

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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THE PRODIGAL SON



The Gift is not Like the Trespass: A Reflection on the Parable of the Prodigal Son

MARCH 4, 2016 BY [REV. JOHN HENRY HANSON, O. PRAEM.](#)

WHEN REALITY STRIKES

Whenever people are discontent with what they have at home—with the place itself or those with whom they live—they often imagine running away. The world looks like such an inviting place—full of excitement and pleasures that never grow old. But as the Victorian poet Matthew Arnold observed in his famous poem *Dover Beach*, the world cannot give what matters most: “...the world, which seems to lie before us like a land of dreams, so various, so beautiful, so new, hath really neither joy, nor love, nor light, nor certitude, nor peace, nor help for pain.” The prodigal son thought that he had all of those things in his hands for a while. Then reality struck. All of a sudden he had no money, no food, no friends. Because God is our merciful Father, He allows the vault of our heaven to collapse. He allows the blue skies of our paradise to turn black. And He makes us feel a hunger that no food can satiate. In a moment of stark disillusionment, the prodigal’s restless heart was convicted of its vanity. What he never expected to find—standing hungry and lonely over a pig sty—was given to him, unasked for, unlooked for: the Grace of Repentance. With the stench, the flies, the mess of a muddy pig pen before him, the runaway remembered his father. At the moment when he found himself prepared to eat garbage, nostalgia for his father’s house seized him. Unlike the former mirage of a distant dreamland, the journey home would overwhelm all his expectations, landing him in his father’s arms, because “the free gift is not like the trespass” (cf. Rm 5:15). The son who had squandered everything will receive back more than he had lost: “the free gift following many trespasses brings justification” (Rm 5:16). And he, and we, are left to “wonder at and rejoice in the gift which God makes us of being able to call ourselves his children” (*Christ is Passing By*, no. 64). To read the full article go to <https://stjosemaria.org/the-gift-is-not-like-the-trespass/>

*Lex Orandi, Lex Credendi, Lex Vivendi!**"How we pray forms what we believe, which forms the way we live."**The Chrism Mass*

The Chrism Mass is a beautiful liturgy that manifests the union between the bishop and his priests, and the union of all the faithful in a diocese with the bishop and priests. This is done in two ways:

The first is the blessing of the oils, which is done by the bishop. He first blesses the Oil of the Sick which his priests will use throughout the year for the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. Next, the Oil of Catechumens is blessed which his priests will use to anoint those who are preparing for baptism. Lastly, the Sacred Chrism is blessed, which includes the infusion of balsam to set it apart with a glorious scent! Sacred Chrism is used after baptism, in the Sacrament of Confirmation, in the ordination of priests, and to consecrate churches and altars. The oils are then distributed to all the parishes. These oils are a perpetual symbol of the unity between the bishop and the faithful.

The unity between the bishop and his priests is shown in the Renewal of Priestly Promises. After the homily, the bishop says to the priests gathered with him, "Beloved sons, on the anniversary of that day when Christ our Lord conferred his priesthood on his Apostles and on us, are you resolved to renew, in the presence of your Bishop and God's holy people, the promises you once made?" And they answer, "I AM." Then they answer, "I AM," to the following questions:

"Are you resolved to be more united with the Lord Jesus and more closely conformed to him, denying yourselves and confirming those promises about sacred duties towards Christ's Church which, prompted by love of him, you willingly and joyfully pledged on the day of your priestly ordination?" I AM!

"Are you resolved to be faithful stewards of the mysteries of God in the Holy Eucharist and the other liturgical rites and to discharge faithfully the sacred office of teaching, following Christ the Head and Shepherd, not seeking any gain, but moved only by zeal for souls?" I AM!

Then the bishop turns to the people gathered and begs them to pray for their priests and for him, their bishop. All priests who are present concelebrate the Mass with their bishop, again showing their unity with him. I hope you will consider attending the Chrism Mass this year to assist with your prayers. If not, please pray for your priests and for our bishop.

*Pax,**Fr Bart*

Good Friday Pro-Life Cross Walk

& Meditations on the Passion of Christ



Join us for our annual Pro-Life Way of the Cross

Friday, April 19 at 12:30 pm

Starting at St. Bernard's parking lot (226 Wicks)

We'll pray and walk, carrying the Cross a few blocks to Planned Parenthood's abortion clinic, where we'll sing and pray for women & men in difficult circumstances, and also that our culture comes to embrace the dignity and worth of ALL human life.

Immediately following will be

The Divine Mercy Chaplet in Song

With meditations on Christ's Passion from the Diary of St. Faustina
Back at St. Bernard's, starting around 1:15 pm

Marriage Encounter Community

Our monthly meeting will take place on Sunday, April 14th, 2-4 pm, at the Saint Pius X Parish Center (717 - 18th St. W). Enter through the south-facing glass door. All married couples interested in enriching their marriage are welcome. We will have a presentation by a couple in the community along with social time. Come join us!



Questions? Call Kevin & Beth Walter 406-860-2442.

"Feed My Lambs"

The Annual Spring Vicariate Council of Catholic Women Meeting will be held at Mary Queen of Peace, on Saturday, April 6th, beginning with registration at 8:30 am, then Mass at 9. It's a great opportunity to build on our pillars of spirituality, leadership and service with our sisters in faith. We will have a cooking lesson, business meeting and mini-retreat so it will be a fast-moving day! Cost is \$10/lady, with RSVP to Cricky at 672-0105 by April 1st. Check with your PCCW president or parish office for details for roll call and raffle items.

Please offer your condolences to the family of Robert "Bob" Barnhart whose funeral was held on March 27th.

According to the American Public Health Association's website, "... every year chronic diseases such as heart disease, cancer and diabetes are responsible for millions of premature deaths... Catching and preventing these illnesses and incidents before they develop is the key to improving our nation's health. At Saint Anthony Church, we agree. This is why we are hosting Life Line Screening, the nation's leading provider of preventive health screenings on **Friday, April 5, 2019**. Screening packages start at \$139. Single tests cost around \$70. For more information regarding the screenings or to schedule an appointment, call **1-888-653-6441** or go to www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle or text the word **circle** to **797979**. Pre-registration is required.

Lifeline Information brochures available in the Narthex.

ADULT EDUCATION at Saint Anthony, Wednesdays, 7:00pm to 8:30pm with Dave Odermann.

Discussion: Proofs of the existence of God.

Upcoming **Spring 2019 Cum Christo Weekends.**

Begin planning now!
Men's Weekend, **April 25-29**,
Kevin Holland, Rector

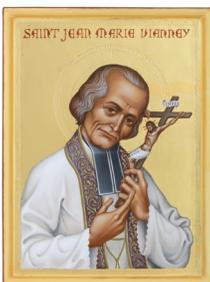
Women's Weekend, **May 2-5**,
Cami Chandler, Rectora



Next week is Community Hope Sunday. They need ramen, sides, jelly, small boxes of cereal, and small spaghetti packages. Your generosity in helping to fill the donation barrel for those in need in our community is a beautiful act of mercy.

Are you up for the Lenten Challenge? Can you find 40 items to donate to our parish garage sale? The sale will be held on Friday, May 31, and Saturday, June 1.

For those who have renewed their subscription to the Magnificat Magazine, please submit your payment of \$32 per subscription. You can drop payment off at the office or in the secure box in the Narthex.



On March 25th the Knights of Columbus and Saint Anthony Parish welcomed the special opportunity to offer for veneration a major relic of the patron of parish priests, whose holiness and integrity is a model for clergy and laity alike. The tour of the major relic of St. Jean Vianney's incorrupt heart was attended by over 750 faithful Catholics

from around the region as part of the special day of prayer and veneration.

Saint Anthony Stewardship Report

Fiscal Year-to-Date Income	\$ 146,047.98
Fiscal Year-to-Date Budget	\$ 163,200.00
	(\$ 17,152.02)
Income Week of March 24	\$ 4,100.00
Weekly Budget	\$ 4,080.00
	\$ 20.00

Thank you for supporting your Saint Anthony parish!
Care & Share

2019 Assessment	\$ 35,059.07
March Collections	5,430.00
Balance due to Diocese (Pledges not included)	\$ 29,629.07

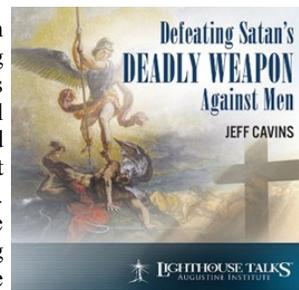
Prefer online donation? Secure online giving is available on our website! Go to: www.saintanthonycatholicchurch.org

Lector Schedule

Saturday, March 30th	Sunday, March 31st
5:30 pm David Odermann	8:45 am Michelle Lopez
	11:00 am Van Hagestad

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.

Pornography has become pervasive in our culture - a true plague, infecting nearly every corner of our society. Its disastrous effects are seen in sexual addiction, ruined marriages, and shattered lives. Jeff Cavins notes that many men struggle with pornography. With great insight, he shows how we can fight pornography's devastating influence and chart a course to true Christian purity.



Into the Desert
A Lenten Study on Prayer



Go to our parish Formed account, register, (if you haven't already), log in under your name, and under the On Demand Tab you can participate in this Study for Lent! Give it a try!



Men's book study will begin a new title on Saturday, May 8th. Informational flyers are in the Narthex. Pick up your copy and be prepared to join in the lively discussion!
Discussion Leader: Jim Borer

All are invited to participate in the **CHRISM MASS** to be held at Saint Patrick Co-Cathedral, Billings, on Tuesday, April 2nd, at 6:00 pm. The oils used in the celebration of sacraments during the year to come will be blessed during this special Eucharist. Each parish commissions representatives who attend the Chrism Mass to receive the blessed oils and carry them back to their home parish where they will be presented to the Parish Community before the Easter Vigil.

Parish Council of Catholic Women

	PCCW President	Tracy Chechet	426-8526
	March 31	Knights 5th Sunday Breakfast	
	April 7	Coffee & Rolls	St Joan
	April 14	Coffee & Rolls	St Bridget
	April	Altar Cleaning	St Louise

Monthly meeting on 2nd Monday, April 8th 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, April 15th at 7:00 pm



Remember the Passion of Our Lord every Friday during Lent. Benediction at 5:45, followed by observance and prayers of the Stations of the Cross. Afterwards, come & enjoy a delicious soup and bread supper in the Hall with the parish community .



Knights of Columbus will be hosting their Fifth Sunday Breakfast on March 31! The menu will include French toast, sausages, and eggs.



The Laurel Community Men's Lenten Breakfasts are held at a different church each Wednesday morning at 6:30 am. On Wednesday, April 3, the men will gather at United Methodist Church for a morning reflection & delicious breakfast.

The Laurel Knights of Columbus are offering two \$500 scholarships to qualified applicants for the Spring of 2019. Any Laurel High School Senior may apply. Applicants are encouraged to submit their letters of application as soon as possible to Mr Jason Hill. To obtain an application please contact the parish office.

We're looking for a few good men: Join Saint Anthony Men's Choir! Practices are every Sunday at 10 am @ the Men's Practice Hall (Cry room in the church). Do the hard thing—come sing with us!

Coming to Shiloh 14 Theatres at Shiloh Crossing March 29th UNPLANNED. If it is well attended on opening weekend, theaters will continue to show. As one of the youngest Planned Parenthood clinic directors in the nation, Abby Johnson was involved in upward of 22,000 abortions and counseled countless women on their reproductive choices. Her passion surrounding a woman's right to choose led her to become a spokesperson for Planned Parenthood, fighting to enact legislation for the cause she so deeply believed in. Until the day she saw something that changed everything. Go to www.unplanned.com to see the trailer.



VBS will be here before you know it!

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, 1st	9:00	Liturgy of the Hours			
Tuesday, 2nd	6:00 pm	NO DAILY MASS		Chrism Mass at Saint Patrick Co-Cathedral	
Wednesday, 3rd	9:00 am	Daily Mass	✝	Noreen Byrne	Bill & Rita Baeten
Thursday, 4th	9:00 am	Daily Mass	✝	Robert (Bob) Barnhart	Dick & Lorrene Schardt
Friday, 5th	9:00 am	Daily Mass		End of Abortion	PCCW
First Friday	6:00 pm	Benediction & Transfer		24 Hour Eucharistic Adoration!	Sign up now!
Saturday, 6th	9:00 am	Daily Mass		Healing for All Victims of Abortion	Saint Anthony Parish
First Saturday	5:30 pm	Saturday Vigil Mass	✝	Alice Manders	Manders Family
Sunday, 7th	8:45 am	Solemn Mass		Pro Populo	
	11:00 am	Sunday Mass		Swede Christian	Saint Anthony Parish

