



Holy Spirit

Catholic Parish and School

March 12th, 2023
3rd Sunday of Lent

Worship Centers:

Holy Spirit Catholic Church

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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, 2:00 pm

*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 OCIA,
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

"Lent is a time of grace, a time for conversion, a time to come home to God." ~St. Maximilian Kolbe



Our next Baptism Preparation session is March 12 at 1:00pm at Peter & Paul.

If you would like to have your child baptized at Holy Spirit, you need to attend this session.

Stations of the Cross: Fridays 5:30pm

Lenten Reconciliation Service: March 22nd at 6:00pm

Happiness Series w/Potluck Dinner: Tuesdays after 5:15 Mass



Victor Hannuneh is here March 18 & 19 with a display of carved olive wood religious works. Please stop in the social hall after all Masses and see what carvings are available for you to own or to give as gifts.

We Are an Offering

Ministry Spotlight: St. Thomas Camp

St. Thomas Camp is both a physical location and an experience that is located just outside of Monarch, MT.

As a physical location, St. Thomas Camp sits in the Lewis and Clark National Forest 45 miles southeast of Great Falls. The camp is used not only for our own summer camps but can (and is) also be rented and used for other retreats, reunions, and events.

As a summer camp, each summer approximately 150 children and teens attend a weeklong camp experience. The goal is to help children and teens feel the love of Christ, experience an adventure in the outdoors, and be challenged to become the saint God wants them to be. It is a way that our youth in the Diocese of Great Falls-Billings can celebrate being Catholic together while participating in sacramental encounters, discipleship, camp adventures, and field trips.



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Weekly Happenings~

Mass Intentions:

Mass	Intention	Requested by
Sat 3/11–11:00 am -4:30 pm	+Gene & Alice Meyer +Don Parson	Meyer children C Houle
Sun 3/12-8:30 am -11:00 am	+Richard Fox Parishioners	C Mehrens
Mon 3/13–8:30am	+Adeline Shewan	J Vogel
Tue 3/14-5:15 pm	+Eunice Eckhart	M Nadeau
Wed 3/15-8:30 am	+Bill Thomas	K Shull
Thu 3/16-8:30 am	+Eunice Eckhart	E Lee
Fri 3/17 –8:30 am	+Dennis Mathson	Central Classmates
Sat 3/18– 8:30am 4:30pm	+Eunice Eckhart +Louise Osterman	J & S McKenna Throckmortons
Sun 3/19– 8:30am - 11:00am	Parishioners +Hilda Bonilla	Lady of Snows

Bus Schedule

Sunday, Mar 12: Cece Fuhrman and Senan Greene
Sunday, Mar 19: Roger & Kay Seilstad

Coffee and Rolls

Sunday, Mar 12: Dan & Deb Hudson
Sunday, Mar 19: Knights of Columbus #9395

Calendar of Events Mar 11– Mar 19

Saturday:	8:30am daily Mass 4:30pm Mass	
Sunday:	8:30 & 11:00am Masses Coffee and rolls NO Elem Formation Baptism Prep—1pm Adoration—7pm	Sts P&P
Monday:	8:30 Mass	
Tuesday:	5:15 Mass Happiness potluck—6pm	
Wednesday:	Young Adult Bible Study—6:30am Mass—8:30am Mass—Highgate, 1:30pm HS Youth Group—6:30pm OCIA—7pm Lady of Snows Circle—7pm	Schultes Sts. P&P Sts. P&P hall
Friday:	<i>Happy St. Patrick’s Day!</i> 8:30am Mass Stations of the Cross—5:30pm	
Saturday:	8:30am daily Mass 4:30pm Mass Victor here, Olive wood sales	
Sunday:	8:30 & 11:00am Masses Victor here, Olive wood sales Knights of Columbus, Burritos & Rolls Elem. Formation—9:45am Adoration—7pm	Sts. P&P Sts. P&P

Liturgical Ministers for Mar 18, 19

4:30 PM	8:30 AM	11:00 AM
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		Holy Wash
		J Knutson
Sacristan		
A Klundt	M O'Neill	K Krattiger
Greeters		
S McKenna M Handwerk ★	D Koth D McGuire	C Ryan J Ryan
Gift Presenters		
	Heffernan family ★	
Altar Servers		
A Fitzpatrick C Polacek	B Figarelle E Puckett ★	R Gaa T Hansen
Readers		
C McCain K Goulet	T O'Neill P Kolar	A McKinney K Nyman-Wendt
Musicians		
L McCain	J Jonasen	J Jonasen
Ministers of the Eucharist		
T Stukey K Weinheimer J Bourret ★ K Reed J Fitzpatrick	P Woelkers L O'Neill C Schnider ★ K Puckett ★ K McGuire	P Woelkers R Lopes K Gaa V Flick R Seilstad

Worship

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

The February through April schedule is complete! Please log into the Ministry Scheduler and check out your assignments, or to request a sub if you are not available. Thank you for your willingness to serve our community with your ministry!

Readings for next week Fourth Sunday of Lent

1st Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a
2nd Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14
Gospel: John 9:1-41

Music

Upcoming music practice:
Wednesday March 22, 5:30pm. Any questions please call Laura 868-4152 or Jen 799-0961. Thank you!

Call Parish Office for information on OCIA 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
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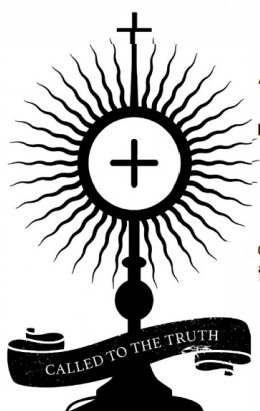
High School youth group will gather Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm, dinner is provided. Middle School Youth Group: Join us at the Happiness Series on Tuesday nights after the 5:15 Mass, about 6pm. **On March 29 we will be doing a joint high school and middle school night.** All of Sts. Peter and Paul will be converted into a version of the board game CLUE. Teens will go from room to room solving puzzles and riddles to be the first one to uncover the mystery.

March Schedule: High School Youth Group:
March 15, 22, 29

Brien would like to invite all high school youth to participate in this year's **CYC Convention**, which is a high school retreat hosted by the Diocese of Helena. Please call Brien for more information.

CYC Convention

**March 24-26
Carroll College**



An event designed to
ignite and inspire our faith.

High Schoolers are
invited to this inspiring,
faith-filled weekend centered
around the Eucharist and our
theme: "Called to the Truth."

Cost includes all meals travel/hotel
and programming: \$225

**Details about
convention and
workshops can be
found at link below**

<https://www.dohyouth.org/convention/>

Young Adult Ministry

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

Young Adults are encouraged to join us on Wednesday mornings for a Bible Study. We gather at Schultes at 6:30am for coffee and breakfast and discuss the upcoming Sunday Gospel.

Elementary Faith Formation

Elementary Formation (Pre-K - 6th Grade)
& Sacramental Prep (2nd Grade)
Abbie Greff, abbie@holyspiritgf.org &
Mary Proud, maryproud@holyspiritgf.org

No Formation on March 12th. Elementary Formation meets on March 19th and 26th at 9:45am in the Peter and Paul Center.

Holy Spirit School

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Jenifer Thomas, Development Director
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The acting bug bit over 50 of our students this week! We are so proud of our student actors as most of the cast had to put in 12 hour work days. They would work all day at school and then stay to rehearse until 8:00pm each day. But their hard work paid off with their outstanding performance on Friday! We want to thank our Home and School organization for hosting the Missoula Children's Theater for our students. This drama program is so amazing for each and everyone of our students to experience.

Our Music Director, Mrs. Schraner, is working hard with our Middle School students to prepare for upcoming music festivals. On Mary 27th she will be taking our MS Choir to Choteau to perform with other participating Middle schools and then on April 3rd our MS band will be performing in their concert event.

We are looking forward to our annual St. Patrick's Day events! We are blessed because the Hibernians are hosting a pancake breakfast at the school and we are having a very special guest drop by. Check out our Facebook page on Friday to see who! Our students will be treated to BINGO at the end of the day, and we will have a school float in the parade downtown. Come and check us out!

Christian Service

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



Grief Support Group meets the 4th Tuesday of the month. The next meeting is March 28 at 4pm.

**Coffee & Conversation
Wednesdays after Mass.
All Are Welcome!**



During the State Legislative Session, you can find information and ways to support our Catholic Church by following the Montana Catholic Conference at <https://montanacc.org/> for information on Catholic advocacy and social teaching regarding upcoming legislation.

This year the Catholic Dioceses will have a lobbying opportunity in Helena on Tuesday, April 4th for anyone interested in participating.



**Homebound Ministry Training
March 19, 2023; 9:45-10:15am
All current ministers and any
interested people are asked to attend.**

Courtesy Announcements

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience:



Now is the time to register for the Marriage Encounter Experience in Elk Mountain. The experience begins at 8pm on Friday and ends at 4pm on Sunday. All married couples are welcome, whether they have been married 3 or 53 years, Catholics and non-Catholics alike. All can benefit from this private time to reflect on the gift of your marriage. Experience this opportunity to lock out the daily grind and spend an entire weekend focusing on your spouse. The next Experience will be in Elk Mountain, WY, April 21-23. Application fee is \$100 and an opportunity to make a donation on Sunday of the Experience. For information call Tom & Mary Frances Burke; Tom 307-259-2392, Mary 307-259-5394, tommfburke@gmail.com,

It's Fish Fry Time!

The Knights of Columbus are gearing up For their annual Lenten Fish Fry Fridays On March 17th, and 31st, 4:30-7pm 906 Central Ave West Both baked and fried fish, fresh cut fries, coleslaw, and rolls. Adults \$15, kids 6-16 \$10, pre-school free. To go orders available, or dine in. Come join us!



Catechism Corner

I have to follow the Commandments? (CCC 2052-2055)

God is the source of all goodness, and goodness itself (2052). As giver of the Law (Ex. 20:2-17), God's Law is a good gift given to humanity to live a good life. Our concupiscence, the nagging side effect of original sin, corrupts our hearts to view the Commandments as a restriction on our free will rather than an escape from the slavery of sin. The Commandments are not removed as a condition of discipleship, but Christ illuminates their meaning by highlighting the theological virtue of love as the key to understanding the deeper meaning: "love the Lord thy God with thy whole heart and with thy whole soul and with thy whole mind...love thy neighbor as thyself" (Mt. 22:37,39) (2055). The key of love internalizes the meanings of each Commandment, revealing the thoughts of the heart, as well as our actions, as culpable of sin as well. Throughout the Sermon on the Mount (Mt 5-7), Jesus fulfills the Law of Love by the pattern of "You have heard... But I say to you" both affirming His Divine Eminence and demanding loving hearts (2054). This supersession of the Law is seen as blasphemy by the Pharisees, but Jesus as Divine Logos proclaims the preeminence of love as the key to our salvation. St. Paul, a redeemed Pharisee, picks up on this theme as well as he writes to the Romans: "'You shall not commit adultery; you shall not kill; you shall not steal; you shall not covet,' and whatever other commandment there may be, are summed up in this saying, namely 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' Love does no evil to the neighbor; hence, love is the fulfillment of the law" (13:9-10).

Catechesis on the Four Main Constitutions of the Church

"Come to Me"

~ Matt 11:28



Catholic Women's CONFERENCE

SPA DAY FOR THE SOUL

Join women from Montana and beyond for prayer, speakers, music, fellowship, and more! Our "Spa Day" includes Mass.

SAVE THE DATE

FRIDAY, APRIL 14, 2023 - 5:30 PM
ROSARY & MASS OFFERED FOR FAMILIES
FOR ALL MEN, WOMEN & CHILDREN
CATHEDRAL OF ST. HELENA

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE
SATURDAY, APRIL 15, 2023

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Presented by Bishop Michael Warfel

It has been over fifty years since the completion of the Second Vatican Council and yet many faithful Catholics are yet unaware of what the Council actually taught. Bishop Warfel will be providing a catechesis on the four main constitutions enacted by the Council Fathers during the Second Vatican Council the first four Tuesdays of Lent. Each session will be held by St. Ann's Cathedral Church at 6:00pm and will conclude by 7:30pm.
March 14: Dogmatic Constitution on the Divine Revelation
March 21: Constitution of the Church in the Modern World

Volunteers are needed at St. Vincent de Paul's Angel Room. The Angel Room serves the homeless in our community by providing daytime shelter, meals, clothing and facilities for laundry and showers. By increasing the volunteer staff, the Angel Room will be able to serve the poor in our community more effectively by extending its hours of operation. If you have interest in becoming a volunteer, call Carely Tuss at 406-870-0637 or email her at carley.tuss1947@gmail.com.

Knights of Columbus, Council # 9395

Knights of Columbus Burritos and Rolls Sunday!
March 19th 8:00am -12:30pm
Best Burritos and Cinnamon Rolls in town
Free will offering
Come join us!

Parish Council of Catholic Women

Our Lady of Snows Circle will meet on Wednesday, march 15th at 7:00pm in the parish social hall. Alice will provide the dessert and Teri Drake will be the hostess.

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March 2023

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Father Doug Krings

One Minute Meditations

Fasting to detach

"Their God is their stomach; their glory is in their 'shame.'"

Their minds are occupied with earthly things"

(Philippians 3:19). We tend to eat and drink so freely that we forget God, who gives us that which we eat and drink. Fasting, especially during Lent, helps us to detach from the things of this world and remember Him. Catholics are required to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, and to abstain from meat on Fridays.

Believe in God

Believing in God means more than just saying He exists. Believers serve God, give time to Him, and put Him first. Spend more time in prayer this Lent, shed some possessions, perform works of charity and you will act on your baptismal promises.

"Yet even now," says the LORD, "return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; and rend your hearts and not your garments"

(Joel 2:12).



Preparing hearts for Easter joy

Lent is the Church's gift to us to help prepare our hearts for Easter by purifying our hearts, opening up to love, and putting love into action.

Purifying our hearts: Every heart yearns for love, yet only God's love can truly satisfy that yearning. The goal of Lenten penance is to purify ourselves of whatever blocks us from God's love or closes our heart to others. This can include excessive social media, materialism, gossip, or sinful habits like lust or deceit. From what does your heart need to detach so there's room for God and others?

Opening up to love: Mother Teresa

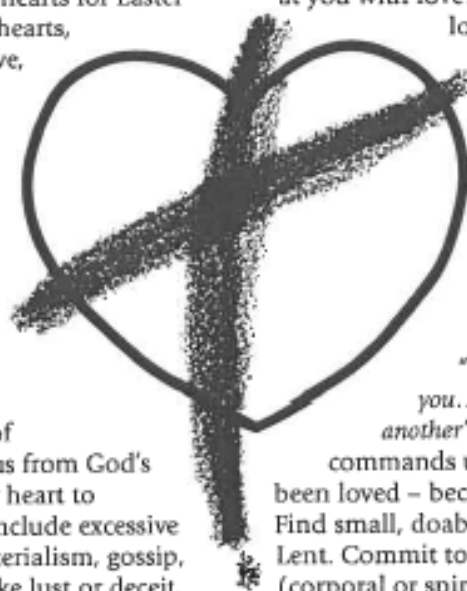
wrote, "Have you seen...how [Jesus] looks at you with love?... Have you heard the

loving words He speaks to you?" Strive to know God's heart. Seek Him, not just His gifts. Only by receiving God's love first, beginning with prayer, can we share it with others.

Put love in action:

"Even as I have loved you...you also love one another" (John 13:34). God

commands us to love as we've been loved – because we are loved. Find small, doable ways to serve during Lent. Commit to a Work of Mercy (corporal or spiritual). Practice patience. Give the gift of listening. True joy at Easter comes from loving Christ and imitating Him. Strive to do this throughout Lent and beyond.



Why Do Catholics Do That?

Many churches cover statues and crucifixes in red or purple cloth for the final weeks in Lent, traditionally known as "Passiontide." The veils are visual cues that we're entering into a solemn time and remind us that sin separates us from God.

Why do Catholics cover statues during Lent?



This helps to build anticipation for Easter when the statues are unveiled and we are restored to Him. Lastly, the veils symbolize that heavenly glories are hidden in this life, but will be revealed when we enter eternity.

Cultivating a "holy hospitality"

Jesus asked us to make others feel welcome, seen and loved while they're with us. "Holy hospitality" is vital to building community around Christ. Try these tips:

Sit and listen: When Jesus visited with his dear friends, Martha, Mary, and Lazarus, He observed that Martha was so distracted and focused on her own concerns that she merely served Jesus instead of connecting with Him personally (Luke 10:41-42). Prepare for guests like Martha did, but enjoy them like Mary – with complete attention.



Fill your conversations with faith: A "holy hospitality" is a faith-informed one. The Samaritan woman's life changed when she encountered Christ (John 4:14-15) because He told her the Good News of salvation. Ensure your conversations are uplifting and reflect your hope and optimism for eternity.

Open your circle: Jesus ate with tax collectors and public sinners – those considered unpleasant. "Holy hospitality" means your social circle is open to the socially awkward, the frustrating coworker, the elderly neighbor who lives alone, because Christ is in all we serve (Matthew 25:40).

from Scripture

John 11:1-45, Generous trust, generous faith

In this Gospel passage, a beloved friend of Jesus' was fatally ill and his sisters sent urgent word to Jesus to come immediately. Jesus delayed, and Lazarus died, but this would not be His ultimate fate. Jesus had something else in mind for Lazarus and his family.

When He finally arrived, Martha didn't demand Jesus raise Lazarus from the dead, although she acknowledged His power to do so. Even though her brother's body had been in the tomb for days and the decay had begun in earnest, her trust in Jesus was complete. She knew that God's love

is more powerful than death and left the outcome in His hands.



God never leaves us in our troubles but uses them to draw us closer to Him.

Martha's generous trust in God's will rested on her close friendship with Christ. Whatever He thought would be best

was best. God's timing is not ours, yet everything He does – even when He does it – is for our good. Martha's trust in Jesus was rewarded in the most magnificent way. Ours will be, too.

Q & A How can I overcome the temptations in my life?

Jesus knows that the battle for holiness is challenging in a fallen world, so He gave St. Faustina Kowalska twenty-five strategies to help (*Divine Mercy in My Soul*, #1760). Here is a sample:

"Do not bargain with any temptation; lock yourself immediately in My Heart."

Don't assume you are strong enough for a "little" temptation. Run immediately to the refuge of Jesus' sacred heart for protection.

"Bear with yourself with great patience." Saints aren't made overnight. See yourself as God does – beloved. Be patient and keep trying.

"Do not neglect interior mortifications." Withhold a biting remark, give up a luxury for the day, cut down on screen time. Sacrifices for love are powerful.

"Shun murmurs like a plague." Gossip is never in God's service. False accusations and rumors that hurt reputations are Satan's favorite tools. Don't indulge.

"Always fight with the deep conviction that I am with you." Our courage comes from being rooted in God (John 15:5). Recall God's loving presence throughout the day: "Jesus, I trust in you!"



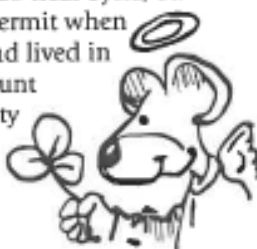
Feasts & Celebrations

March 9 – St. Frances of Rome (1440). Although she preferred a life of service, St. Frances' wealthy parents required that she marry. With her sister-in-law, Vannozza, St. Frances formed a group of women dedicated to serving the poor, all while caring for her family.

March 22 – St. Deogratias of Carthage (456): As Bishop of Carthage, St. Deogratias is best known for aiding slaves captured by the Vandal king, Geiseric. He ransomed hundreds of captives and sheltered them in two large cathedrals.

March 25 – The Annunciation of the Lord (1st century). The angel Gabriel visited the Blessed Virgin Mary with the extraordinary news of her role as the mother of God. Even at her young age, she had confidence in God's grace and trusted in His wisdom.

March 30 – St. John Climacus (606): Born in 525 near Syria, St. John became a hermit when he was sixteen and lived in the region of Mount Sinai. A community of monks formed around him and elected him abbot.



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