



Holy Spirit

Catholic Parish and School

December 24th, 2023
4th 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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Reconciliation:

Saturdays 2-4 pm; Wednesdays 5:30-6:30 pm

"It's Christmas every time you let God love others through you."

~ St. Teresa of Calcutta



4th Sunday of Advent

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	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

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 NO ADORATION
- ◆ 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 NO ADORATION

Weekly Happenings~

Mass Intentions:

Mass	Intention	Requested by
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
Tue 12/26- 5:15pm	No Mass	
Wed 12/27 -8:30am	No Mass	
Thu 12/28- 8:30am	No Mass	
Fri 12/29 - 8:30am	No Mass	
Sat 12/30 - 8:30am - 4:30pm	+Don & Betty Hogan Jim & Jo Ann Capp (sp int)	Munsterteigers K Walters
Sun 12/31 - 8:30am - 11:00am	Parishioners +Christian & RoseMarie Dressler	K Gaa

Coffee and Rolls

Sunday, Dec 31: No Rolls
Sunday, Jan 7: No Rolls

Calendar of Events Dec 16-23

Saturday:	Daily Mass - 8:30am Sunday Vigil Mass - 4:30pm	
Sunday:	9:00am Mass 4:30 and 8:00pm Christmas Eve Mass No Adoration	
Monday:	Christmas Mass - 9:00am	
Tuesday:	No Mass	
Wednesday:	No Mass OCIA - 7pm	Sts. P&P
Thursday:	No Mass	
Friday:	No Mass	
Saturday:	Daily Mass - 8:30am Sunday Vigil Mass - 4:30pm	
Sunday:	8:30 and 11:00 Mass Adoration 7pm	
Monday:	Adoration ends 8:00am Daily Mass - 8:30am	

Merry Christmas!

Liturgical Ministers for Dec 30, 31

4:30 pm	8:30 am	11:00 am
★ Sub requested ~ please log in to Web Terminal and accept the sub		
		Holy Wash
Sacristan		
R Huntsinger	M Moore-Wingerter	W Newman
Greeters		
M Handwerk D Medvec	D Koth L O'Neill	Ryan family
Gift Presenters		
Fitzpatrick family	Gort family	M Lague
Altar Servers		
C Polacek J Polacek	C Schuler D Schuler	T Hansen T Hansen
Readers		
L Hazelton P Kolar	N Wingerter C Morris	A McKinney S Dalen
Music		
L McCain	J Jonasen	J Jonasen
Ministers of Eucharist		
J Fitzpatrick F Polacke M Maxfield L Hazelton T Gilligan S McKenna T Jones T Grau P Hilgendorf	P Woelkers S O'Connell T O'Connell J Gort K Puckett J Durocher L Durocher D Azar L Fitterer	P Woelkers R Lopes R Seilstad C Christiaens V Flick C Huber J Moonan K Krattiger T Balyeat

Worship

Aubrey Rearden –Worship Coordinator

452-6491 ex. 1 aubrey@holyspiritgf.org

Here it is, Christmas! The schedule for **January is complete**. Please log into the scheduler and check your schedule. If you need a sub, please make that request. **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 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
1st Reading: Genesis 15:1-6, 21:1-3 or Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14
2nd Reading: Hebrews 11_8, 11-12, 17-19 or Colossians 3:12-21

Music

Gospel: Luke 2:22-40
Our next Choir rehearsal: Wednesday January 10 and 24 at 5:30pm. All are welcome! 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.

January Calendar:

1/3	1/18: Priest's dinner
1/10	1/24
1/17	1/31

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 January 7 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 Adult meeting is January 7th at 9:45am at Sts. Peter and Paul Center in the OCIA room. All are welcome!

Holy Spirit School

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

Everybody at Holy Spirit Catholic School would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

HSCS will be closed from December 20th to January 2nd. We will resume Wednesday, January 3rd at 8:00 AM.

Christian Service

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

Our Grief Support Group meets on the Tuesday, January 23 at 4:00pm. All are welcome!



Join us after Mass on Wednesdays for Coffee and Conversation, in the hall, 9am.



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.

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.



Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph:

Sat 12/30 – Sun 12/31

On this wonderful Feast of the Holy Family, we want to thank everyone who has given to our endowment at the Catholic Foundation of Eastern Montana. Supporting endowments is one of the best things you can do. It will show future Catholics who attend our parish 10, 50, or even 100 years from now your faith that, through Jesus Christ, we are *all* part of the same family. Thank you for your generosity and your vision! We are grateful for you.

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.

A note from Seminarian Randy Bebeau:

Dear Holy Spirit Parish,

Thank you for your generosity and support as I continue my journey in the seminary. God bless you and Merry Christmas!

Knights of Columbus, Council # 9395

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!

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
"Sharing the Splendor of Truth"