

## **Rev. Kerrigan: No clue, no reward**

Lake County officials still are investigating the disappearance of the Rev. John Kerrigan, a Butte native whose bloody clothing and car were found near Polson soon after his disappearance.

According to Lake County Undersheriff Joe Geldrich, law enforcement officials in the area continue to receive new but, for the most part, unsubstantial leads every day.

The Lake County Sheriff's Department is in charge of the investigation, but Geldrich said the department doesn't have a full-time detective on the case.

Officials from the dioceses of the Catholic Church in Montana are depending on the Lake County law enforcement agencies for any information in the case, according to Bishop Elden Curtiss of Helena.

"We're not interfering in their work," he said.

Curtiss said church officials are assuming that Kerrigan is dead. He added that the church does not plan to establish a reward for information about Kerrigan's disappearance.

"We don't play those kinds of games," he said.

Catholic churches throughout the state are conducting memorial masses for Kerrigan, Curtiss said.

Kerrigan, who served parishes in Butte and Dillon, disappeared two months ago, soon after moving from Plains to become pastor of Ronan's Sacred Heart Catholic Church.