



Holy Spirit

Catholic Parish and School

December 25th, 2022

Christmas

Glory to God in the Highest



Merry Christmas!

Tracy G. Thomas

*Merry Christmas
abbie*

JOY TO THE WORLD!

Ruth

Mary Phord

*Merry Christmas!
Janet*

*In Christ's
Love,
Julie*

*MERRY CHRISTMAS
Joe*

*God Bless You
For Years*

*In Grace,
Kimberly*

*Merry Christmas!
Mary
Peace, Love, & Joy!
Nick*

Weekly Happenings~

Mass Intentions:

Mass	Intention	Requested by
Sat 12/24-4:30 pm -7:00 pm -9:00pm	+Don & Betty Hogan Parishioners +Billy Tomlinson	Munsterteigers Wingerters
Sun 12/25-10:00am	+Adam Hocevar	D & M Hocevar
Mon 12/26-8:30 am	No Mass	
Tue 12/27-5:15 pm	No Mass	
Wed 12/28-8:30 am	No Mass	
Thu 12/29-8:30 am	No Mass	
Fri 12/30 -8:30 am	No Mass	
Sat 12/31– 8:30am - 4:30pm	No Mass +Don Parson	S Mohler
Sun 1/1-8:30am -11:00am	Parishioners +Daniel c Hurley	Roots

Readings for next week Mary, The Holy Mother of God

1st Reading: Numbers 6:22-27
2nd Reading: Galatians 4:4-7
Gospel: Luke 2:16-21

Bus Schedule

Sunday, Jan 1: No Bus
Sunday, Jan 8:

Coffee and Rolls

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Sunday, Jan 8:

Calendar of Events Dec 24-Jan 1

Saturday:	4:30, 7:00 and 9:00 Mass times	
Sunday:	Merry Christmas! 10:00am Mass	
Monday:	OFFICE CLOSED 12/26-1/2 Marian Monday—7pm	hall
Wednesday:	OCIA– 7:00pm	Sts. P&P
Saturday:	8:30am Mass 4:30pm Mass Adoration—5:30pm-8:00am	
Sunday:	8:30 & 11:00 Mass Adoration—7pm	
Monday:	Office Closed, NO Mass Marian Monday—7pm	hall

Mass Schedule:
Weekend Masses:
Saturday 4:30pm
Sunday 8:30 am & 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
Thursday 8:30 am
Friday 8:30 am
Saturday 8:30 am



Adoration:
Sunday 7 pm -- Tuesday 5 pm

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

Liturgical Ministers for Dec 31, Jan 1

4:30 PM	8:30 AM	11:00 AM
★ Sub requested ~ please log in to Web Terminal and accept the sub		
		Holy Wash
		T Dimke
Sacristan		
R Huntsinger	K Rosendale	K Krattiger
Altar Servers		
A Fitzpatrick C Polacek	D Azar B Figarelle	T Hansen T Hansen
Readers		
K Shipley	P Kolar	C Christiaens
Musicians		
L McCain	J Jonasen	J Jonasen
Ministers of the Eucharist		
D Stukey T Stukey	P Woelkers S Greene	P Woelkers V Flick

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

The January schedule is complete!
Please log into the Minster Scheduler to see your schedule for the month. As always please request a sub if you can’t make one of your scheduled ministries. Thank you!

Music

Upcoming choir practice:
Wednesday Dec. 28th, 5:30pm. Any questions, call or text
Laura 868-4152 or Jen 799-0961. All are welcome!

**Call Parish Office for information on Adult
Disciple Apprenticeship, or Adult Formation**

For all who seek to become Christian believers

Call Nick at the office, ext 4, or come **Wednesdays**. at 7 pm in the Adult Education room (Sts. Peter and Paul Center) all year round.

Youth Ministry

Brien Rosendale
452-6491 ext. 6; brien@holyspiritgf.org

Brien can still use volunteers for both middle school and high school gatherings. He needs parents to sign up to provide lunch/dinner. High School Youth Group will gather Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm, dinner will be provided. High School Bible Study will meet Thursday evenings at Schultes from 6:30-7:30pm. Middle School Youth Group will gather on Friday evening from 6:30-8:00pm, dinner will be provided. Due to boiler issues at P&P, Youth Groups will meet at the church hall until further notice.

November/December Schedule:

High School

Bible Study:

Will begin again after the new year.

Youth Group:

We will begin on Wednesdays
after the new year.

Middle School

Youth Group:

We will start up again
in January.

Young Adult Ministry

Brien Rosendale
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Young Adults! Brien will continue to gather at Schulte's for coffee/breakfast and share the Word of God on Wednesdays at 6:30am. Please join us after the new year!

Elementary Faith Formation

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

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Elementary Formation will begin again on January 8 at 9:45 in the Peter and Paul Center. Enjoy your break!

Holy Spirit School

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

Our last event of the year was our epic Polar Express Movie Party on Tuesday! The whole school watched the Polar Express together while enjoying hot chocolate, cookies and popcorn. Thank you to our awesome Home & School for supplying the yummy treats.

Holy Spirit Catholic School would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! May you

be blessed with peace, love and joy.

Holy Spirit Catholic school will be on Christmas break from December 21st through January 2nd. See you all in the New Year!

Last year our school opted into the MT Education Tax Credit for scholarships. We are excited to offer this opportunity again this year. Each credit is equal to the amount a taxpayer donates; up to \$200,000 per taxpayer per credit. If you would like more information on this program, please contact our Development/Admissions Director Jenifer Thomas at 761-5775 or jthomas@holyspiritgf.org.

Christian Service

Kimberly Gaa, 452-6491 ext 7
kimberly@holyspiritgf.org

Homebound Ministers~ the new ministry books for 2023 are in the drawer in the main office. Please be sure to stop in and get your copy.

THANK YOU, HOLY SPIRIT PARISH, FOR YOUR GENEROUS GIFTS AND FOOD DONATIONS FOR ST. VINCENT DE PAUL'S COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS GIVE AWAY. YOUR GENEROSITY HELPED MANY FAMILIES HAVE A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS. AS COLD AS THE WEATHER HAS BEEN FOOD NEEDS ARE HIGHER THAN EVER. WE APPRECIATE ANY DONATIONS WE GET! THANKS AGAIN~



HELP!!

We are in need of
additional drivers and assistants
for the parish bus!

For us to continue to operate the bus on
a weekly basis, we need more volunteers.

Please contact Kimberly for more
information!

Milestones



Congratulations to **Douglas Michael Ereaux**, son of Mitchel & Kendra and brother to **Grayson & Gabriella**, who was baptized last weekend. Also welcome to **Juanita “June” McClune** who

Courtesy Announcements

recently registered in our parish.

Great Falls Central Catholic High School and Our Lady of Lourdes School invite you to join us for the BALL 2023 Saturday, February 4, at the Mansfield Convention Center at 5:30 pm. The BALL features silent, dessert, and live auctions. Enjoy a dinner buffet from Smoked American BBQ. Tickets are \$75 for an individual or \$600 for a table of 8. Registration begins January 2, 2023. Go to greatfallscatholic.org or ollschoolgfmt.org and follow the links to purchase tickets or donate.

Contact Dawn Bushard at (406) 216-3344 or Bekah Atkinson at (406)452-0551 for questions. The BALL is our biggest fundraiser of the year.

BECOME A KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS BEFORE CHRISTMAS!

Through our charitable programs we:

Put coats on kids, Feed hungry families, Support Seminarians and Support our pastors

Help men become better fathers and Catholics:

Deepen faith with Evangelization and Faith Programs, Aid and Support after Pregnancy Program (A.S.A.P.)

and put diapers on babies

BECOME A KNIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS!

We need your help!

Join us today and receive a beautiful 2022 KNIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS ornament.

Join the Knights today at www.kofc.org/joinus

Catechism Corner

Why did the Word become flesh? (CCC 456-463)

In the fullness of time and to fulfill all that God had promised through covenants and prophesy, Jesus came to earth. Our faith hinges on this very fact: God takes on human flesh and lives among us (John 1:14). But why did God Will this mystery? We proclaim that “for us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven.” But there is still more! The catechism gives us 4 reasons why the Son of God became the Son of Man: 1) to save us from sin (CCC 457); 2) to show us His Love for us (CCC 458); 3) to show us a model of living the good life (CCC 459); and 4) to make us partakers of the divine nature (CCC 460). This was the great plan God had conceived from the very beginning: creating humanity in His image and likeness, He would one day assume that very image to be the mode and model of our eternal bliss. These reasons express the Will of God and define God’s unconditional love for us. In our state in this current life God loves all of us, but He desires to assume us, just as He did our Blessed Mother, from the lowly state of our sinful nature through salvation, then mutual affection, then righteous living, then, finally, to divine life itself. By this He shows how we are *saved* by the grace of our *faith* in the Salvific Act of Jesus, and then *perfected* by the grace of our *charity* to live lives coherent and cooperative to His Will. This is the distinctive sign of Christian Faith! St. Thomas Aquinas writes on the great scandal of the Incarnation: “The only-begotten Son of God, wanting to make us sharers in his divinity, assumed our nature, so that he, made man, might make men gods.”



Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience:

Today is born to us a Savior, a newborn babe who cannot yet speak, but whose life will change the world. How is he calling you to be a voice of change in this world? The WWME Experience is an opportunity to find your voice as a couple, to make small changes in your everyday lives. These small changes have the capacity to change this world, certainly the lives of your children and those closest to you. Take the leap of faith and register for the next Experience, Feb 3-5 in Billings followed by Elk Mountain April 21-23. For more information or to register call Dan and Clare: 406-697-3275 or visit our website: wwme.org



The next Cum Christo weekends have been announced.

Both will take place at the Ursuline Centre.

Men’s: Feb 23-26, 2023, Rector Bob Meyers, 788-3519

Women’s: Mar 2-5, 2023, Rectora Michelle Koppany-Klesh, 868-7388.



There’s still need, and there’s still time!

Earlier this year a generous donor to the Catholic Foundation of Eastern Montana offered up to \$40,000 to match donations to the *Seminarian Education Endowment* at the Catholic Foundation of Eastern Montana. A Huge Thank You to all who have taken advantage of this matching gift opportunity! We haven’t hit \$40,000 quite yet, but there’s still time for you to help!

As the people of God, it is an obligation and a privilege to raise up priests from our own families and parishes. We all know that. But that doesn’t mean we necessarily know *how* to encourage vocations!

We have until December 31st to raise the full \$40,000 and receive the matching funds. Can you help? Your gift will be doubled to help form future priests! Please contact us at 406-315-1765 or at hello@catholicfoundationmt.org. Gifts can be mailed to PO Box 1345, Great Falls, MT 59403. You can give online at Catholicfoundationmt.org/seminarian-matching/. Every gift makes a difference. With this campaign you will make double the difference! Thank you for your consideration!

“Candy Bars from Heaven” is what the inmates at the County Jail and the Stateside prison refer to when volunteers from St. Dismas Prison Ministry visit the facility every Wednesday (jail) and twice on Thursday (stateside) every month bringing candy bars, paper (writing and drawing), plus soap for personal use and laundry. The ministry is in need of candy bars/candy to supplement what we are able to provide. We have green baskets at the entry of Church for donations. Please think of us when you are stocking up for Christmas!

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