



Holy Spirit

Catholic Parish and School

December 11th, 2022
3rd Sunday of Advent

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

Email: mhallahan@holyspiritgf.org

Website: holyspiritgfschool.org

Reconciliation:

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

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

Thursday 8:30 am

Friday 8:30 am

Saturday 8:30 am



Adoration:

Sunday 7 pm -- Tuesday 5 pm

Parish Staff:

Fr. Doug Krings Pastor

Dcn Pete Woelkers Deacon

Aubrey Rearden Parish Administrator
Worship

Kimberly Gaa Christian Service

Nick Wingerter RCIA,
Adult Formation

Mary Moore-Wingerter Administrative Asst.

Abbie Greff & Mary Proud Elem. Formation

Brien Rosendale Youth & Young Adult
Pre-Marriage

Tracy Tomich Custodian

Janet Knutson Funerals/Weddings

"At this Christmas when Christ comes, will He find a warm heart? Mark the season of Advent by loving and serving the others with God's own love and concern." ~St. Teresa of Calcutta

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 session is:
Sunday Dec. 11 at 1:00 pm in Conference Room*

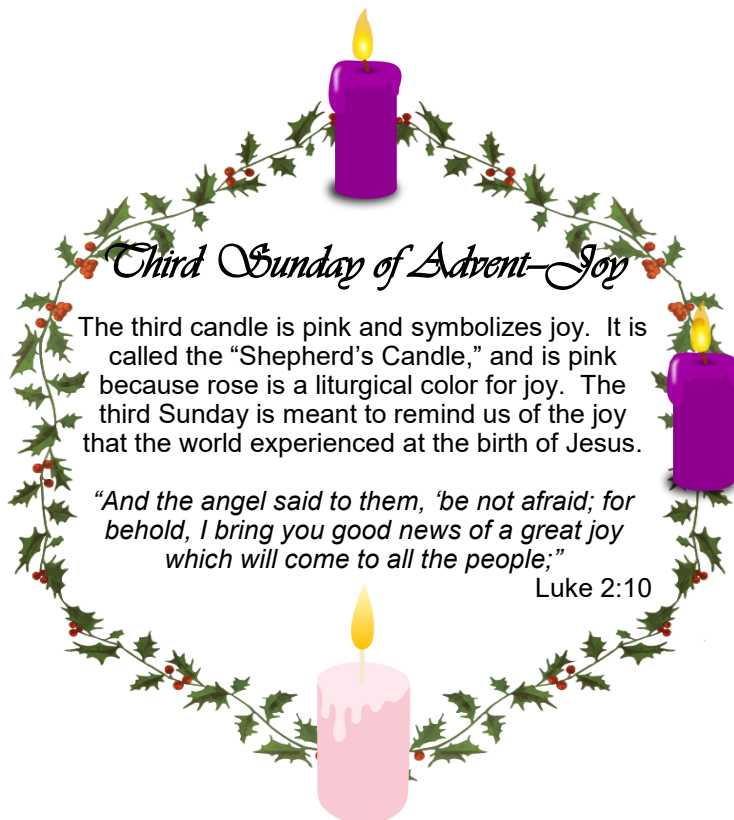
Knights of Columbus Council #9395

CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST!!

December 11, 8:00-12:00



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. 10th and the Sunday Masses Dec. 11th. Any baked goods donations are welcome! Come, Shop, Eat, Enjoy!



Weekly Happenings~

Mass Intentions:

Mass	Intention	Requested by
Sat 12/10-8:30 am -4:30 pm	+Vivian Drake +Harvard Johnson	family family
Sun 12/11-8:30 am -11:00 am	+Roy Simperman +Don Burke	M Michaels K Wilson
Mon 12/12-8:30 am	+Larry Stimac Sr.	Mike Stimac family
Tue 12/13-5:15 pm	Poirier Wingerter (sp int)	Wingerter family
Wed 12/14-8:30 am	Joseph Wanger (sp int)	Gaas
Thu 12/15-8:30 am	+Charles McDonald	M Nadeau
Fri 12/16 -8:30 am	+Marguerite Lemieux	C Fuhrman
Sat 12/17- 8:30 am - 4:30 pm	+Bill Watson +Don Parson	K Walters C Houle
Sun 12/11-8:30 am - 11:00 am	+Ed Nevala Dave Klesh (sp int)	B Leary L Stenzel

Readings for next week 4th Sunday of Advent

1st Reading: Isaiah 7:10-14
2nd Reading: Romans 1:1-7
Gospel: Matthew 1:18-24

Bus Schedule

Sunday, Dec 11: Cece Fuhrman & Sub requested
Sunday, Dec 18: Roger & Kay Seilstad

Coffee and Rolls

Sunday, Dec 11: Knights of Columbus breakfast!
Sunday, Dec 18: Tom Katz

Calendar of Events Dec 10-18

Saturday:	8:30 am Mass 4:30 pm Mass	
Sunday:	8:30 & 11:00 Masses Mrs. Santa’s Kitchen & KC breakfast! Elem. Formation-9:45 Baptism Prep-1pm Bible Study– 1:00pm Adoration—7pm	Church Church
Monday:	Marian Monday—7pm	hall
Wednesday:	Young Adult Bible Study—6:30am Coffee & Conversation, 9:00am Highgate Mass—1:00pm HS Youth group, 7pm OCIA– 7:00pm	Schultes Hall Highgate Sts. P&P Con. Rm.
Thursday:	Education Comm.—6pm	Con. Rm.
Friday:	8:30am Mass MS Youth Group, 6:30pm	hall
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Sunday:	8:30 & 11:00 Masses Coffee and Rolls—9:45am Elem. Formation– 9:45am Bible study—1:00pm Adoration—7pm	Sts. P&P

Liturgical Ministers for Dec. 17, 18

4:30 PM	8:30 AM	11:00 AM
★ Sub requested ~ please log in to Web Terminal and accept the sub		
		Holy Wash
		J Knutson
Sacristan		
R Huntsinger	D Azar	K Krattiger
Greeters		
Ushers		
Cross Bearer		
Altar Servers		
C Polacek J Polacek	D Schuler C Schuler	T Hansen T Hansen
Readers		
T Grau	J Van Heel	M Francis
Musicians		
L McCain	J Jonasen	J Jonasen
Ministers of the Eucharist		
M Handwerk K Weinheimer	L O'Neill P Woelkers	R Seilstad P Woelkers

Worship

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

December is almost half over already! Obviously we are running out of time to have the training sessions for new ministers. We are going to run a schedule for January using the current ministers. Please log into the Ministry Scheduler to put in your unavailable dates.

The Christmas sign-up sheets are on the table by the sacristy. Please sign up if you are interested in helping with any of our Christmas Masses.

Music

Upcoming choir practice:
Wednesday Dec. 14, 5:30pm; and 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:

Dec. 15, 22

Youth Group:

We will begin on Wednesdays after the new year.

Middle School

Youth Group:

Dec. 16.

Young Adult Ministry

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

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

Elementary Faith Formation

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

Elementary Formation meets on December 11th at Peter and Paul Center. The heat is back on and the building is ready for us to return!

Holy Spirit School

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

Holy Spirit Catholic School held our first Christmas concert this week. We were delighted with songs from our 5th—8th grade band and 6th-8th grade choir. We have very talented musicians and singers. Thank you, Mrs. Schraner and Mrs. Nardinger, for making the 5th Grade and middle school Christmas Concert a huge hit. We can't wait for next week's concerts and programs! This coming week and a half will be one of our busiest and

most fun times of the year at Holy Spirit Catholic School. The Santa Store will be opening, students are going to various service projects, Christmas concerts, Santa breakfast, classroom parties, and a Polar Express party to name a few! There will also be plenty of crazy Christmas sweaters! Pretty sure our staff and students will be ready for a relaxing Christmas break.

Our Development/Admissions Director had a very busy week with school tours. It is never too late or too early to schedule a tour or shadow day of our amazing school. Holy Spirit Catholic School faithfully teaches the whole student; Mind, Body and Soul! We have many scholarship opportunities available. If you would like more information, please contact Jenifer Thomas at 406-761-5775 or jthomas@holyspiritgf.org.

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



Thank you to all who donated to St.

Vincent de Paul's Giving Tree and Christmas food bags. This parish is truly an amazing, generous community!

If you still have gifts or food please take directly to St. Vincent de Paul, 429 Central Ave W.

**The St. Vincent de Paul November food donation total: 1918 pounds!!!
Thank you so much!**



HELP!!

We are in desperate need for 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!

Courtesy Announcements

Diocese of Great Falls-Billings, located in Great Falls is searching for:

Human Resource Specialist
Must have payroll experience, Salary based on experience. For Job Description please email: smurphy@diocesegfb.org. Send resume to : Shanny Murphy, Diocesan Finance Officer PO Box 1399, Great Falls, 59403 Or email: smurphy@diocesegfb.org

SAVE THE DATE for Eucharistic Revival 2023, “Cultivating Eucharistic Amazement.” Join us May 5 & 6, 2023 at Billings Central with special guests Dr. Scott Hahn, Archbishop Alexander Sample and musical guest Jaime Thietten. We all need healing, yet many of us are separated from the very source of our strength—the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. Join the Diocese of Great Falls-Billings in the movement to restore understanding and devotion to this great mystery-The Most Holy Eucharist. Visit diocesegfb.org/revival to learn more or register. Seating is limited!

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 greatfallscentral.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.

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."

Knights of Columbus, Council # 9395

The Knights of Columbus Soccer/Free Throw Contest is scheduled for December 17th, 10:00am-noon at Holy Spirit Catholic School gym, 2820 Central Ave. Open to boys and girls ages 9-14.

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.)

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 kofc.org/joinus.

Sister’s Corner

ADVENT INVITATION- all are invited

Benedictus Deus salutaris noster!


POTLUCK... PRAYER... &... PRAISE

Sundays...December 4, 11 and 18, 5:00 PM- 8:00 PM
Annunciation House Convent, 2816 Central Ave, Great Falls

The Sisters wish to extend an invitation to an Advent time of gathering, prayer, and reflection. We will pray Vespers, share a meal, view Bishop Barron’s “Priest, Prophet and King” dvd series, and spend some time discussing his message. Come for all 3 sessions or whichever ones fit your schedule.
Space is limited so you must RSVP if you would like to come at: sistersofdivinegracegf@gmail.com

5:00 PM- Vespers
5:30 - potluck dinner
6:00 - watch video / discussion

In amore Iesu Christi,
Rev Mother Mary Paul of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, SDG
Sr. Mary Agnes of the Lamb of God, SDG



Until Dec. 31, every gift given to the **Seminarian Education Endowment** at the Catholic Foundation of Eastern Montana will be **100% matched!**

<u>\$5=\$10</u>	<u>\$25=\$50</u>	<u>\$100=\$200</u>	<u>\$250=\$500</u>
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Thanks to a generous donor, your gift will have TWICE the impact if it is among the first \$40,000 received for the Seminary Education Endowment!

Please give what you can and know that you are making *double* the difference. No amount is too small. Every single dollar will add up to make a huge difference for **future priests!**

To learn more please contact the Foundation at 406-315-1765 or at hello@catholicfoundationmt.org. Outright gifts can be mailed to Catholic Foundation of Eastern Montana, PO Box 1345 Great Falls, MT 59403. You can give online at catholicfoundationmt.org/seminarian-matching/.

Saint Michael Radio ~ FM 97.1

Christmas Eve Children & Youth

Calling all children 5 and older!

When: 4:30pm Christmas Eve Mass

Rehearsals: Tuesday December 20 3:15-4:30pm

Wednesday December 21 3:15-4:30pm

Thursday December 22 3:15-4:30pm

Friday December 23 10-11:30am

WHAT: We are looking for the children & youth of our parish to sing in a Christmas Choir, provide the ministries for the Mass, and be part of a living presentation of the Holy Family by candlelight.

If your child(ren) is interested please come to the rehearsal on the 20th or

contact Aubrey (aubrey@holyspiritgf.org)





Holy Spirit Parish is asking for donations of RED poinsettia plants to use as decorations for our Christmas Masses.

These donations can be made in memory of a loved one or just as a gift from your family. Please have any poinsettias to the church by Friday December 23 at noon.

Poinsettias can be placed on the tables in the social hall, please drop the form below in the basket on the tables.

This Poinsettia is donated by:

In loving memory of:



The Emilie Center is in need of a few items. Please look over the list and bring any item you can to the Emilie Center at 1920 10th Ave S. The Emilie Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays 9am-12 and 1-3pm.

These are the most current needs:

Small appliances

Small furniture

Blankets

Winter coats

Gloves

Sweat pants

Shirts

Men's jeans

Men's underwear

Sheets

Towels

Socks

Winter boots

Please come to our back (yellow) door ONLY when we are open.

Tuesdays and Wednesdays. 9-12 & 1-3.