



# Holy Spirit

*Catholic Parish and School*

**March 25, 2018**

**Worship Centers:** Holy Spirit Catholic Church, 201 44th St. South      Holy Family Chapel, 2800 Central Ave.  
**Parish Offices:** 201 44th St. South Great Falls, MT 59405      Phone: (406)452-6491  
**Parish Office hours:** Monday – Thursday 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Friday 8:30 a.m. – Noon  
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**Check out FORMED.org Our parish code is PGMJZ**

*WE, the people of Holy Spirit Catholic Parish of Great Falls, Montana, created by God, centered in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, are sharing our journey of faith,*

*WE are committed to upholding our faith, strengthening our families, and being a joyful people of prayer.*

*WE strive to be the Lord's presence on earth by welcoming and ministering to all people with compassion and hope.      Rev. March 1999*

*"We do not cease praying so long as we continue to do good. The prayer of the heart and of good deeds has more value than the prayer of the lips." ~ St Augustine of Hippo*



## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

**March 28, Wednesday: Confessions 5:30-6:30.**  
**March 29, Holy Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Supper; 7:00**  
**March 30, Good Friday: the Passion of the Lord; 3:00;**  
**Stations of the Cross; 6:00**  
**March 31, Holy Saturday: Easter Vigil; 9:00 pm**  
**April 1, Easter Day: Masses 8:30 and 11:00 am**

**Join us for our  
Fellowship Dinner!**

**Hosted this month by our  
Knights of Columbus**

**After Mass on Sat. 3/24**

**On the menu:  
a delicious Pork Loin with  
all the trimmings.**



**Fellowship Meal**

## **Lady of Snows Circle Annual Palm Sunday Bake Sale!**



**After all Masses this  
weekend**



**Please bring any baked  
goods or candies!**

**Free will offering~**

**Knights of Columbus  
Palm Sunday Breakfast!  
After Masses  
on Sunday**

**Come join us  
for some  
wonderful  
food and fellowship!**



# Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, March 25, 2018

## Holy Spirit Parish Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday – 4:30 p.m.

Sunday – 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

## Daily Mass Schedule

### Holy Spirit Day Chapel:

Tuesdays 5:15 p.m., Wednesdays & Thursdays 8:30 a.m.

**Park Place** (3200 15<sup>th</sup> Ave. S) **2nd** Wednesday each month 2:30

**Highgate** (3000 11th Ave S) **3rd** Wednesday each month 1:30

**Holy Family Chapel** (2800 Central Avenue) Fridays 8:30 a.m.

**Reconciliation:** Saturdays - 2-4 pm, Wednesdays 5:30-6:30 pm  
or by appointment with a priest.



### **Holy Spirit Chapel is open for prayer before the**

**Blessed Sacrament:** Monday - Thursday 8:30 a.m. - 4 pm  
Friday 8:30 - 12.

## Mass Intentions:

Mon., 3/26 - 8:30 am - +Bob Liston r/b R Liston

Tues., 3/27- 5:15 p.m. - Anne Trunkle (sp int) r/b L Stenzel

Wed., 3/28- 8:30 a.m. - Ed & Irene Kelley (sp int) r/b K Walters

Thu., 3/29- 7:00 pm - Parish Volunteers

Fri., 3/30- 8:30 a.m., HF - No Mass

Sat., 3/31- 9:00 p.m.- Elect and Candidates

Sun., 4/1 - 8:30 a.m.- +Ramon Quinonez r/b Knights of Columbus  
- 11:00 a.m.- Parishioners

**Readings for next week:** Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

1st Reading: Acts of the Apostles 10: 34a, 37-43

2nd Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

Gospel: John 20:1-9

## Coffee & Rolls Schedule

**Mar 25:** Palm Sunday Breakfast, Knights of Columbus

**Apr. 1:** Happy Easter! NO coffee and rolls

## Bus Schedule:



Mar 31: NO BUS

Apr 1:

## *What's Happening This Week...*

**Sunday:** Palm Sunday Bake Sale - 8:30 am Hall  
Palm Sunday Breakfast, Knights of Columbus - 8 am  
Elem. Formation - 9:45 am Sts. P&P  
Bible Timeline study - 1 pm hall  
Living Stations of the Cross - 7:30 pm church

**Tuesday:** *Perfectly Yourself* Study - 7 pm Sts. P&P

**Thursday:** Holy Thursday Lord's Supper - 7 pm church

**Friday:** Good Friday, Passion of the Lord - 3 pm church  
Stations of the Cross - 6 pm church

**Saturday:** Easter Vigil - 9 pm church

## PARISH STAFF

Fr. Douglas Krings

Pastor

Dcn. Bill Medved

Deacon

Dcn. Pete Woelkers

Deacon, Adult Formation

Mark Meyer

Parish Administrator

Mary Dupuis

Worship, RCIA (Becoming Catholic)

Aubrey Rearden

DRE/Youth Minister

Cindy Eultgen

Christian Service/Elementary Formation


Mary Wingerter

Administrative Assistant

Chuck Osterman

Maintenance

## Liturgical Ministers for Triduum

 Holy Spirit <small>Catholic Parish</small>	Holy Thursday	Easter Morning	
	7:00 PM	8:30 AM	11:00 AM
<b>Bread Baker</b>	Patty Kolar		
<b>Holy Wash</b>		T Dimke	
<b>Sacristan</b>	S. Mohler	John Gort	
<b>Greeter</b>	M Balyeat	D & S Barros	D Dickman
<b>Usher</b>		<b>NEEDED ~ very important!</b> Please volunteer.	<b>NEEDED ~ very important!</b> Please volunteer.
<b>Cross</b>			A Kasayka
<b>Altar Servers</b>	L Moog R Moog	B Lorenz A Pitstick	L Moog R Moog
<b>Reader</b>	Assigned	C McKelvey S Robinson	M McFadden A Mignery
<b>Gifts</b>			Kasayka Family
<b>Extra-ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist (need 15)</b>	Dcn B Medved B Rasmussen D Miller G Miller	H Smith V Smith R McDunn J Durocher L Durocher P Ford H Pitstick	M Kasayka D Miller G Miller B Rasmussen

**All blank spaces are available for ministers.**  
**Sign-up for ministries is ONLY on the board in the church hallway until Monday, March 26, when it will be available online with the Ministry Scheduler.**  
**Ministry Schedules for April and May will be generated this week. Check for your schedule.**



**Our Youth Group presents**  
***Living Stations of the Cross***  
**Sunday March 26 at 7:00 pm**  
***Please join us!***

## Care for Creation by Recycling

THANK YOU Volunteers for taking the items to either Steel Etc. or Pacific Steel.



## Schedule:

Weekend	Newspaper	Cardboard
4th (March 23-29)	D & P Birkenbuel	C. Nowak
1st (March 30 - April 5)	K of C 9395	C. Jernigan

The weekend starts on Friday (shifts are Friday to Thursday).

**School Newspapers:** Greg Bonilla

**Call Parish Office for information on RCIA,  
Adult Formation or Marriage Preparation**

**RCIA (Becoming Catholic)** Weekly Thursday sessions, for unbaptized and those baptized in another faith tradition, every **Thursday, 7:00PM, at the Sts. Peter and Paul Center.** Enter from the parking lot, thru the door marked RCIA. For initial contact Mary Dupuis at the parish offices 452-6491, ext 206.

**RCIA Adapted for Children:** for children age 7 or older who are not baptized, or baptized in another faith tradition: contact Mary Dupuis at the parish offices 452-6491.

**Young Adult Ministry**

Aubrey Rearden 452-6491 ext. 207 aubrey@holyspiritgf.org  
Cell Phone: 868-6713 (call or text)

**Hops & Hope**

We're back in action!!! Looking for a casual opportunity to connect with other Catholic young adults? Hops & Hope is a great option to do just that. Our next gathering will be Thursday March 29th we will begin with Holy Thursday Mass @ Holy Spirit Church 7pm and then we will head to Boston's around 8:30pm.

**Youth Ministry**

Aubrey Rearden 452-6491 ext. 207 aubrey@holyspiritgf.org  
Cell Phone: 868-6713

**Youth Group Sunday Nights 6:30-8:15pm**



**Youth Group this Sunday March 25, 2018.**

**Living Station of the Cross**

All youth who are involved in the presenting of the Stations of the Cross need to be @ the church on Sunday @ 4:30 for a final rehearsal & dinner before we present at 7:30pm.

**Class of 2018: Mark Your Calendars...**

**Graduation Mass & Luncheon**

**Sunday May 20, 2018 @ 11am**

**Mass followed by a luncheon**



High School Bible Study meets each Wednesday @ Schulte's Coffeehouse from 6:45-7:30am, everyone is welcome!



**Sacramental Preparation**

Paige Nicholson 870-0706 pdnicholson1@charter.net

Please contact Paige Nicholson to visit about preparation for Completion of Initiation (1st Sacraments). Sacramental Prep. forms are available in the book rack in the entrance of church.



**Elementary Faith Formation**

Cindy Eultgen 452-6491 ext. 208 cindy@holyspiritgf.org

**NO Classes this week: Sun3/25 & Wed 3/28**  
**Next week: no class Sun 4/1 & classes resume Wed 4/4**

Thank you for helping us collect supplies for this summer VBS. We now have enough plastic containers. Thank you! Also, can you help by bringing in paper grocery bags?

**Holy Spirit School**

Jim Wichman - Principal Melissa Hallahan, Vice-Principal  
Judy Flint & Robin Verzuh, Administrative Assistants  
Colette Longin, Development Director, clongin@holyspiritgf.org  
761-5775 www.holyspiritgf.org

Are you wondering about a new school experience for your child? HSCS could be the ticket! We have so many opportunities for students including competitive sports programs, Science Club, Junior Toastmasters, and field trips for all ages! We enjoy weekly Mass, community service projects, praying together and playing together! Our students head into high school with the foundations of faith, knowledge, and service from their well-rounded education at HSCS. And with smaller class sizes, our teachers really get to know their students! We have an amazing village of parents, staff, students and alumni, and we invite your child, and you, to come be part of it! Schedule a tour today by calling 761-5775! For more information please visit our website: holyspiritgfschool.org.

**Come be a part of our team!** Holy Spirit Catholic School is seeking applicants for the following positions: 1) Elementary Teacher and 2) Administrative Assistant. Please contact the school at 761-5775 or email Principal Wichman at jwichman@holyspiritgf.org

Interested in making HSCS a beneficiary of your charitable donations? There are many ways to make that happen! Through the HSCS Endowment Trust, Scholarships, Dare to Dream, and more, you can make a difference in a child's life! Visit us online to donate, or for more information, call Colette at the school.

**Christian Service**

Cindy Eultgen 452-6491 ext. 208 cindy@holyspiritgf.org



**Fellowship Dinner** Today, after 4:30 pm Mass. Hosted by the Knights of Columbus 9395. Delicious Pork Loin meal. All are welcome, free will offering.

**Fellowship Lunch**—The First Tuesday of every month, April 3, at noon. Meet new friends over a warm meal. All are welcome for people of all ages! Free will offering.

**NEW! Support Group**—for those who are grieving the loss of a loved one. *It doesn't matter how long it has been.* A Bereavement Ministry Team has been preparing and training to provide comfort and support in the time of sorrow of the death of loved ones (see insert/flier). Anyone seeking support is welcome to stop in on the 4th Tuesday of every month at 7 pm in the RCIA room, no matter how long it has been.



*Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted.*

**Matthew 5:4**

**Palm Sunday** We encounter Jesus this week in Jerusalem, a community he knew well. We prayerfully enter our own communities too, encountering those who are hungry and thirsty, those who need our help.

How does our experience of Lent motivate us to serve those we meet in our daily lives? Talk to Cindy for more information! Please turn in your donations next week.

**Become a Volunteer for Benefis Peace Hospice**

Training sessions will be held at Benefis Health Hours and schedules are flexible with opportunities Call 455-3040 to discuss opportunities or visit [www.benefis.org/peace-hospice-volunteer](http://www.benefis.org/peace-hospice-volunteer).





## Stewardship



We have three families in Family Promise at this time. Please pray for them during this holy season of Lent.

Your prayers are powerful and heard by our Lord who takes to heart every need we present to Him.

The Monsignor House will be open on Wednesday, March 28 from 10:00-noon. Come on over for a cup of coffee, a tour, a chance to visit about Family Promise, or to drop off donations. Please feel free to give Kathie a call and leave a message 781-5033.

*"Pilate again said to them, 'Then what shall I do with the man whom you call the King of the Jews?' And they cried out again, 'Crucify him.'"* – MARK 15:12-13

Jesus told us "whatever you do for the least of my brothers, you do for me." Every day we are presented opportunities to help someone. Every day we have the opportunity to see the face of Jesus in others and be the face of Jesus to others. Pray for the strength and courage to stand up for those in need of our help.

## Worship

Mary Dupuis 452-6491 ex. 206 [mdupuis@holyspiritgf.org](mailto:mdupuis@holyspiritgf.org)

**Musicians Rehearsals Wednesdays at 7:00pm.** You are invited to join the music ministry ~ All voices and most instruments are welcome to help lead the music. For more info, contact Kody Diekhans at (406) 799-2626.

**Liturgical Bits and Bites: Easter!** On Easter Sunday we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. On this day the disciples saw the empty tomb, and the risen Jesus began to appear to them. Easter celebrates our belief in life after death. It ranks *first* among the feasts of the church.

The Easter Sunday Mass differs a bit from others. The new paschal candle is lighted and stands in the sanctuary for the entire season of Easter. Having omitted the Glory to God throughout the season of Lent, we sing it again. During Lent we sang a different acclamation before the Gospel, but now we sing "Alleluia" again. In the United States the creed may be replaced with the renewal of baptismal promises and the sprinkling of holy water on this day.

There are small changes to the eucharistic prayer. If you are alert, you will hear during the preface that Christ became our paschal sacrifice "on this day." If the priest is using Eucharistic Prayer I, he announces that this is the day of the resurrection of the Lord and that the community prays especially for those newly baptized at the Easter Vigil. At the end of the Mass, the deacon or priest adds two "alleluias" to the words of dismissal, and you respond, "Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia."

Attendance is strong on Easter, as all those who profess faith in Christ join together in a single celebration. Many worshipers like to dress up for the occasion. The main Easter liturgy is the Easter Vigil on Saturday night, and all Catholics should make every effort to participate in it. But Easter Sunday remains a popular choice for affirming one's faith in the risen Christ.

Paul Turner

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## Milestones

Holy Spirit Parish welcomes these families who registered in our parish this month: Mary Lou Feldman; Roy and Mary Hoffman; Daniel and Jennifer Forrest with their children Samson and Maxwell; and Kateri and Fowood Gebhart with their children Blaise and Eleanor. Welcome! We also welcome Mac Robert Schulte, son of Rob and Molly, who was baptized this month. Congratulations!

## Parish Council of Catholic Women

Join us for the Spring PCCW Card Party to be held in the social hall on April 10 at 12:00 pm. A salad buffet luncheon will be served with prizes for Bridge and Pinochle. The cost is \$10 per person. For reservations please call Vonnie at 453-3653. Non-card players are welcome to join us for lunch and door prizes.

**Save the date:** Diocesan Council of Catholic Women's Convention, Oct 12-13, 2018. Keynote speaker is Valimar Jansen, a highly regarded singer, composer and recording artist. Her presence on stage commands attention and her music draws people into the Word of God in a new and deeper way. One of the most amazing speakers you will encounter. Location: Miles City, Sacred Heart Gym. Watch for more information.

## Courtesy Announcements

Big Sky Cum Christo is accepting application for Team Members and Candidates for upcoming Weekends, being held at the Heisey Center in Great Falls. Men's weekend is April 12-15 and Women's is April 19-22. Applications are online at [www.bigskycumchristo.org](http://www.bigskycumchristo.org) and deadline is March 1. Call Chris Christiaens 590-4406 or Monica Woelkers 750-1668 for more information.



**We need your help!** As Great Falls Central Catholic High School plans for its major fundraiser "Celebration 18" scheduled for April 14, 2018 at the Mansfield Center, the planning committee is seeking donated items such as jewelry, services, game tickets, use of vacation cabins, and other unique items to add to our live and silent auctions. We are also seeking the donation of airline miles to complete travel packages to Denver and Seattle. All donations are tax deductible! Corporate/Sponsored tables are also available for this fun event. Contact Hugh Smith at 216-3344 or at [hsmith@greatfallscentral.org](mailto:hsmith@greatfallscentral.org) if you can help out!

**Enrollment is open** for the GFCCHS Mustangs for the 2018-19 school year! Please go to <https://www.greatfallscentral.org/admissions/> for the application. If you would like more information about financial aid, course offerings, athletics and activities, please call 216-3344. If you know anyone interested in Central, please contact us, so we can personally reach out to them.



**ATTENTION ENGAGED COUPLES!** The next Catholic Engaged Encounter weekend is April 27-29, 2018 in Great Falls. Sign up now! Information and registration is available online at [greatfallscee.org](http://greatfallscee.org). Call Brenda and Bill Chafin at 406-771-8658 or Terry and Dave Stuke at 406-452-3542 for more information. A Wedding is a day: A Marriage is a Lifetime!

Continue to celebrate Easter by joining other men and women of the Great Falls Vicariate for a **Day of Prayer**, entitled *Called By God*, here at Holy Spirit Parish presented by **Sr. Eileen Hurley**, on Sat. April 14 from 10-3. We will ponder how God calls us and how we are living out Jesus' personal invitation to us. What does my Baptismal commitment look like in daily life? Registration forms are available on the table in the church hallway.

**Saint Michael Radio~ \*FM 97.1 "Sharing the Splendor of Truth"**

# April 2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> 8:30 & 11 a.m. Masses Happy Easter! 	<b>2</b> Office Closed!	<b>3</b> 5:15 p.m. Mass HS Fellowship Lunch 12:00 pm Hall	<b>4</b> 8:30 a.m. Mass HS Confession, 5:30 pm Elem. Formation 6:30 pm Sts. P&P	<b>5</b> 8:30 a.m. Mass HS RCIA 7 p.m. Sts. P&P	<b>6</b> 8:30 a.m. Mass HF	<b>7</b> 2:30 Confession, 4:30 Mass  Confirmation, 11 am 1st Eucharist, 4:30
<b>8</b> 8:30 & 11 a.m. Masses, 1st Eucharist at Masses Elem. Formation 9:45am Sts. P&P Parish nurses, 9:45 am Con. Rm. Youth Group 6:30 pm, Sts P&P	<b>9</b> PCCW, 1 pm, Con. Rm.	<b>10</b> 5:15 p.m. Mass HS PCCW Card Party, noon, hall Pastoral Council 7 p.m. <i>Perfectly Yourself</i> study group, 7 pm, Sts. P&P	<b>11</b> 8:30 a.m. Mass HS 2:30 p.m. Mass Park Place Confession, 5:30 pm Elem. Formation 6:30 pm Sts. P&P	<b>12</b> 8:30 a.m. Mass HS RCIA 7 p.m. Sts. P&P	<b>13</b> 8:30 a.m. Mass HF	<b>14</b> 2:30 Confession 4:30 Mass  G.F. Vicariate Day of Prayer, 10:00 am
<b>15</b> 8:30 & 11 a.m. Masses Elem. Formation 9:45 am Sts. P&P  Bible Timeline - 1 pm, hall Youth Group 6:30 pm Sts P&P	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 5:15 p.m. Mass, HS  Christian Service Comm., 6:30 pm Sts. P&P Worship Comm. 7:00 pm, Conf. Rm.	<b>18</b> 8:30 am Mass HS 1:30 p.m. Mass Highgate Elem. Formation 6:30 pm Sts. P&P KCs, 6:30 pm; 2810 Central	<b>19</b> 8:30 a.m. Mass HS RCIA 7 p.m. Sts. P&P	<b>20</b> 8:30 a.m. Mass HF	<b>21</b> 2:30 Confession 4:30 Mass
<b>22</b> 8:30 & 11 a.m. Masses Elem. Formation 9:45 am Sts. P&P  Bible Timeline - 1 pm, hall Youth Group, 6:30 pm, Sts. P&P	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 5:15 p.m. Mass, HS  <i>Perfectly Yourself</i> study group, 7 pm, Sts. P&P  Bereavement Support Group, 7 pm, Sts P&P	<b>25</b> 8:30 am Mass, HS Confessions, 5:30 pm Elem. Formation 6:30; Sts P&P (Last Day!)	<b>26</b> 8:30 a.m. Mass HS RCIA 7 p.m. Sts. P&P	<b>27</b> 8:30 a.m. Mass HF	<b>28</b> 2:30 Confession 4:30 Mass  Fellowship Dinner, 5:30 pm
<b>29</b> 8:30 & 11 a.m. Masses Elem. Formation 9:45 am Sts. P&P (Last Day!)  Bible Timeline - 1 pm, hall Youth Group, 6:30 pm, Sts. P&P	<b>30</b>					

# HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC PARISH

## February 28, 2018 MONTHLY FINANCIAL RECAP

OPERATING FUND				
	February-18	FISCAL YEAR TO DATE ACTUAL	BUDGET TO DATE	BUDGET VARIANCE OVER (UNDER)
SUNDAY OFFERING - (ENVELOPES & CASH)	\$ 68,393	\$ 621,881	\$ 640,000	\$ (18,119)
SPECIAL DONATIONS-(WILLS, ESTATES, GIFTS, ETC.)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
PCCW CONTRIBUTIONS	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
* OTHER INCOME - (RELIG. ED., INTEREST, USER FEES, ETC.)	\$ -	\$ 1,672	\$ 1,467	\$ 205
DIOCESE CURRENT OPERATING FUND ASSMT.-DONATION THRU C&S	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE</b>	<b>\$ 68,393</b>	<b>\$ 623,553</b>	<b>\$ 641,467</b>	<b>\$ (17,913)</b>
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>				
HOLY SPIRIT SCHOOL SUBSIDY (29% OF SUNDAY OFFERINGS)	\$ 23,042	\$ 184,334	\$ 184,333	\$ 0
CHURCH & CENTER (MAINT. UTILITIES, INSURANCE, TAXES)	\$ 7,021	\$ 70,075	\$ 72,094	\$ (2,019)
BUSINESS OFFICE (SUPPLIES, POSTAGE, EQUIP. & MAINT.)	\$ 2,872	\$ 29,651	\$ 34,200	\$ (4,549)
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (BOOKS, SUPPLIES, TRAINING, RESOURCES)	\$ 285	\$ 15,979	\$ 11,533	\$ 4,446
WORSHIP (ALTAR SUPPLIES, TRAINING, MUSIC)	\$ 2,805	\$ 16,486	\$ 12,700	\$ 3,786
CHRISTIAN SERVICE (TRAINING & SUPPLIES)	\$ 200	\$ 1,508	\$ 3,933	\$ (2,425)
EMPLOYEE SALARIES & BENEFITS (INS. RETIREMENT, WORKERS COMP)	\$ 30,979	\$ 241,408	\$ 262,675	\$ (21,267)
DIOCESAN CURRENT OPERATING FUND ASSESSMENT	\$ 13,158	\$ 37,879	\$ 41,067	\$ (3,188)
OTHER EXPENSES (HOSPITALITY, COUNCIL, PARISH VAN)	\$ 1,798	\$ 17,743	\$ 13,413	\$ 4,330
<b>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES (BEFORE DEBT SERVICE)</b>	<b>\$ 82,160</b>	<b>\$ 615,063</b>	<b>\$ 635,949</b>	<b>\$ (20,885)</b>
<b>NET INCREASE OR (DECREASE) IN OPERATING FUNDS</b>	<b>\$ (13,767)</b>	<b>\$ 8,490</b>	<b>\$ 5,518</b>	<b>\$ 2,972</b>
<b>BUILDING INCOME/ EXPENSES</b>				
BUILDING PLEDGES & GIFTS	\$ 6,764	\$ 66,172		
* INTEREST INCOME	\$ -	\$ 14,961		
INTEREST EXPENSE	\$ 2,025	\$ (28,705)		
PRINCIPAL PAYMENT	\$ -	\$ (64,719)		
<b>NET INCREASE OR (DECREASE) IN BUILDING FUNDS</b>	<b>\$ 8,789</b>	<b>\$ (12,291)</b>		
<b>NET INCREASE OR (DECREASE) IN TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$ (4,978)</b>	<b>\$ (3,802)</b>		
<b>(BUILDING AND OPERATING)</b>				

THE VISION		
PLEDGES	\$	1,281,145
COLLECTED	\$	(1,079,487)
BALANCE	\$	201,658

BUILDING CASH RESERVE and LOAN STATUS				
BEGINNING LOAN BALANCES: 7/01/2017			\$	1,930,707
BUILDING RESERVE LOAN (HOLY SPIRIT SCHOOL ENDOWMENT)			\$	400,000
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>			<b>\$</b>	<b>2,330,707</b>
<b>BEGINNING BUILDING RESERVE CASH BALANCE</b>				
	February-18	YEAR TO DATE		
		\$ 528,974		
PLEDGES & GIFTS	\$ 6,764	\$ 66,172		
WILLS & ESTATES	\$ -	\$ -		
VISION CAPITAL CHAMPAIGN	\$ 2,025	\$ 52,342		
INTEREST INCOME	\$ -	\$ 14,961		
OTHER INCOME Power/Artz	\$ -	\$ 242,472		
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 8,789</b>	<b>\$ 375,947</b>		
INTEREST EXPENSE	\$ (5,974)	\$ (28,705)		
PRINCIPAL PAYMENT ON BUILDING LOAN	\$ (6,108)	\$ (64,719)	\$	(64,719)
ADDITIONAL PRINCIPAL PAYMENT ON BUILDING LOAN	\$ -	\$ (380,000)	\$	(380,000)
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>\$ (12,082)</b>	<b>\$ (473,424)</b>		
<b>NET INCREASE OR (DECREASE) IN BUILDING RESERVE FUND</b>	<b>\$ (3,293)</b>	<b>\$ (97,477)</b>		
<b>END OF CURRENT MONTH BUILDING RESERVE CASH BALANCE</b>		\$ 431,497		
<b>LOAN BALANCES AT THE END OF CURRENT MONTH</b>			<b>\$</b>	<b>1,885,988</b>
<b>BUILDING LOAN (DIOCESAN SAVINGS &amp; LOAN)</b>			<b>\$</b>	<b>1,485,988</b>
<b>BUILDING RESERVE LOAN (HOLY SPIRIT SCHOOL ENDOWMENT)</b>			<b>\$</b>	<b>400,000</b>
			<b>\$</b>	<b>1,885,988</b>

\$ (12,082)

# CHAMAEDOREA PALM FRONDS

## FOR EASTER

### PROMOTING ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP



#### Did You Know?

- More than a half of the farmers in Guatemala's Central Peten earn income by harvesting palm fronds, and;
- More than a quarter support themselves exclusively by collecting palm fronds;

- Approximately 300 million palm fronds are consumed in the United States annually.

- Palm Sunday purchases may be worth 4.5 million dollars/year;

- A congregation of 1,250 members will order approximately 700 fronds for Palm Sunday services.

- Responsible palm frond gathering actually protects valuable natural forests.



Chamaedorea palms bundled from the forest ready for sorting



#### & FAIR TRADE

The harvest of palm products is an important income source for many tropical families and communities.



Over-harvesting can threaten the livelihood of these communities as well as the forests where the palm plants thrive. Similarly, decreased harvesting caused by reduced market demand could have a detrimental effect because forests that no longer provide a source of palm income are at risk of destructive conversion to large agricultural fields or pasture. Protecting these forests and jobs require a delicate balance between retaining a market for palm fronds and encouraging sustainable harvesting practices.

An effort to certify palm fronds from communities practicing sustainable forestry is currently underway. These communities have taken it upon themselves to utilize harvesting practices that minimize the impact on the natural ecosystem. Through certification, communities engaging in responsible management practices have the opportunity to benefit directly by receiving a higher price for their palm fronds. Consumers can be confident that their purchase directly benefits responsible harvesters.

If you would like to learn more about the effort to certify palm fronds, or if you are interested in obtaining certified palms for the forthcoming Palm Sunday and Easter activities, please visit or contact us:

Center for Integrated Natural Resources  
& Agricultural Management

(CINRAM):

[www.cinram.umn.edu](http://www.cinram.umn.edu)  
612-624-4299



Children playing while their mothers sort palms



#### Promoting Social Justice

- Harvesting palms is an important source of income but gatherers receive a low price

- Gatherers will receive a higher price for their "fair trade" palms

#### Promoting Environmental Stewardship.

- Palms protect valuable natural forests by providing income to forest communities.

- Palms will be "sustainably" harvested and managed protecting palm populations and the forests



"Uxasatun" - One of the communities where palms have been gathered for years





# Holy Spirit

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*Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted.*

Matthew 5:4

Grief has no time limit, the Holy Spirit Parish Bereavement Team is here to support you in the multifaceted expressions in grieving the death of your loved one.

## Bereavement Support Group

the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of every month

begins Tuesday, April 24 at 7 pm  
in the RCIA room at Sts. Peter & Paul



Please discern how you can share your gifts!

Current Needs: Facilitators, Hospitality, Open/Close, Organizer, Card, and Contact People

Prayers: Please pray for this burgeoning ministry that the Holy Spirit guide those who have gifts to offer and bless those seeking consolation



**Training Sessions** offered by parishioners who work in the professional field are available to anyone who wishes to attend. **Meet at 6 pm in the RCIA room.**

**Tuesday, April 10 – Audrey Sabol**, Retired, Peace Hospice of MT, *“Boundaries for Parish Helpers”*

**Tuesday, April 17 – Kelly Keilman**, LCSW, Bereavement Services, Peace Hospice of MT, *“Risk Factors, Identification of Complicated Grief and Depression, Knowing When to Refer out and Resources in our Community”*

Contact Cindy at 452-6491 for more information

*Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful.*



# Growing in FAITH™

Discovering hope and joy in the Catholic faith.

April 2018

## One Minute Meditations

### St. Gianna Beretta Molla

Born into a large Catholic family in Italy, St. Gianna studied medicine and became a physician. She opened a medical practice in Mesero, where she met her husband. The pregnancy and birth of their fourth child was very difficult, but Gianna was willing to risk her life for the life of the child. St. Gianna gave birth to a baby girl and died a week later. She is the patroness of mothers, physicians, and unborn children.



### No guesswork involved

Followers of Christ never have to rely on guesswork to decide what is right. We have a perfect example for our daily lives in Jesus. And to guide us, he gave us the Catholic Church.

*"A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will take out of your flesh the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh" (Ezekiel 36:26).*



## Begin a new life after Easter

The promise of the Resurrection is that faithful followers of Jesus will have new life. Whether we had a fruitful Lent or were lukewarm in our resolve, we can begin now to become new creations.

**Make an examination.** Call on the Holy Spirit to reveal what is keeping you from becoming the person God intends. Make an examination of your life as you live it. Look at your prayer life, your sacramental life, your dedication to spiritual growth. Do you share your faith? Do you serve others with love?

**Face the truth with courage.** It can be discouraging to look honestly at our

many faults. Remember, though, that God understands we aren't perfect. He asks us to act with integrity and relentlessly fight against sin.

Being a sinner is not the worst condition – remaining one is.

**Devise a plan.** Decide what needs to change and make a plan. Write it down and commit to it. Sometimes making a brave life change entails leaving bad company behind. Often it means changing entrenched habits. Change may be uncomfortable but growth can't happen without it.

**Take the first steps.** New life comes through God. Entrust your plan for change to him. Spend at least 15 minutes a day in prayer, asking for inspiration and strength. Then take the first steps toward new life.



## Why Do Catholics Do That?

### Why do Catholics offer the sign of peace?

During the Mass, we offer the Sign of Peace in preparation for receiving Communion. After his Resurrection, Jesus appeared to his disciples in the Upper Room. Although his friends had abandoned him, Jesus



forgave them, saying: "Peace be with you" (John 20:19). When we offer each other the Sign of Peace, we imitate Christ. The Sign of Peace is also a sign of spiritual unity. Just as Jesus reconciled with his disciples, we are called to reconcile with each other.

# Catholic disciples are called to more

Daily prayer, weekly Mass attendance, and regular Confession form the foundation for a solid Catholic life. Yet, discipleship calls us to more. Discipleship moves us to make a "conscious, firm decision, carried out in action, to be followers of Jesus Christ no matter the cost" to ourselves (U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops).

**A conscious decision.** Disciples consciously resolve to follow Jesus with our whole heart, soul, mind, and strength. This governing resolution – renewed every day – controls all other decisions in a disciple's life.

**Demonstrated by action.** Our discipleship is visible to others by our devotion to the Church and by the good works we perform. Our charitable actions are offered in obedience to Jesus' example – and instructions – in the New Testament. The Church suggests the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy as guidelines.

**Despite the cost.** "So therefore, whoever of you does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple" (Luke 14:33). To be Christian isn't always comfortable. Yet, disciples persist out of love, no matter the cost.



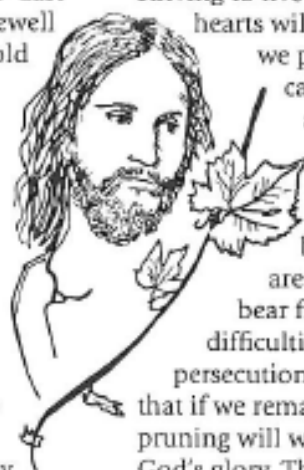
## from Scripture

### John 15:1-8, Stay faithful to Christ

This Gospel comes from Jesus' Last Supper Discourse, a kind of farewell speech for his disciples. Jesus told his disciples – and us – that without him, we can do nothing. He used a familiar image to explain. A grapevine has a main stem and smaller branches growing from it. Just as the main stem is the source of life for the branches, so Jesus is the source of spiritual life for us.

We received this life when we were "grafted onto" Jesus in Baptism. We preserve this life by taking his words seriously and

striving to live by them. Then our hearts will become like his. When we pray in Jesus' name, we can trust that God will answer our prayers. There is a "catch" to following Jesus, though. Just as the branches on a grapevine are pruned – cut short – to bear fruit, we will encounter difficulties and even persecution. Yet, Jesus reminds us that if we remain faithful to him, this pruning will work for our good and God's glory. Then we'll become the saints we were called to be.



## Q & A What does the Resurrection mean for us?

Jesus' Resurrection – the most important event in human history – is how we know that what he said and did while on Earth is true and his promises to us are trustworthy.



During his public ministry, Jesus spoke and acted as God. He promised that if we follow him, we will have eternal life. Either he was God and had the power to make it true, or he was a mere man claiming to be someone he wasn't.

That Jesus rose from the dead – a fact verified by more than 500 eyewitness accounts – means that his word can be trusted. He warned of the specifics of his own death, predicted his Resurrection, and proved that he really is God. Therefore, his promises of eternal life are real, too.

The Resurrection gives us hope. "By his death, Christ liberates us from sin; by his Resurrection, he opens for us the way to a new life" (Catechism of the Catholic Church #654). All those who die in God's friendship will live with him forever.

## Feasts & Celebrations

**April 3 – St. Richard of Chichester (1253).** Born in England, St. Richard studied law at Bologna. Known for his holiness and administrative skills, he was named archbishop of Chichester, but King Henry III refused to let him rule until the pope threatened the king with excommunication. Even as an archbishop, St. Richard lived a humble life. He died in Dover while preaching a crusade.

**April 8 – Divine Mercy Sunday (1935).** In 1931, Jesus appeared to St. Faustina and asked that the Sunday after Easter become the "Feast of

Mercy." Jesus promised anyone who honors him as King of Mercy and prays the Chaplet of Divine Mercy – the prayer he gave St. Faustina – would receive special graces and great mercy.

**April 25 – St. Mark the Evangelist (1st Century).** St. Mark wrote the second Gospel largely based on St. Peter's perspective. Mark accompanied Saints Paul and Barnabas (Mark's cousin) on their missionary journey through the island of Cyprus and is credited with founding the Church of Alexandria.



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