# 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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Please remember to contact Fr. Bart or the office if you or someone in your family is hospitalized or enters a care facility. This is the only way we know.



As a special patron and protector of the Church, St. Michael has been assigned to fight against Satan; to protect faithful souls from him, especially at their death; to champion God's people; and, further along this line, to escort them to their judgment. St. Michael's very name (in Hebrew, Micha'el meaning "Who is like unto God?") denotes the war cry uttered in that battle. Note that when we talk about Satan or the devil here we are also referring to his "army" of fallen angels, the evil spirits referred to in the Saint Michael prayer.

As St. Paul put it, we fight "not against flesh and blood but against principalities and power, against the rulers of the world of this darkness, against the spirits of wickedness" (Eph 6:12). Remember, God permits us to be tempted by the devil but gives us the grace to resist him through prayer in our daily lives.

#### Lex Orandi, Lex Credendi, Lex Vivendi!

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

#### **Spiritual Warfare**

Saint Peter warned the faithful in his first letter, "Your opponent the devil is prowling around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in faith." (1 Peter 5:8).

In the beginning God created all the angels in heaven, like us in that they have an intellect and free will; unlike us in that their intellect is far superior to ours and they are not limited by a material body. Like Adam and Eve, the angels were given a test of obedience. A third of the angels rebelled with the Seraphim Lucifer saying, "We will not serve!" and were cast out of heaven. These bad angels are eternally set in evil and condemned for all eternity. They know they can't defeat God, their Creator, so they focus their attack on God's most beloved creature—Man. They never sleep and will never stop trying to lure, trick, entice, and ultimately, drag us down with them into eternal damnation. Whether we recognize it or not, we are presently at war with the forces of darkness for our eternal souls and the souls of others. We cannot sit this one out, we have to defend ourselves.

The devil's tactics are most often sneaky and subtle. As the Scripture says, he disguises himself as an angel of light. He is a master of deception. In order to defend ourselves against him, we need to know how he works and to know how to use the weapons God has provided us to resist his attacks.

The powers of darkness are spreading and growing in strength in our times. Witchcraft, Satanism, and other occult activities are being practiced by more and more people and more and more openly—even publicly. The occult is becoming trendy. A book was recently published called *A Children's Book of Demons*, that teaches kids how to summon demons—which you can buy on Amazon or at your local Walmart! Exorcists can't keep up with the requests for their help. Many exorcists are saying that deliverance cases that used to take days or weeks are now taking months or years.

The good news is this: of the three primary enemies of our souls, the world, the flesh and the devil, the devil is the easiest to defeat. As St. Peter tells us, "Resist the devil and he will flee." The devil is a coward. Simply calling on the name of Jesus or Mary makes him tremble with fear. Another good prayer to make the devil flee is, "Blood of Jesus, wash over me." There is great power in invoking the Precious Blood of our Savior!! We also want to be careful about staying in a state of Sanctifying Grace to keep the devil at bay.

And let us not forget to call upon St. Michael the Archangel, whose feast we celebrate tomorrow, September 29th. He was the first to resist the devil and his pride by declaring, "Who is like God?" When our enemy attacks, St. Michael will always come to our aid when we call upon him!

Saint Michael the Archangel, pray for us!

Dax

Fr Bart

- Sept 29: Feast of the Holy Archangels
- Sept 29: Conclusion of St Michael's Lent Mass, 6 pm
- Oct 3: 40 Days of Prayer for Life walk
- Oct 4: KC Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser at the Hall
- Oct 4: OCIA in Parish Hall, 3—4:30 pm
- Oct 5: St Francis Blessing of the Animals Ice Cream Social
- Oct 7: Well Ordered Family Kick-off Event, after 5:30 pm Mass
- Oct 11: Fatima Crusade Rosary Rally at Thomson Park, 12:30 pm



The Knights of Columbus will be holding their special fall fundraising event, a spaghetti dinner, on October 4th in the Parish Hall. The Knights will begin serving at 5 pm

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til 7 pm. Please plan to attend with your family and support our Knights events.

<u>Special parish event!</u> To conclude St Michael's Lent on Monday, September 29, the Feast of the Holy Archangels, Fr Bart and Fr Ryan are teaming up to present a Missa Cantata for those who have participated in this devotion (but the Mass is open to all who would like to attend). If you missed out this year be sure to prepare yourself for next year's devotion.

Well Ordered Family Kick-off Event on October 7! What is Well-Ordered Family? It is a program from TAN created to help Catholic families bring order, unity, and clarity to their homes. Rooted in faith and built on practical wisdom, it offers tools to improve communications, set shared goals, and build a joyful, well-structured family life.

Fr Bart and St Anthony Parish have provided this program and are encouraging all families to use the coupon code from last weeks handout (also on bulletin board) and benefit from the free access to the video course.

The kick-off will take place on October 7th after the Tuesday 5:30 pm Mass. There will be a meal served followed by a special presentation from a TAN representative.

Sign up sheet for interested families in the Narthex. We hope to see every parish family attend. Take time to check it out!

Fall in love again

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend **Nov 7-9, 2025** Gillette WY

To apply: <u>www.wwme.org</u> or Call Paul & Tracy 307-689-2820





PCCW President—Judy Goldsby, 406.855.0053

No coffee & rolls during the summer August Altar Cleaning St Bridget

PCCW meeting on Oct 13 @ 6:30 pm

Knights of Columbus -Fr Shevlin Council #6455



Grand Knight — Denny Mogan, 406.530.4294

Knight of the Month - Kelly Smarsh KC Family of the Month -

Doug & Jeanna Seymour Knights Meeting on Oct 28 @ 7 pm

#### PARISH MINISTRY CONTACTS

<u>Book Club for Women</u>—Wednesdays-Contact Chris Lohrenz at 406-581-4125 <u>Frassati Fellowship for Men</u>—Sundays-Contact Chris White at 406-445-9106

St Anthony Homeschool Co-Op— Contact Lise Kalinowski at paduahomeschool.mt@gmail.com

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

Parish Meal Train— Contact Briana Leslie, <u>brianacollins04@gmail.com</u>; 847 -340-2742

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

<u>St Anthony Art Guild</u>—Wednesdays— Contact Meredith Bergin at 406-855-2430 by text or at <u>mere-dithjbergin@proton.me</u>

Young Families—Contact Maggie Rolwes at <u>maggierolwes@gmail.com</u>.

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

More ministry details on our website.



Diocesan Victim Assistance:

Confidential Line 406-750-2373

Email victimassistancecoord@gmail.com

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



#### **Religious Education at St Anthony**

Please note that there have been some changes. *There will be no classes for Grades 3—6.* Parents of Atrium and First Sacrament students please bring your children to their respective

classrooms at 4:15 and pick them up again at 5:15 pm.

Grades K— 2 Wednesdays from 4:15-5:15 PM.
Grades 7—12 Wednesdays from 7:00-8:30 PM.
We hope to see all parish families attend the Well
Ordered Family kick-off event on October 7th!



Fr Bart will be holding the annual blessing of the animals in honor of St Francis on October 5th at 12:30 in the small parking lot beside his home. Ice cream social to follow.

The St Anthony Choir, aka the St Gregory Schola begins rehearsing on Wednesday October 8, 5:30—6:30, in the choir loft. The Schola sings for the 8:45 am Mass on Sundays and for special holy days. It is open to both children and adults with a broad repertoire.

There is also a men's schola that sings every two weeks and rehearses before Mass on Sunday.

If you are interested in either schola you can just show up or call Joe Sullivan at 406.697.6576.

Come and behold the Truth, Beauty and Goodness of the Catholic Faith at our OCIA class which began on Saturday, September 27th, from 3:00-4:30 pm and will continue to meet in the Parish Hall on Saturdays. The book and video series used for this is CREDO, which is published by the Dominican Friars of the St. Thomas Institute in Washington D.C.

Whether you are a born and raised Catholic or someone seeking to learn more about what the Catholic Church actually teaches, come ready to be challenged and to have your mind and heart blown away by the Truth, Beauty and Goodness of the Catholic Faith! Sign up today in the Narthex!

The 2025 Public Square Rosary Crusade, organized by America Needs Fatima, is part of a larger movement to pray for the conversion of America and the triumph of Our Lady's Immaculate Heart. The fall event marks the anniversary of the Miracle of the Sun at Fatima.

For St Anthony parish, this event will take place at 12:30 on October 11 at Thomson Park

St. Anthony's Art Guild will continue meeting at 7:00-8:30 on Wednesdays in the parish hall during the school year. This time slot coincides with evening Religious Ed for junior high and high school students.

If you would like to join us to work on sacred art projects, for more information, or to be added to the Art Guild text list please contact Meredith Bergin .



### **Stewardship at St Anthony**

Fiscal Year-To-Date Income (Week 12) Offertory-taxable	\$	66,794.05
Other Income-taxable	\$	493.65
Budget-Related Donations-nontaxable	\$	600.00
Total Budget-Related Income	\$	67,887.70
FYTD Income Needed for Budget	\$	70,800.00
Offertory Week of August 31	\$	5,125.25
Designated Donation/Other Income	\$	455.00
Total Income for Week	\$	5,580.25
Weekly Budget	\$	5,900.00
Projects/Liturgical/Almsgiving/Camp FYTD Non-Budget Income FYTD Expenses paid out	\$ \$	11,035.00 7,778.12

#### Thank you for your continued support!

 Annual Catholic Appeal 2025 (68/164 Families = 41%)

 Total Pledged
 \$ 32,564.15

 Total Paid
 \$ 29,994.73

 Pledge Balance
 \$ (2,569.42)

Thank you to those who have already responded! Remember: Checks for the Annual Catholic Appeal must be made out to the Diocese of Great Falls-Billings and not to St Anthony.

Prefer to make your donation online?
Go to:
www.saintanthonycatholicchurch.org
Or scan to give:



#### Catholic Social Services of Montana "Baby Boutique"

New Location! It is now in the lower level of the St Patrick Co-Cathedral Parish Center.

#### Open Tues & Thurs, 9:30—11:30 am.

The Boutique is happily accepting donations of baby wipes, pullups, rash cream and clean and washed baby clothing age 1-3. Baby item donations from St Anthony are collected in the Narthex.

They are also looking for volunteers. Please contact Melissa Zimmerman at 406-208-5450 or Charlene Adams at 928-580-0816.



Plan ahead! Annual Christmas program beginning October. Gift boxes need to be ready to return by early November.



#### Feast of the Holy Guardian Angels,

October 2

Do you know you have a spe-cial angel? No, not just someone you love! The Guardian Angel Prayer pays tribute to a wonderful divine being! God in His great love for us gives each of us our own unique guide, a guardi-an angel, at birth to keep us going in the right direction on our path towards heaven.

Christ Himself

made reference



to Guardian Angels when he said once referring to children that "their angels in heaven always see the face of my Father who is in heaven" (Matt 18:10). Guardian angels watch over us, pray for us, and help guide our thoughts and inclinations. They can even protect us from physical as well as spiritual harm! "How great is the value of the (human) soul that every single per-

"How great is the value of the (human) soul that every single person has from birth received an angel for his protection." St Jerome.

The Guardian Angel Prayer sums this up quite nicely: Angel of God, my guardian dear, to whom God's love commits me here, ever this day [or night] be at my side, to light and guard, to rule and guide. Amen.

## Join the Billings LIFE CHAIN!

Sunday, Oct. 5, at 2 pm, STAND UP FOR LIFE during the 19th Annual Billings Life Chain



LIFE CHAIN: a peaceful, prayerful, public witness

of pro-life Americans standing for 90 minutes, praying for our nation and for all those wounded by abortion.

• WHO: All pro-life people, regardless of religious affiliation

• WHEN: Sunday, Oct. 5, 2025, 2 - 3:30 p.m.

WHERE: King Ave. West (north side of the street),
 spreading west from 24th Street West, Billings

• HOW:

- Park in parking lots on the <u>north side of King Ave</u>, away from business entrances.
- > Come to our table on the lawn near City Brew to pick out a sign.
- Then join the line become a link in the chain! and stand silently and prayerfully, holding your sign up for passing motorists to see.

Rain or shine – or even snow! Feel free to bring a stool or chair if standing for 90 minutes would be difficult. Signs provided. Questions? (406) 855-3737

**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							
<u>Date/Observance</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Auxiliary</u>		<u>Intention</u>	Offered By		
Monday, September 29	9:00 am	Rosary & Liturgy					
	6:00 pm	St Michael Missa Cantata					
Tuesday, September 30	9:00 am	Rosary & Liturgy					
	5:30 pm	Daily Mass	*	Mike McClanahan	Manders Family		
Wednesday, October 1	9:00 am	Daily Mass	*	Charlie Kirk	Manders Family		
Thursday, October 2	9:00 am	Daily Mass		Anthony Ketchum	Stevens Family		
	10:00 am	<b>Eucharistic Adoration</b>	5:00 pm	Benediction	All visitors welcome!		
Friday, October 3	9:00 am	Daily Mass		End of Abortion	PCCW		
First Friday	10:00 am	24-Hour Adoration	8:45 am	Saturday Benediction	All visitors welcome!		
	6-7 pm	Holy Hour of Reparation		Led by Fr Bart	For all Parishioners		
Saturday, October 4	9:00 am	Daily Mass		Protection of the Unborn	Knights of Columbus		
First Saturday	5:30 pm	Vigil Mass	*	Ginny Sohn	Stevens Family		
Sunday, October 5	8:45 am	Solemn Sunday Mass		Pro Populo			
	11:00 am	Sunday Mass		Richard Lopez	Michelle Lopez		