

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.



*The following is a condensed version of an article by Father Michael Van Sloun, pastor of St. Bartholomew in Wayzata, that first appeared in 2008 in *The Catholic Spirit*. In 2019, Ash Wednesday is March 6.*

The imposition of ashes is a solemn ritual that signals the beginning of the holy season of Lent. The ceremony is distinctive; there is no liturgical action like it throughout the entire church year. The ashes come from a previous Palm Sunday. The palms are burned, the ashes collected and then crushed into a fine, sooty powder and placed into bowls. The ashes are blessed by the priest during the Ash Wednesday Mass after the homily. Then, in a Communion-like procession, people are invited to come forward, and the ashes are applied to each person's forehead in the shape of a cross as the minister says either, "Turn away from sin and believe in the Gospel" (Mark 1:15), the usual prayer, or "Remember that you are dust, and unto dust you shall return" (Genesis 3:19), the older, more traditional invocation. Ashes symbolize two main things in the Old Testament.

Death, repentance

Ashes are equivalent to dust, and human flesh is composed of dust or clay (Genesis 2:7), and when a human corpse decomposes, it returns to dust or ash. For example, Abraham told God, "I am but dust and ashes" (Genesis 18:27), a reference to his human mortality. Jeremiah described death as a "valley of corpses and ashes" (Jeremiah 31:40). Ashes are an ominous sign, and we use them on Ash Wednesday to remind ourselves of our own impending deaths. Death may come sooner, or it may come later, but it will surely come. And if death is coming, we need to be prepared, and the time to prepare for death is now, and the way to prepare is to live according to God's ways. When the prophet Daniel shamefacedly clothed himself in sackcloth and ashes, they were a sign of his people's contrition for their rebellion, wickedness and treachery (Daniel 9:3). When Jonah warned the Ninevites that God planned to destroy their city because of their corruption and depravity, the people covered themselves with sackcloth and ashes as a sign of their intention to turn from their evil ways (Jonah 3:6,10). Ashes are a plea to God for mercy and compassion, pardon and forgiveness. Moreover, they are a public admission of guilt, an expression of sorrow for sins that have been committed, a promise to reform and a pledge to resist temptation in the future. We, too, are sinners. When we come forward to receive ashes on Ash Wednesday, we are saying that we are sorry for our sins, and that we want to use the season of Lent to correct our faults, purify our hearts, control our desires and grow in holiness so we will be prepared to celebrate Easter with great joy.

*Lex Orandi, Lex Credendi, Lex Vivendi!**"How we pray forms what we believe, which forms the way we live."***Fasting Tips for Lent**

I found a great article by Eric Sammons on the truly great Catholic website, OnePeterFive, called **To Love Fasting**. I hope you will go and read it for yourselves, but here I will give you some of the highlights:

Fasting has always been an essential part of Catholic devotion, something that is necessary for growing in virtue, fighting temptation and obtaining eternal salvation. After all, our Lord did not say "if you fast" but "when you fast." Jesus also said, "when the Bridegroom (Jesus) is taken away from them (His disciples), then they will fast (Mt. 9:15). Jesus expects us to fast.

Our Catholic forbearers were much more strict in fasting than we are today, especially during the season of Lent. Until quite recently, all Catholics were required to abstain from meat every weekday of Lent and to abstain from meat on Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays. That may sound impossible to us, unless you consider the average diet and meal schedule of an average Catholic in those days. Back then, most people ate no more than two meals a day and meat was harder to come by—most people couldn't afford to eat it more than a couple times a week. We eat three meals a day and with plenty of snacking in between. Nor did our Catholic forbearers consume the vast amounts of carbs and sugar that we modern Americans are accustomed to. Carbohydrates and sugars stimulate the body to eat more frequently; whereas proteins and fats stay with us longer and keep us from getting hungry.

Fasting tip #1: Cut back on carbs and sugars and eat more proteins and fats. Yes, it will make fasting easier, and that's o.k. Fasting does not mean 'feeling hungry' but 'not eating' for set periods of time.

Fasting tip #2: Fasting and prayer go together. Fasting without prayer is really just dieting. However much you decide to fast in addition to the obligatory Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, make sure that you establish a minimum amount of prayer that you will commit to.

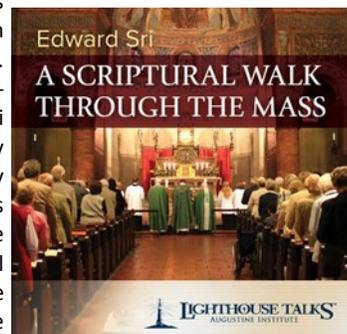
Saint John Cassian taught that gluttony was the first vice that had to be conquered before we could work on other vices. We see this typified in the children of Israel coming out of Egypt (slavery to sin) and into the Promised Land (heaven). The main vice of Egypt was gluttony, as we see the people of Israel in the desert longing for their 'flesh pots' and all the savory foods they enjoyed there. As we are making our way from slavery to sin to heaven, the first thing we need to leave behind to even begin the journey, is gluttony. Before we can work on our anger, our envy, greed, lust and pride; we must conquer gluttony. And that's what fasting is for. That's what Lent is for! Go and read the whole article for yourself; you'll be glad you did.

onepeterfive.com: *To Love Fasting* by Eric Sammons.

Pax. Fr Bart

The Lighthouse CD Display Kiosk in the narthex has been replenished! Take a moment to look at the new titles that have been added to supplement and encourage our spiritual growth during our Lenten journey.

For Catholics, the Mass is entirely familiar, but often not well understood. Scripture scholar and well-known author Dr. Edward Sri takes listeners on a journey through the sacred liturgy that is sure to help Catholics experience the Mass more fully as the most powerful and important prayer of the Church. Dr. Sri examines the historical and biblical roots of the words, prayers, actions, and gestures contained within the Mass in order to arrive at a deeper understanding of their significance.



Saint Anthony Catholic Church has a gift for you this Lent - Welcome to the FORMED family!

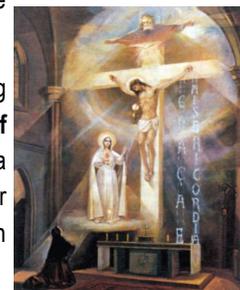
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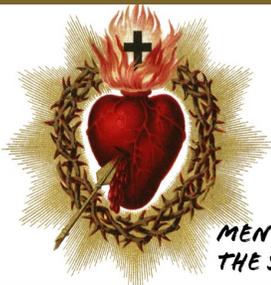
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- ◆ If you enjoy what you experience on FORMED, please consider contributing to the campaign! The parish has until March 13th to meet our goal. Thank you in advance for your support and assistance in making quality Catholic programming available at Saint Anthony Parish.

The Saint Anthony **Mardi Gras Celebration** will take place after Mass, **on Tuesday, March 5th, from 6—8 pm**. Sign up in the Narthex to bring your favorite dishes. The celebration includes a chili contest this year! Bring your chili entries to the Hall in a crockpot to help keep it hot until the judging takes place.

Starting March 8th we will be praying Benediction at 5:45 pm, the **Stations of the Cross** at 6 pm, and enjoying a delicious soup & bread fellowship supper after. Sign up sheet for soups/breads in Narthex.





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*MEN OF THE SACRED HEART:
THE SACRIFICE OF TRUE DEVOTION*

Sign up Today!

MEN'S RETREAT

Saturday, March 23rd | Laurel, MT

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Knights of Columbus Annual Fish Fry

- * Fridays during Lent except Good Friday
- * Beginning March 8
- * Serving from 5:30—7:00 pm
Columbia Club, 2216 Grand Ave, Billings.
- * Adults, \$10 Small Children, \$5.



Care & Share Appeal

"...your toil is not in vain when it is done in the Lord." 1 Cor 15:58.

A huge thank-you to all who made it possible to complete our 2018 Care & Share Assessment! Please Note: Due to changes at the Diocesan level, donations will be handled in a different manner. When you receive your 2019 Appeal Packet please read it carefully as all electronic fund transfers will now go through the Diocese and not the parish. Anyone currently using this method is good to go. If you are set up to donate through the Saint Anthony website online giving this will have to be switched over to the Diocese ASAP!

The suggested formula for tithing (10%) is as follows:

- ◆ 5% to parish
- ◆ 4% to charitable interests that support true Catholic teaching
- ◆ 1% to the diocese—Care & Share Appeal

Saint Anthony Stewardship Report

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| Fiscal Year-to-Date Income | \$130,415.81 |
| Fiscal Year-to-Date Budget | <u>146,880.00</u> |
| | (\$ 16,464.19) |
| Income Week of February 24 | \$ 2,740.00 |
| Weekly Budget | <u>4,080.00</u> |
| | (\$ 1,340.00) |

Thank you for supporting your Saint Anthony parish!

Prefer online donation? Secure online giving is available on our website! Go to: www.saintanthonycatholicchurch.org

Lector Schedule

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| Saturday, March 2nd | Sunday, March 3rd |
| 5:30 pm Melody Deyle | 8:45 am Baylie Redman |
| | 11:00 am Dave Odermann |

Saint Anthony Hosting Diaconate Retreat

Show your support for our soon-to-be deacons, including our own Dave & Lynn Odermann, by bringing goodies/snacks to the Hall for them on March 8, 9, & 10. There will be approximately 15 in attendance. Questions? Call the office @ 628-7182.

ADULT EDUCATION at Saint Anthony

with Dave Odermann.

TNT: Truth, the Necessary Thing:

"GUARDING THE DEPOSIT OF FAITH IS
THE MISSION WHICH
THE LORD ENTRUSTED TO HIS CHURCH..."

Please join us **every Wednesday, 7:00pm to 8:30pm.**

Fast & Abstinence

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence. For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When

fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards.



HOPE AND HEALING AFTER AN ABORTION

Rachel's Vineyard of Montana



Are you or someone you know suffering from a post abortion experience? There is hope and healing! Please consider attending the next Rachel's Vineyard Retreat! Participation is completely confidential.
NEXT RETREAT: March 15-17, 2019.
Contact: Linda at (406) 366-6062 or lindapeterson238@yahoo.com.
A retreat is also scheduled for this fall.

Parish Council of Catholic Women



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| PCCW President | Tracy Chechet | 426-8526 |
| March 3 | St Joan | |
| March 10 | St Bridget | |
| March 17 | St Louise | |
| March | Altar Cleaning | St Joan |

Monthly meeting on 2nd Monday, March 11 at 6:30 pm

Ready to get involved in the parish?

Join the Knights of Columbus!



Knight of the Month - Gene Koch

Knight Family of the Month - Andrew & Janet Hyams

Monthly meeting on 3rd Monday, March 18 at 7:00 pm

Saint Anthony Schedule for

LENT 2019

March 5 6:30 pm
Mardi Gras Celebration

Ash Wednesday (March 6)
Imposition of Ashes
9 am Daily Mass, & 7 pm Mass

March 19 7:00 pm
Special Mass in Honor of
the Feast of Saint Joseph

March 25
Saint Anthony hosts
the *Relic Tour of the
Incorrupt Heart of Saint
Jean Marie Vianney*



Fridays
Benediction @ 5:45 pm
Stations of the Cross @ 6:00 pm

Every Friday Following Stations
(6:30 pm)
Lenten Soup & Bread Supper

March 23
Men's Spring Retreat

April 14
Palm Sunday

April 18
Holy Thursday

April 19
Good Friday

April 20
Easter Vigil

April 21
Easter Sunday

April 28
Divine Mercy

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, 4th | 9:00 am | Liturgy of the Hours | | | |
| Tuesday, 5th | 5:30 pm | Low Latin Mass | | Leona Walters | John & MJ Bergin |
| Wednesday, 6th | 9:00 am | Daily Mass | ✠ | Ellen White | Chris & Jahna White |
| Ash Wednesday | 7:00 pm | Evening Mass | ✠ | Dennis Barth | John & MJ Bergin |
| Thursday, 7th | 9:00 am | Daily Mass | | Bill Klein | |
| Friday, 8th | 9:00 am | Daily Mass | | Brian McIntyre | |
| | 6:00 pm | Benediction | | Eucharistic Adoration! | Sign up now! |
| Saturday, 9th | 9:00 am | Daily Mass | | In Reparation for Crimes & Sins of the Clergy | Saint Anthony Parish |
| | 5:30 pm | Saturday Vigil Mass | ✠ | Robert Steffans | Mike & Kathy Manders |
| Sunday, 10th | 8:45 am | Solemn Mass | | Pro Populo | |
| | 11:00 am | Sunday Mass | ✠ | Lou Jessen | Marti McCullough |

