



December 25, 2025

Nativity of Our Lord

All Are Welcome!

ST. ANTHONY PARISH

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Office hours: Mon-Thurs 10 am-3 pm, Closed Friday

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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

MISSOULA CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

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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)



Dear Parishioners,

Merry Christmas and a happy and blessed New Year! As we celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ, we are reminded of the infinite love of God for our humanity and for each of us. God chose to come to live among us (Emmanuel) and save us from our sins. Christmas celebrates Jesus who gave Himself as a gift. Jesus does not keep us at a distance, He is present to each of us and calls us to be present to Him "The way, the truth and life that leads us to God the Father." In this and through Him we become part of the family of God.

As we celebrate the nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ, we are eternally grateful to God for all the blessings He always bestows on us especially the gift of life, family, faith community, friends and neighbors.

From the bottom of my heart, I thank you so much for your dedication and support you provide to our parish community: time, talents and your financial contributions needed to support the spiritual life and the material structure where we gather for worship and various events. My sincere gratitude goes to all of you who volunteer in various ministries.

I pray that each of your families, friends, and relatives have a wonderful and blessed Christmas and a happy New Year. May God bless you abundantly and bring to completion the work of your hands.

In prayer,

Father Pascal Kasanziki

GIVING TREE GIFT CARDS

St. Anthony's offers a selection of gift cards for those in need, but our current inventory is dwindling. In the lobby is our Giving Tree adorned with gift tags for food and/or gas gift cards. If you took a tag and purchased a gift card, please return it to the special box located on the wall to the right of the tree. Thank you for your thoughtful gifts that give a helping hand to those in need during the holiday season and during the year!

ONLINE GIVING

If you would like to privately donate to St. Anthony's, below is a QR Code that will give you an opportunity to give online. You can also go to our website www.stacp.org and select Giving from the main menu. We are always grateful for any donation you have the ability to give.

To use a QR code on your cell phone, put your camera over this code and at the bottom of your screen, the website for givecentral.org will appear. Just click on that and you can pay using your phone.



WANT TO JOIN OUR PARISH?

There are forms at the entrance to our church for becoming a parishioner. You can put completed forms in the collection basket or drop them off at the parish office. We welcome you!

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.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING

The choir is organizing Christmas caroling this 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!

HOLIDAY THANKS TO...

Thanks to our Religious Education Students and their families for their work on the Christmas Pageant at the beginning of the Christmas Eve Mass.

Additional thanks to everyone who donated poinsettias and/or who helped decorate for Christmas after last Sunday's Mass.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Registration forms for R.E. classes are available on the website or in the parish office. Classes run from **October – April, every Wednesday at 6pm with dinner at 7pm.**

Classes available are:

First Communion/Reconciliation, Confirmation, Apologetics, Junior High/High School Youth Group, and a Family Class. **All ages are welcome and it's not too late to register.**

HEALING FROM DIVORCE



Bible Study Focusing on Healing from Divorce

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

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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.

MASS INTENTIONS DEC 24-JAN 4, 2025

Wed Dec 24	CHRISTMAS EVE
5:00 pm	Our Parish Family
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>
Mon Dec 29	ST. THOMAS BECKET
12:10 pm	+ Jose & Maria Rosales <i>by their Children</i>
Tues Dec 30	WEEKDAY
12:10 pm	+ Mary McCue <i>by the Giuliani Family</i>
Wed Dec 31	POPE ST. SYLVESTER I
12:10 pm	Fran King <i>by David & Julie House</i>
Thurs Jan 1	SOLEMNITY OF MARY (Holy Day of Obligation)
11:15 pm	Our Parish Family
Sat Jan 3	MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS
5:00 pm	Sarah Roberts <i>by the Hebert Family</i>
Sun Jan 4	THE EPIPHANY
8:00 am	Father Michael Drury <i>by Candace Torrens</i>
11:15 am	+ Vince Harrington <i>by Megan Harrington</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!

ST. ANTHONY PRAYER CHAIN



For someone in need of prayer, please contact **Gayle Stout at 406-543-5503**. Pray for those on the prayer chain & also for those praying for others.

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.

*And behold, I am
with you always,
until the end of
the age.*

Matthew 28:20



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.

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.

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