



# Holy Spirit

## Catholic Parish and School

**December 17th, 2023**  
**3rd Sunday of Advent**

### Worship Centers:

#### 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

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761-5775; Principal: Melissa Hallahan

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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

*"Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near." ~ Philippians 4:4-5*



3rd Sunday of Advent

**Sign up sheets for January - April Coffee & Rolls and for New Year Adoration 7pm 12/31-8am 1/1 are in the back of the church.**

**Also Sign-ups are out for ministries for Christmas Masses. These are on the table by the Sacristy. Please check them out!**



### Looking ahead to the next month:

- ◆ Dec. 24: 4th Sunday of Advent:  
Masses 4:30pm Saturday & 9am Sunday
- ◆ Dec 24: Christmas Eve Masses:  
4:30 and 8:00pm
- ◆ Dec. 25: Christmas Day Mass at 9:00am
- ◆ 12/25-27: Office Closed.
- ◆ 12/28-29: Office open until noon.
- ◆ Dec. 30: 8:30am daily Mass,  
4:30 Sunday vigil Mass
- ◆ Dec 31: 8:30am and 11am Sunday Mass  
Adoration beginning at 7pm until Jan. 1 Mass at 8:30am.
- ◆ Jan 1: Mass 8:30am, office closed

### Parish Staff:

Fr. Doug Krings	Pastor
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

Weekly Happenings~

Mass Intentions:

Mass	Intention	Requested by
Sat 12/16 - 8:30am - 4:30pm	+George Campanella +Dot Maronick	T Zadick Barochs
Sun 12/17- 8:30am - 11:00am	Dominic Azar (sp int) Parishioners	Depners
Mon 12/18-8:30am	+George Campanella	P Coolidge
Tue 12/19- 5:15pm	+Al Olszewski	Barochs
Wed 12/20 -8:30am	+Eunice Eckhart	Herzogs
Thu 12/21- 8:30am	+Delores Rice	M Lacher
Fri 12/22 - 8:30am	+Lorri Peck	B McNaught
Sat 12/23- 8:30am - 4:30pm	+Andy LaRance Parishioners	family
Sun 12/24 - 9:00am ***** - 4:30pm - 8:00pm *****	Jean & Terry Mimnaugh (sp int)  Brendan & Emily Axelson (sp in) +Karl & Nymphia Scheiner	K Mimnaugh  family K Gaa
Mon 12/25 - 9:00am	+Jessica Barros McCurdy	S & D Barros

Coffee and Rolls

Sunday, Dec 17: No Rolls, Baker Bob is out of town  
Sunday, Dec 24: No Rolls

Calendar of Events Dec 16-23

Saturday:	Daily Mass - 8:30am Sunday Vigil Mass - 4:30pm	
Sunday:	8:30 and 11:00am Masses Elem formation - 9:45am Adoration - 7pm	Sts. P&P
Monday:	Daily Mass - 8:30am Grief Support - 4pm	
Tuesday:	Daily Mass- 5:15pm	
Wednesday:	Mass - 8:30am Family of Faith Caroling Party - 6:30pm	Highgate
Thursday:	Mass - 8:30am	
Friday:	Mass - 8:30am	
Saturday:	Daily Mass - 8:30am Sunday Vigil Mass - 4:30pm	
Sunday:	4th Sunday of Advent Mass - 9am Christmas Eve Mass - 4:30 & 8pm	
Monday:	Christmas Day Mass - 9am Office Closed	

Liturgical Ministers for Dec 23, 24

4:30 PM	9:00 AM	
★ Sub requested ~ please log in to Web Terminal and accept the sub		
		Holy Wash
		C Fuhrman
Sacristan		
Needed	M Moore-Wingerter	
Greeters		
Munsterteigers	Barros family	
Gift Presenters		
Fitzpatrick family	O'Neill family	
Altar Servers		
E Johnson A Mohler	A Donnelly L Donnelly	
Readers		
L Hazelton K Nyman-Wendt	J Wingerter M McFadden	
Music		
L McCain	J Jonasen	J Jonasen
Ministers of Eucharist		
A Klundt C McCain T Jones R Huntsinger L Hazelton T Gilligan K Reed ★ S McKenna T Grau	P Woelkers T Stukey D Stukey S Harrington S Dalen K Lakner M Nickol S Bahnmitter J Gort	

Worship

Aubrey Rearden –Worship Coordinator

452-6491 ex. 1    [aubrey@holyspiritgf.org](mailto:aubrey@holyspiritgf.org)

Here it is, almost the middle of December, what?? Please log into the Ministry Scheduler and update your availability for January through March.  
**New Ministers:** Scheduling trainings in December did not work so the trainings will be scheduled in January. We will schedule the ministers who complete training beginning in February. Thank you for your patience. If you have questions, please call.

Readings for next week fourth Sunday of Advent  
1st Reading: 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16  
2nd Reading: Romans 16:25-27  
Gospel: Luke 1:26-38

Music

Our next Choir rehearsal: Tuesday December 19 at 6:00pm. All are welcome! We will be caroling with the Family of Faith group on Wednesday December 20. Questions? Please call or text 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 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

If you are looking for a way to get involved in youth ministry please contact Brien in the Parish Office. We always feed the youth, so if you'd like to prepare a meal, that is always helpful. If you would like to share your faith with the young people, you are welcome to come be a part of our regular gatherings.

December Calendar:  
20: Family of Faith activity, Caroling

**Elementary Faith Formation**

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

We have Formation on Sunday December 17 at 9:45 at Peter and Paul. Please stop in and see what we are up to. If you are interested in having your child join us, please contact Abbie.

**Family of Faith**

Nick, Brien or Abbie

The next Family of Faith community event is Wednesday Dec. 20. We will be caroling at Highgate and Grand View beginning at 6:30. Please meet in the parking lot of Highgate.

**Holy Spirit School**

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

We hosted three magical Christmas programs this past week. Mrs. Erickson and Mrs. Munkres worked tirelessly to get our youngest group of students ready for their programs. Mrs. Schraner has been very busy practicing with our K – 8<sup>th</sup> graders for their Christmas program. Thank you to our students and teachers for working so hard to put on these programs. They were amazing!

Monday is our Santa Breakfast and Ugly Sweater Day. Tuesday, we are hosting a Polar Express PJ Party in our gym with popcorn and hot chocolate. And then we dismiss at noon for a well-deserved Christmas break.

Check out our Facebook page for all our photos of concerts, Service projects and more.

**Christian Service**

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

Our Grief Support Group meets on the Tuesday, December 19 at 4:00pm. All are welcome!



**The response to the Giving Tree and the Food Bags for St. Vincent was truly amazing! Thank you all for your generous support!**



**Food Collection Totals for November:**

St. Vincent de Paul: 274 pounds  
St. Jude: 234 pounds

*Thank you for your support of these ministries!*

**Courtesy Announcements**

**Emilie Center needed items:** As you are prepping for the holidays or making room for new items, please remember the Emilie Center. We are in need of pots, pans and skillets; sheet sets (twin, especially queen & king); towels; blankets; gloves and winter boots. We accept all clothing in good clean condition (we are always needing men's & children's); household items like small appliances and essential furniture. Donations accepted Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday, from 9-3. Of course, financial donations are welcome as well. Please call the Center at 406-771-6695 if you have questions. The Center is located at 1920 10th Ave S.

*Save The Date*



Formal invitation to follow



### NEW Counseling Program Available!

Catholic Social Services of Montana is excited to announce the launch of its new mental health counseling program. We are actively accepting new clients. Below are more details:

- We have licensed counselors available to talk or listen.
- No topic is too big or too small for us to address. If we can't tackle it, we'll work with you to provide a referral.
- You can meet with us from your computer, cell phone, or any other online mobile device. If you live in or want to travel to Helena, you can meet in-person with us.
- We're Catholic. Faith can be a part of our conversation if you'd like, but that is not required. We are here for everyone.
- Your first session is free. If you choose to schedule another session, we accept insurance and private pay and offer reduced private pay rates if you meet qualifying standards.

To get started, you can call (406)442-4130 or visit [www.cssmt.org](http://www.cssmt.org).

What offers you great rates, secures your future income, and grows the faith? A Charitable Gift Annuity with the Catholic Foundation of Eastern Montana! By locking in a payout rate and receiving tax benefits today, you will be securing more than just your income—you will be securing the future of our parish. Contact the Foundation to discuss this option: [forever@catholicfoundationmt.org](mailto:forever@catholicfoundationmt.org) or 406-315-1765.



**Learn more about Natural Family Planning.** The first class in a 3-part series will be taught online on Sunday, January 7 at 3:00 p.m. The class will be taught by Ben and Rita Pehl, from Sacred Heart Parish in Terry, MT. Ben and Rita are a Certified Volunteer NFP Teaching Couple through the Couple to Couple League. There are also other options for learning NFP. Contact Ben & Rita for information (402-640-9494) or visit [www.fertilityscienceinstitute.org](http://www.fertilityscienceinstitute.org).

### Knights of Columbus, Council # 9395

### Family of Faith

#### A Family of Faith Monthly Devotions:

- **December** is the start of a liturgical new year and beginning of Advent when we prepare for the coming of our Messiah, Jesus. Here are some creative ways to explore the beauty of Advent in your home:
  - Keep an Advent wreath on the table and pray as a family using an Advent Devotional (Little Blue Books can be found in the hallway at the church).
  - Start a Jesse Tree, Giving Manger, Mary on the Mantle, or progressive manger tradition with your family.
- The teaching focus for your family this month is "the fullness of time": exploring the Annunciation, Immaculate Conception, Incarnation and Hypostatic Union. (CCC 457-460; 469-470; 483; 488; 490).
- This month's community event is the Caroling Party at Grandview and Highgate.
- Next parent's meeting will be between the Masses (10-10:45) on January 7 in Sts. Peter and Paul, Adult Education room.

*The Knights of Columbus, Council #9395 send thanks to everyone who attended their breakfast last weekend. We appreciate the support of our Council.*

The Knights are proud to announce:  
The Family of the Month of November 2023 is the Mike & Melissa Hallahan Family.  
The Knight of the Month for November is Thomas Grau.

The Knights of Columbus Council 1493 will not be serving breakfast on December 24th. Please join us in January!

### Milestones



Congratulations to **Peyton Dean McCurdy**, son of **Tyrell and Lisa**, who was Baptized this weekend.

### Lady of Snows

The Lady of Snows would like to thank all the bakers and buyers for our annual Mrs. Santa's Kitchen. We had a great turn out of goodies to pick from and many shoppers. Our next bake sale will be on Palm Sunday, March 24, 2024.

### Saint Michael Radio ~ FM 97.1





*Holy Spirit Parish is  
requesting donations of  
RED poinsettia  
plants to use as decorations  
for our Christmas Masses.*

*These donations can be made in  
memory of a loved one or just as a gift  
from your family. Please have any  
poinsettias to the church by  
Friday December 22 at noon.*

*Poinsettias can be placed on the tables in  
the social hall, please drop the form below  
in the basket on the tables.*

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This Poinsettia is donated by:

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In loving memory of:

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*Calling All Kids!*

Children's Christmas  
Eve Living Nativity

*4:30 Christmas Eve Mass*

*Open to Pre K - 8th graders*

**Rehearsal Time:  
Saturday December 23 at 9:30am**

**All participants need to be in the  
parish hall by 3:45pm on  
December 24th.**

