

# 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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[www.saintanthonycatholicchurch.org](http://www.saintanthonycatholicchurch.org)

[facebook.com/](https://facebook.com/saintanthonycatholicchurchmontanalarelaurel)

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FORMED: [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org) (sign up under our parish name)

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.*

## Christmas Day



## COME, THOU LONG EXPECTED JESUS

**Come, thou long  
 expected Jesus,  
 Born to set thy people  
 free  
 From our fears and sins  
 release us.  
 Let us find our rest in  
 thee.**

**Israel's strength and  
 consolation,  
 Hope of all the earth  
 thou art.  
 Dear desire of every  
 nation  
 Joy of every longing  
 heart.**

**Born thy people to  
 deliver,**

**Born a child and yet a  
 king  
 Born to reign in us  
 forever,  
 Now thy gracious  
 kingdom bring.  
 By thine own eternal  
 spirit,  
 Rule in all our hearts  
 alone  
 By thine own sufficient  
 merit,  
 Raise us to thy glorious  
 throne.  
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***Lex Orandi, Lex Credendi, Lex Vivendi!***

*"How we pray forms what we believe, which forms the way we live."*

**Blessing of Wine on the Feast of Saint John the Apostle**

Sacraments are visible signs given by Christ to give grace to souls. **Sacramentals** are visible signs given by the Church to give grace to souls. We all know the great power of the 7 Sacraments to give grace, but do we realize the great power and help of the sacramentals of the Church? Through His Church, our Lord Jesus Christ has given us dozens of sacramentals to help us grow in grace: holy water, the Brown Scapular and a blessed Saint Benedict medal are a few examples.

A sacramental opportunity is coming up in the week following Christmas, on the Feast of Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist. Although Saint Peter was chosen by Christ to be the first and leader among the 12 Apostles, Saint John was called 'the Beloved Disciple.' John demonstrates His love for our Lord in that he was the only apostle who stood at the foot of the cross. We see another image of the love between our Lord and John at the Last Supper, when John is reclining on our Lord's chest, so close to the Sacred Heart.

Sometime after Christ's ascension into heaven, enemies tried to kill Saint John by putting poison in his wine. When he blessed the wine a serpent came out of the chalice and he drank it without any ill effect! In honor of Saint John the Beloved, the Church now provides a blessing that any priest can invoke over wine on his feast day, December 27<sup>th</sup>. Here's a text-bite of that blessing:

"If it please you, Lord God, bless and consecrate this vessel of wine by the power of your right hand; and grant that, through the merits of St. John, apostle and evangelist, all your faithful who drink of it may find it a help and a protection. As the blessed John drank the poisoned potion without any ill effects, so may all who today drink the blessed wine in his honor be delivered from poisoning and similar harmful things. And as they offer themselves body and soul to you, may they obtain pardon of all their sins; through Christ our Lord."

There is an ancient tradition of gathering with family and friends on the Feast of Saint John for a special meal in which all are invited to share in the blessed wine. Raising a glass, the host says, "I drink you the love of Saint John," to which they reply, "I thank you for the love of Saint John." Yet another easy way to bring our Catholic Faith into our homes and family life, and a real blessing for help and protection for body and soul!

I invite you to bring wine to Mass on Thursday, December 27<sup>th</sup>, which I will bless following the Mass. If you are unable to be there for the 9 AM Mass, you could bring it to the sacristy the day before and pick it back up later—just make sure you label it!

*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.

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



The parish office will be closed for the holidays, December 23—26th and January 2nd. Resuming regular posted hours on Tuesday, December 27th.

**FEAST DAY OF ST JOHN, APOSTLE**

**DECEMBER 27**

Fr Bart will be doing the traditional blessing of wine for the **Feast of St. John** following the **5:30 PM Mass on Tuesday, December 27th**. If you would like to have wine specially blessed for this feast, bring your wine (as much as you wish) to Mass, and Father will bless it after Mass.

Wine is blessed on this day because according to legend, St. John was served poisoned wine, but survived because he blessed the wine before he put it to his lips; the poison rose from the chalice in the shape of a serpent. In his happy memory, Catholics bring wine to church, which the priest blesses, turning it into a sacramental called the "Love of St. John." Catholics use this sacramental wine for special occasions throughout the year and to give to the sick.

The wine is also a symbol of the great love of Christ that filled St. John's heart with loyalty, courage and enthusiasm for his Master. He alone of all the apostles was not afraid to stay close to Jesus during the Passion and Crucifixion and he was the only Apostle not martyred.

At least some of the wine blessed on the feast should be enjoyed on the day of the feast itself. When it is drunk on his Feast Day, we drink it before dinner as a toast to St. John. The Father of the house lifts his glass toward Mother and says, "I drink you the love of St. John." The Mother replies "I thank you for the Love of St. John" and then turns to the oldest child, lifts her glass, and says, "I drink you the love of St. John..." – and on it goes down the line until each has been toasted.

The wine may be drunk as is, out of the bottle, or may be prepared as in this recipe:

**St. John's Love (serves 8)**

- 1 quart red wine
- 3 whole cloves
- 1/16 teaspoon ground cardamom
- 2 two-inch cinnamon sticks
- 1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1/2 cup sugar

Pour the wine into a large saucepan. Add the remaining ingredients. Boil for 5 minutes (this pretty much evaporates all of the alcohol). Serve hot.





**PCCW officers:**  
 President — Stephanie Swecker, 855-8416  
 Vice Pres — Kathie Mattern  
 Secretary — Chris Lohrenz  
 Treasurer — Birdie Olson

December 25 Christmas Break  
 January 1 New Year's Break

January Altar Cleaning St Bridget  
 PCCW Monthly Meeting,  
 6 pm, January 9, St Joan  
 Hostessing



Knights of Columbus -  
Fr Shevlin Council #6455

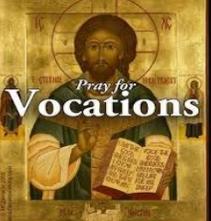
Grand Knight, Dale Blom  
 Knight of the Month - Dallas Contreras  
 KC Family of the Month –  
 Steve & Tracey Chechet  
 Knights Council Meeting, 7 pm  
 December 27

**PARISH MINISTRY CONTACTS**

**Men's Holy League**—Contact Joseph Kalinowski at [montana\\_skis@yahoo.com](mailto:montana_skis@yahoo.com)  
**Men's Book Club**—Contact Jim Borer at [JimB8104@protonmail.com](mailto:JimB8104@protonmail.com) or 406-679-2974  
**Seven Sisters Apostolate**—Contact Brooke Speidel, Seven Sisters Anchor, at [speidelbunch@gmail.com](mailto:speidelbunch@gmail.com) or call/text 307-575-2547  
**Parish Meal Train**— Contact Kassi Knudsen at [kjknudsen@pm.me](mailto:kjknudsen@pm.me) or 406-465-3490  
**Homeschool Co-Op**—Contact Jahna White at [jahnawhite@gmail.com](mailto: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.

Will you be traveling?  
 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](mailto:victimassistancecoord@gmail.com)



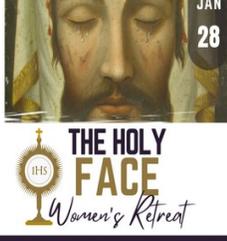

Pray for **Vocations**

**Billings Catholic Radio**  
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**Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience:** Today is born to us a Savior, a newborn babe who cannot yet speak, but whose life will change the world. How is he calling you to be a voice of change in this world? The WWME Experience is an opportunity to find your voice as a couple, to make small changes in your everyday lives. These small changes have the capacity to change this world, certainly the lives of your children and those closest to you. Take the leap of faith and register for the next Experience, Feb 3-5 in Billings followed by Elk Mountain April 21-23. For more information or to register call Dan and Clare: 406-697-3275 or visit our website: [wwme.org](http://wwme.org)



FORMED has an entire season of 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.



JAN 28

Also, Ladies! Save the date and invite your friends to the PCCW Annual Women's Retreat and luncheon to be held January 28, 2023. This year's theme is "The Holy Face" Registration now available on our website.

**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 30.

**Saint Anthony Stewardship Report**

Fiscal Year-to-Date Income	\$ 138,738.15
Budget YTD	\$ 127,500.00
Income week of December 18	\$ 7,748.00
Weekly Budget	\$ 5,100.00

*Prefer online donation?*  
 Go to: [www.saintanthonycatholicchurch.org](http://www.saintanthonycatholicchurch.org)  
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 Thank you for your continued support!



**SAINT ANTHONY RE PROGRAM**  
 No classes during Christmas break, Dec 28 and Jan 4. All classes will meet as usual on Jan 11, 2023.

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 31. Let's shower women in need with love!



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**. Visit [diocesegfb.org/](http://diocesegfb.org/) revival to learn more or register. Seating is limited!



**Men's Holy League** will meet next on January 3rd.

**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](http://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 1<sup>st</sup> Ave South, or call Callie at 406-831-5221.



## Impending Nativity of Our Lord

### *A Prayer of Praise to the Blessed Virgin Mary by St. Ephrem*

**O pure and immaculate and likewise blessed Virgin, who art the sinless Mother of thy Son, the mighty Lord of the universe, thou who art inviolate and altogether holy, the hope of the hopeless and sinful, we sing thy praises.**

**We bless thee, as full of every grace, thou who didst bear the God-Man: we all bow low before thee; we invoke thee and implore thine aid. Rescue us, O holy and inviolate Virgin, from every necessity that presses upon us and from all the temptations of the devil.**

**Be our intercessor and advocate at the hour of death and judgement; deliver us from the fire that is not extinguished and from the outer darkness;**

**make us worthy of the glory of thy Son, O dearest and most clement Virgin Mother.**

**Thou indeed art our only hope, most sure and sacred in God's sight, to whom be honor and glory, majesty and dominion, for ever and ever, world without end. Amen**

*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 26	9:00 am	Rosary & Liturgy			
Tuesday, Dec 27	9:00 am	Rosary & Liturgy			
	5:30 pm	Latin Low Mass		Benjamin Bruner	Healey Family
Wed, Dec 28	9:00 am	Latin Low Mass		St Anthony Parish	Knights of Columbus
Thursday, Dec 29	9:00 am	Latin Low Mass		MaraLena Robbins	Michelle Lopez
	10:00 am	<b>Eucharistic Adoration</b>	5 pm	<b>Benediction</b>	<b>All visitors welcome!</b>
Friday, Dec 30	9:00 am	Latin Low Mass		Joseph Kalinowski	Lise Kalinowski
	10:00 am	<b>Eucharistic Adoration</b>	5 pm	<b>Benediction</b>	<b>All visitors welcome!</b>
Saturday, Dec 31	9:00 am	Latin Low Mass		Tseu SoonMing	Healey Family
	5:30 pm	Saturday Vigil Mass	✠	Tom Howard	Fr Bart Stevens
Sunday, Jan 1	8:45 am	Solemn Sunday Mass		Pro Populo	
<b>New Year's Day</b>	11:00 am	Sunday Mass	✠	Peg Casey & Family	Dean & Margo Bruschwein

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