



# Holy Spirit

Catholic Parish and School

March 9th, 2025  
1st Sunday of Lent

**Worship Centers:**

**Holy Spirit Catholic Church**  
201 44th St S; Great Falls, MT 59405  
**Holy Family Chapel**  
2800 Central Ave

**Parish Office:**

Mon-Thur: 8:00-4, Fri: 8:00-noon  
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**Holy Spirit Catholic School**

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Principal: Melissa Hallahan  
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Website: [holyspiritgfschool.org](http://holyspiritgfschool.org)

**Mass Schedule:**

Weekend Masses:  
Saturday 4:30pm  
Sunday 8:30am (live stream) & 11am  
Week day Masses:  
Monday 8:30am  
Tuesday 5:15pm  
Wednesday 8:30am  
\*1st, 2nd, 4th Wed. Park Place, 2:00pm  
\*3rd Wed. Highgate, 1:30pm  
Thursday 8:30am  
Friday 8:30am  
Saturday 8:30am

**Adoration:**

Sunday 7pm -- Tuesday 5pm

**Reconciliation:**

Saturdays 2-4pm; Wednesdays 5:30pm

**Parish Staff:**

Fr. Doug Krings	Pastor
Dcn Pete Woelkers	Deacon
Ken McGuire	Administrator
Molly Schmitz	Worship
Nick Wingarter	Catechesis & Evangelization
Mary Moore-Wingarter	Admin. Asst.
Abbie Greff	Elem. Formation
Katie Steinke	Youth Minister Pre-Marriage
Tracy Tomich	Custodian
Brien Rosendale	Maintenance

“Fasting cleanses the soul, raises the mind, subjects one’s flesh to the spirit, renders the heart contrite and humble, scatters the clouds of concupiscence, quenches the fire of lust, kindles the true light of chastity.” ~ St Augustine

# LENT

Pray + Fast + Give

**Lenten Schedule**

- **Rice Bowls for Catholic Relief Services** available at the church doors.
- **Fridays during Lent:** Stations of the Cross: 5:30pm  
Good Friday Series: Who Am I to Judge?, 6pm  
Knights of Columbus Fish Tacos, 6pm
- **Lenten Reconciliation Service:** Thursday March 13 at 6pm
- **Confessions:** Wednesdays 5:30; Saturdays 2-4pm.
- **St. Joseph’s Table Dinner:** Wednesday March 19 at 6pm

*All are welcome!*

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## Weekly Happenings~

### Mass Intentions:

Mass	Intention	Requested by
Sat 3/8 - 8:30am - 4:30pm	+Jim Trunkle Parishioners	M & S Holland
Sun 3/9 - 8:30am - 11:00am	Karen Rausch (sp int) +Rita Patterson	I Kelley Javorniks
Mon 3/10 - 8:30am	+Hugh Wilkins	Ramseys
Tue 3/11 - 11:00am 5:15pm	Funeral Mass, Trudi Gannon +Jim Trunkle	Gettens
Wed 3/12 - 8:30am	+Tom Winjum	Bundis
Thu 3/13 - 8:30am	+Donald Briggeman	B & C O'Connell
Fri 3/14 - 8:30am <b>HF</b>	+Rita Patterson	Knutsons
Sat 3/15 - 8:30am - 4:30pm	+Dan Willerson Parishioners	Fitterers
Sun 3/16 - 8:30am - 11:00am	+Mike Whelen +Dale McCoy Sr	Markos K Delong

### Coffee and Rolls:

March 9: Barb Schlecht Gordon & Irene Kelley  
 March 16: Knights of Columbus Council 9395

### Calendar of Events February 22-March 2

<b>Saturday:</b>	Daily Mass - 8:30am Sunday Vigil Mass - 4:30pm	
<b>Sunday:</b>	8:30 and 11:00 Mass No Formation Coffee and rolls Baptism Prep - 1pm Adoration - 7pm	
<b>Monday:</b>	Daily Mass - 8:30am Adoration	
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Adoration Funeral Mass, Trudi Gannon - 11am Daily Mass - 5:15pm	
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Daily Mass - 8:30am Youth Group - 6:30pm OCIA - 7pm Knights of Columbus - 6:30pm	
<b>Thursday:</b>	Daily Mass - 8:30am Christian Service - 1pm Reconciliation Service - 6pm	
<b>Friday:</b>	Daily Mass - 8:30am HS Stations of the Cross - 5:30pm Good Fridays & KC's Fish Tacos- 6pm	
<b>Saturday:</b>	Daily Mass - 8:30am Sunday Vigil Mass - 4:30pm	
<b>Sunday:</b>	8:30 and 11:00 Mass No formation Knights of Columbus Rolls & Burritos Adoration	

## Liturgical Ministers for Mar 15, 16

4:30 pm	8:30 am	11:00 am
★ Sub requested ~ please log in to Web Terminal and accept the sub		
		<b>Holy Wash</b>
		J Knutson
<b>Sacristan</b>		
R Huntsinger	K Rosendale	W Newman
<b>Greeters</b>		
M Jezewski A Jezewski	S Schnider C Schnider	Proud family
<b>Altar Servers</b>		
S Fitzpatrick E Johnson	H Burchell B Figarelle	Help Needed
<b>Readers</b>		
T Grau M Schmitz	C Nowak M Nickol	L Francis M Francis
<b>Gift Presenters</b>		
Mohler family	Nickol family	C Burbank
<b>Music</b>		
L McCain	J Jonasen	J Jonasen
<b>Extraordinary Ministers</b>		
E Becker T Gilligan K Weinheimer S Hueth C Polacek F Polacek B Polacek F Handwerk M Schmitz	P Woelkers S Greene M Van Heel J Van Heel C Morris D Nicholson K McGuire K Lakner R Van Spyk	P Woelkers K Villa C Huber R Seilstad J Moonan M Francis K Krattiger S Harrington P Holtzmann

### Worship

Molly Schmitz -Worship Coordinator

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*Thank you to all liturgical ministers! We appreciate your service to our parish. The new ministry schedule will run April - June. Please log into the scheduler and put in your unavailable dates for those months. Thank you!*

### Readings for next week 2nd Sunday of Lent

1st Reading: Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18

2nd Reading: Philippians 3:17-4:1

Gospel: Luke 9:28b-36

### Music

Our next Choir practice is Wednesday March 19 at 5:30pm. During Lent we will be using a few of the Latin Chant Mass Parts. They can be found in your hymnals as follows: Kyrie #840, Sanctus #842, and Agnus Dei #846. 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 meets on Wednesdays at 6:30pm. If you need more information about Youth Group, please contact Katie Steinke. Our next session is Wednesday March 5th.

Youth Group is going skiing! We're heading to Showdown on Saturday March 8th. Please contact Katie for more information.

**Elementary Faith Formation**

Elementary Formation (Pre-K - 6th Grade)  
& Sacramental Prep (2nd Grade)  
Abbie Greff, abbie@holyspiritgf.org, 452-6491 ext 211

We will meet on March 2nd. **No formation March 9th.** Our last formation weekend is April 13th. Confirmation and 1st Communion is April 27th. If you have questions, please call Abbie.

**Family of Faith**

Our next community event is the St. Joseph Dinner on March 19 at 6pm. This is a potluck, so bring your favorite side or dessert to share. You can also bring a bag of food to place on the St. Joseph Table. All these donations will be given to St. Jude to be handed out to families in our community who need food. All are welcome!

**Vacation Bible School**

Abbie Greff, abbie@holyspiritgf.org



Recycle asks. Help us guide our kids on the ultimate Alaskan adventure. Thank you from our Parish kids.

- \*Empty clear plastic 8-ounce bottles with lids.
- \*Copy paper boxes with lids.
- \*6 – plastic gallon jugs with lids (clean)
- \*18 – bath towels
- \*EXTRA LARGE, LARGE, medium and small size cardboard boxes, any shape

**Holy Spirit School**

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Kelly Lopes, Robin Verzuh Administrative Assistants  
Jenifer Thomas, Development Director  
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Lent is here and we are preparing for Easter. Students and staff have begun to pray, fast, and give alms. During this time, we will reflect and work on following Christ's will to be more faithful.

Next week our Middle School students will be competing in a statewide math contest hosted by the Montana Council of Teachers of Mathematics. We are sending 22 students and they will be tested on knowledge, application, and collaboration. New this year is that some students will be on teams competing against other students. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students to earn merit in mathematics.

Registration for the 2025 – 2026 school year has opened up for new families! This is a great time of year to come and check out Holy Spirit Catholic School in action! We offer daily religion classes in all grades, attend weekly Mass, Art and Music classes held weekly, P.E. twice a week, Band in 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade, choir in 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>, and much more for only \$21.11 a day for a single student or \$36.94 a day for two. Oh, and did I mention we offer a 10% Parish discount. Call and schedule a tour for your family! 406-761-5775 ext. 222, Development Director, Jenifer Thomas.

**Christian Service**

kenneth@holyspiritgf.org



**The Bereavement Team will meet Tuesday March 25th at 3:00pm.**  
**The Grief Support Group will meet on Tuesday, March 25th at 4:00pm in the parish hall. All are welcome!**

**The next Christian Service meeting is Thursday March 13 at 1:00pm. All are welcome.**



*The Spring Campaign is Wednesday March 5 through Sunday April 13, peacefully and prayerfully gathering on the sidewalk at Planned Parenthood.*

*Schedule of Events:*

*Sunday March 9: Opening Prayer Rally at Planned Parenthood, 2pm*

*Sunday March 23: Marian Procession from Lourdes to Planned Parenthood then back. Meet at Lourdes at 2pm.*

*Saturday April 12: Closing Ceremony at the Memorial for the Unborn at Mount Olivet at 2pm.*

**February Food Collections:**

St. Vincent de Paul: 311 pounds  
St. Jude Conference: 183 pounds

*Thank you for your support of these ministries!*

## Courtesy Announcements



The universal Catholic Church calls Catholics to give alms during Lent: a beautiful way to support the poor and the Kingdom of God in our own communities. At the Catholic Foundation of Eastern Montana, it's easy to donate in ways that will help care for those in need this year and every year to come. For more information about endowments, or for a list of endowments that help serve the poor in our diocese, please contact the Catholic Foundation of Eastern Montana at (406) 315-1765 or [forever@catholicfoundationmt.org](mailto:forever@catholicfoundationmt.org).

## Mark your calendars!

### Eucharistic Congress in a Jubilee Year of Hope

March 21-23, 2025 at Carroll College, Helena  
An all-ages event in conjunction with the CYC convention.

Register now:

[diocesehelena.org/eucharisticcongress](http://diocesehelena.org/eucharisticcongress)

Speakers include

Sr. Anne Catherine Burleigh, OP

Sr. Marianna Thayer, OP

Charles Camosy

Hannah Hemphill

Jimmy Mitchell

### Western Montana Catholic Women's Conference

Friday, April 4, 2025 ~ Cathedral of St. Helena

5:30pm Stations of the Cross & the Rosary

Followed by Soup and Bread

All are welcome.

Saturday, April 5 ~ 7am check-in

Women's Conference, Speakers, Confessions,

Vendors, Fellowship.

Helena Civic Center

To register visit [HelenaCWC.org](http://HelenaCWC.org)

### It's Knights of Columbus Fish Fry time!



The Knights of Columbus Council 1493 presents our annual Lenten FISH FRY FRIDAYS! This will be every other Friday during Lent. The dates this year are March 14, 28, and April 11. We serve from 4:30 until 7pm at the Knights of Columbus Hall: 906 Central Ave W. All are welcome.

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



Are you a practicing Catholic woman of Irish descent? Then you might want to join the Lady Ancient Order of Hibernians. We are proud Irish Catholic Women dedicated to the principles of Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity. We volunteer our time, talent and resources to help our local community. We meet on the 2nd Monday of each month at 6:30pm at the Ursuline Center. For more information call Mary at 406-799-8796.



Great Falls Central Catholic HS is enrolling for 2025-2026. We are committed to academic excellence and developing the whole person – mind, body, and soul. Encourage your child to find their passion at Central! Go to [greatfallscentral.org](http://greatfallscentral.org) and apply today. Scholarships and financial aid are available. To schedule a tour, a student visit day or to ask questions, contact [mwoelkers@greatfallscentral.org](mailto:mwoelkers@greatfallscentral.org) or call 406-216-3344.

## Knights of Columbus, Council # 9395

### ETERNAL REST™

THE ART OF DYING WELL



Join us for a 4-part video series titled "Eternal Rest" The Art of Dying Well. Learn about Catholic teaching about death and God's response to it with wisdom and truth. Presented by the Knights of Columbus on these Sundays: Feb 23, March 2, and 9 at 1:00pm in the Hall. All are welcome.

Please help the Knights of Columbus and Holy Spirit Aid and Support mothers and their babies After Pregnancy. Donations of baby clothes, diapers, and wipes are needed to benefit our community ECHOZ Pregnancy Resources Center.

This ASAP project is conducted in partnership with Holy Spirit Catholic Parish and Knights of Columbus Mother of Perpetual Help Council 9395. All donations can be placed in the bassinette by the main entrance.

## Milestones

# Welcome

Welcome to Stephen and Meghan Horn, with their children Lucia, Samuel, and Joseph who recently registered at Holy Spirit Parish.



During Lent, we're invited to deepen our relationship and unite our hearts more fully with God and with one another. We can accomplish this through the Catholic tradition of prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

This year, **CRS Rice Bowl** celebrates its 50th anniversary. Millions of our most vulnerable sisters and brothers are facing life-threatening levels of hunger, food insecurity and malnutrition. We can do our part through CRS Rice Bowl by answering Jesus' invitation us to share bread for life with our sisters and brothers during Lent—so all may live with dignity


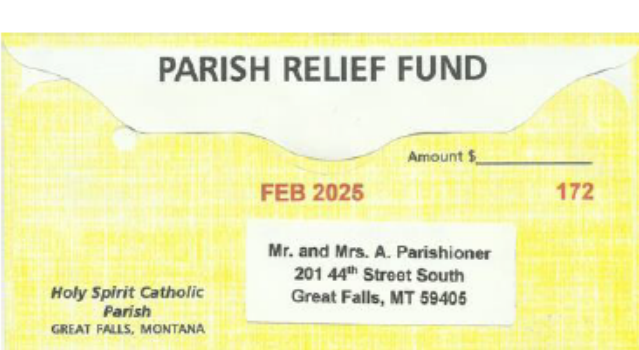


**Seventy-five percent of alms collected through CRS Rice Bowl supports CRS programs around the world. Twenty-five percent remains here in our diocese to help fight hunger and poverty.**

Rice Bowls will be available on **Ash Wednesday – March 5<sup>th</sup>** for you to pick up, take home and use to collect your family's alms. You'll also receive a calendar that offers short reflections for each day. You can visit **[crsricebowl.org](https://crsricebowl.org)** for stories, meatless recipes, prayers and more to enrich your Lenten journey.

Rice bowls should be returned on **Good Friday – April 18<sup>th</sup>**.

## Envelopes...Envelopes...Envelopes!

Stewardship is essential to all efforts in our Parish, and the envelope system is an essential means for enabling your support. Below is a brief description of how your donation in the various envelopes is used

 <p>Lord God, please accept this offering as my return of thanks to You for the countless gifts You have given me, especially for life, earthly Blessings, forgiveness, love, and life eternal</p> <p>MY SACRIFICIAL GIFT Amount \$ _____</p> <p>MAR 30 2025 172</p> <p>Mr. and Mrs. A. Parishioner 201 44<sup>th</sup> Street South Great Falls, MT 59405</p> <p>Holy Spirit Catholic Parish GREAT FALLS, MT</p>	<p><b><u>Sacrificial Gift – Regular</u></b></p> <p>Used to support the operation of Holy Spirit, Holy Family and Peter and Paul. This includes and is not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Upkeep, maintenance and minor repairs</li> <li>• Utility, phone, internet and Insurance expenses</li> <li>• Office and liturgical supplies</li> <li>• Staff salaries</li> </ul>
 <p>PARISH RELIEF FUND</p> <p>Amount \$ _____</p> <p>FEB 2025 172</p> <p>Mr. and Mrs. A. Parishioner 201 44<sup>th</sup> Street South Great Falls, MT 59405</p> <p>Holy Spirit Catholic Parish GREAT FALLS, MONTANA</p>	<p><b><u>Parish Relief Fund</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aids individuals and families in crisis with temporary financial, food and housing needs.</li> <li>• Supports students at Pope Saint John Paul School in Uganda.</li> <li>• Supports Echoz Pregnancy Center.</li> <li>• Supports St. Mary's Church – Rocky Boy Reservation</li> </ul>
 <p>Building Fund</p> <p>Amount \$ _____</p> <p>"Unless the Lord build the house, they labor in vain who build it." Psalm 127:1</p> <p>FEB 2025 172</p> <p>Mr. and Mrs. A. Parishioner 201 44<sup>th</sup> Street South Great Falls, MT 59405</p> <p>Holy Spirit Catholic Parish GREAT FALLS, MONTANA</p>	<p><b><u>Building Fund</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outstanding mortgage on the church</li> <li>• Large repair expenses (i.e. boiler, air conditioner, sprinkler system, roof repairs) for parish properties.</li> <li>• Upkeep of and purchase of additional columbarium (when needed)</li> </ul>
 <p>Amount: \$ _____</p> <p>Diocese of Great Falls-Billings MAR 2025 172</p> <p>Priests' Retirement Fund</p> <p>Mr. and Mrs. A. Parishioner 201 44<sup>th</sup> Street South Great Falls, MT 59405</p> <p>Holy Spirit Catholic Parish • Great Falls, MT</p>	<p><b><u>Priests Retirement Fund</u></b></p> <p>Used for costs for retired priests consisting of continuing premiums for dental and vision benefits, Medicare supplement insurance, life insurance, long-term care coverage and assisted living facility costs. Costs also include upkeep for the Stites and Regina Cleri Apartments where retired priests reside.</p>