



Holy Spirit

Catholic Parish and School

September 2, 2018

Worship Centers: Holy Spirit Catholic Church, 201 44th St. South
Parish Offices: 201 44th St. South Great Falls, MT 59405
Parish Office hours: Monday – Thursday 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Friday 8:30 a.m. – Noon
Fax: 452-6495 **Email:** hsparish@holyspiritgf.org **Website:** www.holyspiritgf.org
School: 2820 Central Avenue **Phone:** 761-5775
Email: jwichman@holyspiritgf.org **web:** www.holyspiritgfschool.org
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

"I have an ever deeper and firmer belief that nothing is merely an accident when seen in the light of God."
 ~St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross



*It's **HARD** to say Good-Bye...
 so we will say "See you 'Round!"*

*Let's wish the very best for Mary D. as she retires
 after 27 years of Ministry at Holy Spirit Parish!*

When: Saturday & Sunday, Sept. 8 and 9

What: Sat. night, cake and drinks in the parish hall

Sunday, parish picnic!

A-L please bring desserts to share

M-Z please bring salads to share

Brats, Dogs, and burgers provided

Help is needed! Please contact Mark at the office!



Baptism Prep sessions~

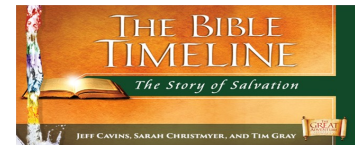
**If you are expecting or recently had
 a baby and would like the baby
 baptized at Holy Spirit, You must
 attend our Baptism Prep. classes.**

The next session will be:

Sun, 9/9 at 1:00 pm &

Sun, 9/16 at 3:00 pm

at Peter & Paul



The Bible Timeline Study will resume

**Sunday, Sept. 16th at 1:00 pm
 in the social hall.**

Interested in joining the group?

Stop in on that day!

**Questions? Please contact Fr. Doug
 or Dcn. Pete at the parish office.**

An Evening Service of Repentance for Abuses in the Church -

In light of the recent revelations of past sexual abuse in other dioceses and the reports regarding Archbishop McCarrick, Bishop Warfel will preside at two Evening Services of Repentance for Abuses in the Church on **Thursday, September 6, 2018 at St. Ann's Cathedral in Great Falls and on Friday, September 7, 2018 at St. Patrick's Co-cathedral in Billings.** Both services will begin at 7:00 PM and will include a penitential ritual followed by Eucharistic Adoration.

The last few weeks have brought a great deal of anger from laity, priests, and religious the news of some priests harming children as well as directed at bishops who have mishandled cases of sexual abuse of minors in the Church. As your bishop, I am doing public penance especially for the failure of some bishops to act appropriately to protect young people and who have failed in reflecting the holiness and integrity demanded by the Gospel.

Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 2, 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 15th 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., 9/3- 8:30 am - No Mass
Tues., 9/4- 5:15 p.m. - +Pat Rapkoch r/b Wingerters
Wed., 9/5- 8:30 am - Pattie Coolidge (sp int) r/b K Walters
Thu., 9/6- 8:30 am - +Anne Trunkle r/b J Trunkle
Fri., 9/7- 8:30 am, HS - +Ron Tihista r/b P Coolidge
Sat., 9/8- 4:30 p.m. - +John Bodner r/b Bodners
Sun., 9/9- 8:30 a.m.- Parishioners
- 11:00 a.m.- Alan H (Sp int) r/b Chris

Readings for next week: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Isaiah 35:4-7a

2nd Reading: James 2:1-5

Gospel: Mark 7:31-37

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

Sept 2: No Coffee and Rolls - Labor Day Weekend

Sept 9: No Coffee and Rolls - PARISH PICNIC!



Bus Schedule:

Sept 8: Jan Olson and Mike Mooney

Sept 9: Jan Olson and Caleb Schaeffer

What's Happening This Week...

Sunday: Fair Trade coffee sales hall
Tuesday: Pastoral Council - 7 pm conf. rm.
Thursday: RCIA - 7 pm Sts. P&P
Sunday: Parish Picnic!

*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.*




Please join us to pray the Rosary at 4:45 p.m. on Tuesday at Holy Spirit, 8 a.m. Thursday and Sunday at Holy Spirit, 8 a.m. Fridays at Holy Family and 4:00 p.m. on Saturday at Holy Spirit. The

Knights of Columbus Council #9395 will lead the Rosary before the 11:00 Mass on the 5th Sundays of the month

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
Mary Moore-Wingerter	Administrative Assistant
Chuck Osterman	Maintenance

Liturgical Ministers for September 8,9

	4:30 PM	8:30 AM	11:00 AM
 Holy Spirit Catholic Parish	★ Sub requested ~ log in to Web Terminal and accept the sub		
Bread Baker	K. Seilstad H. Vacek		
Holy Wash		P. Fehres	
Sacristan	A. Klundt	J. Gort	N. Luth ★
Greeter	P Cahill / H Vacek P. Paul (sub req.) P. Reagor	Team Donnelly	J Baje / G Wilson M. Balyeat G. Saunders
Usher	J. Tarnowski ★T. Tomich	P. Bahnmler C. McKelvey	C. Rostad N. St. Claire Mike Stimac
Cross	A. Baker	R. O'Neill	E. Boland
Altar Servers	L. Fitzpatrick C. Hallahan	L. Hellyer N. McKelvey	Mason Mignery J. Stimac
Reader	R. McDunn J. Tholen	K. Malby T. Rausch	C. Christiaens M. Woelkers
Gifts	S. Dunston R. Olmstead E. White	Cook Family	Boland Family
Extra-ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist	J. Fitzpatrick T. Gilligan C. Grau T. Hopkins S. Mayernik S. McKenna J. McKenna B. Medved D. Stukey T. Stukey B. Thelen G. Tremper P. Tremper A. Trunkle K. Weinheimer	S. Bahnmler G. Drake L. Fitterer R. Hellyer K. Lakner T. O'Neill M. O'Neill K. O'Neill L. O'Neill S. O'Rourke K. Prinzing N. Rooney B. Schlecht Carla Schnider P. Woelkers	K. Baker T. Balyeat A. Bulger V. Flick L. Francis M. Francis K. Krattiger G. Miller Drew Miller B. Rasmussen Reagan Ryan Rachel Ryan B. Williamson V. Williamson P. Woelkers

Care for Creation by Recycling

Thank you for being a steward of the Earth!



Schedule:

Weekend	Newspaper	Cardboard
1st (Aug. 31-Sept. 6)	K of C 9395	C. Jernigan
2nd Sept. 7-13)	K. Weinheimer	K. Sanders

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: *Back to Mark ~ rules and regs.* **Team members:** Greg Kushnak and Kathy Nyman-Wendt. For initial contact, call Nick Wingerter at the parish offices 452-6491, ext. 205.

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

Youth Ministry

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

Youth Group Sunday Nights:

Mass 6:00pm Youth Group 7:00-8:30 pm



IS GOD CALLING YOU?

If you are a current Youth Ministry Team Member or are feeling pulled to ministry with teens, please join us **Sunday September 9 from 6-9pm @ Aubrey & Dan Rearden's** for dinner/information/planning. RSVP to Aubrey 868-6713 on or before Friday September 7.

Youth Group Registration: Registration packets will be mailed out this week and can be turned in the weekend of Sept. 8 & 9 and Sept. 15 & 16. We will also have a registration table in the entrance of the church on those weekends, stop by and say hi! **Youth Group begins October 7 w/ 6pm Mass!**



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

Elementary Formation (Pre-K - 6th Grade)

& Sacramental Prep (2nd Grade)

Sunday 9:45-10:45am or Wednesday 6:15-7:15pm

Elementary Formation Registration: Registration packets will be mailed out this week and can be turned in the weekend of Sept. 8 & 9 and Sept. 15 & 16. We will also have a registration table in the entrance of the church on those weekends, stop by and say hi! **Elementary Formation begins Sun. Oct. 7 & Wed. Oct. 10.**



IS GOD CALLING YOU?

If you are a current Elementary Catechist and would like to continue serving in the ministry or are feeling pulled to ministry with children, please join Kody **Sunday September 16 from 9:45—10:45am** in the 1st Classroom on the right @ Sts. Peter & Paul Center for an information meeting and planning session.

Young Adult Ministry

Nickolas Wingerter ext. 205 nickw@holyspiritgf.org
406-868-4770

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 Nick in the parish office and we will help you get the word out.

Holy Spirit School

Jim Wichman - Principal Melissa Hallahan, Vice-Principal
Jackie Wike, Administrative Assistant

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.

Christian Service

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

Fair Trade Coffee, Tea, & Chocolate Sales

Today—in the Parish Hall

Your purchase supports Fair Trade and Catholic Social Principles. Profits go toward assisting students in other countries.

Talk to Melissa or Cindy for more information.



There will be no Fellowship Lunch next week due to a funeral

Christian Service opportunities are many and varied; probably something you would enjoy! Stop in the Parish



Hall the weekend of **September 15-16** to talk to someone on how you can be in-



involved: Ministry to the Homebound, Fellowship, Social Justice...more!

Your **Donations** to the Parish Nurses Baby Bottle Campaign for Echoz Pregnancy Care Center totaled \$3,974.54! This was \$200 more than last year. The total campaign collected over \$30,000 for the ministry of Echoz. Thank you very much for your overwhelming support!

Stewardship



Thank you to all volunteers of Family Promise Holy Spirit!!! Last week we wrote, "Being flexible is the whole of this program and our volunteers are awesome in their flexibility." On Tuesday, one family arrived and stayed with us for the rest of the week. They moved out of the program on Sunday afternoon and plan to be in their own place within the week. It is an honor to be able to "be there for those who are struggling" and then see them find their way. Every hosting week looks different and that is the key to our flexibility. We have coordination in place to make the transitions easy for the volunteers and guests. Kathy Remington and Patsie Thomas make the volunteering simple and pleasant for everyone who spends time in the Monsignor House. When you see them please give them a big thank you! If you have been thinking about helping with Family Promise but need to ask some questions please call Kathie Malby and leave a message at 781-5033.

Worship

Mary Dupuis 452-6491 ex. 206 mdupuis@holyspiritgf.org

Healing Ministry: Marriage Resolution in the Catholic Church.

A covenantal marriage, in the eyes of the Church, meets certain criteria, deeper and more rooted in Christianity, than its secular equivalent. The Church requires that a couple be prepared well, that they are in this for the good and growth of one another, that they enter freely, and are open to God's gift of children. That being said, couples married in a secular ceremony may firmly believe that their civil marriage does indeed have those characteristics. They have a strong marriage, based on a faith in God's presence in their lives, and are committed to their partner, permanently and in fidelity. They are truly blessed in this time and culture. Should they feel that they would like the church to recognize their union, and make it *sacramental*, they may have their marriage blessed in the Catholic Church through the processes of either *convalidation* or *sanation*; their baptismal records will reflect their decision and they will have what the church may call a regular marriage.

When a marriage fails, there may have been conditions at the time of the wedding that hinder or preclude any of the conditions that the Church deems crucial to a sacramental covenant. The process of annulment is provided for such situations. Sometimes referred to as a "Catholic divorce", marriage annulment (decree of invalidity) is connected, at the same time, far from, the civil process. By considering the attitudes and circumstances of the couple at the time of the marriage, the diocesan office of marriage, the Tribunal, makes a determination of whether those circumstances were enough to negate the covenantal nature of the marriage. There are sometimes obvious impediments, but often, hidden and dark. Back to the "Catholic divorce" moniker ~ those who work for the diocese, including the office at the chancery and those who act as advocate-procurators, consider their work to be not a paper-pushing formality, but rather a healing ministry. Walking with a person through the process, listening to and guiding them, is a privilege and an honor; the trust is both necessary and treasured. The process of examining one's life and choices is difficult and valuable, no matter the outcome of the petition. A key part of this ministry is the recognition of God's presence in everyone involved.

If you are interested in exploring the ministry of Advocacy, attend a training session for Tribunal Advocates on Thursday, Sept. 27, from 8:00AM-5:00PM, at the Ursuline Centre Gold Room. (Lunch is provided.) You will learn: Why a process is necessary / Different types of cases / How to assist. Lay persons must have the permission of their pastor to attend. To Register (asap):

call Terri at (406)727-6683 ext 127, or email her at terri@diocesegfb.org.

Parish Council of Catholic Women

PCCW will meet on Monday, Sept. 10 at 1 pm in the conference room. Elections for office will be held. The prayer, dessert, and door prize will be brought by Dee Mills. All parish women are invited.

Save the date~ Diocesan Council of Catholic Women's Convention will be held Oct 12-13 in Miles City.

Courtesy Announcements

Cum Christo/Cursillo ULTREYA - 2nd Tuesday of every month with a witness speaker. Save the dates: 9/11, 10/9, 11/13, and 12/11. Join us for a night of music, inspiration, and fellowship, 7-8:30 pm at the Ursuline Center. Call Barb Schlecht for more info., 406-750-0551.

You are invited! "Living your Strengths" Small Group

Would you like to be a part of a small group that will meet to discover our God-given talents and learn to turn them into strengths? The "Living Your Strengths" program is breathing fresh air into Catholic churches throughout our country. By discovering and better understanding our natural, God-given talents, we grow spiritually in Christian stewardship, become more satisfied, and better understand and accept the differences in each other. We also come to understand where we are best suited to serve Christ and His Church. Three new groups of 6-8 people each will meet for five weekly sessions, beginning in Sept. Meeting days and times will be determined by each individual group. All are welcome! **To sign up**, call Mary at the parish office, 452-6491.



Marriage Encounter - Married couples - consider doing something great for yourselves and your marriage. A Marriage Encounter weekend involves 15-20 couples. A series of presentations are given by a team of Catholic couples and a priest. The focus of the weekend is the couple, NOT group sessions. The presentations allow each couple a rare opportunity to look at themselves as individuals, at their marriage and relationship to each other, and at their relationship to God, the church, and the world. Upcoming Marriage Encounter dates: 9/29-30 in Helena; 11/2-4 in U-Cross WY; 1/25-27, 2019 in Billings. Visit www.wwme.org for info.

The Poor Clares of Montana invite you to the **Golden Jubilee Celebration of Sister Judith Ann Crosby** on Sunday, the 9th of Sept. at the 8:30 Mass at Holy Spirit. Reception at the monastery 2:00 pm-4:00 pm.

Join the Knights of Columbus Today. Our communities need strong Catholic men to answer the call to lead with faith, protect our families, serve others and defend our values. As a member you join a worldwide community of nearly 2 million men, including 5,000 members in Montana who stand together. Men have a duty to lead, protect, serve and defend. The world needs more committed, unified Catholic men to answer the call. Will you answer? Visit kofc.org/joinus to learn more about the many benefits of membership in the Knights of Columbus.

THANK YOU! Diaper drive results! With your generous donations we raised over \$1000, nearly 10,000 diapers and nearly 15,000 wipes. Diaper need is an everyday issue for children living in poverty in Great Falls. You have made a huge difference in the lives of the most precious members of our community. Thank you!



Journey with Christ...if you would like to enhance your journey please join us on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 7pm in the Sts. Peter and Paul Center. We are a group of 5 that started meeting last fall to grow through discussion of various spiritual books. This fall we will start with discussion on the New Testament books. We would like to grow our group and experience by extending an invitation to you to join us. Please contact Pam Noble - 788-2564 or pjmnoble@yahoo.com for more information or to join.

September 2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 2:00 Confession, 4:30 Mass Fair Trade Coffee Sales
2 8:30 & 11 a.m. Masses Fair Trade Coffee Sales	3  <i>Labor Day!</i> <i>Office Closed</i>	4 5:15 p.m. Mass HS Pastoral Council, 7 pm, con. rm.	5 8:30 a.m. Mass HS Confessions, 5:30 pm	6 8:30 a.m. Mass HS RCIA 7 p.m. Sts. P&P	7 8:30 a.m. Mass HF	8 2:00 Confession 4:30 Mass Reception for Mary D.'s retirement, 5:30 pm
9 8:30 & 11 a.m. Masses Parish Picnic, 12 pm. Mary D's retirement party! Baptism Prep., 1 pm Sts. P&P Youth Ministry team mtg, 6pm	10	11 5:15 p.m. Mass, HS Journey with Christ, Sts. P&P 7pm	12 8:30 am Mass HS 2:30 pm Mass, Park Place Confessions, 5:30 pm	13 8:30 a.m. Mass HS RCIA 7 p.m. Sts. P&P	14 8:30 a.m. Mass HF	15 2:00 Confession 4:30 Mass Time & Talent weekend!
16 8:30 & 11 a.m. Masses Time & Talent weekend! Catechetical Sun- day, 8:30 Mass Parish Nurses, 9:45 am, conf rm Bible timeline, 1 pm, Hall Baptism Prep, 3 pm, Sts. P&P	17	18 5:15 p.m. Mass, HS Christian Service Comm, 6:30 pm, Sts P&P	19 8:30 am Mass, HS 1:30 pm Mass, Highgate Confessions, 5:30 pm KCs, 6:30 pm; 2810 Central	20 8:30 a.m. Mass HS RCIA 7 p.m. Sts. P&P	21 8:30 a.m. Mass HF	22 2:00 Confession 4:30 Mass Fellowship Dinner, 5:30 pm, hall
23 8:30 & 11 a.m. Masses Bible timeline 1 pm, hall	24	25 5:15 p.m. Mass, HS Bereavement Sup- port Group, 7 pm, Sts P&P Journey with Christ, Sts. P&P 7pm	26 8:30 am Mass, HS	27 8:30 am Mass, HS RCIA 7 p.m. Sts. P&P	28 8:30 am Mass, HF	29 2:00 Confession 4:30 Mass
30 8:30 & 11 a.m. Masses Bible timeline 1 pm, hall Youth ministry parent mtg, 7 pm church						

HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC PARISH

July 31, 2018 MONTHLY FINANCIAL RECAP

OPERATING FUND				
	July-18	FISCAL YEAR TO DATE ACTUAL	BUDGET TO DATE	BUDGET VARIANCE OVER (UNDER)
SUNDAY OFFERING - (ENVELOPES & CASH)	\$ 75,243	\$ 75,243	\$ 80,000	\$ (4,757)
SPECIAL DONATIONS-(WILLS, ESTATES, GIFTS, ETC.)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
PCCW CONTRIBUTIONS	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
* OTHER INCOME - (RELIG. ED., INTEREST, USER FEES, ETC.)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 183	\$ (183)
DIOCESE CURRENT OPERATING FUND ASSMT.-DONATION THRU C&S	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE	\$ 75,243	\$ 75,243	\$ 80,183	\$ (4,940)
OPERATING EXPENSES				
HOLY SPIRIT SCHOOL SUBSIDY (29% OF SUNDAY OFFERINGS)	\$ 23,042	\$ 23,042	\$ 23,042	\$ 0
CHURCH & CENTER (MAINT. UTILITIES, INSURANCE, TAXES)	\$ 10,171	\$ 10,171	\$ 9,012	\$ 1,159
BUSINESS OFFICE (SUPPLIES, POSTAGE, EQUIP. & MAINT.)	\$ 3,914	\$ 3,914	\$ 4,275	\$ (361)
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (BOOKS, SUPPLIES, TRAINING, RESOURCES)	\$ 2,357	\$ 2,357	\$ 1,442	\$ 915
WORSHIP (ALTAR SUPPLIES, TRAINING, MUSIC)	\$ 3,976	\$ 3,976	\$ 1,588	\$ 2,389
CHRISTIAN SERVICE (TRAINING & SUPPLIES)	\$ 404	\$ 404	\$ 492	\$ (88)
EMPLOYEE SALARIES & BENEFITS (INS. RETIREMENT, WORKERS COMP)	\$ 30,901	\$ 30,901	\$ 32,834	\$ (1,933)
DIOCESAN CURRENT OPERATING FUND ASSESSMENT	\$ 3,856	\$ 3,856	\$ 5,133	\$ (1,277)
OTHER EXPENSES (HOSPITALITY, COUNCIL, PARISH VAN)	\$ 1,247	\$ 1,247	\$ 1,677	\$ (430)
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES (BEFORE DEBT SERVICE)	\$ 79,868	\$ 79,868	\$ 79,494	\$ 375
NET INCREASE OR (DECREASE) IN OPERATING FUNDS	\$ (4,625)	\$ (4,625)	\$ 690	\$ (5,315)
BUILDING INCOME/ EXPENSES				
BUILDING PLEDGES & GIFTS	\$ 5,552	\$ 5,552		
* INTEREST INCOME	\$ -	\$ -		
INTEREST EXPENSE	\$ (10,763)	\$ (10,763)		
PRINCIPAL PAYMENT	\$ (12,401)	\$ (12,401)		
NET INCREASE OR (DECREASE) IN BUILDING FUNDS	\$ (17,612)	\$ (17,612)		
NET INCREASE OR (DECREASE) IN TOTAL FUNDS (BUILDING AND OPERATING)	\$ (22,237)	\$ (22,237)		

THE VISION	
PLEDGES	\$ 1,281,145
COLLECTED	\$ (1,083,700)
BALANCE	\$ 197,445

BUILDING CASH RESERVE and LOAN STATUS				
BEGINNING LOAN BALANCES: 7/01/2018			\$	1,467,540
BUILDING RESERVE LOAN (HOLY SPIRIT SCHOOL ENDOWMENT)			\$	400,000
SUBTOTAL			\$	1,867,540
BEGINNING BUILDING RESERVE CASH BALANCE	July-18	YEAR TO DATE		
		\$ 432,090		
PLEDGES & GIFTS	\$ 5,552	\$ 5,552		
WILLS & ESTATES	\$ -	\$ -		
VISION CAPITAL CHAMPAIGN	\$ 1,955	\$ 1,955		
INTEREST INCOME	\$ -	\$ -		
OTHER INCOME Power/Artz	\$ -	\$ -		
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 7,507	\$ 7,507		
INTEREST EXPENSE	\$ (10,763)	\$ (10,763)		
PRINCIPAL PAYMENT ON BUILDING LOAN	\$ (12,401)	\$ (12,401)	\$	(12,401)
ADDITIONAL PRINCIPAL PAYMENT ON BUILDING LOAN	\$ -	\$ -	\$	-
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$ (23,164)	\$ (23,164)		
NET INCREASE OR (DECREASE) IN BUILDING RESERVE FUND	\$ (15,657)	\$ (15,657)		
END OF CURRENT MONTH BUILDING RESERVE CASH BALANCE		\$ 416,433		
LOAN BALANCES AT THE END OF CURRENT MONTH			\$	1,855,139
BUILDING LOAN (DIOCESAN SAVINGS & LOAN)			\$	1,455,139
BUILDING RESERVE LOAN (HOLY SPIRIT SCHOOL ENDOWMENT)			\$	400,000
			\$	1,855,139

Homebound Ministry



We have many volunteers who visit our homebound parishioners bringing Eucharist, prayers, and friendship. What a wonderful example of stewardship!

You too can bring a ray of sunshine, and Jesus, into the life of another person.

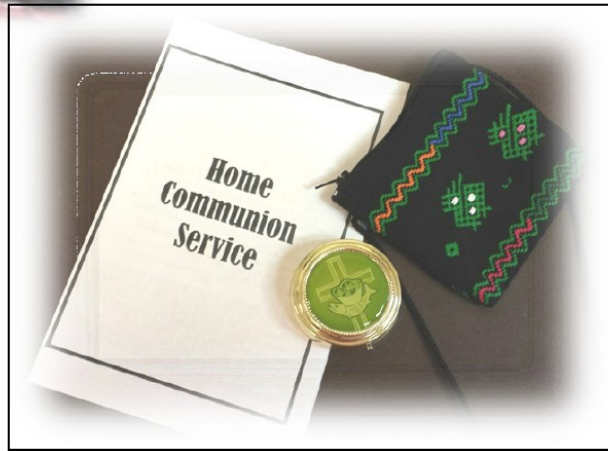
Information on the Homebound Ministry will be available at the

MINISTRY FAIR

and on our **TIME AND TALENT Form**,

Sept 15-16!

Or you can talk to Cindy at the office~





PARISH BUS

Another way Holy Spirit Parish connects with the homebound people is through our **Holy Spirit bus**. Our bus runs for the 4:30 Saturday Mass and the 11:00 Sunday Mass. We can take up to 11 people along with a **DRIVER** and **ASSISTANT**. Our volunteer phone caller, **Pat Cahill**, calls each rider every week to be sure they are riding on the weekend.

Our **PARISH BUS** is a fantastic example of **STEWARDSHIP!** We have a dedicated team of drivers and assistants who treat our riders with respect and dignity.

IS THIS A MINISTRY YOU WOULD LIKE TO DO?

No special license is needed and we will train you!

More information will be available at the
MINISTRY FAIR & TIME AND TALENT weekend~
Sept 15-16!





Catholic Church of Eastern Montana

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August 27, 2018
Memorial of St. Augustine

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Recent news reports have been shocking as I'm sure you all would readily agree! It was bad enough to contend with the local news reports in Montana regarding our own Chapter 11 Bankruptcy because of the claims of sexual abuse of minors by clergy and religious. Having met with a number of these victims, heard their stories and witnessed their pain, I am ashamed that a priest or religious serving for this diocese harmed children in this way. As if this wasn't bad enough, there has been the recent news reports of the credible abuse of minors and seminarians by former Cardinal McCarrick as well as the Pennsylvania Grand Jury report. And then there has been a report that Pope Francis knew something about the McCarrick situation. (I will be quick to add that I know that some of Archbishop's assertions are not factually correct.) These, of course, are coupled with international news reports already in play regarding situations in Australia, Chile, France and Ireland. Many a Catholic is saying to themselves, "Who is to be trusted?!"

That children and youth who were victims of sexual abuse by clergy or religious, whether it occurred in Montana or elsewhere, is an unspeakable crime. I am deeply sorry for what happened to them. The incidences of sexual abuse by those who sued the Diocese of Great Falls-Billings, date back before 2000. Since 2002 and the implementation of the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*, there have been no claims of abuse of a minor that have come forth. However, for a man or a woman who was sexually abused as a minor, two decades or more ago doesn't matter. For them, it often feels as if it happened yesterday. Every time a new news report comes out, the crime is repeated in their psyche. They feel it viscerally. For them, it is not merely a tragic news report. It is an event that tends to linger on for years and that rarely goes away.

One of elements that makes clerical sexual abuse of a minor so horrendous is the status of the perpetrator. A priest represents Christ. When a priest so incredibly harms a young person, it can be perceived as a betrayal by God. Christ is one who is supposed to be just and loving, a Good Shepherd. Abuse undermines and can even destroy faith in the young person's heart. A priest who inflicts such abuse, rather than representing Christ, has become a representative of the devil. Secondly, a priest is a father figure to the Church community. When a priest abuses a child or a young person sexually, he commits, not only rape, but incest. Loving fathers simply do not harm their children. The spiritual and emotional harm goes deeper than any physical damage ever could.

I recently sent a longer version of this letter to all the priests of the Diocese. In that letter I said, "We must pray for victims of abuse and keep them in front of our minds. We must also pray for healing and trust to be renewed in our Church and our diocese which will only take place when concrete steps are taken to lead people to believe."

Having read through the accounts of sexual abuse that occurred in the Diocese of Great Falls-Billings, I truly am ashamed that anyone serving on behalf of the Church here could commit such malice. I am saddened that the victims yet carry the burden. I know from my

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personal interactions with some of them that time has brought forth healing, but for others, they continue to be seriously affected by what happened to them in the past. These incidences may have occurred over a couple of decades ago, but there is yet a negative impact on their lives.

I believe there is also a negative impact for many of you, the parishioners of the Diocese. I have read and reviewed many comments in messages that have come to me since the week of the final hearing before Judge Pappas on August 14, 2018. August 14, 2018 also happened to be the date the Pennsylvania Grand Jury report was released. It was like a bomb going off. Coupled with expectations of Pope Francis's journey to Ireland for the World Meeting of Families and the recent debacle with Chilean bishops, all of them handing the Pope their resignations, it is not a matter that most Catholics could ignore. It truly is a travesty that any priest would sexually abuse a child, but it is also a travesty when a bishop covers up any such situation.

Clergy, either as priests or bishops, are a certain class of individuals in the minds of people. Whether clergy like it or not, people question whether a priest or bishop is trustworthy even though the number of priests or bishops who committed such sins were small. In recent communication with bishops of Region XII (Alaska, Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana), we have added our suggestions regarding what actions need to be taken by the body of bishops at the November USCCB meeting. Cardinal DiNardo has already listed three proposals: a full investigation for the case against Archbishop McCarrick via an Apostolic Visitation (investigation); to make reporting of misconduct by a bishop easier; and, better procedures to resolve complaints made against a bishop. These proposals will be addressed in September by the Administrative Committee at which time the agenda for the Fall USCCB meeting is planned.

As for this diocese, it is imperative that we promote and adhere to our Safe Environment program. Our parishioners need to be reassured that we, as priests and bishop, are doing our part to keep our children safe from harm. From our recent safe environment audit, it is clear that some pastors, parish staff and even parents do not take the need to adhere to our safe environment program seriously. This cannot be so! As such, there must be a renewed effort on all our parts to do more than begrudgingly providing a report. Some parishes provided nothing. Given the questions I have received from a number of parishioners regarding the safety of their children, it is imperative to assure them.

My conviction is that the priests of this diocese take their priesthood seriously. To quote an acquaintance of mine who is a writer, "...the vast majority of good priests are both in pain and have been slimed by the bad ones and the terrible decisions of their bosses." Though we face a terrible situation and a lot of questioning, I support them. Please pray for them.

In Christ always,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael W. Warfel". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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