

“Whoever does not carry his own cross
and come after me cannot be my disciple.”
Luke 14:27



Holy Spirit
Catholic Parish

September 7th, 2025
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Parish Staff:

Fr. Doug Krings	Pastor
Fr. Philip Chinnapan	Parochial Vicar
Dcn Pete Woelkers	Deacon, OCIA
Ken McGuire	Administrator
Mary Moore-Wingerter	Admin. Asst.
Molly Zimmer	Worship
Abbie Greff	Elem. Formation
Katie Steinke	Youth Minister Pre-Marriage
Brien Rosendale	Maintenance
Tracy Tomich	Custodian

Our next Baptism
Preparation classes will be
**September 7th and
September 14th at
1:00pm at the Peter and
Paul Center.**
If you want to have your
child Baptized at Holy
Spirit, please join us for
these two sessions.



Mass Schedule:

Weekend Masses:
Saturday 4:30pm
Sunday 8:30am & 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 2pm; Wednesdays 5:30pm

Weekly Happenings~

Mass Intentions:

Date	Mass time	Intention	Requested by
Sat 9/6	8:30am 4:30pm	Karen Rausch (sp int) Parishioners	T Rausch
Sun 9/7	8:30am 11:00am	Matt & Jean Rosedale (sp int) +Debra Ramstead	B Rosendale Deans
Mon 9/8	8:30am	+Pete Corda & family	B Cook & family
Tue 9/9	5:15pm	Joe & Kathy Goulet (sp int)	K Goulet
Wed 9/10	8:30am	Mary Ellen & Dan Hurley (sp int)	Roots
Thu 9/11	8:00 HF 8:30am	+Lynn Donnelly +Scott Spence	D Villeriaure Barochs
Fri 9/12	8:30am	+David Williamson	Goulets
Sat 9/13	8:30am 4:30pm	+Gene & Alice Meyer +Kathy Reed	Meyer children Gettens
Sun 9/14	8:30am 11:00am	+John Moore Parishioners	Wingerters

Readings for next week The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

1st Reading: Numbers 21:4b-9

2nd Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel: John 3:13-17

Calendar of Events September 6-14

Saturday:	Daily Mass - 8:30am Sunday Vigil Mass - 4:30pm	
Sunday:	8:30 & 11am Mass Adoration, 7pm	
Monday:	School Mass 8:00am - HF Daily Mass - 8:30am	
Tuesday:	School Mass 8:00am - HF Daily Mass - 5:15pm	
Wednesday:	School Mass 8:00am - HF Daily Mass - 8:30am	
Thursday:	School Mass 8:00am - HF Daily Mass - 8:30am OCIA - 6:30pm	
Friday:	School Mass 8:00am -HF Daily Mass - 8:30am	
Saturday:	Daily Mass - 8:30am Sunday Vigil Mass - 4:30pm	
Sunday:	8:30 & 11am Masses Coffee & Rolls - 9:30am Adoration, 7pm	

“Among all the devotions approved by the Church none has been favored by so many miracles as the devotions of the most Holy Rosary -*Pope Pius IX*
We pray the Rosary 1/2 hour before every Mass. All are welcome to join us.

Liturgical Ministers for Sept 6, 7

4:30 pm	8:30 am	11:00 am
★ Sub requested ~ please log in to Web Terminal and accept the sub		
		Holy Wash
		T Dimke
Sacristan		
C McCain	K Rosendale	T Balyeat
Greeters		
D Medvec	D McGuire K McGuire	L Francis M Francis
Altar Servers		
E Johnson A Mohler ★	C Schuler, D Schuler,, L Schuler	T Proud, K Proud, T Proud
Readers		
A Klundt D Seitz	A Greff M Somerfeld	C Tucker C Burbank
Gift Presenters		
Polacek family	Greff family	L Kessler
Extraordinary Ministers		
R Huntsinger C McCain T Gilligan L Hazelton E Becker R Shipley M Maxfield C Polacek B Polacek	P Woelkers J Stenzel J Durocher L Durocher D Linn K Puckett D Nicholson L Fitterer J Gort	P Woelkers K Villa M Francis A Cereck V Flick J Moonan S Harrington R Lopes T Balyeat

Worship

Molly Schmitz –Worship Coordinator

452-6491; molly@holyspiritgf.org

Don’t forget to turn in your Time and Talent form! There are so many opportunities for parishioners to volunteer in our parish. Ministry opportunities, service opportunities, and helping with various parish events are just a few. Please prayerfully consider where you can share your Time and Talent with our parish!

It’s that time again! Our next schedule will run September - December. Please log into the Ministry Scheduler to add your unavailable dates!

Sacraments

Our next Baptism Preparation classes will be **September 7th** and **September 14th** at **1:00pm** at the **Peter and Paul Center**. If you want to have your child Baptized at Holy Spirit, please join us for these two sessions.

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

For all who seek to become Christian believers



Call the office or come **Thursdays**. at 6:30pm 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 the office.

We are looking for some help!
OCIA is in need of baby sitters during our meetings.
The time commitment is about 1 to 1½ hours.
If you are interested, please call the office.

Youth Ministry
Katie Steinke
452-6491 ext. 207; katie@holyspiritgf.org

Young Adult Volunteers Needed (especially young men)!
The Youth Group meets Wednesday nights and is a mixture of large and small group interactions and formation. We have a vibrant group of 6th through 12th graders and are in need of more help for the rest of this year and next. If you are a young adult passionate about mentoring teens in the faith and life and are willing to become or are Safe Environment certified, please call Katie at the parish office.

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

We are gearing up for another great year in Elementary Formation! We will begin classes on **September 21st** at 9:45am. We are looking for a couple more catechists. If you are interested in sharing your faith with our young church, please contact Abbie.

Marriage Preparation
Katie
452-6491 ext. 207; katie@holyspiritgf.org

If you are engaged & planning on getting married at Holy Spirit in the near future, please contact Katie for information. Also, if you are already married and would like the Sacrament of Marriage conferred on that marriage, Katie can help with that as well.

Saint Patrick’s Academy East
Laura O’Neill, Director of School,
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St. Patrick’s Academy East is off to a great start of the 2025 – 2026 school year! Please join us for our class lead School Mass on Thursdays at 8:10 AM in the Holy Family Chapel.

This week we celebrated our first All Schools Mass at St. Ann’s Cathedral and it was wonderful gathering our Catholic school community together. Please check out our website and social media accounts under St. Patrick’s Academy to stay updated on all school information.

We are seeking substitute teachers at our campus. If you would like a flexible schedule and love working with children, please contact Laura O’Neill at 406-761-5775 for more information.

Music

Our next Music rehearsal date is Sept 17th at 5:30. All are welcome! Questions? Please call Jen, 406.799.0961 or Laura 406-868-4152.

Christian Service
kenneth@holyspiritgf.org



The Grief Support Group will meet on Tuesday, September 23 at 4:00pm in the parish hall. All are welcome!



Courtesy Announcements

– “Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple...”



Faithful obedience calls us to carry our cross and follow Christ wholeheartedly. One way to carry out Christ's mission is to provide for the future of His Church. When you contribute to an endowment through the Catholic Foundation of Eastern Montana, you are trusting in God and investing in His Church's lasting harvest. For more information, please call (406) 315-1765 or visit www.catholicfoundationmt.org.



The Emilie Center

The Emilie Center is currently most in need of:

- Washcloths & Hand towels
- Pots and Pans
- Backpacks

Donations may be brought to 1920 10th Ave. S. Tues.-Thurs. 9:00-3:00. Please use the back alley and enter in the light-yellow door. To contact the Emilie Center for **help, donations**, or to **volunteer**, please call 406-771-6695.



Employment Opportunity with the Diocese of Great Falls-Billings

The Diocese is currently hiring for a key position at the Pastoral Center! We are seeking a passionate and skilled individual to join our team as **Executive Assistant**.

If you or someone you know is interested in serving the Church through meaningful work, please visit www.diocesegfb.org for full position descriptions and application information for all open diocesan positions. Your talents could be just what the Church needs!

Holy Spirit is very happy to welcome

Father Philip Chinnapan to

the parish. While here, Father Philip will need to travel throughout the city. We are in need of a reliable vehicle for him to use. If you have a car for the parish, please call the office, 406-452-6491



Knights of Columbus, Council # 9395

Breakfast Burritos & Cinnamon Rolls

Sunday, Sept 21st after both Sunday Masses
in parish social hall
Free Will Offering

Benefits Holy Spirit Catholic Parish and
Council 9395- Knights of Columbus Charities

Milestones

Congratulations to **Benson Lee Micheletti**, son of **Joey & Malorie**, who was Baptized this weekend.
Welcome to **Justin Madill** who recently registered at Holy Spirit.

Saint Michael Radio ~ FM 97.1
“Sharing the Splendor of Truth”

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All across Montana, children in crisis are praying for safety, love, and belonging.

Catholic Social Services and Child Bridge are raising up families grounded in Christian compassion.

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Matthew 18:5

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Holy Spirit Catholic Parish
Father Doug Krings

One Minute
Meditations

St. Lawrence Justinian
Born into a noble Venetian family, St. Lawrence Justinian desired sanctity from an early age. He entered the Order of the Augustinian Canons Regular of St. George, where he became known for his zeal, penitential lifestyle, and deep charity—especially toward the poor. He eventually became the general of the order. Recognized for his holiness, he was appointed Bishop, and later Patriarch, of Venice by the pope. He served faithfully until his death at the age of seventy-five.

Jesus turns sorrow into joy
Each September, the Church celebrates the Exaltation of the Holy Cross—not because we glorify suffering, but because the Cross reveals a Love that is total, faithful, and fearless. Christ embraced suffering, rejection, and death—and triumphed over them. His Cross is the ultimate sign that love is stronger than pain. When we bring our trials and sorrows to Jesus, He transforms them—through a kind of divine alchemy—into strength, healing, joy, and even glory. In Him, suffering is never the end of the story.

"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light" (Matthew 11:28-30).

Holiness in everyday life

Pier Giorgio Frassati — to be canonized on September 7 — was known for blending intense spirituality with fun—he loved mountain climbing, practical jokes, and friendship. He taught that holiness can be simple, joyful, and practical, woven into daily life. In a 1923 address to young people, he summed up the Christian life: "Our religion is based on charity, which is nothing other than the most perfect Love." He proposed three ways to live that love: by example, through compassion, and by joyful invitation.

By example: Blessed Pier believed that our lives should reflect our faith without needing words. "We Catholics must strive to have our whole life guided by Christian moral law," he said. That includes building our schedules around the Eucharist, practicing reverence, treating others with dignity, and living generously. These everyday choices silently proclaim who we are—and whose we are.

With compassion: Blessed Pier encouraged personal, thoughtful acts of

love: visiting the lonely, offering a kind word, or putting others first. He reminded us that holiness begins with small, intentional acts of compassion.

By joyful invitation: Blessed Pier's faith was magnetic, marked by laughter,

"Jesus is with me. I have nothing to fear."
Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati

adventure, and prayer. He urged others to draw people to Christ with warmth and sincerity: "Persuade [those who are far from the Church] to follow the ways of God." A quiet chapel visit or simple prayer can be a powerful invitation to grace.

He urged Catholics to stay rooted in the Eucharist: "Approach the Eucharistic Table as often as possible... from which you will draw strength." His life reminds us that sainthood is not about perfection, but about choosing love—daily, faithfully, and joyfully.

Why Do Catholics Do That?

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Why do Catholics believe in angels?

In the Nicene Creed, professed at every Sunday Mass and solemnity, we affirm belief in "all things visible and invisible"—a direct reference to spiritual beings, including angels. Throughout Scripture, angels appear as messengers, protectors, and servants of God's will. Jesus' words in Matthew 18:10,

referencing angels who "*behold the face of [His] Father*"—form the basis for the Church's belief in guardian angels. These faithful spirits, who remained loyal to God, continue to watch over and guide us. Belief in angels is not optional but a vital part of Catholic teaching and tradition.

Hearing God’s voice in the everyday

Discernment isn’t limited to religious vocations—it’s a way of seeking God’s will in all areas of life. Whether you’re considering a marriage, a job change, or a move to a new city, discernment helps you respond to God’s loving plan with clarity and peace. Here are three tips to avoid common pitfalls:

Learn to recognize His voice: It’s difficult to discern God’s will if we don’t know His character. A healthy relationship with God—nurtured through prayer and Scripture, especially the Gospels—helps us become familiar with His voice. The more time we spend with Him, the easier it becomes to distinguish His promptings from fear, pressure, or personal bias.

Take a practical step: Discernment requires action. You can’t always think your way to clarity. Take the interview, visit the new city, introduce your intended to your family. These steps don’t commit you for life—they give you real-world experience that sharpens your perspective and brings peace to your decision-making.

Narrow your focus: Too many options can paralyze progress. At some point, discernment involves commitment and trust. Begin by eliminating options that clearly don’t fit. The path may shift as you go, but each step—taken prayerfully—leads you closer to the right destination. God’s guidance is often gradual but unmistakable.

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Scripture

Luke 16:19-31, Doing the good we ought to do

In this Gospel passage, Jesus tells a parable aimed at those who are indifferent to the suffering around them. A rich man enjoys daily luxury while Lazarus, a poor and sick man, lies just outside his gate, starving and ignored. Though the rich man likely passed by Lazarus often—and even knew his name—he offered no help. After death, their roles are reversed. Lazarus is carried to the side of Abraham, a place of comfort and honor. The rich man finds himself in torment and pleads for relief. He asks Abraham to send Lazarus with water,

and later to warn his brothers. Both requests are denied.

Jesus’ parable does not condemn wealth but the failure to love. The rich man’s sin was not what he did, but what he refused to do. He saw suffering and remained unmoved.

This passage challenges us to examine our own hearts. Do we see those in need and look away?

True Christian living means turning prayer into mercy, and faith into action. When we love as Christ commands, the reward is eternal joy.

Q & A

Why do Catholics display crucifixes instead of crosses?

Jesus is risen in glory, having conquered sin and death. Yet we, though united to Him in Baptism, remain on our earthly journey, still vulnerable to temptation and suffering. The Crucifix stands as a powerful reminder of the cost of sin and the price of our redemption.

More than a symbol of pain, the Crucifix reveals the depth of God’s mercy and love: “*God so loved the world that He gave His only Son*” (John 3:16). It reminds us that Jesus is “*a compassionate high priest*” (Hebrews 4:15) who knows human suffering firsthand—rejection, sorrow, and even death (cf. Psalm 22:14; 69:20).

In every Catholic church, the Crucifix also points to the reality of the Eucharist. The sacrifice of the Mass is not separate from Calvary—it is the same sacrifice, made present to us (*Catechism*, 1545). Christ offers Himself to the Father, and we receive the fruits of that offering: grace, healing, and strength.

The Crucifix is not just a symbol—it is the visual proclamation of love that saves, heals, and invites us into deeper communion with Christ.

Feasts & Celebrations

September 12 – The Holy Name of Mary. Mary has many titles. Begun in Spain in 1513, this feast celebrates her as the Blessed Virgin and is the counterpart to the Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus. Pope Innocent XI extended this feast to the entire Church after the King of Poland, with Mary’s protection, defeated an advancing Muslim army in Vienna in 1683.

September 14 – The Exaltation of the Holy Cross (c. 326). St. Helena (mother of Emperor Constantine) discovered what is believed to be the True Cross while on pilgrimage in Jerusalem. On that site, Constantine built the Basilica of the Holy Sepulcher.

September 16 – Saints Cornelius and Cyprian (c. 253). A renowned theologian and orator, he was ordained a priest and served as the bishop of Carthage. He helped Pope St. Cornelius defend the Church against the Novatian heretics. Pope Cornelius was exiled and died from harsh treatment in 253. Cyprian was arrested for refusing to worship idols. He was exiled and subsequently beheaded.

September 19 – St. Januarius (c. 305). Not much is known about this saint, except that he was the Bishop of Benevento, Italy, and that he was martyred with six companions under the Diocletian persecutions. For reasons unknown, a vial of his blood has miraculously liquified annually, several times a year, since at least 1389.

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