

“Then Peter said, ‘Lord, is this parable meant for us or for everyone?’”
Luke 12:41



Holy Spirit
Catholic Parish

August 10th, 2025
19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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	<i>Pre-Marriage</i>
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**Mass schedule for
the Solemnity of
the Assumption:**
Thur. 8/14: 6:00pm
Fri 8/15: 8:30 & 12:15

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 8/9	8:30am 4:30pm	+Craig Matelich Frank Sause & family (sp int)	Handwerks T Stukey
Sun 8/10	8:30am 11:00am	Parishioners +Kathy Mahoney	G Huber
Mon 8/11	8:30am	+Don Hogan	Munsterteigers
Tue 8/12	5:15pm	Jean Rosendale (sp int)	B Rsoendale
Wed 8/13	8:30am	Jay & Lisa Stenzel (sp int)	Greffs
Thu 8/14	8:30am 6:00pm	+Bill Morris +Bob Nebel	C Morris N Udall
Fri 8/15	8:30am 12:15pm	+Craig Matelich +Patty Ford	M Mathson Nadeau Lady of Snow
Sat 8/16	8:30am 4:30pm	+Cheryl Zamer +Don Parsons	B Eisenhart T Parson
Sun 8/17	8:30am 11:00am	Parishioners +William, Marilyn & Kathy Watson	B Hartmann

Readings for next week 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10

2nd Reading: Hebrews 12:1-4

Gospel: Luke 12:49-53

Calendar of Events August 9-17

Saturday:	Daily Mass - 8:30am Sunday Vigil Mass - 4:30pm	
Sunday:	8:30 & 11am Mass Adoration - 7pm	
Monday:	Daily Mass - 8:30am	
Tuesday:	Daily Mass - 5:15pm	
Wednesday:	Daily Mass - 8:30am	
Thursday:	Daily Mass - 8:30am Vigil Mass for Assumption - 6pm OCIA - 6:30pm	
Friday:	Assumption Mass 8:30 and 12:15	
Saturday:	Daily Mass - 8:30am Sunday Vigil Mass - 4:30pm	
Sunday:	8:30 & 11am Masses 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 Aug 16, 17

4:30 pm	8:30 am	11:00 am
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		Holy Wash
		J Knutson
Sacristan		
C McCain	B Munsterteiger	T Balyest
Greeters		
D Stukey T Stukey	F Olszewski R Olszewski	Proud family
Altar Servers		
E Johnson A Mohler	C, Schuler, D Schuler, L Schuler	G Ereaux
Readers		
T Gilligan L Hazelton	A Greff T Katz	L Francis J Moonan
Gift Presenters		
R Huntsinger	Wells family	Barros family
Extraordinary Ministers		
C McCain J Fitzpatrick J McKenna S McKenna K Weinheimer D Stukey T Stukey T Gilligan R Shipley	P Woelkers L Stenzel J Stenzel R Huntsinger D Linn L Durocher J Van Heel M Van Heel M Nickol	P Woelkers M Francis A Cereck J Moonan R Lopes C Christiaens K Villa T Balyeat S Dalen

Worship

Molly Schmitz –Worship Coordinator

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The solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is Friday August 15. We will have a vigil Mass on Thursday 8/14 at 6:00pm. Masses on Friday will be at 8:30 and 12:15. We are looking for ministers for these Masses. If you are available and can help out, please see the sign up sheets in the back of the church.

SAVE THE DATE!

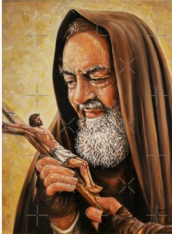
The Relics of St. Padre Pio of Pietrelcina to visit St. Francis Xavier Parish (Missoula)
August 25-26, 2025

Monday August 25: Veneration from 11 - 7pm
Tuesday August 26: Veneration from 11 - 8pm
Tuesday August 26: Mass in honor of Saint Pio -t 6:00pm,
With Bishop Fleming



Sponsored by saintpiofoundation.org

St. Francis Xavier 420 W Pine St, Missoula 406-542-0321
sfxmissoula.org



**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 7th 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

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We are currently looking for some amazing teachers to join our staff - 1st, 4th, and 5th grade (which could be a part time position). If interested, please send a cover letter and resume to Laura O'Neill, Director of School at lonell@stpatricksacademymt.org

We are excited to announce a new 4+1 academic program at all St. Patrick's Academy campuses. This model focuses on 4 days of stimulating core learning while adding a full day of enrichment classes. Our enrichment classes will offer sports mathematics, meet the Masters art program, and hands-on STEM-STEAM learning. If you would like more information or to schedule a tour, please contact the East campus at 406-761-5775.

Office Hours: Tuesday – Thursday, 9:30 AM – 1:00 PM

Christian Service

kenneth@holyspiritgf.org



**The Grief Support Group will meet on
Tuesday, August 26 at 4:00pm in the
parish hall. All are welcome!**



Food donation totals for July:

St. Vincent de Paul: 306 pounds
St. Jude: 222 pounds

Thank you for your generosity to these food banks.

Courtesy Announcements

"Where your treasure is, there also will your heart be." (Luke 12:34)



This powerful verse invites us to consider what we truly value—and where we place our heart. When you give to an endowment through the Catholic Foundation of Eastern Montana, you do more than make a gift—you plant a seed of faith that will grow for generations. Your treasure stays rooted in the Church, and your heart remains with those who will benefit from your generosity long after you're gone. To learn how to leave a lasting legacy for our parish or another Catholic ministry you love, contact the Foundation at (406) 315-1765.

The Foundation on Social Media:



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The Emilie Center

The Emilie Center is currently most in need of:

- Sleeping bags
- Rolling suitcases
- 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 Opportunities with the Diocese of Great Falls-Billings

The Diocese is currently hiring for several key positions! We are seeking passionate and skilled individuals to join our team in the following roles:

- **Maintenance & Grounds Engineer / Parish Project Support**
- **Coordinator of Youth Ministry**
- **Bookkeeper**

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. Your talents could be just what the Church needs!

All mail for the diocese needs to go to PO Box 1399, 59403. Do not send items to the street address.



St. Vincent de Paul has a brand new camper for sale!

This camper is a 2025 Wayfinder RV Go Play with a MSRP of \$36,436. St. Vincent is asking **\$20,000**. The purchase money will go directly to benefiting ministries at St. Vincent of North Central Montana. Please see the flyer on the bulletin board for more information.



Our Lady of the Rockies Feast of the Assumption Friday August 15, 2025

Join the pilgrimage for this special Holy Day.

Please see the poster on the bulletin board for more information.

Questions/Reservations: 406.560.0919.

Milestones



Welcome to **Phil and Cindy Fondale** who recently registered at Holy Spirit.

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



Holy Spirit Catholic Parish
Father Doug Krings



One Minute Meditations

St. Clare of Assisi

Born to a noble family in Assisi, St. Clare was eighteen when St. Francis was invited to preach at the church of San Giorgio. She was so inspired, she renounced everything to serve God in poverty, penance, and simplicity. Others joined, forming the first Order of Poor Ladies (Poor Clares). St. Clare is most famous for protecting Assisi from invasion by displaying the Blessed Sacrament on the fortress walls, causing the enemy to flee in terror.

The promise of the Assumption

This month, we celebrate Mary's Assumption, body and soul, into Heaven. What is often thought of as a "privilege" unique to Mary is actually a "preview" of what we are made for: endless joy, dwelling in the life and love of the Trinity, souls and bodies. It's another reminder that Catholicism isn't just about spiritual truths but concrete, physical, and tangible realities.

"I want to stress what I think that we...need more; the joy and delight in God which meet us in the Psalms...[The Jews] did not know that He offered them eternal joy; still less that He would die to win it for them. Yet they express a longing for Him, for His mere presence, which comes only to the best Christians" C.S. Lewis.

The Saints and the secret to true happiness

The saints understood that real happiness is about knowing where to find peace, perspective, and joy—no matter what life brings. This month, we look at four saints who show us what it takes to live with true happiness.

Simplicity – St. Francis of Assisi. St. Francis gave up wealth and comfort to follow Christ completely. In doing so, he made space in his heart to receive everything from God with peace and joy. While most of us aren't called to material poverty, we can imitate his spiritual poverty—letting go of sin and distractions to focus more fully on our relationship with God.

Trust and Love – St. Thérèse of Lisieux. St. Thérèse's "Little Way" was built on doing small things with great love. Her "humble confidence" in God's mercy gave her strength through illness, loss, and interior suffering. Her path invites us to respond to life's challenges not with fear or striving, but with trust and consistent, simple acts of love.


Holy Humor – St. Philip Neri. St.

Philip Neri understood the spiritual power of joy. Known for his deep prayer life and playful spirit, he used humor to lift others out of gloom, deflate pride, and open hearts to God. He once shaved half his beard just to make

"Thou dost show me the path of life; in thy presence there is fulness of joy, in thy right hand are pleasures evermore."
Psalm 16:11

people laugh. His life reminds us that holiness isn't dour—joy, laughter, and reverence can all go hand-in-hand.

Faithful Friendship – Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati. Blessed Pier Giorgio balanced an active social life with a deep love for the poor and for Christ. He surrounded himself with friends who shared his love for the faith, frequently inviting them to Mass and Eucharistic Adoration. Whether hiking mountains or visiting the sick, he lived with joy rooted in friendship—with others, and above all, with Jesus.



Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics believe in miracles?

The Gospels contain many well-attested accounts of miracles, often witnessed by large crowds. It makes sense that the Creator of the natural order would occasionally suspend it to reveal His power. At the heart of our faith stands the greatest miracle of all—the Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

St. Paul wrote, *"If Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain, and your faith has been in vain"* (1 Corinthians 15:14). God continues to work miracles today to bless those who experience them directly and to strengthen our trust in His providence, love, and divine presence.

The Queen who leads us home

When Jesus entrusted Mary to St. John at the foot of the Cross (John 19:27), He gave us one of His greatest gifts: His own mother. In that moment, we were welcomed into His family. As Queen of Heaven, Mary blesses us in many ways. We look to her as:

As **Mother**: Jesus gave us the person closest to Him on earth to help draw us even closer to Him. He was not content simply to be our Savior—He wanted to be our Brother. Mary is not a barrier to Christ but a window into His heart. Through her, we come to know Him more intimately.

As **model**: Mary is also a model of faithful discipleship.

Though sinless, she had no supernatural powers or hidden knowledge. She rejoiced and suffered, worked and traveled, just as we do. Her life shows us how to remain faithful in the face of sorrow, uncertainty, and loss—and that perseverance in faith is always rewarded.

As **intercessor**: God does not need Mary’s prayers or assistance to act on our behalf, yet He chooses to involve her in His work. Her intercession—like ours—finds its power in Christ’s perfect prayer to the Father. As Queen, Mary is not passive in heaven; she actively cares for us, her children, with a mother’s love.

from **S**cripture

Luke 14:1, 7-14, Humility is holy “self-forgetfulness”

Fewer things are more awkward than accepting an honor publicly—only to discover it wasn’t meant for you. In this Gospel passage, Jesus offers a clear lesson: the safest way to “move up” in God’s Kingdom is through humility.

In Jesus’ time, a person’s status at a banquet was reflected in how close they sat to the host. Like today, not everyone knew who had been invited. If you mistakenly sat too close, you could be asked—publicly—to move down. It was wiser to take a lower seat and be invited higher, if appropriate.

Humility is often misunderstood. It’s not weakness, self-doubt, or putting yourself down.

True humility is honest self-awareness—recognizing your flaws and limitations, but also your gifts, strengths, and constant need for God’s grace. The humble person doesn’t seek to be the center of attention. Instead, they reflect God’s goodness and elevate others.

Jesus isn’t giving us etiquette tips. He’s showing us the posture of the heart that honors God, protects our soul, and prepares us for the only banquet that matters—the eternal one.

Q & A

What is a “rule of life” and why should I make one?

A rule of life is simply a structured way to integrate regular prayer into your day. It’s a long-standing practice among priests, monks, and nuns—but it’s not just for the consecrated. Everyone needs time each day to be with the One who loves us most. Your personal rule can be as simple or as detailed as you need; what matters is remaining faithful to the time you commit.

At first, the idea of a rule of life might seem intimidating. But in reality, most of us already follow one. Maybe we always wake up at the same time or never skip a morning jog. Prayer can—and should—become part of that rhythm. It’s not just a duty; it’s an investment that transforms us and blesses those around us.

Feasts & Celebrations

August 8 – St. Dominic de Guzman (1221). Born to a noble family in Spain, St. Dominic studied to become an Augustinian canon regular, but left to preach against the widely popular but dangerous Albigensian heresy. He founded the Order of Preachers, or “Dominicans,” who successfully defeated this heresy. He’s also credited with receiving the Rosary from Our Lady and teaching it to others.

August 15 - The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (1950). Declared a dogma of our faith by Pope Pius XII, the Assumption celebrates Mary being taken up into Heaven body and soul at

the end of her life. It is a Holy Day of Obligation this year.

August 27 – St. Monica of Hippo (387). St. Monica is best known for converting her wayward son and pagan husband by her patience, piety, and prayers. Her son, St. Augustine, became a great saint and Doctor of the Church.

August 29 – The Beheading of St. John the Baptist (1st Century). Today we recall the martyrdom of St. John the Baptist, whose mission was to prepare the Jews for Jesus’ coming by calling them to repentance. He was arrested and executed for preaching the truth to powerful enemies. Caving into the pressure of his courtiers, King Herod permitted his niece’s request – the head of John the Baptist on a platter.

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