



Holy Spirit

Catholic Parish and School

December 5th, 2021
2nd Sunday of Advent

Worship Centers:

Holy Spirit Catholic Church

201 44th St S; Great Falls, MT 59405

Parish Office:

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Holy Spirit Catholic School

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Check out FORMED.org.

"Advent is a journey towards Bethlehem. May we let ourselves be drawn by the light of God made man." ~ Pope Francis

Knights of Columbus Council #9395 **CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST!!**

Pancakes, French toast, scrambled eggs, ham, hash brown casserole, biscuits and gravy, coffee and juice.
Free Will Offering!



Mrs. Santa's Kitchen Bake Sale is Back!
Get ready to showcase all your wonderful goodies after the 4:30 Mass on Dec. 11th and the Sunday Masses on Dec. 12th.
Any baked goods donations are welcome!
Come, Shop, Eat, Enjoy!

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 8:30 am

Saturday 8:30 am

Reconciliation:

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



Adoration:

Sunday 7 pm -- Tuesday 5 pm

Mass schedule for the Immaculate Conception

Wednesday December 8

8:30 am, 12:15 and 6:30 pm

Advent Penance Service

Monday 12/13, 6:00 pm

Opportunity for individual Confessions



Parish Staff:

Fr. Doug Krings	Pastor
Dcn Pete Woelkers	Deacon
Aubrey Rearden	Parish Administrator
	Worship
Cindy Eultgen	Christian Service
Nick Wingerter	RCIA,
	Adult Formation
Joel Corda	Music
Mary Moore-Wingerter	Administrative Asst.
	Elem. Formation
Molly Schmitz	Youth Minister
Tracy Tomich	Custodian



Baptism Preparation Sessions

If you are expecting a child or recently had a baby and would like that child baptized at Holy Spirit, You must attend our two Baptism Preparation Sessions.

Our next sessions are:

Sunday December 5 at 1:00 pm at Peter and Paul

Sunday December 12 at 1:00 pm at Peter and Paul

Weekly Happenings~

Mass Intentions:

Mass	Intention	Requested by
Sat 12/4—8:30 am - —4:30 pm	+Luella Kinzler Parishioners	G Kinzler
Sun 12/5—8:30 am 11:00 am	+Neil Michaels +Clare Donisthorpe	M Michaels Deffe family
Mon 12/6- 8:30 am	+Vivian Drake	Family
Tue 12/7- 5:15 pm	+Barbara Mahught	J & J Capp
Wed 12/8- 8:30 am - 12:15 pm - 6:30 pm	+Jean Mares McCormick Theresa & Lawrence Dunkin, A. W. Bradshaw, Angel & Hope Newton, Roy & Josephine O'Laughlin, & Helen Preston +Elizabeth Routson Rayna (sp int)	C Willets School intentions D Hudson P Kapstafer
Thu 12/9– 8:30 am	+Richard Lefford	K Walters
Fri 12/10– 8:30 am	+Bill Minnerly	J & J Capp
Sat 12/11- 8:30 am 4:30 pm	Amy & Glenn Bliss (sp int) +Mr. & Mrs. Ed Mares	J Bliss C Willets
Sun 12/12– 8:30 am - 11:00 am	+Dennis Mora Dave Mohler (sp int)	L Goss S Mohler

Readings for next week~ 3rd Sunday of Advent

1st Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-18a
2nd Reading: Philippians 4:4-7
Gospel: Luke 3:10-18

Bus Schedule

Sunday, Dec. 12: Jan Olson & Laurie Kessler
Sunday, Dec. 19: Tom Balyeat & Assistant Needed

Calendar of Events December 4-12

Saturday:	Daily Mass—8:30 am Sunday Vigil Mass—4:30 pm	
Sunday:	Mass– 8:30 & 11:00 am Adoration—6 pm Baptism Prep.—1:00 pm	Sts. P&P
Tuesday:	Homebound Training—9:30 am Pastoral Council—6:15 pm	hall
Wednesday:	High School Bible Study—6:45 am Elem. Formation—4:30 pm Youth Group—6:30 pm	Schultes P & P P & P
Thursday:	RCIA—7 pm	Sts. P & P
Friday:	Office Closed	
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Sunday:	Masses at 8:30 and 11:00 am Adoration-6pm Baptism Prep—1:00 pam	Sts. P&P

Liturgical Ministers for Dec 11, 12

4:30 PM	8:30 AM	11:00 AM
★ Sub requested ~ log in to Web Terminal and accept the sub		
		Holy Wash
Sacristan		
A Klundt	M Moore-Wingerter	M francis
Greeters		
Ushers		
Cross Bearer		
Altar Servers		
Readers		
K Shipley	S Robinson	B Neuman
Musicians		
Laura McCain	Joel Corda	Joel Corda
Ministers of the Eucharist		
K Reed T Grau	J Durocher L Durocher	C Christiaens S Harrington

Care for our Common Home!

Thank you for Recycling cardboard, aluminum,
& mixed paper.

Weekend Newspaper Cardboard

1st (Dec 3—9)	K of C 9395	C. Jernigan
2nd (Dec 10—16)	K. Weinheimer	A. Fisher
3rd (Dec 17—23)	OPEN	C. Nowak
4th (Dec 24—30)	D & P Birkenbuel	R. Shipley



**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 8, at 6:45 am at Schultes. Youth Group on December 8 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: mwingarter@holyspiritgf.org
406-452-6491, ex 201

Elementary Formation: Happy Advent!
We will meet December 8 at 4:30 pm at Sts. Peter and Paul.

Sacramental Preparation

Mary Moore-Wingarter, mwingarter@holyspiritgf.org
406-452-6491

1st Reconciliation will be in mid-January. I will send out a letter with more information after the holidays.

Holy Spirit School

Melissa Hallahan, Principal, mhallahan@holyspiritgf.org
Jackie Wike, Robin Verzuh Administrative Assistants
Jenifer Thomas, Development Director
761-5775 www.holyspiritgfschool.org

Holy Spirit Catholic School is full of Christmas spirit going into the Advent Season. Our school is decorated and the students are starting to practice for their Christmas programs. The halls are very merry!

This week the 6th and 8th graders went to the Grace Home for veterans and decorated their common space for Christmas. The veterans were very grateful for the festive decorations.

Please consider joining our team of substitute teachers at Holy Spirit Catholic School. If interested, contact the front office at 761-5775.

Volunteers and Christian Service

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

If you have ever wondered about these ministries, this is your time! Stop in to meet new friends and see what the ministries are all about!

Invitation to All ~ December Calendar



Tue. Dec. 7 @ 9:30 am in the parish hall.
Ministry to the Homebound
Coffee & Conversation.



Sat. Dec. 11 from 10-11:30 in the parish hall. Bus Ministers Training.



Tues. Dec. 14 @ 6: PM Christian Service:
Special Projects, Justice Education, & Commission Gathering with pizza.
Please RSVP.



Christmas Caroling to the Homebound. Text HSGF to 84576 for more information.



Bereavement Support group. All are welcome! Tuesday Dec 21 at 4 :00 pm

Thank you for the reminders—keep 'em coming especially if you have not heard from a staff person (in any way: text, email, phone call, conversation, etc.) about the ministries that you signed up for!



We are still collecting your family updates & your interest in parish life at this time. Books are located in the rack on the wall of the main entrance of church. Please take one to read and pray with. Consider how you might be involved & return the white form. We would love to have a conversation with you!



Stewardship

Monsignor House Reflection: As we look forward to the celebration of the memory of the birth of Jesus, Luke reminds us that the Holy Spirit was prophesied through the prophet Isaiah and again proclaimed by John, the one referred to as the Baptist. When the babe in the manger grows up, suffers and dies for us, rises from the dead and ascends into heaven, he sends to us, the ancient prophecy delivered through Isaiah. It is the gift of God's own Spirit that gives us the joy of giving to those who have needs. The birth of Jesus begins anew, the Christian path of caring for those who need shelter, clothing and food. Holy Spirit Parish thanks you so much for your generous-giving to those living in the Monsignor House.

Needs and thanks for the Monsignor House: If you have questions regarding the Monsignor House, feel free to call Kathie Malby at 406.781.5033. Please leave a message and 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

We have training dates scheduled!

On 12/9: 6 pm is **Readers**

On 12/12: 9:45 am is **Altar Servers**

New ministers will need to attend the training for your Ministry before we can schedule you. If these times and dates don't fit into your schedule, please call Aubrey so we can schedule a different time.

December's schedule is completed. Please log into Ministry Scheduler to see your scheduled times. A sign up sheet is available for Immaculate Conception Masses on Dec. 8. Please check on the table outside the Sacristy.

Catechism Corner

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Is the Old Testament still relevant to our faith? (CCC 120-123, 128-130)

Jesus the Master Teacher and the apostolic proclamations have never revoked the Old Testament writings, which are the inspired Word of God (121), and vigorously oppose the idea of setting them aside (123). The Old Testament canon, all 46 books recognized as inspired by God, have one purpose and mission: to orient and prepare us for the coming of Jesus. Deemed "imperfect and provisional," (122) the Old Testament contains, though in hidden and incomplete terms, the truth of humanity's salvation history. Through the people of Israel, God's chosen race, God reveals Himself through creation, His plan for salvation through covenants and law, His royal lineage through the nation, tribe of Judah, and house of David, and His holy intentions through His prophets. In the Old Testament, the formative teaching of God is presented that all nations would see that, in the fullness of time, Jesus had been prefigured from the beginning (128,130). Therefore, to understand the proclamations and revelation of the New, one must also study the announcements of the Old (129).

Courtesy Announcements

Father Jay Peterson is leading a pilgrimage to Rome!
May 31-June 8, 2022.

Father Jay invites you to join him on a pilgrimage to Rome. The program includes visits with Travel Illume's local expert guides and daily liturgy in historical venues. The hotel selected is first-class and in an ideal location. A day excursion to Assisi, birthplace of St Francis, is planned as well. The program includes a group flight out of Great Falls with the option to use your own frequent flyer miles. Come join us for a memorable and inspiring journey! For information and registration visit: travelillume.com/trc/xvu. We encourage you to register by Nov 30, 2021 to ensure your place.

The CMR Performing Arts Department presents Nunsense December 2-4 and 9-11 at 7:30 pm in the Bill Williamson Hall Auditorium. The show on December 4 is a matinee performance at 2 pm. There is no evening show. Tickets are \$10 general admission. For more information please call 406-268-6117.

Don't forget about the Holy Spirit Parish and School endowments at the Catholic Foundation of Eastern Montana for your end of the year donations. If you have any questions you can contact Judy Held at 315-1765. There are also a few pamphlets available on the table near the office.

Marriage Troubles? If your marriage has become troubled and stressed, unloving or uncaring, if you have grown cold and distant, even if you are divorced or separated, or are thinking about it, Retrouvaille can help as it has helped tens of thousands of others. Our next program begins February 25, 2022. For more information about an upcoming Retrouvaille Weekend program for couples, contact registration teams, at 1-800-470-2230 or visit HelpOurMarriage.com. Not counseling or group therapy. All contacts and names held in strictest confidence.



The University of Providence presents...

Lessons and Carols

December 9 at 7:00p,

Trinitas Chapel at the University

Enjoy a night of carols along with the telling of the Christmas story

Milestones



Welcome to **Dan and Kay Shull**; and **Holly Heffley**, with her children **Adalynn & Declan**, who recently registered at Holy Spirit. Welcome!

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

December 2021



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28 8:30 & 11 am Masses Adoration, 6 pm	29 8:30 am Mass Adoration	30 5:15 pm Mass Adoration	1 8:30 am Mass H.S. Bible study, 6:45 am, Schultes Elem. Formation, 4:30 pm Sts. P&P Confessions 5:30-6:30 pm Youth Group, 6:30 pm, Sts. P&P	2 8:30 a.m. Mass RCIA, 7 pm Sts. P&P	3 School Mass, 8:30 am	4 8:30 am Mass 2-4 p.m. Confession 4:30 Mass
5 8:30 & 11 am Masses Baptism Prep, 1 pm Sts P&P Adoration, 6 pm	6 8:30 am Mass Adoration	7 5:15 p.m. Vigil Mass Immaculate Conception Adoration Home Bound Ministry Training, 9:30 am Pastoral Council 6:15 pm, Hall.	8 Immaculate Conception: 8:30 am, 12:15 & 6:30 pm Mass H.S. Bible study, 6:45 am, Schultes Elem. Formation, 4:30 pm Sts. P&P Confessions 5:30-6:30 pm Youth Group, 6:30 pm Sts P&P	9 8:30 a.m. Mass RCIA, 7 pm Sts. P&P	10 Mass 8:30 a.m.	11 8:30 am Mass Bus Ministry training, 10 am hall 2-4 p.m. Confession 4:30 Mass <i>Mrs. Santa's Kitchen Bake Sale!</i>
12 <i>Mrs. Santa's Kitchen Bake Sale and Breakfast!</i> 8:30 & 11 am Masses Altar Server training, 9:45 am Baptism Prep, 1 pm Sts P&P Adoration, 6 pm	13 8:30 am Mass Adoration Advent Penance Service, 6 pm	14 5:15 p.m. Mass Adoration Formation Comm. 6:00 pm, RCIA rm. Christian Service, 6:00 pm, hall	15 8:30 am Mass H.S. Bible study, 6:45 am, Schultes Elem. Formation, 4:30 pm Sts. P&P Confessions 5:30-6:30 pm Youth Group, 6:30 pm Sts P&P	16 8:30 a.m. Mass RCIA 7 pm Sts. P&P	17 School Mass 8:30 am Young Adult Gathering, 6 pm Schultes	18 8:30 am Mass 2-4 p.m. Confession 4:30 Mass Youth Group Lock in, 8:00 pm Sts P&P
19 8:30 & 11 am Masses Adoration, 6 pm	20 8:30 am Mass Adoration	21 5:15 p.m. Mass Adoration Grief support meeting, 4 pm, hall	22 8:30 am Mass H.S. Bible study, 6:45 am, Schultes Confessions 5:30-6:30 pm	23 8:30 a.m. Mass RCIA 7 pm Sts. P&P	24 No 8:30 Mass Christmas Eve Masses: 4:00, 7:00 and 9:00 pm	25 9:00 am Mass
26 8:30 & 11 am Masses NO Adoration	27 No Mass No Adoration Office Closed	28 No Mass No Adoration Office Closed	29 No Mass No Adoration Office Closed	30 No Mass	31 No 8:30 Mass Vigil Mass, Solemnity of Mary, 6:00 Perpetual Adoration 7 pm	1 No 8:30 Mass Adoration 4:30 pm Mass



*Please join us in celebrating
Bishop Michael W. Warfel*

*25th Anniversary of Ordination as Bishop
as we gather in two separate events*

Solemn Advent Vespers

on Friday, December 17, 2021

at 6:00 pm

St. Ann's Cathedral

Great Falls

Reception immediately following
at The Heisey Center

Mass

on Sunday, December 19, 2021

at noon

St. Ann's Cathedral

Luncheon Reception immediately following
at The Heisey Center

Please RSVP to Barbara Haacke by December 1st

406-604-1850, or bhaacke@diocesegfb.org

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local crisis pregnancy center

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December 2021

Holy Spirit Catholic Parish

Father Doug Krings

One Minute Meditations

The gift of Advent

The season of Advent began on November 28 and continues until Christmas Eve. The Church offers us this time as a gift to slow down, quiet down, and reflect on God's love for us. Consider setting aside quiet time each day to be with Him.



Celebrate birth

December is the month in which we celebrate the birth of the infant King. This has become a time to reaffirm our respect for life from conception to natural death. We pray that all babies are given the gift of life.

"Let not your heart be disturbed. Do not fear that sickness, nor any other sickness or anguish. Am I not here, who is your Mother? Are you not under my protection? Am I not your health? Are you not happily within my fold? What else do you wish? Do not grieve nor be disturbed by anything."

(Our Lady to St. Juan Diego, December 9, 1531)



Make this Christmas your own

Each year at Christmas, we celebrate an amazing truth. God came to Earth, in person, to be with us and, hopefully, bring us to Heaven. Think of it – the Creator of the universe came to be with you and me and promised to remain with us. Try these ways to keep the wonder of Christmas alive the whole year round:

Receive Him with Mary's open heart. When the angel Gabriel delivered God's stunning message, Mary accepted God's will completely. She kept her heart open to His will throughout her life. We can imitate her by letting nothing come between us and God. Go to

Confession regularly. Pray daily. Attend Mass at least weekly. Receive Jesus in your heart.

Adore Him like the Magi. After receiving Communion, you are literally heart-to-heart with Jesus. Thank Him, praise Him, or just rest in Him. Give Him the gift of your full attention. Receive the graces of His love.

Proclaim Him like the Angels. Just as the heavenly host announced Christ's birth to the shepherds with gladness, so we are to proclaim Jesus to those around us. We do this when we join in worship at Mass each Sunday, and give Him credit for our blessings and gifts. His presence in our hearts becomes evident when we live with love and Christmas joy.



Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics believe Jesus really came?

That Jesus lived in first century Israel is well documented by both Christian sources and non-Christian sources. The Old Testament, which was known to Jews many years before Christ's birth, predicted the coming of the Messiah.



Jesus' life, death, and Resurrection fulfilled those prophecies. The Gospels name eyewitnesses as sources for the miracles Jesus worked. Another compelling argument for Jesus' reality, however, is the witness of the martyrs through the centuries, who remained faithful to Christ even to death.

Develop an Advent frame of mind

The holiday season can seem more like a test of endurance than preparation for a celebration. In the midst of the seasonal stress, we are asked to reach into ourselves and bring out only what is kind, generous, and loving. It may help to remember that the real reason for the season is the celebration of unimaginable Love.

Try to see with a Father's eye. Our Heavenly Father delights in our creation and loves us for exactly who we are. During Advent, try to see yourself through His eyes. Not the flawed human visible to



humanity, but the spectacular product of God's divine love and the reflection of His glory.

Prepare your gift. Make your gift to Jesus an open heart, ready to receive the love He has for you. *"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life"* (John 3:16).

Anticipating an eternity of unimaginable love is absolutely the right Advent frame of mind.

from Scripture

Luke 2:41-52, Finding in the Temple

The Feast of the Holy Family (December 26) includes the story of finding Jesus in the Temple, a story of love and obedience. Jesus, Mary, and Joseph traveled to Jerusalem for the Passover, as was the custom for Jews of that time. They traveled in a large group for protection against bandits who infested the hill country. So it wasn't surprising that His parents didn't miss Jesus as they started the return trip. Upon discovering Him missing, they hurried back to Jerusalem.

On the third day of searching, they found Jesus in the Temple. He was



questioning the priests and amazing them with his understanding. However, Mary asked how He could have caused

His parents so much worry and Jesus replied, "Did you not know I must be in my Father's house?"

Though they were puzzled by His answer, Mary and Joseph took Jesus back to Nazareth. He

remained there in obedience to His parents until it was time for his public ministry. We learn from this story to obey not only God but also those in authority over us.

Q & A

Do we have to return to Mass in person?

When we love someone, we don't want to just call or send an email. We want to be together in person, growing in love and friendship. Then, too, when we love Jesus, we want to be with Him



in body, blood, soul and divinity in the Eucharist. "It is a substantial presence by which Christ...makes

himself wholly and entirely present" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, #1374).

The Eucharist is a gift we can only fully receive in person. It is spiritual food for the journey. In it we receive not just graces, but Jesus, Himself. Nowhere else on Earth and in no other way can we be so closely united to Him who loves us most.

It is possible – and required – to attend Mass in person unless there is a grave reason to stay away. Still, let nothing keep you from Jesus in the Eucharist. Go to Confession regularly and never miss Mass. Do whatever you can to receive Jesus in the Eucharist. Remember, God is never outdone in generosity.

Feasts & Celebrations

December 2 – St. Bibiana (363). Virgin and martyr, St. Bibiana was the daughter of a Roman official who converted to Christianity and was martyred for his faith. Bibiana was tortured and executed for her Christianity, as well.

December 8 – Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. On this day we commemorate that Mary was conceived in St. Anne's womb without Original Sin. In addition to attending Mass for this Holy Day of Obligation, praying a joyful Rosary is a wonderful way

to celebrate.

December 12 – Gaudete Sunday. This Sunday marks the halfway point of Advent. We light the rose candle in the Advent wreath for joy. During the last two weeks of Advent, the Church prepares to celebrate Jesus' birth at Christmas.

December 29 – St. Thomas Becket (1170). As Archbishop of Canterbury, King Henry II tried to pressure him and the other bishops into agreeing to unjust laws, but St. Thomas refused to sign his approval for them. He was eventually martyred for his faith.



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