



Holy Spirit

Catholic Parish and School

December 1st, 2024
1st Sunday of Advent

Worship Center:

Holy Spirit Catholic Church

201 44th St S; Great Falls, MT 59405

Parish Office:

Mon-Thur: 8:00-4, Fri: 8:00-noon

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Holy Spirit Catholic School

2820 Central Ave, 761-5775

Principal: Melissa Hallahan

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**Advent Reconciliation Service:
Wednesday 12/4 @ 6pm**



Baptism Preparation Sessions

If you have recently had a baby and would like the baby baptized at Holy Spirit, you must attend our Baptism Prep. Sessions.

Our next sessions are:

Sunday December 8 @ 1:00pm at Peter & Paul

Sunday December 15 @ 1:00pm at Peter & Paul

Mass Schedule:

Weekend Masses:

Saturday 4:30pm

Sunday 8:30am (live stream) & 11:00am

Week day Masses:

Monday 8:30am

Tuesday 5:15pm

Wednesday 8:30am

*2nd Wed. Park Place, 2:00pm

*3rd Wed. Highgate, 1:30pm

Thursday 8:30am

Friday 8:30am

Saturday 8:30am

**The Ofrenda photos are available for pick-up.
They are in a basket by the Sacristy.**

Adoration:

Sunday 7pm -- Tuesday 5pm

Reconciliation:

Saturdays 2-4pm; Wednesdays 5:30pm

**GIVING
TREE**



**Our St Vincent de Paul Giving Tree is up
and Food Bags are available for filling!**

All wrapped gifts and the food bags are due back to the church by **December 9th.**

Thank you for your help with this ministry!

Parish Staff:

Fr. Doug Krings Pastor

Dcn Pete Woelkers Deacon

Ken McGuire Administrator

Molly Schmitz Worship

Nick Wingerter Catechesis & Evangelization

Mary Moore-Wingerter Admin. Asst.

Abbie Greff Elem. Formation

Katie Steinke Youth Minister
Pre-Marriage

Tracy Tomich Custodian

Brien Rosendale Maintenance



Christmas and New Year with the Annie Moses Band

December 31, 2024

Meet and Greet
4pm - 5pm

Mansfield Theater

Doors Open
5:30pm

ShowTime
6:00pm

View Annie Moses Band
and Benjamin Cello on

FORMED

**Tickets are available at the Mansfield Theater box office.
Please see the table in the hallway for ways you can help!
We have flyers on the table. Please take one and display it at
your place of business.**

Weekly Happenings~

Mass Intentions:

Mass	Intention	Requested by
Sat 11/30 - 8:30am - 4:30pm	+Charles Fischer +Sharon Mohler	S Fischer T Parson
Sun 12/1 - 8:30am - 11:00am	Parishioners +Alice Guilbert	Gettens
Mon 12/2 - 8:30am	+Bob Patterson	R Patterson
Tue 12/3 - 5:15pm	+John Moore	Wingerters
Wed 12/4 - 8:30am	+Sharon Mohler	T Parson
Thu 12/5 - 8:30am	Kathryn Amanda (sp int)	K Gaa
Fri 12/6 - 8:30am	+Irene Lesmeister	Freys
Sat 12/7 - 8:30am - 4:30pm	+Barbara Mahugh +Sharon Mohler	Capps Family
Sun 12/8 - 8:30am - 11:00am	+Roy Simperman Brea Gilchrist (sp int)	M Michaels J Wike

Coffee and Rolls:

Dec 1: No coffee and rolls, Happy Thanksgiving!
Dec 8: Katz family

Calendar of Events November 30-December 8

Saturday:	Daily Mass - 8:30am Sunday Vigil Mass - 4:30pm	
Sunday:	8:30 and 11:00 Mass No Elem Formation Adoration -7pm	
Monday:	Daily Mass - 8:30am Adoration Advent Book Club - 6:30pm	Hall
Tuesday:	Adoration Daily Mass - 5:15pm Pastoral Council - 6:15pm	
Wednesday:	Daily Mass - 8:30am	
Thursday:	Daily Mass - 8:30am	
Friday:	School Mass - 8:30am, Holy Family	
Saturday:	Daily Mass - 8:30am Sunday Vigil Mass - 4:30pm	
Sunday:	8:30 and 11:00 Mass Elem. Formation, 9:45am Family of Faith adult session, 9:45am Coffee and Rolls Baptism Prep - 1pm Adoration - 7pm	Sts. P&P Sts. P&P Sts. P&P
Monday:	<i>Immaculate Conception of Mary</i> Masses: 8:30 and 12:15 Adoration Advent Book Club	

Liturgical Ministers for Dec 7, 8

4:30 pm	8:30 am	11:00 am
★ Sub requested ~ please log in to Web Terminal and accept the sub		
		Holy Wash
		P Fehres
Sacristan		
C McCain	B Munsterteiger	T Balyeat
Greeters		
A Jezewski M Jezewski	H Stubbs P Stubbs	Proud family ★
Altar Servers		
J Polacek S Fitzpatrick	N McKelvey A Donnelly	T Hansen T Hansen
Readers		
Gift Presenters		
Jewzewski family	Abling family	Francis family
Music		
L McCain	J Jonasen	J Jonasen
Extraordinary Ministers		
T Grau P Hilgendorf K Weinheimer J Fitzpatrick F Polacek C Polacek B Polacek R Shipley E Becker	P Woelkers C McKelvey T Cowhick K Donnelly D Wilkins S Greene M Nickol S Bahnmilller L Fitterer	P Woelkers S Harrington S Dalen R Seilstad R Lopes J Moonan C Burbank K Krattiger M Schmitz

Worship

Molly Schmitz –Worship Coordinator
452-6491; molly@holyspiritgf.org

We will be running the January - March ministry schedule in the middle of December. Please log into the Scheduler to put in your unavailable dates. We really appreciate this help!

Readings for next week 2nd Sunday of Advent

1st Reading: Baruch 5:1-9
2nd Reading: Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11
Gospel: Luke 3:1-6

Music

Our next Choir practices are Wednesday December 11 at 5:30pm and Tuesday December 17 at 6:15pm. All are welcome! Questions? Please call Jen, 406.799.0961 or Laura, 406.868.4152.

Call Nick for information on OCIA or Adult Formation, 406-452-6491 ext 205

For all who seek to become Christian believers

Call Nick at the office, ext 205, or come **Wednesdays** at 7 pm in the day chapel of the main church. We meet year-round. If you are a fallen away Catholic wanting to return to the church, please call Nick.

Our diocese adopted the Restored Order for the Sacraments of Initiation under Bishop Anthony Milone in the early 2000's.

This means that we have our 2nd graders receive Reconciliation, Confirmation then First Communion.

If you are new to our parish and our diocese, and your older child needs to be confirmed, please contact Nick.

Youth Ministry

Katie Steinke

452-6491 ext. 207; katie@holyspiritgf.org

Youth Ministry is looking for adults, married or single and over the age of 18 that are interested in helping with high school or middle school youth ministry. If you have a passion for our youth and shaping their faith journey through prayer, small group discussions, activities and teaching about our faith, contact Katie Steinke at katie@holyspiritgf.org. No Youth Group November 27. Youth Group is gathering to change the books in the church on Saturday 11/30 at 9:00am Youth Group will meet December 4 at 6:30pm at Peter and Paul.

Elementary Faith Formation

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

Abbie Greff, abbie@holyspiritgf.org, 452-6491 ext 211

We will not have classes on Thanksgiving weekend, December 1st. Next classes, December 8. Please contact Abbie with any questions. God Bless!

Family of Faith

We had a great turnout for Mary's Baby Shower and Echoz received many things for their Baby Boutique. Thank you for your support of this event!

Watch this space for more information on our Family of Faith December family event.

Our next Family of Faith Adult gathering will be Sunday December 8th at 9:45 at Peter and Paul Center.



Holy Spirit School

Melissa Hallahan, Principal, mhallahan@holyspiritgf.org

Kelly Lopes, Robin Verzuh Administrative Assistants

Jenifer Thomas, Development Director

406-761-5775

www.holyspiritgfschool.org

Thank you! Those are the easiest words to say, but sometimes go unsaid. Holy Spirit Catholic School openly says THANK YOU to all of you for your support, prayers, generosity, and much much more. We say THANK YOU to our Lord, Jesus, and all the Saints for blessing us with Love, Hope, Joy, and Peace.

Everyone at Holy Spirit Catholic School wishes you a very Happy Thanksgiving!

SAVE THE DATE!

The Great Falls Catholic Schools Lumina Christi Banquet is February 1st at 5:30pm at the Mansfield Convention Center. Watch for more information!

Looking for a flexible part-time job? We are looking for substitute teachers at HSCS. Please contact Principal, Melissa Hallahan, at 406-761-5775 for more information.

Christian Service

kenneth@holyspiritgf.org

The next Christian Service Commission meeting is Thursday December 12 at 1:00pm. All are welcome!



The next Grief Support Group will meet on Tuesday, December 17 at 4:00pm in the Conference Room. All are welcome!

Prayer Shawl Ministry

On behalf of the Parish Nurses, I wish to thank all the volunteers who give their time to knit or crochet a Prayer Shawl. Without you we would not be able to continue this project.

If you are interested and would like to help, check with Mary at the parish office. Also, if you know someone to gift with a prayer shawl, we have a few here in the office. Our prayers and thanks for a recent donation of yarn for our Prayer Shawl Ministry. ~Angela Trunkle

Courtesy Announcements



Advent is here! It's the start of the new year in the Church, but financially speaking, it's nearly year-end. If you could give our parish the tax dollars you would otherwise send to the State of Montana come tax-time next year, would you? You can, through the amazing **Montana Endowment Tax Credit!** The Catholic Foundation of Eastern Montana is happy to show you how you can redirect your taxes to stay here to help our church. Please contact the Foundation at (406) 315-1765 or forever@catholicfoundationmt.org.

The Catholic Foundation of Eastern Montana is hiring!

Put your God-given talents and your experience to work in a positive Catholic environment and make a difference for the future of our Faith!

- **Support Assistant: Part-time**
- **Communications and Marketing: Full or part-time**
- **Development professional: Full or part-time**

To learn more, review job descriptions, or apply, please contact Judy Held, President, at (406) 315-1765 or judy@catholicfoundationmt.org.

Family of Faith

A Family of Faith

Family Catechesis for our parish.

Sign up now to pre-order *A Family of Faith* which will be resuming next Fall.

A Family of Faith is a program for helping parents to teach their children how to practice our Catholic faith. Parents are the primary catechists for children and our homes are schools of God's Love. Bring Christ home to your family! Sign up for *Family of Faith!*

Contact Parish Office to sign up.

Great Falls Central Catholic High School needs your help!

We have been blessed with a \$100,000 matching donation from a profoundly generous donor but this gift comes with a challenge to our community: we must match this amount by October 31st. We are asking our community members to come together in support of this initiative and help us meet our goal. Your contributions will greatly further our mission, and together through God's grace, we can ensure the continued success and spiritual growth of our school. To make a contribution, contact Meghan Cosgrove at mcosgrove@greatfallscentral.org or 406-216-3344.

Christmas Craft Fair

December 14, 9-2

Central Catholic High School

VENDORS WANTED!

Table fee: \$100 per table, set up on the 23 at 8am

Youth tables free: Limited to the 1st 6 students from HS or OLL

Contact: Jen Triplett at jtriplett@greatfallscentral.org

The Diocese of Great Falls-Billings is seeking to fill the position of **Grounds Keeper/Maintenance Worker** at Mount Olivet Cemetery in Great Falls, MT.

For specifics about this position, view the entire job description on the diocese web site. Please send Cover Letter and Resume to Kimberly Gaa at HRGroup@diocesegfb.org or PO Box 1399 Great Falls, MT 59403.

Ursuline Centre Serenity Retreat: December 6-8

We invite you to this year's Serenity Retreat, led by Fr. Tom Haffey, which will be a study and elaboration of the book, *The Way of Serenity*, and the serenity prayer's application to all recovering people.

Fr. Jonathan Morris' *The Way of Serenity* will be the source of the weekend reflections. It ponders, in a thoughtful way, the three aspects of the serenity prayer. Accepting the things we cannot change, changing the things we are able, and the wisdom to know the difference can be challenging. Morris's meditations are rich spiritual experiences on living out the prayer's challenges. Fr. Tom Haffey will lead the reflections along with three 12-step meetings. Meals are included and overnight accommodations are available. Call 406-452-8585 to register.

Lady of Snows

Mrs. Santa's Kitchen is coming soon!

Our annual Advent Bake Sale is December 14 and 15 after the Masses. If you would like to bring some baked goods, please bring them to the church hall on Saturday afternoon.

Saint Michael Radio ~ FM 97.1
"Sharing the Splendor of Truth"



2024

Month of the Divine Infancy

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <i>1st Sunday of Advent</i> 8:30 & 11am Mass Adoration, 7pm	2 8:30 Mass Adoration Advent Book Study, 6:30pm	3 5:15pm Mass Adoration Pastoral Council, 6:15pm	4 8:30 Mass C & C, 9am Advent Reconciliation Service, 6pm OCIA, 7pm, hall	5 8:30 Mass	6 <i>St Nicholas Day</i> 8:45am school Mass, HF	7 8:30am Mass 2-4pm Confession 4:30 Mass
8 <i>2nd Sunday of Advent</i> 8:30 & 11am Mass Elem Form, 9:45 Family of Faith Adult Group, 9:45 Coffee & Rolls Baptism Prep, 1pm Adoration, 7pm	9 8:30 Mass <u><i>Giving Tree Gifts and Food bags due!</i></u> Adoration Advent Book Study, 6:30pm	10 5:15pm Mass Adoration	11 8:30 Mass C & C, 9am Mass, Park Place, 2pm Confessions 5:30pm Youth Group, 6pm OCIA, 7pm Knights of Columbus, 6:30pm P & P	12 8:30 Mass Christian Service, 1pm	13 8:30am school Mass, HF	14 8:30am Mass 2-4pm Confession 4:30 Mass Mrs Santa's Kitchen
15 <i>3rd Sunday of Advent</i> 8:30 & 11am Mass Elem Form., 9:45 Mrs Santa's Kitchen KC Breakfast! Baptism Prep, 1pm Adoration, 7pm	16 8:30am Mass Adoration Advent Book Study, 6:30pm	17 5:15pm Mass Grief Support Group, 4pm, Conference Rm. Adoration	18 8:30am Mass C & C, 9am Mass, Highgate, 1:30 Confessions 5:30pm Family of Faith Caroling, 6:30	19 8:30am Mass	20 8:30am school Mass, HF	21 8:30am Mass 2-4pm Confession 4:30 Mass
22 <i>4th Sunday of Advent</i> 8:30 & 11am Mass	23 8:30am Mass Advent Book Study, 6:30pm	24 Christmas Eve! Office closes at Noon Masses, 4:30 & 7:00pm	25 Merry Christmas! Office Closed Mass, 10:00am	26 8:30am Mass	27 8:30am school Mass, HS	28 8:30am Mass 2-4pm Confession 4:30 Mass
29 8:30 & 11am Mass 7pm Adoration	30 8:30am Mass Adoration	31 3pm Mass Adoration 4pm-1am Perfection of Time Concert, 6pm	1 9:00am Mass			