

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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FORMED: www.formed.org (sign up under our parish name)

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.



The Beautiful Hands of a Priest

We need them in life's early morning,
we need them again at its close;
We feel their warm clasp of friendship,
we seek them when tasting life's woes.
At the altar each day we behold them,
and the hands of a king on his throne
Are not equal to them in their greatness;
their dignity stands all alone;
And when we are tempted and wander
to pathways of shame and sin,
It's the hand of a priest that will absolve us
----not once, but again and again;
And when we are taking life's partner,
other hands may prepare us a feast,
But the hand that will bless and unite us
is the beautiful hand of a priest.
God bless them and keep them all holy
For the Host which their fingers caress;
When can a poor sinner do better than
to ask Him to guide thee and bless?
When the hour of death comes upon us
may our courage and strength be increased.
By seeing raised over us in anointing
the beautiful hands of a priest!

Author Unknown

Lex Orandi, Lex Credendi, Lex Vivendi!

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

How to Receive Holy Communion on the Tongue

Although permission was given in 1969 by the Vatican to the bishops of the United States to allow people to receive Holy Communion in the hand, it is still the norm in the Universal Church for Catholics to receive our Lord on the tongue, and if we are physically able, to receive kneeling.

There are many good reasons to receive Holy Communion on the tongue. First of all, it is humble. It sometimes happens that a grown man or woman becomes so weak and frail that they are no longer able to feed themselves; someone has to put food in their mouths. How humbling! The same goes for infants and babies—they can't feed themselves. Receiving Holy Communion on the tongue may seem a bit strange, kind of awkward and perhaps even embarrassing—which is all to say—humiliating or humbling. It expresses our total dependency on God, like an infant that can't even feed himself.

Receiving on the tongue expresses reverence. The action signifies that what we are receiving is so sacred, we receive it in an extraordinary way, an uncommon way, a way very different than how we receive ordinary food. Imagine if you went to a restaurant and when the food came you reverently knelt down and asked the waiter to put the food in your mouth. That would be ridiculous! Receiving Communion kneeling and on the tongue is a stark way of showing that the Eucharist is NOT ordinary food. *Lex orandi, lex credendi: the way we pray forms the way we believe.* That means the way we receive our Lord in Holy Communion forms our faith in the Eucharist. In every place where communion in the hand has become the norm, faith in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist has plummeted. One powerful way to restore faith in the Eucharist, therefore, would be to go back to receiving Holy Communion kneeling and on the tongue.

Perhaps you are thinking that you would like to give Communion on the tongue a try, but you are not sure how. Here are some tips on how to do it:

- Tilt your head back slightly, open your mouth about half-way and stick out your tongue.
- Wait for the priest to place the sacred Host on your tongue. Don't move your head or mouth towards the host; just be still and wait. You can close your eyes if it helps you to stay still and wait.
- Better to let the Host dissolve on your tongue to minimize the chance of getting a piece of the Eucharist stuck in your teeth.

If you would rather continue receiving Holy Communion on the hand, do so as reverently as possible, making it as different as possible from receiving ordinary food. When you receive the Host in your hand, carefully grasp it with your thumb and pointer finger. Keep your other hand under the host while you bring it to your mouth. Finally, check to see if there are any particles of the Host in the palm of your hand and consume them as well.

Pax.

Fr Bart

- April 19: Charles and Lauren Stevens Wedding in NC
- April 25: Major Rogation Day
- April 26: World Day of Prayer for Vocations
- May 1: St Joseph, the Worker
- May 3: May Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- May 10: Mother's Day
- May 10 Confirmation



Knights' Feast The St. Anthony Knights of Columbus is hosting a Knight's Feast following the April 28th Knight's meeting.



You are invited if you are a Knight who is registered with the St. Anthony's council OR if you are a parishioner who is registered with another Knights' council. Please join us on April 28th at 7 pm for the council meeting followed by food and spirits.



Father Akizou Kamina, SVD was born in Togo West Africa. After completing degrees in Accounting and Management, he joined the Society of the Divine Word in Togo in 2010. Fr. Kamina arrived in the U.S. in 2013 where he continued his formation, earning his MA in Theology-Interreligious Dialog and a master's in divinity. For two years, he worked among the poor in the Amazon, Brazil, providing basic needs like food and helping young adults believe in a better future. He now teaches Theology at Divine Word College in Epworth, IA. Fr. Kamina thinks the story of the Good Samaritan helps us to understand that we do not need to know the person in need before helping. Our faith invites us to help unconditionally.

Scholarship Opportunity – 2026–2027 School Year

The Catholic Foundation of Eastern Montana has opened scholarship applications for the 2026-2027 school year!




Scholarships include:

- Amy J. Wathen Scholarship*
- Nellie May Deegan Cox Memorial Nursing Scholarship*
- John and Elaine (Asbeck) Whitman Scholarship* – For students to attend St. Francis Catholic School in Billings

All applications must be submitted by May 11, 2026.

To apply, please visit catholicfoundationmt.org/scholarships, or scan the QR code provided here. You can find online application links on the Foundation's website for each individual scholarship along with additional information.






PCCW President—Judy Goldsby,
406.855.0053

Apr 19 Coffee & Rolls St Bridget
Apr 26 Coffee & Rolls PCCW
May 3 Coffee & Rolls St Joan
April Altar Cleaning St Bridget

PCCW Meeting, Monday, May 11th
@ 6:30 pm
Hostess: St Joan



Knights of Columbus -
Fr Shevlin Council #6455

Grand Knight — Denny Mogan,
406.530.4294

Knight of the Month - Daryll 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

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


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

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

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

Prayer Shawl—if you would like to gift a free hand-knit shawl to someone 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.



Welcome those who entered the Church at the Easter Vigil:
Erika Guy; Angie Edginton; Luke Harmon; the Welch family, Tyler, Gabrielle, Jackson, and Kayson; Spencer Heyneman; Andrew Pravecek; Natalia Molina; and Guadalupe Martinez.

Have You Registered with St Anthony parish or do you need to update contact information? If you regularly attend Mass at St. Anthony and are not registered there are registration forms on the book table. If you will be moving, dropped a land line, or added a cell phone number, please update your information with the office. All are welcome!!

Special Thanks to Our Electronic Givers!

You may not see your fellow parishioners place an envelope in the box every week, but their consistent giving does not go unnoticed in our parish office! Each month our parish receives a steady and predictable stream of income from those donors who have made the commitment to give to God first by having a designated contribution automatically transferred to our parish through our Online Giving Program. If you would like to make your donation electronically, it's easy to sign up on our website!

Stewardship at St Anthony

Fiscal Year-To-Date Income (week 40)	
Offertory-taxable	\$ 253,387.97
Other Income-taxable	\$ 3,736.52
Budget-Related Donations-nontaxable	\$ 1,380.00
Total Budget-Related Income	\$ 258,504.49
FYTD Income Needed for Budget	\$ 236,000.00
Offertory Week of April 5	
Designated Donation/Other Income	\$ 0.00
Total Income for Week	\$ 7,818.00
Weekly Budget	\$ 5,900.00
Projects/WOFamily/Almsgiving	
FYTD Non-Budget Income **	\$ 50,309.26
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.saintanthonicatholicchurch.org

Just 2 classes remaining through the end of April.

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.

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 conclusion 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. Scholarship applications available online and in the Narthex. Register early and fill the weeks up this summer!

When was the last time you visited our own parish website? It is beautiful! And it is full of useful information—the regular Mass schedule, calendar of weekly happenings and special events, weekly bulletin, recordings of Fr Bart's homilies (in case you missed one), our parish link to the FORMED account and links to sites with good Catholic teaching and Catholic interests; there is so much more. Head on over and see what you might have been missing!



Pray for Vocations

Devotion for the Month of April - The Blessed Sacrament

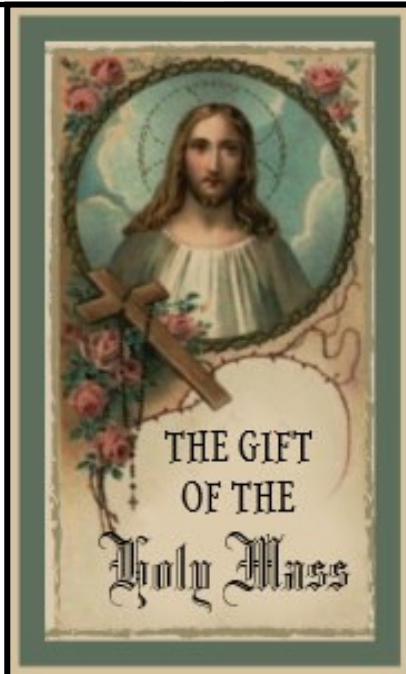
FAITH IN THE EUCHARIST

O my God, I firmly believe that Thou art really and corporally present in the Blessed Sacrament of the altar. I adore Thee here present from the very depths of my heart, and I worship Thy sacred presence with all possible humility. O my soul, what joy to have Jesus Christ always with us, and to be able to speak to Him, heart to heart, with all confidence. Grant, O Lord, that I, having adored Thy divine Majesty here on earth in this wonderful Sacrament, may be able to adore it eternally in Heaven. Amen.

ACT OF ADORATION

I adore Thee, O Jesus, true God and true Man, here present in the Holy Eucharist, humbly kneeling before Thee and united in spirit with all the faithful on earth and all the blessed in heaven. In deepest gratitude for so great a blessing, I love Thee, my Jesus, with my whole heart, for Thou art all perfect and all worthy of love.

Give me grace nevermore in any way to offend Thee, and grant that I, being refreshed by Thy Eucharistic presence here on earth, may be found worthy to come to the enjoyment with Mary of Thine eternal and ever blessed presence in heaven. Amen.



ACT OF REPARATION

Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, well known in connection with devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, led the way in making reparation to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament for the coldness and ingratitude of men. This prayer of hers can become our own as we attempt to make amends for our own and others' neglect of the great Sacrament of His love, the Eucharist.

O kind and merciful savior, from my heart I earnestly desire to return Thee love for love. My greatest sorrow is that Thou art not loved by men, and, in particular, that my own heart is so cold, so selfish, so ungrateful. Keenly aware of my own weakness and poverty, I trust that Thy own grace will enable me to offer Thee an act of pure love. And I wish to offer Thee this act of love in reparation for the coldness and neglect that are shown to Thee in the sacrament of Thy love by Thy creatures. O Jesus, my supreme good, I love Thee, not for the sake of the reward which Thou hast promised to those who love Thee, but purely for Thyself. I love Thee above all things that can be loved, above all pleasures,

and above myself and all that is not Thee, promising in the presence of heaven and earth that I will live and die purely and simply in Thy holy love, and that if to love Thee thus I must endure persecution and suffering I am completely satisfied, and I will ever say with Saint Paul: Nothing "will be able to separate us from the love of God." O Jesus, supreme master of all hearts, I love Thee, I adore Thee, I praise Thee, I thank Thee, because I am now all Thine own. Rule over me, and transform my soul into the likeness of Thyself, so that it may bless and glorify Thee forever in the abode of the saints.

--Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque

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

Date/Observance	Time	Auxiliary		Intention	Offered By
Monday, April 20	9:00 am	NO Rosary & Liturgy			
Tuesday, April 21	9:00 am	NO Rosary & Liturgy			
	5:30 pm	NO Daily Mass		Yvonne Jonk	Corrie Enander
Wednesday, April 22	9:00 am	NO Daily Mass		Bill Baeten	Rita Baeten
Thursday, April 23	9:00 am	Daily Mass		Cody Bradley	Unquera Family
	10:00 am	Eucharistic Adoration	4:00 pm	Benediction	All Visitors Welcome
Friday, April 24	9:00 am	Daily Mass		Jack Eugene Bergin	John & Meredith Bergin
	10:00 am	Eucharistic Adoration	4:00 pm	Benediction	All Visitors Welcome
Saturday, April 25	9:00 am	Daily Mass	✠	Tersa Michelotti	Peter & Kathy Michelotti
	5:30 pm	Anticipatory Mass	✠	Nico Jonk	Corrie Enander
Sunday, April 26	8:45 am	Solemn Sunday Mass		Pro Populo	
	11:00 am	Sunday Mass		Dustin & Jill Zuhlke	John & Meredith Bergin