



Holy Spirit

Catholic Parish and School

October 8th, 2023

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Worship Centers:

Holy Spirit Catholic Church

201 44th St S; Great Falls, MT 59405

Parish Office:

Mon-Thur: 8:00-4, Fri: Closed 6/9-8/11.

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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
Fr. Dave Wilkins	Sacramental Minister
Dcn Pete Woelkers	Deacon
Aubrey Rearden	Parish Administrator Worship
Kimberly Gaa	Christian Service
Nick Wingerter	Catechesis & Evangelization
Mary Moore-Wingerter	Administrative Asst.
Abbie Greff	Elem. Formation
Brien Rosendale	Youth Minister Pre-Marriage
Tracy Tomich	Custodian
Janet Knutson	Funerals/Weddings
Joe Durocher	Maintenance

"You will never be happy if your happiness depends on getting solely what you want. Change the focus. Get a new center. Will what God wills, and your joy no man shall take from you." ~ Ven. Fulton Sheen

Public Square Rosary Crusade

Please join Shawn Mahoney at Lion's Park Pavilion ,
28th & 10th Ave. S, on Saturday October 14 at noon

or

Barb Schlecht Gordon Holy Family Church steps,
2800 Central, on Saturday October 14 at 11:45am

Time and Talent!!

Our Ministry and Volunteer Booklet and Time and Talent forms are available in the back of the church. Please prayerfully consider ways you can minister/volunteer in our parish. Please return your Time and Talent form in the basket by the font, mail it in, or drop it off at the office by October 22! This will allow us to schedule training sessions in November.

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Thank you to all who helped with Fall Fest 2023.

We had a perfect day for our event and lots of folks join in. Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for manning the grill. Thank you to the Lady of Snows for manning the popcorn machine. Thank you to all our chili chefs. Thank you to all who donated baskets for Heads and Tails. Thank you to Sharon, Mimi, Ashley and everyone who kept the food tables stocked, and the water jug full. Thank you to Conn for driving the Hay Ride, and bringing the hay and trailer, and to the Newmans who lent us the straw. Thank you to the students from Holy Spirit for manning the games. And thank you to all who set up, cleaned up, donated items and attended! We have a great community at Holy Spirit!



Weekly Happenings~

Mass Intentions:

Mass	Intention	Requested by
Sat 10/7 - 8:30am - 4:30pm	+Duane & Carolyn Harper Karen Corda (sp int)	Funeral ladies K Walters
Sun 10/8 - 8:30am - 11:00am	+Neil Michaels Parishioners	M Michaels
Mon 10/9 - 8:30am	+Royce McDunn	G Goodman
Tue 10/10 - 5:15pm	+Judith Kidwell	T Zadick
Wed 10/11 -8:30am	+Gene & Alice Meyer	Meyer children
Thu 10/12 - 8:30am	+Louise Osterman	T Mycke
Fri 10/13 - 8:30am	+Frank Jasicko	M Nadeau & K Wilson
Sat 10/14 - 8:30am - 4:30pm	+Kendra Bruget +Jack Thelen	S Frost B Thelen
Sun 10/15 - 8:30am - 11:00am	Parishioners +Larry Fauque, Sophia and Walter Kubis	M Fauque

Readings for next week 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Isaiah 25:6-10a
2nd Reading: Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20
Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

Bus Schedule

Sunday, Oct 8 : Cece Fuhrman & Pam Noble
Sunday, Oct 15: Sly Barros and Swap Requested!

Coffee and Rolls

Sunday, Oct 8: Barb Schlecht, John Gordon, Sharon Kougl
Sunday, Oct 15: Knights of Columbus #9395

Calendar of Events Oct 7-Oct 15

Saturday:	Daily Mass - 8:30am Sunday Vigil Mass - 4:30pm	
Sunday:	8:30 & 11:00am Masses Coffee & rolls Elem Formation - 9:45am Bible Study, 1pm Adoration - 7pm	Sts P&P hall
Monday:	Daily Mass - 8:30am	
Tuesday:	Daily Mass - 5:15pm	
Wednesday:	Mass at Park Place - 2pm Youth Group - 6:30pm OCIA—7pm	Sts P&P Sts P&P
Thursday:	Daily Mass - 8:30am	
Friday:	School Mass - 8:30am	
Saturday:	Daily Mass - 8:30am Sunday Vigil Mass - 4:30pm	
Sunday:	8:30 and 11:00am Masses K.C. Coffee and Rolls Elem. Formation - 9:45am Bible Study, 1pm Adoration - 7pm	Sts P&P hall

Liturgical Ministers for Oct 14, Oct 15

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		
S Mohler	M Moore-Wingerter	
Greeters		
M Handwerk P Hilgendorf	D McGuire D Koth	Ryan family
Gift Presenters		
Polacek family	O'Neill family	Francis family ★
Altar Servers		
E Johnson A Mohler	K Masterson B Figarelle	T Hansen T Hansen
Readers		
T Grau K Reed	J Wingerter R McNamee	J Moonan C Tucker
Music		
L McCain	J Jonasen	J Jonasen
Ministers of Eucharist		
T Jones ★ R Huntsinger J Fitzpatrick K Weinheimer A Klundt C McCain S McKenna T Gilligan P Hilgendorf	P Woelkers T O'Neill C Morris D Wilkins L Fitterer J Stenzel L Stenzel K Donnelly K Lakner	T Balyeat C Christiaens J Moonan C Huber V Flick S Harrington K Krattiger C Mee P Woelkers ★

Financial Report

Offertory Update

Every month we will publish the previous month’s actual collection amounts alongside our 2023-2024 budgeted collection amounts. At a glance you will be able to see where we are in regard to meeting our budget each month. Our fiscal year began July 1, 2023. Thank you for your continued support of our parish through not only your treasure but time and talents. It is only through your continued generosity we are able to offer life giving ministries, programs, and outreach within our parish/school community and the community of Great Falls. If you have questions or would like more information please contact Aubrey Hiller-Rearden in the parish office.

August 2023

Collection:
Actual: \$62,536.73
Budgeted: \$84,583.34
Amount over/(under): (\$22,046.61)

Mortgage/Building Loan:
Current Balance: *\$1,049,591.34*
Monthly Payment: \$11,081.94
Actual Contributions: \$4,390.00
Amount Over/(Under): (\$6,691.94)

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

Welcome back for another year of Youth Ministry. We will meet this Wed Oct 4. All students grades 6-12 are invited to participate. This year both middle school and high school will continue to gather on Wednesday from 6:30-8 P.M.
I am always looking for adults who want to engage with the Youth Ministry. I need help from the **parents** to provide meals for our weekly gatherings. I also need **adults** who want to **share their faith** with teens. Please contact Brien at the Parish Office. Middle school youth: we have the Jr. High rally in Helena on Oct 28. If you are interested in either of these events, I need to know so we can fundraise to offset the costs of these trips! See you on Wednesday!
October gatherings:
October 11
October 25

Elementary Faith Formation

Elementary Formation (Pre-K - 6th Grade)
& Sacramental Prep (2nd Grade)
Abbie Greff, abbie@holyspiritgf.org, 452-6491 ext 209

Our Elementary Formation program will meet October 8 at 9:45am at Peter and Paul. If you are interested in helping with our young church, we can always use Catechists or substitutes. Please contact Abbie if you are interested.

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's first Service project of the year was amazing! Our students and staff collected 787 boxes of cereal for the Great Falls Community Food Bank. To have a little fun we built a domino train with the boxes. Check out our Facebook page for the video.

Gala 2023 wants to partner with your business. Sponsorships include print and social media advertisement and event tickets. More information, please contact Jenifer Thomas at 406-761-5775 more details.

Have a vacation home, sports tickets, concert tickets, or other items you would like to donate to the Gala auction please contact our Development Director, Jenifer Thomas at 406-761-5775.

Holy Spirit Catholic School has an opening for a School Bus Driver. We offer great benefits, a family-centered work environment, and an amazing tuition discount. If you or know of anyone interested, please contact Principal Melissa Hallahan at 406-761-5775 for more information.

Christian Service

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

September Food Collection

St. Vincent de Paul: 341 pounds
St. Jude: 76 pounds

Thank you for your support of these ministries!

40 days for Life: Sept 27 - Nov 5

Midway Event: Sunday Oct 15th at 2pm Our Lady of Lourdes
Closing Ceremony: Sunday Nov 5 at 2pm at Mt. Olivet.
Holy Spirit will take Thursdays for prayer hours at Planned Parenthood. This is in pairs. Sign-up sheets are in the back.
Please see the flyers on the bulletin board for more information.



Quilt Raffle!

Tickets are available in the office for this beautiful Christmas quilt! All proceeds go to the Holy Spirit School toward new risers.
Tickets are 1 for \$1 or 6 for \$5
Come to the office to get your tickets.
Drawing will be October 31.

Courtesy Announcements

St. Ann's Soup Kitchen Fundraiser

This ministry is 100% supported by donations and needs your financial support. The Stadium Sports Bar, 1121 5th St S, is donating \$1 for every pint, glass of wine, or mixed drink purchased from 6-9pm on October 17th. Please stop by the soup kitchen at 715 3rd Ave N and meet the devoted volunteers, enjoy a delicious lunch and drop off a free will offering.



Practical Christianity Classes

Learn to: "Live in Peace with God" Sponsored by Cum Christo
Classes dates:
10/17: Sin
11/7: Prayer
11/21: Vocation
Time - 7pm to 8:15pm
Ursuline Centre 1st floor West Room. Everyone is welcome!



Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience: In the 2nd reading today God commands us to “have no anxiety at all . . . and make our requests known to God”. The idea of making a Marriage Encounter Experience, bucking the status quo to make a good marriage better makes us anxious. What more invitation do you need to trust your needs to God and to have no anxiety. Many couples will tell you making the weekend Experience is the best thing they did for their marriage. 90% of couples have a very good experience. Significantly better odds than buying a lottery ticket. The next Experience in Wyoming will be in Ucross, November 3-5. To learn more about the Experience, watch: <https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=635747607124827> OR visit the website: wwme.org OR apply today by calling 307-215-9444

The Emilie Center is looking for Volunteers!

The Center is open Tuesday - Thursday 9am-3pm

Volunteer hours are flexible to fit your schedule.

Please Stop by at 1920 10th Ave S to see what we are about.

Call Pam at 406-788-2564 or call the center 406-771-6695

for additional information or to sign up!

Catechism Corner

What is the effect of Baptism? (CCC 1262-1274)

In Baptism we die to sin with Christ. We emerge from the waters a new life in the Holy Spirit. In our Baptism all of our sins, original and personal, are forgiven. This does not, however, resolve the unnatural effect of original sin, namely *concupiscence* or the innate inclination to sin. Our Lord tells us that he “makes all things new” (Rev. 21:5). So we are made a new creation in Baptism, adopted children of God who have been grafted into the divine nature. As a gift on this joyful occasion, the Blessed Trinity grants sanctifying grace, which justifies us for salvation. This grace enables us to live according to the theological virtues in accordance with the Divine Will, to cooperate with the Holy Spirit, and to grow in goodness. Additionally, Christ initiates us into His Body, the Church, through the sacrament. This initiation inaugurates the evangelical offices of every Christian: to live as priests, prophets, and kings. As such it is the birthright of every Christian to proclaim the Gospel in all places and all times. This sacrament binds all Christians together in fraternal charity, even those who remain separated by doctrinal error. Finally, through Baptism Christ bestows on us an indelible mark of belonging to him. It is this sacramental character that enables and commits the Christian faithful to participate fully and actively in the liturgy. The mark of faith is the seal of eternal life and is the expectation of the beatific vision of God. By grace God calls all who trust in Him by faith to the waters of Baptism, and thus inaugurates the great adventure towards Christ in eternal life.



Need more movement? Join us next door M-Th at 9:30am, or at 4:30pm on Monday. Our Fall Sale is now available. Jazzercise is an inclusive woman-owned fitness company dedicated to helping people live healthier, happier lives. For more information find us on Facebook at Jazzercise Great Falls or sign up at jazzercise.com. Parishioners receive 20% off!



Cards For Our Seminarians

Being a seminarian far from home is difficult. Please consider showing your support for our men in formation during Advent and Christmas Season by sending them gift cards and notes of encouragement. All contributions should be dropped off at the parish office no later than November 15th. For further information visit the diocesan website at: diocesegfb.org.

Thank you for your support!



Do you have stock or mutual fund shares that have appreciated through the years? They make excellent gifts to benefit the Church, whether it's our parish or another Catholic organization you love. In return, you can receive excellent tax benefits, including the 40% Montana Endowment Tax Credit and avoidance of capital gains tax. To give a gift of securities to benefit our parish for the long-term, contact Judy Held, President of the Catholic Foundation of Eastern Montana at (406) 315-1765 or judy@catholicfoundationmt.org.

Knights of Columbus, Council # 9395

Into the Breach: A call to battle for Catholic men, urging them to embrace masculine virtues in a world at crisis.

Sts. Peter and Paul, rm 6, Sundays at 3pm 9/3-12/17/2023

Contact Tom Grau, 406-761-6963.

Knights of Columbus Council #9395 will serve Coffee and Rolls and Burritos on **October 15**. Please join us!

Knights of Columbus Council #1493 is serving breakfast on the 4th Sunday of each month. Next Breakfast is October 22. The 4th Degree will be serving on the 5th Sunday October 29. Please join us at 906 Central Ave W. from 8-noon.

Music

Our next Choir rehearsal: Wednesday October 18 at 5:30.

All are welcome! Questions? Please call or text Jen 406-799-0961 or Laura 406-868-4152.

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

Holy Spirit Church
201 44th St S



All God's Creation

**TRICK
OR
TREAT**

Canned Food Drive



OCTOBER 25

6:00PM

**HOLY SPIRIT PARISH HALL
PIZZA DINNER PROVIDED**

**GOD'S
CREATION
COSTUME
PARTY***

**FOOD TO
BENEFIT
ST. JUDE'S
PANTRY**

*Come dressed for the weather, we will be collecting food items door-to-door around the neighborhood

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Discovering hope and joy in the Catholic faith.

October 2023

Holy Spirit Catholic Parish

Father Doug Krings

One Minute Meditations

St. John XXIII

Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli was born to a poor farming family in Bergamo, Italy. His ordination as a priest in 1904 began a lifetime serving the Church as the bishop's secretary, a military chaplain, cardinal-patriarch of Venice, and finally, as pope. He often visited the poor, the sick and prisoners. He also spent his brief papacy working to improve relations with the Eastern Church. He is most remembered for opening the Second Vatican Council. He died in 1963.



Choose entertainment carefully

A steady diet of violent entertainment, objectifying media, or explicit reading helps us to become comfortable with violence and sex. We begin to see people as characters rather than humans. Sinful behavior becomes normalized. In our journey toward holiness, it is critical that we are choosy about what we watch and read.

"Without love, deeds, even the most brilliant, count as nothing." (St. Therese of Lisieux, *Story of a Soul*)

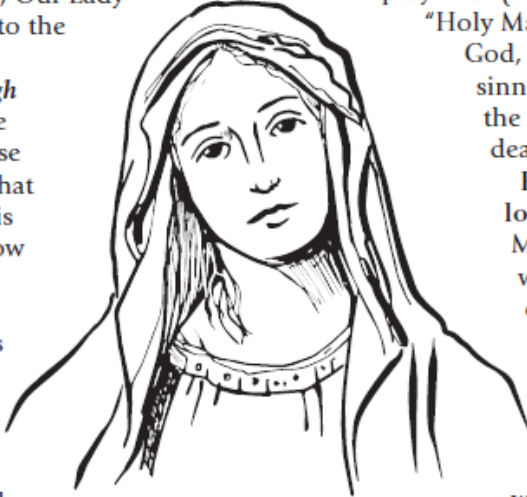


His Mother for our own

While He was on Earth, Jesus gave all of Himself for us – even His life – out of love. He even gave us His own mother to be our true mother (John 19:26-27). In turn, Our Lady works to bring us to the heart of her Son.

"To Jesus, through Mary." St. Louis de Montfort used these words to explain that devotion to Mary is the best way to grow closer to Jesus, because Mary herself will lead us to her Son if we ask for her help. When we are under temptation to sin, spiritually dry or discouraged, let Mary take you by the hand and lead you to Jesus.

Our path to Jesus. We have one mediator in Christ (1 Timothy 2:5).



Yet, what loving son refuses his mother's requests? In His generosity, God is pleased to answer Mary's prayers for us. We can ask Mary to pray with (and for) us:

"Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death."

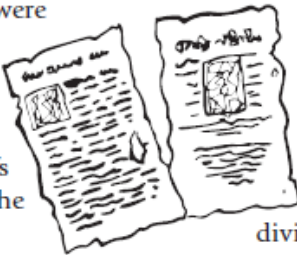
Entrust all we love to her. St. Maximilian Kolbe wrote, "Let us entrust to (Our Lady) all of those close to our hearts, and she, the best among mothers, will help them in the best way

possible." There is no safer place for all those we love than our Mother's arms.

Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics have two versions of the Creed?

Both creeds summarize what Catholics believe but were written at different times for different purposes. The Apostles' Creed is the summary of the beliefs of the early Church. The Nicene Creed is the expanded form of the

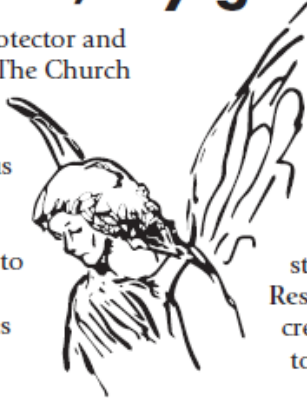


Apostles' Creed, stemming from two Church councils (Nicaea, AD 325; Constantinople, AD 381) to combat Arianism, which proposed Jesus was not God but a kind of super-saint. The Nicene Creed emphasizes Jesus' divinity, His divine Sonship, and the divinity of the Holy Spirit.

“Angel of God, my guardian dear ...”

“Beside each believer stands an angel as protector and shepherd leading him to life,” said St. Basil. The Church teaches that we each have a guardian angel, assigned to guide and protect us until death (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, #336). Jesus said: “In heaven their angels always behold the face of my Father who is in heaven” (Matthew 18:10). Tap your angel’s powerful protection to grow in virtue and holiness:

Confide in your guardian. Guardian angels aren’t mind-readers, but they do observe us



carefully. The more we tell them, the better they can help us make good choices, avoid sin, and keep us safe.

Ask for help. Our guardian can help make tough decisions, resolve conflicts, offer protection especially for our souls. They intercede for us, and help to prepare our souls for the moment when we stand before God.

Respect guardian power. Angels are powerful creatures, created by God to care for us. They aren’t answerable to us but stand ready to help us get to Heaven.

from Scripture

Matthew 22:34-40, Jesus has the right answers

In their first meeting with Jesus, the Pharisees wanted to trap Him by getting Him to say something that contradicted Jewish law. Then He could be arrested and silenced. The lawyer they sent was aware that generations of Jews had debated fruitlessly about which law was the most important. Pretending to seek Jesus’ opinion, he asked Jesus to choose which of the 613 commands of the Jewish law was the most important.

Jesus silenced them all by saying everything starts and ends with love – love of God and love of others. To love

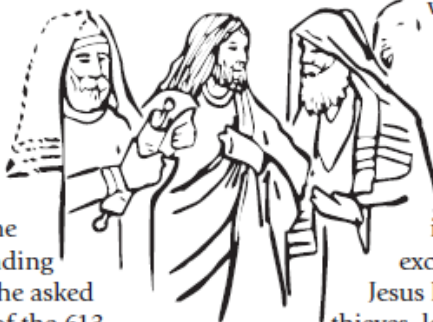
God is to love one another. These laws are at the heart of all the other laws.

Even the Pharisees couldn’t argue with that.

While it is easy to love God, loving others is more difficult. It means including people when the natural inclination is to exclude or avoid them.

Jesus loved prostitutes, thieves, lepers, even his

political enemies. True love of neighbor is measured by how we treat the poor, the vulnerable, and our enemies. This is how God loves and He calls us to do the same.



Feasts & Celebrations

October 7 – Our Lady of the Rosary. Pope Gregory XIII named this feast because it was believed that Christians won a critical victory at the Battle of Lepanto after praying the Rosary.

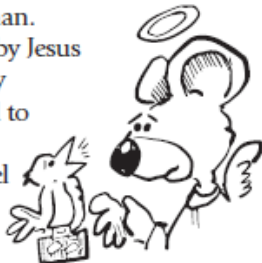
October 9 – St. John Leonardi (1609). Born in 1543 in Lucca, Italy, St. John spent his priesthood ministering in hospitals and prisons and teaching the Faith. He established the Clerks Regular of the Mother of God, and helped found the Congregation of Christian Doctrine.

October 16 – St. Hedwig (1243).

Born to the Duke of Croatia, St. Hedwig married the Duke Henry of Silesia. They founded a convent, hospitals, and monasteries. After his death, St. Hedwig became a Cistercian nun, donating her fortune to charity.

October 28 – Sts. Simon and Jude (1st century). St. Simon was a Zealot – Jews who believed the Messiah would free them from political oppression. St. Jude was a fisherman.

After being called by Jesus to be apostles, they eventually traveled to Persia where they preached the Gospel until they were martyred.



Q & A Can Catholics celebrate Halloween?

Catholics can celebrate Halloween as a holiday with Christian roots. In 835, Pope Gregory IV moved the commemoration of All Martyrs (later All Saints Day) from May 13 to November 1. The night before became known as All Hallow’s Even or “Holy

Evening,” and eventually Halloween. Villagers visited local homes to gather contributions for the feast to be held the next day, All Saints Day.

Those who didn’t contribute might be subject to a prank or “trick.”

Catholics enjoy donning creative costumes and giving out candy, but it’s important to avoid glorifying evil, death, and the Devil. Consider using the holiday to learn about a saint you didn’t know or collecting food for the poor.

In short, Halloween is a chance to celebrate generosity, friendship, and community. It’s the threshold of a time to remember the believers who have gone to Heaven before us and the hope we have of following. We also pray for the Holy Souls in Purgatory to strengthen them during their purification before entering Heaven.



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