



# Holy Spirit

## Catholic Parish and School

**December 3rd, 2023**  
**1st 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

*"At this Christmas when Christ comes, will he find a warm heart? Mark the season of Advent by loving and serving the others with God's own love and concern." ~ St. Teresa of Calcutta*



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### 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

**Photos from the Ofrenda are available for pick up.  
Please find the photos on the table by the Sacristy.  
Thank you for sharing your photos with us! Our  
Ofrenda was a beautiful memorial for November.**



### Looking ahead to the next month:

Dec 7: Vigil for the Immaculate Conception, 6pm

Dec 8: Masses for Immaculate Conception, 8:30am & 12:15pm

Dec. 9 & 10: Mrs. Santa's Kitchen

Dec 10: Knights of Columbus breakfast

Dec. 13: Parish Reconciliation service, 6pm

Dec. 24: 4th Sunday of Advent, Masses 4:30pm Sat & 9am Sun

Dec 24: Christmas Eve Masses 4:30 and 8:00pm

Dec. 25: Christmas Day Mass at 9:00am

Dec 31: Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God Vigil Mass, 5:00pm

followed by Adoration until Jan. 1 Mass at 8:30am.

Jan 1: Mass 8:30am, office closed

### 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

### Knights of Columbus Council #9395

We will be hosting our

**Holiday Breakfast & Lady of Snows Mrs. Santa's Kitchen bake sale**  
on December 10 in the parish hall.

### Baptism Preparation Sessions

Holy Spirit Parish offers Baptism Preparation sessions for anyone interested in having their child baptized in our parish.

The next session will be

**Sunday December 3 at 1:00pm at Peter & Paul**  
**Sunday December 10 at 1:00pm at Peter & Paul**



Weekly Happenings~

Mass Intentions:

Mass	Intention	Requested by
Sat 12/2 - 8:30am - 4:30pm	Kathryn Amanda (sp int) Parishioners	K Gaa
Sun 12/3- 8:30am - 11:00am	+John Moore +Josy Slaymaker	Wingerters
Mon 12/4-8:30am	+James Barker	Fitzpatricks
Tue 12/5- 5:15pm	+George McCabe	Barochs
Wed 12/6 -8:30am	+Helen Orendain	J & M Leaf
Thu 12/7- 8:30am - 6:00pm	+Carolyn Harper +Jim Conroy	S Hunt family Andersons
Fri 12/8 - 8:30am - 12:15pm	+Josy Slaymaker +Eileen Pritting	Ramseys
Sat 12/9- 8:30am - 4:30pm	Kay Walters (sp Int) +Gene & Alice Meyer	Andersons Meyer children
Sun 12/10 - 8:30am - 11:00am	+Roy Simperman Parishioners	M Michaels

Coffee and Rolls

Sunday, Dec 3: Robert Van Spyk  
Sunday, Dec 10: Knights of Columbus Breakfast

Calendar of Events Dec 2-10

<b>Saturday:</b>	Daily Mass - 8:30am Sunday Vigil Mass - 4:30pm	
<b>Sunday:</b>	8:30 & 11:00am Masses Coffee & Rolls Elem formation - 9:45am Bible Study, 1pm Baptism Prep - 1pm Adoration - 7pm	Sts. P&P
<b>Monday:</b>	Daily Mass - 8:30am	
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Daily Mass- 5:15pm	
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Mass - 8:30am Youth Group - 6pm OCIA - 7pm	Sts P&P Sts P&P
<b>Thursday:</b>	Mass - 8:30am Vigil Mass for Immaculate Concep- tion - 6pm	
<b>Friday:</b>	Immaculate Conception School Mass - 8:30am, 12:15pm Mass	
<b>Saturday:</b>	Daily Mass - 8:30am Sunday Vigil Mass - 4:30pm	
<b>Sunday:</b>	8:30 and 11:00am Masses Knights of Columbus Breakfast & Mrs. Santa’s Kitchen Elem formation - 9:45am Bible Study - 1pm Baptism Prep - 1pm Adoration - 7pm	Sts. P&P

Liturgical Ministers for Dec 9, 10

4:30 PM	8:30 AM	11:00 AM
★ Sub requested ~ please log in to Web Terminal and accept the sub		
		Holy Wash
Sacristan		
A Klundt	K Rosendale	M Francis
Greeters		
D Medvec M Handwerk	D Koth L O'Neill	S Wlison
Gift Presenters		
Fitzpatrick family	Wingarter family	S Dalen
Altar Servers		
E Johnson J Polacek	A Donnelly L Donnelly	T Hansen T Hansen
Readers		
K Shipley T Gilligan	M Somerfeld C Nowak	L Francis C Christiaens
Music		
L McCain	J Jonasen	J Jonasen
Ministers of Eucharist		
C McCain R Huntsinger F Polacek K Weinheimer K Reed T Grau D Stukey T Stukey S McKenna	P Woelkers K Donnelly S Bahnmillier J Van Heel T O'Neill J Durocher L Durocher S Greene S O'Connell	P Woelkers C Christiaens S Harrington K Krattiger V Flick C Huber R Seilstad J Moonan S Dalen

Worship

Aubrey Rearden –Worship Coordinator

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

Our ministers and volunteers are scheduled from January 1 to December 31 of each year. If you are interested in continuing your ministries in **2024**, you need to fill out a Time and Talent form. This is the only method we have to insure all our information is up-to-date. If you haven’t turned in a form yet, please complete yours and get it to the parish office as soon as possible. Thank you!

Readings for next week    Second Sunday of Advent  
1st Reading: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11  
2nd Reading: 2 Peter 3:8-14  
Gospel: Mark 1:1-8

Music

Our next Choir rehearsal: Wednesday December 6 at 5:30; and Tuesday December 19 at 6:00pm. All are welcome!  
Questions? Please call or text Jen 406-799-0961 or Laura 406-868-4152.

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. **We will not have OCIA November 22nd.** Happy Thanksgiving!

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:
- 6: Continuing our grade specific series
  - 13: Parish Reconciliation Service, No youth group
  - 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

Our 2nd Graders make their 1st Reconciliation this Sunday. They will be prepared for the Advent season!

We have Formation on Sunday December 3 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.

Holy Spirit School

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

The Advent Season is upon us! Let the light draw us close to God and the coming of Jesus. Each Monday morning HSCS will hold an Advent Assembly with our students and staff to prepare ourselves for Christmas.

December is one of the busiest months of the school year! We have a fun St. Nicholas craft planned for his feast day. Students are prepping for our Christmas program. Our Home & School, parent organization, are planning our annual Santa Store and Santa Breakfast. Classroom parties and a middle school dance are on the calendar. Christmas Service projects are starting and much, much, more!

In this time of hustle and bustle Holy Spirit Catholic School would like to take a moment to wish you all a happy Advent season.

Christian Service

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

Our Grief Support Group usually meets on the 4th Tuesday of each month. However, the December meeting will be the 3rd Tuesday. The next meeting will be Tuesday December 19th. Mark your calendar! All are welcome!



St. Vincent de Paul  
Holiday events!!

The Christmas Giving Tree and the Holiday Food Bags are here! Wrapped gifts and food bags are due back to the church by **December 13th.**



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 **December 19th.**



**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.



Family Promise of Great Falls is looking for some volunteers to help in their organization. If any of these positions sounds like something you can help with, please contact Tiffany at [tiffanyw@familypromisegf.org](mailto:tiffanyw@familypromisegf.org).

**In-Office Supportive Services:** Volunteers would help write thank you note, organize information, gather information and be an all-around organization help.

**Event Volunteer Manager:** Volunteer would assist Outreach and Operations Specialist with creating and implementing Volunteer Program Management system.

**Specialized Volunteers:** Volunteers will assist in creating solutions to common office problems.

**Furniture Acquisition/Distribution:** Volunteers will report to the Executive Director, and assist the director with all furniture exchanges.

**Community Support Volunteers:** Volunteers will be the voice of Family Promise in the community.

Family Promise is also collecting food for the shelter families for Thanksgiving. Any donations should be taken directly to the Family Promise Office, 1019 Central Ave.

Family of Faith

- A Family of Faith Monthly Devotions:**
- November is the month of Remembrance for the Holy Souls. Throughout the month engage with your family in these special ways:
    - During your prayer before meals, add the Church's prayer for the deceased: "Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace!"
    - Remember a deceased love one by doing an activity they loved to do in this life together as a family.
  - This month's focus is on God's eternal plan for salvation, the patriarchs, and the covenants.
  - Talk to your children this month about sin and death, but also God's Providence, forgiveness, and mercy.
  - Next parents' meeting for Family of Faith will be December 3rd, 10-10:45 in the Sts Peter and Paul Center, Adult Ed. Rm

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent:** Sat 12/2 – Sun 12/3

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](mailto:forever@catholicfoundationmt.org).



The University of Providence presents  
**Lessons and Carols**  
Wednesday December 6 at 7:00pm  
Trinitas Chapel at the University  
*Enjoy a night of carols along with the telling of the Christmas story.*

**The Poor Clares invite you to the Monastery for a Christmas Nativity Display**  
**December 10 from 2-5 pm**  
**3020 18th Ave S**  
**Refreshments will be served.**

**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 and Rita for more information (402-640-9494) or visit [www.fertilityscienceinstitute.org](http://www.fertilityscienceinstitute.org).

Our Lady of Snows Circle will have the annual Mrs. Santa's Kitchen Bake Sale on December 9 & 10 after Mass. Start your baking now! Holy Spirit has so many talented bakers, now is your time to shine.

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



Holy Spirit Catholic Parish Presents:

# *Christmas Caroling Party*



**December 20th 6:30pm**

**1st stop:** Highgate Senior Living (6:30-7:00)

3000 11th Ave S

**2nd stop:** Grandview (7:15-7:45)

3015 18th Ave S

***Meet in the Highgate parking lot at 6:30***



2023 Advent Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 December Light the first violet candle in your Advent wreath and pray with today's Gospel. <i>Mark 13:33-37.</i>	4 Choose a way you can grow closer to Christ in Advent: more mental prayer, penance, almsgiving, Sacraments.	5 Display the stable for the Nativity Scene. Add figures gradually throughout Advent.	6 St. Nicholas of Myra Perform a simple act of kindness for someone today in honor of this generous saint.	7 On the Memorial of Saint Ambrose, bishop and teacher, pray for all clergy in the Church.	8 The Immaculate Conception of Mary Celebrate by attending Mass and praying a Rosary for our country.	9 Prepare heart and soul to welcome Christ. Make an examination of conscience and attend Confession.
10 Light the second violet candle and meditate on <i>Mark 1:1-8.</i>	11 Offer a small sacrifice out of love for Jesus, who offered Himself up for love of you.	12 Today is the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Pray for all pregnant women and thank God for the gift of new life.	13 Advent is a busy time for parishes. Call or email your parish office and ask how you can serve.	14 In prayer, forgive someone who has hurt you. Ask for the grace to let go and move on.	15 Call Catholic Relief Services (877-HELP-CRS or <a href="http://www.catholicrelief.org">www.catholicrelief.org</a> ) to see how you can contribute.	16 Las Posadas begins today honoring Mary's and Joseph's search for shelter. Gather friends and go caroling.
17 <i>Gaudete Sunday</i> Light two violet candles and the rose one for joy. Pray with <i>John 1:6-9, 19-28.</i>	18 Put a lamp or candle in a window to welcome the Christ Child. Light it every night until Christmas.	19 Feed the hungry. Look for someone who is physically hungry or hungry for human kindness.	20 Review your "Advent resolutions" and renew your commitment to them.	21 Spend time before the Blessed Sacrament today to ready your heart for the arrival of the King.	22 Reflect on how your relationship with Christ grew this Advent. Thank Him for the graces you received.	23 Make an effort to see everyone with loving eyes today.
24 The fourth week of Advent lasts only one day. Meditate on the great news the angel brought (see <i>Luke 1:26-38</i> ).	25 <i>Rejoice!</i> Place the Christ Child in the manger. Go to Mass today and rejoice!	<i>"In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be enrolled. This was the first enrollment, when Quirinius was governor of Syria. So all went to be enrolled, each to his own town. And Joseph too went up from Galilee from the town of Nazareth to Judea, to the city of David that is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. While they were there, the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn"</i> <i>(Luke 2:1-7).</i>				



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*The Knights of Columbus Mother of Perpetual Help, Council #9395 affiliated with Holy Spirit Catholic Parish will conduct its annual fundraiser project of offering a variety of*

*Christmas Blessings and Advent themed boxed cards, magnets and yard signs for purchase*

*Proceeds generated from this project will be used to benefit local parish related charity projects supported through the works of its council membership and the generosity of its parish members and supporters*

*The boxed cards will be displayed for sale within the parish social hall during various parish socials after weekend masses during the Advent season or the stock of cards is exhausted.*

*Please support this worthwhile project by making a purchase. Private donations and contributions are also welcomed and greatly appreciated.*

***Be Blessed!***

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**Knights of  
Columbus®**

*Royce Shipley, Council Grand Knight  
Dean Erickson, Council Family Activity Director*

**Our “A Knight Before Christmas” new members campaign drive is currently underway ...  
Call 406-899-5588 for additional information / join.**



Since 1972, *Knights of Columbus* councils throughout the nation have sponsored an organized basketball free throw shoot-off and soccer kicking contest for boys and girls from the ages of 9 to 14 to provide an athletic outlet and encourage the values of sportsmanship and healthy competition. Youth compete within their own gender and age and those named winners progress from local council- level to district, and state competitions.

It is a great pleasure to announce the winners of the *Knights of Columbus 2023 Free Throw Championship and Soccer Challenger* held locally on October 28, 2023. Both of these youth sports contests were conducted by members of *Council No.9395* with city-wide competitors taking part.

As champion in their age and gender category, each of the named winners were awarded a personalized wall plaque and medal. All participants involved in the contests received a certificate and sweet treat gift card presented by the Knights.

Earning 1<sup>st</sup> place in the *Free Throw Championship* competition were...



- **Kyler Proud**, 9-year old category
  - **Hayden Roland**, 10-year old category
  - **Lucus Lopes**, 11-year old category
  - **Logan Lopes** 13-year old category and
  - **Decker Schuler** 14-year old category
- In the girl's age 11 category, top scorer was earned by **Lucy Bailly**

In the *Soccer Challenger* completion, placing first place were...

- **Lucie Schuler**, 9-year old, girls category
- **Lucy Bailly**, 11-year old, girls category
- **Kyler Proud**, 9-year old, boys category
- **Hayden Roland**, 10-year old, boys category
- **Lucus Lopes**, 11-year old, boys category
- **Logan Lopes** 13-year old boys category and
- **Decker Schuler** 14-year old boys category



*Congratulations* to the winners! **"THANKS"** to all that supported this event. See you next year!

**Royce Shipley,**  
**Knights of Columbus - Council Grand Knight**