



# Holy Spirit

## Catholic Parish and School

April 2nd, 2023  
**Palm Sunday of the Passion  
of the Lord**

### Worship Centers:

#### Holy Spirit Catholic Church

201 44th St S; Great Falls, MT 59405

#### Parish Office:

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#### Holy Spirit Catholic School

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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

"Someone must acknowledge Christ's royalty. The question for me to answer today, as I receive and carry my palm, is: Am I going to be the one, or am I going to leave it to others? It is my King riding there, riding on to die for me!." ~ Mother St. Paul

### Triduum and Easter Schedule:

Mass of the Lord's Supper: Thursday April 6 at 6:00pm

Friday of the Passion of the Lord: Friday April 7 at 3:00pm

Stations of the Cross, Friday April 7 at 5:30pm

Easter Vigil: Saturday April 8 at 8:30pm

Easter Sunday: Masses at 8:30 and 11:00am

No Adoration April 9-11

No daily Masses Mon-Wed, April 10-12.

The office will be closed Mon-Wed, April 10-12.

## We Are an Offering

### Ministry Spotlight: Safe Environment Program

The Diocese leads the Safe Environment program for all of our parishes, schools, and other programs/ministries to follow. The Safe Environment program provides education around abuse and neglect for our children, young people, and vulnerable adults.

The Safe Environment program is completed by all employees and volunteers who are working within the diocese and have any kind of contact with our children, young people, and vulnerable adults. The education helps to identify the signs for abuse and neglect, then helps to educate them on how to report the suspicions so that it may be investigated.

The Safe Environment program also has components that are used with our young people to help them be aware of safe boundaries and interactions with others (including their own age) and who to ask for help if they have a concern.



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Weekly Happenings~

Mass Intentions:

Mass	Intention	Requested by
Sat 4/1–8:30 am -4:30 pm	+Nadine O’Connell +Louise Osterman	O’Connells Plovanics & Hal- lahans
Sun 4/2-8:30 am -11:00 am	Parishioners Van Spyk & Sacare families (SI)	R Van Spyk
Mon 4/3–8:30am	+Elmer & Eunice Eckhart	S & M Herzog
Tue 4/4-5:15 pm	+Margaret Leary	J Capp
Wed 4/5-8:30 am	Connor Willams-Freeman (SI)	J Kane
Thu 4/6-8:30 am	Holy Thursday, Parishioners	
Fri 4/7 –8:30 am	Good Friday	
Sat 4/8– 8:30pm	Easter Vigil, Parishioners	
Sun 4/9– 8:30am - 11:00am	+Patricia Conroy +Dennis Mathson	J Conroy Mimi, Mark, & Scott

Bus Schedule

Sunday, Apr 2: Tom Balyeat & Pam Noble  
Sunday, Apr 9: No Bus

Coffee and Rolls

Sunday, Apr 2: Knights of Columbus breakfast!  
Sunday, Apr 9: No Coffee & Rolls, Happy Easter!

Calendar of Events Apr 1 - Apr 9

<b><u>Saturday:</u></b>	8:30am daily Mass 4:30pm Mass	
<b><u>Sunday:</u></b>	8:30 & 11:00am Masses Knights of Columbus, Breakfast! Bake Sale! NO Elem Formation Adoration -7pm	
<b><u>Monday:</u></b>	8:30 Mass	
<b><u>Tuesday:</u></b>	5:15 Mass Happiness potluck—6pm	
<b><u>Wednes- day:</u></b>	Young Adult Bible Study-6:30am Mass—8:30am HS & MS Youth Group - 6:30pm OCIA—7pm	Schultes  Sts P&P Sts P&P
<b><u>Thursday:</u></b>	Mass of the Lord’s Supper-6pm	
<b><u>Friday:</u></b>	Friday of the Passion of the Lord-3pm Stations of the Cross - 5:30pm	
<b><u>Saturday:</u></b>	Easter Vigil-8:30pm	
<b><u>Sunday:</u></b>	Happy Easter! 8:30 & 11:00am Masses	

Liturgical Ministers for Apr 1, 2

4:30 PM	8:30 AM	11:00 AM
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S McKenna	D Koth M Handwerk	L Francis M Francis
Gift Presenters		
	Greff family	
Altar Servers		
A Fitzpatrick	L Donnelly A Donnelly	T Hansen T Hansen
Readers		
K Nyman-Wendt K Reed	S Bahnmliller F Fitterer	C Tucker T Balyeat
Musicians		
L McCain	J Jonasen	J Jonasen
Ministers of the Eucharist		
J Fitzpatrick L Hazelton C McCain D Stukey T Stukey	P Woelkers L Fitterer K Donnelly L Durocher J Durocher	P Woelkers M Francis C Christiaens M McFadden V Flick

Worship

Aubrey Rearden –Worship Coordinator  
452-6491 ex. 1 [aubrey@holyspiritgf.org](mailto:aubrey@holyspiritgf.org)  
Mary Wingerter—Ministry Scheduler

We are getting close to the Triduum services leading into Easter. Sign-up sheets are in the back of the church for these services. Please sign up if you are interested. Also, please log into the ministry scheduler and put in your unavailable dates for May, June, July and August. We will be running the schedule mid-April. Thank you!

Readings for next week Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

1st Reading: Acts of the Apostles 10:34a, 37-43  
2nd Reading: Colossians 3:1-4, or 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8  
Gospel: John 20:1-9

Music

Upcoming music practice:  
Wednesday April 5 and 19, both at 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  
452-6491 ext. 6; brien@holyspiritgf.org

High School and Middle School Youth Group will meet April 5th at 6:30pm at Peter and Paul.

**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 April 2 or 9. We will meet again on April 16th at 9:45am at Peter and Paul Center.

**Sacramental Preparation**

Mary Moore-Wingerter, mwingert@holyspiritgf.org  
406-452-6491

Completion of Initiation for our 2nd graders will be Sunday April 30th at the 11:00am Mass. There will be a reception for those families immediately following. Families will also have a retreat on Saturday April 22nd. Please keep these kids and their families in your prayers.

**Holy Spirit School**

Melissa Hallahan, Principal, mhallahan@holyspiritgf.org  
Kelly Lopes, Robin Verzuh Administrative Assistants  
Jenifer Thomas, Development Director  
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Holy Spirit Catholic School is so proud to announce that two of our educators have been awarded the Excellence in Education award from the Great Falls Public Schools Foundation. This award is selected by top-rated graduating seniors, recognized as distinguished scholars, each can select one educator from Kindergarten through 8th grade and one from high school who made a significant difference in their learning experience. These two teachers are truly the heart and soul of Holy Spirit Catholic School. They have been teaching at our beloved school for over 20 years. Our two award winning teachers are Laura O'Neill and Karlene Schraner!

Laura was selected by Great Falls High School senior Seamus Sullivan. Laura teaches K-8th grade art and religion to 4th and middle school. Her love for art shines through all student projects that fill our hallways. It is here dedication to her Catholic faith that sets

her apart as a teacher. Her religion classes are a time to come together and share and learn about the importance of having faith.

Karlene was selected by Great Falls High School senior Hannah Bloomgren. Karlene teaches K-5th grade general music and 5th-8th grade band and choir. Her passion for music is passed down to all our students at HSCS. Our hallway are always filled with sweet voices and instrumental music. She encourages each to grow in their musical talent.

All at HSCS are inspired by the hard work and steadfast effort that Hannah and Seamus have done and wish them best of luck in college!

Holy Spirit Catholic School stands out because of our amazing fine arts program due to the success and dedication of Laura and Karlene. We are so proud and blessed for these two amazing women. HSCS is so strong due to our caring, loving, encouraging, faithful and tenacious staff.

**Christian Service**

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

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



**Please return your CRS Rice Bowls on Holy Thursday.**



*The Commodity Supplemental Food Program is a federally funded program, which works to improve the health of low-income older adults at least 60 years of age by supplementing their diets monthly with nutritious USDA commodity foods.*  
*For more information, for an application, **or to volunteer for this program**, please contact Amiee Dabler at St. Vincent de Paul 406-761-0970 or amiee.dabler@svdpncmt.org*

*The Closing Ceremony for March for Life is Sunday April 2nd at 2pm in front of Planned Parenthood. The guest speaker is Robin Sertell, who was miraculously saved from 3 saline infusion abortion attempts. Please join us.*



**Knights of Columbus, Council # 9395**

***Please join us on April 2nd  
for our annual Palm Sunday breakfast!  
Sunday, April 2nd***

**Parish Council of Catholic Women**

PCCW will meet Monday, April 17th at 1:00pm in the parish conference room.  
All women are welcome to join us!

**PALM SUNDAY BAKE SALE  
APRIL 1 & 2 AFTER ALL MASSES  
OUR LADY OF SNOWS CIRCLE WILL HAVE A BEAUTIFUL  
PIECE OF OLIVE WOOD CARVING FOR A RAFFLE  
START YOUR OVENS, GET BAKING!**

**Courtesy Announcements**

**Eat some Wings, Help the Heisey Community Center!**  
Buffalo Wind Wings will donate 20% of sales from all guest at your table with a voucher.  
Vouchers are available on the table by the church office.  
Wednesday April 5th.

**Catechism Corner**

**What does Jesus “gave himself up” mean? (CCC 606-618)**

Christ’s entire life is a sacrifice to His Father, whose Will is the constant focus of the life of Jesus (606-607). John’s Gospel frequently refers to Christ’s desire to do the Will of the Father that all would be united to Him as the Father and the Son are united (Jn 17:22). He is the fulfillment of the Paschal Lamb from Exodus as John the Baptist proclaims “Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world” (Jn 1:29). By his death we are freed from the slavery of sin as the Israelites were freed from slavery in Egypt (608). His human life is a free gift for the redemption of all man. From his sovereignty he gave his life freely for our atonement (609). The blood he sheds in his passion is given as a sign of the New Covenant as expressed in the Last Supper dialogue. Through it he institutes a priesthood and consecrates the whole world to Truth, as he himself is Truth (611). In the New Covenant, Christ binds himself freely to his Church to drink from the Father’s hand the bitter cup of our sins and bear the punishment himself on the cross (612). Jesus is thus obedient unto death to ransom our disobedience in sin (615). Therefore, Jesus shows his love for us to the very end of his human life as he joyfully proclaims “*consummatum est*” “it is finished” as the bridegroom consummates his love for his bride, the Church (616-617). Thus, while Christ suffers on the cross, he mysteriously knows each of us, our sins which are the cause of his very Passion, and atones to His Father the punishment owed by each of us (618).

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience:**

As we enter into Holy Week and prepare to celebrate Christ’s passion and death, we invite you to consider the small sacrifice of a weekend away from life’s pleasures to focus on the greatest treasure as a couple—your marriage. Your Sacrament is the visible sign of Christ’s love and desire to be in relationship with His Church. The impact of your love is a powerful gift. A single weekend can make that gift great! Upcoming Weekend dates are Elk Mountain Hotel April 21-23, Malta Mt June 9-11 and The Ranch at Ucross, Nove 3-5. Apply today by calling 307-215-9444 or visit the website: [wwme.org](http://wwme.org)



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](mailto:carley.tuss1947@gmail.com).

There are also volunteer opportunities at Benefis Peace Hospice. They are looking for people to serve meals or assist with feeding. Other volunteer opportunities include patient and family care, companionship and bereavement support and more! There are three dates for training and orientation in April: 6-9pm April 21; 9am-3pm April 22; and 9am-3pm April 23. April 14 is the deadline to register for the training. Please call Peace Hospice at 406.455.3040 or visit [Benefis.org/services-specialties/hospice-volunteer](http://Benefis.org/services-specialties/hospice-volunteer) for more information.

We can’t wait to see YOU at Eucharistic Revival 2023! Join Dr. Scott Hahn, Archbishop Alexander Sample and musical guest Jaime Thietten on May 5 and 6 at Billings Central Catholic High School as we gather to cultivate Eucharistic amazement! Sponsored by the Diocese of Great Falls-Billings, we’ll unite to help restore understanding and devotion to the great mystery of The Most Holy Eucharist. As we deeply reflect on the source and summit of our faith, this promises to be a weekend to remember! To learn more, visit [diocesegfb.org/revival](http://diocesegfb.org/revival).



**The Diocese of Great Falls-Billings has a job opening for Principal at Great Falls Central Catholic High School. Please follow this link for the complete job description.**

[diocesegfb.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/Principal-Job-Description-1.pdf](http://diocesegfb.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/Principal-Job-Description-1.pdf)

**Milestones**



Welcome to **Chuck Frey** and to **Fabian and McKenzie Salomon** who recently registered at Holy Spirit Parish.

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

# Growing in FAITH™

Discovering hope and joy in the Catholic faith.

April 2023

Holy Spirit Catholic Parish  
Father Doug Krings

## One Minute Meditations

### The God-shaped hole

St. Augustine wrote, "You have made us for yourself and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in Thee." (Confessions, Saint Augustine). Humans are created with a longing for something good, true, and beautiful. We long for God. We can try filling that void with things of the world. Unless we fill that longing with God, however, we can never be satisfied.

### Grow in love

Having received the gift of divine life, we must give it to others. "Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another" (1 John 4:11). When we share God's life and love, we grow in that very life and love.

"But the angels said to the women, 'Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay.'" (Matthew 28:5-6).



## Powerful gifts of Eucharistic devotion

As the "the source and summit of our faith," the Eucharist is the greatest of God's gifts. During the Easter season, resolve to look at the Eucharist with new eyes of gratitude and strengthened devotion:

**Return love for Love:** The Eucharist is not a symbol; it is Jesus Christ. He loves us beyond imagining personally, closely, sacrificially, and tenderly. In adoring, receiving, and loving the Blessed Sacrament, we're returning love for Love.

**Fuel for the fight:** The Eucharist nourishes and strengthens our souls. "How can we last... without hearing Jesus say, 'I love you' - impossible..." (Mother Teresa). The Eucharist strengthens against temptation and

protects from mortal sins.

**Source of joy:** The Eucharist is a glimpse of heaven, a foretaste of the heavenly banquet, and a pledge of future glory. St. John Vianney commented, "If we really understood the Mass, we would die of joy."

**Wisdom and guidance:** As Chancellor of England, St. Thomas More received Communion daily for "light and wisdom" in his administrative decisions. We can turn to the Blessed Sacrament for guidance whenever we have

weighty decisions, questions, or doubts.

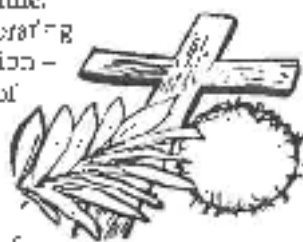
**Communion empowers us to love:** "Even as I have loved you... you also love one another" (John 13:34). Jesus specifically told his followers to love others as we've been loved. Receiving the Eucharist worthily empowers us to love like Him.



## Why Do Catholics Do That?

## Why do Catholics celebrate Holy Week?

Holy Week is a sacred time, specially devoted to celebrating the work of our redemption - the suffering and Death of Jesus on the Cross. The events honored during Holy Week, especially on Holy Thursday and Good Friday, remind us of



an amazing truth: God loved us first, even when that love cost Him everything. On Easter, He rose gloriously from the dead, offering redemption. This event is so tremendous we need a week to prepare our hearts to receive it.

## Choose new life at Easter

*"... I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life: that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying his voice, and cleaving to him: for that means life to you and length of days ..." (Deuteronomy 30:15-20).*

When the Israelites were poised to enter the land God had promised them, Moses wanted all to understand what was at stake. He didn't want them to just enter the Promised Land, Moses wanted them to remain there with God's



blessing. So Moses put the choice facing all of God's people in the clearest possible terms. When we choose to follow God, we choose life over death.

The choice is still ours. We can say 'yes' or 'no' to God's love. While our choices lead to consequences, it is still up to us.

When we live with God's laws, we choose life. Honesty over lies and deceit, self-control over sinful pleasure, generosity over selfishness. This is how we choose new life with God.

### from Scripture

#### John 10:1-10; Trusting the Good Shepherd

In this Scripture passage, Jesus used the image of a shepherd to reveal who He is, how He cares for us, and more importantly, how He wants us to relate to Him. The image of a shepherd was a powerful choice.

A good shepherd knew each sheep in his care individually. He never left his flock. Many sheep-pens didn't have doors, so the shepherd would sleep in the entry way to prevent enemies from getting to his flock. Predators would have to go through him first. If a sheep got lost, hurt, or was attacked, the shepherd took care of it, even risking his



life for the sheep.

Jesus' illustration is clear. Without the constant care, guidance, and protecting presence of the shepherd (God), the sheep (us) won't survive. That's uncomfortable because it means we're dependent and vulnerable. But the deeper truth is that Jesus, our Shepherd, knows us each personally.

Individually. Our Shepherd feeds us, provides for us, and protects us, even to offering up His own life. He asks us to trust Him and ultimately, lead us Home.

### Q & A

#### Am I wrong to have doubts?

There is good doubt and bad doubt. Bad doubt that says, "I won't believe this unless you prove it," can become sinful and should be avoided. Good doubt ("I'm struggling to understand this") is a sign you're ready to go deeper into the faith.



Sometimes doubts arise from genuine or incomplete understanding of Church teaching.

Archbishop Fulton Sheen famously said, "There are not one hundred people in the United States who hate The Catholic Church, but there are millions who hate what they wrongly perceive the Catholic Church to be." With questions, turn to the Catechism, reference the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops ([usccb.org](http://usccb.org)), ask your priest.

If, after all this, something still doesn't make sense, then it really is a mystery and that's the point at which we humbly allow Christ to conform our ways of thinking to His (not the other way around). Trust everything to God, and He will resolve it, in His own way, in His own time. "Lord, I believe, help my unbelief!" (Mark 9:24).

### Feasts & Celebrations

April 2 - Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion (1st Century). On Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion, we recall Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem, when He was greeted by crowds waving palms and cheering. This Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week.

April 9 - The Resurrection of the Lord (1st Century). Easter, the celebration of Jesus' Resurrection of the dead, is the holiest day of the year. The Season of Easter lasts for 50 days from Easter Sunday until Pentecost.

April 13 - Pope St. Martin I (665).

St. Martin was elected to succeed Theodoric as pope. He was arrested and dragged to Constantinople after censuring the Byzantine Emperor Constantine II for heresy. He died in exile.

April 16 - Divine Mercy Sunday (1931). Jesus asked St. Faustina to ensure that the Sunday after Easter became the "Feast of Mercy."

He promised that anyone who honors Him as the King of Mercy and prays The Chaplet of Divine Mercy will receive special graces and great mercy.



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## Spirit Night Out



Thank You for your continued support of our Spirit Night Out event! Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup> is our Spirit Night Out at MacKenzie River Pizza. You can earn our school 20% just by using the below coupon. Pass it along to family and friends because anyone can use it! Hippity Hop right to MacKenzie River Pizza!

## HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC SCHOOL

### *School Night Voucher*



MacKenzie River Pizza and Holy Spirit Catholic School invite you to dine with us in Great Falls on **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5, 2023**

Order your favorite items from our fresh, tasty menu and Holy Spirit Catholic School will receive a donation equal to **20% OF YOUR MEAL DOLLARS** from Mack Riv.

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\*Works all day for dine-in and carryout on designated event date. Excludes alcohol.

## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5, 2023



**Devotions on Draft is meeting Wednesday, April 12th  
for a beer with guest speaker Thomas Dotterweich!**

**Our topic is RCIA, now called OCIA.**

**Please join us at The Celtic Cowboy \* 7:00pm**

***Must be 21 to attend***

**We hope to see you there!**

**Further information can be located on our Facebook and  
Instagram pages - @devotionsondraft\_gf**