

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

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## ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH

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### The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Year A)

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Day, Month & Date	<u>Mass Schedule for June 07 – June 14, 2026</u>
Sun June 07 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Corpus Christi: 9 am Mass @ St. Margaret's &amp; 11 am Mass &amp; Benediction @ ICC.</i>
Wed June 10 <sup>th</sup>	<i>10<sup>th</sup> week in Ordinary Time: 9 am Mass @ ICC.</i>
Thurs June 11 <sup>th</sup>	<i>10:30 am Mass @ Bluffs (St. Barnabas, Apostle).</i>
Fri June 12 <sup>th</sup>	<i>11 am The Angelus, Novena &amp; Mass @ St. Margaret's (The Solemnity of The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus).</i>
Sat June 13 <sup>th</sup>	<i>9 am Mass @ ICC.</i>
Sun June 14 <sup>th</sup>	<i>11<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time: 9 am Mass @ ICC &amp; 11 am Mass @ St. Margaret's.</i>

### Sunday Collections: May 31, 2026: The Most Holy Trinity Sunday (Year A)

ICC: \$ 1,378.00 & \$ (Maintenance) = \$ 1,378.00	[Boiler Fund: \$]
St. Margaret's, Geraldine: \$ 1,260.00	

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### Reflection by Pastor: Dear Loving Sisters, Brothers and Children in Christ!

#### *Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ*

*Jesus said to the Jewish crowds: "I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world." The Jews quarreled among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" [John 6:51-52.](#)*

It must have been shocking to Jesus' listeners the first time He boldly proclaimed that He would give His flesh as spiritual food. Their reaction makes this clear: "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" Jesus did not back down or soften what He had just proclaimed. Instead, He began a lengthy and direct discourse, starting with these words: "Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him." ([John 6:53–56](#)).

What would you have thought had you been among the first hearers? We're told the people quarreled, indicating division. Some, we later read, murmured among themselves, saying: "This saying is hard; who can accept it?" And tragically, many of Jesus' disciples left Him and returned to their former way of life (cf. [John 6:60–66](#)).

Despite this apparent failure and loss of disciples, Jesus did not retract or revise His teaching. Instead, He turned to the Twelve and asked if they too wished to leave. Peter, with clarity and faith, responded with one of the most profound statements of discipleship in all of Scripture: "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God" (cf. [John 6:67–69](#)).

In many ways, Peter's words are as important for us today as Jesus' own words introducing the Eucharist. Why? Because Peter shows us how to respond when we encounter divine mysteries beyond human understanding. The Eucharist is one of the most central of these mysteries.

Do you believe in the Eucharist? Do you believe that it is truly the flesh and blood of the Son of God - His Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity? Though many of us have learned this teaching from childhood and accept it on some level, few penetrate the depth of the mystery we behold at every Mass. Saint John Vianney spoke beautifully of the Eucharist, revealing his profound reverence for this Gift: "If we really understood the Mass, we would die of joy." And: "There is nothing so great as the Eucharist. If God had something more precious, He would have given it to us." He also said: "How beautiful it is! After the Consecration, the good God is there as He is in Heaven."

It's easy to approach the Holy Mass out of routine rather than with the depth of faith possessed by the saints. But that must be our goal. We must believe that we would truly "die of joy" if we understood the Mass.

The Solemnity of Corpus Christi is our annual invitation to step back and reflect on what we believe - and how devoutly we participate in the Mass and receive Holy Communion. We need this reminder so that our worship and faith do not grow lax.

Reflect today on Jesus' unwavering clarity: "Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you." Believe what He says. The Eucharist is not a symbol; it is the greatest Divine Mystery on earth. In the Eucharist, we kneel before God and consume Him - so that we may become what we eat: the Mystical Body of Christ.

### Annual Catholic Appeal

This year's theme, "A Season of Hope, A Future of Faith," reflects both the strength and generosity of our people. It invites us to look forward with confidence—trusting that what we nurture today will sustain the Church for generations to come. The Annual Catholic Appeal is more than a request for funds. It is an invitation for every Catholic household to participate in the shared mission of the Diocese. Your local leadership—in word, witness, and coordination—helps connect parishioners to the broader Church and strengthens our collective ability to serve.

*Your generosity makes it possible for our Diocese to serve every parish and community across Eastern Montana. Please take a moment to prayerfully make your gift. Your participation helps ensure a future of faith for generations to come."*

### St. Margaret's Bulletin

Saturday, June 20, Geraldine Fun Days - Our church will sponsor a Scavenger Hunt in the afternoon. Individuals will pay to participate in finding items around town. All participants will have the opportunity to win prizes. The proceeds from event will go to our general fund to help pay our regular expenses.

Sunday, June 21, Thank you celebration for Fr. Mohan—11:00 am Mass will be celebrated in the Geraldine Park with potluck to follow. Fr. Mohan has served our community for 10 years. He is returning to India the 30<sup>th</sup> of June to continue his pastoral ministry. We appreciate his ministry to us and will miss him.

### Reflection by Trish - What will make me happy

We have all heard people say, "I would be happy if ....." I am sure many of us have said something similar. If only someone changed, acted differently, moved, or understood what I need, then I would be happy. It is not uncommon for us to believe we would be happier if only ..... In the right circumstances - as we define them - we know we would feel content. We could thrive, not just survive. Everyone feels this way at some time. How are we to cope?

The understanding that we cannot control anyone else, we cannot change others' behaviors is key to increasing happiness. If we base our sense of happiness on others' behaviors, we will always be disappointed, frustrated, upset, and sometimes perplexed. There is absolutely no ways we can have others behave, react, or have the insight we

want. No matter how hard we try to explain, wish, pray, talk or try, much of the time others' responses are not what we desire. WHAT DO WE DO?

We need to relinquish the idea that life will go as we want. A good friend says that when things work out it is wonderful, but it is not the norm. Accept that most of the time events are not as you choose. That is okay, because we do not need to control everything. Accept living in the unresolved situations. We just need to choose how we are going to respond.

Happiness is a choice, according to scientific research. Many studies have been done in the past 10 to 15 years on what makes some people happy and others not so happy. Most of what you need to be happy is within yourself. It doesn't come from outside. To choose to be content is easier if we accept a few truths.

Namely, we need to accept that we cannot control other people, institutions, nature, or when machines or appliances fail. There is very little we can control. In my household we have dealt with being fired from jobs, running out of money, serious physical health problems, personalities that are not a good mix, difficult decisions, and more.

Give up on wanting life your way. Accepting that all we can control is our response to situations, a great deal of weight is lifted. When we are unhappy in a situation, we can ask ourselves, "What can I do (knowing that the doing does not include changing the other folks)?"

When I was young and upset, my mother would ask, "Will this make a difference in a week? In a month? In a year?" As I age, I ask myself, "Will this make a difference when I reflect on my life?" If the purpose of my life is to increase the peace and love in the world as Scripture suggests, how can I respond in love, acceptance and increase peace in relationships?

You can give difficulties to God. No matter what's going on in the world, your home, or your life, you can choose to focus your heart and mind on The Divine Holy One. Ask God to bless the situation. Ask the Holy One to surround you and fill you so you can accept the discomfort, knowing you are not in control and that you have the strength to just be.

Shifting my attention enabled me to experience God's peace, joy and hope even in the midst of the chaos surrounding me. When we find ourselves frustrated, upset or angry in a situation, imagine God's grace surrounding you, strengthening you and letting you know the situation is not for you to control. It is not your responsibility. All is in God's hands. Continue to practice letting go and choosing peace.

*Lord, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change;*

*courage to change the things I can;*

*and wisdom to know the difference.*