



# Holy Spirit

## Catholic Parish and School

**December 18th, 2022**  
**4<sup>th</sup> 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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Website: [holyspiritgf.org](http://holyspiritgf.org)

#### **Holy Spirit Catholic School**

2820 Central Ave, Great Falls, MT 59401

761-5775; Principal: Melissa Hallahan

Email: [mhallahan@holyspiritgf.org](mailto:mhallahan@holyspiritgf.org)

Website: [holyspiritgfschool.org](http://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

*"Advent is the time we are given to welcome the Lord who comes to encounter us, and also to verify our longing for God, to look forward and prepare ourselves for Christ's return." ~Pope Francis*

### **Christmas and New Year's Schedule:**

For children 5 and older~

Rehearsal for 4:30 Christmas Eve Mass, 12/20, 21, 22: 3:15pm  
12/23: 10:00am

Christmas Eve Masses: 4:30, 7:00 and 9:00pm

Christmas Day Mass: 10:00am

No Adoration 12/25-27

The office will be closed Monday December 26-January 2. No Daily Masses December 26-30.

December 31: Mass 4:30pm

Adoration from 5:30pm-8:00am January 1.

January 1 Mass times are 8:30 and 11:00am

January 2: Office Closed



Weekly Happenings~

Mass Intentions:

Mass	Intention	Requested by
Sat 12/17-8:30 am -4:30 pm	+Bill Watson +Don Parson	K Walters C Houle
Sun 12/18-8:30 am -11:00 am	+Ed Nevala Dave Klesh (sp int)	B Leary L Stenzel
Mon 12/19-8:30 am	+Mary Smith	T Zadick
Tue 12/20-5:15 pm	+Dorothy McDonald	M & G Nadeau
Wed 12/21-8:30 am	Betty Stimac (sp int)	M Stimac family
Thu 12/22-8:30 am	+Janice “Jiggs” Jones	M Zadick
Fri 12/23 -8:30 am	+Andy LaRance	family
Sat 12/24– 4:30pm - 7:00pm - 9:00pm	+Don & Betty Hogan Parishioners +Billy Tomlinson	Munsterteigers  Wingerters
Sun 12/25-10:00am	+Adam Hocevar	D & M Hocevar

Readings for next week The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

1st Reading:

2nd Reading:

Gospel:

Bus Schedule

Sunday, Dec 18: Roger & Kay Seilstad  
Sunday, Dec 25: No Bus

Coffee and Rolls

Sunday, Dec 18: Tom Katz  
Sunday, Dec 25: No Coffee and Rolls

Calendar of Events Dec 17-25

<b>Saturday:</b>	8:30 am Mass 4:30 pm Mass	
<b>Sunday:</b>	8:30 & 11:00 Masses Coffee and Rolls Elem. Formation-9:45 Bible Study– 1:00pm Adoration—7pm	Sts. P&P
<b>Monday:</b>	Marian Monday—7pm	hall
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Children’s Mass rehearsal—3:15pm	
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Coffee & Conversation, 9:00am Highgate Mass—1:00pm Children’s Mass rehearsal—3:15pm OCIA– 7:00pm	Hall Highgate  Sts. P&P
<b>Thursday:</b>	Children’s Mass rehearsal—3:15pm Worship Comm.—6:30pm	Con. Rm.
<b>Friday:</b>	8:30am Mass Children’s Mass rehearsal—10:00am	
<b>Saturday:</b>	4:30, 7:00 and 9:00 Mass times	
<b>Sunday:</b>	<i>Merry Christmas!</i> 10:00am Mass	
<b>Monday:</b>	Office Closed, NO Mass Marian Monday—7pm	hall

Liturgical Ministers for

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

Worship

Aubrey Rearden –Worship Coordinator  
452-6491 ex. 1 [aubrey@holyspiritgf.org](mailto: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. I will run the January schedule next week. 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. 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:**

**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. Please join us after the new year!

**Elementary Faith Formation**

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

Elementary Formation meets on December 18th at Peter and Paul Center. The heat is back on and the building is ready for us to return! No Formation Dec. 25 and Jan 1.

**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



**December's Grief Support meeting will be Tuesday December 20th at 4pm in the parish hall. All are welcome!**



**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!**

### 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](mailto:smurphy@diocesegfb.org). Send resume to : Shanny Murphy, Diocesan Finance Officer PO Box 1399, Great Falls, 59403 Or email: [smurphy@diocesegfb.org](mailto: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](http://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](http://greatfallscentral.org) or [ollschoolgfmt.org](http://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

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**Thank you so much for all who came and shared break-fast with us last Sunday. We served so many people and had great food, company, and community. Merry Christmas to you all!**

### Parish Council of Catholic Women

**Thank you just isn’t enough for all the wonderful bakers in our parish!** The goodies just kept coming in this weekend for Our Lady of Snows Mrs. Santa Bake Sale. Thank you to all the generous people who shopped and bought. Teri Drake from our parish won the beautiful Nativity we raffled off. The people on the parish bus were treated to take out breakfast from the Knights of Columbus and Our Lady of Snows gave each on a stocking stuffed with gifts and a hand crocheted lap blanket.

We truly are a generous giving parish!

### 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](mailto: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

“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”**



# *Parish Relief in action in Uganda*



HSCP helps support up to 10 students per year at St. Pope John Paul II High School and at the Uganda Catholic Management & Training Institute in Nsambya and Kampala, Uganda. Our support of these students helps to insure that they have an academic and Catholic education. These children go on to provide support and services to their families and fellow Ugandans. Thank you for your support!

*Students in service...  
thank you for the support*

