

December 20th, 2020 The 4th Sunday of Advent

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: **9:00-4, Fri: 9:00-noon** 201 44th St S; Ph. 452-6491, Fax 452-6495

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Holy Spirit Catholic School

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Check out FORMED.org.

Mass Schedule:

Weekend Masses:

Saturday 4:30pm

Sunday 8:30 am (live stream) & 11:00 am

Week day Masses:

Monday 8:30 am

Tuesday 5:15 pm

Wednesday 8:30 am

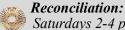
*2nd Wed. Park Place, 2:30 pm (suspended)

*3rd Wed. Highgate, 1:30 pm (suspended)

Thursday 8:30 am

Friday 8:45 am

Saturday 8:30 am



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

Adoration:

Sunday 7 pm -- Tuesday 5 pm

Parish Staff:

Fr. Doug Krings Pastor Dcn Pete Woelkers Deacon Dcn Bill Medved Deacon

Aubrey Rearden Parish Administrator

Worship

Cindy Eultgen Christian Service

Nick Wingerter RCIA.

Adult Formation

Joel Corda Music Chuck Osterman Maintenance Mary Moore-Wingerter Administrative Asst.

Elem. Formation

Molly Schmitz Youth Minister

"The season of Advent is like springtime in nature, when everything is renewed and so is fresh and healthy. Advent is also meant to do this to us—to refresh us and make us healthy, to be able to receive Christ in whatever form he may come to us." ~ St. Teresa of Calcutta



Holy Spirit Christmas schedule:

Thursday Dec. 24: NO 8:30 am Mass, Office closes at 12 pm Christmas Masses, 2:30, 4:30, 7:00 & 9:00 pm.

Friday Dec. 25: Office is closed. Mass at 9:00 am. Sunday Dec. 27-Tuesday Dec 29: NO ADORATION Monday Dec. 28-Thursday Dec. 31: Office CLOSED **NO DAILY MASS**

Thursday Dec. 31: 6:00 vigil Mass of the Solemnity of Mary, Adoration: 7 pm—9:30 am 1/1/21

Sign-ups are available in the back of the church, and the church will be open for prayer.

Friday January 1: Mass at 10:00 am, Office closed.

Building Our Catholic Future Charity Fundraising Raffle

Support the ministries and missions of the Diocese of Great Falls-Billings

Grand Prize—2021 Keystone HideOut Camper (or \$15,000 cash, winner's choice)

2nd Prize —2021 Honda Pioneer 1000-5 Deluxe Utility Terrain Vehicle

3rd Prize—(2 awarded) Montana ultimate Barbeque package: Traeger Pro Series 34 Pellet Grill, Yeti Cooler and BBQ Supplies. Also included, a processed half-beef from Bishop Warfel's herd of cattle.

Early Bird cash prizes of \$500, drawings held each month: November 2020-February 2021.

Tickets are \$20 each and available in the parish office

Weekly Happenings~

Mass Intentions:

Mass	<u>Intention</u>	Requested by
Sat 12/19—8:30 am —4:30 pm	Parishioners +Gene and Alice Meyer	Meyer children
Sun 12/20—8:30 am 	+Roderick Gerard McCrea +Dorothy McDonald	S McCrea M Mathson- Nadeau
Mon 12/21-8:30 am	+Kenneth Depner	Depners
Tue 12/22-5:15 pm	+Gerald Shewan	Lady of Snows
Wed 12/23-8:30 am	+Barbara Mahugh	J Capp
Thu 12/24– 8:30 am 2:30 pm 4:30 pm 7:00 pm 9:00 pm	No Mass Parishioners +Ed & Kathy Shabelski +Lee Borchert Bernie Dickman	McCreas Maronicks McCallums
Fri 12/25– 9:00 am	+Jane Younce	Wingerters
Sat 12/26- 8:30 am <u>- 4:30 pm</u>	+Diane Barham +Jessica Barros McCurdy	D & E Pilling S & D Barros
Sun 12/27- 8:30 am - 11:00 am	+Vivian Drake +Lee Borchert	Family Barochs

<u>Readings for next week~</u> The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

1st Reading: Genesis 15:1-6;21:1-3 or Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14 2nd Reading: Hebrews 11:8, 1-12, 17-19 or Colossians 3:12-21 Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

Coffee & Rolls Schedule~

No Coffee and rolls until further notice

Bus Schedule~

No bus service

<u>Calendar of events</u> December 20-27

Saturday:	Daily Mass—8:30 am Sunday Vigil Mass—4:30 pm	
Sunday:	Mass– 8:30 am Mass—11:00 am Adoration begins at 7:00 pm	
Tuesday:	Bereavement—4 pm	hall
Wednesday:	High School Bible Study—6:45 am NO Elementary Formation NO Youth Group	Schultes
Thursday:	NO 8:30 am Mass Off ice closes at noon Christmas Masses: 2:30, 4:30, 7 & 9	
Friday:	9:00 Mass	
Saturday:	Daily Mass—8:30 am Sunday Vigil Mass—4:30 pm	
Sunday:	Masses at 8:30 and 11:00 am NO Adoration	

Liturgical Ministers for

4:30 PM	8:30 AM	11:00 AM		
★ Sub requested ~ log in to Web Terminal and accept the sub				
		Holy Wash		
	Sacristan			
	Greeters			
	Ushers			
	Cross Bearer			
	Altar Servers			
	Readers			
	Gift Presenters			
	Ministers of the Eucharist			

Care for our Common Home!

Thank you for recycling. At this time the City of Great Falls does not recycle plastic. Please do not deposit plastic in the bins. Also, we cannot take pieces of steel. Aluminum and tin cans are ok.

Weekend	Newspaper	<u>Cardboard</u>
3rd (Dec. 18-24)	OPEN	C. Nowak
4th (Dec. 25-31)	D & P Birkenbuel	R. Shipley
1st (Jan. 1-7)	K of C 9395	C. Jernigan
2nd (Jan 8-14)	K. Weinheimer	A. Fisher

School Newspaper: Thank you for volunteering!





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

For all who seek to become Christian believers

Call Nick 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

Molly Schmitz 452-6491 ext. 207 molly@holyspiritgf.org





High School Bible Study will meet on December 23rd at 6:45 am at Schultes. **Youth Ministry** will resume on January 6th at 6:30 pm at Sts. Peter and Paul. Contact Molly at the parish office 452-6491, ex 207. Thank you!

Elementary Faith Formation

Elementary Formation (Pre-K - 6th Grade) & Sacramental Prep (2nd Grade) Mary: mwingerter@holyspiritgf.org 406-452-6491, ex 201

Formation will resume on Wednesday January 6th at 4:30 pm at Peter and Paul Center. *Merry Christmas!*

I am so thankful for the amazing volunteers in our Elementary Formation program this year! Please keep these Catechists in your prayers.

Sacramental Preparation

Mary Moore-Wingerter, mwingerter@holyspiritgf.org 406-452-6491

Our Completion of Initiation students are working on their First Reconciliation book in the *Blessed* curriculum. We will have First Reconciliation for these students on January 18 and 19, 2021. More information has been mailed to families. If you don't receive a letter, please let Mary know.

Holy Spirit School

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

GALA, benefiting HSCS, happens on Saturday, February 6, 2021! Mark your calendars to attend this VIRTUAL fundraiser...we will be online with live and silent auctions, presentations and performances! To sponsor, buy tickets, donate and more please contact Colette Longin at the school.

We are almost half way through the school year and have had great success in staying healthy, open and face-to-face! If you're thinking about a change for your child's education and making the switch to private...now is the time to inquire... changing at Semester in January is the perfect time! Our class sizes are small enough to allow for safe distancing and mask-free instruction most of the time, and we still have room in some of our classrooms for the current school year! Did you know we offer 10% off tuition for our Parish families? HSCS is

known for our tradition of excellence in education...we'd love to show you around and fill you in on the benefits of a Catholic education. Prospective students and parents can schedule a tour of our facilities; just give the school a call to make an appointment of email Colette Longin, Development Director, at clongin@holyspiritgf.org for more information.

Interested in making HSCS a beneficiary of your charitable donations? There are many ways to make that happen! Through the Holy Spirit Catholic School Endowments at the Catholic Foundation of Eastern Montana, 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

Mission: To share God's love through action, education, and community building

This Tuesday is our Next Grief Support Group



for anyone seeking conversation & support is welcome on the 4th **Tuesday** of every month. With social distancing in place, come into the parish hall: **December 22 at 4 pm**.

All are welcome!

Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Matthew 5:4

Walking with Moms in Need

Sometimes there are gaps where services don't fill, that's where we come in! Collaborating with Echoz Pregnancy Care Center and Parishes and Schools in Great Falls. Support for varied situations including miscarriage. What do I do? To talk with a mentor....call Cindy 452-6491 ext. 208. To help....Visit walkingwithmoms.com and contact Cindy to talk about how you can help!

Our next meeting is **Thursday**, **January 7**, **2020 at 4 pm** in the

parish hall. You can meet over the phone, over Zoom, and in person with physical distancing.

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You have shown the joy of Christ through your generous giving of food baskets and gifts for St. Vincent de Paul to distribute. You have brightened the lives of families in our community this year!

Stewardship

Reflection: Today, the Gospel for the 4th Sunday of Advent could be called a name story. An angel named Gabriel, a man named Joseph, a Family Promise cousin named Elizabeth, a foretelling of a boyof Great Falls cousin to the baby conceived within the womb of an engaged virgin named, Mary, are clearly important to the Gospel writer named Luke. Names are very important to us. Names cause us to distinguish between one another and to sort our the relationships of family and friends. It does not matter whether we are rich or poor, we are named. As Christians of the Good News our names reflect our relationship with Jesus, the One born of Mary and raised in the home of Joseph. Our Savior named Jesus, led by example and He continues to challenge each of us to love our neighbors in spite of the divisions we see around us, in spite of the news, and in spite of the relationships within our homes. The gift of the holy family, their witness in times of great distress, is a hope that reaches to us from over 2000 years ago. We are still called to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, give drink to the thirsty...Whenever we do this for the least of HIS brothers/sisters, we do it for Him.

Monsignor House News: Thank you to all of you who are preparing gifts for our Honduran family who lives in the Monsignor House. If you have any questions about the Monsignor House, please feel free to call or text Kathie at 781-5033. She will return your call or text as soon as she can.

Worship

Aubrey Rearden –Worship Coordinator 452-6491 ex. 207 <u>aubrey@holyspiritgf.org</u> Mary Wingerter—Ministry Scheduler

Our ministry volunteers have been doing a great job with the liturgy and all the extra guidelines we need to follow. It is truly a blessing to have ministers willing to help us during this transitional time.

The schedule through December is available online and has been mailed to those scheduled. If you need to swap days with someone please do so through Ministry Scheduler, if you are not able to find coverage please call the office ASAP and let Mary know so we can schedule a sub.

Due to Covid, our Christmas Mass schedule has been modified so that we can provide as many possibilities for our parishioners to safely attend Christmas Mass if they choose. On Christmas Eve, we will have Mass at **2:30**, **4:30**, **7:00** and **9:00** pm. On Christmas morning we will have Mass at **9:00**. If you are interested in serving at any of these Masses as Sacristan, Reader or Eucharistic Minister, please call the office and let us know.

Thank you for you help and for your patience!

Milestones



Holy Spirit Parish welcomes Gabriella Ereaux, daughter of Mitch and Kendra, and sister to Grayson who was Baptized this weekend. We also welcome Mary Somerfeld, and Vern & Melinda Widhalm who recently joined our parish family. Welcome!!

Courtesy Announcements

A <u>virtual</u>, <u>online Retrouvaille</u> marriage help program starts Thursday evening, January 14th. The Retrouvaille Community of Montana has been invited to join with California's Northern Community in offering this online weekend. The virtual program begins Thursday and Friday evenings and a full day on Saturday and Sunday, January 14 – 17, 2021. The weekend will be followed by a series of virtual Post Weekend Sessions. There is a \$500 registration fee per couple. Please know that no one is turned away because of the inability to pay. For additional information please contact us at 406-761-4830 or view the details at <u>www.helpourmarriage.org</u>.



BECOME A KNIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS

Faith, Family, Community, Life www.kofc.org/joinus Code: MCGIVNEY2020

Join the Knights online for FREE until December 31, 2020 Join now and receive a 2020 Knights of Columbus Christmas ornament (supplies limited so join now!)

Knights of Columbus Council 1493 BREAKFAST! Sunday December 27, 8:30-12:00

Waffles, pancakes, eggs, meat, juice and coffee Free will donations Knights of Columbus Hall, 906 Central Ave West

Today! We thank you for our food—and remember the hungry Today! We thank you for our health—and remember the sick Today! We thank you for friends—and remember the friendless Today! We thank you for our freedom—and remember those who are not free

Today! We thank you for the joy of serving in Your name. AMEN

Father Doug, Father Jay & Parishioners: I would like to Thank You for the prayers and for calling 911 on Thanksgiving Day while a suffered a serious medical event before the start of Mass. Your thoughtfulness is appreciated greatly. Father Jay, thank you for the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick. Sincerely: Jim Trunkle



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Holy Spirit Parish Christmas Schedule, 2020

Thursday Dec. 24: NO 8;30 Mass, office closes at 12 pm

Christmas Masses: 2:30, 4:30, 7:00 & 9:00 pm

Friday Dec. 25: Mass is at 9:00 am, office closed.

Saturday and Sunday Dec. 26 & 27: usual Mass times

Sunday Dec. 27-Tuesday Dec. 29: NO ADORATION

Monday Dec. 28-Thursday Dec. 31: office CLOSED; NO DAILY MASSES

Thursday Dec. 31: Vigil Mass 6:00 pm, The Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God; Adoration begins at 7:00 pm and ends at 9:30 am on Jan. 1. Sign ups are available. The church doors will be open.

Friday Jan 1: Mass at 10:00 am, office CLOSED

Covid protocols will be followed:

Masks are required for everyone over the age of 5

6 feet distance between non-family members in halls, in pews, and in Communion line.

Our maximum capacity is 350 people. All Masses will be live streamed on our Facebook page.

www.DesktopBackground.org

Poinsettas for Chrismas Season

We are once again asking for donations of Red Poinsettas to decorate our church for Christmas Masses. If you would like to donate a Poinsetta, please bring it to the social hall by Noon on Wednesday 12/23.

Thank You!