

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 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 the office if you or someone in your family is hospitalized or enters a care facility.

Fourth Sunday of Advent



"The spirit of Advent largely consists in living close to Our Lady during this time when she is carrying Jesus in her womb. We can think of the whole of our life as a somewhat longer advent, a time of waiting for that definitive moment when we will at last find ourselves with God forever. The Christian knows that he has to live this advent beside Our Lady every day of his life if he wants to be certain of attaining the only thing in the whole of his existence that is really important--finding Christ in this life, and afterward being with him in eternity. There is no better way of preparing for Christmas, which is now so close, than by keeping Mary company, getting to know her and deepening our love and trust in her. Mary imparts a great joy to our souls, because when we turn to her, she leads us to Christ. Mary teaches us to hope. 'All generations will call me blessed', she proclaimed." [In Conversation with God; Francis Fernandez]

Heavenly Father, your son, Jesus, is your greatest gift to us, a great sign of your love. Guide us as we strive to walk in that love this Advent. As we prepare our hearts for Christmas, bring us closer to each other and to your son. Give us the grace and strength we need every day. Help us to always trust in you. Come, Lord Jesus, lead all people closer to you. Come and dispel the darkness of our world with the light of your love. Amen.

*Lex Orandi, Lex Credendi, Lex Vivendi!***On Receiving Holy Communion**

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. To be fed this way by someone else is 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. *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 while 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. Some people take their eyes off the Host at the time to help them not lunge for it.
- 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, you have every right to do so. 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***Catholic Women's Retreat****OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL***"Our Guidance & Hope in Times of Confusion"***SATURDAY, JANUARY 19, 2019**

8:30 am - 3:30 pm

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Ladies, in the new year, lets gather for a day of prayer, fellowship, and inspiring talks by **Fr. Bart Stevens** and **Fr. Garrett Nelson**. Most of us are familiar with the image of Our Lady of Good Counsel, but have you heard the miraculous story behind the Madonna image? It's truly an inspiring message of people with great personal courage, who remain faithful and devoted to Our Lady in very challenging times. Invite a friend and join the women of the parish to start 2019 off right!



Cost: Freewill Offering

Lunch: Provided by Saint Anthony PCCW

Ladies, You are Invited!

Saint Bernard will be hosting the Sisters in Faith High Tea on January 26, 2019, from 1—3 pm.

*Please contact:**Alice Kenat at 248-2420 or**Cynthia Finch at 245-8646**for more information.*

The Knights of Columbus cordially invite all members of the parish to join them for a 5th Sunday Breakfast in the Hall following Mass. The menu includes sausage gravy over biscuits and more! Freewill donations accepted.



The Christmas Season Mass Schedule is as follows:

Monday, Dec 24th 6 pm Vigil Mass
 12 am Midnight Mass (Incense)
 Tuesday, Dec 25th 10 am Christmas Day
 (1 hour later than regular daily
 Mass time of 9 am)
 NO 5:30 pm Mass
 (Solemnity of Mary — Holy Day of Obligation)
 Monday, Dec 31st New Year's Eve Vigil
 6 pm High Mass (Incense)
 Tuesday, Jan 1st 9 am New Year's Day

Fr Bart will be away with his family and there will be no Mass celebrated Jan 2nd and Jan 3rd. He will be back to celebrate Daily Mass on Friday, Jan 4th.

Carroll College is again offering a prospective student from Saint Anthony Parish a Carroll College scholarship, in the amount of \$1,000. The recipient must be a student planning to attend Carroll for the first time in the fall of 2019. If you would like more information about the scholarship please contact the office. (Due March 1, 2019)

Please note: 2019 Donation Envelopes have been labeled with names and placed in the Narthex for our parishioners. Please take your box home. If you do not see your name please contact the office to be sure that your information is updated and correctly listed in ParishSoft.



Have you ever thought of becoming a lector? This ministry is so important and we are in need of a few more persons to assist in this area. There is minimal training and commitment. If you are interested or would just like more information inquire at the office or contact Jack Auzqui.

Attention Lectors It is time to compile the next schedule for lectors, which will cover February 2nd through August 4th. In addition to regular weekend Masses, we will also have Ash Wednesday (3/6) and Holy Week (4/18-21). Please review your schedules and notify Jack Auzqui (jmauzqui@gmail.com) by December 15th of any scheduling conflicts you may have. Thank you for participating in this most important parish ministry! God Bless.

Lector Schedule

<u>Saturday, December 22nd</u>	<u>Sunday, December 23rd</u>
5:30 pm Melody Deyle	8:45 am Michelle Lopez
	11:00 am Van Hagestad
<u>Monday, December 24th</u>	<u>Tuesday, December 25th</u>
6:00 pm Melody Deyle	10:00 Michelle Lopez
12:00 am	



Thank You! to all who so generously donated the beautiful poinsettias to decorate our church for Christmas. We will be decorating the church after 11 am Mass on Sunday, December 23. All are welcome to assist!

NO RE classes December 26—January 2. See you January 9th!

Saint Anthony Stewardship Report

Fiscal Year-to-Date Income	\$ 89,200.42
Fiscal Year-to-Date Budget	<u>102,000.00</u>
	(\$12,799.58)
Income Week of December 16	\$ 8,565.36
Weekly Budget	<u>4,080.00</u>
	\$ 4,485.36

Thank you for supporting your Saint Anthony parish!

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 2018, please note: Donation checks date—and the postmark date—must be before midnight on December 31. Contributions given online are deductible in 2018 as long as you make the gift online before midnight on December 31.

Prefer online donation?

Secure online giving is available on our website!

Go to www.saintanthonicatholicchurch.org

Care & Share 2018

Assessment	\$35,889.00
Less Contributions	\$26,332.36
& Outstanding Pledges	<u>\$ 3,348.00</u>
Remaining Balance	\$ 6,208.64

Parish Council of Catholic Women



PCCW President Tracy Chechet 426-8526
 December 23 NO Coffee & Rolls
 December 30 Knights Breakfast
 December Altar Cleaning St Joan

No December monthly meeting—Christmas Potluck

Ready to get involved in the parish?

Join the **Knights of Columbus!**



Knight of the Month - Bob Lanaghan
 Knight Family of the Month - Jason & Mandy O'Connor

Monthly meeting held 3rd Monday, December 17, at 7:00 pm
 Knights 5th Sunday Biscuits & Gravy Breakfast, Dec 30.

Praying the Angelus



The Angelus is a brief devotion in honor of the Incarnation that consists of short verses drawn from the Bible and a triple repetition of the Hail Mary. The devotion derives its name from the opening phrase in Latin: *Angelus Domini nuntiavit Mariae* (the Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary).

The Angelus is a way for lay people to sanctify the hours of the day that echoes the monastic praying of the Liturgy of the Hours. The practice seems to have always been associated with the ringing of a bell at 6:00 am, noon, and 6:00 pm. Whole villages and towns would literally come to a halt when the Angelus bell rang. Laborers in the fields, workers in shops, and families at home set aside what they were doing and prayed the Angelus together.

Praying the Angelus sanctifies the hours of the day. God is our all in all, our very beginning and the end toward which we strive. By intentionally setting aside time for prayer throughout the day, every day, we turn our whole lives over to God, who becomes the motivation of all we do and all we are. Perhaps no devotion is better suited to this end than one centered on the Incarnation of God at the birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ in this Holy Christmas Season.

Weekly Mass Schedule

We gather to pray the Holy Rosary 1/2 hour before every Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Tuesday is excepted: we pray the Perpetual Help Devotion 15 minutes before Mass and follow Tuesday's Low Latin Mass with the Marian Movement of Priest's Cenacle group meeting. We pray the holy rosary and share a reading from the Blue Book with discussion after. Please join us! We need to pray for our Priests and our Pope!

Date	Time	Auxiliary		Intention	Offered By
Monday, 24th	6:00 pm	Christmas Eve Vigil	✝	Mike Saxbury	Bob & Betty Saxbury
	12:00 am	Midnight Mass		Pro Populo	
Tuesday, 25th	10:00 am	Christmas Day	✝	Tina Lynne Hartman	One Year Memorial
Wednesday, 26th	9:00 am	Daily Mass		Colleen McCarthy	
Thursday, 27th	9:00 am	Daily Mass	✝	Darrell Magnus	One Year Memorial
Friday, 28th	9:00 am	Daily Mass	✝	Dan Blom	Dale & Connie Blom
	6:00 pm	Benediction		Eucharistic Adoration!	Sign up now!
Saturday, 29th	9:00 am	Daily Mass		Bishop Michael Warfel	Saint Anthony Parish
	5:30 pm	Saturday Vigil Mass		Gil & Teresa Roberts & Family	
Sunday, 30th	8:45 am	Solemn Mass		Pro Populo	
	11:00 am	Sunday Mass		Chris Olszewski	Glenn Bliss Family

