



Holy Spirit

Catholic Parish and School

December 30, 2018

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

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Parish Staff

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Dcn. Pete Woelkers	Deacon	Nick Wingerter	RCIA, Adult Formation
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Mary Moore-Wingerter	Administrative Asst.	Chuck Osterman	Maintenance

"For when the Lord forgave all sins, he made an exception of none." ~ St. Ambrose



Tax Reminder - Year End Charitable Giving

Charitable contributions are deductible (for those who itemize) in the year the gift is made. For your charitable gifts to be credited in 2018, please note the following:

- Donations received by mail after Jan. 1, 2019 must be inside a postmarked envelope dated no later than Dec. 31, 2018.
- Contributions given online at holyspiritgf.org or for our endowments at catholicfoundationmt.org/donation are deductible in 2018 as long as you make the gift online before midnight on Dec. 31.
- Gifts of stocks or other securities for our parish or parish endowment must be received by the Catholic Foundation of Eastern Montana no later than Dec. 21. To make a gift of securities for our parish contact info@catholicfoundationmt.org.
- Certain donations for our parish can qualify you for the 40% Montana Endowment Tax Credit. More information? Call 406-315-1765.
- Questions? Call the Catholic Foundation of Eastern Montana at 406-315-1765.

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, December 30th, 2018

Holy Spirit Parish Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday – 4:30 p.m.

Sunday – 8:30, 11:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.

Daily Mass Schedule

Holy Spirit Day Chapel:

Mondays 8:30 a.m., 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. 12/31 - 8:30 am - Steve Graham (sp int) r/b Secords

Tue., 1/1- 10:00 am.- Members of Lady of Snows Circle

Wed., 1/2- 8:30 am - +John Verploegen r/b A Verploegen

Thu., 1/3- 8:30 am - Sara Brown (sp int) r/b Martins

Fri., 1/4- 8:30 am, HF -

Sat., 1/5- 4:30 p.m.- Parishioners

Sun., 1/6- 8:30 am.- +Bob Schulte r/b A Verploegen

11:00 a.m. - +Joe Cox r/b T & M Cox

- 6:00 p.m.- Special Intention r/b Balyeats

Readings for next week: The Epiphany of the Lord

1st Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

2nd Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Gospel: Matthew 2 1-12

Coffee & Rolls Schedule

Dec. 30: 8:30 ~ Hannula gang; 11:00~Rasmussen gang

Jan 6: 8:30: Warren family; 11:00 Help needed!!

Bus Schedule:



Jan 5: Martin Triplett and Dave Stukey

Jan 6: Roger and Kathleen Seilstad

What's Happening This Week...

Monday: Office closes at NOON

Tuesday: Mary, the Holy Mother of God Mass- 10:00 am

Adoration ends at 10:00 am

Office Closed

Wednesday: Office Closed

Thursday: RCIA - 7 pm

Saturday: Fair Trade Coffee Sales

Sunday: Fair Trade Coffee Sales

Adoration - 7 pm

*As a **Stewardship Parish** we are grateful to have parishioners give generously from their heart. This allows us to have **no fee** with **all 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.*

Liturgical Ministers for January 5, 6

4:30 PM	8:30 AM	11:00 AM	6:00 PM
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Bread Baker		Holy Wash	
	M Frazier-Harris	T Dimke	
Sacristan			
S Mayernik	G Matsko	K Krattiger	
Greeters			
T & P Hilgendorf, J Edgar, D Dickman	H Stubbs, Collins family	Nicholson family	
Ushers			
M Thompson T Tomich	P Bahnmler K McGuire	Francis's, C Christiaens	
Cross			
R Frazier-Harris	T Donnelly	N Stimac	E Martin
Altar Servers			
D Schuler L Fitzpatrick	N McKelvey G Nunez ★	J Stimac A Kasayka	P Devlin
Readers			
K Bernhardt T Grau	J Wingerter P Kolar	T Lorang J Thornburg	M Leach
Gifts			
Frazier- Harris family	Erickson family	S Dalen, Donisthorpes	Baker family
Ministers of the Eucharist			
B Medved K Frazier-Harris C Grau A Klundt A Trunkle H Fehres K Weinheimer T Hopkins M Frenick P Tremper G Tremper T Rigor F Handwerk J Fitzpatrick C Paul	P Woelkers C McKelvey M Wingerter L Fitterer S Bahnmler K Lakner R Kohut T Drake C Neu T Neu J Schulte M Schulte A Ambuehl N Ambuehl S O'Rourke	P. Woelkers Z Stimac M Stimac C Paul T Paul A Bulger V Williamson B Williamson C Huber R Seilstad P Byrne J Byrne H Houghton D Nicholson N Polk	T Martin C Rearden D Rearden W Baker

Care for our Common Home!

Thank you for being a steward of the Earth!



Weekend	Newspaper	Cardboard
3rd (Dec. 21—27)	G. Kushnak	R. Shipley
4th (Dec. 28 - Jan 3)	D & P Birkenbuel	C. Nowak
1st (Jan. 4-10)	K of C 9395	C. Jernigan
2nd (Jan 11-17)	K. Weinheimer	S. Lind

School Paper: Greg Bonilla

School Cardboard: K of C (1st & 5th weeks)

Week starts on Friday

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

For all who seek to become Christian believers

Call Nick 868-4770 or come Thurs. at 7 pm in the RCIA room (Sts. Peter and Paul Center) all year round. 12/27: Jay Stenzel, The Holy Family and the child Jesus

WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT CATHOLICISM?

Come support the RCIA program and grow your faith as well. Open to all parishioners at 7 pm Thursdays meet every week in the RCIA room for prayer and discussion with others who are also curious about our faith.

RICIA Adapted for Children: Thank you to Lori Durocher for volunteering as catechist for this group! Watch this space for more information. For children age 7 or older who are not baptized, or baptized in another faith tradition. Call Nick at 868-4770.

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 GROUP is on Christmas Break until Sunday January 6th. 6 o'clock Mass will continue through the break on Sunday evenings. Christmas Blessings to all of our families.



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 classes will resume January 6th and 9th with an Epiphany Party!!! Be on the look out for our Spring Calendar!

Young Adult Ministry

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

INSPIRE!

Come join us on January 11th for Holy Spirit paint night. Explore the symbols of the Holy Spirit with prayers, scriptures, catechism, and of course, painting! \$20 offering, meat and cheese will be provided. Call Nick at 868-4770 for more information~

Holy Spirit School

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

Mid-year registration is happening now at HSCS! If you're thinking about a change for your child, now is the time! Our smaller classes mean teachers can accommodate all learning levels and give special attention where needed, while supporting the spiritual growth of their students...and fostering and encouraging the same principles your family values at home. We're known for our tradition of Excellence in Education in Great Falls...come visit and find out why! Call 761-5775 to schedule a tour today. Open houses are scheduled for January 29, 2019!

Mark your calendars now for "The BALL...Building A Lasting Legacy" our all new event for Great Falls Catholic Schools! We're joining together for our annual dinner auction events, and look forward to this being a wonderful time to come together as a Catholic community! The BALL will take place on January 26th, 2019 at the Mansfield Convention Center. Look for your invites in the mail soon! If you are interested in Sponsorships, please call Colette in the Development Office!

Our music department is in need of a piano! If you have one you would like to donate, please call the school.

Christian Service

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Christian Service Commission Mission:

*Share God's love through action, education,
and community building.*

Goals:

1. To encourage parishioners to strive for peace, justice, and equality
2. To provide opportunities for parishioners to share their God-given gifts with individuals coping with difficult situations.
3. To educate parishioners about Catholic Social Justice
4. To build community partnerships to better serve others and promote the Kingdom of God.



Fellowship Lunch

Families, children, and young at heart! All are welcome! **Tuesday, January 8 @ 12 noon.** Free will offering.

Mark your Calendar!



You are Invited: to Baby "It's Cold Out!" Shower: **Sunday, January 13 from 2-4 pm**, in the parish hall to support Echoz Pregnancy Care Center, hosted by the Parish Nurses and PCCW.

All are welcome: Tuesday, January 22 at 4 pm in the Parish Conference Room *and* 7 pm in the RCIA room at Sts. Peter & Paul. There will be a presentation by Jim Capp. He



is a retired assistant manager of Social Security. Jim will help us navigate the financial challenges involved in the death of loved ones beginning with Social Security.



Stewardship

The family who spent a week with us in November graduated from the program and are working and have a home in which to live and raise their family. In February we will host new Family Promise guests. Please pray for all the families involved with Family Promise. This wonderful program truly enriches the lives of everyone involved whether guests or volunteers. THANK YOU all volunteers! THANK YOU Holy Spirit Parish for all you give to this program and so many others!



Thank you PCCW for the generous donation for repairs at the Monsignor House. We will carefully consider which repairs are immediate. Your kindness is deeply appreciated.

"...he shall be peace." -Micah. The eyes of Advent focus on Christmas. As we come to the closed of this quiet season of reflection, in preparation for the Prince of Peace, we hear the Scriptural messages reminding us of the poor, lowly, humble, and vulnerable. The upside down theology of our Christ is an awareness that our hearts must be simple to receive HIM. O come, o come Emmanuel.

Please watch the bulletin for the days and times we unlock the House for people to come and tour, talk about social justice, or visit about all things life. For any information about Family Promise in our parish please stop by the Monsignor House when it is open or call Kathie Malby and leave a message at 781-5033. She will return your call as soon as she can.

Worship

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

Ministry Update: Please watch your mail for an informational letter and a post card to update your ministry scheduling preferences. If you filled out a Time & Talent form this fall you do not need to return the postcard unless your information has changed.

Music

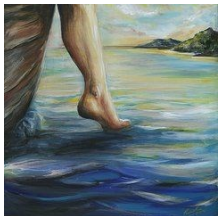
Kody 452-6491 ex. 206 pianokody@holyspiritgf.org



Choir practice: No choir practice Wednesday due to the holiday. Have a blessed Christmas!!

We have started new mass parts!! Mass parts can now be found in the white pamphlet in the pews! You can also LISTEN to the Mass parts on our website!

Men's Day of Prayer



Step out of the Boat

Mens' Day of Prayer, 2019

January 12th 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

At the parish hall. Lunch will be served.

Milestones

Congratulations to **Stevie Sue Graham**, daughter of Beau and Stephanie Graham, who was baptized this weekend. Welcome!

Condolences to the families and friends of Glen Caniparoli, Vonnies Atkins and Dick Bennett who passed away recently.

Courtesy Announcements

The Great Falls Catholic schools are hosting their big fundraiser the BALL (Building A Lasting Legacy) on Saturday January 26, 2019 at the Civic Center. They are in need of silent auction items due on January 15th. Please call Wendy Newman, 788-8837 or Bekah Atkinson at 799-0036. Thank you!

The St. Martin de Porres Emily Center would like to thank everyone who attended our Indian Taco Feed and Silent Auction. It was a great success and from the proceeds we are able to help the homeless and needy to receive free goods. We provide clothing, bedding, and household goods. We are a non-profit organization that is run on donations. We would like to thank those who supply us with those donations and ask that you continue to do so. We are located at 1920 10th Ave S, and the phone number 406-771-6695. We are open Tuesday-Thursday from 9-noon and 1-3. We ask that you bring your donations to the back in the alley.

Your year-end support of our Holy Spirit Parish Endowments is very appreciated! Every donation given to one of our endowments increases the distribution our parish receives *this year, next year and forever* in support of our parish and our ministries! No gift is ever too small. Giving to our parish *Greatest Needs Endowment* or our *Building Endowment* is simple - through the offertory, through the mail, or online at www.catholicfoundationmt.org. To learn more, or to make a gift to one of our Holy Spirit Parish or School endowments that qualifies for the 40% Montana Endowment Tax Credit, please contact Judy Held at 406-315-1765 or email her at judy@catholicfoundationmt.org.

Marriage Encounter Weekend: As we celebrate the birth of our Lord let us also remember the beautiful gift of the sacrament of marriage that He gave to us. Your love is meant to mirror the love that Christ has for his Church to the world. Attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend and learn how to let that love shine brightly! Upcoming dates are: Billings MT Jan 25-27, 2019 and Thermopolis, WY Feb 22-24, 2019. For more information and to apply visit www.wme.org or Paul & Tracy 307-689-2820.



The Great Falls Central High School Speech and Debate Team is in need of judges for a speech and debate tournament at Central on January 5, 2019. If you can help, please call Coach Jason Holden at 406-231-6680 or email him at mustangspeechanddebate2020@gmail.com.

Are you searching?

Do you know someone who is searching?

Catholics Come Home website may be helpful.

Very attractive multimedia site with solid Catholic teaching, and up-to-date situations and understanding. There are three doors to open for information:

- **I'm not Catholic:** I'm Protestant, Evangelical or another faith / I'm not really religious
- **I'm not currently attending Mass:** Tell me more about "coming home" / How will it help me? / Tell US how CCH helped you or someone you know.
- **I'm blessed to be Catholic:** Help family or friends "come home"/Support our evangelical mission/Air evangomercials® in your diocese Explore www.CatholicsComeHome.org

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

Paint the Holy Spirit

Enjoy a night of painting and reflection on the Third Person of the Holy Trinity.



Create an image for yourself: How has the Holy Spirit interacted with creation from scripture and through the Church?



Engage with your parish family in a different and deeper way.



Friday January 11, 7-10:30PM

Holy Spirit Social Hall

**30 seats available at \$20 each or \$30 for a couple
(to cover cost for supplies)**

Please RSVP by January 7th

**To reserve a seat email, call or text Nick at
nickw@holyspiritgf.org or 406-868-4770**

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

January 2019

One Minute Meditations

St. Francis de Sales

Born to a wealthy family in Savoy, near Switzerland, St. Francis became the Bishop of Geneva and worked to revive Catholicism in Chablais, Switzerland. Controversial for his day, he taught that a Christian's whatever station in life could grow in holiness. He was known for his simple but profound, serious, and kindly spiritual wisdom. His famous work, *Introduction to the Devout Life* is still as popular today as it was when he wrote it.

God stays the same

Although the world changes constantly, God stays the same. He can be trusted to provide love, support, and strength when we need it. All we have to do is ask him. *"For I the Lord do not change, therefore you, O sons of Jacob, are not consumed"* (Malachi 3:6).

Pass it on

"Evangelization means to set out with Christ in order to pass on the gift we have received." (Pope Benedict XVI).



God watches good efforts with loving eyes

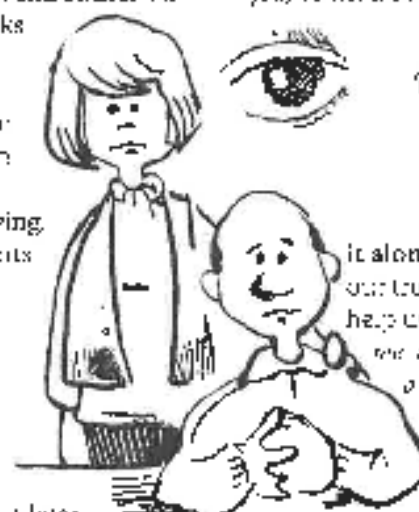
We start the New Year with the best of intentions, but life can get in the way of success. Household expenses leave little for charity, work encroaches on family time, daily tasks distract from prayer time, and healthy habits fall away. . . can be discouraging when we stumble, but it's important to keep trying. God watches our efforts with loving eyes.

God knows our limits. Our Father understands that we are weak and that we struggle. Even Peter, Jesus' close friend, promised devotion to, later denied knowing him (John 13: 37-38). Not only did Jesus forgive him, he made Peter the first head of his

beloved Church.

Don't let fear of failure keep you from trying again. *"Fear not, I am with you; be not dismayed; I am your God. I will strengthen you, and help you"* (Isaiah 41:10). The key is to get back to the plan.

We aren't meant to do it alone. Jesus is the source of our true strength and wants to help us get it right. *"Remain in me as I remain in you, just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains in the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me"* (John 15:4). *"Finally, draw your strength from the Lord and from his mighty power"* (Ephesians 6:10).



Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics call Mary the Mother of God?

When we refer to Mary as *"Mother of God,"* we are saying that Jesus is God. The Church has always taught that Jesus is both God and sinless man. As the Word of God, he always



existed. He took on flesh and became man in his way through Mary (John 1:14). Mary is truly his mother; she gave birth to him and raised him. Since Jesus is God, Mary, his mother, is the Mother of God. (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2665).

Forgiveness makes good sense

"My best friend hurt me terribly, hasn't apologized and doesn't act sorry. I refuse to forgive her."
"When my parents died, my uncle took more than his share of their estate. I'll never speak to him again."

Refusing to forgive merely prolongs the hurt feelings and traps us in the past. It forces us to dwell on bad feelings and keep them alive. That feels awful. Forgiving is something we do for ourselves.

But when we forgive, the energy that

sustained the anger and hurt is now available for better purposes. That feels better.

Need another reason? Jesus taught us that to receive forgiveness of our own sins we must forgive those who have hurt us. If we can't or won't, how can we obtain it for ourselves?

Instead, pray for those who hurt you and ask God to bless them. Not only will you find the pain starts to lessen, you'll be saying one of God's favorite kinds of prayers. It's exactly how Jesus prayed while on the Cross.



from Scripture

Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21; Jesus teaches in the synagogue

In this passage, Jesus returned home to Nazareth to teach in the synagogue. He read the prophecy of Isaiah about the advent of the Messiah, who would come to "bring glad tidings to the poor." Then he said, "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." He confirmed that he was the long-awaited Messiah.

His hearers must have been shocked. They expected the Messiah to be a worldly king from an important city, not a carpenter-turned-preacher from a small town like Nazareth. They expected this

Messiah king to defeat the oppressive Romans and make Israel a powerful nation. Instead, Jesus conquered the powerful enemies of sin and death by his Death and Resurrection.

Throughout the Bible, God chose unlikely heroes to carry out his plan: think of Abraham, Moses, David, St. Peter, St. Paul, and many others. Jesus, the Son of God, came to earth as a newborn infant and lived in humility, poverty, and sorrow. The Good News is that God's love is stronger than sin and death. If he rose to glory, those who follow him will, too.



Q & A

What is a "holy hour?"

A "holy hour" is a devotion during which one sets aside an hour for prayer and meditation before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Try these ideas to make a holy hour.

Find a tabernacle with a lit sanctuary lamp. The lamp signifies the presence of Christ. Silence yourself both interiorly and exteriorly. Clear your mind of daily stresses or outside distractions.

Start the conversation. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you, then make acts of faith, hope and charity. Tell God how you believe, trust and love him. Ask for more faith, hope and love.

Adore God. Rather than recite prayers, focus on adoration. God is all-powerful, all-good, more beautiful than we can imagine, and more real than the distractions on which we focus.

Imagine Christ sitting with you. It's not your love for God, but his for you that saves. God delights in the company of his children (Proverbs 8:22). If you can't pray, then just be with him. That itself is a prayer pleasing to God.



Feasts & Celebrations

Jan. 2 – St. Gregory Nazianzen (330-390). Born in Cappadocia, Turkey, St. Gregory was awarded the title of "The Theologian" for his faithfulness and eloquence. Preferring the quiet life of a monk, he was unwillingly made a bishop of Sasima by his friend, St. Basil the Great. With St. Basil and St. Gregory of Nyssa, St. Gregory helped clarify the Church's teachings about the Holy Trinity.

Jan. 3 – Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus. We honor Jesus' name, which means, "God saves," and refers to his

mission as Savior (Matthew 1:21). Jesus is "the name above all names," at which "every knee should bend ..." (Philippians 2:10).

Jan. 5 – St. John Neumann (1801-1860). The first American bishop to be canonized was born in the present-day Czech Republic in 1801. St. John traveled to New York as a missionary before becoming bishop of Philadelphia. He built up the Catholic school system and established diocesan schools. He also built more than 80 churches, several hospitals and orphanages.



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