



Holy Spirit

Catholic Parish and School

May 8th, 2022
4th Sunday of Easter

Worship Centers:

Holy Spirit Catholic Church

201 44th St S; Great Falls, MT 59405

Parish Office:

Mon-Thur: 9:00-4, Fri: 9:00-noon

201 44th St S; Ph. 452-6491

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Holy Spirit Catholic School

2820 Central Ave, Great Falls, MT 59401

761-5775; Principal: Melissa Hallahan

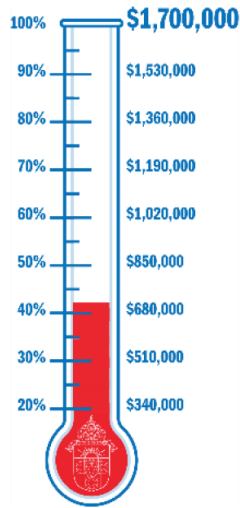
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Check out FORMED.org.

"He has risen. This is the heart of our faith. Mary was a silent witness of all these events. Let us ask her to help us also to receive the fullness of this Easter message." ~St. John Paul II

Father Doug will be gone for the annual Priests' Retreat Monday May 9-Thursday May 12.
We will not have daily Mass Mon-Thurs.
No Adoration 5/8-10



As we continue our Annual Catholic Appeal, thank you for your prayers and your donations. For those of you who have given, your money is already being put to work for our Catholic family in Eastern Montana. Remember that we reap what we sow, and in giving—blessings are returned. Please keep the appeal and the work of the Church in your prayers, and if you have not yet given, please prayerfully consider making your pledge today.

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

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

Raffle Update for Holy Spirit

THERE IS STILL TIME TO GET YOUR RAFFLE TICKETS!

The latest report has Holy Spirit Parish still leading the pack for number of tickets sold. LET'S KEEP THAT LEAD and we will get an extra \$500 for our parish!!

All ticket stubs need to be turned in to the Chancery by MAY 13, so come to the office and get your tickets!

Also, breaking news, the Diocesan event Moving Mountains has been canceled so the staff can devote their time and energy to the ordination of our new Bishop elect, Father Jeff Fleming.

Drawing for the 5 prizes will be LIVE on Facebook at noon 5/20/22.



This is a Charity Raffle for the Diocese of Great Falls - Billings. All rules can be found on our website at www.diocesegfb.org.

Weekly Happenings~

Mass Intentions:

Mass	Intention	Requested by
Sat 5/7—8:30 am —4:30 pm	Nicole Reed (sp int) +Mae Thelen	Hansens B Thelan
Sun 5/8—8:30 am 11:00 am	Jim Trunkle (sp int) Patricia Routson (sp int)	H Hackett D Hudson
Mon 5/9- 8:30 am	No Mass	
Tue 5/10- 5:15 pm	No Mass	
Wed 5/11 - 8:30 am	No Mass	
Thu 5/12– 8:30 am	No Mass	
Fri 5/13– 8:30 am	Tucker Hansen (sp int) Bob Anderson, Ruth Baker, Hazel Capp, Mildred Cerotzke, Helen Cronkovich, Barbara DeLuca, Jan Gilligan, Joan Pope, Pauline Semmens, and Maurice & Lucille Villeneuve	Hansens School Mass Intentions
Sat 5/14– 8:30 am - 4:30 pm	+Margaret & Ellsworth Hayes Adam Nadeau family (sp int)	Eunice & Mary Hansens
Sun 5/15– 8:30 am - 11:00 am	+Mike O'Neill Parishioners	L O'Neill

Readings for next week 5th Sunday of Easter

1st Reading: Acts of the Apostles 14:21-27

2nd Reading: Revelation 21:1-5a

Gospel: John 13:31-33a, 34-35

Bus Schedule

Sunday, May 15: Jan Olson and Laurie Kessler
Sunday, May 22 Roger and Kay Seilstad

Coffee and Rolls

May 8: Mother’s Day, No Rolls
May 15: Knights of Columbus Rolls & Burritos

Calendar of Events May 7-15

Saturday:	8:30 am Mass 4:30 pm Mass	
Sunday:	8:30 & 11:00 Masses Bible Study—1:00pm No Adoration	
Mon-Thur:	NO daily Mass: Priests’ Retreat	
Tuesday:	Christian Service– 6:00 pm Fall Fest planning– 6:30 pm	Con Rm Hall
Friday:	8:30 am Mass	
Saturday:	8:30 am Mass 4:30 pm Mass	
Sunday:	8:30 & 11:00 Masses Bible Study—1:00pm Adoration– 7:00 pm	

Liturgical Ministers for May 14, 15

4:30 PM	8:30 AM	11:00 AM
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		Holy Wash
		J Knutson
Sacristan		
A Klundt	D Azar	T Balyeat
Greeters		
Ushers		
Cross Bearer		
Altar Servers		
A Fitzpatrick	D Schuler C Schuler	T Hansen T Hansen ★
Readers		
M Schmitz	W Secord	B Nueman
Musicians		
L McCain	Joel Corda	J Corda
Ministers of the Eucharist		
T Grau R Huntsinger	P Woelkers K Lakner	P Woelkers C Huber

Care for our Common Home!

The money from these recyclables goes directly to Holy Spirit School. Thank you for recycling and supporting our school.



Weekend	Newspaper	Cardboard
2nd (May 13-19)	K. Weinheimer	A. Fisher
3rd (May 20-26)	OPEN	C. Nowak
4th (May 27-June 2)	D & P Birkenbuel	R. Shipley
1st (June 3-9)	K of C 9395	C. Jernigan

**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 4, 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. 6 molly@holyspiritgf.org



High School Bible study 6:45am May 11 at Schultes.
Thank you for your service to our parish, Molly, and best of luck on your next adventure!

Vacation Bible School

Mary Moore-Wingenter, mwingenter@holyspiritgf.org

Vacation Bible School registration is open!

Please go to our website: holyspiritgf.org and follow the link on the home page.

Anyone interested in VOLUNTEERING can use the same link to register. We need many hands to make this event successful! Please consider sharing your talent!

Sacramental Preparation

Mary Moore-Wingenter, mwingenter@holyspiritgf.org
406-452-6491

Congratulations to our parish young people who receive Confirmation and First Communion Saturday, April 30th.
Thank you for all your thoughts and prayers for these children and their families!

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 celebrated Teacher Appreciation Week by showering our amazing staff all week! Students brought in flowers and Home & School hosted lunches and made gifts. It was a great week to be a staff member at HSCS!

Our May calendar is about to burst! We have field trips, middle school dance, finals week, Spirit Walk and much more! So we decided to add more to the 100 days of May and we are starting our first annual SPIRIT WEEK! It will be May 16th-20th and each day will have a dress-up day, there will be contests, a service project and then our Spirit Walk! If you want to feel the SPIRIT, our service project is going to help the Food Bank. We are collecting cereal

boxes and on May 25th our 5th Graders are setting a cereal domino run for the school to watch. You can drop off boxed cereal now until the 24th in the box by the front doors or at the school.

It's not too late to join the fun for next year! We still have room available in most of our classes. Give our Development/Admissions Director, Jenifer a call 761-5775!

Volunteers and Christian Service

Cindy Eultgen 452-6491 ext. 7
cindy@holyspiritgf.org

Bus Assistants Needed!

From 9:30—11am and 12pm-1:30 pm Sundays:
May 29, June 5, June 12. Can you help out?
Training provided.

Family Promise Needs You!



Since the pandemic has slowed down Family Promise is ready for Volunteers from Holy Spirit to meet many needs.

Immediate need is for two separate family/kid friendly dinners to be prepared and delivered at 6:00 pm in a container that you do not want returned. Days available: Monday, May 16, Wednesday May 18, Friday, May 20.

Please talk to Cindy about family size and which day you can help or if you would like to help in another way, another time. We need to build volunteers from Holy Spirit Parish!

Happy Mothers Day!

We begin our support of the Echoz Pregnancy Care Center annual Baby Bottle Campaign this week. Please pick up a bottle, fill it with your donation and return to the parish by Father's Day, June 19th.



Coffee & Conversation
in the Parish Hall (every week) on Wednesday May 4 at 9:00 am after 8:30 AM Mass
All are Welcome!

Stewardship

Reflection: In the Easter season our Alleluias ring out that Jesus is riser—the bells of joy carry those of us who LOVE Him and His good NEWS! As we care for others, the sick, poor, vulnerable, lonely, isolated, sad, and hurting, we have the HOPE that is needed for the healing of all those who are on our Path and dependent on us. As our dear Savior breathes His Spirit out to us, let us receive His Gift of Life and share it with others, including the ones within our own families who need our support.

Announcement: Family Promise has some needs if any of you wonderful volunteers want to donate: Sanitizing Wipes, Back-packs, Kleenex, Clipboards, Pillows, Bath towels, Napkins, Toilet paper, Paper plates & bowls; socks (new, all sizes); Plastic forks, Beanies; Chef Boyardee (pull top lid); Light gloves; Soup (pull top lid); Deodorant (men/women); Laundry detergent pods; Lysol spray. Donations can be dropped off at 1019 Central, alley entrance. Thank you!

The Monsignor House houses a family waiting for help from the state to provide assistance with housing that is sustainable and affordable. Please continue to pray for this family.

Monsignor House Thanks and Needs: For any questions, please call Kathie Malby at 1.406.781.5033 and leave a message. She will return your call as soon as she can.

Worship

Aubrey Rearden –Worship Coordinator
452-6491 ex. 1 aubrey@holyspiritgf.org
Mary Wingerter—Ministry Scheduler

If you are scheduled for a time you can not make, please request a substitute in the Ministry Scheduler program.

Catechism Corner

Next in the Creed, we profess that On the third day He rose again. What does this mean? (CCC 638-655)
“We bring you the good news that what God promised to the fathers, this day he has fulfilled to us their children by raising Jesus.” (Acts 13:32-33) The Resurrection of Jesus is the crowning truth of the faith believed and lived as the central truth of the Paschal mystery, along with the cross. The mystery of Christ’s resurrection is a real event, verified in the New Testament. “Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen.” (Lk 24:5-6) That empty tomb and the linen cloths was an essential sign for all, signifying that by God’s power Christ’s body had escaped the bonds of death and corruption. Its discovery by the disciples was the first step toward recognizing the very fact of the Resurrection. Mary Magdalene and the holy women were the first to encounter the Risen One, (Mk 16:1) thus being the first messengers of the Resurrection for the apostles. (Lk 24:9-10) By means of touch and sharing meals, the risen Jesus establishes direct contact with his disciples. This verifies that the risen body is the same body that had been crucified, bearing the signs of his Passion. (Lk 24: 30, 39-43) This Paschal mystery has two aspects: by his death, Christ liberates us from sin; by his Resurrection, he opens for us the way to a new life. (CCC 654) This new life is above all justification that reinstates us in God’s grace. The Justification consists in victory over the death caused by sin and a new participation in grace. (Cf. Eph 2:4-5) In Christ, Christians’ lives are swept up by Christ into the heart of divine life so that they may “live no longer for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.” (2 Cor 5:15)

Courtesy Announcements

RELIQUARY OF ST. BERNADETTE~U.S. TOUR ‘22

Coming to Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

Wednesday, June 22nd—Friday, June 24th, 2022

Wed. 6/22:

- 8:30 Mass of Reception of the Relics with Bishop (with Sprinkling of Lourdes Water & Anointing of the sick)
- 10:00-1:00: Reconciliation, Visitation & Veneration of relics

Thur. 6/23:

- 8:00am Morning Mass
- 9:00-4:00pm: Visitation & Veneration of the Relics
- 6:00pm: Lourdes Virtual Pilgrimage Experience

Fri. 6/24:

- 8:00am Morning Mass
- 9:00—4:00pm Visitation & Veneration of the Relics
- 4:00-5:30 pm: Reconciliation
- 6:45pm: Candlelight Eucharistic Procession
- 7:30: Rosary; 8:00: Farewell Celebration Prayers



We offer you a Cum Christo, a three-day period of spiritual renewal of your Christian Faith. Please call Barry or Terri with questions. Applications are available in the rack by our front door. Our next Cum Christo is in Great Falls at the Ursuline Centre; Men’s weekend June 9-12, contact Rector Barry O’Connell 406-403-4803; Women’s weekend June 16-19, contact Rectora Terri Wassmann 406-868-0143.



Holy Spirit Catholic School is gearing up for our annual spring fundraiser the SPIRIT WALK! We are looking for sponsors to make this community event amazing! Your sponsorship will come with radio, print, and social media advertising while support our students and staff! Our sponsorships start at \$150. The Spirit Walk greatly impacts the educational needs for Holy Spirit Catholic school. If interested please contact Jenifer Thomas for more information. 406-761-5775 ext 222 or jthomas@holyspiritgf.org.

Lost! A couple of weeks ago, someone took a coat from the coat rack near the accessibility parking lot. Someone took a gray Columbia jacket and left a very similar looking gray Eddie Bauer jacket. Please make the swap next time you are at Mass. Thank you!

Hektor Pitstick is hosting his Freshman Concert at St. Ann’s Cathedral on Sunday May 15th at 7:30pm. All are welcome!

Knights of Columbus, Council # 9395

The Knights of Columbus Council 9395 will be offering Cinnamon rolls and Burritos Sunday May 15. Come and enjoy a great breakfast and wonderful fellowship!

Milestones



Welcome to **Jim & Amy Grimsley**, with their children **Gracie and Brielle**; **Lyndon & Mary Goodrich**; and **Eric & Jenna Munkres**, with their children **Mackenzie and Myla**, who all recently registered at Holy Spirit Parish.

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

Holy Spirit Parish and Holy Spirit School are hiring!

The Parish has 3 positions available:

- ⇒ **Director of Religious Formation:** This position supervises the planning, programming, implementation, and evaluation of a comprehensive religious formation program to include Elementary, Youth, adult and Sacramental preparation programs. This position is 20 hour/week.
- ⇒ **Elementary Formation Coordinator:** This position administers the Elementary Formation Program for Pre-school through 6th grade, Vacation Bible School and Completion of Initiation Program. This position is 20 hours/week.
- ⇒ **Facility and Grounds Maintenance Coordinator:** This position is responsible for identifying, reporting and coordinating maintenance efforts for the Parish. The coordinator will serve as chairman of the Parish Maintenance Committee which advises Pastoral Council regarding repair, Maintenance and safety issues within the Parish facilities and grounds. This position is 10-20hours/week.

Employees of Holy Spirit Parish receive free tuition for their children at Holy Spirit Catholic School

The School has these positions available:

- ⇒ **Elementary Teacher:** This position is perfect for a self-motivated and experienced teacher. Responsibilities include grading assignments, Evaluating progress and planning educational activities.
- ⇒ **Extended Care Director:** This position is for a qualified childcare director to manage the day-to-day operations and establish and sustain a positive learning environment for the children in the Extended Care Program.
- ⇒ **Bus Driver:** We are looking for a responsible and reliable school bus driver to transport students to and from school as well as to and from special events. The driver is in charge of following a scheduled route and ensure passenger safety.

Employees of Holy Spirit School receive free tuition for their children at the school.

***For information on the Parish positions, please contact Aubrey:
406.452.6491; Aubrey@holyspiritgf.org***

***For information on the School positions, please contact Melissa:
406.761.5775; mhallahan@holyspiritgf.org***

May 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8:30 & 11am Masses Coffee & Rolls, 9:30 am Bible Study, 1pm hall Adoration, 6 pm	2 8:30am Mass Adoration	3 Adoration 5:15pm Mass Pastoral Council, 6:15pm	4 8:30am Mass	5 8:30am Mass RCIA, 7:00pm Sts. PP	6 8:30am Mass	7 8:30am Mass 2-4pm Confession 4:30 Mass
8 <i>Happy Mother's Day!</i> 8:30 & 11am Masses NO Adoration	9 NO Mass	10 NO Mass Christian Service Comm, 6 pm Fall Fest Meeting, 6:30pm, hall	11 NO Mass Confessions 5:30-6:30 pm	12 NO Mass RCIA, 7 pm Sts. P&P	13 8:30am Mass	14 8:30am Mass 2-4pm Confession 4:30 Mass
15 8:30 & 11am Masses Knights of Columbus rolls & burritos LAST Bible Study, 1 pm, hall Adoration, 6 pm	16 8:30am Mass Adoration	17 5:15pm Mass Adoration Bereavement team, 4 pm	18 8:30am Mass Knights of Columbus, 7 pm hall Confessions 5:30-6:30 pm	19 8:30am Mass RCIA 7 pm Sts. P&P	20 8:30am Mass	21 8:30am Mass Natural Family Planning seminar, 11am, Sts. P&P 2-4pm Confession 4:30 Mass
22 8:30 & 11am Masses Coffee & Rolls, 9:30 am Adoration, 6:00pm	23 8:30am Mass Adoration	24 5:15pm Mass Adoration Grief Support, 4 pm, hall Worship Comm., 6:15 pm, hall	25 8:30am Mass Confessions 5:30-6:30 pm	26 8:30am Mass RCIA 7 pm Sts. P&P	27 8:30am Mass	28 8:30am Mass 2-4pm Confession 4:30 Mass
29 8:30 & 11am Masses NO Adoration	30 Memorial Day! Office Closed <u>NO 8:30 Mass</u> Mass at Mt. Olivet Chapel, 10:00am	31 5:15 p.m. Mass				

HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC PARISH
March 31, 2022 MONTHLY FINANCIAL RECAP

OPERATING FUND				
	March-22	FISCAL YEAR TO DATE ACTUAL	BUDGET TO DATE	BUDGET VARIANCE OVER (UNDER)
SUNDAY OFFERING - (ENVELOPES & CASH)	\$ 65,312	\$ 718,443	\$ 660,375	\$ 58,068
SPECIAL DONATIONS-(WILLS, ESTATES, GIFTS, ETC.)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
PCCW CONTRIBUTIONS	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
* OTHER INCOME - (RELIG. ED., INTEREST, USER FEES, ETC.)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,900	\$ (9,900)
DIOCESE CURRENT OPERATING FUND ASSMT.-DONATION THRU C&S	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE	\$ 65,312	\$ 718,443	\$ 670,275	\$ 48,168
OPERATING EXPENSES				
HOLY SPIRIT SCHOOL SUBSIDY (29% OF SUNDAY OFFERINGS)	\$ 23,042	\$ 207,375	\$ 207,375	\$ 0
CHURCH & CENTER (MAINT. UTILITIES, INSURANCE, TAXES)	\$ 8,716	\$ 101,649	\$ 80,423	\$ 21,227
BUSINESS OFFICE (SUPPLIES, POSTAGE, EQUIP. & MAINT.)	\$ 4,577	\$ 30,252	\$ 30,450	\$ (198)
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (BOOKS, SUPPLIES, TRAINING, RESOURCES)	\$ 2,637	\$ 14,295	\$ 12,000	\$ 2,295
WORSHIP (ALTAR SUPPLIES, TRAINING, MUSIC)	\$ 827	\$ 17,579	\$ 13,388	\$ 4,192
CHRISTIAN SERVICE (TRAINING & SUPPLIES)	\$ -	\$ 1,040	\$ 4,073	\$ (3,033)
EMPLOYEE SALARIES & BENEFITS (INS. RETIREMENT, WORKERS COMP)	\$ 28,518	\$ 282,928	\$ 274,422	\$ 8,506
DIOCESAN CURRENT OPERATING FUND ASSESSMENT	\$ -	\$ 22,025	\$ 37,950	\$ (15,925)
OTHER EXPENSES (HOSPITALITY, COUNCIL, PARISH VAN)	\$ (501)	\$ 17,389	\$ 10,943	\$ 6,446
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES (BEFORE DEBT SERVICE)	\$ 67,816	\$ 694,531	\$ 671,022	\$ 23,509
NET INCREASE OR (DECREASE) IN OPERATING FUNDS	\$ (2,503)	\$ 23,912	\$ (747)	\$ 24,658
BUILDING INCOME/ EXPENSES				
BUILDING & COLUMBARIUM REVENUE	\$ 6,151	\$ 204,342		
* INTEREST INCOME	\$ -	\$ 4,664		
INTEREST EXPENSE	\$ (4,892)	\$ (44,880)		
PRINCIPAL PAYMENT	\$ (7,190)	\$ (63,858)		
NET INCREASE OR (DECREASE) IN BUILDING FUNDS	\$ (5,931)	\$ 100,268		
NET INCREASE OR (DECREASE) IN TOTAL FUNDS (BUILDING AND OPERATING)	\$ (8,434)	\$ 124,180		

BUILDING CASH RESERVE and LOAN STATUS				
BEGINNING LOAN BALANCES: 7/01/2021			\$	1,224,222
BUILDING RESERVE LOAN (HOLY SPIRIT SCHOOL ENDOWMENT)			\$	400,000
SUBTOTAL			\$	1,624,222
	March-22	YEAR TO DATE		
BEGINNING BUILDING RESERVE CASH BALANCE		\$ 65,202		
Reduction Due to Settlement				
PLEDGES & GIFTS	\$ 6,151	\$ 204,342		
WILLS & ESTATES	\$ -	\$ -		
VISION CAPITAL CHAMPAIGN	\$ -	\$ -		
INTEREST INCOME	\$ -	\$ 4,664		
OTHER INCOME Power/Artz	\$ -	\$ -		
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 6,151	\$ 209,006		
INTEREST EXPENSE	\$ (4,892)	\$ (44,880)		
PRINCIPAL PAYMENT ON BUILDING LOAN	\$ (7,190)	\$ (63,858)	\$	(63,858)
ADDITIONAL PRINCIPAL PAYMENT ON BUILDING LOAN	\$ -	\$ -	\$	-
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$ (12,082)	\$ (108,737)		
NET INCREASE OR (DECREASE) IN BUILDING RESERVE FUND	\$ (5,931)	\$ 100,268		
END OF CURRENT MONTH BUILDING RESERVE CASH BALANCE		\$ 165,471		
LOAN BALANCES AT THE END OF CURRENT MONTH			\$	1,560,364
BUILDING LOAN (DIOCESAN SAVINGS & LOAN)			\$	1,160,364
BUILDING RESERVE LOAN (HOLY SPIRIT SCHOOL ENDOWMENT)			\$	400,000
			\$	1,560,364

The background of the poster is a collage of autumn leaves in various shades of orange, yellow, and brown. Some leaves are large and detailed, while others are smaller and more abstract. Dark brown vine-like branches with small leaves are artfully placed in the corners and along the sides of the page.

Fall Festival

It is time to plan for our 2nd
Annual Fall Festival!

There will be a planning
meeting Tuesday May 10 in
the parish hall at 6:30pm.

We welcome any and all
people to help make this fun
event even better! Come
with lots of ideas, energy
and enthusiasm!

Contact Mary at 452-6491
or email
mwingert@holyspiritgf.org



Sisters of Divine Grace...Missionaries of the Heart of God

"Lord, help me to love beyond myself"

Sisters of Divine Grace (SDG) is a community of Catholic women who have come together in consecration to God and service to His people. Founded in Boise, Idaho in 2013, SDG was endorsed as a Private Association of the Faithful according to Canon Law in 2015 by the Diocese of Boise. We have spent the last three years in the Coeur d'Alene area of northern Idaho.

Our life as consecrated women is rooted in the Divine Love of the Heart of God: a tender and infinitely available love that heals and restores. Our desire is to make known to the world this healing love of Our Lord Jesus Christ through the living out of our charism as Brides of Christ. The Holy Spirit empowers and guides us in our mission of connecting hearts to the Heart of Jesus through our consecrated life of prayer, poverty, chastity and obedience, and ministries including Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, inner healing prayer and evangelization.

Our sisters are joyful, energetic, and very real and practical women who have chosen to step out of lives of worldly success and into complete abandonment and surrender to Divine Grace. We have embraced with excitement the call to creating something new and beautiful for the God with Whom we have fallen madly in love and chosen as Spouse.

- Reverend Mother Mary Paul of the Sacred Heart of Jesus is the foundress and superior of SDG. She retired recently from teaching Home Economics and Special Education in the Boise Public Schools. She has a master's degree in Pastoral Studies and has studied healing prayer, recently completing coursework at Encounter Ministries. Reverend Mother is originally from New Jersey.
- Sister Mary Agnes of the Lamb of God is in her second year of novitiate formation as a Sister of Divine Grace, a period of increased prayer and study, including Theology and Scripture. She spent her adult career as a research grant administrator at various universities, most recently at Boise State University in Idaho, retiring in 2019 to enter religious life. She is a convert to Catholicism and originally from the Boston, Mass. area. Sister Agnes has a bachelor's degree in history and is studying healing prayer at Encounter Ministries.

We are excited and blessed to come to Great Falls. Here, where the Holy Spirit has called us, we will continue to cultivate our identity and way of life as Missionaries of the Heart of God and to bring the healing love of Jesus to those we encounter.

Praised be the name of Jesus...Now and forever!

Sharing in the love of Christ,
Reverend Mother Mary Paul and Sister Mary Agnes