



Holy Spirit

Catholic Parish and School

September 30, 2018

Worship Centers: Holy Spirit Catholic Church, 201 44th St. South Holy Family Chapel, 2800 Central Ave.

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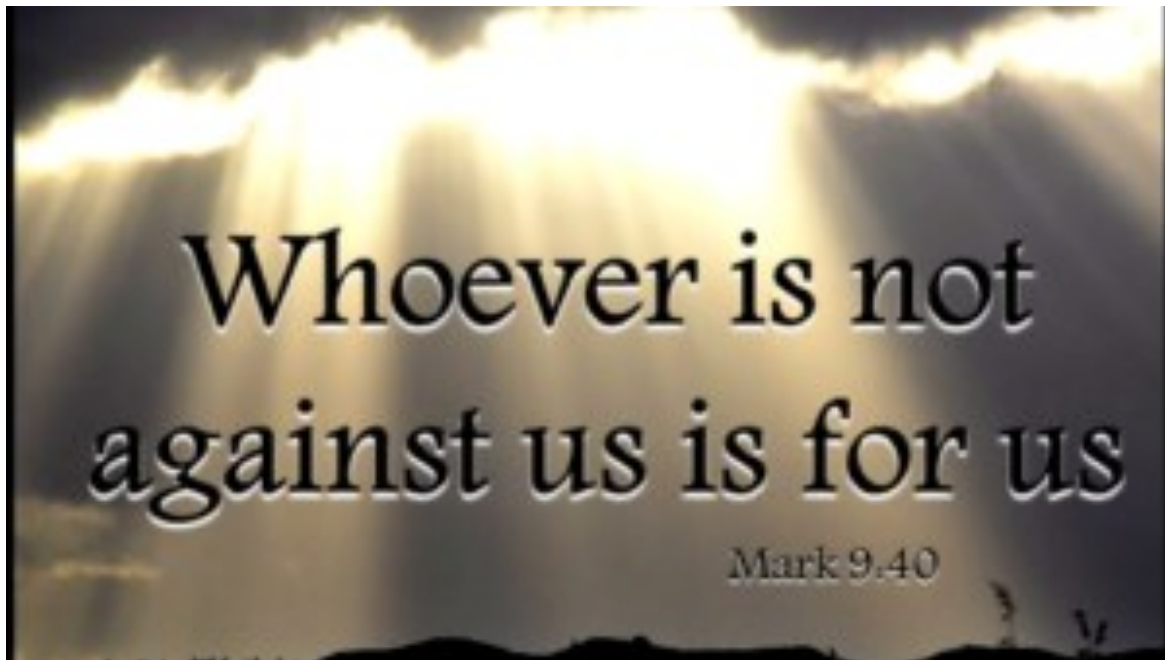
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WE, the people of Holy Spirit Catholic Parish of Great Falls, Montana, created by God, centered in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, are sharing our journey of faith,

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

"Our possessions are not our own; God has given them to us that we may cultivate them, and it is his will that we should render them useful and fruitful. By our care thereof we render to him an acceptable service. - St. Frances De Sales



Oct 7th, 2018

Many new things are happening at Holy Spirit next weekend. Our 6:00 pm Mass begins; Adoration begins; Youth Group begins; and Elem. Formation will begin that week. Welcome to Fall at Holy Spirit!



Thank you, Holy Spirit parish, for the many years of fulfilling, worthy work, and for the wonderful send-off. The generous gifts humbled me, and the numerous hugs warm my heart as I take a place beside you in the pews. God bless each and every one of you. Mary Dupuis

Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 30, 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., 10/1- 8:30 am No Mass

Tue., 10/2- 5:15 p.m.- Colleen Campanella r/b Maronicks

Wed., 10/3- 8:30 am - +Neal Gray r/b M Gray

Thu., 10/4- 8:30 am - +Andy Anderson r/b Parish

Fri., 10/5- 8:30 am, HS - +Nancy Rice r/b D Rice

Sat., 10/6- 4:30 p.m. - +Dimke family (sp int) r/b T Dimke

Sun., 10/7- 8:30 a.m.- +Brian Fitterer r/b Fitterers

- 11:00 a.m.- Audrey Sabol (sp int) r/b parish nurses

Readings for next week: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Genesis 2:18-24

2nd Reading: Hebrews 2:9-11

Gospel: Mark 10:2-16

Coffee & Rolls Schedule

Sept 30: 8:30-Clark/Hannula group, 11:00-Rasmussen group

Oct. 7: 8:30- Kuka SFC; 11:00 Rasmussen group

Bus Schedule:



Oct 5: Andre and Michelle Jezewski

Oct 6: DRIVER NEEDED! Caleb Schaeffer

What's Happening This Week...

Sunday: Bible Timeline - 1 pm hall

Tuesday: Sr. Fellowship lunch - noon hall

Pastoral Council - 7 pm con. rm.

Thursday: RCIA - 7 pm Sts. P&P

Sunday: Bible Timeline - 1 pm hall

Youth ministry - 7 pm Sts P&P

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, 7:45 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.

Wit and Wisdom

"All life demands struggle. Those who have everything given to them become lazy, selfish, and insensitive to the real values of life. The very striving and hard work that we so constantly try to avoid is the major building block in the person we are today." ~ Pope Paul VI

PARISH STAFF

Fr. Doug Krings

Pastor

Dcn. Bill Medved

Deacon

Dcn. Pete Woelkers

Deacon

Mark Meyer

Parish Administrator

Aubrey Rearden

Worship, DRE/ Youth Ministry

Cindy Eultgen

Christian Service

Nick Wingerter

RCIA, Adult Ministry

Kody Diekhans

Elem. Formation, Music


Mary Moore-Wingerter

Administrative Assistant

Chuck Osterman

Maintenance

Liturgical Ministers for October 5,6

	4:30 PM	8:30 AM	11:00 AM
 ★ Sub requested ~ log in to Web Terminal and accept the sub			
Bread Baker	M Frazier-Harris R McNamee		
Holy Wash		T Dimke	
Sacristan	S Mayernik	G Matsko	K Krattiger
Greeter	S Dunston, L Huber, D Medvec, H Vacek	D Koth, Nunez family	Nicholson family
Usher	M Thompson G McCabe	P Bahnmler M Nickol	L & M Francis, C Rostad
Cross	R Frazier-Harris	G Thomas	E Boland
Altar Servers	C Hallahan Em. Shepherd	R O'Neill G O'Neill	B Mignery Mason Mignery
Reader	T Gilligan P Medved	T Hodges G Matsko	J Guter T Lorang
Gifts	Polacek family	Thomas family	Kasayka family
Extra-ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist	B Medved E Becker K Frazier-Harris T Grau C Grau T Griffith T Hilgendorf P Hilgendorf A Klundt M Lacher M Ouellette Chuck Paul F Palacek J Shepherd D Stukey	P. Woelkers S Bahnmler D Barros J Gort K Hodges Caleb Mee C Nunez T O'Neill M O'Neill K O'Neill J Schwanke D Schwanke V Smith H Smith J Thomas	P. Woelkers G Boysun H Boysun S Donisthorpe V Donsithorpe Hannah Fehres S Fehres W Fehres K Jones M Matelich D Nicholson C Paul N Polk R Seilstad M Stimac

Care for Creation by Recycling

Thank you for being a steward of the Earth!



<u>Weekend</u>	<u>Newspaper</u>	<u>Cardboard</u>
4th (Sept 28-Oct. 4)	D. & P. Birkenbuel	C. Nowak
1st (Oct 5-11)	K of C 9395	Chris Jernigan
2nd (Oct 12-18)	K. Weinheimer	K. Sanders
3rd. (Oct. 19-25)	G. Kushnak	R. Shipley

School Paper: Greg Bonilla

Week starts on Friday

**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: *Mark 10:2-16 Divorce/St. Francis of Assisi?* ~ Kate and Royce Shipley. 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



Youth Ministry Parent Meeting: Sunday September 30, 2018 7-8pm in the main church. If you have a 7th - 12th Grade youth, please join us for a parent meeting to discuss this year's youth group.



Youth Group Registration: Registration packets are available in the book rack in the entrance of the church. Please fill them out and return them ASAP, you can also bring them with you the night of the Parent's Meeting. **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!

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 begins Sun. Oct. 7 & Wed. Oct. 10. Parent meeting Wednesday Oct. 3rd 6-7 in the main church (this meeting is for both Sun. & Wed. Parents). There will be tons of great info here, so please plan on attending!!



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 contact Kody at the parish or email him at: pianokody@holyspiritgf.org

Young Adult Ministry

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

Hops and Hope

Our young adult group is be gearing up for another great year. Watch this space for more information in the coming weeks.

Holy Spirit School

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

Holy Spirit Catholic School still has room for this school year! If you've wondered about a Private, Catholic school education for your child, you should check us out! Our students are noticeably prepared when they leave HSCS, with a well rounded education rooted in principles of faith, knowledge and service. We worship together at weekly Mass, take part in community service projects and offer a competitive sports program allowing opportunities to compete in basketball, cross-country, football, volleyball and track! With smaller class sizes, our teachers really get to know their students, and our families find a community here...with a supportive staff and fellow parents that share their family values! These days, it truly does take a village, and we invite you to come be part of it. For more information on the school, please visit our website holyspiritgfschool.org or to schedule a tour, please call us or email Colette Longin at clongin@holyspiritgf.org. Follow us on Facebook to stay up-to-date with us!

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

Ministry Highlight:

Bus Driver or Bus Assistant

What is it: The parish has a bus to pick up homebound members to attend Mass. We call the riders weekly and get the weekend drivers and assistants set up.

Volunteers needed to do what: Either assist or drive the bus on the designated route. Secure & fasten wheelchairs as needed. Then return the parishioners to their homes after Mass.

How often: Once a month or less. Frequency decreases when we have more drivers to rotate.

Time it takes: It takes about 1 1/2 hours before and 1 1/2 hours after Mass.

Skills Needed: Good driving record, training time, compassionate, patience.

Contact Mary Wingerter or Cindy at the office 452-6491



Fellowship Lunch

Families, children, and young at heart!

This Week! All are welcome!

Tuesday, Oct. 2 @ 12 noon—Free will offering



Fair Trade Tea, Coffee, and Chocolate Sales—in the Parish Hall NEXT weekend after all Masses



Stewardship

Thank you Chris and Louis Maillet for the beautiful kitchen towels. Your generosity is appreciated!
Thank you Arlene Johnson for the donation of toilet tissue.



Family Promise has a facebook page which includes updated information about what is going on at the HUB at 1019 Central and beyond. For example: upcoming events include Training for volunteers on September 30 at 1:00 pm and October 14 at 9:30 am; Crop Walk on Oct 7 at 1:00 pm; and Choir Extravaganza at 1st United Methodist Church at 610 2nd Ave N on Oct. 14 at 2:30-4:00 pm. For more details look on facebook, call Kathie Malby at 781-5033 or call the HUB at 866-0288.

“Jesus, the evangelizer par excellence and the Gospel in person, identifies especially with the little ones (MT 25:40). This reminds us Christians that we are called to care for the vulnerable of the earth.” (The Joy of the Gospel, Pope Francis, P. 161). Volunteering for many ministries and outreaches were made available on the Time and Talent form. It is a wonderful thing to be part of this parish where the willingness to serve is matched by the sharing of time to serve. Those of you who are new and signed up for Family Promise will receive a phone call from Kathie Malby to see where you want to help. 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

Aubrey 452-6491 ex. 207 aubrey@holyspiritgf.org

Liturgical Ministry Training Schedule

Please take a look at the schedule below and add the trainings for the ministries you signed up for to your calendar! You only need to attend one session for each ministry, same information just different times for your convenience.



Altar Servers/Cross Bearers:

October 20th 5:30-6:15pm
October 21st 9:30-10:15am
12:15-1:00pm
October 24th 5:30-6:15pm

Eucharistic Ministers:

October 27th 5:30-6:30pm
October 28th 9:30-10:30am
12:00-1:00pm
October 29th 7-8pm



Readers:

November 3rd 5:30-6:30pm
November 4th 12-1:00pm
November 5th 7:00-8:00pm

Knights of Columbus, Council # 9395

Save the Date! The Knights of Columbus Council # 9395 is having a fundraiser breakfast for Coats for Kids. This annual event provides coats for children who don't have a warm coat for winter. Please come to the breakfast October 14 in the parish hall to help the Knights fund this worthy event.

Milestones

Welcome to Kristabelle Kadda, daughter of Bertrand and Leanne, who was baptized this month. Also welcome to Gerard and Kokoh Kouassi, with their daughters Sakhyna and Michaela; Bertrand Kadda & Leanna Davis, with their daughter Kristabelle; and Brett Skunk Cap and Garrison Henderson, with daughters Cynthia and Davina, who recently joined our parish. Welcome!

Courtesy Announcements

Save the date! A beautiful evening of prayer with the *International & National Directors of the Marian Movement of Priests* Fr. Laurent Larroque of France and Fr. Charles Becker of Chicago Thursday October 11 at 6:00 pm. Mass Cenacle & Consecration to Immaculate Heart of Mary. Holy Spirit Parish

Please join the 2018 Public Square Rosary Crusade. Our nation is in great need of public prayer, repentance and conversion. We ask God to save America through the Rosary of His Most Holy Mother. Please join us in praying for our nation on 10/13/18 at 12:00 pm at Holy Family chapel. Please contact Barb Schlecht for more info., 406-750-0551



Child of God~ Com Christo Renewal Weekend October 12-14, 2018 at Sacred Heart Parish in Glendive. Check out the website bigskycum-christo.org or call Deb Grabow at 701-870-2632 for more information.

St. William's Fall Festival Sept 30, 10:00-2:00 at the Dutton Legion Hall. Come try our new brunch menu. Adults: (11 & up) \$8, Children (10 & under) \$5

Malmstrom AFB Chapel is seeking contract bids for a Catholic Parish Coordinator. For more information please contact Maj. Joseph Fisher at joseph.fiser.1@us.af.mil or at 406-731-3721. All questions need to be received no later than October 3, 2018. All proposals need to be submitted by October 5, 2018.

Marriage Encounter Weekend upcoming dates: Nov. 2-4 in U-Cross WY; Jan. 25-27, 2019 in Billings. Visit www.wwme.org for information.



Culture of Life Conference will be held Oct. 26 and 27 at St. Bernard Church in Billings. Please find more information and register at montanalife.org or call 406-318-0321.



Please join us at **Great Falls Central Catholic High School** on October 23 or November 6 for Discovery Day. We warmly welcome the Great Falls Central class of 2023 to sample all that Central has to offer to our future Mustangs! Breakfast and lunch are included.

You are invited to join Eric Vincent and a group of students from GFC-CHS on a trip to Costa Rica in June of 2019. Eric will have a parent meeting on Oct 2 at 6:00 pm at Great Falls Central. Please attend this meeting for more information.


Harvest Breakfast, October 14 at Corpus Christi. Free will offering.

40 Days For Life ~ Holy Spirit Parish is sponsoring Mon. Oct 1. For questions, please contact Melissa at 406-249-7949 or mommy-playsbest@gmail.com. To sign up for hours, please visit <https://40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/greatfalls/>

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

October 2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 5:15 p.m. Mass HS Senior lunch, noon, hall Pastoral Council, 7 pm, con. rm.	3 8:30 a.m. Mass HS Confessions, 5:30 pm Elem formation parent mtg, 6 pm church	4 8:30 a.m. Mass HS RCIA 7 p.m. Sts. P&P	5 8:30 a.m. Mass HF	6 2-4 pm Confession, 4:30 Mass Fair Trade Coffee Sales
7 8:30, 11 a.m. & 6 pm Masses Fair Trade Coffee Sales Elem Formation, 9:45 am, Sts P&P Bible timeline, 1 pm, Hall Youth Ministry, 7 pm, Sts P&P Adoration begins, 7:00 pm	8 PCCW, 1 pm, Con. rm.	9 5:15 p.m. Mass HS PCCW Card party, noon, hall Journey with Christ, 7 pm con rm.	10 8:30 a.m. Mass HS Confessions, 5:30 pm 230 pm Mass, Park Place Elem Formation, 6:15 pm, Sts P&P	11 8:30 a.m. Mass HS RCIA 7 p.m. Sts. P&P	12 8:30 a.m. Mass HF	13 2-4 pm Confession 4:30 Mass
14 8:30, 11 a.m. & 6 pm Masses Knights of Colum- bus breakfast! Parish Nurses, 9:45 am, conf rm Elem Formation, 9:45 am Sts. P&P Bible timeline, 1 pm, hall Youth Ministry, 7 pm, Sts P&P	15	16 5:15 p.m. Mass, HS Christian Service Comm., 6:30 pm Sts P&P Worship Comm, 7 pm, Con. rm.	17 8:30 am Mass HS 1:30 pm Mass, Highgate Confessions, 5:30 pm Elem Formation, 6:15 pm, Sts P&P KCs, 6:30 pm; 2810 Central	18 8:30 a.m. Mass HS Marian Move- ment of Priests, 6:00 pm RCIA 7 p.m. Sts. P&P	19 8:30 a.m. Mass HF	20 2-4 pm Confession 4:30 Mass
21 8:30, 11 a.m. & 6 pm Masses Elem. Form, 9:45 am, Sts. P&P Bible timeline, 1 pm, Hall Youth Ministry, 7 pm, Sts. P&P	22	23 5:15 p.m. Mass, HS Bereavement Sup- port Group, 7 pm, Sts P&P Journey with Christ, 7pm, con. rm.	24 8:30 am Mass, HS Confessions, 5:30 pm Elem Formation, 6:15 pm, Sts P&P	25 8:30 a.m. Mass HS RCIA 7 p.m. Sts. P&P	26 8:30 a.m. Mass HF	27 2-4 pm Confession 4:30 Mass Fellowship Dinner, 5:30 pm, hall
28 8:30, 11 a.m. & 6 pm Masses Elem. Form, 9:45 am, Sts P&P Bible timeline 1 pm, hall Youth Ministry, 7 pm, Sts P&P	29	30 5:15 p.m. Mass, HS	31 8:30 am Mass, HS Happy Halloween! 	1 All Saints' Day! 8:30 am Mass, HF 12:15 & 5:30 pm Mass HS RCIA 7 p.m. Sts. P&P		

HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC PARISH
August 31, 2018 MONTHLY FINANCIAL RECAP

OPERATING FUND

	August-18	FISCAL YEAR TO DATE ACTUAL	BUDGET TO DATE	BUDGET VARIANCE OVER (UNDER)
SUNDAY OFFERING - (ENVELOPES & CASH)	\$ 64,472	\$ 139,713	\$ 160,000	\$ (20,287)
SPECIAL DONATIONS-(WILLS, ESTATES, GIFTS, ETC.)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
PCCW CONTRIBUTIONS	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
* OTHER INCOME - (RELIG. ED., INTEREST, USER FEES, ETC.)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 367	\$ (367)
DIOCESE CURRENT OPERATING FUND ASSMT.-DONATION THRU C&S	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE	\$ 64,472	\$ 139,713	\$ 160,367	\$ (20,652)
OPERATING EXPENSES				
HOLY SPIRIT SCHOOL SUBSIDY (29% OF SUNDAY OFFERINGS)	\$ 23,042	\$ 46,084	\$ 46,083	\$ 1
CHURCH & CENTER (MAINT. UTILITIES, INSURANCE, TAXES)	\$ 9,084	\$ 19,253	\$ 18,024	\$ 1,231
BUSINESS OFFICE (SUPPLIES, POSTAGE, EQUIP. & MAINT.)	\$ 2,430	\$ 6,344	\$ 8,550	\$ (2,206)
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (BOOKS, SUPPLIES, TRAINING, RESOURCES)	\$ (304)	\$ 2,053	\$ 2,883	\$ (830)
WORSHIP (ALTAR SUPPLIES, TRAINING, MUSIC)	\$ 739	\$ 4,733	\$ 3,173	\$ 1,560
CHRISTIAN SERVICE (TRAINING & SUPPLIES)	\$ 432	\$ 856	\$ 983	\$ (127)
EMPLOYEE SALARIES & BENEFITS (INS. RETIREMENT, WORKERS COMP)	\$ 37,423	\$ 68,324	\$ 63,669	\$ 2,656
DIOCESAN CURRENT OPERATING FUND ASSESSMENT	\$ 3,819	\$ 7,673	\$ 10,267	\$ (2,591)
OTHER EXPENSES (HOSPITALITY, COUNCIL, PARISH VAN)	\$ 335	\$ 1,582	\$ 3,353	\$ (1,771)
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES (BEFORE DEBT SERVICE)	\$ 77,041	\$ 156,909	\$ 158,987	\$ (2,078)
NET INCREASE OR (DECREASE) IN OPERATING FUNDS	\$ (12,569)	\$ (17,195)	\$ 1,379	\$ (18,574)
BUILDING INCOME/ EXPENSES				
BUILDING PLEDGES & GIFTS	\$ 10,885	\$ 16,437		
* INTEREST INCOME	\$ -	\$ -		
INTEREST EXPENSE	\$ (5,850)	\$ (16,613)		
PRINCIPAL PAYMENT	\$ (6,231)	\$ (18,632)		
NET INCREASE OR (DECREASE) IN BUILDING FUNDS	\$ (1,196)	\$ (18,808)		
NET INCREASE OR (DECREASE) IN TOTAL FUNDS (BUILDING AND OPERATING)	\$ (13,765)	\$ (36,003)		

THE VISION	
PLEDGES	\$ 1,281,143
COLLECTED	\$ (1,090,970)
BALANCE	\$ 190,173

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

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October 2018

One Minute Meditations

St. John XXIII

Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli was born to a poor farming family in Bergamo, Italy. His ordination as a priest in 1904 began a lifetime serving the Church as: the bishop's secretary, a military chaplain, cardinal-patriarch of Venice, and finally, as pope. Even so, St. John never forgot his humble origins, and he was known for visiting the poor, the sick and prisoners. As pope, he is most remembered for opening the Second Vatican Council. He died in 1963.

A Catholic's Job

Every Catholic has three tasks. Know the Catholic faith. We can't share it if we don't know it. Live the Catholic faith. It comes with us wherever we are. Spread the Catholic faith. We can't keep Christ to ourselves.

"In the silence of the heart God speaks. If you face God in prayer and silence, God will speak to you. Souls of prayer are souls of great silence." St. Teresa of Calcutta



Three ways to walk Jesus' path

The magnificence of Heaven is simply beyond our comprehension. Our limited minds can't imagine how amazing it is. Jesus came to tell us about it and show us how to get there. He hoped we'd follow in his footsteps and do what he did.

Serve others with love. Jesus asked us to love one another as he did. Some of the ways he showed love were to treat strangers kindly, tend to the material needs of the needy, lend an attentive ear, help people make good and virtuous decisions that bring them closer to God. Try to show love in these ways daily.

Lighten your load. Not only did

Jesus have few material goods, he sent his disciples out to preach with almost nothing. He didn't want them - or us - to get distracted. Jesus knew that the more we have, the more we'd think about our stuff and the less we'd think about God.

Consider shedding what you don't need, and buying only items that replace what is worn out or broken. Give the money you save to charity.

Quiet down.

Jesus frequently went off to be alone with

God. Take some quiet time each day just to keep company with God. Even spending as few as 15 minutes a day with God in silence will bring you peace.



Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics give new names at Baptism?

Catholics often give their children new names at Baptism to celebrate the new spiritual life of the one being baptized. In the Bible, name changes were often associated with significant life-changes. For example, Simon's name was changed

to "Peter" when Jesus singled him out to be the first pope (Matthew 16:18). Often a saint's name will be chosen at Baptism, as a way of placing the baptized person under the patronage of the saint as their intercessor and model in holiness.



Who is the real Catholic Church?

The Catholic Church is not just a building or a group of people. Rather, the real Church is a family begun by Jesus, extending all over the world, stretching through time and space.

In Heaven live those members who completed their earthly lives as God intended.

Members in Purgatory did their best to follow Jesus but died without having made adequate penance for their venial sins. Our prayers will help them get to Heaven.

And those of us who are members on Earth are



still living within the family, trying to make the journey to Heaven.

All three groups make up the Church and we are all connected forever. So not only can we ask our friends on Earth to pray for us, we can appeal for prayers to those who are face-to-face with God.

The Church began with Christ but is populated by humans who don't always choose well. Still, we are all called to live fully in Christ's image. Those of us on Earth just have to keep trying.

from Scripture

Mark 10:46-52, a blind man leads

Bartimaeus was a blind beggar who saw Jesus clearly. When he heard that Jesus was near he cried out.

"Son of David," a title reserved for the Messiah. Although people tried to shush him, Bartimaeus persisted until Jesus noticed him and called him over. Immediately, Bartimaeus threw off his cloak and ran to Jesus' side.

Even the little he had was discarded to get to Jesus.

Bartimaeus stood before Jesus humbly, but he was confident that Jesus had the power to do whatever he asked. The only person in Mark's Gospel to call



Jesus, "Master," Bartimaeus asked Jesus for his sight. When his prayer was answered, Bartimaeus followed Jesus as his disciple.

It is this profound trust that Jesus wants to elicit from the crowd – and from us. The difficulties of being

Christian in a secular world can blind us to the joys of following Jesus. Try to approach Jesus with excitement and humble confidence. When we trust him as Bartimaeus did, we become true disciples who can tackle the difficult task of leading others down the road to God.

Q & A How can I get more out of Scripture?

In the crush of daily life, Scripture reading may get overlooked. Yet, spending daily time with God's Word is the surest way to hear his voice. Try these tips:



Get a Catholic Bible. There are more books in Catholic versions. You don't want to miss important doctrine they contain. Catholic Bibles will have the words "Imprimatur" and/or "Nihil obstat," meaning that the margin notes are in keeping with Church teaching.

Start deliberately. Pick a book, one of the Gospels, perhaps, and read it each day section by section or chapter by chapter. Give it your full attention while reading. Read the footnotes, and write down any connections it inspires to your life.

Memorize a verse. Did a line or verse strike you? Write it down and learn it by heart. The more you know of God's Word, the more you know of God.

Look for a take-away. Ask God what he wants you to know from your time with his Word. Then be sure to listen with an open heart.

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Feasts & Celebrations

Oct. 2 – Feast of the Guardian Angels. All of us have a guardian angel, in charge of protecting us and watching over us day and night. Each angel is unique, and no two are alike. On this feast day, remember to thank the Guardian Angels for the work they do to bring us to Heaven.

Oct. 7 – Our Lady of the Rosary (1571). Pope Pius V created this feast in thanksgiving to Our Lady of Victory who helped the Christians defeat the Ottoman Turks. Since it was believed that they won after praying the Rosary,

the feast was renamed Our Lady of the Rosary by Pope Gregory XIII.

Oct. 9 – St. Denis (250). Originally born in third-century Italy, St. Denis was sent with two companions, Rusticus and Eleutherius, to Christianize Gaul (modern day France). St. Denis became the first bishop of Paris. The three men were martyred by the pagan authorities for their success in converting souls to Christ. He is a patron saint of France.

