



Holy Spirit

Catholic Parish and School

September 29th, 2019
26th 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

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Holy Spirit Catholic School

2820 Central Ave, Great Falls, MT 59401

761-5775; Principal: Melissa Hallahan

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Website: holyspiritgfschool.org

Check out FORMED.org.

Parish code: PGMJYZ

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

Fr. Garrett Nelson

Adult Formation,
RCIA

Dcn Pete Woelkers

Deacon

Dcn Bill Medved

Deacon

Mark Meyer

Parish Administrator

Aubrey Rearden

DRE, Worship,

Youth Minister

Cindy Eultgen

Christian Service

Nick Wingerter

On leave

Kody Diekhans

Music

Elem. Formation

Chuck Osterman

Maintenance

Mary Moore-Wingerter

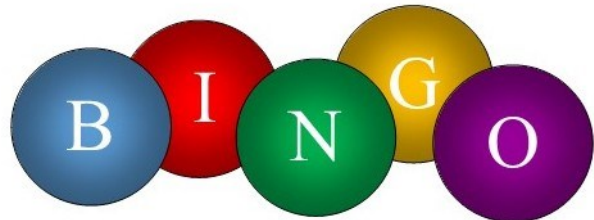
Administrative Asst.

"Practice charity with your neighbor-and this doesn't mean only to give money to the poor...We could for example, keep ourselves from examining our neighbor's conscience. There is also visiting the sick, who often do not need money, but who need good advice to help them get closer to God." ~ St Andre Bessette



**Over 170 Time and Talent forms
have been collected and read.
Thank you Holy Spirit Parish!**

**Time and Talent forms are available in the
racks at the church entrance or in the back of
the church. Please prayerfully consider where
you can best share your Time & Talents with
your parish community! As you look over your
form, please consider the Coffee and Rolls
ministry. We desperately need families for the
11:00 coffee and rolls. If this is a ministry your
family can do, please let us know!!**



OUR NEXT BINGO NIGHT IS

**FRIDAY OCTOBER 4TH
AT 6:00 PM.**

**COME JOIN US FOR A
FUN EVENING!
CONCESSIONS AVAILABLE!**

Weekly Happenings~

Mass Intentions:

Mass	Intention	Requested by
Mon 9/30-8:30 am	+Elmer Fasbender	A Verploegen
Tue 10/1-5:15 pm	+Jeanne & John Moore	Wingerters
Wed 10/2 - 8:30 am	+Doug Wilson	J Jewett
Thu 10/3 - 8:30 am	Brandon Bliss (sp int)	J Bliss
Fri 10/4 8:30 am HF	+Kathryn & Ruby Donnelly Phil Young, Mac & Dorothy McDonald, Bill Dwyer, Olive Eich, Cal Faris, Mr. & Mrs. John Fasbender, Elmer Fasbender, William Fasbender, Dorothy Fleck, Nancy Fox, and Nick Vannatta	Donnellys School Mass intentions
Sat 10/5 - 4:30 pm	Russ & Marcia Bowman (sp int)	Andersons
Sun 10/6- 8:30 am 11:00 am	Parishioners +Doug Wilson	Depners

Readings for next week~ 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
1st Reading: Habakkuk 1:2-3, 2:2-4
2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14
Gospel: Luke 17:5-10

Coffee & Rolls Schedule~

Sep 29: 8:30~Clark/Hannula SFC; 11:00~Flick Gang
Oct 6: 8:30: Kuka SFC; 11:00: HELP NEEDED!!

Bus Schedule~

Oct 5: Cece Fuhrman and Therese Griffith
Oct 6: Jan Olson and Laurie Kessler

Calendar of events~

Sunday:	Elem. Formation - 9:45 am Bible Study - 1 pm Youth Group - 6:30 pm Adoration	Sts. P&P hall Sts. P&P
Tuesday:	Fellowship lunch - noon Pastoral Council - 7 pm	hall Con. Rm.
Wednesday:	Ministry to the divorced - 6 pm High School Bible Study - 7:15 pm	Con. Rm. Schultes
Thursday:	RCIA-7 pm	Sts. P&P
Friday:	BINGO! - 6 pm	hall
Saturday:	Fair Trade coffee sales	hall
Sunday:	Fair Trade coffee sales Elem. Formation - 9:45 am Bible Study - 1 pm Youth Group - 6:30 pm Adoration	hall Sts. P&P hall Sts. P&P

On-Line Giving

Did you know you can make your weekly contribution to Holy Spirit Parish with an automatic withdrawal from your checking account? If this is something you are interested in, please call Mark at the office for more information.

We have added an account on this form for the Priest Retirement. This envelope is on our envelope packets on the 5th Sundays.

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		Holy Wash
	E Becker P Kolar	T Dimke
Sacristan		
S Mayernik	J Gort	K Krattiger
Greeters		
P & T Hilgendorf, D Medvec, H Vacek	B Culliton, T & C Nunez K Trottier	S Wilson, D Linn
Ushers		
F Handwerk J Tamowski	S Schnider M Van Heel	N St. Claire
Cross Bearer		
A Fitzpatrick	A Donnelly	
Altar Servers		
L Fitzpatrick R Frazier-Harris	T Donnelly L Donnelly	D Dimke N Stimac
Readers		
B Medvec K Bernhardt	T Katz S Robinson	M McFadden M Woelkers
Gift Presenters		
R & K Shipley B Lorenz	Nunez family	Ryan family
Ministers of the Eucharist		
M Handwerk H Fehres D Stukey T Stukey K Frazier-Harris A Klundt R Olmstead K Weinheimer B Polacek P Hilgendorf T Hilgendorf B Thelen A Trunkle M Miner T Rigor	P Woelkers K Donnelly A Heppner J Van Heel S McAllister T Cowhick C Harant J Schulte J Fauque J Fauque C Kommers V Donisthorpe S Donisthorpe G Drake K Prinzing	P. Woelkers D Nicholson W Newman C Paul T Paul R Ryan C Rearden G Boysun D Miller L Francis M Francis H Fehres R Seilstad G Tremper P Tremper

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 there are other ways to help call Cindy!

Weekend	Newspaper	Cardboard
3rd (Sept 20-26)	OPEN	R. Shipley
4th (Sept 27-Oct 3)	D & P Birkenbuel	C. Nowak
1st (Oct. 4-10)	K of C 9395	C. Jernigan
2nd (Oct 11-17)	K. Weinheimer	S. Lind
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 Fr. Garrett at the office, ext 205, or come Thurs. at 7 pm in the RCIA room (Sts. Peter and Paul Center) all year round.

Youth Ministry

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

Youth Group Sunday Nights Beginning September 22, 2019
Youth Group 6:30-8:30 pm



YOUTH GROUP MEETS THIS WEEK!

7th—12th Grade Youth Ministry begins this Sunday night September 29, 2019. We will gather @ Sts. Peter & Paul Center from 6:30

-8:30pm. Hope to see you there. If you haven't already filled out a registration form (mailed out & available in the bookrack) please do and bring it with you Sunday night.

Elementary Faith Formation

Kody Diekhans 452.6491 pianokody@holyspiritgf.org
Cell 799.2626

Elementary Formation (Pre-K - 6th Grade)
& Sacramental Prep (2nd Grade)



Please find registration forms and calendars in the entryway by the front doors of the building!

Sacramental Preparation

Kody Diekhans 452-6491 ext. 206 pianokody@holyspiritgf.org
Cell 799.2626

Sacramental Preparation for receiving Reconciliation, Confirmation, and First Eucharist began Sunday September 22nd. This is geared toward children in 2nd grade, those who have not received these sacraments, or those children who have not been confirmed. If you have questions, please call Kody or Aubrey.



Holy Spirit School

Melissa Hallahan, Principal, mhallahan@holyspiritgf.org
Jackie Wike, Robin Verzuh Administrative Assistants
Colette Longin, Development Director, clongin@holyspiritgf.org

Our "Walk-In-Love" Walk-a-thon, a combined event of our GF Catholic Schools is happening on Friday, October 4th; we will join together, eat lunch, walk and cheer on the Central Catholic Mustangs as they prepare for their Homecoming that weekend! You can find a student to sponsor and /or get more information by calling the school. Please also mark your calendar for The BALL...Building A Lasting Legacy, our joint dinner/auction night out happening on Saturday, February 1st, 2020. This year, we plan to also do a more casual night on Friday evening where children are welcome! Full preparations for this event will be underway soon, and we hope you will plan to join us.

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. Call the school for a tour today!

Christian Service

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



Fellowship Lunch This Tuesday, October 1st

At noon in the parish hall. All are welcome to come for soup, bread, dessert, and conversation! Free will offering.

Parish Nurses

...are men & women parishioners in the medical field. We meet the second Sunday of the month with the mission:

To promote health and education within our faith community by focusing on prevention and health promotions.

We have started our meetings again this fall, the second Sunday of the month at 9:45 in the Conference Room:
Next meeting Sunday, Oct. 13

Ministry to the Divorced: Every Wednesday, at 6 pm in the Conference Room. September 25 topic: "Prayer and the Sacraments". Walk-ins welcome !



Equal Exchange Tea, Chocolate, and Coffee Sales

Volunteers:

4:30 pm Lorraine Jenkins & Marilyn Miner
8:30 an Joanne Cilokosz & Deb Dickman
11:00 HELP NEEDED

Your purchase of Equal Exchange goods supports a trade system that empowers farmers, strengthens communities, and benefits the environment. Be a part of a chain that uses less 'middle person' to support a local and just system. Our profits from your purchase provides scholarships for students in Uganda through Fr. Andrew.

Stewardship

Family Promise of Great Falls is hosting a family of 5 at this time. We ask for prayer for the family so they can grow in the program and find a home. One of the most difficult things for a large family is finding suitable housing. It is hard to find a home that is affordable and large enough to accommodate them and their needs. Our families who have graduated from the program have done so because of their persistence in searching for and looking at housing. Thank you for your prayers and please continue to pray for this Mom and her 4 children. The Lord listens to us and answers us because we care about His beloved poor. Our Psalm 146 today says this of our Lord: "...the Lord raises up those who were bowed down." And..."The fatherless and the widow he sustains..." We are so blessed to do this work of the Lord!

If you want to know more about the Family Promise program at Monsignor House Holy Spirit, or you want to use it for a meeting, please 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
Mary Wingerter—Ministry Scheduler

ADORATION NOTES



Opportunity: Have you been praying about taking part in our Adoration here at Holy Spirit? We are looking to fill a few vacated hours and to add more people to the covered hours. Please see the sign up table this weekend in the entrance of the church. Add your name to a covered hour or put your name in an empty hour, more information will follow once you have added your name to the schedule.

Music

Kody 452-6491 ex. 206 pianokody@holyspiritgf.org
Cell 799.2626

CHOIR PRACTICE: Wednesday, October 2nd at 7pm!!
ALL ARE WELCOME!

Milestones

Congratulations to Jackson Bolinger, son of Ryan and Kristina, who was baptized this weekend. Also welcome to Levi and Stacy Peterson who registered in our parish recently. Welcome!

Parish Council of Catholic Women

Thank you to everyone who has donated salads and desserts for our many funerals the past few weeks. We so appreciated your willingness to bring food and the families are so grateful for this ministry of our parish. Please check the shelves in the social hall and take any of your items home with you. We have quite a collection and the fall dinner is fast approaching! Please help us by taking what is yours. We will be donating the rest by October 15th!.

Courtesy Announcements



Billings Catholic Radio invites you to attend **BEHOLD THIS HEART, Reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus**, on October 4th and 5th. We will join Bishop Michael Warfel for an opportunity to make reparation to the *Sacred Heart of Jesus*, venerate a 1st class relic of *Saint Mary Margaret Alacoque*, and obtain grace through the sacraments of the Church. **To register visit kjerradio.com or call 406.294.5250 for more information.**



Marriage Encounter Weekend: Make your marriage a priority this fall! Attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend and be inspired to show your spouse how much you love them each and every day. These weekends are a powerful time for you to focus on one another, reconnect and grow closer. Upcoming weekend dates: Bozeman, 10/4-6; Chadron NE, 10/18-20; and Ucross WY, 11/1-3. for more information and to apply visit www.wme.org or call Paul & Tracy 307-689-2820.

Ladies, do you want to be empowered by learning about your body's fertility? Men, do you want to discover how to love your wife more and to treat her with greater dignity? Do you both want to strengthen your marriage and love for each other? Consider learning Natural Family Planning (NFP). **The first class in a 3-part series will be taught online on November 13 at 6:00pm.** The class will be taught by Ben and Rita Pehl, form Sacred Heart Parish in Terry MT. Contact Ben and Rita for more information, 406-600-3987 (Ben), or 402- 540-949 (Rita) or visit ccli.org.

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, 400 14th St S, Harvest Dinner and Fund-raiser Raffle, October 13th, 11:00-3:00 . Serving a delicious turkey dinner with vegetables, coleslaw, rolls, desserts and beverages. Visit our Country Store and even buy a raffle ticket or two. Children under 6 are free; 6-12 \$6; over 12 \$10.

Announcing the 102 Anniversary 2019 Public Square Rosary Crusade In The Secret of the Rosary , St. Louis de Montfort said: "Public prayer is far more powerful than private prayer to appease the anger of God and call down his mercy, and Holy Mother Church, guided by the Holy Spirit, has always advocated public prayer in times of public tragedy and suffering." Join the 2019 Public Square Rosary Crusade today!

What: the Holy Rosary

Where: Holy Family 2800 Central Ave.

When: Saturday Oct. 12, 2019 11:45 am

For more information call Barb Schlecht, 750-0551.

The Catholic Foundation of Eastern Montana is now accepting applications for its NEW grant program. Deadline for applications is October 18, 2019. Eligibility information and the application form are found at www.catholicfoundationmt.org. This brand-new grant program to assist Catholic parishes, schools, and other organizations is made possible by Catholics throughout our diocese who support the *Greatest Needs Endowment* and *Parish Assistance Endowment* at the Catholic Foundation of Eastern Montana. Many thanks for their stewardship and generosity!

Cascade Sacred Heart Church is announcing a dinner October 20 from 1-3 pm. Open to everyone and admission is by donation. Dinner menu is prime rib, potatoes, vegetables, salads, desserts and beverages. Raffles: 1/2 beef, \$100 cash, artwork and much more. Handicap accessible.

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

October 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 5:15 p.m. Mass HS No Adoration Fellowship Lunch, noon, hall Pastoral Council, 7 pm, Con. Rm.	2 8:30 am Mass, HS Ministry to the Divorced 6 pm H. S. Bible Study, 7:15 pm Schultes Choir, 7 pm, church	3 8:30 a.m. Mass HS RCIA, 7 pm Sts. P&P	4 Mass, 8:30 am HF BINGO night, 6:00 pm, hall	5 2-4 p.m. Confession 4:30 Mass Fair Trade Coffee & Tea sales
6 8:30 & 11 am. Masses Fair Trade Coffee sales Elem. Formation, 9:45 am, P&P Bible Study, 1 pm, hall Youth Group, 6:30 pm, P&P Adoration, 7 pm	7 8:30 Mass, HS Adoration Worship Comm., 7 pm, Con Rm	8 5:15 p.m. Mass HS Adoration	9 8:30 am Mass, HS 2:30 pm Mass at Park Place Confession, 5:30-6:30 pm. Ministry to the Divorced 6 pm Knights of Colum- bus, 6:30 p.m. H. S. Bible Study, 7:15 pm Schultes Choir, 7 pm,	10 8:30 a.m. Mass HS RCIA, 7 pm Sts. P&P	11 Mass, 8:30 am HF	12 2-4 p.m. Confession 4:30 Mass
13 8:30 & 11 am Masses Elem. Formation, 9:45 am, Sts. P&P Parish nurses, 9:45 am, Con Rm Bible study, 1pm Youth group, 6:30 pm, Sts P&P Adoration, 7 pm	14 8:30 Mass, HS Adoration PCCW, 1 pm, Con Rm	15 5:15 pm Mass, HS Adoration Steering Comm., 6:00 pm, Con rm	16 8:30 am Mass, HS 1:30 pm Mass, Highgate Ministry to the Divorced, 6 pm Confession, 5:30-6:30 pm. H. S. Bible Study, 7:15 pm Schultes Choir, 7 pm,	17 8:30 a.m. Mass HS RCIA 7 pm, Sts. P&P	18 8:30 a.m. Mass HF	19 2-4 p.m. Confession 4:30 Mass
20 8:30 & 11 am Masses Elem. Formation, 9:45, Sts P&P Bible study, 1pm Adoration, 7 pm Youth Group, 6:30 pm, Sts P&P	21 8:30 am Mass, HS Adoration Retreat on the Eucharist, 5:30 pm	22 5:15 pm Mass, HS Adoration Bereavement group, 4 pm Con Rm, 7 pm, Con Rm	23 8:30 am Mass, HS Ministry to the Divorced, 6 pm Confession 5:30-6:30 p.m. H. S. Bible Study, 7:15 pm Schultes Choir, 7 pm,	24 8:30 a.m. Mass HS RCIA 7 pm, Sts. P&P	25 8:30 a.m. Mass HF	26 2-4 p.m. Confession 4:30 Mass Fellowship Dinner, 5:30 pm, hall
27 8:30 & 11 am Masses Elem. Formation, 9:45, Sts P&P Bible study, 1pm Adoration, 7 pm Youth Group, 6:30 pm, Sts P&P	28 8:30 am Mass, HS Adoration	29 5:15 p.m. Mass HS Adoration	30 8:30 am Mass, HS Ministry to the Divorced, 6 pm Confession 5:30-6:30 pm H. S. Bible Study, 7:15 pm Schultes Choir, 7 pm, church	31 8:30 a.m. Mass HS RCIA 7 pm, Sts. P&P		

HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC PARISH
August 31, 2019 MONTHLY FINANCIAL RECAP

OPERATING FUND

		FISCAL YEAR TO DATE	BUDGET TO DATE	BUDGET VARIANCE
	August-19	ACTUAL		OVER (UNDER)
SUNDAY OFFERING - (ENVELOPES & CASH)	\$ 60,728	\$ 117,427	\$ 150,750	\$ (33,323)
SPECIAL DONATIONS-(WILLS, ESTATES, GIFTS, ETC.)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
PCCW CONTRIBUTIONS	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
* OTHER INCOME - (RELIG. ED., INTEREST, USER FEES, ETC.)	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,477	\$ 735	\$ 742
DIOCESE CURRENT OPERATING FUND ASSMT.-DONATION THRU C&S	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE	\$ 61,728	\$ 118,904	\$ 151,485	\$ (32,581)
OPERATING EXPENSES				
HOLY SPIRIT SCHOOL SUBSIDY (29% OF SUNDAY OFFERINGS)	\$ 23,042	\$ 46,084	\$ 46,083	\$ 1
CHURCH & CENTER (MAINT. UTILITIES, INSURANCE, TAXES)	\$ 7,424	\$ 13,206	\$ 18,252	\$ (5,046)
BUSINESS OFFICE (SUPPLIES, POSTAGE, EQUIP. & MAINT.)	\$ 3,152	\$ 5,291	\$ 7,100	\$ (1,809)
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (BOOKS, SUPPLIES, TRAINING, RESOURCES)	\$ 2,373	\$ 3,887	\$ 2,472	\$ 1,415
WORSHIP (ALTAR SUPPLIES, TRAINING, MUSIC)	\$ 911	\$ 1,120	\$ 3,142	\$ (2,022)
CHRISTIAN SERVICE (TRAINING & SUPPLIES)	\$ 412	\$ 721	\$ 875	\$ (154)
EMPLOYEE SALARIES & BENEFITS (INS. RETIREMENT, WORKERS COMP)	\$ 34,732	\$ 67,468	\$ 66,976	\$ 492
DIOCESAN CURRENT OPERATING FUND ASSESSMENT	\$ 2,614	\$ 6,209	\$ 9,433	\$ (3,224)
OTHER EXPENSES (HOSPITALITY, COUNCIL, PARISH VAN)	\$ (226)	\$ (507)	\$ 2,673	\$ (3,181)
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES (BEFORE DEBT SERVICE)	\$ 74,434	\$ 143,479	\$ 157,006	\$ (13,527)
NET INCREASE OR (DECREASE) IN OPERATING FUNDS	\$ (12,706)	\$ (24,575)	\$ (5,521)	\$ (19,054)
BUILDING INCOME/ EXPENSES				
BUILDING PLEDGES & GIFTS	\$ 7,417	\$ 15,094		
* INTEREST INCOME	\$ -	\$ 540		
INTEREST EXPENSE	\$ (5,597)	\$ (11,215)		
PRINCIPAL PAYMENT	\$ (6,485)	\$ (12,949)		
NET INCREASE OR (DECREASE) IN BUILDING FUNDS	\$ (4,665)	\$ (8,530)		
NET INCREASE OR (DECREASE) IN TOTAL FUNDS (BUILDING AND OPERATING)	\$ (17,371)	\$ (33,105)		

BUILDING CASH RESERVE and LOAN STATUS

BEGINNING LOAN BALANCES: 7/01/2019		\$ 1,385,440
BUILDING RESERVE LOAN (HOLY SPIRIT SCHOOL ENDOWMENT)		\$ 400,000
SUBTOTAL		\$ 1,785,440
BEGINNING BUILDING RESERVE CASH BALANCE		
Reduction Due to Settlement		
PLEDGES & GIFTS	\$ 7,417	\$ 15,094
WILLS & ESTATES	\$ -	\$ -
VISION CAPITAL CHAMPAIGN	\$ -	\$ -
INTEREST INCOME	\$ -	\$ 540
OTHER INCOME Power/Artz	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 7,417	\$ 15,634
INTEREST EXPENSE	\$ (5,597)	\$ (11,215)
PRINCIPAL PAYMENT ON BUILDING LOAN	\$ (6,485)	\$ (12,949)
ADDITIONAL PRINCIPAL PAYMENT ON BUILDING LOAN	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$ (12,082)	\$ (24,164)
NET INCREASE OR (DECREASE) IN BUILDING RESERVE FUND	\$ (4,665)	\$ (8,530)
END OF CURRENT MONTH BUILDING RESERVE CASH BALANCE		
LOAN BALANCES AT THE END OF CURRENT MONTH		\$ 1,772,491
BUILDING LOAN (DIOCESAN SAVINGS & LOAN)		\$ 1,372,491
BUILDING RESERVE LOAN (HOLY SPIRIT SCHOOL ENDOWMENT)		\$ 400,000
		\$ 1,772,491

Growing in FAITH™

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

October 2019

One Minute Meditations

St. Hedwig of Silesia

Raised by a duke, Hedwig was married to Duke Henry of Silesia, the head of the Polish Royal family. They had a happy marriage and together founded a convent, hospitals, and monasteries. They had seven children, two of whom caused them significant trouble with their rivalries. St. Hedwig convinced them to stop fighting and they reconciled. After her husband's death, Hedwig became a Cistercian nun and lived simply, giving her wealth for charity.

Ignore more

Ironically, it actually feels good to walk away from a fight. Jesus knew that when he said, "When someone strikes you on (your) right cheek, turn the other one to him as well" (Matthew 5:39). He wants us to make a point of ignoring slights or insults, even if they sting. Next time you feel annoyed or hurt, turn your cheek and walk peacefully away.

"We love because he first loved us" (1 John 4:19).



Our Father knows best

After months of unemployment, Mike was glad to find a job but disappointed that it paid considerably less and had poorer benefits than the old one. Jen and her husband prayed for a beautiful house in their favorite neighborhood but the financing fell through and they ended up with a smaller house on the other side of town. What happened to the power of prayer?

Understand that our way isn't God's way. God always listens to our prayers but he doesn't necessarily answer the way we expect. Yet we know no one is more qualified to lead us than the Creator of the universe. We must trust

him with all our concerns.

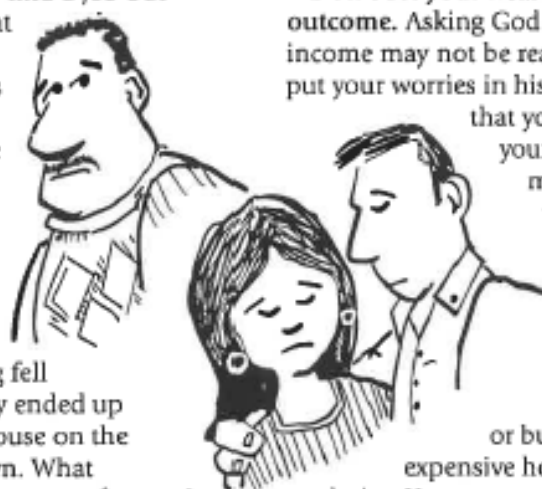
Don't set your heart on an outcome. Asking God to double your income may not be reasonable. Instead put your worries in his hands. Know that your Father has your best interest in mind and will find what is right for you.

Be open to alternatives. Sometimes taking a different job

or buying a less expensive home is the better

choice. You may net more personal time and less overall stress.

Let scripture speak to you. "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, on your own intelligence rely not; In all your ways be mindful of him, and he will make straight your paths" (Proverbs 3:5-6).

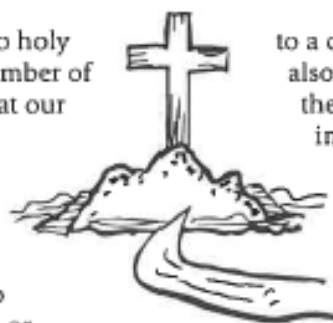


Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics make pilgrimages?

Making pilgrimages to holy sites accomplishes a number of things: it reminds us that our faith is founded on miraculous events that really happened, in a specific place and time (e.g. Calvary Hill, c.A.D.33). Journeying to the site of an apparition or

to a church holding saints' relics also encourages us to reflect on their example of virtue and imitate them in our own lives. Lastly, "Pilgrimages evoke our earthly journey toward heaven" (Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC), #2691).



Follow the Rosary to treasure

The Rosary is like an ancient treasure map. It has led countless faithful to the treasures of peace, joy, clarity, and contentment. If you follow where it leads, you'll find that a devotion to praying the Rosary can transform your life.

Shelter in a chaotic world. Leading hectic lives can fog the mind, unsettle the soul, and turn us away from God. Yet, our souls are made for peace. Praying the Rosary settles our thoughts. It puts us at ease, creating a peace that is otherworldly.



Perspective. Humans are constantly changing, thus our relationship with God changes. The Rosary provides the context, the format, and the process for God to speak to us about all these things.

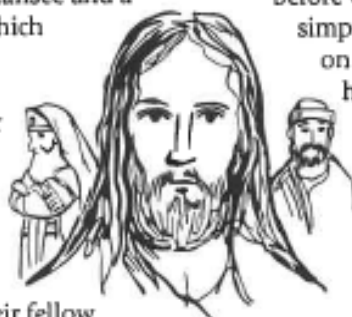
Mary's blessing. Nobody sees the life of a child the way that child's mother does. Our Lady has a mother's perspective of Jesus' life. Learning and sharing that perspective helps us ponder the life of Jesus through the eyes of his Mother. This is a powerful experience if we enter into it fully.

from Scripture

Luke 18:9-14, God wants only love

In this Gospel passage, Jesus compared the prayers of a proud Pharisee and a humble tax collector—which probably scandalized his audience. Pharisees were considered the model for faithful Jews, while tax collectors, who worked for the Romans (and stole a little extra money on the side), were considered traitors by their fellow Jews.

The Pharisee marched up to a position of honor in the temple to pray, presumably to be seen and admired. His prayer wasn't really a prayer of thanksgiving, but self-praise. By contrast,



the tax collector humbled himself before God and offered only a simple prayer casting himself on God's mercy. He went home justified.

Promoting oneself in prayer is unnecessary: God already knows and loves us, and he wants us to love him in return. When you love someone, you'd never do anything to hurt them, and if you did, you'd apologize right away and try to fix it. With God, we have to call on his grace and mercy to make amends. In the end, our love counts for more than anything else we do.

Q & A Why should I read the Bible?

The Bible is the world's longest love letter. As part of the deposit of faith, it's a treasure-trove of our inheritance as children of God. Here are three benefits of reading Scripture:



We encounter God. We not only learn about God from the Bible, but we actually encounter him in our hearts when we pray with Scripture. "In the sacred books, the Father who is in heaven comes lovingly to meet his children, and talks with them" (CCC, #104).

Packed with sound advice. Books like Sirach, Proverbs, and Wisdom have practical advice on how to virtuously handle relationships, home life, business, and dealing with difficult people. If we want to know what this looks like in action, the Gospels give us Christ's teaching and example.

It is a "roadmap" to heaven. Like a map, Scripture outlines what we need to know about God and his saving plan. The Magisterium, who interprets the Scriptures under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, holds the "key" to reading the "map" (CCC, #100).

Feasts & Celebrations

Oct. 7 – Our Lady of the Rosary (1571). Pope Gregory XIII named this feast because it was believed that Christians won a critical victory at the Battle of Lepanto after praying the Rosary.

Oct. 15 – St. Teresa of Ávila (1582). Teresa joined the Carmelites, against her father's wishes. In 1563, she was inspired to reform her order. Despite serious opposition, she founded more than 17 convents of Discalced Carmelites and helped reform the Carmelite friars.

October 17 – St. Ignatius of Antioch

(d.c. 107). Successor to St. Peter as Bishop of Antioch, Ignatius was sentenced to death for his faith. On route to Rome, he wrote letters, encouraging his fellow Christians to remain faithful.

Oct. 28 – SS. Simon and Jude (1st Century). St. Simon was a Zealot – Jews who believed that the Messiah would free them from political oppression. St. Jude was a fisherman. After being called by Jesus to be apostles, they eventually traveled to Persia where they preached the Gospel until they were martyred.



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