



# Holy Spirit

*Catholic Parish and School*

*June 30th, 2019*

*13th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

## **Worship Centers:**

### **Holy Spirit Catholic Church**

201 44th St S; Great Falls, MT 59405

### **Holy Family Chapel**

2800 Central; Great Falls, MT 59401

### **Parish Office:**

Mon-Thur: 8:30-4, Fri: 8:30-noon

201 44th St S; Ph. 452-6491, Fax 452-6495

Email: [hsparish@holyspiritgf.org](mailto:hsparish@holyspiritgf.org)

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### **Holy Spirit Catholic School**

2820 Central Ave, Great Falls, MT 59401

761-5775; Principal: Jim Wichman

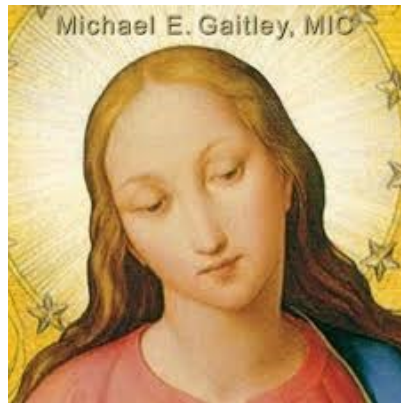
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**Check out FORMED.org.**

**Parish code: PGMYJZ**

*“Those who are called to the table of the Lord must glow with the brightness that comes from the good example of a praiseworthy and blameless life. Their upright lives must make them like the salt of the earth for themselves and for the rest of humankind.” ~ St. John of Capistrano*



## **Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary**

By means of Marian consecration, we give ourselves to Jesus through Mary. Originally written by St. Louis de Montfort, it has been updated by Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC, in the book *33 Days to Morning Glory*. Why is the phrase Morning Glory in the title? “Because the act of consecrating oneself to Jesus through Mary marks the beginning of a gloriously new day,” says Fr. Michael, “a new dawn, a brand new morning in one’s spiritual journey. It’s a fresh start, and it changes everything.”

The consecration will be done individually, with an **optional** weekly gathering for discussion. Books will be provided. We will begin **July 13th** and end on **August 15th**, the feast of the Assumption. Even if you have already done a consecration to Mary, you are welcomed to join again. It is a spiritual journey to help us grow in holiness and increase our faith, hope and love. Please join us.

There is a table in the back of the church with more information. If you plan on joining us and would like a book, we need you to sign up as indicated. A Kindle version of this book is also available through Amazon. Please sign up even if you already have the book!

## **Mass Schedule:**

### **Weekend Masses:**

Saturday 4:30pm

Sunday 8:30 & 11am

### **Week day Masses:**

Monday 8:30 am; Holy Spirit

Tuesday 5:15 pm; Holy Spirit

Wednesday 8:30 am; Holy Spirit

\*2nd Wed. Park Place, 2:30 pm

\*3rd Wed. Highgate, 1:30 pm

Thursday 8:30 am; Holy Spirit

Friday 8:30 am; Holy Family Chapel

Saturday 8:00 am; Poor Clares

## **Reconciliation:**

Saturdays 2-4 pm; Wednesdays 5:30-6:30 pm



## **Adoration:**

Sunday 7 pm -- Tuesday 5 pm

## **Parish Staff:**

Fr. Doug Krings

Pastor

Dcn Bill Medved

Deacon

Dcn Pete Woelkers

Deacon

Mark Meyer

Parish Administrator

Aubrey Rearden

DRE, Worship,

Youth Minister

Cindy Eultgen

Christian Service

Nick Wingerter

Adult Formation,

RCIA

Kody Diekhans

Music,

Elem. Formation

Chuck Osterman

Maintenance

Mary Moore-Wingerter Administrative Asst.

***There will be NO Adoration this weekend June 30-July 2nd, or next weekend July 7-9.***

Weekly Happenings~

Mass Intentions:

Mass	Intention	Requested by
Mon 7/1-8:30 am	No Mass	
Tue 7/2-5:15 pm	+Dick Grieb	Maronicks
Wed 7/3 - 8:30 am	Laura Annula (sp int)	G Sokoloski
Thu 7/4 - 8:30 am	Pat Laux (sp int)	Kitchen crew
Fri 7/5 8:30 am HF	Houghton family (sp int)	H Houghton
Sat 7/6 - 4:30 pm	Don McCandless (sp int)	K Goulet
Sun 7/7 8:30 am	+Katherine Chovanak	R Chovanak
11:00 am	+Paul Verploegen	A Verploegen

Readings for next week~ 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
1st Reading: Isaiah 66:10-14c  
2nd Reading: Galatians 6:14-18  
Gospel: Luke 10:1-12, 17-20

Coffee & Rolls Schedule~

June 30: 8:30 ~ Clark/Hannula; 11:00 ~ Flick gang  
July 7: NO COFFEE & ROLLS

Bus Schedule~

July 6: Cecilia Fuhrman and Therese Griffith  
July 7: Don and Elaine Miller

Calendar of events~

Tuesday:	Fellowship Lunch - noon	Hall
Thursday:	RCIA - 7 pm	Sts. P&P
Saturday:	Fair Trade coffee and tea sales	hall
Sunday:	Fair Trade coffee and tea sales	hall

Reminder!

The Following the Vision Capital Campaign has ended. There are no Vision yellow envelopes in the newest envelope packets. All donations marked “Vision” will be put into the Building Fund. You will still receive credit on your pledge for any donation marked VISION. Thank you to all who made the Vision Campaign successful.

Wit and Wisdom

“Life is thickly sown with thorns, and I know no other remedy than to pass quickly through them. The longer we dwell on our misfortunes, the greater their power to harm us.”  
- Voltaire

Liturgical Ministers for July 6, 7

4:30 PM	8:30 AM	11:00 AM
★ Sub requested ~ log in to Web Terminal and accept the sub		
Bread Baker		Holy Wash
	E Becker J Jones	T Dimke
Sacristan		
S Mayernik	G Matsko	K Krattiger
Greeters		
Kasuske family	H & P Stubbs, J & J Christiaens, G Drake	Stimac family
Ushers		
A Klundt J Tamowski	M Nickol S Barros	N St. Claire
Cross Bearer		
R Moog	G O'Neill	N Stimac
Altar Servers		
L Moog R Frazier-Harris	G O'Neill R O'Neill	C Kasayka A Kasayka
Readers		
R McDunn M Kostelnik	P Kolar R McNamee	M Leaf S Dalen
Gift Presenters		
Polacek family	Nickol family	M & L Francis, S Dalen
Ministers of the Eucharist		
D Stukey R Olmstead C Grau T Grau M Kasuske T Hopkins M Frenick H Fehres B Thelen B Polacek M Lacher M Miner A Trunkle K Reed E Becker	P Woelkers D Wilkins M Nickol T O'Neill M O'Neill K O'Neill D Barros L O'Neill C Kommers C Neu T Neu J Fauque J Fauque H Fauque K McGuire	P. Woelkers D Miller M Francis G Boysun H Boysun V Williamson V Flick H Fehres W Fehres S Fehres C Christiaens R Ryan E Miller S Harrington L Francis

Care for our Common Home!  
Thank you for being a steward of the Earth!



Our goal is to help you recycle; we do not make a profit on these materials. If you are able to take the materials to the community recycling (Steel Etc. or Pacific Steel & Recycling), it saves us a step. Be a part of the conversation & solution Call Cindy!

Weekend	Newspaper	Cardboard
4th (June 28-July 4)	D & P Birkenbuel	C. Nowak
1st (July 5-11)	K of C 9395	C. Jernigan
2nd (July 12-18)	K. Weinheimer	OPEN
3rd (July 19-25)	OPEN	R. Shipley

School Paper: Greg Bonilla



**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. 7/4: NO RCIA

**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.

**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**



**Pizza Party**

Join us Wednesday July 10 @ 7pm at Howard's Pizza. Just an opportunity to catch up and enjoy some delicious pizza. Open to all high school youth. RSVP by texting "PizzaYes" & your name to Aubrey 868-6713.

**Chat**

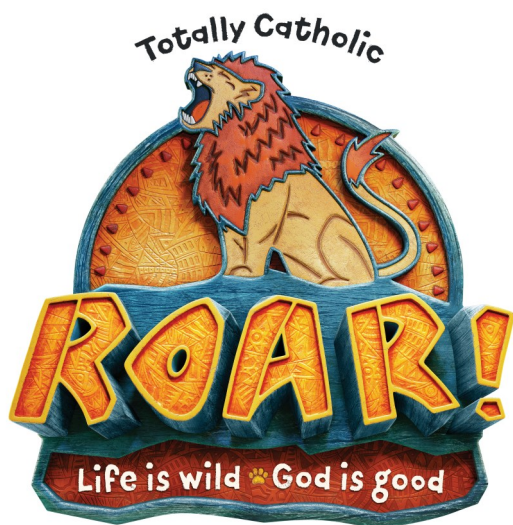
**Vacation Bible School**

Kody Diekhans 452-6491 ext. 206 pianokody@holyspiritgf.org

**A HUGE THANK YOU!!**

A huge thank you to everyone who donated and volunteered for VBS, especially Carol-ee Christensen and her sister Chris. They are a huge blessing to us all!! Again, thank you all SO MUCH!!

- Kody Diekhans



**Holy Spirit School**

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

We are still registering for the 2019-2020 school year! We invite you to come see for yourself why we're known for our tradition of excellence in education. 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. Questions? Please call Colette Longin, 761-5775, or email clongin@holyspiritgf.org.

Did you benefit from the gifts of a Catholic education? Consider making HSCS the beneficiary of a charitable donation today, and help continue the gift for another generation of students! You can even donate online at our website: www.holyspiritgfschool.org.

**Christian Service**

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

**All are Welcome!**

**Fellowship Mark your calendar:**

July 2 @ Noon—Soup, bread,  
& dessert lunch



July 13 @ 5:30—Borries pasta dinner, slaw, and your desserts! Please see our needs on the board on your way in or out of church and sign up to help!

**Free Will Offering at both events!**

**We Participate in Catholic Social Justice:**

1. Life and dignity of each human person,
2. Call to community,
3. Option for the poor and vulnerable

**After all Masses next weekend:**

Fair Trade Coffee, Tea, and Chocolate sales

**Volunteers:** 4:30 pm Lorraine Jenkins and Marilyn Miner,  
8:30 am Dawn Clutter-Collins Family



**We are nearing the end of our collections!**

**Diapers for St. Vincent de Paul** can be placed at the front entrance of church

**Baby Bottles for Echoz Pregnancy Care Center** can be put in the basket at the holy water font or the collection.

**Thank you for your generosity!**

There are lots of ways to be involved in the parish and greater community. Call Cindy for more information about any of these areas: Recycling, Transport people to Mass, Help with fellowship meals, Child abuse prevention, Visit the homebound...and more! 452-6491



## Stewardship



“Yet the truth is that every period in the history of spirituality has been in response to a great, growing gap between life as it is and life as God wants it to be for us. In each new age, disciples emerged to meet “the signs of the times.” -Joan Chittister. The Time is Now. As we enter into the Ordinary Time of 2019 the Church calls us to reflect on our ministries that Jesus places in our lives. Each week we will hear what it means to be His student, His followers of the Way. At Mass we prayerfully consider the direction in which He moves each one of us. Ask and seek Jesus. He will clarify the call that is uniquely yours.

If you would like to take a tour of the Monsignor House at 2810 Central, or want to learn more about Family Promise Holy Spirit, give Kathie Malby a call at 781-5033 and leave a message. She will return your call as soon as she can.

## Worship

**Aubrey Rearden –Worship Coordinator**  
452-6491 ex. 207 [aubrey@holyspiritgf.org](mailto:aubrey@holyspiritgf.org)  
**Mary Wingerter—Ministry Scheduler**  
452-6491 [mwingerter@holyspiritgf.org](mailto:mwingerter@holyspiritgf.org)

**The Ministry schedule for July 1-Sept 30** is complete. Please check your email for the updated schedule and for your upcoming ministry dates. All ministers who don’t have email will receive the schedule in the mail. PLEASE request a Sub if you are unavailable on any dates for which you are scheduled. It helps the sacristans and other ministers greatly. Thank you for all you do for our parish!

## Parish Council of Catholic Women

All Parish Council of Catholic Women are invited to our no-host luncheon on Monday, July 8th at noon. We will gather at McKenzie River Pizza. Join us for prayer, lunch and fun.

## Courtesy Announcements

A two day workshop on Inner-Healing and Deliverance will be offered on July 8th and 9th, beginning at 9:00 am both days, in Great Falls at the Poor Clares Monastery, 3020 18th Ave S. It will be introduced by Bishop Michael Warfel along with Fr. Doug Krings and the St. Benedict Prayer Team. Special presenters will be Missionary Nick Villaaobos who will offer a workshop on Inner-healing and Moira Noona, OSB who will offer a workshop on Discernment. Jack and Jan Reagor will offer a workshop on house blessings. To register go to [www.aliveinjesusministry.com](http://www.aliveinjesusministry.com). Cost of the workshop is \$90 and does not include housing or meals. Please see the flyer on the bulletin board by the parish office.

**SAVE THE DATES for these Cum Christo events:**

1. Renew Retreat: 20-22 Sept, 2019 (4th day men & women)
2. Men’s Cum Christo Weekend 9-12 Jan 2020
3. Women’s Cum Christo Weekend 16-19 Jan 2020

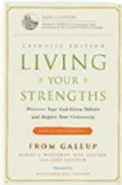
All three events will be held at the St. Ann’s Heisey Center.

**Cum Christo Annual Picnic**  
9 July 2019 at 6:00 pm in Black Eagle Park. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

Everyone is welcome to celebrate Fr. Garrett Nelson’s 5th year Ordination anniversary on Monday July 1st at 6 pm at the Knights of Columbus Hall. KOC Council 1493 will host a lite dinner for a free will offering. Join us in celebrating 5 years of priestly service.

## There is still time to join in the “Living Your Strengths” Small Group!

This small group will meet to discover our God-given talents and learn how to turn them into strengths. This program is breathing fresh air into Catholic churches nationwide. 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. The summer group has two more spots and will begin soon. **We are also organizing a fall group.** If you are interested in either of these groups, please call Mary at the office, 452-6491. All are welcome!



Billings Catholic Radio is pleased to announce **BEHOLD THIS HEART: *Reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus***, a conference to be held in Billings Oct 4-5, 2019. Fr. Wade Menezes, a member of The Fathers of Mercy, host of several televised series for EWTN and the Tuesday ost of “Open Line” heard on Billings Catholic Radio is the featured guest speaker. Catholic recording artist Donna Cori Gibson will also be deepening the event through her songs, sung prayers, and meditations. The conference is open to anyone interested in the treasures of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and promises to be spiritually enriching. Early Registration is Open! Visit [kjerradio.com](http://kjerradio.com) or call 406.294.5250 for more information and to register.

## Milestones

Holy Spirit Parish welcomes the **Crane family, Collin, Hannah and their son Samuel**, who recently registered in our parish. Welcome!

## Pastoral Council Nominations

We are now seeking nominations to replace **3** people on the Council. If you or someone you know has the spiritual and leadership qualities to continue to guide our parish into the future, please fill out the nominating form below. Council members meet monthly September through June and serve on one of the several parish commissions and councils: Worship, Formation, and Christian Service. I would like to submit the name of \_\_\_\_\_ for consideration as a member of the Pastoral Council. I have talked to this person, who has agreed to be nominated.


Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Please clip and return in the collection basket or to the parish office by June 30th.

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

# July 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> NO MASS  NO Adoration	<b>2</b> 5:15 p.m. Mass HS  Fellowship Lunch, noon, hall NO Adoration	<b>3</b> 8:30 am Mass, HS  Office Closes at noon Confession, 5:30-6:30 pm.	<b>4</b> 8:30 a.m. Mass HS   Office CLOSED	<b>5</b> Mass, 8:30 am HF  Office CLOSED	<b>6</b> 2-4 p.m. Confession 4:30 Mass  Fair Trade Coffee & Tea sales
<b>7</b> 8:30 & 11 am. Masses  Fair Trade Coffee sales  NO Adoration	<b>8</b> 8:30 Mass, HS  NO Adoration	<b>9</b> 5:15 p.m. Mass HS  NO Adoration	<b>10</b> 8:30 am Mass, HS  2:30 pm Mass at Park Place Confession, 5:30-6:30 pm.  Knights of Colum- bus mtg., 6:30 p.m. 2816 Central	<b>11</b> 8:30 a.m. Mass HS  RCIA, 7 pm Sts. P&P	<b>12</b> Mass, 8:30 am HF	<b>13</b> 2-4 p.m. Confession 4:30 Mass  33 days to Morning Glory begins Fellowship Dinner, 5:30 pm, hall
<b>14</b> 8:30 & 11 am Masses  Adoration, 7 pm	<b>15</b> 8:30 Mass, HS  Adoration	<b>16</b> 5:15 pm Mass, HS  Adoration  Steering Comm., 6:00 Sts. P&P	<b>17</b> 8:30 am Mass, HS  1:30 pm Mass, Highgate Confession, 5:30-6:30 pm.	<b>18</b> 8:30 am Mass, HS  RCIA 7 pm, Sts. P&P	<b>19</b> 8:30 a.m. Mass HF  BINGO night, 6 pm, hall	<b>20</b> 2-4 p.m. Confession 4:30 Mass
<b>21</b> 8:30 & 11 am Masses  Adoration, 7 pm	<b>22</b> 8:30 am Mass, HS  Adoration	<b>23</b> 5:15 pm Mass, HS Adoration  Bereavement group, 4 pm Con Rm, 7 pm, hall	<b>24</b> 8:30 am Mass, HS  Confession 5:30-6:30 p.m.	<b>25</b> 8:30 a.m. Mass HS  RCIA 7 pm, Sts. P&P	<b>26</b> 8:30 a.m. Mass HF	<b>27</b> 2-4 p.m. Confession 4:30 Mass
<b>28</b> 8:30 & 11 am Masses  Adoration, 7 pm	<b>29</b> 8:30 am Mass, HS  Adoration	<b>30</b> 5:15 p.m. Mass HS Adoration	<b>31</b> 8:30 am Mass, HS  Confession 5:30-6:30 pm			

**HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC PARISH**  
**May 31, 2019 MONTHLY FINANCIAL RECAP**

**OPERATING FUND**

	May-19	FISCAL YEAR TO DATE ACTUAL	BUDGET TO DATE	BUDGET VARIANCE OVER (UNDER)
SUNDAY OFFERING - (ENVELOPES & CASH)	\$ 39,891	\$ 804,774	\$ 866,250	\$ (61,476)
SPECIAL DONATIONS-(WILLS, ESTATES, GIFTS, ETC.)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
PCCW CONTRIBUTIONS	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
* OTHER INCOME - (RELIG. ED., INTEREST, USER FEES, ETC.)	\$ 3,163	\$ 3,163	\$ 3,438	\$ (272)
DIOCESE CURRENT OPERATING FUND ASSMT.-DONATION THRU C&S	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE</b>	<b>\$ 63,056</b>	<b>\$ 807,939</b>	<b>\$ 869,688</b>	<b>\$ (61,748)</b>
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>				
HOLY SPIRIT SCHOOL SUBSIDY (29% OF SUNDAY OFFERINGS)	\$ 23,042	\$ 233,461	\$ 233,458	\$ 3
CHURCH & CENTER (MAINT. UTILITIES, INSURANCE, TAXES)	\$ 11,767	\$ 93,970	\$ 97,965	\$ (3,995)
BUSINESS OFFICE (SUPPLIES, POSTAGE, EQUIP. & MAINT.)	\$ 3,399	\$ 32,848	\$ 38,408	\$ (5,561)
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (BOOKS, SUPPLIES, TRAINING, RESOURCES)	\$ 362	\$ 13,331	\$ 13,469	\$ 62
WORSHIP (ALTAR SUPPLIES, TRAINING, MUSIC)	\$ 1,939	\$ 22,274	\$ 17,829	\$ 4,445
CHRISTIAN SERVICE (TRAINING & SUPPLIES)	\$ 200	\$ 4,112	\$ 4,950	\$ (838)
EMPLOYEE SALARIES & BENEFITS (INS. RETIREMENT, WORKERS COMP)	\$ 34,323	\$ 338,487	\$ 364,680	\$ (26,193)
DIOCESAN CURRENT OPERATING FUND ASSESSMENT	\$ 4,163	\$ 43,418	\$ 33,183	\$ (9,763)
OTHER EXPENSES (HOSPITALITY, COUNCIL, PARISH VAN)	\$ 1,665	\$ 19,320	\$ 16,748	\$ 2,572
<b>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES (BEFORE DEBT SERVICE)</b>	<b>\$ 81,081</b>	<b>\$ 825,420</b>	<b>\$ 864,690</b>	<b>\$ (39,270)</b>
<b>NET INCREASE OR (DECREASE) IN OPERATING FUNDS</b>	<b>\$ (18,025)</b>	<b>\$ (17,481)</b>	<b>\$ 4,997</b>	<b>\$ (22,478)</b>
<b>BUILDING INCOME/ EXPENSES</b>				
BUILDING PLEDGES & GIFTS	\$ 3,368	\$ 120,413		
* INTEREST INCOME	\$ -	\$ 1,894		
INTEREST EXPENSE	\$ (3,661)	\$ (68,325)		
PRINCIPAL PAYMENT	\$ (6,421)	\$ (73,638)		
<b>NET INCREASE OR (DECREASE) IN BUILDING FUNDS</b>	<b>\$ (6,314)</b>	<b>\$ (21,674)</b>		
<b>NET INCREASE OR (DECREASE) IN TOTAL FUNDS (BUILDING AND OPERATING)</b>	<b>\$ (24,539)</b>	<b>\$ (39,155)</b>		

**THE VISION**

PLEDGES	\$ 1,281,143
COLLECTED	\$ (1,114,703)
BALANCE	\$ 166,441

**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

# Growing in FAITH™

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

July 2019

## One Minute Meditations

### St. Camillus de Lellis

Born in sixteenth-century Italy, St. Camillus aimed for holiness despite serious setbacks. He had a gambling addiction and became known for being argumentative and contentious. After losing his possessions and even his own shirt through gambling, he was hired by some compassionate Franciscans, but later transferred to a Capuchin order. After being ordained a priest, he and some companions founded the order of the Camellians, who cared for the grievously sick, prisoners, and the plague victims.

### Keep the parish lights on

No matter where you go this summer, don't forget your parish back home. Your parish depends upon your help to pay the bills even when you're not home.

*"See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. Yet so we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him" (1 John 3:1).*



## What are the secrets of stewardship?

*"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace" (1 Peter 4:10).* Everything we have and all that we are is given to us by God because he loves us and trusts us to be good stewards of his gifts of love.

A good steward receives God's gifts gratefully, cherishes them, shares them, and returns them to God with interest.

**Stewardship flows from love.**

The key is to be continually aware of what God has given us and to be deeply grateful. Good stewards know that they didn't earn their talents or resources and understand that they come from

a Father who asks only for true love in return.

**Giving feels good.** Sharing God's gifts with those

in need, whether it is our time, talents, or

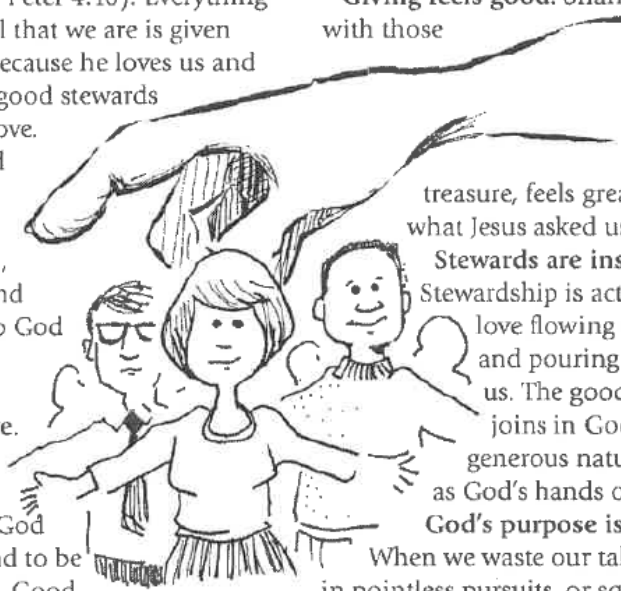
treasure, feels great. And, it's what Jesus asked us to do.

**Stewards are instruments.**

Stewardship is actually God's love flowing through us and pouring out through us. The good steward joins in God's own generous nature by acting as God's hands on Earth.

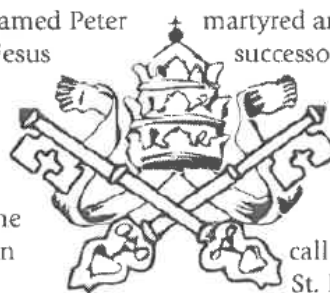
**God's purpose is the point.**

When we waste our talents, dawdle in pointless pursuits, or squander our resources, we put our own desires first ahead of God's will. Good stewards are God-centered rather than self-centered.



## Why Do Catholics Do That?

In Matthew 16, Jesus named Peter "the Rock" upon which Jesus would build his Church (Matthew 16:17-18). After the Ascension, St. Peter traveled to Rome for the Gospel, and became the bishop of the Christian community there. He was



martyred and buried in Rome, and his successors became the next popes.

Historically, the church in Rome proved to be a source of unity, strength, and faithfulness in adversity.

Today, Catholics everywhere call Rome, the resting place of St. Peter, "home."



## Celebrate your mistakes

Do you dread making mistakes and beat yourself up when you do? Yet, mistakes are outcomes we didn't expect and can lead to growth.

**Step 1 – admit your mistake.** You can only learn from a mistake if you admit you made one. As soon as we start blaming others, we miss out on any possible lessons.

**Step 2 – enlist help.** Talking to someone else about what happened gives you the benefit of your friend's experience. He or she may have made a similar mistake



or know of a way to deal with it. Plus, describing the event helps you to think it through and perhaps see opportunities you didn't know were there.

**Step 3 – decide for change.** Ask, "What will I do better next time?" Real growth and change happen when you see room for improvement. Then commit to making the necessary changes to avoid the mistake in the future.

Making mistakes doesn't make you a mistake. Remember, God is the only one you know who doesn't make them.

### from Scripture

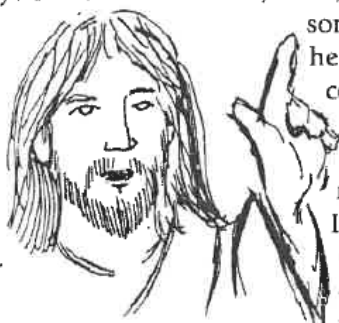
#### Luke 11:1-13, the perfect prayer

This passage is for anyone who wants to deepen prayer. Here, Jesus teaches his disciples to pray the Our Father. It's actually four prayers in one. First, it's a prayer of praise and thanksgiving to God. Second, it is a prayer of petition in which we ask God to provide what we need. Third, it is a prayer asking for forgiveness and the strength to be forgiving.

Lastly, it is a prayer of acknowledgement of God's providence. It makes us admit that God knows and wants what is best for us. In choosing to follow God's will, even

when it conflicts with our own, we place our trust in him.

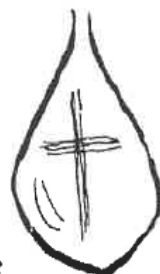
God always answers prayers - usually it's "Yes," "No," or "Wait...I have something better." Also, he wants to know we're committed to what we are requesting. Is it a real need or just a momentary thought? Like the neighbor in this Gospel reading, Jesus encourages us to be persistent and continue to ask for God's help, seek his will, and be open to his grace in our lives.



### Q & A

#### Who can baptize people into the Catholic Church?

A member of the clergy is the ordinary minister of Baptism – a bishop, priest, or deacon. In emergencies, if there isn't a priest present, anyone can baptize, even someone who isn't baptized. In the case of an adult, the person to be baptized must have expressed at some point the desire to become a Catholic. The person baptizing must intend to baptize the person Catholic, and must use water and the words, "I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."



"The Church finds the reason for this possibility in the universal saving will of God" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church* (CCC), #1256). The fact that anyone can baptize anyone desiring to become part of the Church is a sign of God's love for us. It speaks of God's infinitely great desire to welcome everyone and anyone into his family. Note: Baptism is received only once. If someone is already a baptized Christian but not Catholic, no second Baptism needed.

### Feasts & Celebrations

**July 5 - St. Elizabeth of Portugal** (1336). The daughter of King Peter III of Aragon, she married King Denis of Portugal, whose infidelity caused her much suffering. He later repented and died a holy death. She became known as "the Peacemaker" for resolving political conflicts. After her husband's death, she became a Franciscan tertiary and lived with the Poor Clares.

**July 26 – Saints Joachim and Anne** (1st century). Little is known about Jesus' grandparents, but we know Mary was raised in a devout home. Her

unshakeable faith, her devotion to the laws of her religion, and her steadiness in crises indicate the values with which she was raised.

**July 29 – St. Martha (1st century).** In Luke's Gospel, St. Martha served Jesus dinner, while her sister Mary sat at his feet and listened. At Lazarus's death, she told Jesus, "I have come to believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God" (John 11:27). Because of her faith, Lazarus was brought back to life.



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