

# ISSUE AND PROGRAM REPORT

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## COVER SHEET

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- Educational
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### Placed in the Public File:

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## **ISSUE: EDUCATIONAL**

### **7/3/2023 at 3:00 PM... Kresta in the Afternoon... 55 minutes.**

Topic/Description: Host Al Kresta visits with Mark Noll who gives us an in-depth look at the role of the Bible in American history.

### **7/4/2023 at 5:00 AM... The Son Rise Morning Show... 110 minutes.**

Topic/Description: Hosts Matt Swaim and Anna Mitchell welcome Catholic historians Kevin Schmiesing and Dr. Matthew Bunson to talk about the role of Catholics in the Revolutionary era. Thomas Farr from the Religious Freedom Institute discusses the foundational principle of Freedom of Religion in our Constitution.

### **7/4/2023 at 3:00 PM... Kresta in the Afternoon... 55 minutes.**

Topic/Description: Host Al Kresta looks at what did Thomas Jefferson intend when he wrote "we hold these truths?"

### **7/7/2023 at 5:00 AM... The Son Rise Morning Show... 110 minutes.**

Topic/Description: Stephanie Mann is online at Supremacy and Survival with Jeff Cavins is co-author of A Catholic Guide to the Old Testament.

### **7/31/2023 at 3:00 PM... Kresta in the Afternoon... 55 minutes.**

Topic/Description: Host Al Kresta visits with Paul Kengor who tells the history of the Church's resistance against slavery.

### **8/16/2023 at 3:00 PM... Kresta in the Afternoon... 55 minutes.**

Topic/Description: Guest Host Marcus talks with Pat Flynn regarding a response to the philosophy of naturalism.

### **8/18/2023 at 3:00 PM... Kresta in the Afternoon... 55 minutes.**

Topic/Description: Host Al Kresta talks with Adam Tate who tells stories of Catholics in pre-Civil War America.

### **8/18/2023 at 2:00 PM... Register Radio... 25 minutes.**

Topic/Description: EWTN New legal analyst Andrea Picciotti Bayer gives an update on a few religious liberty cases making their way through state courts.

## **ISSUE: FAMILY, PARENTING AND RELATIONSHIPS**

### **7/3/2023 at 7:00 AM... Catholic Connection... 55 minutes.**

Topic/Description: Host Teresa Tomeo talks with Patti Armstrong about her two children's books, "Dear God, I Don't Get It" and "Dear God, You Can't Be Serious!"

### **7/11/2023 at 8:00 AM... More to Life... 55 minutes.**

Topic/Description: Hosts Dr. Greg Popcak and wife Lisa ask listeners if you, or is someone you know, struggling with anger? Greg & Lisa help you get past the explosions and find the path to peace.

### **7/15/2023 at 10:00 AM... Women Made New... 55 minutes.**

Topic/Description: Host Crystalina Evert invited her husband Jason Evert to discuss relationships, love, raising teens and how you can use this summer grow closer to your kids.

### **7/18/2023 at 8:00 AM... More to Life... 55 minutes.**

Topic/Description: Hosts Dr. Greg Popcak and wife Lisa help you find the secret to a stronger, more loving marriage.

### **7/28/2023 at 5:00 AM... The Son Rise Morning Show... 110 minutes.**

Topic/Description: Hosts Matt Swaim and Anna Mitchell welcome guest Kevin Prendergast on how to adapt parenting styles as our kids grow up.

### **7/29/2023 at 10:00 AM... Women Made New... 55 minutes.**

Topic/Description: Host Crystalina Evert interviews "The Possibility Mom" Lisa Canning, former designer for the HGTV show Marriage Under Construction. Lisa is also a wife, mom author & now, coach!

### **8/10/2023 at 3:00 PM... Kresta in the Afternoon... 55 minutes.**

Topic/Description: Host Al Kresta visits with Dr. David Anders who shares how discovering the Church saved his marriage.

### **8/11/2023 at 8:00 AM... More to Life... 55 minutes.**

Topic/Description: Hosts Dr. Greg Popcak and wife Lisa ask listeners if challenging relationships are getting you down? They can help you discuss how to set healthy boundaries!

### **8/16/2023 at 7:00 AM... Catholic Connection... 55 minutes.**

Topic/Description: Host Teresa Tomeo talks with Greg and Julie Alexander about a new 'marriage community' they have launched.

### **8/24/2023 at 7:00 AM... Catholic Connection... 55 minutes.**

Topic/Description: Host Teresa Tomeo talks with Kelly Salomon regarding the release of the 2023-24 edition of My Future, My Faith, a full-color, 40-page handbook to help Catholic families navigate the search for faithful Catholic colleges.

### **8/26/2023 at 10:00 AM... Women Made New... 55 minutes.**

Topic/Description: Host Crystalina Evert visits with Teresa Tomeo whose Face It – Own It – Heal It is geared to help women overcome the fears that may hold them back in their lives.

### **9/1/2023 at 2:00 PM... Register Radio... 25 minutes.**

Topic/Description: Senior editor Joan Desmond has been following the latest developments in parental rights in California and across the country.

## **ISSUE: HEALTH**

### **7/2//2023 at 7:00 AM... Catholic Connection... 55 minutes.**

Topic/Description: Host Teresa Tomeo talks with Chris Faddis who tells us why Biden's HHS is canceling a Title X grant.

### **7/7/2023 at 3:00 PM... Kresta in the Afternoon... 55 minutes.**

Topic/Description: Guest Host Marcus Peter talks with Carl Trueman discuss the gender ideology revolution that is linked to another disturbing idea – the rise of the notion that parents are defined by function rather than biology.

### **7/24/2023 at 3:00 PM... Kresta in the Afternoon... 55 minutes.**

Topic/Description: Host Al Kresta talks with Wes Smith regarding a group of doctors who have spoken out against transgender treatments for kids.

### **8/1/2023 at 7:00 AM... Catholic Connection... 55 minutes.**

Topic/Description: Host Teresa Tomeo visits with Kathy Schiffer who reports on news of the development of an innovative method of health monitoring, which can track a woman's fertility and her general health using only a pair of earrings.

### **8/18/2023 at 2:00 PM... Register Radio... 25 minutes.**

Topic/Description: Matthew Bunson and Jeanette De Melo talk about the latest news on a court ruling reinstating limits on abortion pills.

### **8/22/2023 at 5:00 AM... The Son Rise Morning Show... 110 minutes.**

Topic/Description: Hosts Matt Swaim and Anna Mitchell talk with Fr. Tad Pacholczyk from the National Catholic Bioethics Center reports on the latest from the bishops regarding the medical diagnosis of brain death.

### **8/22/2023 at 7:00 PM... Catholic Connection... 55 minutes.**

Topic/Description: Host Teresa Tomeo talks to Grace Emily Stark about a 'Mothers of (Pre) Teens' online course in response to the pressure to put girls on birth control.

### **9/1/2023 at 7:00 AM... Catholic Connection: 55 minutes.**

Topic/Description: Host Teresa Tomeo talks with Dr. Ingrid Skop who responds to the American College of OB/GYN supporting abortion with no limits.

## **ISSUE: YOUTH PROGRAMMING**

### **7/2/2023 at 2:30 PM... Blessed to Play... 25 minutes.**

Topic/Description: Host Ron Meyer talks with Amy Seago, who is in her 20<sup>th</sup> season of coaching Cougar track and field and cross-country programs, about her passion for coaching student athletes and how the Catholic faith guides her.

### **7/16/2023 at 2:30 PM... Blessed to Play... 25 minutes.**

Topic/Description: Host Ron Meyer visits with guest Brent Suter who pitches for MLB's Colorado Rockies. Brent talks about his rise to the highest level of pro baseball and how he incorporates his faith on and off the baseball diamond.

### **7/25/2023 at 7:00 AM... Catholic Connection: 55 minutes.**

Topic/Description: Host Teresa Tomeo talks with Dr. Meg Meeker to discuss a new report calling out social media platforms for undermining classroom learning and driving the youth mental health crisis.

### **7/26/2023 at 2:00 PM... Register Radio... 25 minutes.**

Topic/Description: Father Roger Landry reports on the hundreds of thousands of young people who will meet Pope Francis in Portugal for World Youth Day 2023.

### **8/5/2023 at 2:30 PM... Blessed to Play... 25 minutes.**

Topic/Description: Host Ron Meyer talks with Amy Lawrence about her career in sports radio and how her faith shapes who she is.

### **8/11/2023 at 2:00 PM... Register Radio... 25 minutes.**

Topic/Description: Blogger and World Youth Day pilgrim Kevin McCartney & Father Sean Conroy join us now to talk about their experience in Portugal.

### **8/20/2023 at 2:30 PM... Blessed to Play... 25 minutes.**

Topic/Description: Host Ron Meyer talks with Clare Hanson who in her first year of coaching Benedictine College Women's Lacrosse won a national championship and how the team's culture of faith assisted with a remarkable achievement.

## **ISSUE: PUBLIC INTEREST**

### **7/3/2023 at 5:00 AM... The Son Rise Morning Show... 110 minutes.**

Topic/Description: Hosts Matt Swaim and Anna Mitchell welcome Rita Heikenfeld who tell us about Bible herbs that make great bug repellents.

### **7/4/2023 at 8:00 AM... More to Life... 55 minutes.**

Topic/Description: Hosts Dr. Greg Popcak and wife Lisa, as listeners if fear is undermining their confidence? The Popcaks can give you clarity.

### **7/6/2023 at 7:00 AM... Catholic Connection... 55 minutes.**

Topic/Description: Host Teresa Tomeo talks with Alejandro Monteverde who is the Director of "Sound of Freedom," starring Jim Caviezel.

### **7/7/2023 at 2:00 PM... Register Radio... 25 minutes.**

Topic/Description: Andrea Picciotti Bayer reports that the Supreme Court ended its term with two religion-related decisions, ruling in favor of religious accommodation and free speech.

### **7/11/2023 at 7:00 AM... Catholic Connection... 55 minutes.**

Topic/Description: Host Teresa Tomeo visits with Attorney Robert Muise who weighs in on several new cases, including pro-lifers suing NY's AG for violating civil rights.

### **7/12/2023 at 3:00 PM... Kresta in the Afternoon... 55 minutes.**

Topic/Description: Host Al Kresta visits with Kevin Wells who tells us about the incredible work the Sisters of Mary are doing to combat human trafficking

### **7/21/2023 at 2:00 PM... Register Radio... 25 minutes.**

Topic/Description: Register writer Patti Armstrong reports on the Sound of Freedom movie which has now topped box office charts with its success and its serious subject matter – human trafficking.

### **7/24/2023 at 5:00 AM... The Son Rise Morning Show... 110 minutes.**

Topic/Description: Hosts Matt Swaim and Anna Mitchell welcome Fr. Philip Larrey to discuss whether artificial intelligence can ever be creative in the way that humans can be creative.

### **7/27/2023 at 7:00 AM... Catholic Connection... 55 minutes.**

Topic/Description: Host Teresa Tomeo visits with Fr. Mitch Pacwa, S.J. to discuss why belief in 'religious entities' continues to decline in America.

### **8/10/2023 at 7:00 AM... Catholic Connection... 55 minutes.**

Topic/Description: Host Teresa Tomeo talks with Fr. Mitch Pacwa, S.J. who speaks about the news of multiple FBI offices involved in anti-Catholic investigations.

## **Public Service Announcements**

### **BCYA- BBQ**

**8/7-8/19**

Hey young adults, join in on the annual potluck summer BBQ with the Billings Catholic Young Adults, Saturday August 19th, at 7pm! They will provide burgers, hotdogs, and lawn games! Please bring something to share, drinks, and a lawn chair! Bring a friend or a fellow parishioner! Help us build the Catholic young adult community across the city; you can find them on the web at [billings-c-y-a dot com](http://billings-c-y-a.com) or on Facebook and instagram. The party is at 2730 Black Hills Lane, on August 19th at 7pm- see you there!

### **Catholic Daughters Workshop**

**9/13-9/30**

How do we put forward the best effort that we can, in our parishes, communities, and homes? Can we remain Christ Centered as we engage the world and culture? For the Catholic Daughters of the Americas, the emphasis on the Catholic Woman's invaluable contributions to their families, parishes, and communities is paramount-and their goal is to be the "helping hands wherever there is pain, poverty, sorrow or sickness". Does this call to charity and social justice resonate with you? If so, you are welcome to join the Catholic Daughters of the Americas Fall workshop, Saturday September 30th, at St Pius the tenth church in Billings. Starting at 9am, you will hear from Bishop Fleming, Family Services, and the national director of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas. RSVP ahead of time with Patty, at 406-665 5257, and remember to bring your rosary!

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## **Dahl Grief Support**

**9/18-12/1**

In dealing with the loss of a parent, spouse, child, or any other beloved person in our lives, we struggle to find ways to cope with their absence. We can only trust the fate of our loved ones to the Lord, but we have the gift of one another, to lean on in our grief, and to encourage others who grieve. Dahl Funeral Chapel has started a grief support group, meeting every other Tuesday from 7 to 9pm, at their location, 10 Yellowstone Avenue. Please sign up with Linda Smith, by calling 406 591 3219.

## **Diocese Pilgrimage**

**6/9-8/10**

Seated near Lake Michigan is the site of the only approved Marian Apparition in the United States, and this is your opportunity to visit! Join Bishop Fleming on pilgrimage to the National Shrine of Our Lady of Champion, from August 12-18 th . Bishop Fleming will stop at other reverent sites along the way, and space is limited, so register online at [diocese-g-f-b dot org slash pilgrimage2023](http://diocese-g-f-b-dot-org-slash-pilgrimage2023).



## **Mexican Fiesta**

**07/11-7/23**

The 69th Annual MEXICAN FIESTA will be held this year at Mary Queen of Peace Parish from 10am-3:30pm on July 22. This is Billings, Montana's longest running cultural event, and the proceeds will go to support the parish. The traditional Mexican dinner of enchiladas,tacos, beans, rice and more will be served. There will be kid's games, craft booths, raffle, a silent auction and food trucks along with live entertainment featuring TEJANO OUTLAWS. The TEJANO DANCE will be at the Billings Hotel Convention Center that evening from 8 pm to midnight, with tickets of \$15 per person or \$150 a table for 10. Contact Celest at 406 294-7605 for information.

## **Permanent Deaconate Inquiry**

**7/20-8/25**

Throughout scripture, we can see how God works through mortal men. Time and time again, God elevates ordinary men so that God's own works can be revealed. What a blessing is this, that men like you or me can be tools to glorify God! If you have felt called to serve the Lord as a deacon in His church, then please attend the Permanent Deacon Inquiry weekend, August 25-27th, in Great Falls at the Ursuline center. This is a no obligation opportunity for any man interested in a vocation in the permanent deaconate. If interested, please visit [diocese-g-f-b dot org](http://diocese-g-f-b.org) to complete an application, or call Deacon Pete Woelkers at 406 727 6683. The Lord has used many men to do incredible things- how will he use you?!

## **PRIEST DAY SEP 7<sup>TH</sup>**

**8/16-9/8**

Who can you think of that works on the holidays, has a wardrobe to fit every occasion, and is present for almost every important event in your life? Baptisms, funerals, weddings- not to mention feeding us every day with the bread of life? It's our priests! Let's show our appreciation for all they do. September 7<sup>th</sup> is Buy a Priest a Beer Day, so take em out and toast their ministry! You can say thank you other ways too, get them dinner, a coffee, or even a card to show your gratitude!

## **Rams Booster BINGO**

**8/1-8/9**

Billings Central Rams Football is back on the field and your chance to help them make this a great season is right around the corner. Join the Rams Football Boosters for a fun night of Bingo at the Columbia Club- Wednesday August 9<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6PM. Who doesn't like a night of Bingo with a cash bar, desserts, and all to support the 2023 Rams Football season! Forty dollars gets you 6 bingo cards, dauber, and one drink ticket. Grab your friends and we will see you at the Columbia Club on Wednesday August 9<sup>th</sup> to support our Billings Central Rams.

## **St. Bernard Art & Craft Sale**

**Airs 9/1-11/03**

For the 41st year, St. Bernard Art & Craft show is back for another wonderful year of hand crafted and unique treasures all in one place! Mark your calendars for November 4th to be a part of the longest running Craft Show in Billings! Table spaces fill up fast, so register today, by calling Mary at 406-208-7881 or the St Bernard Parish office. You will not want to miss this, so register as soon as you can! This is a wonderful opportunity to show your handiworks, meet new people, and make someone's day!

## **St Vincent DePaul**

**8/16-10/31**

We know from scripture that when we help the needy, we are helping Christ himself. The sweltering days and frigid nights are harsh on those without homes in our community, and St Vincent de Paul of Billings makes the effort to provide clothing, meals, and other assistance to our friends in need. Please pray and consider donating clothing, food, or monetary assistance to St Vincent de Paul so that we can transform our community, one coat, one meal, and one heart at a time. Visit St Vincent de Paul Billings to see how you can help.

## **WWME VIRTUAL SESSION**

**9/18-10/5**

Has your marriage felt stale lately? Is it lacking that spark that used to be there, but you or your spouse don't have the time to make a marriage retreat? Then the upcoming worldwide marriage encounter virtual session may be for you! Starting October 5th until November 16th, couples will meet on Zoom on Thursday evenings- so you can get the encouragement you need from your office or living room! Early registration is required so your materials are available- apply now at [a-lifetime-of-love dot o-r-g](http://a-lifetime-of-love dot o-r-g).

## **40 Days for Life**

**9/21-11/5**

Christians need to accept the reality that a lot of the tragic issues that plague society always boil down to a spiritual battle; the kingdom of God which is of love and compassion, and the occupation of Satan which is of hate and self-interest. This spiritual battle is fought with your prayers, and you are invited to join 40 days for life billings to pray over the next several weeks to end abortion. This is not a protest, but a peaceful, prayerful public witness to the sanctity of human life. Through the 40 days for life campaign, over 23 thousand babies have been saved, over 250 employees of abortion have converted or quit, and 144 abortion centers closed—all thanks to your fervent prayers! To join this vigil, call Amy at 855-3737, or sign up online at [40 days for life dot com slash billings](http://40 days for life dot com slash billings).