



# Holy Spirit

## Catholic Parish and School

May 7th, 2023  
5th Sunday of Easter

### 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

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#### Holy Spirit Catholic School

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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, 2:00 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

Joe Durocher Maintenance

"We proclaim the resurrection of Christ when his light illuminates the dark moment of our existence." ~ Pope Francis

### Funeral Masses this week

May 12, 1:30 Dot Maronick funeral Mass

We WILL have school Mass

Knights of Columbus Council 9395  
Cinnamon Rolls & Burritos!

Sunday May 7

Please join us!

The Annual Priests' Retreat is May 15-18.  
Father Doug will be gone those days, so we will not  
have daily Mass, no Adoration May 14-16, and  
no Confessions Wednesday May 17.

## We Are an Offering

### Ministry Spotlight: Office of the Bishops

The Office of the Bishops is a ministry funded through your gifts to the Annual Catholic Appeal. Your support ensures that our Bishops have the ability and support to perform their ministry and lead the Catholic Church of Eastern Montana. Our Bishops are responsible for teaching doctrine, governing Catholics in their jurisdiction and representing the Church to all people within their jurisdiction. This includes celebrating the Sacraments on Initiation, joining in parish celebrations and milestones, and parish and school visits.



More specifically, funding for the Office of the Bishops supports our Bishops' salaries, office equipment and supplies, travel expenses (auto, gas, tires, repair, etc.), and costs associated with representing the Church of Eastern Montana worldwide, etc. Our Bishops love to come meet, pray, and visit with you in your local communities and the ACA allows them to do exactly that.

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Weekly Happenings~

Mass Intentions:

Mass	Intention	Requested by
Sat 5/6–8:30 am -11:30 am -4:30 pm	+Dick Gannon Funeral Mass Justin Bishop +Bob Rahn	T Zadick  L & M Sietz
Sun 5/7-8:30 am -11:00 am	+Marilyn Taylor Vivian Drake	family
Mon 5/8–8:30am	+Eunice & Elmer Eckhart	S & M Herzog
Tue 5/9-5:15 pm	+Dick Gannon	Barochs
Wed 5/10 - 8:30 am	Jackie Knox (sp int)	S Mohler
Thu 5/11-8:30 am	+Marilyn Taylor	Fitterers
Fri 5/12 –8:30 am	+Claudia O’Connell	T Zadick
Sat 5/13– 8:30am - 4:30pm	+Josy Slaymaker +Gene & Alice Meyer +Louise Osterman	Family Meyer children K Osterman
Sun 4/30– 8:30am - 11:00am	Christina Wingerter (sp int) Parishioners	N Wingerter

Bus Schedule

Sunday, May 7: Roger & Kay Seilstad  
Sunday, May 14: Cece Fuhrman and ASST NEEDED!

Calendar of Events May 6-14

Saturday:	Daily Mass - 8:30am Funeral Mass for Justin Bishop - 11:30 Sunday Vigil Mass - 4:30pm	
Sunday:	8:30 & 11:00am Masses Adoration - 7pm	
Monday:	Daily Mass -8:30am PCCW - 7pm	
Tuesday:	5:15 Mass	
Wednesday:	Young Adult Bible Study-6:30am Mass—8:30am OCIA—7pm	Schultes  Sts P&P
Thursday:	Daily Mass - 8:30am	Con Rm
Friday:	School Mass - 8:30am Funeral Mass for Dot Maronick - 130	
Saturday:	Daily Mass - 8:30am Sunday Vigil Mass - 4:30pm	
Sunday:	8:30 and 11:00am Masses No Adoration	



Please join us to pray the Rosary ½ hour before every Mass time. All are welcome. If you can’t join us, please pray the Rosary on your own.

Liturgical Ministers for May 13, 14

4:30 PM	8:30 AM	11:00 AM
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		Holy Wash
Sacristan		
S Mohler	J Gort	M Francis
Greeters		
S McKenna M Handwerk	D Koth D McGuire	S Wilson
Gift Presenters		
Fitzpatrick family	O'Neill family	M Lague
Altar Servers		
J Polacek C Polacek	L Donnelly A Donnelly	T Hansen T Hansen
Readers		
K Goulet K Reed	T Katz R McNamee	C Tucker A McKinney
Music		
L McCain	J Jonasen	J Jonasen
Ministers of Eucharist		
C McCain T Jones J Bourret M Maxfield K Reed T Grau T Gilligan L Hazelton K Weinheimer	P Woelkers K McGuire K Donnelly S Bahnmliller J Van Heel S Greene L O'Neill K Puckett M Nickol	P Woelkers S Dalen R Lopes C Huber K Krattiger W Newman S Harrington ★ V Flick R Seilstad

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

The schedule for May - August is complete! Please log into the Ministry Scheduler to check your schedule. Please remember to request a sub if you are unable to be here.  
Thank you for your help ministering to our community!

Readings for next week 6th Sunday of Easter

1st Reading: Acts of the Apostles 8:5-8, 14-17  
2nd Reading: 1 Peter 3:15-18  
Gospel: John 14:15-21

Music

**Upcoming music practice:**  
Wednesday May 17<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>, 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 resume in the fall. All High School and Middle School students are invited to volunteer for our VBS June 19-23. Our theme this year is STELLAR! Please contact the office if you are interested.

**Middle schoolers**, we have a fun opportunity for you! On **Friday May 19**, all middle school youth are invited to participate in an **overnight Lock-In** at Central High School. We are joined by the whole Great Falls Vicariate. I am excited about this event. For more details, please reach out to Brien. **Deadline is May 12.**

**Seniors!** Join us for Mass to honor YOU on Sunday May 21 at 11:00 Mass. Please RSVP to Brien with a number of people attending by **May 12.**

**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

**See you in the fall.** Thank you so much to all of our remarkable Catechists. We truly could not have this program without you. You have brightened the lives of the children you met with week after week. We are grateful for your willingness to minister to our young church.

**Vacation Bible School**

Abbie Greff, abbie@holyspiritgf.org  
Mary Proud, maryproud@holyspiritgf.org

We are gearing up for **BLAST OFF** for a fun, action packed week of STELLAR, June 19-23 from 8:30 to noon. Registration began May 3rd! Go to holyspiritgf.org and look for the STELLAR logo! Space is limited so don't be late!

We are also looking for Adults, High School and Middle School volunteers. We have many positions to fill. We can not have a Vacation Bible School without help. Please contact the office or go on our website and click on the STELLAR logo to volunteer.

**Holy Spirit School**

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

Congratulations to all receiving their Confirmation and 1st Communion this weekend! We are so proud of all of our students that have been preparing for their sacraments. We will be celebrating these students after the 2nd grade school Mass in Masy with an all-school reception.

Spring is in full bloom at Holy Spirit Catholic School and that means our end-of-year events are starting. Our students are starting to practice for spring concerts, 8th graders are making their graduation banners, and we are planning our Spirit Walk. The snow hill has finally melted and our students are enjoying gym class outside! Mr. Lopes has a great way of making exercise fun. All our students partake in gym twice a week at HSCS. Mr. Lopes is a great P.E. teacher and encourages all students to do their best.

**Christian Service**

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

**G A R D E N**



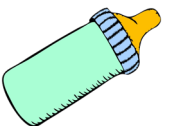
*Spring is here and we are preparing our garden area for another summer of produce. Anyone interested in helping with our community vegetable garden, please call Kimberly 406-452-6491 or Chris Christiaens 406-590-4406.*

*Holy Spirit Parish is in need of **Bus Assistants** for our parish bus.*

*Beginning in May we only have 2. Without Drivers and Assistants, we can not run the bus. If you are interested in this ministry, please contact Kimberly as soon as possible! Thank you~*



**ECHOZ BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN BEGINS MAY 14TH. PLEASE HELP OUT WITH THIS IMPORTANT PROJECT**



Parish Council of Catholic Women

The 5 vicariates of the Great Falls-Billings Diocesan Council of Catholic Women are awarding one \$500.00 scholarship to a high school graduating senior girl. Applications are available by contacting Mary at the parish office or by contacting Toni Ziegler at 406.654.1187. **Deadline is May 20, 2023.**

**The Holy Spirit Parish Council of Catholic Women** will be meeting on May 8 at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall. All women of the parish are invited and encouraged to attend.  
Thank you!

Courtesy Announcements

*You are cordially invited to the 25th Annual Mother’s Day Brunch at the Ursuline Centre, 2300 Central Ave, on Sunday May 14th, 10am-2pm. The menu includes savory ham, scrambled eggs, pancakes, biscuits, and sausage gravy, country cubed potatoes, fresh fruit, salads, rolls, juice and coffee. This benefit for the historic Ursuline Centre also includes a delicious dessert lounge, historic tours, live music, and Mother’s Day photo booth, prize and 50/50 raffles and a photography display by the Great Falls Camera Club. Tickets are \$25 Adults, \$20 Seniors, \$10 Children ages 6-12. If you are interested in volunteering, there are several timeslots available. For more information please call 406-452-8585 or email information@ursulinecentre.com.*

Catechism Corner

Did Jesus actually rise from the dead? (CCC 639-647)

Christ’s Resurrection is both a historical and transcendent event . The New Testament bears witness that Jesus appeared “first to Peter, then the Twelve, then 500 at once...” (1 Corinthians 15:3-6). The discovery of the empty tomb on Easter morning is the initial fact of evidence for many of the disciples, Mary Magdalene first, then Peter, then John (640). These witnesses of the Resurrection carry their testimonies for the rest of their lives to evangelize the world and, with the Divine Assistance, build the Catholic Church we receive today (642). It has been of historical importance, and in fact impossible not to acknowledge, the very fact of Jesus’ Resurrection, not as some mythical legend or mystical interpretation, for the radical change of heart from desolate despair to evangelical fervor can only be explained by the physical experience of the Risen Lord (643). The nature of His Body both bears the resemblance of his pre-death body by the tangible wounds and shared meals which still persist. However, it has transitioned in a formal way from the familiar physical nature to a glorified nature, not bound by space or time, capable of passing through walls or vanishing at will (645). This inexplicable reality is at the heart of the Gospel and transcends history. No longer does Christ appear in human form, but the fact of history is passed along through the Good News of the Church (647), and the mystery persists and is transmitted by the grace of the Sacraments through the liturgical celebrations of the Holy Mass.

**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](https://diocesegfb.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/Principal-Job-Description-1.pdf)  
Central also has these teaching positions open for 2023-24:

- Part-time Math Teacher
- Part-time Foreign Language Teacher
- Part-time Art Teacher
- 3/4 time Health and PE Teacher
- Part-time Business Teacher
- Part-time Music Teacher

\*Positions could be combined to reach full-time.

*If interested in any of our teaching opportunities please submit Letter of Interest, Resume, and Application to Principal Brian Held. Questions can be sent to [bheld@greatfallscentral.org](mailto:bheld@greatfallscentral.org) or 406-216-3344. All academic teaching positions must have current MT Teaching Licenses or be eligible to obtain one.*

Attention Young Adults!

Devotions on Draft  
Wednesday May 10 at 7pm  
The Stadium Sports Bar, 1121 5th St S  
Theresa Schmit is the speaker with a topic of Blessed Mother Mary and the Rosary.  
Must be 21 to attend!

Ancient Order of Hibernians



NOTRE DAME IN IRELAND!

Win tickets and travel to see the Notre Dame Fighting Irish play the Naval Academy in Dublin, Ireland, August 26, ‘23  
Proceeds go the Ancient Order of Hibernians.  
Contact Nick Wingerter to purchase tickets (\$10 for one or a book of 11 for \$100)  
406-868-4770 or [nickw@holyspiritgf.org](mailto:nickw@holyspiritgf.org)

Parish Nurses

May will be our 20 year Anniversary of collecting eye glasses and hearing aids. We started in May 2003 and will continue this ministry as long as you (the parish) keep bringing in your old and used glasses and hearing aids. The Montana State School for the Deaf and Blind is very appreciative of the hearing aids. To date, we have collected 4127 glasses and 212 hearing aids. Thank you Holy Spirit Parish for all the donations.

Also available are prayer shawls. These are either crocheted or knitted prayer shawls made with love by volunteers. They are available in the parish office. If you know someone who can benefit from a prayer shawl, please see Mary.

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May 2023

Holy Spirit Catholic Parish  
Father Doug Krings

## One Minute Meditations

### Act in confidence

Jesus does not want us to be troubled by worldly concerns.

*"My peace I give you" (John 14:27).* When you feel

yourself starting to worry or stew about a difficult situation (or person), act out your belief that your prayer for resolution will be answered. Substitute positive, cheerful thoughts for negative ones. God is in control.

### Your Lenten change

Lent is a time when we make changes that bring us closer to God. During Lent, many of us fast from our favorite food or drink, and approach Easter a little lighter in spirit and in body. Don't forget that a Lenten change can continue beyond Easter. Consider continuing your Lenten fast on Fridays throughout the year, or for a week each month, for example. Find ways to make your Lenten change permanent.

### Rest and relax

God expects us to be sure to rest.

*"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28).*



## Welcome all God's children

God loves each of us uniquely and fiercely no matter where we come from or how we look. Those of us who follow Him know that it's not just important to love each other. It's God's law.

**Celebrate diversity.** Invite foreigners or people who are different from you to your home or church. Jesus was once a foreigner in a strange land and was grateful for the hospitality He received. There is great diversity in the Communion of Saints.

**Practice patience.** It can be tough to listen to someone with a speech impediment or a heavy accent. Imagine, though, how grateful that

person will be when you offer your attention. Perhaps it would help to imagine the face of Christ in the face before you.

**Counsel the ignorant.** Someone from another country, background, or with different abilities than yours might behave in what looks like an inconsiderate way out of ignorance or limitations. He might appreciate being informed.

**Speak up.** Don't stay quiet when you witness prejudice, and be positive about diversity if friends or relatives start criticizing others' faith, cultures or abilities.

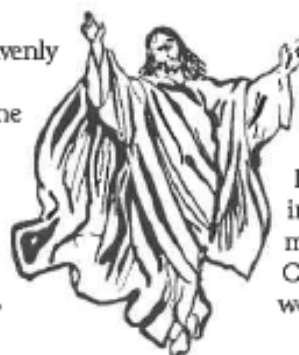
**Act with love.** The God of love gave of Himself so we could be reunited with Him. We share that love when we assume the best of others and look for the good in all God's children.



## Why Do Catholics Do That?

### Why do Catholics celebrate the Ascension?

Jesus' Ascension into heavenly glory is good news. Sacred Scripture explains that in the Ascension, Jesus, the High Priest, entered the heavenly temple to pray for us with the Father (Hebrews 9:24). Secondly, from his throne in heaven,

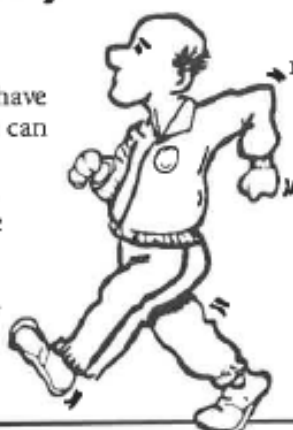


Jesus sends us the Holy Spirit, who keeps us connected to Him, especially in the Eucharist. Lastly, since Christ entered into eternal glory, we as the members of His Body, the Church, may hope to follow if we remain faithful to Him.

## Take good care of yourself. You belong to God.

Taking care of ourselves can become a low priority in the midst of other obligations. Yet caring for our bodies and minds is a duty we have to God. He needs us strong and healthy so we can help build up His kingdom.

**Body:** What you put into your body is even more important than what you put on it. Take steps to make your diet healthier and more nourishing. Avoid drugs or excessive alcohol. Doctors urge daily exercise and eight hours of sleep each night.



**Mind:** Become picky about what you feed your mind, too. What you watch, read, and listen to influences the way you look at the world. Evidence shows that it's hard to regularly watch violent shows or movies and still be a calm and happy person. Programs or movies that portray infidelity or promiscuity as acceptable behaviors eventually dull our sense of sin. Feed your mind positive, Gospel-centered images that will build you up and inspire you. Surround yourself with people who do the same.

### from Scripture

#### John 20:19-23, "Receive the Holy Spirit"

This Gospel passage gives us a glimpse of how the apostles spent their first Easter Sunday – hiding in a locked room.

They were terrified the Romans would find them and execute them. To their surprise and great relief, Jesus appeared to them in glory and spoke words of peace. He showed them His glorious wounds as "living proof" of His Resurrection.

Then Jesus gave them a mission: "Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained" establishing the Sacrament of Penance (John 20:23). He gave them the Holy Spirit, anticipating the feast of



Pentecost. Now, having authority to forgive sins, the apostles and their successors could continue Jesus' work after He returned to heaven. Jesus' appearance to His apostles reveals the fullness of God's mercy. He also sent the Holy Spirit to them. He descended powerfully on Pentecost, the birthday of the Church. That same Spirit is gifted to us in Baptism and dwells in our souls. Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal God's love to you and help you become more like Christ each day.

### Q & A What is the meaning of the Miraculous Medal?

The Miraculous Medal, given to St. Catherine Labouré in 1830, was designed by the Blessed Mother to teach us three things:

**Mary prays for us:** The medal's front reads: *O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee.* We don't



pray to her; she prays for us! Of course, we can go directly to Jesus anytime. In fact, Mary's role is to bring us to Jesus as swiftly and safely as possible.

**Evil can be defeated:** Mary is shown crushing Satan's head, recalling the prophecy of his defeat (Genesis 3:15). Mary's humble "yes" to God paved the way for Christ's victory over death, sin, and evil. When we give God our "yes," then Christ's victory bears fruit in our lives.

**Grace is always available:** St. Catherine asked why only some of the gemstones in Mary's rings radiated light. Her answer? The dim gems symbolize "the graces for which souls forget to ask." God's grace is always available to us. All we have to do is ask.

### Feasts & Celebrations

**May 3 – Sts. Philip and James (1st Century).** St. Philip was born in Bethsaida and followed John the Baptist before he followed Christ. After the Ascension, St. Philip preached in Asia Minor, where he was martyred. St. James, son of Alphaeus, was also one of the twelve Apostles.

**May 10 – St. John of Ávila (1569).** Born to wealthy, pious parents, St. John left a budding career as a lawyer to become a priest. At the request of his bishop, he worked and preached to renew the faith of Catholics in Andalusia.

**May 18 – Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord (1st Century).** This solemnity marks the completion of Jesus' mission of salvation and His triumphant entry into heaven. *Note: In many dioceses, observance of Ascension has been moved to the following Sunday.*

**May 25 – St. Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi (1607).** Born to a distinguished Florentine family, Catherine de' Pazzi became a Carmelite nun. Upon making vows, she experienced ecstasies, and became a mystic and a healer.



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Holy Spirit Catholic Parish Presents:

# Family Catechesis

**Engaging  
families for  
life-long  
devotion to  
the Catholic  
Faith**

September 24th (Sun)- *Fall Fest*

October 18th (6PM)- *Faith, God, Creation*

November 15th (6PM)- *Sin, Grace, Salvation History*

December 20th (6PM)- *Mary, Christmas*

January 18th (6PM)- *Way, Truth, Life*

February 21st (6PM)- *Paschal Mystery, Judgment*

March 20th (6PM)- *Holy Spirit, Holy Catholic Church*

April 17th (6PM)- *Marks of the Church, Last Things*

May 19th (Sun)- *Pentecost Picnic*





Potluck dinners in the  
Parish Hall

*Family of Faith* by Sophia Institute



# Reasons to Volunteer

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**T**ime to Worship  
**E**ternal Investment  
**L**oving on Kids  
**L**ots of Fun  
**A**wesome Fellowship  
**R**ewarding Opportunities



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willingness to serve!**