

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 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.



Exult, let them exult, the hosts of heaven, exult,
let Angel ministers of God exult, let the trumpet of salvation
sound aloud our mighty King's triumph!
Be glad, let earth be glad, as glory floods her, ablaze with
light from her eternal King, let all corners of the earth be glad,
knowing an end to gloom and darkness.
Rejoice, let Mother Church also rejoice, arrayed with the
lighting of His glory, let this holy building shake with joy,
filled with the mighty voices of the peoples.
It is truly right and just, with ardent love of mind and
heart, and with devoted service of our voice,
to acclaim our God invisible, the almighty Father,
and Jesus Christ, our Lord, his Son, his Only Begotten.
Who for our sake paid Adam's debt to the eternal Father,
and pouring out his own dear Blood wiped clean
the record of our ancient sinfulness.
This is the night in which even now, throughout the world,
sets Christian believers apart from worldly vices and
from the gloom of sin, leading them to grace,
and joining them to his holy ones.

Lex Orandi, Lex Credendi, Lex Vivendi!

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

What is the Feast of Divine Mercy?

Like the Feast of the Sacred Heart, the Feast of Divine Mercy originated from a special revelation to a nun—Saint Faustina, of Poland, who died in 1938. The message of Divine Mercy that she received from our Lord is illustrated by the image of our Lord. Jesus stood before her with his hand touching His heart, from which proceeded two rays of light, one red and the other white/blue. These rays represent the blood and water which miraculously flowed from our Lord's side on the cross when He was pierced by the lance.

The blood and water are a sure and certain sign that this miraculous flow welling up from the Sacred Heart of our Lord is able to cleanse our souls from sin. Jesus established the New and Eternal Covenant in His own blood and demonstrates its power to forgive sins by causing water to flow miraculously from His side. Not only does Jesus reveal that fact of the cleansing power of His blood through this marvelous sign, but also the means through which it would be accomplished—through the waters of Holy Baptism. The Blood of Christ cleanses us from our sins through the waters of Holy Baptism.

And what does baptism do? Among other things, it completely washes away both the guilt and the temporary punishments that are due to original and actual sins. In other words, if someone died immediately after receiving the sacrament of Baptism, they would go straight to heaven without any time in Purgatory.

But in our times, because of His great desire to give His mercy, God has given us this annual Feast of Mercy where we can receive cleansing graces that are essentially equal to Holy Baptism. Our Lord said to Saint Faustina, *"My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine floodgates through which grace flows are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity."*

For years, Saint Faustina's message of Divine Mercy was banned by the Vatican, at which time it was thoroughly scrutinized for doctrinal purity. The ban was lifted largely due to the work of Thomist theologian, Fr. Rozycki. Listen to what he wrote regarding the graces available on the Feast of Divine Mercy, *"The remarkable grace of the Feast of Mercy is also very much akin to the grace of Baptism. The sacramental grace of Baptism received by an adult is not only the removal of original sin but is also the forgiveness of all personal sins and any punishment due to them. So the soul cleansed on the Feast of Mercy is like the soul of one newly baptized ... In other words, so far as that matter is concerned, He raised it (the Holy Communion on the Feast of Mercy) to the rank of a second Baptism"*.

Pax, Fr Bart

- April 6: Easter Monday of the Angel
- April 12: Divine Mercy Sunday
- April 12: Sr Helen, Session 3 at 10:30
- May 10 Confirmation

Please welcome into the parish community our new members who are joining at the Easter Vigil.



Candidates: Angela Edginton, Spencer Heyneman, Jackson Welch, Kayson Welch, Tyler Welch.

Catechumens: Erika Guy, Luke Harmon, Guadalupe Martinez, Natalia Molina, Andrew Pravecek, Gabrielle Welch.

The **First Communion & Confirmation** class this year includes:

Alexander Baze-Hogan, Basil Janeczek, Matthew Kalinowski, Warren Mayes, Zane Milne, Gabrielle Nease, Edward Roberts, Marcus Sickle, Jackson Welch, Burke Whitmoyer, and Felicity Winrow.

Never leave your house without making the sign of the cross. It will be to you a staff, a weapon, an impregnable fortress. Neither man nor demon will dare to attack you, seeing you covered with such powerful armor. Let this sign teach you that you are a soldier, ready to combat against the demons, and ready to fight for the crown of justice. Are you ignorant of what the cross has done? It has vanquished death, destroyed sin, emptied hell, dethroned Satan, and restored the universe. Would you then doubt its power?

St. John Chrysostom, 4th-century Preacher and Patriarch of Constantinople

Saint Anthony Parish

Divine Mercy Sunday

How can I observe Divine Mercy Sunday?

Come and Celebrate!

The Feast of Mercy

Sunday, April 12th

- ◆ Noon exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- ◆ Opportunity for the Sacrament of Penance
- ◆ Veneration of the Divine Mercy Image
- ◆ 3 pm Chaplet of Divine Mercy



(On April 18, 2004, Pope John Paul II graciously granted a plenary indulgence for Divine Mercy Sunday.)

It is up to the faithful to be in a state of grace, to confess all serious sins through the Sacrament of Penance, to receive Holy Communion and to pray for the Holy Father's intentions by reciting the Lord's Prayer, the Apostles' Creed, and end with the Ejaculation, *"Merciful Jesus, I trust in You."*



CCW
Council of Catholic Women

PCCW President— Judy Goldsby,
406.855.0053

Apr 5 Easter Sunday—No coffee
Apr 12 Coffee & Rolls St Louise
Apr 19 Coffee & Rolls St Bridget
April Altar Cleaning St Bridget

PCCW Meeting, Monday, April 13th
@ 6:30 pm
Hostess: St Joan

Knights of Columbus -
Fr Shevlin Council #6455

Grand Knight — Denny
Mogan,

406.530.4294

Knight of the Month - Darryl Carpenter
KC Family of the Month -

Tony & Jessica Contreras

Knights Meeting on April 28th, @ 7 pm



PARISH MINISTRY CONTACTS

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

Frassati Fellowship for Men—Sundays-
Contact Chris White at 406-445-9106

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

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Kalinowski at montana_skis@yahoo.com

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

Seven Sisters Apostolate—Contact
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ress, at speidelbunch@gmail.com;
call/text 307-575-2547

St Anthony Art Guild—Wednesdays—
Contact Meredith Bergin at mere-dithjbergin@proton.me; call/text 406-
855-2430.

Prayer Shawl—if you would like to
gift a free hand-knit shawl to some-
one in need, please contact the office
staff. St Jude medals available.

More ministry details on our website.



Billings Catholic Radio
1240 AM | 97.5 FM | 100.9 FM

Diocesan Victim Assistance:

Confidential Line 406-750-2373

Email victimassistancecoord@gmail.com

Assistance for travelers:

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
check updates on the St Anthony website.

Religious Community Life: its Challenges and its Joys

In this talk, Sister Helen
will share with us stories
and insights about reli-
gious community life. You
won't want to miss it! Meet in Classroom 2 at
10:15 am on Sunday, April 12.



2026 Cum Christo Men's Weekend, April 16-19 and Women's Weekend, April 23-26.

Application deadline is March

19th. Applications on information wall and
are also available online at: <https://www.bigskycumchristo.org/billings-laurel>. For
information contact: Jodi Samel at (406) 670-
6812 or email: jatss07@gmail.com.

Weekends to be held at St. Michael's Catho-
lic Church in Absarokee.

The Men's Holy League will only meet on
Tuesday, April 7th.



SAVE THE DATE: Saint Anthony summer
Vacation Bible Camp, will be held June 8—
12. Children from 6 yrs to 6th
grade as campers. Youth 7th
through High School as helpers.
At least six Adult Catechists and
Volunteers are needed! Prayer-
fully consider volunteering for
one week this summer! Contact
Stephanie Swecker at 855-8416.



Stewardship at St Anthony

Fiscal Year-To-Date Income (week 39)

Offertory-taxable	\$ 245,569.97
Other Income-taxable	\$ 3,736.52
Budget-Related Donations-nontaxable	\$ 1,380.00
Total Budget-Related Income	\$ 250,686.49
FYTD Income Needed for Budget	\$ 230,100.00

Offertory Week of March 29

Designated Donation/Other Income	\$ 6,482.00
Total Income for Week	\$ 109.25
Weekly Budget	\$ 6,591.25
	\$ 5,900.00

Projects/WOFamily/Almsgiving

FYTD Non-Budget Income **	\$ 49,934.26
FYTD Expenses paid out **	\$ 61,553.08
(**since July 1, 2025)	

Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA) 2026—31/176 families

2026 Diocese Assessment	\$ 33,000.00
YTD Pledged	\$ 18,681.32
Shortfall:	\$ 14,318.68

Remember: Checks for the Annual Catholic Appeal must
be made out to the Diocese of Great Falls-Billings and
not to St Anthony.

Thank you for your continued support!

Prefer to make your donation online ?
Seasonal and Holy Day offerings can
now be made online as well.

Scan QR Code to go to website:
www.saintanthonycatholicchurch.org



Remember there are no
classes on April 8th for Easter
break. Just 3 classes remaining
through the end of April.

The parish summer garage sale
fundraiser will be held June 19/20
& June 26/27. As you prepare for
spring cleaning, start thinking
about what you would like to set
aside to donate! Donations can
be brought to the Hall at the con-
clusion of VBS week—June 13th.

SAINT THOMAS

CATHOLIC CAMP

Summer 2026 St. Thomas Camp

Registration is open now.

Here are the dates for camp:

High School Week 1: June 14th-19th

High School Week 2: June 21st-26th

5/6th Grade Boys Week: July 5th-10th

Middle School Week 1: July 12th-17th

5/6 Grade Girls Week: July 19th-24th

Middle School Week 2: July 26th-31st

<https://www.saintthomascamp.com/>

for St. Thomas Camp information.

Register early and fill the weeks up
this summer!

Catholic Social Services of Montana

"Baby Boutique"

Located in the lower level of the St
Patrick Co-Cathedral Parish Center.

Open Tues & Thurs, 9:30—11:30 am.

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.

Graduating seniors—Remember that
scholarship applications to the
Knights of Columbus, the Parish
Council of Catholic Women, and the
scholarship from the combined 5 vi-
cariates of Great Falls-Billings are due
May 1. Take advantage of these easy
opportunities for financial assistance
for your first fall college semester.





Alleluia! Alleluia! He is risen! He is risen indeed!

As we gather in community to celebrate Easter, let us rejoice, the Lord is risen! The Octave of Easter is an entire week of joyful celebration. As you begin your Easter celebration, take time to read one of the Gospel accounts of when the tomb was found empty (there are several options). This is the center point of human history and should take on that significance in our lives.

Because we can worship in all that we do, we celebrate Easter with all we have. Many traditional foods are associated with Easter from cultures around the world. Perhaps do some research and try to make a special paschal cuisine. Easter eggs, be they dyed or plastic, can be hidden in the yard or the house, and they remind us of the endless possibilities that flow from Christ's triumph over the grave.

Another special Easter practice is to adorn the Holy Cross (you could use the same one as used on Good Friday) with spring flowers, a visible reminder that God has transformed the meaning of even suffering and death. If flowers are hard to come by at home, another possibility is to encourage children to draw, color or paint such decorations. Perhaps large "Alleluia!" posters can be made to add a bit of Easter festivity to the home. Easter songs are not as well-known and popular

as Christmas carols, but don't let that stop you from letting your alleluias ring out, for Christ is truly risen from the tomb. No matter the difficulty of crisis, Easter reminds us that God always wins — indeed, he's already won, and so no matter the sorrow around us, we can be filled with Easter joy!

The Easter prayer *Regina Caeli* ("Queen of Heaven" in Latin) is a wonderful tribute to our Lord's resurrection and to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Although its origins are unknown, it dates back to the 13th century. Traditionally, it is prayed standing, often at noon, in place of another well-known prayer, the Angelus, during the Easter Season from Holy Saturday until Pentecost.

Queen of Heaven, rejoice. Alleluia.

For He, whom thou wast worthy to bear. Alleluia.

Has risen as He said. Alleluia.

Pray for us to God. Alleluia.

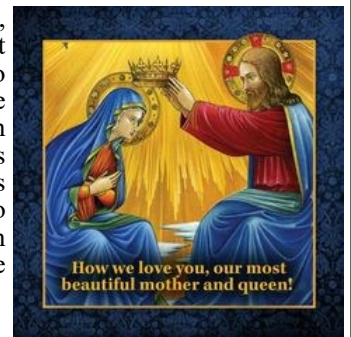
V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary. Alleluia.

R. Because the Lord is truly risen, Alleluia.

Let us pray

**O God, Who by the Resurrection of Thy Son,
our Lord Jesus Christ, hast been pleased to give joy
to the whole world, grant we beseech Thee,
that through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
His Mother, we may attain the joys of eternal life.
Through the same Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

This prayer reminds us at Easter, and throughout the year for that matter, of how much we have to be thankful for, even in the midst of our daily trials. When our Lord conquered death in His resurrection he opened the gates of Heaven for us to be able to share Eternal Life with Him there, along with his Mother, the saints, and our loved ones!



Please Note: Low-Gluten hosts are available—please let Fr Bart know your need prior to Mass. Assisted Hearing devices are available in the Narthex. 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>	<u>Offered By</u>
Monday, April 6	9:00 am	Rosary & Liturgy			
Tuesday, April 7	9:00 am	Rosary & Liturgy			
	5:30 pm	Daily Mass		Sutton Bradley	Unquera Family
Wednesday, April 8	9:00 am	Daily Mass	✠	Kevin Hanley	Stevens Family
Thursday, April 9	9:00 am	Daily Mass		Travis Russell	Kelly Russell
	10:00 am	Eucharistic Adoration	4:00 pm	Benediction	All Visitors Welcome
Friday, April 10	9:00 am	Daily Mass		Vicki Auzqui	PCCW
	10:00 am	Eucharistic Adoration	4:00 pm	Benediction	All Visitors Welcome
Saturday, April 11	9:00 am	Daily Mass	✠	John Frank Michelotti	Peter & Kathy Michelotti
	5:30 pm	Anticipatory Mass	✠	Jerry Heiser	Anne Heiser
Sunday, April 12	8:45 am	Solemn Sunday Mass		Pro Populo	
Divine Mercy Sunday	11:00 am	Sunday Mass		Christina Jonk	Corrie Enander