

SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

DECEMBER 15, 2024

Pastor C. Hightower, SJ Associate Pastors Paul Cochran, SJ and Pat Conroy, SJ



We welcome Nancy & Keith Rupert to our parish family!

Please Note:

There will not be an 8:00 am Mass on the 26th Solemnity of Mary - 9:00 am Mass January 1st

The Parish Office will be closed
December 24th - January 1st

Prayer

May ---

Baby Girl Leavitt, Jodi Koehnke, Sandra Brown, Jennifer Andres, JoAnn & Art Mandell, Bruce Peterson, and Rhoda Glick receive His healing and consolation.

May ---

Nancy Lavoie, and John Kawalski rest in peace in Our Lord's Loving arms.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, 2024

Saturday 12/14	Diane Parker
Sunday 12/15	Laura Himes
	Bob Colvin
	For the People
Monday 12/16	Harold Winden
Tuesday 12/17	John Antonioli
Wednesday 12/18	<i>No Intention</i>
Thursday 12/19	The Wherley Family
Friday 12/20	Joyce Garrels
Saturday 12/21	For the People*
Sunday 12/22	Paul Burke
	Karen Gulotta
	Julie Maxwell*

Mass Times: Saturday 5:00 pm,
Sunday 8:00 am, 10:00 am, & 6:00 pm.
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 8:00 am
A Communion Service on Wednesday

Eucharistic Adoration - Wednesday 8:30am to 2:30pm
& the First Friday of the month 9:00 am to 10:00 am
Reconciliation - Wednesday 1:00 - 2:30pm and Saturday 3:00 - 4:30pm or by appointment

Christmas Eve: 4:00 pm, 6:30 pm, 9:00 pm
& Midnight

Christmas Day: 9:00 am and 11:00 am

MASS SCRIPTURES FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, 2024

Saturday 12/14	Sir. 48:1-4, 9-11 Ps. 80 Matt. 17:9a, 10-13	ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS
Sunday 12/15	Zeph. 3:14-18a Isa. 12 Phil. 4:4-7	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Monday 12/16	Num. 24:2-7, 15-17a Ps. 25 Matt. 21:23-27	
Tuesday 12/17	Gen. 49:2, 8-10 Ps. 72 Matt. 1:1-17	
Wednesday 12/18	Jer. 23:5-8 Ps. 72 Matt. 1:18-25	
Thursday 12/19	Judg. 13:2-7, 24-25a Ps. 71 Luke 1:5-25	
Friday 12/20	Isa. 7:10-14 Ps. 24 Luke 1:26-38	
Saturday 12/21	Song 2:8-14 Ps. 33 Luke 1:39-45	

Collections for December 8, 2024 Regular - 7318.00 Loose - 1386.91 Online - 11,271.16
Aid to those in need - 200.00 Christmas - 15.00 Christmas Flowers - 130.00 Maintenance - 15.00
Religious Ed. - 100.00 Religious Retirement - 590.00 **Thank you for your generosity!**

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

ASSISTING OUR NEIGHBORS

Christmas Giving Tree

Support to: Mountain Home, Council Groves, Essential Eats Distributors, International Rescue Committee and Family Promise



Thank you for providing a bit of cheer this holiday season!

We kindly ask that you return your Giving Tree envelopes to the parish office **NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 17TH** so that these organizations have time to distribute in time for Christmas!

Big Change for Christmas!

St. Francis Xavier Parish is pleased to welcome so many people at this joyful time of year. Due to the popularity of our Christmas liturgies however, saving seats will no longer be allowed at any of the Masses. This is due to the challenge it creates both in our parking lot and inside the church. Families attempting to save seats often bring more than one car, limiting parking for others. While those arriving for Mass in a timely fashion are dismayed to find so many seats “saved” but not occupied. This leads to frustration at an otherwise beautiful time of year. We will unlock the church at 2:45 p.m. for the 4:00 p.m. Mass and hope to see you and your family there. Thank you!

- **Sacred Preparation** - recent VOX SFX podcast ‘As we journey through this Advent season, we prepare our hearts and minds for the coming of our Savior. For those of us who work at a church, extensive preparation is needed to help parishioners experience the peace and wonder of the Mass. Come behind the scenes with the staff of St. Francis Xavier Parish as we make our sacred preparations.’
- **LSH Choir & Instrumental Ensemble concert- December 18th at 7:00 pm here at St. Francis Xavier**
- **Looking for a Christmas tree?** Pink Grizzly - will be providing the Christmas trees which decorate our church again this year! If you haven’t purchased your tree please visit Pink Grizzly 1400 Wyoming Street 728.3370. Thank you Pink Grizzly!
- **Confirmation class sign ups are here!** - It is time to register for Confirmation class for any 12 - 18 year old students! We will have 4 once monthly classes starting in January and pre-registration is required! You may sign up on a link on our website <https://www.sfxmissoula.org/faith-formation/> and be sure to choose “Confirmation Class” in the drop down box at the top. Contact Shai shill@sfxmissoula.org
- **High School Girls Youth Group** - Fridays at 4:30 pm Contact Shai Hill for more information shill@sfxmissoula.org or 406.541.6044
- **The Vocation Chalice Ministry** - We are excited to bring the Vocation Chalice Ministry to St. Francis Parish. This ministry invites a family, couple, or individual each week to take home a consecrated chalice as a focal point for daily prayers dedicated to vocations. Each participating family, couple, or individual will receive the Vocation Chalice and a special blessing at the Mass of their choice, along with prayer materials to guide them through the week. At the end of the week, please return the chalice to the Parish Office by Friday at noon, allowing the next family to share in this special prayer tradition. If you’re interested in participating or learning more, please contact John Neuman at jneuman@sfxmissoula.org.