

# ISSUE AND PROGRAM REPORT

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## COVER SHEET

### Issues:

- Educational
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## **ISSUE: EDUCATIONAL**

### **4/4/2023 at 7:00 AM... Catholic Connection... 55 minutes.**

Topic/Description: Host Teresa Tomeo welcomes Dr. Kuebler who explains how the Catholic faith and science are perfectly compatible and don't contradict each other.

### **4/6/2023 at 5:00 AM... The Son Rise Morning Show... 110 minutes.**

Topic/Description: Hosts Matt Swaim and Anna Mitchell talk to Dr. John Bergsma who offers insights into the Last Supper from the Dead Sea Scrolls.

### **4/10/2023 at 3:00 PM... Kresta in the Afternoon... 55 minutes.**

Topic/Description: Host Al Kresta visits with Michael Licona who joins us with his historiographical approach to the evidence for the Resurrection.

### **4/11/2023 at 5:00 AM... The Son Rise Morning Show... 110 minutes.**

Topic/Description: Hosts Matt Swaim and Anna Mitchell welcome Stephanie Mann on how the English Reformation affected the Carthusian order.

### **4/12/2023 at 3:00 PM... Kresta in the Afternoon... 55 minutes.**

Topic/Description: Host Al Kresta visits with Michael Pakaluk regarding the last prosecutor from the Nuremberg Trials whose team was tasked with prosecuting the Einsatzgruppen death squads that were responsible for much of the mass murder of Jews.

### **4/15/2023 at 10:00 AM... Women Made New... 55 minutes.**

Topic/Description: Host Crystalina Evert discusses Cameron Fradd's chapter in the upcoming book Women Made New: Reflections on Adversity, Transformation, and Healing where she talks about the lies, we tell ourselves and how to overcome negative self-talk with the grace of God.

### **4/26/2023 at 3:00 PM... Kresta in the Afternoon... 55 minutes.**

Topic/Description: Host Al Kresta visits with Marcia McBrien who has updates on a proposed rule that would change the usage of preferred pronouns.

### **5/2/2023 at 5:00 AM... The Son Rise Morning Show... 110 minutes.**

Topic/Description: Hosts Matt Swaim and Anna Mitchell welcome Dr. Matthew Bunson to discuss the life of this early Church father who helped implement the reforms of the Council of Nicaea.

### **5/8/2023 at 3:00 PM... Kresta in the Afternoon... 55 minutes.**

Topic/Description: Host Al Kresta talk with Mark David Hall who examines how Christianity has helped advance liberty and freedom for all.

### **6/8/2023 at 3:00 PM... Kresta in the Afternoon... 55 minutes.**

Topic/Description: Host Al Kresta talks with Gabriel Reynolds who examines the connections between the Koran and the Bible.

### **6/19/2023 at 5:00 AM... The Son Rise Morning Show... 110 minutes.**

Topic/Description: Hosts Matt Swaim and Anna Mitchell talk about Juneteenth and the canonization causes of two Americans who were born into slavery.

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

### **4/11/2023 at 8:00 AM... More to Life... 55 minutes.**

Topic/Description: Hosts Dr. Greg Popcak and wife Lisa ask listeners if challenges are getting you down? Is burnout holding you back? Let Greg & Lisa help you build resilience and feel renewed.

### **4/19/2023 at 8:00 AM... Mores to Life... 55 minutes.**

Topic/Description: Hosts Dr. Greg Popcak and wife Lisa ask listeners if they want to cultivate healthier relationships in their lives? The Popcaks can help you build the virtues necessary to make your relationships thrive!

### **4/20/2023 at 5:00 AM... The Son Rise Morning Show... 110 minutes.**

Topic/Description: Hosts Matt Swaim and Anna Mitchell talk with Gary Michuta with thoughts on the effect of the sexual revolution on families and society.

### **4/28/2023 at 2:00 PM... Register Radio... 25 minutes.**

Topic/Description: Register's national correspondent Laretta Brown reports about a Catholic university that's stepping up its commitment to life and dignity by offering young, single mom's childcare, housing, and a compassionate community.

### **5/3/2023 at 8:00 AM... More to Life... 25 minutes.**

Topic/Description: Hosts Dr. Greg Popcak and wife Lisa ask listeners if they want a stronger marriage, and they can help you build the marriage God wants for you!

### **5/6/2023 at 10:00 AM... Women Made New... 55 minutes.**

Topic/Description: Host Crystalina Evert interviews Teresa Tomeo about her new book, "Everything's Coming Up Rosie: 10 Things My Feisty Italian American Mom Taught Me About Living Life".

### **5/19/2023 at 2:00 PM... Register Radio... 25 minutes.**

Topic/Description: We talk to women who have experienced the pain of infertility and who have leaned into their suffering through God's help to yield beautiful witnesses to adoption and spiritual motherhood.

### **5/29/2023 at 3:00 PM... Kresta in the Afternoon... 55 minutes.**

Topic/Description: Host Al Kresta talks with Donna Marie Cooper O'Boyle on this Memorial Day as we honor our soldiers who made the ultimate sacrifice, but we can't overlook the smaller everyday sacrifices made by the wives and families of our soldiers.

### **6/7/2023 at 8:00 AM... More to Life... 55 minutes.**

Topic/Description: Hosts Dr. Greg Popcak and wife Lisa note that parenting is tough whether you're dealing with little ones, teens, or adult children. The Popcaks help you be a more empowered parent!

### **6/16/2023 at 3:00 PM... Kresta in the Afternoon... 55 minutes.**

Topic/Description: Host Al Kresta talks with Leo DeLorenzo with a look at how St Joseph is a model for fathers and for all of us.

### **6/17/2023 at 10:00 AM... Women Made New... 55 minutes.**

Topic/Description: Host Crystalina Evert sits down with Dr. Ray Guarendi to discuss his book Living Calm: Mastering Anger and Frustration.

## **ISSUE: HEALTH**

### **4/18/2023 at 7:00 AM... Catholic Connection... 55 minutes.**

Topic/Description: Host Teresa Tomeo talks with Joni Seith who shares her incredible story in "Pain of Grace: Living and Suffering with Dignity."

### **4/20/2023 at 5:00 AM... The Son Rise Morning Show... 110 minutes.**

Topic/Description: Hosts Matt Swaim and Anna Mitchell talk with pastoral counselor Kevin Prendergast on autism and bullying.

### **4/24/2023 at 3:00 PM... Kresta in the Afternoon... 55 minutes.**

Topic/Description: Host Al Kresta talks with Dr. Ray Guarendi regarding the millions of people who struggle with depression and how you can help a loved one.

### **5/17/2023 at 7:00 AM... Catholic Connection... 55 minutes.**

Topic/Description: Hosts Teresa Tomeo talks with Dr. Monica Miller regarding a new study on the long-term impact of abortion on men.

### **6/2/2023 at 2:00 PM... Register Radio... 25 minutes.**

Topic/Description: Register columnist Father Roger Landry talks about hope and how it helps those who are sinking into suicide and depression.

### **6/8/2023 at 7:00 AM... Catholic Connection... 55 minutes.**

Topic/Description: Host Teresa Tomeo talks with Fr. Mitch Pacwa, S.J., who discusses 'gender-affirming' surgery and why it's not a cure for anything.

### **6/8/2023 at 5:00 AM... The Son Rise Morning Show... 110 minutes.**

Topic/Description: Hosts Matt Swaim and Ann Mitchell talk with pastoral counselor Kevin Prendergast on helping Catholic men develop healthier patterns and habits.

### **6/14/2023 at 7:00 AM... The Catholic Connection... 55 minutes.**

Topic/Description: Host Teresa Tomeo talks with Msgr. Charles Pope noting that now that the COVID-19 public health emergency has officially been declared over, it is time for us to assess the horrific toll these draconian measures took on our human family.

## **ISSUE: YOUTH PROGRAMMING**

### **4/16/2023 at 2:30 PM... Blessed to Play... 25 minutes.**

Topic/Description: Host Ron Meyer talks with Jillian Stafford, a current member of the UCLA track and field team about being dedicated to her sport and her faith life.

### **4/30/2023 at 2:30 PM... Blessed to Play... 25 minutes.**

Topic/Description: Host Ron Meyer talks with Erik Rosales, Capitol Hill correspondent for EWTN News Nightly regarding his playing collegiate baseball and how faith determined his path from secular news to his work now for EWTN.

### **5/2/2023 at 7:00 AM... Catholic Connection... 55 minutes.**

Topic/Description: Host Teresa Tomeo talks with Kelly Marcum who explains her Gratia Plena Institute and the important work they do with young women.

### **6/4/2023 at 2:30 PM... Blessed to Play... 25 minutes.**

Topic/Description: Host Ron Meyer visits with Dan Venezia a former pro baseball player in the Minnesota Twins organization about a harrowing experience with the covid virus that brought him to a deepening of his Catholic faith.

## **ISSUE: PUBLIC INTEREST**

### **4/5/2023 at 3:00 PM... Kresta in the Afternoon... 55 minutes.**

Topic/Description: Host Al Kresta talks with Monica Miller to explore the theology and symbolism of Mel Gibson's The Passion.

### **4/13/2023 at 7:00 AM... Catholic Connection... 55 minutes.**

Topic/Description: Host Teresa Tomeo talks with Fr. Mitch Pacwa regarding the FBI going undercover to investigate Catholics and Arielle Del Turco discusses attacks on churches increasing in 2023.

### **4/21/2023 at 5:00 AM... The Son Rise Morning Show... 110 minutes.**

Topic/Description: Hosts Matt Swaim and Anna Mitchell welcome Ken Craycraft to discuss the case involving a post office worker, the Sabbath, and the Supreme Court.

### **4/27/2023 at 5:00 AM... The Son Rise Morning Show... 110 minutes.**

Topic/Description: Hosts Matt Swaim and Anna Mitchell welcome pastoral counselor Kevin Prendergast to discuss preventing harassment in the workplace.

### **4/28/2023 at 2:00 PM... Register Radio... 25 minutes.**

Topic/Description: Register columnist Andrea Picciotti-Bayer provides insights into the Supreme Court's latest cases, including the ruling on the abortion pill and the oral arguments the justices heard related to a former postal worker, who refused to work on Sunday.

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

Topic/Description: Hosts Matt Swaim and Anna Mitchell welcome Stephanie Mann to look at the oath that King Charles will be taking at his coronation this weekend, and what Catholics may notice about it.

### **5/5/2023 at 3:00 PM... Kresta in the Afternoon... 55 minutes.**

Topic/Description: Guest Hosts Marcus Peter & Peggy Stanton visit with Nathan Schlueter regarding gender debate in America.

### **5/8/2023 at 7:00 AM... Catholic Connection... 55 minutes.**

Topic/Description: Host Teresa Tomeo talks with Ashley McGuire regarding the FBI leaked memo which revealed the Bureau's plans to spy on Catholics in their houses of worship and characterized Catholics as "violent extremists."

### **5/9/2023 at 7:00 AM... Catholic Connection... 55 minutes.**

Topic/Description: Host Teresa Tomeo talks about the graduation speech Harrison Butker made that offers grads some 'hard truths' about family, faith, and cancel culture.

### **5/26/2023 at 2:00 PM... Register Radio... 25 minutes.**

Topic/Description: Host Ron Meyer talks with Kelsey Wicks that who reports that hundreds of pilgrims have flocked to a Missouri monastery to see the remains of Sister Wilhelmina Lancaster, a Benedictine sister who died 4 years ago and whose recently exhumed body shows very little signs of decay.

### **6/10/2023 at 2:00 PM... Register Radio... 25 minutes.**

Topic/Description: Host Alyssa Murphy talks with The Hillbilly Thomists, Dominican Friars that are combining Catholic theology with bluegrass music.

## Public Service Announcements

## **Parish Scholarships**

**4/4-5/31**

As a student myself, I know that having a little extra money to help out with school costs makes our lives so much easier! Thankfully, our local parishes recognize this need, and want to help their students succeed in their education. The goal of a Catholic education is to prepare the newest generation of disciples to engage their world with faith and a sharpened intellect! So pay attention to your parish's bulletin and announcements for upcoming scholarships, and every parish has unique scholarships available to assist students who wish to attend the Billings Catholic Schools, Carrol College, or University of Providence. Be sure to thank your parish's Knights of Columbus, Council of Catholic Women, and the many generous people who made this happen!

## **Revelation Bible Study**

**6/8-8/9**

**PSA30**

The Revelation of John is typically associated with "the end", that being the second coming of Christ and the letters placed at the end of the Bible. This summer until August 9th at Saint Patrick's co-cathedral, Fr John Pankratz will be leading a bible study on the book of Revelation. Join him on Wednesday nights at 6:30 pm, in the Saint Patrick Parish center. See you there!

## **LaVie Laughs 4 Life**

**3/15-4/20**

**PSA30**

Join LaVie for a family-friendly comedy event April 20th. special guest 321 Improv creates a unique, interactive comedy experience unlike any other. They instantly Turning audience suggestions into hilarious scenes will bring tears to your eyes, with laughter! It is time to gather together for a night full of FUN so Come ready to learn more about how LaVie is serving the Billings community, view a LIVE ultrasound demonstration, and enjoy an evening full of laughs! This is a perfect night out for family, friends, small group, youth group, or even date night! Visit [laviebillings.com](http://laviebillings.com) for tickets!

## **Mayfair**

**4/26-5/15**

**PSA30**

One of the most visible parts of the legacy of our Catholic church, is it's centuries long commitment to education. Thanks to the Billings Catholic Schools foundation, this legacy of excellence continues today! Join us May 13th for Mayfair! Come to the fundraising Gala for delicious food, auctions, and fun, all to preserve Catholic education as pillar of our community. Find info online, at [billings-catholic-schools-foundation dot o-r-g, slash mayfair.](http://billings-catholic-schools-foundation.org/mayfair)

## **Diocese Pilgrimage**

**6/9-8/10**

### **PSA30**

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).

## **LAUDATAPALOOZA**

**4/25-5/30**

First Peter four ten tells us that as each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as stewards of God's varied grace. How are we to be good stewards of our brothers and sisters, or even the earth? Join Larry and Ankie McEvoy for a series of reflections on Pope Francis' Laudato Si, which envisions engaged parish communities who are stewards of the community and world. Inspired by the works of Saint Francis, it helps us to see that an integral ecology calls for openness to categories which transcend the language of mathematics and biology and take us to the heart of what it is to be human. This Laudatopalooza is on Wednesday, starting May tenth through the 31st, 7 to 8:30 pm in the St Thomas Parish center, and is open to all. Sign up today by emailing Larry at [Larry dot McEvoy M-D at gmail dot com](mailto:Larry dot McEvoy M-D at gmail dot com).

## **BCYA- Worship Night**

**6/7-6/14**

**PSA30**

We were made to give thanks to the Lord! Please come and Join the Billings Catholic young adults for a Praise and worship night at Saint Patrick Co-Cathedral with Father John Pankratz! There will be music and fellowship, along with eucharistic adoration. This inspiring night will be Tuesday, June 13<sup>th</sup> starting at 7pm, we hope to see you there!

## **CSSMT- Golf Tournament**

**5/1-7/12**

**PSA30**

*Bogies, birdies, and eagles oh my!* It's time to dust off those clubs in the garage and head up to Helena for the 24th annual Catholic Social services of Montana charity golf tournament! This July 14th at the Bill Roberts Municipal Golf Course, the tournament will support adoption and family support ministries across the state. There will be lunch, player gifts, great prizes, and healthy competition for one of the best of causes. Register and find more info today online at [C-S-S-M golf tournament dot perfect golf event dot com](http://C-S-S-M-golf-tournament-dot-perfect-golf-event-dot-com).

## **CATHOLIC FOUNDATION OF EASTERN MONTANA**

**4/10-5/1**

If you're anything like me, your Catholic faith has been there for the most important parts of your life. Show how it's played a part in your story. By making a gift in your Will to the Catholic Foundation of Eastern Montana, you can make sure the Church will be there for your grandchildren and godchildren too, and for every generation to come. Contact the Foundation so we can help you get the right language for your will, visit us online at [catholicfoundationmt dot org](http://catholicfoundationmt.org).

## **CATHOLIC FOUNDATION OF EASTERN MONTANA**

**4/10-5/1**

Your will is the last chapter you'll write in the book of your life here on earth. What do you want it to say about what matters to you? Whether it's your parish, or a catholic school, or a different Catholic ministry, you can make a gift in your Will that will start helping them now and keep helping them forever. Call the Catholic Foundation of Eastern Montana to learn about the endowments we have for the church, and to get the right language to add to your will. Visit us at [catholicfoundationmt dot org](http://catholicfoundationmt.org).

## **CATHOLIC FOUNDATION OF EASTERN MONTANA**

**4/10-5/1**

Catholics throughout our diocese are taking advantage of the Qualified Charitable Distribution. If you are age 70 ½ or older, and don't want or need the Required Minimum Distribution from your IRA, why not give it to help the Church this year? An IRA charitable rollover to the church will keep your taxable income down and help our beloved faith at the same time. To learn more about the steps to make sure you don't pay tax on that income, or to learn about the 135 endowments for Montana's Catholic Parishes, catholic schools, and Catholic ministries that your Required minimum distribution could benefit, contact the Catholic Foundation of Eastern Montana at [catholicfoundationmt dot org](http://catholicfoundationmt.org)

## **CATHOLIC FOUNDATION OF EASTERN MONTANA**

**5/1-6/1**

As a Catholic, and a taxpayer in Montana, did you know that you can receive a 40% tax CREDIT for making a gift to your favorite Catholic cause? Think of all the good you could do for Billings Catholic radio, our priests and seminarians, or your own parish, while ALSO getting such a huge benefit on your Montana Tax Return. Reach out to the Catholic Foundation of eastern Montana for more information, visit us at [catholicfoundationmt dot org](http://catholicfoundationmt.org).

## **CATHOLIC FOUNDATION OF EASTERN MONTANA**

**5/1-6/1**

Have you been thinking about how to help the Catholic Church today in a more substantial way, or perhaps through your estate planning? If so, you have a free and confidential resource to call upon for assistance- it's your Catholic Foundation of Eastern Montana. We are here to serve every Catholic in our diocese who would like a little help in their planning. Visit us online at [catholicfoundationmt dot org](http://catholicfoundationmt.org).

## **CATHOLIC FOUNDATION OF EASTERN MONTANA**

**5/1-6/1**

The Catholic Foundation of Eastern Montana is an independent nonprofit Catholic organization located within our diocese, that is helping Catholics from all across eastern Montana to "endow the future of our faith." We are grateful to the many donors who want to see the Faith continue for future generations and encourage every Catholic to make a gift of any size to forever benefit the part of the Catholic Church that tugs on their heart the most. Visit us online at [catholicfoundationmt dot org](http://catholicfoundationmt.org).

## **World Wide Marriage encounter**

**2/14-4/21**

**PSA30**

Spring is a time of renewal, so why not add some spring back into your marriage? This April 21-23<sup>rd</sup>, the worldwide marriage encounter will be in beautiful Elk Mountain Wyoming. Reflect on your love, your wedding day, and the gift of your relationship to your children and our church. Please register today at [WWME do o-r-g](http://WWME.org).