceding weekend, and the Friday and Saturday following Thanksgiving.

Funeral luncheons may not be scheduled to start later than 12 noon.

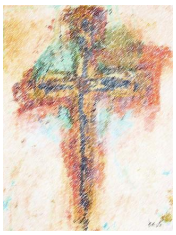
Funeral luncheons will not be hosted by the Anaconda Catholic Community if they are held off-site/outside of the Hunthausen Center.

Thank you for your support and understanding of these policies.

Please pray for the recently deceased and their families.

Bruce Ellis, Cristina Dira, Robbie Tesson, Mike Murphy, John Murphy, Mary Ellen Connors, John Pupich, Chuck Devine

The AEDs (Automated Electronic Defibrillators) that we have had at our churches have been discontinued and we are no longer able to obtain the Lifepak pads that are used with the machine in the event of a heart episode. Jerry Lemm is looking for cost effective replacements. So, until they are replaced, **if someone has a heart event, please call 911 immediately.**



Catholic Journey Weekends

It is time to start planning for our **Journey weekends January 21 – 24, 2027 for the women and January 28 – 31, 2027 for the men.** The weekends will be held at Saint Ann's.

Anyone who has made a Journey or Cursillo is invited to be on the team and help share this incredible experience of faith, hope, and love with others. If you would like to be on the team to plan and help with the Journey weekends, please call Cherie Bilodeau (406)565-2377 (women), or John Madany (406)925-3385 (men), and let them know. Team and Candidate applications can be accessed at www.mtcatholicjourney.org

Hosted by the Knights of Columbus

Sunday, October 11, 2026

4-6 pm in the Hunthausen Center

$10 for Adults ~ $5 for Children

$25 per Family

Bring friends and family!!

Job Openings

Parish Office Manager: The Office Manager is a full-time parish leadership role reporting to the Pastor, responsible for managing the day-to-day affairs of the church and performing administrative, bookkeeping, and human resource responsibilities. This position provides vital support for the pastor, parish staff, parish councils, and committees on a daily basis.

Director of Music Ministry: Part-time position to lead and coordinate all liturgical music.

***Director of Faith Formation (K-12 and Young Adults):** Full-time position to develop programs for Grades K-12 and Young Adults that support Faith Formation, Evangelization, and Fellowship.

**For the 2026-27 school year, Erin Hessler has been hired as lead coordinator for Grades K-6 and Kirstin Ashley will continue as a volunteer coordinator. Ashley See has been hired to direct formation for the Youth Group (Grades 9-12), and Charmaine Everett will be the volunteer catechist for Grades 7-8. We will continue to recruit for a full-time position to be effective on or before August of 2027.*

Job descriptions are available on the website. Please contact Fr. Joe Fleming at 406-465-2979 or jpflemi@msn.com to inquire about these positions.

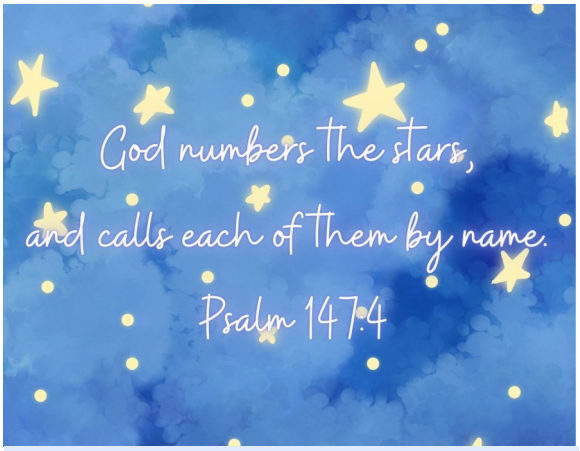
FOOD BANK/TOWN PUMP MATCHING FUND DRIVE

The Town Pump Charitable Foundation will match each dollar collected by Project Care, up to $15,000, from September 1, 2026 through November 30, 2026. All funds collected will be used for the Anaconda Food Bank.

The Anaconda Food Bank is located in the basement of St. Peter's Church and is open on Mondays and Thursdays from 1-3 p.m.

If you would like to help, checks may be mailed to:

Anaconda Project Care, PO Box 1280, Anaconda, MT 59711 .



Registration & Tuition Payments for Grades K-12 for the 2026-2027 school year can be done online on the parish website at:

www.anacondacatholiccommunity.com

Go to the "Religious Education" tab or use the QR code.

$25 for 1 student $50 for households with 2 or more students

QR Code for RE & Youth Group tuition payments. Classes begin on Wednesday, September 30th.

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

Infant Baptism: Parents must be registered & active members of this parish or of another parish with family here in the parish (i.e., parents). Letter of permission from Pastor if parents are from outside the parish. Two Godparents who are registered and active members of their parish, one male and one female. Contact the Pastor before infant's due date to arrange date and time.

Holy Matrimony: Couples discerning this sacrament should contact the Pastor immediately after becoming engaged. NOTE: The Diocese requires a minimum of 6 months advance notice regarding the intention to marry. Couples wishing to marry in the parish must be registered and active members of the parish, or individuals who have moved away whose parents are still active in the parish. Couples from other parishes must obtain a letter of permission to marry outside of their own parish.

Anointing of the Sick: Individuals who are terminally or gravely ill or are preparing for invasive surgery should request this sacrament. Confession ordinarily proceeds receiving the sacrament of the sick, call the church office at 406-563-8406 to make arrangements. For requests after office hours, please select option 5 in the call menu to leave a message for Fr. Joe Fleming and he will promptly return your call.

Adult Confirmation, Adult Baptism (OCIA), and Adult Reception into Full Communion with the Church: If you, a family member, or a friend has not received the sacrament of confirmation, or are interested in being baptized into the Faith, or received into full communion with the Church, please contact the Pastor. Process will be discerned on an individual basis based on preparedness.

MASS MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR 8:30 AM St. PETER'S

Date	Greeter/Usher	Lector	Precious Body	Precious Blood/Altar Server
Sept. 27	Craig Reap	Pat Tracy	Ron Salle	Bob Gallagher, Brent Henrichs
Oct. 4	Pat Reardon	Jerry Lemm	Carolyn McGuire	Ron Salle, Brandon McLean

MASS MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR 10:30 AM HOLY FAMILY

Sept. 27	Phil Watt	Steve Ryan	John McKenna	Steve Coffey, Becky Ellis, Skip Gervais, Trudy Sturm
Oct. 4	Phil Watt	Steve Ryan	Michelle Stevenson	Laurie Lorenz, Linda Moodry, Skip Gervais, John McKenna

When you are serving, please arrive 10 minutes before the start of Mass.

***If we don't have an altar server for the priest, we are asking that the Eucharistic Minister who's name is in red to prepare the altar and assist the priest after communion.**

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In Christ, I am
Bishop Austin Vetter

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

The God of Changed Minds

I wonder what was so important.

The man gave both his sons the same order: go out and work in the vineyard today. One son said yes. One refused.

The first son doesn't show up. The second son changes his mind, and does what his father asked. I wonder what was so important, that it kept the first from fulfilling his word. I wonder what was so important, that it prevented the second from committing wholeheartedly.

I have an image in my head of the sun setting on the vineyard. The second son pauses for a moment to catch his breath while his father sits at the gate, anxiously scanning the horizon. "Any sign?" the son asks the father, who instead of answering drops his gaze into his lap.

With this parable, Jesus acknowledges that few of his disciples can anticipate a straight path to Heaven. Most of us are destined for a few bends in the road. Most of us will suffer failures of will and strength. We will become distracted. We will become preoccupied. We will doubt ourselves. There will be so many things that seem important, and it will take us too long to realize they aren't. Once we have, we may be too proud to change course.

The shadows grow long in the vineyard. Any moment and they will give way to darkness. With its dying breath, the sun illuminates the contours of a figure making his way toward the father and son. When the figure cries out, it is a voice they recognize. "Am I too late?"

We worship the God of second chances. The God of changed minds. The God of never-too-late.

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GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

September 27, 2026 ~ Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Matthew 21:28 32

This Sunday, Jesus tells a short, uncomfortable story. A father asks two sons to go work in the vineyard. One says no, but later goes. The other says yes, but never shows up. It is a parable so simple, we almost miss how sharp it is. Jesus is clear about who it is for. This is not aimed at pagans or outsiders. It is aimed squarely at religious people, people who know the right words and sound obedient.

Jesus is not condemning unbelief so much as disobedience. The polite hypocrisy that says the right things while quietly resisting the Father's will. St. John Chrysostom put it bluntly, "Not words, but deeds, are what God requires. Nothing so exasperates Him as insincere obedience, while nothing so delights Him as repentance."

Every disciple must face that mirror. Do I publicly profess faith in Christ while privately resisting what He asks of me? It is easy to say, I believe in God in my heart. But if faith never becomes action, it slowly becomes an illusion.

Jesus does not expose hypocrisy to shame us. He reveals it to heal us. He wants our hearts and our deeds to speak the same word, to let our yes truly mean yes. Like the second son who initially refused but afterwards changed his mind and went, Jesus invites us to step into the Father's will, however late, however imperfectly.

Challenge: Where are your public faith and private obedience divided? Where do you say, I will go, but never enter the vineyard? Go, get to work, even if it is late. The Father's vineyard is still open.

— Father John Muir ©LPi

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES FOR 2027

*Please contact the parish office no later than **October 12, 2026** if you would like to switch to online giving and/or no longer want to receive Offertory Envelopes for 2027.*

If you currently receive envelopes and wish to continue using them, no action in required.

Thank you! Happy Giving!

Thank you for the many salads and desserts that you bring for the funeral luncheons! Please remember to pickup your dishes. ☺

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