

Saint Anthony Catholic Church

Roman Catholic Diocese of Great Falls—Billings



Weekend Mass Schedule:

Saturday 5:30 pm
Sunday 8:45 am, 11:00 am

Daily Low Latin Mass Schedule:

Tuesday 5:30 pm
Wed – Sat 9:00 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sunday 7:45 – 8:30 am
Tues & Sat 4:00 – 5:00 pm
Before & After Daily Mass
OR By Appointment

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Secretary: Michelle Lopez
Bookkeeper: Kathy Manders
Religious Ed: Rita Baeten
Custodial: Rita Baeten / Michelle Lopez

Please remember to contact Fr. Bart if you or someone in your family is hospitalized or enters a care facility.

Third Sunday of Advent



Gaudete Sunday

*Holy Mother of God,
in silence and peace
you have carried and given birth
to He who bears all:
be our guide
on the path to Nativity,
so in celebrating
the birth of your son,
Jesus Christ our Savior,
our hearts will be
transported with joy and hope.
Amen*

Lex Orandi, Lex Credendi, Lex Vivendi!*"How we pray forms what we believe, which forms the way we live."***Ember Days**

From the 2nd Century to 1966, Catholics observed what eventually came to be called Ember Days. Four times a year the Church called all Catholics, clergy and laity alike, to fast and pray on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday: in the week between the third and fourth Sunday of Advent; the first full week of Lent; the week between Pentecost and Trinity Sunday; and the third week of September.

And what was the purpose of these fast days? To pray for holy vocations to the priesthood and for the well-being (especially spiritual health) of the clergy. It also became the four times of the year when ordinations took place—after Catholics had prayed and fasted. Here the Church was following the example of the Apostles, as we read in Acts 13, “While they were worshipping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, ‘Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.’ Then, completing their fasting and prayer, they laid hands on them and sent them off.”

Pope Paul VI removed the Ember Days from the liturgical calendar in 1966. This formal neglect of regular fasting and prayer for the clergy and vocations is certainly one of the reasons vocations have plummeted in the past 50 years. Though we are no longer required, let's bring back the tradition of observing these days of fasting and prayer! How?

On the Wednesday and Saturday of Ember Weeks, eat only one full meal (which can include meat) and two other meatless snacks. On Fridays of Ember Weeks, eat only one full meal (no meat) and two meatless snacks. Then combine your fasting with prayer of any kind for priests and new vocations: the Rosary, in part or in full; prayer before the Blessed Sacrament; prayers/litanies to the Sacred Heart; vocation prayers, etc. The upcoming Ember Days are December 18, 20 and 21.

The health and well-being of the Church has always depended on healthy and holy priests. Let us use these Ember Weeks to fast; and to pray to the Lord of the Harvest to raise up holy priests, and to heal and strengthen our current priests.

*Pax,
Fr Bart*

Fr Bart & family will be out of town December 21—23. There will be no Daily Mass Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday. Judy will lead Rosary & Liturgy of the Hours each morning at 9 am.

SAVE THE DATE for Eucharistic Revival 2023, “**Cultivating Eucharistic Amazement**”. Join us May 5 & 6, 2023, at Billings Central Catholic HS with special guests **Dr. Scott Hahn, Archbishop Alexander Sample**, and musical guest **Jaime Thietten**. We all need healing, yet many of us are separated from the very source of our strength — the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. Join the Diocese of Great Falls-Billings in the movement to restore understanding and devotion to this great mystery — **The Most Holy Eucharist**. We'll explore what the Eucharist means in each of our lives, how this Sacrament is meant to be adored, how we cultivate Eucharistic amazement in our lives and how we, as the Body of Christ, become Eucharistic people. Visit diocesegfb.org/revival to learn more or register. Seating is limited!

Due to the generosity and skilled efforts of our parishioners, the parish once again has a beautiful queen-sized quilt and several other Christmas themed items to raffle off. The funds raised will be going to purchase “stained glass” images that are applied as tints directly to the existing new windows in the small chapel. These will be beautiful while at the same time providing some privacy for chapel occupants.

The tickets will sell for \$5 each or 5 tickets for \$20. The raffle items are currently on display in the Narthex. Be sure to buy tickets! Drawing to be held on December 25 between Masses. These could be wonderful Christmas presents! Tickets are available in the Narthex or you can call the office.

Come and join us! Saint Anthony Parish will be celebrating an **Epiphany Dinner** after the 11:00 am Mass on **Sunday, January 8th**. For all who plan to join us, feel free to contribute a potluck dish, especially if you would like to bring your own family's favorite Christmas dish! We will have King's cakes and prizes. **Everyone please come!** Even if you don't bring a dish we want to celebrate the season with our parish family!



Until December 31, every gift given to the Seminarian Education Endowment at the Catholic Foundation of Eastern Montana will be 100% matched!

Thanks to a generous donor, your gift will have **TWICE** the impact if it is among the first \$40,000 received for the Seminarian Education Endowment!

Please give what you can and know that you are making *double* the difference. No amount is too small. Every single dollar will add up to make a huge difference for **future priests!**

Call the Foundation at **406-315-1765**
or make a gift online at
www.catholicfoundationmt.org/seminarian-matching



CCW
Council of Catholic Women

PCCW officers:

President — Stephanie Swecker, 855-8416

Vice Pres — Kathie Mattern

Secretary — Chris Lohrenz

Treasurer — Birdie Olson

December 4 Coffee & Rolls Homeschool

December 11 Coffee & Rolls St Joan

December 18 Coffee & Rolls St Bridget

December 25 Christmas Break

December Altar Cleaning St Louise

PCCW Annual Christmas Gathering,

6 pm, December 12

Knights of Columbus -

Fr Shevlin Council #6455



Grand Knight, Dale Blom

Knight of the Month - Woody Gertz

KC Family of the Month -

Mark & Lisa Guy

Knights Council Meeting, 7 pm

November 22



Did you know there's a handful of St. Anthony's parishioners who have been driving residents from the Crossings in Laurel to the 11:00 Sunday Mass? The profound appreciation for this service from the older folks we serve has truly been a blessing for those of us volunteering! We donate about an hour of our time once every 5-6 weeks and are finished with the duty about 12:40 pm. A few more volunteer drivers for this important service would be helpful! If it sounds like something you would enjoy doing, please let Deacon Dave know, or contact Meredith Bergin at 406-855-2430. Thank you!

St Anthony parishioners are invited to participate in the "Baby Shower for Jesus" collection for LaVie. Bring your gifts of new unwrapped baby items through December which will be added to the PCCW collection at their annual Christmas Potluck. Let's shower women in need with love!



Christmas Dinner

All women of the parish and their teen daughters are invited to attend the annual PCCW Christmas potluck tomorrow, Monday, December 12, at 6:00 pm. Please bring a dessert or salad to share. The PCCW will provide sliced beef, potato casserole, and rolls. We will be playing Bunko and having a baby shower for LaVie so bring a new unwrapped baby item to donate. We hope you will join us for great food, fellowship, and fun.

Also, Ladies! Save the date and invite your friends to the PCCW Annual Women's Retreat and luncheon to be held January 28, 2023.

FORMED has an entire season of Advent and Christmas offerings lined up for all subscribers! Spiritual pilgrimages, movies, kids shows, devotionals and prayerful traditions. Be sure to add some of these to your holiday season.



Saint Anthony Stewardship Report	
Fiscal Year-to-Date Income	\$ 127,139.15
Budget YTD	\$ 117,300.00
Income week of December 4	\$ 6,869.93
Weekly Budget	\$ 5,100.00

Prefer online donation?

Go to: www.saintanthonicatholicchurch.org

Thank you for your continued support!



SAINT ANTHONY RE PROGRAM All classes will meet as usual on Dec 7, 14, 21. No classes during Christmas break, Dec 28 and Jan 4.

Lessons & Carols

Tonight, December 11th, 2022, beginning at 7:00 pm, St. Mary Catholic Church in Livingston, MT, will present an Advent service (No Mass) of scripture and song. This consists of nine Scripture lessons which recount the Fall, the promise of a Messiah, the Incarnation, and the Great Commission to preach the Good News. Each lesson is followed by a carol or other song that reflects on the lesson's message and a brief prayer.

USCCB Collection for the Retirement Fund for the Religious. Your support of the Retirement Fund helps furnish care, medicine, and other necessities for the senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who have devoted their lives to prayer and ministry. Envelopes available in the Narthex.

A Friendly Reminder—Year End Charitable Giving

Charitable contributions are tax deductible (for those who itemize) in the year the gift is made. For your charitable gifts to be credited in 2022, please note: Donation checks date—and the postmark date—must be before midnight on December 31. Contributions given online are deductible in 2022 as long as you make the gift online before midnight on December 31.



Men's Holy League

The Men will meet next on December 20th, the 3rd Tuesday this month.

Billings Catholic Young Adults is a community of young Catholic adults in the Billings area. If you are interested in learning about or attending any upcoming events go to www.billingscya.com or Facebook page @billingscya.



The seasonal cold and snow will soon return to our area. St. Vincent de Paul will experience a greater demand for socks, winter coats, scarves, hats, and gloves of all sizes for men, women, and children.

These items are especially necessary during the cold winter months that are quickly approaching. They may be dropped off at your parish collection box, at St. Vincent de Paul at 3005 1st Ave South, or call Callie at 406-831-5221.

PARISH MINISTRY CONTACTS

Men's Holy League—Contact Joseph Kalinowski at montana_skis@yahoo.com

Men's Book Club—Contact Jim Borer at JimB8104@protonmail.com or 406-679-2974

Seven Sisters Apostolate—Contact Brooke Speidel, Seven Sisters Anchor, at speidelbunch@gmail.com or call/text 307-575-2547

Parish Meal Train—Contact Kassi Knudsen at kjknudsen@pm.me or 406-465-3490

Homeschool Co-Op—Contact Jahna White at jahnawhite@gmail.com.

Prayer Shawl—if you would like to gift a hand-knit shawl to someone in need, please contact the office staff.

More ministry details on our website.

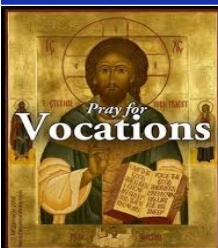
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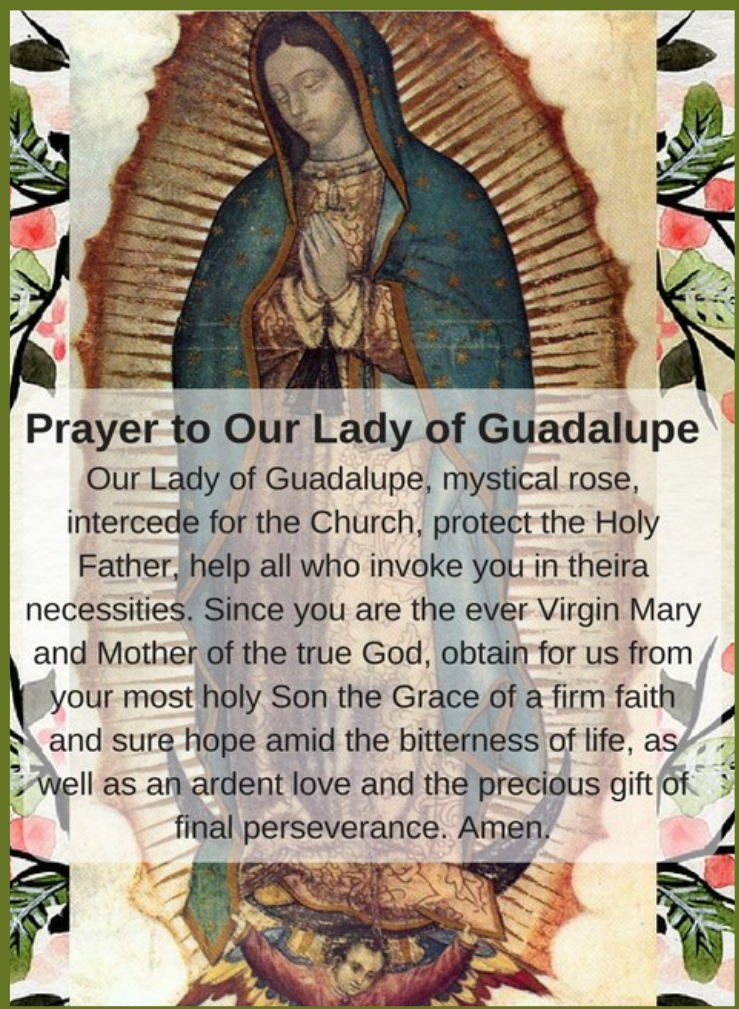
Look up **Reverent Catholic Mass** at <https://reverentcatholicmass.com> to find parishes listed and shown on a map of the US. To stay informed about parish events follow the St Anthony website.

Diocesan Victim Assistance:

Confidential Line 406-750-2373

Email victimassistancecoord@gmail.com

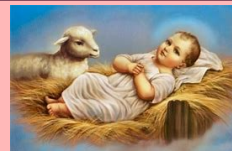




Prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe

Our Lady of Guadalupe, mystical rose, intercede for the Church, protect the Holy Father, help all who invoke you in their necessities. Since you are the ever Virgin Mary and Mother of the true God, obtain for us from your most holy Son the Grace of a firm faith and sure hope amid the bitterness of life, as well as an ardent love and the precious gift of final perseverance. Amen.

Bring Baby Jesus to Mass!
The weekend of December 17-18 Fr Bart will bless the Holy Infant for your manger scene.



The Tradition of Ember Days in the Catholic Church Each set of Ember Days has its own character. In December, the Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday after the Feast of Saint Lucy prepare "the people who have walked in great darkness" for the light that will come into the world at Christmas. Falling no earlier than December 14, 16, and 17, and as late as December 20, 22, and 23, they represent one last voice crying out in the wilderness, to make straight the way of the Lord in our hearts before celebrating His first coming and looking toward His second. The readings for the December Ember Wednesday—[Isaiah 2:2-5](#); [Isaiah 7:10-15](#); [Luke 1:26-38](#)—prophesize the preaching of the Gospel to the Gentiles and call followers to walk in the light of the Lord, and recount Isaiah's prophecy of the virgin who shall give birth to God among men, and then show the fulfillment of that prophecy in the **Annunciation**.

Help decorate for Christmas! Beautiful Christmas poinsettias have been ordered to decorate the church for the holy season and are now on sale for \$15 each. Use an envelope from the table in the Narthex and place your donation in the secure box.



Fr Bart has scheduled the last Rorate Candlelight Mass of the season at **7 am** on December 15. Remember—no electronic device lighting, by *Candlelight only*!

Please Note: Low-Gluten hosts are available—please let Fr Bart know your need prior to Mass. The Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help (5:15 pm), is prayed on Tuesdays and the Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is held on Thursdays and Fridays. The Church is open from 7 am—7 pm daily, allowing parishioners opportunity to pray before the Blessed Sacrament. Fr Bart will hear confessions according to the posted confession schedule or by appointment.

Weekly Mass & Schedule

Date	Time	Auxiliary		Mass Intention	Offered By
Monday, Dec 12	9:00 am	Rosary & Liturgy			
Tuesday, Dec 13	9:00 am	Rosary & Liturgy			
	5:30 pm	Latin Low Mass	✝	Bill Glennon, Jr	Bradley & Unquera Families
Wed, Dec 14	9:00 am	Latin Low Mass		Knights Council #6455	Knights of Columbus
Thursday, Dec 15	7:00 am	Rorate Latin Low Mass	✝	James Ulrich	Dean & Margo Bruschwein
	8:00 am	Eucharistic Adoration	5 pm	Benediction	All visitors welcome!
Friday, Dec 16	9:00 am	Latin Low Mass		Monique Riley	Bradley & Unquera Families
	10:00 am	Eucharistic Adoration	5 pm	Benediction	All visitors welcome!
Saturday, Dec 17	9:00 am	Latin Low Mass	✝	Teresa Granier	Peter & Kathy Michelotti
	5:30 pm	Saturday Vigil Mass	✝	Pat McNew	Chris Lohrenz
Sunday, Dec 18	8:45 am	Solemn Sunday Mass		Pro Populo	
4th Sunday of Advent	11:00 am	Sunday Mass	✝	Kevin Hanley	Wayne & Meg Erlenbush

Currently scheduling Mass Intention requests for September, 2023, and beyond.