



# Holy Spirit

*Catholic Parish and School*

**July 29, 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 PGMJYZ**

**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

*"Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the most tender of friends with souls who seek to please him. Be not afraid then, in your solitary conversations, to tell him of your miseries, your fears, your worries, of those who are dear to you, of your projects, and of your hopes. Do so with confidence and with an open heart." ~ St. Damien Joseph De Veuster*

*Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks  
and distributed them*

*John 6:11*

**Due to the difficulty of finding volunteers to serve,  
11:00 ONLY Coffee and Rolls is suspended until September 16th.  
8:30 Coffee and Rolls continues.**

# Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 29, 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., 7/30- 8:30 am - +Meta Lux	r/b P Coolidge
Tues., 7/31- 5:15 p.m. - +Steve Timmerman	r/b Reagors
Wed., 8/1- 8:30 am - +Mary Johnston	r/b N Ramsey
Thu., 8/2- 8:30 am - +Barbara Cockayne	r/b Depners
Fri., 8/3- 8:30 am, HF - S Meadors & family (sp int)	r/b T Dimke
Sat., 8/4- 4:30 p.m. - +John Edgar	r/b J Edgar
Sun., 8/5- 8:30 a.m.- Parishioners	
- 11:00 a.m.- +Marjorie Schwantes	r/b C Dawson

**Readings for next week:** 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15

2nd Reading: Ephesians 4:17, 20-24

Gospel: John 6:24-35

**Coffee & Rolls Schedule** (offered after 8:30 Mass only)

July 29: Cum Christo Group

Aug 5: Frazier Harris Family

## Bus Schedule:

August 4: Chuck and Paula Paul

August 5: Volunteers needed; please call parish office



## What's Happening This Week...

**Thursday:** RCIA - 7 pm

Sts. P&P

**Saturday:** Fellowship Dinner - 5:30 pm

hall

**Sat & Sun:** Fair Trade coffee sales - after Masses

hall

*As a **Stewardship Parish** we are grateful to have parishioners give generously from their heart. This allows us to have **no fee** for **all** of our sacramental and formation programming for our parishioners. It is through your generous **weekly** giving that we are able to offer quality religious formation opportunities to everyone from womb to tomb.*

## Wit & Wisdom


*"We are taught you must blame your father, your sisters, your brothers, the school, the teachers - but never blame yourself. It's never your fault. But it is always your fault, because if you wanted to change you're the one who has got to change."*

~ Katharine Hepburn

## PARISH STAFF

Fr. Doug Krings	Pastor
Dcn. Bill Medved	Deacon
Dcn. Pete Woelkers	Deacon
Mark Meyer	Parish Administrator
Mary Dupuis	Worship, RCIA (becoming Catholic)
Aubrey Rearden	DRE/ Youth Ministry
Cindy Eultgen	Christian service/ Elem. Formation
Mary Moore-Wingerter	Administrative Assistant
Chuck Osterman	Maintenance

## Liturgical Ministers for August 4, 5

	4:30 PM	8:30 AM	11:00 AM
 <b>Holy Spirit Catholic Parish</b>	★ Sub requested ~ log in to Web Terminal and accept the sub		
<b>Bread Baker</b>	P. Kolar N. Rooney		
<b>Holy Wash</b>		T. Dimke	
<b>Sacristan</b>	M. Lacher	G. Matsko	K. Krattiger
<b>Greeter</b>	Team Schuler	J. & J. Fauque M. & J. Wingerter	Team Nicholson
<b>Usher</b>	D. Hogan M. Thompson	D. Erickson Michael Nickol	C. Christiaens L. Francis M. Francis
<b>Cross</b>	D. Schumacher	B. Lorenz	Mason Mignery
<b>Altar Servers</b>	D. Dimke C. Hallahan	R. O'Neill Grant O'Neill	M. Kambic B. Mignery
<b>Reader</b>	T. Grau P. Medved	C. Ingman T. O'Neill	D. McFadden A. Mignery
<b>Gifts</b>	Schumacher Family	Erickson Family	Kasayka Family
<b>Extra-ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist</b>	K. Frazier-Harris C. Grau B. Hogan A. Klundt Rita Kuka Rich Kuka D. Maronick R. Maronick B. Medved Tracy Rigor D. Stukey T. Stukey G. Tremper P. Tremper A. Trunkle	M. Erickson R. Erickson H. Fauque J. Gort A. Heppner C. McKelvey M. M-Wingerter T. Neu C. Neu Monique Nickol M. O'Neill K. O'Neill H. Pitstick Rodi Pitstick P. Woelkers	K. Baker P. Byrne K. Byrne J. Byrne S. Harrington D. Hudson M. Kasayka D. Nicholson Carol Paul B. Rasmussen Reagan Ryan Mike Stimac B. Williamson V. Williamson P. Woelkers

## Care for Creation by Recycling

Sheds for Newspapers, Cardboard, and Aluminum are in the Sts. Peter & Paul Center parking lot, near the dumpster.



## UPDATED Schedule:

Weekend	Newspaper	Cardboard
4th (July 27-Aug 2)	D & P Birkenbuel	C. Nowak
1st (Aug. 3-9)	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** (Learning to be Disciples of Christ / Becoming Catholic) every **Thursday, 7:00PM, at the Sts. P&P Center**. This week: "Addiction to Christ" Part I. **Team members: Kate and Royce Shipley**. For initial contact, call 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**

With the summer brings a break to our regular Thursday gatherings, if you are interested in hosting a summer young adult event please contact Aubrey 868-6713 and we will help you get the word out!

**Youth Ministry**

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

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

**Watch this space for Summer Youth Ministry Opportunities.**

**Congratulations to the Class of 2018. May God Bless you and keep you safe in all of your life's adventures!**

High School Bible Study meets each Wednesday @ Schulte's Coffeehouse from 6:45-7:30am, everyone is welcome! Same time same great place all Summer long!!!!

**Elementary Faith Formation**

Kody Diekhans 452-6491 pianokody@holyspiritgf.org

We had another very successful year in Elementary Faith Formation and we are excited to begin another season in September.

**Watch this space for information in the coming weeks!**

**Holy Spirit School**

Jim Wichman - Principal      Melissa Hallahan, Vice-Principal  
Jackie Wicke, Administrative Assistant  
Colette Longin, Development Director, clongin@holyspiritgf.org  
761-5775      www.holyspiritgf.org

**SUMMER HOURS!** June 4-August 10. Our front office is open Monday-Thursday from 10:30 am-1:30 pm. EXCEPT for the week of July 4th! Normal hours (7:30 am-3:30 pm, Mon-Fri) resume on Monday August 13th. School tours are always available by appointment, at any time of the day...just call the school to set one up! 761-5775.

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! For more information on the school, please visit our website holyspiritgfschool.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! Saturday, July 28 after Mass. Stay for a meal and get to know someone you have never met before! Serving will begin after the closing song, and takeouts are for bus riders and previously arranged. Please contact Pam Noble at 788-2564 for more information. Free Will Offering. Beyond covering the expenses of the meal, the proceeds have been used for Christian Justice Issues. Through education, immersion experiences, prayer, and small group study, over the past 10 years, many parishioners have made an intentional effort to learn about issues that affect poverty and respond.



Kiva was one way they have implemented their ideas. Do you Kiva? Microloans at your choice. Information located at the pockets by the front doors.



**Fair Trade Coffee Sales**—in the Parish Hall

Aug 4 & 5 after all Masses

**Why Purchase Fair Trade Products?**

When we become aware of unfair, painful, unjust conditions that exist for our favorite foods and products; soon we want to make choices guided on strong Catholic Principals:

- Access to the common good that all can work & grow in *fair working conditions*
- Supports just practices keeps solidarity with our human family
- Rights are respected



## Stewardship



Down through the ages we have wondered how the miracle of the loaves and fishes took place. The Gospel message for this weekend is about the abundance and generosity of our God. Miracles happen when need is great. It takes all of us carrying, pulling, encouraging, and sharing to cause the generosity of our hearts and the abundance of our gifts to be shared with those who are less fortunate. Our homeless brothers and sisters need us. Let's give it all we've got.

Next weekend we have sign ups for our hosting in August. Kathy Hodges will be at the Family Promise table ready to sign you up for the tasks that need doing.

The Monsignor House will be open on Monday, July 30, from 10:00-noon to receive donations, talk about the direction of Family Promise, or to tour the Monsignor House. The coffee will be on. Come on over! If you have been thinking about this please call Kathie & leave a message @ 781.5033.

### Volunteer opportunities in Great Falls



Be a part of the Commodities Team and help distribute food to seniors in our community. Next Commodities Week: M-F, Aug. 6-10. Volunteers will be packing totes and boxes, cleaning up the workspace, or helping clients pick up their food. Also needed are delivery drivers. Deliveries take place Tuesday through Friday.

Interested? You can email [kthiel-schaaf@cascadecountymt.gov](mailto:kthiel-schaaf@cascadecountymt.gov), or call 454-6990. Commodities is located at Cascade County Aging Services, 1801 Benefits Ct.

## Worship

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

**Liturgical Bits and Bytes: Kisses** What is it about kissing at Mass? The priest kisses the altar. Twice. The deacon or priest kisses the Gospel book. We kiss each other at the Sign of Peace. The newly married may show their love "in an appropriate way." What's going on?



The custom of Christians kissing goes clear back to the New Testament. Paul, by no stretch a romantic, urged Christians to greet one another with a holy kiss (Rom 16:16), and Peter suggested a kiss of love (1 Pet 5:14).

Kissing the altar first appeared in the fourth century. People used to kiss the threshold of the building they entered in respect. At Mass the kiss switched to the altar, which symbolized Christ, the cornerstone of the church. By the middle ages most altars contained relics of martyrs so the kiss honored them as well. Today the priest greets the people with "The Lord be with you," but he also greets the altar—the presence of Christ, and the holy place where Mass will follow.

Kissing the Gospel book carries a similar meaning. We recognize the presence of Christ in the book that speaks good news. The kiss of the altar at the end of the Mass is the farewell counterpart of the entrance kiss.

From the third century, a kiss of peace was given to new Christians after baptism. Today, when the bishop offers peace to the newly confirmed, he imitates that baptismal ritual. A priest who confirms the newly baptized at Easter might offer the same greeting.

Strangely, the rite of marriage doesn't always invite the couple to kiss. If the wedding takes place at Mass, they'll get a chance at the Sign of Peace along with the rest of the assembly. If there is no Mass, the rite never alludes to the kiss. But since

the introduction encourages local adaptations, a little improvisation might help.

The kiss we know best is the Sign of Peace. When the Roman rite was first formulated, it called for a real smack. Society must have been a lot smoochier than it is today. Still, some moderns restrain too much. When a married couple chooses a handshake instead of a kiss, it makes one wonder what sign they're really giving.

When at Mass, prepare to pucker. Paul Turner  
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## Milestones

Holy Spirit parish welcomes Andrew David Hodges, son of Mike and Laurell, who was baptized this weekend. We also welcome Juston and Tara Workman, with their daughter Afton, who registered in our parish this week. Welcome!

## Courtesy Announcements

Saint Anthony Parish is pleased to announce the Eucharistic Conference will be held in Laurel, MT, August 5-10. The theme is "The Splendor of Truth", celebrating the 50th anniversary of *Humanae Vitae: God's Vision for Marriage, Love and Life*. Special guest speakers include Bishop Michael Warfel and many distinguished presenters from the *Priestly Fraternity of St. Joseph*. Now is the time to unleash the power of this teaching for the healing of our society. The Eucharistic Conference promises to be intellectually, liturgically and spiritually enriching. Please visit [santanthonycatholicchurch.org](http://santanthonycatholicchurch.org) for more information.

Great Falls Catholic Schools are hosting the 2nd annual Mike Diekhans Memorial Golf Tournament to be held at the Meadow Lark Country Club on Friday September 7, 2018. Team entry forms are available at [greatfallscentral.org/golf-tourney](http://greatfallscentral.org/golf-tourney) or call Kris Warren at 406-855-7417. All proceeds go to fund grades 5-12 athletic programs. There is limited space so sign up early.



The Great Falls Catholic School System is seeking a full-time Advancement Director to supervise three part-time staff, fund-raising, marketing, recruitment, branding, major gift development, alumni giving, and grant writing to begin early in the 2018-19 school year. Five years experience in the field with a Bachelor's Degree or higher preferred. If interested please contact Principal Phillip VanDenBrink at 216-3344 or email him at [pvanandenbrink@greatfallscentral.org](mailto:pvanandenbrink@greatfallscentral.org).



Great Falls Central Catholic High School is looking for host families for the 2018-19 school year. This is a great opportunity to host an international student from Europe, China, South America, Africa or many other countries! For more information on this awesome experience please contact Kyler Baker, International Program Director at 216-3344 or by email at [kbaker@greatfallscentral.org](mailto:kbaker@greatfallscentral.org).

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

# August 2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b> 8:30 am Mass, HS	<b>2</b> 8:30 am Mass, HS  RCIA 7 p.m. Sts. P&P	<b>3</b> 8:30 am Mass, HF	<b>4</b> 2:00 Confession, 4:30 Mass  Fair Trade Coffee Sales
<b>5</b> 8:30 & 11 a.m. Masses  Fair Trade Coffee Sales	<b>6</b> 8:30 am	<b>7</b> 5:15 p.m. Mass HS  Fellowship Lunch, 12:00 pm, Hall	<b>8</b> 8:30 a.m. Mass HS  2:30 p.m. Mass Park Place  Confession, 5:30 pm	<b>9</b> 8:30 a.m. Mass HS  RCIA 7 p.m. Sts. P&P	<b>10</b> 8:30 a.m. Mass HF	<b>11</b> 2:00 Confession 4:30 Mass
<b>12</b> 8:30 & 11 a.m. Masses	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 5:15 p.m. Mass, HS	<b>15</b> Assumption  8:30 am Mass HS 12:15 pm Mass, HS 1:30 pm Mass, Highgate Confessions, 5:30 pm KCs, 6:30 pm; 2810 Central	<b>16</b> 8:30 a.m. Mass HS  RCIA 7 p.m. Sts. P&P	<b>17</b> 8:30 a.m. Mass HF	<b>18</b> 2:00 Confession 4:30 Mass  Fellowship Dinner, 5:30 pm, hall
<b>19</b> 8:30 & 11 a.m. Masses  Parish Nurses, 9:45 am, conf rm	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 5:15 p.m. Mass, HS  Christian Service Comm, 6:30 pm, Sts P&P	<b>22</b> 8:30 am Mass, HS  Confessions, 5:30 pm	<b>23</b> 8:30 a.m. Mass HS  RCIA 7 p.m. Sts. P&P	<b>24</b> 8:30 a.m. Mass HF	<b>25</b> 2:00 Confession 4:30 Mass
<b>26</b> 8:30 & 11 a.m. Masses	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 5:15 p.m. Mass, HS  Bereavement Sup- port Group, 7 pm, Sts P&P	<b>29</b> 8:30 am Mass, HS	<b>30</b> 8:30 am Mass, HS  RCIA 7 p.m. Sts. P&P	<b>31</b> 8:30 am Mass, HF	

# HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC PARISH

## June 30, 2018 MONTHLY FINANCIAL RECAP

### OPERATING FUND

	June-18	FISCAL YEAR TO DATE ACTUAL	BUDGET TO DATE	BUDGET VARIANCE OVER (UNDER)
SUNDAY OFFERING - (ENVELOPES & CASH)	\$ 65,885	\$ 904,586	\$ 960,000	\$ (55,414)
SPECIAL DONATIONS-(WILLS, ESTATES, GIFTS, ETC.)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
PCCW CONTRIBUTIONS	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
* OTHER INCOME - (RELIG. ED., INTEREST, USER FEES, ETC.)	\$ 445	\$ 4,616	\$ 2,200	\$ 2,416
DIOCESE CURRENT OPERATING FUND ASSMT.-DONATION THRU C&S	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE</b>	<b>\$ 66,330</b>	<b>\$ 909,202</b>	<b>\$ 962,200</b>	<b>\$ (52,998)</b>
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>				
HOLY SPIRIT SCHOOL SUBSIDY (29% OF SUNDAY OFFERINGS)	\$ 23,042	\$ 276,502	\$ 276,500	\$ 2
CHURCH & CENTER (MAINT. UTILITIES, INSURANCE, TAXES)	\$ 7,052	\$ 108,624	\$ 108,141	\$ 483
BUSINESS OFFICE (SUPPLIES, POSTAGE, EQUIP. & MAINT.)	\$ 2,090	\$ 42,904	\$ 51,300	\$ (8,396)
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (BOOKS, SUPPLIES, TRAINING, RESOURCES)	\$ 2,959	\$ 17,337	\$ 17,300	\$ 37
WORSHIP (ALTAR SUPPLIES, TRAINING, MUSIC)	\$ (1,238)	\$ 21,470	\$ 19,050	\$ 2,420
CHRISTIAN SERVICE (TRAINING & SUPPLIES)	\$ 594	\$ 2,931	\$ 5,900	\$ (2,969)
EMPLOYEE SALARIES & BENEFITS (INS. RETIREMENT, WORKERS COMP)	\$ 29,702	\$ 386,778	\$ 394,012	\$ (7,234)
DIOCESAN CURRENT OPERATING FUND ASSESSMENT	\$ 4,062	\$ 53,099	\$ 61,600	\$ (8,502)
OTHER EXPENSES (HOSPITALITY, COUNCIL, PARISH VAN)	\$ 228	\$ 21,523	\$ 20,120	\$ 1,403
<b>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES (BEFORE DEBT SERVICE)</b>	<b>\$ 68,491</b>	<b>\$ 931,166</b>	<b>\$ 953,923</b>	<b>\$ (22,757)</b>
<b>NET INCREASE OR (DECREASE) IN OPERATING FUNDS</b>	<b>\$ (2,161)</b>	<b>\$ (21,965)</b>	<b>\$ 8,277</b>	<b>\$ (30,242)</b>
<b>BUILDING INCOME/ EXPENSES</b>				
BUILDING PLEDGES & GIFTS	\$ 7,001	\$ 95,351		
* INTEREST INCOME	\$ -	\$ 14,961		
INTEREST EXPENSE	\$ (1,000)	\$ (47,503)		
PRINCIPAL PAYMENT	\$ -	\$ (83,167)		
<b>NET INCREASE OR (DECREASE) IN BUILDING FUNDS</b>	<b>\$ 6,001</b>	<b>\$ (20,359)</b>		
<b>NET INCREASE OR (DECREASE) IN TOTAL FUNDS (BUILDING AND OPERATING)</b>	<b>\$ 3,840</b>	<b>\$ (42,323)</b>		

THE VISION	
PLEDGES	\$ 1,281,145
COLLECTED	\$ (1,081,745)
BALANCE	\$ 199,400

### 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>\$ 2,330,707</b>
<b>BEGINNING BUILDING RESERVE CASH BALANCE</b>	<b>\$ 528,974</b>
PLEDGES & GIFTS	\$ 7,001
WILLS & ESTATES	\$ -
VISION CAPITAL CHAMPAIGN	\$ 2,280
INTEREST INCOME	\$ -
OTHER INCOME Power/Artz	\$ -
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 9,281</b>
INTEREST EXPENSE	\$ (1,000)
PRINCIPAL PAYMENT ON BUILDING LOAN	\$ -
ADDITIONAL PRINCIPAL PAYMENT ON BUILDING LOAN	\$ -
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>\$ (1,000)</b>
<b>NET INCREASE OR (DECREASE) IN BUILDING RESERVE FUND</b>	<b>\$ 8,281</b>
<b>END OF CURRENT MONTH BUILDING RESERVE CASH BALANCE</b>	<b>\$ 432,090</b>
<b>LOAN BALANCES AT THE END OF CURRENT MONTH</b>	<b>\$ 1,867,540</b>
<b>BUILDING LOAN (DIOCESAN SAVINGS &amp; LOAN)</b>	<b>\$ 1,467,540</b>
<b>BUILDING RESERVE LOAN (HOLY SPIRIT SCHOOL ENDOWMENT)</b>	<b>\$ 400,000</b>
	<b>\$ 1,867,540</b>

# Growing in FAITH™

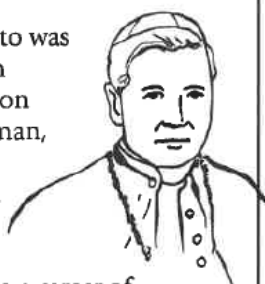
Discovering **hope and joy** in the Catholic faith.

August 2018

## One Minute Meditations

### St. Pius X

Giuseppe Sarto was born in Italy in 1835. The son of a postman, he was ordained a priest in 1858, beginning a career of successfully serving in Church leadership positions. As pope, he was ahead of his time. St. Pius reformed his own administration, spoke out against the dangers of Modernism, worked for peace in a world preparing for war, and encouraged the practice of receiving Communion frequently. He died in 1914 and was canonized in 1954.



### "Me" Last

Society makes it acceptable to pursue our own happiness without concern for others. As followers of Christ we know that God holds us responsible for meeting others' needs. When we care for the poor and needy, God will take care of us.

### Give it to God

*"Never forget that God loves you deeply and cares for you passionately. 'Cast all your worries upon him because he cares for you.'"*  
(1 Peter 5:7).



## Make Jesus' Mother your own

Catholics reserve worship for God, but Mary has a special place of honor in our hearts. When we follow Jesus' request to take his Mother as our own, we are sheltered by her maternal protection, share in the love between Mother and Son, and take a unique route to the heart of Our Lord.

*"Behold the handmaid of the Lord"* (Luke 1:38). From the first "Yes" to her unique role in God's plan to the final moments at the foot of the Cross, Mary cooperated with faith, hope, and charity in her Son's plan to restore supernatural life to us. She is ready to protect our new

life and help us grow in love of her Son, if only we ask.

*"Woman, behold your son"* (John 19:26). Jesus' suffering and death on the Cross was the ultimate act of love. Out of love, too, he offered to share his beloved Mother with all of us as our own Mother.

Heeding Jesus' words, *"Behold your mother"* (John 19:27), we can take Mary into our hearts and homes.

*"Do whatever he tells you"* (John 2:5). Mary brought others to Jesus by bringing him into the world and talking about him. Bringing others to

Jesus is our job, too. We can follow her example, ask for her help, and be obedient like her.



## Why Do Catholics Do That?

### Why do Catholics believe the Church is Apostolic?

We call the Church, "Apostolic," because it is founded on the Apostles whom Jesus appointed to carry on his work.

Before he ascended, Jesus commissioned the Apostles to baptize and preach the Gospel in his name (Matthew 28:19-20). The

Apostles ordained others to carry on this mission, and they ordained others. The Catholic faith has been preserved and handed down to us from the Apostles through their successors, our bishops, who can trace their "priestly lineage" back to the Apostles.





# Show others the way to God

God has called all of us to follow him but we are also called to lead. Aiding another's spiritual growth in simple ways can lead others to Christ.

**Be on the watch.** Ask God to reveal to you those who don't know him. Record their names and commit to praying for them daily.

**Go to Mass together.** Inviting a friend or someone seeking a spiritual home to attend Sunday Mass with you is a great way to spend time together and show commitment to the faith.



**Offer prayer cards.** Promote prayer and a devotion to the saints by sending an occasional prayer card featuring a saint relevant to his or her life issues.

**Build bridges.** Spend time with those seeking God. Show them what a life with him looks like. Invite seekers to dinner, go for coffee, listen to their problems. In other words, be a friend.

**Share his love.** God's love breaks down barriers and removes prejudices. Act with love toward others. A little kindness may open the door for the Gospel.

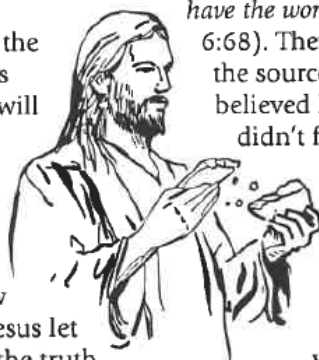
## from Scripture

### John 6:60-69, To whom shall we go?

This reading comes at the end of Jesus' Bread of Life Discourse, in which he explained the meaning of the Eucharist. Jesus said that he is the Bread of Life. Unless we eat his flesh and drink his blood, we will not have eternal life. Many of his listeners left, horrified.

The Apostles were also shocked. The day before, enthusiastic crowds were ready to make Jesus king. Now they were running away and Jesus let them go. He understood that the truth is more important than popularity.

Jesus turned to the Apostles and asked if they wanted to leave, too. Peter,



speaking for the group, replied, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life" (John 6:68). They all recognized Jesus as the source of eternal life. They believed him, even though they didn't fully understand him.

Followers of Christ know that there is always hope even in times that appear hopeless. We remember Peter's words: "Master...you have the words of eternal life." With God, we all can have hope. He can bring us eternal life.

## Q & A Is it okay to tell a "white lie"?



The Eighth commandment directs us to tell the truth always (Exodus 20:16). While a "white lie" told to avoid hurting someone else's feelings may seem harmless, telling lies is never acceptable. Here are some suggestions to help:

**"Does this look good on me?"** A dishonest "yes" creates the wrong impression in the wearer's mind. Instead of brutal honesty – "You look fat!" – offer a truthful positive – "It's a great color on you." This is "mental reservation," and is better than lying.

**"That's personal..."** Questions about your personal life, family, and financials don't require explanations, if the seeker has no right to know. A simple, "That's personal," should get the message across. This goes for seeking others' personal information as well (CCC #2489).

**Tell the truth with love.** What is right and wrong is not decided by popular vote. Admonishing the sinner is actually a spiritual act of mercy. "Whoever fears the Lord directs his friendship aright, for as he is, so his neighbor [will be] also" (Sirach 6:17).

## Feasts & Celebrations

**Aug. 7 – St. Cajetan (1547).** St. Cajetan worked to reform the Church by founding the Theatines, a religious order modeled on the teachings of the Apostles.

**Aug. 11 – St. Clare of Assisi (1253).** Born to a noble family in Assisi, Italy, St. Clare followed St. Francis of Assisi into poverty at age eighteen and founded a sister order to the Franciscans called, the "Poor Clares."

**Aug. 15 – Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (1950).** Declared a dogma of our faith in 1950 by Pope Pius XII, the Assumption celebrates

Mary's being taken up into Heaven body and soul at the end of her life.

**Aug. 24 – St. Bartholomew (1st Century).** One of the Twelve Apostles and the son of Tolomai, Bartholomew is thought by some scholars to be the Apostle, Nathanael, who went with Philip to see Jesus. After Jesus's ascension, he spread Christianity to India and in Armenia, where he was martyred. He is the patron saint of Armenia and Belgium, among other places.



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