# Saint Anthony Catholic Church

Roman Catholic Diocese of Great Falls—Billings



Weekend Mass Schedule: Saturday 5:30 pm

8:45 am, 11:00 am Sunday

Daily Low Latin Mass Schedule:

Tuesday 5:30 pm Wed - Sat 9:00 am Sacrament of Reconciliation

7:45 - 8:30 am Sunday Tues & Sat 4:00 - 5:00 pm

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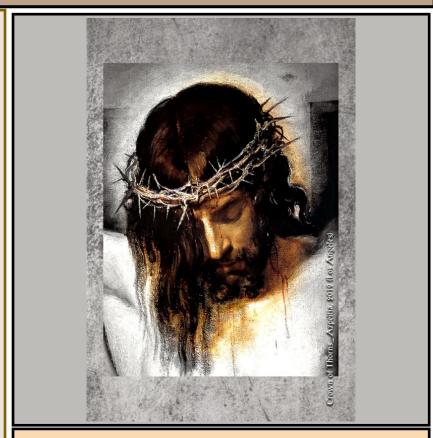
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# **Prayer to the Holy Face of Jesus**

Divine Master, my suffering Lord, what a wealth of priceless lessons in Thy bruised and battered Face! What a depth of meaning in Thy parched and silent Lips! What a store of endless peace, of sweet restfulness lies in Thy tattered rags, in Thy corded Hands, Thy thorn crowned Head! O let me look upon my thorn crowned Prince until pride is crushed, until my thoughts become worthy of this grandly humble King, until my judgments are purified by the drippings from the bleeding Head of my cherished Master. Let me look upon the King of Sorrows, my King, until my soul is steeped in peace, until its hunger is satisfied, until my life is one long continuous hymn of praise and joy and never-ending love. Let my heart burn brightly before Thee, like the little Sanctuary Lamp, until the day when it may please Thee, to extinguish it softly below in order to light it again in Heaven! Amen.

Let us adore the Sacred Face of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Our Savior, Whose merits are infinite and Whose mercy is fathomless. May He grant us the remission of our sins and true conversion. Let us console His Sacred Face by the purity of our lives, by fearless witness to our Faith and by the depth of our love! Amen.

Second Sunday of Lent February 25, 2024

# Lex Orandi, Lex Credendi, Lex Vivendi!

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

## What is Penance?

As Catholics we are obligated to do **penance**, especially during this holy season of Lent. However, <u>penance is required throughout the entire year on every Friday that is not a Holy Day of Obligation</u>. It is a grave sin to refrain from doing some penance in Lent and on the other Fridays of the year.

So, what is penance? Penance is two things. First of all, doing penance means repenting of sin. To repent means that we turn away from our sins; that we make a real effort to avoid committing them in the future. This is the most important part of penance—to stop sinning. Sin is an offense to God, who is infinitely good and worthy of our perfect love and obedience. Days of penance, in Lent and on Fridays throughout the year, should be days that we examine our hearts and our lives, make an accounting of our sins, express our sorrow to God for them, and make a firm resolve (and plan) to avoid those sins in the future.

However, telling God that we are sorry and turning away from sin are not enough; we need also to make up for our sins. This is the second part of penance and it is called *reparation*. When Jonah preached to the wicked citizens of Nineveh, saying that their city would be destroyed because of their wickedness, the king ordered that everyone in the city do this two-fold penance.

He made this proclamation, "Neither man nor beast shall taste anything; they shall not eat, nor shall they drink water. Man and beast shall be covered with sackcloth and call loudly to God; every man shall turn from his evil way and from the violence he has in hand." They turned away from their wickedness and they performed acts of reparation by fasting, fervent prayer, and wearing sackcloth. As a result, "When God saw by their actions how they turned from their evil way, He repented of the evil that He had threatened to do to them."

Turning away from sin during this Lenten season is what is most important and most desired by God, but our penance must also include acts of reparation, humbling ourselves before God with prayer, fasting, and works of mercy. These acts of reparation are both a matter of satisfying God's justice and also as a way of demonstrating the sincerity of our repentance. As our Lord said, "Unless you do penance, you also will perish." With generous hearts, let us continue this two-fold work of penance, both during this Lenten season, and on Fridays throughout the year.

Pax.

Fr Bart

#### **Upcoming Parish Events**

- Feb 25 TODAY!! KC & PCCW Annual Roast Beef Dinner
- Feb 25 Continue Seven Sundays (#4) of St Joseph
- Feb 27 Knights of Columbus meeting at 7 pm
- Feb 28 Men's Community Lenten Breakfasts at 6:30 am on Wednesdays; third one will be held at Grace Bible Church
- Feb 29 Fr Bart addressing Billings Catholic Young Adults here at 5:30, Followed by Holy Hour at 6 pm
- Mar 1 Stations of the Cross at 6 pm with Lenten Soup Potluck Supper
- Mar 2 Young Families Luncheon at 3 pm in the Hall
- Mar 2 OCIA Class in the Hall classroom with Deacon Dave at 3:30 pm



Each Friday Fr Bart leads Benediction at 5:00 pm (note correction from 5:45) and the Stations of the Cross at 6 pm. All parishioners are invited to gather for a delicious meatless soup and bread Lenten supper afterwards. We need volunteers to <u>sign up</u> for providing the soups that we will enjoy sharing each week.



After supper we need a few volunteers to hang around and help with the dishes and general cleanup. Many hands make light work!



Save the date for Chris Stefanick!

> Thursday, March 21, 2024

> > 6:30pm

The Ralph Nelles Center at

Billings Central Catholic High School

Brought to you by Billings Catholic Schools

Founder and president of Real Life Catholic and recipient of the Papal Benemerenti Medal, Archbishop Charles J. Chaput calls Chris "one of the most engaging defenders of the Christian faith on the scene today." Chris's live seminars reach more than 85,000 people per year. His reality TV show, videos, and radio spots reach millions of people, and his educational initiatives are turning the tide in the Church. He authored the Chosen Confirmation program which has already formed more than 500,000 teens.



February 25, 2024 Second Sunday of Lent



#### PCCW Officers:

President — Stephanie Swecker, 855-8416

Coffee & Rolls Schedule:

February 25 Annual Roast Beef Dinner March 3 Coffee & Rolls St Louise March 10 Coffee & Rolls Homeschool March 17 St Patrick/St Joseph Celebration

**February Altar Cleaning** St Louise PCCW Meeting Monday, March 11, 6:30 pm Hostess: St Louise

Knights of Columbus -

Fr Shevlin Council #6455

**Grand Knight — Dale Blom** Knight of the Month - Cal Renner KC Family of the Month -

**Kevin & Sarah Smith** Knights Council Meeting, Tues, Feb 27, 7 pm

## PARISH MINISTRY CONTACTS

Men's Holy League—Contact Joseph

Kalinowski at montana skis@yahoo.com

Men's Book Club — Sundays-Contact Chris White at 406-445-9106

Women's Book Club — Wednesdays-Contact Chris Lohrenz at 406-581-4125

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

Parish Meal Train - Contact Briana Leslie, brianacollins04@gmail.com; 847-340-2742

Homeschool Co-Op—Contact Jamille Winrow at jamille.winrow@gmail.com.

St Anthony Art Guild—Wednesdays— Contact Meredith Bergin at 406-855-2430 by text or at <a href="mailto:meredithjbergin@proton.me">meredithjbergin@proton.me</a>

St Anthony Homeopathy Study Guild -3rd Sundays—Contact Michelle Lopez at the office.

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

# **Bishop Fleming invites you to join him** for a Synod on Synodality Listening Session

Thursday February 15, 2024 - 6:30pm Holy Spirit Parish, Great Falls, MT

Sunday March 3, 2024 - 3:30pm St. Thomas the Apostle, Billings, MT





Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience: We often tell couples that a Marriage Encounter Experience is an opportunity to make a good marriage even better. Our encounter minds immediately become flooded with such sayings as "If it ain't broke, don't fix

it." In reality we know that our God will not lead us where his love and care (and our faith) will not sustain us. Applying to attend the next Experience in Elk Mountain April 12-14 is a risk, like many of the other risks we take every day. Decide as husband and wife to take this risk. Trust that God's love and your love for each other will bless you. To learn more, watch: https:// www.facebook.com/watch/?v=635747607124827 visit the website: wwme.org OR apply today by calling 307-215-9444

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Judy Busenbark and for her family at this time.





# Religious Education—

Sacrament student families: the sacrament documents are due. Please return the blue. vellow, and pink forms from the Sacramental Preparation packet as

soon as possible. If your child was baptized at a different parish a copy of the baptismal certificate is also needed. Contact Rita in the RE office if you have any questions.

#### **Attention Lectors**

A new schedule is forthcoming for the



period 3/9/24 through 9/29/24, which includes Holy Week. Please let me know by February 18th of dates that you are unable to serve during this time. Thank you for your commitment to this ministry!

jmauzqui@gmail.com 406.208.3068

#### Scholarship Opportunities

St Anthony Knights of Columbus are offering two \$500 scholarships for eligible graduating seniors who must be attending a post-secondary educational institution this fall. Applications can be picked up at the office and are due by May 1.

Saint Anthony PCCW offers a prospective high school senior female student a \$250.00 college scholarship. The recipient must be a student from Saint Anthony Parish planning to attend college for the first time in the fall of 2024. If you would like more information about the scholarship please contact the office. Applications due May 1, 2024

The five vicariates of the Great Falls/ Billings Diocesan Council of Catholic Women are awarding one \$500 scholarship to a graduating high school senior girl. Applications are available by contacting St Anthony parish office at 628-7182 or by contacting Toni Ziegler at (406) 654-1187. Deadline to apply is May 20, 2024

Greetings from Carroll College! We are pleased again to offer a prospective student from your parish a Carroll College Scholarship, named in memory of the deceased priests of the Diocese of Helena and the Diocese of Great Falls-Billings. As a reminder, the scholarship which is funded by Carroll College, is \$1,000. Applications due March 15, 2024

# Stewardship at St Anthony

## Fiscal Year-To-Date Income (Week 35)

\$ 190,409.52
\$ 4,792.66
\$ 13,890.00
\$ 209,092.18
\$ 203,000.00
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Offertory Week of February 18	\$ 5,287.00
Designated Donation	\$ 0.00
Total Income for Week	\$ 5,287.00
Weekly Budget	\$ 5,800.00

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Projects/Almsgiving/Camp		
FYTD Non-Budget Income	\$	25,615.55
FYTD Expenses paid out	\$	15,685.85
Balance due upon completion—		
New West church doors	\$	9,890.60
Balance due on Diocesan Ioan—		
Church windows	\$	14,604.82

Prefer online donation? Go to: www.saintanthonycatholicchurch.org Thank you for your continued support!





# Weekly Giving St. Anthony Offertory



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"ALL OR NOTHING" the video will be shown at Soup and Stations on March 8th. The video tells the inspiring story of Clare Crockett, a religious sister who was tragically killed in an earthquake in Ecuador.

Stations of the Cross
-6 pm with Soup
Supper to follow at
the Parish Hall

If you are a Catholic homeschooler looking to complement your homeschool experience, St. Anthony Catholic Church in Laurel hosts a Catholic Homeschool Co-op for Pk-12th grade. The Co-Op will have open houses in April where prospective members can observe the Co-Op. If you are interested in attending or have more questions you can contact Jamille at jamille.winrow@gmail.com.

St. Anthony's
Art Guild

Ukrainian Egg Class

Mar 23, 1:00-3:00pm

St. Anthony's Art Guild will be hosting a Ukrainian Easter Egg Decorating Class on Saturday, March 23, from 1:00-3:00 pm, taught by talented parishioner Laura Gary. This a no-cost opportunity open to anyone age 18 or up. Class size is limited to 20 and filling up fast! Please sign up on sheet in Narthex or contact Meredith Bergin for details.

The new Art Guild radio interview is available at <u>kjcrradio.com/community-interviews</u>.

St. Anthony will be preparing/serving breakfast at St. Vincent DePaul next on March 9th. For more information and to volunteer to bake casseroles and/or help serve, contact Joseph & Lise Kalinowski at montana skis@yahoo.com.

The diocesan special collection this month is for the National Black & Indian Missions. Schools, parish religious education programs and diocesan ministries depend on your generosity. Envelopes can be found at the church entrances. Please consider a generous donation to this special collection.



March 19th, our most important fundraiser of the year! Billings Catholic Radio is devoted to being a channel of God's goodness, bringing our Catholic community together. We all have a role in the vital work of evangelization so we invite you to join our mission. Support Billings Catholic Radio! To reserve a table or individual seats visit: billingscatholicradio.com/fundraiser or Call 406.294.5250.

Good Friday Cross Walk—Pro-life Meditations on the Passion of Christ. Friday, March 29 at 12:30 pm, meet in the parking lot of St Pius X, 18th & Broadwater, Billings. For more information, Call Amy Seymour, 406-855-3737.

## WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

**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.

<u>Date/Observance</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Auxiliary</u>		<u>Intention</u>	Offered By
Monday, February 26	9:00 am	Rosary & Liturgy			
Tuesday, February 27	9:00 am	Rosary & Liturgy			
	5:30 pm	Daily Mass	*	Ronald Johnson	Mike & Kathy Manders
Wednesday, February 28	9:00 am	Daily Mass		Mark Houck & Family	Manders Family
Thursday, February 29	9:00 am	Daily Mass	#	Fr Patrick Loughnane	Gabrielle Kojder
	10:00 am	<b>Eucharistic Adoration</b>	5:00 pm	Benediction	All visitors welcome!
Friday, March 1	9:00 am	Daily Mass	*	End of Abortion	PCCW
First Friday	10:00 am	24-HourAdoration	8:45 am	Saturday Benediction	All visitors welcome!
Saturday, March 2	9:00 am	Daily Mass	*	Memory of the Unborn	Knights of Columbus
First Saturday	5:30 pm	Saturday Vigil Mass	*	Dale & Emma Lamphear	Rod & Beth Lamphear
Sunday, March 3	8:45 am	Solemn Mass		Pro Populo	
	11:00 am	Sunday Mass	*	Judy Busenbark	Bree Nylander