



December 21, 2025

Fourth Sunday of Advent

All Are Welcome!

SUNDAY'S READING: WORSHIP BOOK #1010



Holiday Mass Schedule:

Wednesday, Christmas Eve Vigil - 5pm

Thursday, Christmas Day - 8am & 11:15am

Saturday, December 27 - 5pm

Holy Family, December 28 - 8am & 11:15am

New Year's Eve, December 31 - 12:10pm

Solemnity of Mary, January 1 - 11:15am
(Holy Day of Obligation)



HELP US REACH OUR ACA GOAL

On our Annual Catholic Appeal, we have reached 57.84% of our goal from 65 donors. Our parish has 363 registered households which means only 18% of parishioners have donated so far. Our goal at St. Anthony's is to achieve 100% participation. No gift is too small, and your generosity is always appreciated.

Donations can be made on the Diocese website or via check made out to the Diocese of Helena. St. Anthony Parish is happy to mail your contribution to Helena. If it's a challenge to pay your donation all at once, pledges can be made with a plan to pay the pledged amount over the next 11 months.

If you have any questions, please contact the Parish Office or the Diocese Stewardship Office at (406) 442-5820. We are very grateful for everyone who has pledged, contributed and prayed for this campaign.

VISIT OUR LIBRARY IN THE PLC

Take a moment to visit our library on the second floor of the Parish Life Center and discover the resources we have there. You'll find full volumes of Thomas Aquinas, The Book of Hours, entire Old and New Testament bible studies, mental health titles, books on Catholic travel, dealing with cancer, Pope Leo XIV, and children's books.

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WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 8:00 am and 11:15 am

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WEEKDAY MASSES

MONDAY - WEDNESDAY MASSES - 12:10 PM

Rosary: Mon - Wed 11:50 am - 12:10 pm

Parish Life Center • First Floor, Room 103

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THURSDAY - SATURDAY MASSES - 12:10 PM

11:40 am • Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet

Prayed before Mass • Father Wang

Parish Life Center • First Floor, Room 103

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CHAPEL

MONDAY - THURSDAY - 8 AM - 4 PM

Parish Life Center • St. Anthony Adoration Chapel

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EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Monday 5 am - Tuesday 9 pm

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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday - 3:30-4:30 pm or by appointment

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Classes for children and adults will be held every Wednesday evening, October-April. Please see our website for details.

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ST. ANN'S, BONNER

WEEKEND MASS: Sunday, 9:45 am

WEEKDAY MASS: Thursday, 10:00 am

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PASTORAL TEAM

Pastor..... Reverend Pascal Kasanziki
Administrative Assistant Rebecca Ludger-Hebert
Volunteer R. Ed. Coordinator / Bookkeeper Sarah Roberts
Custodian George Loos
Accompanists..... Jim Driscoll, Barb Ballas
Bulletin Kate Likvan

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Loyola Sacred Heart H.S. Principal Paul Richardson
SJS Elementary/Middle Schl Principal/Interim.... Chris Clevenger

GIVING TREE GIFT CARDS ARE NEEDED

St. Anthony's offers a selection of gift cards for those in need, but our current inventory is dwindling. In the lobby, you will find our Giving Tree adorned with gift tags for food and gas gift cards. We encourage you to take a tag and purchase a gift card of any amount from a local grocery store or gas station.

Once you have your gift card, please return it to the special box located in the lobby. This is a wonderful way to give back during the holiday season!

WHO CREATED THE FIRST NATIVITY?

In Greccio, Italy, St. Francis of Assisi abandoned his wealth to follow Christ and preach His word. After living in the Holy Land and seeing the sites of Christ's birth, life, death and resurrection, he was inspired to recreate Christ's experience. In 1223, after receiving permission from the pope, he asked his friend Lord Velita to prepare a cave with live animals and a manger filled with hay. People flocked with candles and torches to witness the fire-lit Nativity as St. Francis said Mass at the site. It was said that a bystander, Giovanni Veleti, saw a real infant appear in the manger that night and that St. Francis embraced Him to his chest.

Since that time, other miracles were reported when people touched the straw from that manger or when the straw was placed on sick animals. And for the past 48 years, the town of Greccio has reenacted St. Francis and the live Nativity scene.

“Lord, help me to trust in the goodness of your plan so that I can grow closer to you!”

STEWARDSHIP DEC 13 & 14, 2025

Envelope Collections	\$ 4,851.00
Loose Collections	\$ 1,255.50
Online Giving	\$ 101.36
Holy Day Collections	\$ 10.00
Facilities & Grounds	\$ 15.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 425.00
Funerals	\$ 20.00
Religious Articles Counter	\$ 112.00
Funds for Other Entities	\$ 180.00
Total	\$ 6,969.86

Thank you for your generosity!

FAMILY PROMISE THANK YOU & UPDATE

Thank you to John and Susan Honsky, Diane Lorenzen, Kaye Pallante, Jim and Martina Rolando, Beeb and Michelle Smith and Jerry Weber for generously giving of their time during this busy holiday season to help out at the Meadowlark Family Housing Center! Assuredly, you have brought a little bit of Christmas cheer to those families experiencing temporary homelessness.

We are happy to report, as of right now, for the year 2025, 42 families found permanent housing. Thank you to everyone who has donated in all the different ways to this organization to help make this happen!

Please take note of our next year's Family Promise hosting weeks: March 12-21, June 14-20, August 23-29, November 22-28.

If you are interested in serving your community through this Missoula outreach program that provides food and shelter for our homeless families, please contact the church office. We would love to have you join us next year!

A BIT OF HUMOR

It was December 24, and after Joseph and Mary had been travelling all day, they arrived at the town of Bethlehem. They stopped at the first inn, and Joseph went inside to get a room for the night. The innkeeper told him they were all full. So they went to the next inn down the road. It was also full. Same thing at the next inn. They arrived at the last inn in town, and Joseph went inside to talk to the innkeeper. There were no rooms left.

Joseph said, "Please, my wife is pregnant and she could give birth anytime now, is there any way you can help us?" The innkeeper said, "Well, you can stay in my barn if you want, that is the best I can do."

Joseph said, "Thank you! I really appreciate it."

The innkeeper said, "Sorry, I really wish I could give you a proper room, but you know, it gets really busy around here at Christmas time."

NEED A UNIQUE GIFT?

Are you still searching for a meaningful gift for someone special during the holidays? Stop by the Religious Articles Counter in the church lobby. You might discover a one-of-a-kind gift, a delightful stocking stuffer, or even something to enhance your own holiday festivities.

MASS INTENTIONS DEC 20-28, 2025

Sat Dec 20	WEEKEND
5:00 pm	Eric Hebert <i>by the Hebert Family</i>
Sun Dec 21	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
8:00 am	+ Michael O'Lear <i>by Our Parish Family</i>
11:15 am	+ Michael O'Lear <i>by Steve Hopkins</i>
Mon Dec 22	WEEKDAY
12:10 pm	+ Marcella Bagnato <i>by the Hebert Family</i>
Tues Dec 23	ST. JOHN OF KANTY
12:10 pm	+ Theresa House <i>by David House</i>
Wed Dec 24	CHRISTMAS EVE
5:00 pm	Father Pascal <i>by Our Parish Family</i>
Thurs Dec 25	NATIVITY OF OUR LORD
8:00 am	Our Parish Family
11:15 am	Our Parish Family
Sat Dec 27	ST. JOHN, APOSTLE
5:00 pm	+ Brady Billie <i>by Dick & Denise Giuliani</i>
Sun Dec 28	THE HOLY FAMILY
8:00 am	+ Theresa House <i>by David House</i>
11:15 am	+ Elvira, Joseph & Jim Giuliani <i>by Anonymous</i>

UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION

Please email your current cell phone number to the parish office at office@stacp.org so we may update both our phone and email records. Thank you!

CHRISTMAS CAROLING

The choir is organizing Christmas caroling this week on both Monday & Tuesday, December 22 & 23 at 4:30 and Wednesday, Christmas eve after Mass. Please meet outside St. Anthony's and we'll go caroling through the neighborhood for 1 hour. You are welcome to carol from your car if you aren't able to walk. Please join us!



ST. ANTHONY PRAYER CHAIN

For someone in need of prayer,
please contact
Gayle Stout at 406-543-5503.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mass intentions are available if you'd like a Mass said for a loved one. You can also make a donation for the Altar Bread & Wine for a week of Mass services for a suggested donation of \$25 - \$50 in the name of someone you'd like to remember or as a remembrance of birthdays, anniversaries, graduations, weddings, etc. Just call the parish office to reserve your intention.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC?

The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) is for adults who are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith or possibly becoming a member of the Catholic church. The OCIA sessions begin each fall with reception into the church at the Easter Vigil. You are invited to contact the parish office for the schedule and outline of the preparation.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION REQUEST

40 hours of Eucharistic Adoration are offered every week from 5am on Monday to 9pm on Tuesday. Please contact the parish office or Leslee Tschida at 406-240-2861 if you would like additional information.

HEALING FROM DIVORCE

Bible Study Focusing on Healing from Divorce

Wednesdays • 6pm with dinner to follow
October 29, 2025 - April 29, 2026

St. Anthony Parish Life Center
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St. Anthony's is having a bible study for anyone experiencing divorce: whether it's someone getting divorced, parents whose child is getting divorced or children of divorce. If you are experiencing this, please join us. Drop-ins are welcome at any time throughout the year.

THANK YOU...

Thanks to Sue and John Honsky, who chaired our complimentary breakfast event last Sunday as well as the volunteers from the Event Planning Committee: Fran King, Barb Ballas, Connie Slagle, and Karla Nichwander. Special thanks to John for making his amazing French toast, to Sue for being his "Sue" chef, and to Karla for the excellent job of setting up the hot cocoa bar. Thanks to all the parishioners who attended and for your generous donations!

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